

Visitors: Welcome to Shalom! Please join us for coffee and conversation after worship. If you would like to be on our mailing list or be contacted by someone on pastoral team, please send your name and email to office@shalommc.org.



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Shalom Mennonite Congregation

October 14, 2018

Too many of us panic in the dark. We don't understand that it's a holy dark and that the idea is to surrender to it and journey through to real light.

— Sue Monk Kidd

*As disciples of Jesus and lovers of God we seek to be a community where
God's love transcends all barriers that oppress and exclude people.
These barriers include race, culture, gender, social status, sexual
identity and economics as well as misunderstanding and prejudice.*

GATHERING

Centering Bell
Gathering Song

Welcome

Call to worship

Leader: O God, O God, do you see the war in
Afghanistan rages on these 17 long years?

Congregation: (Silence)

Leader: O God, do you care about the political
discourse in our land that demeans
women and honors the powerful?

Congregation: (Silence)

Leader: O God, O God, why have you forsaken us?
Why are you so far from helping us?

Congregation: (Silence)

Leader: O God, we cry by day, but you do not answer.
We cry by night, but we find no rest.

Congregation: (Silence)

Hymns	<i>Beauty for brokenness</i>	STS 115
	<i>Come, bring your burdens to God</i>	STS 50

HEARING THE WORD

Scripture *Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Psalm 22:1-15*

Children's Time

Hymn	<i>Longing for Light</i>	STJ 50
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Sermon

RESPONDING

Hymn	<i>O Lord, hear my prayer</i>	HWB 348
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Prayers of the People

Loving God, **we offer you our prayer.**

Passing the Peace

Offering

SENDING

Introductions & Announcements

Benediction

TODAY Speaker & Prayers of the People: *Valerie Showalter*;
Worship Leader: *Earl Martin*; Music Leader: *Sam Nickels*;
Visuals: *Ruby Friesen Zehr*; Children's Time: *Sophia Yoder*

Worship Calendar | Upcoming Speakers and Events

Oct. 21	Brian Bolton
Oct. 28	Brian Bolton
Nov. 4	Brian Bolton
Nov. 11	"Amen"—Trent Wagler & the music of Leonard Cohen

Announcements

Brian is away on vacation, returning Friday, October 19.

Youth Events: The next youth night will be **TONIGHT from 6-7:30 p.m.** at the Shalom office. The next gathering will be on Sunday, Oct. 28. All youth in grades 6-12 are invited!

It's magic nametag month! Pastoral Team and Hospitality will have nametags available every Sunday, now through October. Wear one high near your shoulder and—voila!—you'll be amazed how many people remember your name!

Mixed Forest Formation – Oct. 21: How do we step into **Restoration and Commitment**? Join facilitator Kajungu Mturi in discussing and embodying this week's theme from the *Journey Forward* curriculum with Mennonite Church USA.

All are invited to complete a Covenant Survey—it's one of the main ways we can take a pulse of your interest in participating in the life of Shalom. Complete it online at shalommc.org/get-involved, or pick up and return a copy on the hospitality table at worship.

New small groups have formed over the summer and are still being formed. If you are interested in joining a small group, please contact Sharon Landis at spiritsong.sl@gmail.com with your interests, and your contact information.

Bruxy Cavey, senior pastor of The Meeting House, speaks from his books [re\(union\)](#) and [The End of Religion](#). On Oct. 24 in Lehman Auditorium from 10:10-11 a.m. and at Common Grounds from 6:30-8 p.m. On Oct. 25 at Seminary Chapel in Martin Chapel from 11-11:45 a.m.

We will have snacks until November. Then, we need to hear from YOU. December-February is all open. Remember, first Sundays are potluck. We need nine volunteers. Please contact Judith Wright at judithwright@yahoo.com or (541) 601-2230.

Budget Report

Sept. offering	\$9,618.00	YTD offering	\$138,742.70
Monthly need	\$14,521.80	YTD need	\$137,957.46

Oct. 7 Attendance—129; Regular offering—\$3,349

Worship setup

2nd Sunday—*Jaime Miller & Miguel Muniz*

3rd Sunday—*Jeff Heie & Kajungu Mturi*

Offering & Mic-setup

2nd Sunday—*Jay Landis*

3rd Sunday—*Cliff Lind*

Snack schedule & Coffee clean-up

Today—*Tammy Krause*

Next Sunday—*Donna Schminkey*

Greeters

Today—*Dengler Wengers*

Next Sunday—*Brendan Erb*

Nursery schedule

Today—*Paid child care*

Next Sunday—*Paid child care*

Acorns (Pre-K)

Today—*Otoniel Suero*

Next Sunday—*Hannah Kelley*

Sprouts (K-5 grade)

Today—*Tim Godshall (t), Carol Schirch (a)*

Next Sunday—*Valerie Showalter (t), Ed Yoder (a)*

Mixed Forest

Today—*Journey Forward: Sin, Truth-telling, & Repentance*

Next Sunday—*Journey Forward: Restoration & Commitment*

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