

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

November 18, 2018 | *Transgender Day of Remembrance*

I do not know what the future holds, but I do know who holds the future, and I walk towards it with a living God at my side.

-Stephanie, member of Sybils, a supporting community for transgender people in the U.K.

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

What is this place

HWB 1

Welcome

Call to worship¹

One: We are the body of Christ!

Left: The hand-clapping, toe-tapping, heart-pumping, mouth-tasting, arms-embracing.

Right: Justice-seeking, hymn-singing, love-making, bread-breaking, risk-taking

Many: Body of Christ!

One: Baptized in one Spirit, we are members of one body.

Many: Many and varied in gender, color, sexuality, age, class, and ability, we are members of Christ's beautiful body.

Left: None of us can say to another, "I have no need of you."

Many: For only together can we find wholeness.

Right: None of us can say to another, "I will not care for you."

Many: For we are connected like muscle and bone. If one suffers, we all suffer. If one rejoices, we all rejoice!

One: Thanks be to God who, in Christ, has made us one.

Many: Let us worship God!

Hymns

*Holy Spirit, come with power
God of grace and God of glory
It gets better, keep on walking*

HWB 26
HWB 366
Insert

HEARING THE WORD

Scripture Reading

*Mark 13:1-8
Hebrews 10:22-25*

Children's Time

Sermon

In Transition

RESPONDING

Hymn

My soul cries out

STS 124

Prayer for Transgender Day of Remembrance²

Many: We rise each day into a world that fits our natures, our understandings, our assumptions. The clay of our bodies and faces conform to our spirits:
male, female.

We are learning it is not so for all of us. Some of us are born of a wilder imagination. We are learning new language and new images for those Spirit is coloring outside our lines:
transgender, intersex, gender-variant.

We confess that we have slumbered while members of our family are slaughtered. The headwind of hatred batters bodies and minds and spirits:
the diverse beauties that continue to arise.

(silence for reflection)

We, at Shalom, commit to standing against this headwind of hate, a bulwark to end the battering.
We, at Shalom, commit to seeing the diverse beauty, all around us, every gendered and gender-free expression, every form of love.
We, at Shalom, commit to loving difference and challenging one another to grow in love.
We, at Shalom, commit to learning the new languages that enable our beloveds to exist and thrive.
We, at Shalom, commit to being a congregation of love and inclusion, welcoming those who seek to follow Christ in our journey together.

Spirit of Love, make us bold, to live our own lives fully and abundantly.

Spirit of Love, give us passion, to work for everyone's full abundance.

¹ Rev. Ann B. Day, adapted

² Tammerie Day, adapted

Spirit of Love, gather us together, that no one you have created
is not seen
is not allowed to live
is ever lost to the hurricane of hate again.
Amen.

Prayers of the People

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

Passing the Peace	<i>Peace before us</i>	STS 16
Offering	<i>I bind my heart this tide</i>	HWB 411

SENDING

Introductions & Announcements

Benediction	<i>Move in our midst</i>	HWB 418
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TODAY *Speaker: Brian Bolton; Worship Leader: Katrina Poplett; Music Leader: Stan Godshall; Children's Time: Ross Erb; Visuals: Lara Ressler Horst; Prayers of the People: Valerie Showalter*

Worship Calendar | Upcoming Speakers and Events

Nov. 25	Marci Frederick Relief Kit Blessing
Dec. 2	Brian Bolton First Sunday in Advent
Dec. 9	Valerie Showalter Second Sunday in Advent
Dec. 16	Christmas Pageant Third Sunday in Advent

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Due to Thanksgiving, Thursday's e-newsletter will be sent Tuesday, Nov. 20 with a same-day 9 a.m. submission deadline.

We are hiring childcare workers for the Shalom nursery! If you know a dependable adult (18 or older) who enjoys working with young children, encourage them to check out the job description (link in e-news) and send Valerie their resume! Pay starts at \$11/hour.

All are welcome to join the youth TODAY to help pack the 100+ MCC Relief Kits. Following worship and fellowship time, we will gather first for pizza and then we'll transform the sanctuary into a kit-assembling extravaganza.

Youth Gatherings: The next youth gathering will be Sunday, Dec. 2 from 6-7:30 p.m. We will gather at Judy and Joel Yoder's (1320 Greystone St.) for cookie decorating and carol singing.

Save the date: The next **Approved Adult training** will be held on Saturday, Jan. 26 from 9 a.m. – noon. More info to come.
Mixed Forest Formation—Nov. 25: What does the Bible say about **Revealing God's Beauty**? Join facilitator Krista Showalter Ehst in discussing and embodying this week's theme from the *Journey Forward* curriculum with Mennonite Church USA.

Jeff Heie issued an invitation to Shalom Congregation to help Our Community Place solarize their building. About \$8,000 remains to reach their goal of \$25,000 by the end of November. In the Spirit of Thanksgiving, the Mission and Service Committee invites you to make a special gift the next two Sundays to help OCP reach their goal. Your gift, large or small, will be appreciated. If you write a check, write *OCP Solar* on the memo line. If you want to give cash or coins, place them in an envelope. Your OCP offerings will be received in the regular offering baskets. A special bonus is that an anonymous donor will match Shalom gifts up to \$500.

Budget Report

Nov. offering	\$6,476.10	YTD offering	\$150,639.78
Monthly need	\$14,521.80	YTD need	\$153,759.90

Nov. 11 Attendance—182; Regular offering—\$1,868.00

Worship setup

3rd Sunday—*Jeff Heie & Kajungu Mturi*
4th Sunday—*Joel Yoder*

Offering & Mic-setup

3rd Sunday—*Cliff Lind*
4th Sunday—*Joel Yoder*

Snack schedule & Coffee clean-up

Today—*Nancy & Carroll Yoder*
Next Sunday—*Jean Schaeffer*

Greeters

Today—*Hannah Kelley*
Next Sunday—*Mary Jean Cross*

Nursery schedule

Today—*Paid child care*
Next Sunday—*No child care*

Acorns (Pre-K)

Today—*Mary Jo Swartzendruber*
Next Sunday—*Valerie Showalter*

Sprouts (K-5 grade)

Today—*Tim Godshall (t), Judy Yoder (a)*
Next Sunday—*Daniel Showalter (t), James Ward (a)*

Mixed Forest

Today—*Journey Forward: Christ's Redemption of the World*
Next Sunday—*Journey Forward*