

*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](mailto:office@shalommc.org).*

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## Shalom Mennonite Congregation

November 25, 2018

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You have to act as if it were possible to radically transform the world. And you have to do it all the time.

—*Angela Davis, lecture at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, February 13, 2014*

The measure of our compassion lies not in our service to those on the margins, but in our willingness to see ourselves in kinship with them.

—*Greg Boyle, Laetare address at Notre Dame University, May 21, 2017*

*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**      *Love the Lord your God*      STS 55

#### **Welcome**

**Call to worship**      HWB 721

**Hymn(s)**      *Jesus calls us here to meet him*      STJ 3

*Praise with joy the world's creator*      STJ 16

#### **MCC Relief Kit Dedication**

*Listen, God is calling*      STJ 42

### **HEARING THE WORD**

**Scripture Reading**      *John 18:33-38*

#### **Children's Time**

**Sermon**      *King for a day, or, Jesus lets Pilate do his job*

### **RESPONDING**

#### **Hymn**

#### **Prayers of the People**

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

**Passing the Peace**      *Peace before us*      STS 16

**Offering**      *Give thanks for life*      STJ 108

### **SENDING**

#### **Introductions & Announcements**

#### **Benediction**

**TODAY** *Speaker: Marci Frederick; Worship Leader & Children's Time: Kirsten Beachy; Music Leader & Prayers of the People: Brian Bolton; Visuals: Lara Ressler Horst*

### **Worship Calendar | Upcoming Speakers and Events**

**Dec. 2**      Brian Bolton | First Sunday in Advent

**Dec. 9**      Valerie Showalter | Second Sunday in Advent

**Dec. 16**      Christmas Pageant | Third Sunday in Advent

**Dec. 23**      TBD | Fourth Sunday in Advent

**Dec. 24**      Christmas Eve Service, 5 p.m.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Care Packages for High School Grads:** Hospitality Committee is coordinating care packages for nine historic Shalom youth who are in the 18-22 age range. Please consider contributing with notes of support and/or goodies for recipients. Note paper, pens, and labeled boxes will be located in the back of the sanctuary each Sunday, and December 2 will be the final Sunday to contribute. Email [brendan.erb@gmail.com](mailto:brendan.erb@gmail.com) with any questions.

**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.

**Youth Gatherings:** The next youth gathering will be Sunday, Dec. 2 from 6:30-8 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.

**Faith Formation News:** In December we'll be running a short, three-week series of Adult Formation (i.e. "Redwoods") as our youth and children are preparing for the Christmas pageant. For these three weeks, people will be invited to share their spiritual autobiographies. Spiritual autobiographies are an opportunity to process and share how one's environment and experiences have shaped their life and faith to this point.

**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	\$9,426.10	YTD offering	\$157,059.78
Monthly need	\$14,521.80	YTD need	\$157,176.80

**Nov. 18** Attendance—159; Regular offering—\$1,550.00

### **Worship setup**

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday—*Joel Yoder*

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday—*Joel Yoder & Youth*

### **Offering & Mic-setup**

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday—*Joel Yoder*

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday—*Marty Showalter*

### **Snack schedule & Coffee clean-up**

Today—*Jean Schaeffer*

Next Sunday—*Carol & Verne Schirch*

### **Greeters**

Today—*Mary Jean Cross*

Next Sunday—*Brendan Erb*

### **Nursery schedule**

Today—*No child care*

Next Sunday—*Paid child care*

### **Acorns (Pre-K)**

Today—*Valerie Showalter*

Next Sunday—*Hannah Kelley*

### **Sprouts (K-5 grade)**

Today—*Daniel Showalter (t), James Ward (a)*

Next Sunday—*Barb Root (t), Ed Yoder (a)*

### **Mixed Forest**

Today—*Journey Forward: Revealing God's Beauty*

Next Sunday—*Spiritual Autobiographies*