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# **Shalom Mennonite Congregation**

January 6, 2019 | Epiphany

"...so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places."

-Ephesians 3:10

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** Here in this place HWB 6

Welcome

Call to worship

One: Wise Ones, arise, shine: for your light has come!

Many: We bring praise to the Light of the World.

One: Wise Ones, come: With fragrance and food, with songs

and smiles,

Many: We come bearing gifts for the Christ child.

One: Wise Ones, look: The child on Mary's hip is Good News

for us all.

Many: We revel and delight in this divine mystery.

One: Wise Ones, rejoice: The glory of God is in this place.

Many: We celebrate the dawning of Epiphany!

**Hymn(s)** Arise your light STS 30

Hail the bless'd morn HWB 221

**HEARING THE WORD** 

**Scripture Reading** *Matthew 2:1-12; Ephesians 3:8-10* 

Children's Time

Sermon

**RESPONDING** 

**Hymn** *O God, who gives us life* HWB 483

Communion

Invitation to the Table<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> This Invitation to the Table is a sample from new worship resources provided by the Mennonite Worship and Song Committee of the Voices Together hymnal, a project to create a single songbook with updated language and favorite old and new hymns. More information at voicestogetherhymnal.org.

The table has been prepared, as Jesus requested, and we are invited to the meal.

#### Come to the table—

like Peter, with more enthusiasm than resolve, like James and John, dismayed by the priorities of God's reign.

#### Come to the table—

like Martha, hosting and leading with confidence, like Mary, full of love and grief.

# Come to the table—

like Judas, disillusioned and rebellious, like Mary Magdalene, faithful to the end.

# Come to the table—

Jesus offers the bread and the cup.

#### Come to the table of Christ!

...on the night when he was betrayed Jesus took a loaf of bread and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said,

"This is my body for you. When you share bread together, remember me."

In the same way, he took the cup also after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant; when you drink it together, remember me."

**Hymn** I come with joy to meet my Lord HWB 459

# **Prayers of the People**

Loving God, we offer you our prayer.

**Passing the Peace** Peace before us **Offering** 

# SENDING

**Introductions & Announcements** 

**Benediction** Sent forth by God's blessing

**TODAY** Speaker: *Brian Bolton;* Worship Leader: *Valerie Showalter;* Music Leader: *Melody Mast;* Children's Time: *Earl Martin;* Visuals: *Herb & Sarah Myers;* Prayers of the People: *Brian Bolton* 

**HWB 478** 

#### Worship Calendar | Upcoming Speakers and Events

New Member Litany & Congregational Meeting Jan. 13

Jan. 20 **Brian Bolton** 

Jan. 27 Valerie Showalter

Feb. 3 Season of Vision—Round 1: "Who are we?"

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Interactive Concert and Hymn Sing with Sopa Sol and Ken Nafziger: 3 p.m. TODAY at Community Mennonite Church. Entry is free, with donations appreciated. For more info: sopasol.com/events.

**Coming in February: A Season of Visioning—**Between now and Feb. 3, your Long Range Planning Team is drumming up many different ways of inviting your responses to three big questions about Shalom's identity and vision: 1) Who are we? (Feb. 3) 2) What do we long for at Shalom? (Feb. 24) and 3) What is Shalom's purpose in the community? (Feb. 24). Our regular worship times on Feb. 3 and Feb. 24 will be devoted to prayerfully and creatively responding to these questions. And as we worship on the Sundays between and following. our team will report back what you share and create spaces for reflection and celebration of our life together. Mark your calendars. keep an eye out for more info, and plan to participate at as many points as you can.

New Member Ritual | Sunday, Jan. 13—At least 16 Shalomers have expressed a desire to move or establish their long-term membership with Shalom, and so we're dedicating much of our January 13 worship service to that ritual. Anyone else is invited to join in that day or at a later date—just be in touch with Brian or Valerie with interest or questions. It's a ritual we can do just about any time. In addition to the annual covenant membership ritual in October, long term membership is another concrete way of naming a transition or a threshold in one's sacred journey of faith and community. We look forward to hearing and embracing those who join that day!

Formation Classes begin again next Sunday at 9 a.m.! Acorns (preschool) and Sprouts (K-5) will meet in the classrooms at the bottom of the steps. Mixed Forest (intergenerational) will meet in the Computer Lab at the top of the ramp, and we'll begin the new year by hearing more spiritual autobiographies.

Parents of children aged 0 to grade 5 are invited to gather **Sunday**, Jan. 13 at 9 a.m. We'll discuss our hopes for living and worshipping together at Shalom, so bring questions and dreams! Childcare (and formation classes) will be provided.

**Youth Gatherings:** The next youth gathering is TONIGHT from 6:30-8 p.m. We will meet at the Park View Fireplace Room for fun, food, and fellowship! Future gatherings are Jan. 20, Feb. 3, and Feb. 17.

We would love for all of our **women's mentor/mentee pairs** to join us for a pancake breakfast on Sunday, Jan. 27 from 9-10 a.m. We will meet in the classroom down the hall from the sanctuary. Each pair can sign up to bring a favorite topping or to help prepare the food. (Link in the Shalom e-News.) We look forward to a time of eating and fellowship! Email brendan.erb@gmail.com with any questions.

#### **Budget Report**

Dec. offering	\$20,823	YTD offering	\$183,219.00
Monthly need	\$14,521.80	YTD need	\$174,231.54

**Dec. 30** Attendance—112; Regular offering—\$1,755.00 Total "Midwives for Haiti" offering—\$1,350.00

# Worship setup

1st Sunday—Joel Yoder & Youth 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday—Jaime Miller & Miguel Muniz 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday—Jay Landis

# Offering & Mic-setup

1st Sunday—Marty Showalter

## Snack schedule & Coffee clean-up

Today—*Potluck* (clean-up help welcome) Next Sunday—*Jan, Kajungu & family* 

#### Greeters

Today—Herb Myers Next Sunday—Erin Williams

# **Nursery schedule**

Next Sunday—Paid childcare

# Acorns (Pre-K)

Next Sunday—Mary Jo Swartzendruber

## Sprouts (K-5 grade)

Next Sunday—Daniel Showalter (t); Jan Emswiler (a)

## **Mixed Forest**

Next Sunday—Spiritual Autobiographies