

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

January 20, 2019 | Celebration of New Members
& the Baptism of Jesus

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

You've got a place

STJ 4

Welcome

Call to worship

Isaiah 43:1-10

One: Thus says the one who created you, who formed you:

Many: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

One: I have called you by name, and you belong to me.

**East: When you pass through the waters,
I will be with you;**

**West: When you walk through fire,
you shall not be burned,**

**North: You are precious in my sight, and honored,
and I love you,**

South: Do not fear, for I am with you;

One: From East, West, North, and South, come and join us!

**Many: Bring forth the people who are blind, yet have eyes,
Those who are deaf, yet have ears!**

One: Let us all gather together! You are my witnesses,
so tell me what I know to be true:

All: You are our Beloved, and we are your people.

Hymn(s)

*Water has held us
O God, who gives us life*

STJ 82

HWB 483

CELEBRATION OF NEW MEMBERSHIP

Scripture Reading

John 1:32-34

Children's Time

New member statements

Brendan Erb

Jay Landis

Nathan Miller

Krista Showalter Ehst

Sharon Landis

Viola Miller

Tim Showalter Ehst

Mattie Marie Mast

Daryl Peifer

Erin Williams

Mike Mast

Jane Hooper Peifer

Barb Root

Audrey Metz

Ross Erb

Doug Root

Ken Seitz

Cathy Smeltzer Erb

Paul Cook

Litany of Membership

Congregation: We welcome you with joy into our community! We covenant to share with you in friendship, giving and receiving support, praying for each other, living out the way of Jesus, trusting together in the guidance of the Spirit, and making God's justice and love more real in the world.

Remembrance of Baptism

For the faith and family into which we are baptized, and for which we are daily gaining a deeper understanding,

Renew our commitment, O God.

To reject what is based in fear and to ever more embrace the freedom of new life that Christ gives,

Renew our courage, O God.

To follow in the ways of Jesus, even at political or personal risk,

Renew our trust, O God.

To commit to discipleship by resisting those forces that defile and demean creation, showing compassion and justice, and making the ministry and life of Christ our own,

Renew our strength, O God.

To be faithful members of Christ's Beloved Community in learning, service, and celebration,

Renew our bonds, O God.

Passing the Peace

Peace before us

RESPONDING

Prayers of the People

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

Offering

As I went down to the river

STJ 79

SENDING

Introductions & Announcements

Benediction *Move in our midst, vv. 1,4* HWB 418

TODAY Worship Leader: *Brian Bolton*; Music Leader: *Melody Mast*;
Children's Time: *Carrie Dengler Wenger*; Visuals: *Lara Ressler Horst*;
Prayers of the People: *Brian Bolton*

Worship Calendar | Upcoming Speakers and Events

Jan. 27 Brian Bolton
Feb. 3 Season of Vision—Round 1: "Who are we?"
Feb. 10 Hymn Sing with Matthew Hunsberger
Feb. 17 Brian Bolton

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Valerie is joining a delegation of local Mennonite clergy and immigration specialists who are traveling to the U.S./Mexico border to **volunteer with [Sanctuary Caravan](#) Jan. 20-26**. While the work and needs on the border change daily, Sanctuary Caravan has invited clergy to "meet, witness, and accompany" our friends crossing the border through attending to pastoral care needs of those in the caravan. You are invited to keep Valerie and the delegation in your prayers.

—*Mission & Service Committee*

Shalom, you're invited to come to **Park View Mennonite Church on Friday, Feb. 1 at 7 p.m.** to hear the delegation I'm traveling with share our reflections about what is happening on the San Diego/Tijuana border. We hope to share observations and insights as we desire to be communities that stand in solidarity with our friends seeking asylum.

—*Valerie Showalter*

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.**

Youth Gatherings: The next youth gathering is TODAY from 6:30-8 p.m. We will meet at the Park View Fireplace Room for fun, food, and fellowship! Future gatherings are 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 | Jan. 13 (Attendance—CANCELLED DUE TO SNOW)

ACTUAL		BUDGETED	
Weekly Offering	\$0.00	Weekly Offering	\$3,647.33
January	\$2,125.25	Avg. Monthly	\$15,805.08
YTD	\$2,125.25	YTD	\$7,294.66
Sanctuary Caravan (GoFundMe)—\$50.00			

Worship setup

3rd Sunday—*Jeff Heie & Kajungu Mturi*
4th Sunday—*Jaime Miller & Miguel Muniz*

Offering & Mic-setup

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

Snack schedule & Coffee clean-up

Today—*Mary Jean Cross & John Asa Hertzler*
Next Sunday—*Mary & Burton Buller*

Greeters

Today—*Brendan Erb*
Next Sunday—*Faye & Emery Yoder*

Nursery schedule

Today—*Paid childcare*
Next Sunday—*Paid childcare*

Acorns (Pre-K)

Today—*Cindy Miller*
Next Sunday—*Mary Jo Swartzendruber*

Sprouts (K-5 grade)

Today—*Barb Root (t); James Ward (a)*
Next Sunday—*Barb Root (t); Michaela Blosser (a)*

Mixed Forest

Today—*Spiritual Autobiographies, Herb Myers*
Next Sunday—*Spiritual Autobiographies, Krista Showalter Ehst*