

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

February 17, 2019 | Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

*Then you will know the truth,
and the truth will set you free.*

John 8:32 (NIV)

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 *Jesus calls us here to meet him* STJ 3

Welcome

Call to worship¹

One: We are here because we have heard the call of Jesus.

Many: We are here to challenge and support one another to rise up and follow.

Left: We are here because we want to be God's people.

Right: We want to learn more about what it means to be the people of God.

One: We come, seeking to be moved, changed, and made whole by the Spirit of the living God.

All: Let us open our hearts to the moving of the Spirit, and prepare to leave this place transformed by Love. Amen.

Hymn(s) *Blessed are they* STS 41
 Cuando el pobre STJ 69

HEARING THE WORD

Hymn

Scripture Reading Luke 6:17-26

Children's Time

Sermon *Leveling with You*

RESPONDING

Hymn *Beauty for brokenness* STS 115

Prayers of the People

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

Passing the Peace *Peace before us*

Offering *Come, bring your burdens to God* STS 50

¹ Ruth C. Duck, adapted

SENDING

Season of Vision Update

Introductions & Announcements

Benediction *The peace of the earth be with you* STJ 77

TODAY Speaker: *Brian Bolton*; Worship Leader & Prayers of the People: *Valerie Showalter*; Music Leader: *Melody Mast*; Children's Time: *Ellen Miller*; Visuals: *Rachel Herr*

LONG RANGE PLANNING TEAM Adam Shank, Anaid Cordova, Brendan Erb, Brian Bolton, Carrie Dengler Wenger, Ellen Miller, Valerie Showalter | longrangeplanning@shalommc.org

Worship Calendar | Upcoming Speakers and Events

Feb. 24 Season of Vision—Round 2: "What do we long for at Shalom? What is Shalom's purpose in the Community?"

Mar. 3 Stephanie Sorge Wing—Transfiguration

Mar. 10 Valerie Showalter—First Sunday of Lent, Season of Vision Report

Mar. 17 Brian Bolton

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Because the Vigil of Solidarity has been postponed due to weather, there will be **no youth gathering this weekend**. We will reschedule our time to **Saturday, Mar. 2 at 10:30**, when the Vigil is now scheduled for. **As previously planned**, we'll debrief and catch up at Bella Gelato afterward.

Vigil of Solidarity—POSTPONED: Join our high-schoolers and the Faith in Action network of congregations for a vigil **Saturday, Mar. 2 at 10:30 in Court Square** in solidarity with people in our community who have been impacted by incarceration. For most of those telling stories, this will be the first time they are sharing their experiences in a public setting. This takes faith, courage, and belief that their experiences matter. Come and listen and offer a word of encouragement to them. *-Justin Shenk, Kajungu Mturi, Faith in Action representatives*

Join us at the **Welcome Table Cafe** in the EMHS Cafeteria next Sunday morning, Feb. 24, where we will have worship, conversation, coffee, and food as we discuss **Shalom's role in the community and our longings for the future**. If you are arriving at 9 a.m., come to the regular entrance to access our typical formation classrooms and nursery. If you arrive for the 10 a.m. hour and fellowship, park in the upper lot by the cafeteria and enter through the cafeteria foyer, and we will have signs and people to direct you. The nursery after 10 a.m. will be adjacent to the cafeteria. Lastly, we'll try to quietly navigate around our regular worship space, which will be occupied by the small church that has kindly traded with us so we can use the cafeteria and its entrance.

Baptism? During Lent, Brian and Valerie will be **hosting exploratory conversations about baptism** with Shalom folks who indicate an interest in learning more about this special ritual. All ages and levels of interest are invited to join us. Please speak with Valerie or Brian if you'd like to be a part **by Sunday, Mar. 10**. At this point, we plan that this group would meet three times - March 24, March 31, and April 7, possibly over lunch.

On Saturday, Mar. 9, all are welcome to attend the **Harrisonburg, VA International Women's Day March**. On this date at 9:30 a.m. at City Hall (409 S. Main Street) all involved will gather to rally and march to Court Square. This year's theme is Think Equal, Build Smart, Innovate for Change, using this theme there will be featured speakers and step dancing.

Highland Benefit Auction, Saturday, Mar. 16 at Lindale Mennonite Church. The auction helps subsidize camp tuition for all camper families and provides scholarships for families with greater need. Contact info@highlandretreat.org before Mar. 1 if you have something you would like to donate: a new item, service, collectible, or baked good. See www.highlandretreat.org for more details.

Budget Report | Feb. 10 (Attendance—137)

ACTUAL		BUDGETED	
Weekly Offering	\$3,645.00	Weekly Offering	\$3,647.33
February	\$8,211.00	Avg. Monthly	\$15,805.08
YTD	\$16,760.25	YTD	\$21,883.97

Worship setup

Today—*Faye & Emery Yoder and Darlene Keller*

Next Sunday—*Micah Shristi and Sue or Tim Godshall*

Offering & Mic-setup

3rd Sunday—*Cliff Lind*

4th Sunday—*Joel Yoder*

Snack schedule & Coffee clean-up

Today—*Rhoda Kraus & Heather Lantz*

Next Sunday—*Mary Jean Cross & John Asa Hertzler*

Greeters

Today—*Joel Yoder*

Next Sunday—*Mary Jean Cross & John Asa Hertzler*

Nursery schedule

Today—*Paid childcare*

Next Sunday—*Paid childcare*

Acorns (Pre-K)

Today—*Mary Jo Swartzendruber*

Next Sunday—*Hannah Kelley*

Sprouts (K-5 grade)

Today—*Daniel Showalter (t); Jan Emswiler (a)*

Next Sunday—*Daniel Showalter (t); Ed Yoder (a)*

Mixed Forest

Today—*Season of Visioning: Our Community with Marci Frederick*

Next Sunday—*Season of Visioning*