

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 23, 2019 | Season of Visioning—Round Two

The Welcome Table Cafe

Welcome to the second of two gatherings of worship, sharing, and listening about our collective gifts and dreams. Today we will respond to two questions:

What is Shalom's purpose in the Community?

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What do we long for at Shalom?

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

Gathering Music

Centering Bell

Gathering Song *What is this place* HWB 1

Welcome & Announcements

Call to worship

One: Shepherding God, you guide us in the way that we should go.

Many: Open our eyes to see where you are moving.

One: You speak to us through our human family and all of Creation.

Many: Open our ears to hear your call.

One: You whisper your truth into our deepest being.

Many: Open our hearts to respond to your presence.

One: You invite us to offer our table to all.

Many: Open our hands to receive and to give.

One: Shepherding God, you guide us in the way that we should go.

All: Point our feet in the direction of your Kingdom.

Hymn *You are salt for the earth* HWB 226

VISIONING

Part I. What is Shalom's purpose in the Community?

10 minutes at each of 3 tables:

Ripples: Of what communities is Shalom a part?

Fire: I came to Shalom for _____.

I stay because _____.

Puzzle Piece: What's one thing Harrisonburg or the world would be missing if Shalom didn't exist?

Hymn
Passing the Peace

Come walk with us
Peace before us

STJ 2

Part II. What do we long for at Shalom?

Offering

Prayers of the People *Lord, listen to your children*

Announcements

Benediction Song *Guide my feet* HWB 546

*Following the service, all are invited to linger,
read responses, talk, eat, and drink*

Child care is provided for children ages 0-5 in the foyer area next to the cafeteria.

TODAY Worship Leader: *Carrie Dengler Wenger*; Music Leader: *Brian Bolton*; Visuals: *Sarah & Herb Myers*; Prayers of the People: *Brian Bolton*;

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

Mar. 3 Stephanie Sorge Wing—Transfiguration

Mar. 10 Valerie Showalter

Mar. 17 Brian Bolton

Mar. 24 Marci Frederick

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Shalom WWW. (*Wise Witty Women - Period!*)—Save the Date! This is a reminder that our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Mar. 13 at 9:30 a.m. Our group will meet at the home of Arlene Wiens. To RSVP, contact [Arlene](#), [Jean Schaeffer](#), or [Carol Schirch](#). We are now meeting on the second Wednesday every other month.

Youth Gatherings: The next youth gathering will be to join with the Faith in Action Vigil of Solidarity on **Saturday, Mar. 2 at 10:30 a.m. at Court Square**. Following the vigil, we will take time to debrief and catch up at Bella Gelato afterward, ending at about noon.

Vigil of Solidarity: 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

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.

We would love for all of our **men's mentor/mentee pairs** to join us for a **pancake breakfast** on **Sunday, Mar. 10 from 9-9:45 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. Here is a link to the [pancake breakfast sign up](#). We look forward to a time of eating and fellowship! Contact Brendan Erb (brendan.erb@gmail.com) with questions.

Budget Report | Feb. 17 (Attendance—129)

<u>ACTUAL</u>		<u>BUDGETED</u>	
Weekly Offering	\$1,557.00	Weekly Offering	\$3,647.33
February	\$13,268.00	Avg. Monthly	\$15,805.08
YTD	\$21,817.25	YTD	\$25,531.29

Worship setup

Today—*Micah Shristi and Sue or Tim Godshall*

Next Sunday—*Pat & Earl Martin and Miguel Muniz*

Offering & Mic-setup

4th Sunday—*Joel Yoder*

5th Sunday—*Ellen Miller*

Snack schedule & Coffee clean-up

Today—*Mary Jean Cross & John Asa Hertzler*

Next Sunday—*Potluck, Hospitality and others*

Greeters

Today—*Mary Jean Cross & John Asa Hertzler*

Next Sunday—*Rachel & Andrew Jenner*

Nursery schedule

Today—*Paid childcare*

Next Sunday—*Paid childcare*

Acorns (Pre-K)

Today—*Hannah Kelley*

Next Sunday—*Susan Godshall*

Sprouts (K-5 grade)

Today—*Daniel Showalter (t); Ed Yoder (a)*

Next Sunday—*Tim Godshall (t); Jam Emswiler (a)*

Mixed Forest

Today—*Season of Visioning with Barry Hart*

Next Sunday—*TBD*