

*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

March 3, 2019 | Transfiguration

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*Ring the bells that still can ring  
Forget your perfect offering  
There is a crack in everything  
That's how the light gets in*

*-Leonard Cohen, "Anthem"*

*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**            *Holy Spirit, come with power*    HWB 26

### **Welcome**

### **Call to worship**

One: O Light, your brightness shines in this meeting place and in all meeting places.

**Many: It shines around us, through us, and in us.**

One: O Illuminated One, sometimes your light is too much and we find clever ways of blocking or deflecting.

**All: Lord, grant us the power to uncover our shadowed places, so that your light enter the dark, where the seed of change dwells. Amen.**

**Hymns**                    *Will you come and follow me?*    STS 39  
                                  *Firstborn of Mary*                    STS 37

## **HEARING THE WORD**

### **Prayer of Illumination**

**Scripture Reading**            *Exodus 34:29-35*  
  *Luke 9:28-43a*

### **Children's Time**

**Sermon**                            *Transfigured*

## **RESPONDING**

**Hymn**                            *Have thine own way*            HWB 504

### **Prayers of the People**

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

**Offering**                        *What does the Lord require of you?*    STS 54

## **SENDING**

### **Introductions & Announcements**

### **Benediction**

**TODAY** Speaker: *Stephanie Sorge Wing*; Worship Leader: *Joshua Diamond*; Music Leader: *Marci Frederick*; Children's Time: *Cindy Miller*; Visuals: *Sarah & Herb Myers*; Prayers of the People: *Valerie Showalter*

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

**Mar. 10** Valerie Showalter

**Mar. 17** Brian Bolton

**Mar. 24** Marci Frederick

**Mar. 31** Jane Peifer

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Due to most nursery staff being away on EMU Spring Break, **Shalom nursery will be unstaffed during worship on Mar. 3 and 10.** The room will be open and toys will be out, but parents will need to stay with their child. Thanks for your flexibility!

**Lent 2019: Cultivating & Letting Go**—Paper copies of a weekly devotional journal and a Lenten coloring calendar are available today for you to pick up to use at home. If you don't get one but would like one, please email [brian@shalommc.org](mailto:brian@shalommc.org).

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.

As **Lent begins next Sunday, Mar. 10**, small paper leaves and flowers will be available in the bulletin for you to write on to complete the statement "This Lent I wish to let go of \_\_\_\_\_," and "This Lent I wish to cultivate \_\_\_\_\_."

**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.

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. The [sign-up link](#) can be found in the e-newsletter. We look forward to a time of eating and fellowship! For questions contact Brendan Erb at [brendan.erb@gmail.com](mailto:brendan.erb@gmail.com).

**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.

**Women's Small Group opportunity:** There are three women interested and possibly a facilitator at this point. More would be awesome! If you are interested in joining, please contact Sharon Landis at [spiritsongsl@gmail.com](mailto:spiritsongsl@gmail.com) or (717) 587-5329.

**Budget Report | Feb. 24** (Attendance—133)

ACTUAL		BUDGETED	
Weekly Offering	\$2,571.00	Weekly Offering	\$3,647.33
February	\$13,268.00	Avg. Monthly	\$15,805.08
YTD	\$21,817.25	YTD	\$29,178.62
CHMF Sanctuary	\$225.00		

**Worship setup**

Today—*Pat & Earl Martin and Miguel Muniz*  
 Next Sunday—*Joel Yoder*

**Offering & Mic-setup**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday—*Marty Showalter*  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday—*Jay Landis & Nate Miller*

**Snack schedule & Coffee clean-up**

Today—*Potluck—help with clean-up welcome!*  
 Next Sunday—*Sharon & Jay Landis*

**Greeters**

Today—*Rachel & Andrew Jenner*  
 Next Sunday—*Erica & Mattias Clymer*

**Nursery schedule**

Today—*EMU spring break (see above note)*  
 Next Sunday—*EMU spring break (see above note)*

**Acorns (Pre-K)**

Today—*Susan Godshall*  
 Next Sunday—*Cindy Miller*

**Sprouts (K-5 grade)**

Today—*Tim Godshall (t); Jan Emswiler (a)*  
 Next Sunday—*Valerie Showalter (t); Judy Yoder (a)*

**Mixed Forest**

Today—*Queer Theology*  
 Next Sunday—*Queer Theology*