

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

March 10, 2019 | First Sunday in Lent

CULTIVATING
& LETTING GO

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.

Formation classes begin at 9 a.m. **Worship** is at 10 a.m. (childcare for ages 0-5 in room 113) with **Fellowship** following at 11:15 a.m.

GATHERING

Centering Bell

Gathering Song

Abre mis ojos

STS 65

Welcome

Call to worship

One: In this hour we will pray,

Many: **Because we long to draw near to God.**

In this hour we will sing,

Because words are hardly ever enough.

In this hour we will sit side by side,

As a reminder that we belong together.

And in this hour, we will cultivate faith—together.

So let us worship with open hearts.

Let us worship Holy God.

Hymns

Jesus, tempted in the desert

STJ 36

I will come to you in the silence

STS 49

HEARING THE WORD

Children's Time

Scripture Reading

Luke 4:1-13

Sermon

Cultivating Resistance and Letting Go of Power

RESPONDING

Litany of Confession

Spirit of God,

We often find ourselves in the desert,

tempted by visions that look splendid,

seduced by voices that sound persuasive.

**When you invite us to cultivate resistance,
we settle for inaction.**

**When you ask us to let go of our power,
we choose to hold on more tightly.**

Forgive our stubbornness and our hardened hearts.

Remind us, Spirit, to embrace your vision.

Remind us, Spirit, to turn our ears to your voice.

**Remind us, Spirit, that you go with us,
even into the desert.**

With thanks we pray,

Amen.

Hymn

When we are tempted

STS 81

all are invited to sing "Child" instead of "Son"

Prayers of the People

Loving God, we offer you our prayer

Passing the Peace

Peace before us

Offering

Mayenziwe

STJ 57

SENDING

Season of Vision Update—Long Range Planning Team

Introductions & Announcements

Benediction

How can we be silent

STJ 61

TODAY Speaker: *Valerie Showalter*; Worship Leader: *Karen Suderman*; Music Leader: *Sam Nickels*; Children's Time: *Carrie Dengler Wenger*; Visuals: *Ruby Friesen Zehr*; Prayers of the People: *Valerie Showalter*

Worship Calendar | Upcoming Speakers and Events

Mar. 17 Brian Bolton

Mar. 24 Marci Frederick

Mar. 31 Jane Peifer

Apr. 07 Brian Bolton

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brian Bolton is away this weekend attending a regional gathering of Central District Conference churches and visiting family in Ohio, returning Monday night.

Youth Gatherings: Shalom youth will be away Mar. 15-16 on retreat. We are honored to have Josh Diamond facilitating the input for our time together, and we invite Shalom's prayers as we deepen relationships with God and one another. The **next youth gathering is Sunday, Mar. 31** from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Park View Fireplace Room.

Due to most nursery staff being away on EMU Spring Break, **Shalom nursery will be unstaffed during worship today.** 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.

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 TODAY** At this point, we plan that this group would meet three times: Mar. 31, Apr. 7, and Apr. 14, 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.

Budget Report | Mar. 03 (Attendance—95)

ACTUAL		BUDGETED	
Weekly Offering	\$7,297.00	Weekly Offering	\$3,647.33
March	\$7,297.00	Avg. Monthly	\$15,805.08
YTD	\$31,685.25	YTD	\$32,825.95
CHMF Sanctuary for Rosa (total)	\$275.00		

Worship setup

Today—*Joel Yoder*

Next Sunday—*Faye & Emery Yoder and Doug Root*

Offering & Mic-setup

2nd Sunday—*Jay Landis & Nate Miller*

3rd Sunday—*Cliff Lind & Clara Yoder*

Snack schedule & Coffee clean-up

Today—*Sharon & Jay Landis*

Next Sunday—*Schminkey-Wards*

Greeters

Today—*Erica & Mattias Clymer*

Next Sunday—*Cliff & Hope Lind*

Nursery schedule

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

Next Sunday—*Paid child care*

Acorns (Pre-K)

Today—*Cindy Miller*

Next Sunday—*Hannah Kelley*

Sprouts (K-5 grade)

Today—*Valerie Showalter (t); Judy Yoder (a)*

Next Sunday—*Barb Root (t); Carol Schirch (a)*

Mixed Forest

Today—*Queer Theology, Emily North*

Next Sunday—*Queer Theology, James Ward*