

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 17, 2019 | Second Sunday in Lent

CULTIVATING
& LETTING GO

Cultivating Courage and Letting Go of Fear

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

Here in this place

HWB 6

Welcome

Call to worship

One: We live in a beautiful, but sometimes dangerous, world.

Many: **Thank you, O God, that we need not fear since you are our stronghold.**

Sometimes we feel the need of a protecting Mother Hen.

Thank you for your downy breast and, yes, your sharp beak.

In a world that often oppresses the weak and despoils our planet,

Teach us well to use our protecting wings and, if necessary, our own sharp beaks.

Hymn

How firm a foundation

HWB 567

HEARING THE WORD

Scripture Reading

Psalm 27

Hymn

The Lord is my light

STJ 97

Children's Time

Scripture Reading

Luke 13:31-35

Sermon

Courageous Pilgrims

IMAGE PROJECTION: MOTHER HEN, by lauren wright pittman
inspired by luke 13:31-35 | acrylic & ink on canvas

RESPONDING

Litany of Confession

God of grace—

You ask us to care for the poor and the hungry, but that makes us uncomfortable.

You ask us to care for the environment, but that requires sacrifice.

You ask us to love our neighbor as ourselves, but that requires vulnerability.

Instead, we hide our hands, avert our eyes,
and choose ourselves.

Forgive us for holding tight to our own agendas
and letting go of your call to love.

Cultivate in us the spirit of courage—hearts that are strong
enough to choose one another and minds smart enough to
make the sacrifice. Amen.

Hymn

I am weak and I need thy strength

HWB 553

Prayers of the People

Loving God, we offer you our prayer

Passing the Peace

Peace before us

Offering

We are often tossed and driv'n

STS 72

SENDING

Introductions & Announcements

Benediction

Calm me, Lord

STS 45

TODAY Speaker & Prayers of the People: *Brian Bolton*; Worship Leader: *Earl Martin*; Music Leader: *Barbara Moyer Lehman*; Children's Time: *Ross Erb*; Visuals: *Lara Ressler Horst*

Worship Calendar | Upcoming Speakers and Events

Mar. 24 Marci Frederick

Mar. 31 Jane Peifer

Apr. 07 Brian Bolton

Apr. 14 Palm Sunday

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next youth gathering is Sunday, Mar. 31 from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Park View Fireplace Room.

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.

Budget Report | Mar. 10 (Attendance—96)

ACTUAL		BUDGETED	
Weekly Offering	\$1,471.00	Weekly Offering	\$3,647.33
March	\$8,768.00	Avg. Monthly	\$15,805.08
YTD	\$33,156.25	YTD	\$36,473.28

Worship setup

Today—*Faye & Emery Yoder and Doug Root*

Next Sunday—*Micah Shristi, Darlene Keller, and Susan/Tim Godshall*

Offering & Mic-setup

3rd Sunday—*Cliff Lind & Clara Yoder*

4th Sunday—*Cathy Smeltzer & Pat Martin*

Snack schedule & Coffee clean-up

Today—*Schminkey-Wards*

Next Sunday—*Charlotte & Micah Shristi*

Greeters

Today—*Cliff & Hope Lind*

Next Sunday—*Doug Root*

Nursery schedule

Today—*Paid child care*

Next Sunday—*Paid child care*

Acorns (Pre-K)

Today—*Hannah Kelley*

Next Sunday—*Susan Godshall*

Sprouts (K-5 grade)

Today—*Barb Root (t); Carol Schirch (a)*

Next Sunday—*Barb Root (t); Clara Yoder (a)*

Mixed Forest

Today—*Queer Theology, James Ward*

Next Sunday—*Queer Theology*