

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 24, 2019 | Third Sunday in Lent

CULTIVATING
& LETTING GO

Cultivating the Best We Can, Letting Go of the Ends

Every time I take a step in the direction of generosity, I know I am moving from fear to love.

—Henri Nouwen, *The Return of the Prodigal Son: A Story of Homecoming*

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 *Morning has broken* HWB 648

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 *O God, in restless living* HWB 557
New earth, heavens new HWB 299
As rain from the clouds STJ 40

HEARING THE WORD

Children's Time

Scripture Reading Luke 13:1-9

Sermon Extending generosity, forgiveness,
patience, and grace

IMAGE PROJECTION: ONE MORE YEAR, by Hannah garrity
inspired by luke 13:1-9 | acrylic on canvas

RESPONDING

Litany of Confession

One: God, you tell us to cultivate compassion,

Many: But too often we hold grudges and keep score.

You tell us to cultivate justice,

But too quickly we forget that we belong to one another.

You tell us to let go of judgment,

But we find stones are too easy to throw.

You tell us to let go of what others think,

But so easily we hold our worth in another's eyes.

Guide our feet, our hearts, and our minds to a better world.

Forgive us when we lose our way.

[silence]

Gratefully we pray,

Amen.

Hymn *Help us to help each other* HWB 362

Prayers of the People

Loving God, we offer you our prayer

Passing the Peace *Peace before us*

Offering *Letting Go | Third Week of Lent* by Sara Are
Slowly turning, ever turning STJ 23

SENDING

Introductions & Announcements

Benediction

TODAY Speaker: *Marci Frederick*; Worship Leader: *Kirsten Beachy*; Music Leader: *Melody Mast*; Children's Time: *Jaime Miller*; Visuals: *Lara Ressler Horst*; Prayers of the People: *Brian Bolton*

Worship Calendar | Upcoming Speakers and Events

Mar. 31 Jane Peifer

Apr. 07 Brian Bolton

Apr. 14 Palm Sunday

Apr. 19 Good Friday Love Feast—Meal & Worship (6 p.m.)

Apr. 21 Easter Sunday—Drumming Up the Sun (6:30 a.m.);
Worship (7 a.m.)

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 for you to pick up to use at home. If you don't get one but would like one, please email brian@shalommc.org.

Mixed Forest: Next week will begin the series, **Discover Your Spiritual Type**, with facilitator John Lehman. We will briefly consider the theme of spirituality by using a fairly simple model of four spiritual types. A simple inventory will be given that will provide some indication of which type you currently lean toward and also determine how you perceive the spiritual type of Shalom Mennonite Congregation. After completing the inventory, charting, and reflecting on the results, a more detailed description of each type will be considered. Time will be given for conversation on the helpfulness of this model for congregational life and for participants to reflect on their own personal result and responses.

Budget Report | Mar. 17 (Attendance—130)

ACTUAL		BUDGETED	
Weekly Offering	\$9,100.00	Weekly Offering	\$3,647.33
March	\$17,868.00	Avg. Monthly	\$15,805.08
YTD	\$42,256.25	YTD	\$40,120.60
Patchwork Pantry	\$1,000.00		

Worship setup

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

Next Sunday—*Pat & Earl Martin*

Offering & Mic-setup

4th Sunday—*Cathy Smeltzer & Pat Martin*

5th Sunday—*Ellen Miller & Doug Root*

Snack schedule & Coffee clean-up

Today—*Charlotte & Micah Shristi*

Next Sunday—*Erin Willilams*

Greeters

Today—*Doug Root*

Next Sunday—*James Ward*

Nursery schedule

Today—*Paid child care*

Next Sunday—*Paid child care*

Acorns (Pre-K)

Today—*Susan Godshall*

Next Sunday—*Cindy Miller*

Sprouts (K-5 grade)

Today—*Barb Root (t); Clara Yoder (a)*

Next Sunday—*Barb Root (t); James Ward (a)*

Mixed Forest

Today—*Queer Theology, Valerie Showalter*

Next Sunday—*Discovering Your Spiritual Type, John Lehman*