

*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

April 28, 2019 | Second Sunday of Easter

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*Struggle is the source of hope.  
There is no hope without struggle.*

*~Dorothy Sölle*

*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**

### **Welcome**

### **Call to worship**

One: We go to the stream and sit,  
The tall, deeply-furrowed poplars look down upon us,  
While songbirds greet a morning sunrise, songs echoing  
aeons of wisdom,

**All: The Spirit Sits with us**

One: We stand up to be witness to this faith that sustains us,  
A cool, faint, defiant breeze amidst this world's overbearing  
heat,

**All: The Spirit stands with us**

One: We walk the wandering, rocky road of justice,  
A calloused grip on righteousness, Sure-footed as the white  
tail walking these old, Appalachian saddles and ridges,

**All: The Spirit walks with us**

One: We strive and fail and strive again,  
Faithful followers the world needs us to be,  
And we continue to work, to love, to serve,  
This wonderful world,

**All: The Spirit is with us.**

## **Children's Time**

## **HEARING THE WORD**

### **Struggle Songs; Songs of Hope**

*Readings, reflections, and solos are interspersed through this part of the service. The congregation is invited to join in songs listed in bold.*

Psalm 88:1-13

### ***Senzenina***

Solo: *Like a King* (Ben Harper)

Psalm 10:16-18

### ***Wade in the water***

HWB 446

Psalm 27:1-3

Solo: *Redemption Song* (Bob Marley)

### ***My soul cries out***

STS 124

## **RESPONDING**

### **Prayers of the People**

### **Passing the Peace**

*Peace before us*

STS 16

### **Offering**

## **SENDING**

### **Introductions & Announcements**

### **Benediction**

*Thuma mina*

HWB 434

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**TODAY** Worship Leader: *Peter Barlow*; Struggle Songs: *David Berry, Andrew Suderman, Alexa Lahr, Cassidy Bontrager, Abigail Shelly, Ariel Barbosa* Music Leader: *Sam Nickels*; Children's Time: *Ellen Miller*; Visuals: *Ruby Friesen Zehr, Mary Jo Swartzendruber, and Rachel Herr*; Prayers of the People: *Valerie Showalter*

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

**May 05** Brian Bolton—Higher Ed Blessing & Baby Etta Blessing

**May 12** Valerie Showalter

**May 19** Brian Bolton

**May 26** Krista Showalter Ehst

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Special thanks** to Rachel Herr for creating the beautiful Easter banners which we will use throughout the Easter season. Rachel put in many hours with the help of Lara Ressler, Jerry, Joan, and Rebecca Kauffman, and Mike and Cole Herr.

**Mentors and mentees**, please join us for a **game night TONIGHT** at **6:30 p.m.** in the Park View Fireplace Room. Mentor and mentee pairs should bring a snack to share!

**Shalom wishes to support our students attending Eastern Mennonite School (K-12)** by participating in a **tuition grant program**. This is an opportunity to preserve and promote the values, traditions, and perspectives of the Mennonite Church. If you are interested in contributing you can **write a check with “EMS fund” in the memo**. We anticipate seven eligible students for 2019-2020. Information about how the fund is administered and the application for EMS families can be found in Shalom’s e-newsletter.

**VANITA** (Valley Area Network Immigrant Transportation Assistance) **needs an occasional volunteered van which can seat at least six**. The van will be used to transport immigrant families, who are seeking asylum, to northern Virginia for their ICE check-ins. If you can help contact Laurie Miller at [millerlauriew@gmail.com](mailto:millerlauriew@gmail.com).

**Small Group Opportunities:** Possibilities exist for a women's group and a group for sharing and/or topic study. There is interest in both, but not enough to begin. Interested? Contact Sharon Landis at [spiritsongsl@gmail.com](mailto:spiritsongsl@gmail.com) or (717) 587-5329.

The **next meeting of WWW. will be Wednesday, May 8 at 9:30 a.m.** at **Starry Meadows Farm**—the home of Sharon and Jay Landis. Sharon, an author and spiritual director, will lead our discussion. To RSVP, or ask questions, please call Jean Schaeffer (540) 250-0792 or Carol Schirch (540) 421-8409. Starry Meadows Farm is at 10547 Turleytown Road in Linville. To carpool or follow others, meet in the Park Road parking lot of Park View Mennonite at 9 a.m. If it rains we will send you a memo and we will meet at VMRC at 9:30 a.m. instead, gathering at the main entrance to Park Gables.

**Focus on Racial Equity Seminar: Groundwater Workshop** at Muhlenberg Lutheran Church on Saturday, May 18 from 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Sponsored by Center for Interfaith Engagement, NAACP, and Faith in Action. Check Shalom’s weekly e-newsletter for details and registration information.

**You are invited!** Please join us for a **surprise graduation party for Valerie** (*I hope she doesn’t read bulletins...*). Valerie will be a Master of Divinity - that sounds cool! Can she turn water into wine? Let’s find out! Food and drink will be provided. If it’s nice out, we’ll have lawn games and a fire pit. Bring yourself, your kin, and a lawn chair. Sunday, May 5 from 5 p.m. through the evening at Showalter barn: [4714 Klines Mill Road, Linville](http://4714KlinesMillRoadLinville.com). RSVPs are welcome but not required [Justin.Shenk@gmail.com](mailto:Justin.Shenk@gmail.com).

### **Budget Report | Apr. 21** (Attendance: 169)

ACTUAL		BUDGETED	
Weekly Offering	\$2,863.00	Weekly Offering	\$3,647.33
April	\$8,837.00	Avg. Monthly	\$15,805.08
YTD	\$55,873.25	YTD	\$58,357.24
EMS Fund	\$1,700.00		

### **Worship setup**

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

### **Offering & Mic-setup**

Today—*Cathy Smeltzer Erb and Pat Martin*  
Next Sunday—*Marty Showalter and Marci Frederick*

### **Snack schedule & Coffee clean-up**

Today—*Rhoda Kraus and Heather Lantz*  
Next Sunday—*EMU Graduation & Etta Brubaker Blessing Snack, Hospitality Committee (all welcome to help with clean-up)*

### **Greeters**

Today—*Laurie Miller*  
Next Sunday—*Erica & Mattias Clymer*

### **Nursery schedule**

Today—*Paid child care*  
Next Sunday—*Paid child care*

### **Acorns (Pre-K)**

Today—*Cindy Miller*  
Next Sunday—*Hannah Kelley*

### **Sprouts (K-5 grade)**

Today—*Tim Godshall (t), Judy Yoder (a)*  
Next Sunday—*Tim Godshall (t), Judy Yoder (a)*

### **Mixed Forest**

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