

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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Safe Congregation Committee: *Kate Clark*, 810-1067; *Ross Erb*, 435-0350; *Anne Martin*, 432-1086; *Brian Bolton*, 830-8381, *Valerie Showalter*, 209-0242; Please contact any member of this committee if you have questions or concerns regarding inappropriate sexual conduct, violence, intimidation, or physical abuse by child-care workers, teachers, or others in the congregation.



Shalom Mennonite Congregation

May 5, 2019 | Higher Education Graduate Blessing
& Baby Blessing for Etta Brubaker

Resurrection requires that we replace that illusion with the reality that we rise and fall together; that we have no choice but to live in and with and for the entire community of creation.

~Parker Palmer

*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 *We sing to you, O God* STJ 1

Welcome

Call to worship

Sometimes it seems we've fished all night without a catch.

Do something bold. Cast your nets on the other side.

We long for an in-breaking of redemptive love in our world.

Do something simple. Feed my sheep.

We long to discover the true meaning of worship.

Do something deep. Live as I have lived.

Hymns *All praise to our redeeming Lord* HWB 21, vv 1-4
Wind who makes all winds that blow HWB 31

Children's Time

Baby Blessing of Etta Belle Brubaker

We rejoice with you and give thanks for the gift of Etta.

We will support, by our example and words,
your efforts to provide a loving and caring home,
where trust in the Sacred is grown,
and the way of love and mercy is chosen.

Our prayers will be with you and for you.

And so we say:

Walk carefully, well loved one,
walk mindfully, well loved one,
walk fearlessly, well loved one.

Return with us, return to us,
be always coming home.

Hymn *Come walk with us* STJ 2

HEARING THE WORD

Scripture Reading John 21:1-19
Sermon A Net That Will Not Break
Hymn *Lord, you have come to the lakeshore* HWB 229

Blessing the Graduates

On this day of celebration and opportunity,
May God bless you with discomfort
At easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships
So that you may live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with holy anger
At injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people,
So that you may work for justice, freedom, and peace.

May God bless you with tears
To shed for those who suffer pain, rejection, hunger and war,
**So that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and
To turn their pain into joy.**

May God bless you with enough foolishness
To believe that you can make a difference in the world,
**So that you can do what others claim cannot be done
To bring justice and kindness to all of God's children.**

And may God bless you with love
For yourself, your neighbor, for the earth, and God,
**So that you will find unflagging hope and joy in all that you
do.**

Everett Brubaker	Sylvia Mast	Ana Hunter-Nickels
Katrina Popplett	Austin Sachs	Valerie Showalter
Alison Yoder	David Yoder	Bethany Renata Loberg

RESPONDING

Hymn *We are the people on a journey* STJ 8

Prayers of the People

Passing the Peace *Peace before us* STS 16
Offering

SENDING

Introductions & Announcements

Benediction

TODAY Speaker & Prayers of the People: *Brian Bolton*; Worship Leader: *Earl Martin*; Music Leader: *Marci Frederick*; Musicians: *Brian Bolton and Luga Samson*; Children's Time: *Kirsten Beachy*; Visuals: *Charlotte Shristi and Rachel Herr*

Worship Calendar | Upcoming Speakers and Events

May 12 Valerie Showalter—Safe Congregation Awareness

May 19 Brian Bolton & Congregational Meeting

May 26 Krista Showalter Ehst

Jun. 02 Brian Bolton

ANNOUNCEMENTS

You are invited to a surprise graduation party for Valerie TODAY at 5 p.m. through the evening at Showalter barn: [4714 Klines Mill Road, Linville](#). 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. RSVPs are welcome but not required Justin.Shenk@gmail.com.

Our next **Congregational Meeting** is **immediately following worship on Sunday, May 19**. Childcare is available for nursery only; the children's corner will be set-up in the sanctuary with books, games, etc.

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 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 meet at 9:30 a.m. instead, gathering at the main entrance to VMRC's 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.

Budget Report | Apr. 28 (Attendance: 126)

<u>ACTUAL</u>		<u>BUDGETED</u>	
Weekly Offering	\$1,029.00	Weekly Offering	\$3,647.33
April	\$9,866.00	Avg. Monthly	\$15,805.08
YTD	\$56,902.25	YTD	\$62,004.57

Worship setup

Today—*Joel Yoder*

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

Offering & Mic-setup

Today—*Marty Showalter and Marci Frederick*

Next Sunday—*Jay Landis and Nate Miller*

Snack schedule & Coffee clean-up

Today—*EMU Graduation & Etta Brubaker Blessing Snack, Hospitality Committee (all welcome to help with clean-up)*

Next Sunday—*Schminkey-Wards*

Greeters

Today—*Erica & Mattias Clymer*

Next Sunday—*Carrie Dengler Wenger*

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—*Tim Godshall (t), Judy Yoder (a)*

Next Sunday—*Daniel Showalter (t), Ed Yoder (a)*

Mixed Forest

Today—*Spiritual Autobiography, Boris Ozuna*

Next Sunday—*Safe Congregation Refresher*