

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

August 11, 2019

*Faith is not a state of mind but an action in the world,
a movement toward the world.*

—*Christian Wiman*

*History says, don't hope
On this side of the grave.
But then, once in a lifetime
The longed-for tidal wave
Of justice can rise up,
And hope and history rhyme.*

—*Seamus Haney*

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.

A staffed nursery is available for children ages 0-5 in room 113. A quiet room is also available in the teachers' lounge at the top of the ramp.

GATHERING

Centering Bell

Gathering Song *Come, we that love the Lord* HWB 14

Welcome

Call to Worship

God of every riven thing
We human beings suffer

**We torture one another
We get hurt and get hard**

We gather here and invite you to soften us up
Harden our backs, not our hearts

**Creator, land us in your borderless country
where there's room enough for us all**

Hymns *Like a mother who has borne us* STJ 91
Strong son of God, immortal Love HWB 488

HEARING THE WORD

Scripture Reading Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Children's Time

Sermon A Better Country

RESPONDING

Hymn *When grief is raw* HWB 637

Prayers of the People

Loving God, we offer you our prayer

Passing the Peace

Offering *For God so loved/My hope is built*

SENDING

Introductions & Announcements

Benediction *Go, my friends, in grace* STS 57

TODAY Speaker & Prayers of the People: *Brian Bolton*; Worship Leader: *Joshua Diamond*; Music Leader: *Stan Godshall*; Children's Time: *Hannah Kelley*; Visuals: *Lara Ressler Horst*

Worship Calendar | Upcoming Speakers and Events

Aug. 18 Valerie Showalter | Kindergarten Blessing & Child Blessing for Anabel and Mona Showalter Ehst

Aug. 25 Brian Bolton | Blessing for a New School Year

Sept. 01 Marci Frederick

Sept. 08 Worship at Highland Retreat Center | Shalom Retreat

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting of WWW. is Wednesday, Aug. 14 at 9:30 at VMRC. Those who have attended any meeting will get details in an email. If you are new and want to know more about this ladies group, or have any interest, please contact either [Jean Schaeffer](#) at 540-250-0792 or [Carol Schirch](#) at 540-421-8409. We're looking forward to seeing everyone after all the summer travels and experiences.

Teachers and assistants of faith formation classes this autumn are encouraged to attend an **orientation meeting on Sunday, Aug. 18 at 9 a.m.** at church. We will talk about this year's curriculum/themes and share ideas for resources. Bagels and fixings provided!

A meeting geared toward **parents of children and youth** will be held on **Sunday, Aug. 25 from 9-9:45 a.m.** in the sanctuary to discuss the upcoming pastoral staff transition. Childcare will be provided. While this meeting will focus primarily on youth and children's ministries and programming, any interested adult, youth, or child is welcome to attend. Anne, Brian, and Valerie will lead the meeting.

Shalom is providing a presence again this year at the **PRIDE festival on Saturday, Sept. 21 at Court Square.** Our hope and plan is to provide hospitality and cold water for attendees. You are invited to participate in two ways. You may contribute to the cost of the water by making a donation at the snack table on Aug. 11 or 18. We have no

other funds to support this project. You are also invited to help host on Saturday afternoon, 21st, for an hour or two or three by signing up with a committee member or e-mailing mjcross@myvmrc.net. Committee members are Paul Cook, Mary Jean Cross, Kathy Evans, John Asa Hertzler, Mattie Marie Mast and Michael Mast.

Shalom's Annual Retreat (Sept. 6-8) is an opportunity to get to know each other, laugh together, and enjoy our community. Whether it is your first Sunday at Shalom or you have lost count of how long you have been around, consider joining us for the retreat! Join for some or all of the retreat just 30 minutes from Harrisonburg at **Highland Retreat Center**. For more information and to sign up, check out the table during snack time or shalommc.org/retreat. Please sign up no later than Sunday, Sept. 1! After Sept. 1, housing options will be assigned as available. Questions? Contact hannahjkelley@gmail.com.

Shalom's Formation Committee is looking for a **Nursery Coordinator** to give oversight to our Sunday morning nursery. The work includes managing our amazing nursery staff, occasionally reviewing and restocking nursery supplies, and joining in the overall vision and mission of the Formation Committee. We hope to have someone begin in this position in September. If you are interested or have more questions, please speak to Valerie or Joel Yoder.

MDS is still taking volunteers to Puerto Rico to rebuild after the Hurricane. They have trips going, for week at a time, the entire month of October if we would like to put a group together. Please let Laurie Miller, millerlauriew@gmail.com, know if you are interested and what weeks you would be available in Oct. Also, they have smaller groups going in Aug. and Sept. if you would like to join one of those.

What changes would you like to see in Harrisonburg and Rockingham County? What are you passionate about? Please talk with Kajungu Mturi or Justin Shenk, our reps to **Faith in Action**. Faith in Action (a coalition of 25 congregations) recently celebrated the end of our 2-year campaign cycle focusing on criminal justice reform. Now it's time for us to listen—to hear from you—as we discern our focus for the upcoming cycle. Email us, talk to us on Sunday, or share your concerns/hopes with us at your favorite coffee shop. We look forward to listening to you.

Are you energized by the idea of picking group discussion topics, making learning interactive, and/or working with a wide range of ages and abilities? If so, you are the perfect candidate for being one of our coordinators for the Mixed Forest formation class! Coordinators work together to discern topics, equip weekly facilitators, and organize scheduling for the 9 a.m. Mixed Forest Formation hour, in collaboration with the Formation Committee. Be in touch with Valerie if this sounds intriguing to you and want to learn more.

Budget Report | August 4 (Attendance: 94)

ACTUAL		BUDGETED	
Weekly Offering	\$1,017.00	Weekly Offering	\$3,647.33
August	\$1,017.00	Avg. Monthly	\$15,805.08
YTD	\$108,406.83	YTD	\$113,067.15

Worship setup

Today—*Laurie & Ellen Miller*
 Next Sunday—*Joel Yoder*

Offering & Mic-setup

Today—*Jay Landis and Nate Miller*
 Next Sunday—*Cliff Lind and Clara Yoder*

Snack schedule & Coffee clean-up

Today—*Rachel & Andrew Jenner*
 Next Sunday—*Clara & Ed Yoder (Joel Yoder, helping with clean-up)*

Greeters

Today—*Joel Yoder*
 Next Sunday—*Laurie Miller*

Nursery schedule

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

Formation Hour is on break until September. If you have ideas of topics you would like us to spend time on over the summer during the 9 a.m. hour, please talk to Valerie. A one-time discussion or a short series of sessions can easily be added to our schedule.