

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 18, 2019

*In the great circle, dancing in
and out of time, you move now
toward your partners, answering
the music suddenly audible to you
that only carried you before
and will carry you again.
When you meet the destined ones
now dancing toward you,
out of your awareness for the time,
we whom you know, others we remember
whom you do not remember, others
forgotten by us all...*

—excerpt from “Our Children, Coming of Age: by Wendell Berry

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 *Let the children come to me* STS 47

Welcome

Call to Worship¹

One: O God, who call all life into being,

All: the earth, sea and sky are yours.

One: Your presence is all around us;

All: every atom is full of your energy.

One: Your spirit enlivens all who walk the earth

All: with her we yearn for justice to be done,

One: for creation to be freed from bondage

All: for the hungry to be fed

One: for captives to be released

All: for the immigrant to be welcomed

One: for the borders to dissolve

All: for the guns to be melted into plowshares

One: for the forgotten to be held close

All: Your spirit enlivens all who walk the earth

One: with her we yearn for justice to be done,

All: for your kin-dom of peace to come on earth!

Hymn *Let justice roll like a river* STS 33

HEARING THE WORD

Children's Time - Kindergarten Blessing

Many: Today we celebrate our children at Shalom, especially Alex, Avery, Clay, Irene, Katie, Luka, and Sallie. They are special children to us.

One: Children remind us how to play, to have delight and wonder. They challenge us to think in new ways and be open to new ideas.

Parents: We are grateful for you and your place in our family.

Many: We are grateful that you are part of our Shalom family.

One: We ask God to bless your learning at home, at school, and at play.

Many: We love you and want to grow with you. We will celebrate your successes and stand by you when you fail.

One: As Jesus blessed the little children, we bless Sallie, Luka, Katie, Irene, Clay, Avery, and Alex and we encourage them to grow in wisdom, faith, and love.

All: In the name of God the Creator, Christ our Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our sustainer, Amen.

Hymn *Go, my children* HWB 433

Scripture Reading Isaiah 5:1-7
Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Sermon *Waiting on a Dream*

RESPONDING

Hymn *We Dream of a Turning* Insert

Prayers of the People
Loving God, we offer you our prayer

Blessing of Anabel and Mona Showalter Ehst

We rejoice with you
and give thanks for the gifts of Anabel and Mona.
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.

¹ Adapted from Sing the Journey

Our prayers will be with you and for you.
And so we say:
Walk carefully, well-loved ones,
walk mindfully, well-loved ones,
walk fearlessly, well-loved ones.
Return with us, return to us,
be always coming home.

Hymn *Come, walk with us* STJ 2
Offering

SENDING
Introductions & Announcements
Benediction

TODAY Speaker & Prayers of the People: *Valerie Showalter*; Worship Leader: *Melody Mast*; Music Leader: *Brian Bolton, et al.*; Children's Time: *Brian Bolton*; Visuals: *Ruby Friesen Zehr*

Worship Calendar | Upcoming Speakers and Events

Aug. 25 Brian Bolton | Blessing for a New School Year
Sept. 01 Marci Frederick
Sept. 08 Worship at Highland Retreat Center | Shalom Retreat
Sept. 15 Brian Bolton | Formation Classes Begin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Young adults are invited to a potluck lunch at Brendan Erb's house after church TODAY. If you don't have food to bring, come anyway! We'll leave the "young" qualification up to you—college-age, those with young children, bright-eyed rabble-rousers, etc. Address is 627 Virginia Avenue.

You spoke, we listened! And now you can listen, too! The **Shalom Nursery is now equipped with speakers** that will relay the sound from the sanctuary to the nursery room. You'll be able to listen to the sermon and play four rounds of Candyland at the same time! Many thanks to Brian for spearheading this effort. —*Formation Committee*

The **next youth gathering** will be **Sunday, August 25** from **6:30-8 p.m.** at the Park View Fireplace Room. All youth ages 6th-12th grade are welcome to attend!

A meeting geared toward **parents of children and youth** will be held next **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.

A **finger food potluck** will follow the worship service next **Sunday, Aug. 25.** If possible, bring finger food to share for our back-to-school Sunday celebration.

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 at **Highland Retreat Center**—just 30 minutes from Harrisonburg. For more information visit shalommc.org/retreat. Please sign up no later than Sunday, Sept. 1! After Sept. 1, housing options will be assigned as available. Questions: email Hannah Kelley at 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 two-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 11 (Attendance: 110)

<u>ACTUAL</u>		<u>BUDGETED</u>	
Weekly Offering	\$5,560.00	Weekly Offering	\$3,647.90
August	\$6,577.00	Avg. Monthly	\$15,807.59
YTD	\$113,966.83	YTD	\$116,732.94
Patchwork Pantry	\$50.00		

Worship setup

Today—*Joel Yoder*

Next Sunday—*Tad Williams*

Offering & Mic-setup

Today—*Cliff Lind and Clara Yoder*

Next Sunday—*Cathy Smeltzer Erb and Pat Hostetter Martin*

Snack schedule & Coffee clean-up

Today—*Clara & Ed Yoder (Joel Yoder, helping with clean-up)*

Next Sunday—*Pat Hostetter & Earl Martin (Stan & Susan Godshall, clean-up)*

Greeters

Today—*Laurie Miller*

Next Sunday—*Mary Jean Cross & John Asa Hertzler*

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.