

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 25, 2019 | Blessing for a New School Year

Stop asking: Am I good enough?

Ask only

Am I showing up

With love?

—*Julia Fehrenbacher*

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

Here in this place

HWB 6

Welcome

Call to Worship

Come to me, he said

But I am a woman and you are a man

Come to me, he said

But I am a nobody and you are a teacher

Come to me, he said

And he touched me

You are set free, he said

And I can stand up straight

You are set free, he said

And I am healed

Thanks be to God.

Hymns

Christ is alive

STS 89

Long before my journey's start

STJ 36

HEARING THE WORD

Scripture Reading

Luke 13:10-17

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Sermon

Standing Tall

RESPONDING

Children's Time

Hymn for Anointing

Rain Down

STJ 49

Blessing for a New School Year

One: Source of all wisdom, at the start of this new school year,

Many: Bless us as learners, teachers, and seekers.

Left: Give us strength to grow in body, mind, and spirit.

Right: Help us to be curious about your creation.

Younger: Keep us mindful of others who are learning and growing alongside us.

Older: Give us courage to explore the gifts you have given us,

Many: And, in gratitude, freely share them with others.

One: God, Source of all wisdom, bless each of these students of life this year. Amen.

Hymn

God has chosen me

STS 114

Prayers of the People

Loving God, we offer you our prayer

Passing of the Peace

Peace before us

STS 16

Offering

O healing river

HWB 372

SENDING

Introductions & Announcements

Benediction

TODAY Speaker: *Carrie Dengler Wenger*; Worship Leader: *Pat Hostetter Martin*; Music Leader & Prayers of the People: *Brian Bolton*; Children's Time: *Ross Erb*; Visuals: *Lara Ressler Horst*

Worship Calendar | Upcoming Speakers and Events

Sept. 01 Marci Frederick

Sept. 08 Worship at Highland Retreat Center | Shalom Retreat

Sept. 15 Brian Bolton | Formation Classes Begin

Sept. 22 Valerie Showalter | MWC Peace Sunday

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 **TONIGHT** from **6:30-8 p.m.** at the Park View Fireplace Room. All youth ages 6th-12th grade are welcome to attend!

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 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 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.

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 18 (Attendance: 143)

<u>ACTUAL</u>		<u>BUDGETED</u>	
Weekly Offering	\$2,198.00	Weekly Offering	\$3,647.90
August	\$8,775.00	Avg. Monthly	\$15,807.59
YTD	\$116,164.83	YTD	\$120,380.85

Worship setup

Today—*Tad Williams*

Next Sunday—*Joel Yoder*

Offering & Mic-setup

Today—*Cathy Smeltzer Erb and Pat Hostetter Martin*

Next Sunday—*Marty Showalter and Marci Frederick*

Snack schedule (& Coffee clean-up)

Today—*Finger Food Potluck (All welcome to help with clean-up)*

Next Sunday—*Pat Hostetter & Earl Martin (Stan & Susan Godshall)*

Greeters

Today—*Mary Jean Cross & John Asa Hertzler*

Next Sunday—*James Ward*

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.