

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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Servants Council: Chair, *Anne Martin*; Members at Large, *Elizabeth Fletchall, Brian Bolton, and Valerie Showalter*; Hospitality Committee: *Tim Godshall*; Mission and Service Committee: *Mary Jean Cross*; Worship Committee: *Merrill Miller*; Formation Committee: *Joel Yoder*; Stewardship & Administrative Committee: *Marty Showalter*; Pastoral Team: *Marci Frederick*

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

September 22, 2019

It always seems impossible until it is done.

—Nelson Mandela

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 *Come and give thanks to the giver* HWB 57

Welcome

Call to Worship¹

O sovereign Lord, your way is the way of peace.

Blessed is the one who walks in it,

Because on this path we find mercy, love, justice, humility, obedience, and patience.

Peace clothes the naked,

Peace feeds the hungry,

Peace gives a drink to those who are thirsty,

Peace takes care of the poor,

Peace reproves, threatens, comforts, and admonishes.

Peace is sober, honest, chaste, and upright in all her ways.

None takes offense at her and she leads to eternal life.

Hymns *Come to me, Come to us* STS 60
In Christ there is no east or midwest HWB 306

HEARING THE WORD

Children's Time

Scripture Reading

Reflection *Come In: A Reflection in Three Acts*

RESPONDING

Hymn *The peace of the earth be with you* STJ 77

Prayers of the People

Loving God, we offer you our prayer

¹ Adapted from Menno Simons "The Twenty Fifth Psalm Explained by Way of Supplication," (1537)

Blessing of Youth Sponsors: Allison Yoder and Ross Erb

Congregation: Allison and Ross, we give thanks for your commitment to ministry and leadership with youth.

Youth: We give thanks for the way you lead us and empower us to find our own gifts.

Allison and Ross: We give thanks for your invitation and your trust in our care of Shalom's youth. We commit to the task, showing love through leadership, presence, and honest sharing about our lives and faith.

Youth: We commit to showing love, care, and honesty in our relationship with you.

Congregation: We commit to supporting your ministry through prayer and by showing up when called upon. May God bless you with delight, humility, laughter, and the strength of divine love.

Passing of the Peace *Peace before us* STS 16
Offering

SENDING

Introductions & Announcements

Benediction

TODAY Speaker: *Valerie Showalter*; Worship Leader: *Adam Shank*; Music Leader & Prayers of the People: *Brian Bolton*; Children's Time: *Tim Godshall*; Visuals: *Rachel Herr*

Worship Calendar | Upcoming Speakers and Events

Sept. 29 Jennifer Davis Sensenig | Valerie's Ordination & Last Sunday

Oct. 06 Covenant Sunday, Quarterly Communion, and Mentor-Mentee Blessing

Oct. 13 Brian Bolton

Oct. 20 Brian Bolton

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This month's young adult potluck is at David and Allison Yoder's house (435 N. Willow Street, Harrisonburg) **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, etc.

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!

Our Community Place is holding its annual **Fall Fundraising Gala TONIGHT** at Park View Mennonite Church. The evening begins at 5 p.m. with a jazz and classical concert followed by Congolese cuisine at 6:15 p.m. Donate as you will. RSVP at OurCommunityPlace.org. Thanks! —*Sam Nickels*

Come send off Valerie and Justin with love, style, and good food on Friday, Sept. 27 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Ralph Sampson Park, Shelter #2. Pappas will be provided as our main dish. Check Thursday's e-newsletter for the sign-up link to bring a salad, side, dessert, or drinks.

Join us for worship and the ordination of Valerie Showalter next **Sunday, Sept. 29**, which is also Valerie's final Sunday as a pastor at Shalom. We will celebrate Valerie's gifts and call for ministry, and together with the Central District Conference of MCUSA, bless her for that work ahead.

Youth and children are collecting "Quarts of Coins for MCC" each Sunday in September. Parents, this is a wonderful opportunity to help your children earn some money of their own to give. As well, you might explain to them the opportunity to help collect coins during offering time. —*Mary Jean Cross, Mission & Service*

The next **Approved Adult Training** will be **Saturday, Sept. 28** from **9 a.m.-12 p.m.** at **Park View Mennonite Church**. Please let Kate Clark or Valerie know if you will be attending. Formation teachers and assistants, mentors, and all other adults are strongly encouraged to attend if you haven't yet! Approved Adults are congregants who have special training to identify predatory and abusive behaviors and how to intervene.

Budget Report | September 8 (Attendance: 137)

ACTUAL		BUDGETED	
Weekly Offering	\$2,242.00	Weekly Offering	\$3,647.90
September	\$6,673.05	Avg. Monthly	\$15,807.59
YTD	\$126,884.88	YTD	\$134,972.46

	<i>Today</i>	<i>Next Sunday</i>
Worship Setup	<i>Joel Yoder</i>	<i>Joel Yoder</i>
Offering & Mic-Setup	<i>Marty Showalter and Pat Hostetter Martin</i>	<i>Ellen Miller and Doug Root</i>
Snack Schedule & Coffee Clean-up	<i>Stan & Susan Godshall</i>	<i>Erin Williams Pat Hostetter & Earl Martin</i>
Greeters	<i>Adam Shenk</i>	<i>Josh Diamond</i>
Nursery schedule	<i>Paid child care</i>	<i>Paid child care</i>
Acorns (PreK)	<i>Susan Godshall</i>	<i>Hannah Kelley</i>
Sprouts (K-5th)	<i>Barb Root and Ed Yoder</i>	<i>Daniel Showalter and Virginia Showalter</i>
Mixed Forest (6th through Elders)	<i>Anabaptist Service: Valerie Showalter & Justin Shenk, facilitated by Mary Jean Cross from the Mission & Service Committee</i>	<i>Anabaptist Service: Arlene & David Wiens and Kajungu Mturi, facilitated by Peter Barlow from the Mission & Service Committee</i>

Formation classes begin at 9 a.m. | **Worship** is at 10 a.m. (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.) | **Fellowship** follows at ~11:15 a.m.

NOTE: Please leave behind the blue and yellow inserts, so we can reuse them one more time for next Sunday.