

*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](mailto:office@shalommc.org).*

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**Pastoral team:** *Brian Bolton, Marci Frederick, Hannah Kelley, Sharon Landis, Jaime Miller, Valerie Showalter, James Ward*

**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 29, 2019 | The Ordination of Valerie Showalter

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*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** *Praise with joy the world's creator* STJ 16

### **Welcome**

### **Call to Worship**

One: O God, we come with joy to celebrate your gifts to us  
And we come with pain, dogged by the demons of our world.

**Many: Then listen up! I have some questions to ask you.**

One: Christ, have mercy and be generous with your creative power.

**Many: What is it you call me out to do?**

One: We seek the blessing of healing and wholeness that only you can provide.

**Many: Then I will provide it to you.  
And I will call you out to offer it to the world.**

**Hymns** *God of many names* HWB 77  
*Firstborn of Mary* STS 37

## **HEARING THE WORD**

**Scripture Reading** Job 38:1-11;  
Matthew 15:21-28

### **Children's Time**

### **Sermon**

## **RESPONDING**

**Hymn** *God has chosen me* STS 114

## **Ordination of Valerie Showalter**

Friends, will you accept your role in setting apart Valerie for ministry?

***By God's grace, we will.***

Will you honor her calling as well as your own?

***By God's grace, we will.***

Will you bless her for her ongoing ministry, even as you release her from serving as your pastor?

***By God's grace, we will.***

## **Prayers of the People**

*Loving God, we offer you our prayer*

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

**Offering** *My soul is filled with joy* STJ 13

## **SENDING**

### **Introductions & Announcements**

**Benediction** *You are salt for the earth* HWB 226

**TODAY** Ordination Service: *Doug Luginbill, Central District Conference Minister and Marci Frederick, Pastoral Team Chair*; Speaker: *Jennifer Davis Sensenig*; Worship Leader & Prayers of the People: *Brian Bolton*; Music Leader: *Krista Showalter Ehst*; Children's Time: *Ellen Miller*; Visuals: *Charlotte Shristi*

### **Worship Calendar | Upcoming Speakers and Events**

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

**Oct. 13** Brian Bolton

**Oct. 20** Brian Bolton

**Oct. 27** TBD

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Deadline for uploading your photos to the Breeze online directory is Sept. 30. For more details see the weekly e-news.

–Marty Showalter, Stewardship & Admin.

**Special Thanks**

- To Mary Jean Cross and her committee of planners who made Shalom a refreshing presence with other churches at the PRIDE festival on Sept. 21.
- To Virginia Showalter who has agreed to coordinate and supervise our paid nursery staff in the short term while other possibilities are discussed.

**Potluck Sunday immediately following the worship service on Oct. 6.** Please bring a dish to share and your own plates, cups, and utensils. All are welcome!

Mentors and mentees are invited to a **mentor/mentee hike on Sunday, Oct. 6.** We will plan to leave at **12:30 from the upper parking lot after our church potluck.** Please email Brendan (brendan.erb@gmail.com) or Maria (mariaayoder@gmail.com) if you are able to attend and if you are willing to drive.

**The next meeting of WWW. will be Wednesday, Oct. 9.** Those who have previously attended will get details in an email. If you are new and want to know more about this ladies group or have any questions or interest please contact Carol Schirch (schirhc@gmail.com) at 540-421-8409.

**Budget Report | September 22** (Attendance: 141)

ACTUAL		BUDGETED	
Weekly Offering	\$3,180.00	Weekly Offering	\$3,647.90
September	\$9,853.05	Avg. Monthly	\$15,807.59
YTD	\$130,064.88	YTD	\$138,620.37
Patchwork Pantry (4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday)	\$0.00		

	<b>Today</b>	<b>Next Sunday</b>
<b>Worship Setup</b>	<i>Joel Yoder</i>	<i>Joel Yoder</i>
<b>Offering &amp; Mic-Setup</b>	<i>Ellen Miller and Doug Root</i>	<i>Cathy Smeltzer Erb and Marci Frederick</i>
<b>Snack Schedule &amp; Coffee Clean-up</b>	<i>Erin Williams Pat Hostetter &amp; Earl Martin</i>	<i>Potluck Hospitality Committee, all welcome to help</i>
<b>Greeters</b>	<i>Josh Diamond</i>	<i>Rachel &amp; Andrew Jenner</i>
<b>Nursery schedule</b>	<i>Paid child care</i>	<i>Paid child care</i>
<b>Acorns (PreK)</b>	<i>Hannah Kelley</i>	<i>Cindy Miller</i>
<b>Sprouts (K-5<sup>th</sup>)</b>	<i>Daniel Showalter and Virginia Showalter</i>	<i>Tim Godshall and Carol Schirch</i>
<b>Mixed Forest (6<sup>th</sup> through Elders)</b>	<i>Anabaptist Service: Arlene &amp; David Wiens and Kajungu Mturi, facilitated by Peter Barlow from the Mission &amp; Service Committee</i>	<i>Anabaptist Service, facilitated by Laurie Miller from the Mission &amp; 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.