

*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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**Safe Congregation Committee:** *Kate Clark, 810-1067; Ross Erb, 435-0350; Anne Martin, 432-1086; Brian Bolton, 830-8381; 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

October 6, 2019 | Covenant Sunday, Quarterly Communion,  
& Mentor/Mentee Blessing

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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**

*What is this place*

HWB 1

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

One: The apostles said to the Lord

**Congregation: Increase our faith!**

## **HEARING THE WORD**

**Scripture Reading**

Luke 17:1-6

**Homily**

Go jump

**Hymn**

*There are many gifts*

HWB 304

## **CELEBRATING OUR COVENANT**

**Mentor/Mentee Blessing**

Chad Gusler and Willem Kishbaugh,  
Hannah Kelley and Jocelyn Cook  
Joel Yoder and Matt Schaeffer

**... As your community, we support you in these new relationships, and we pray that each of you grow in wisdom. We affirm youth and mentors alike as you accompany one another on the journey.**

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**... May the love of God, which turns strangers into friends, guide and keep these relationships. May Christ's enduring faithfulness be an example for you. And may the Spirit's creativity bless you with joy and energy for the coming year.**

**Hymn**

*Guide my feet*

HWB 546

## **Children's Time**

**Hymn**

*Seeking the Heart of Shalom*

*by Merrill Miller*

*(Refrain)*

Seeking the heart of Shalom

Whenever we gather we're home

Seeking the heart of Shalom

Wherever we gather we're home

1. Shalom is a growing seed  
Strong in a throng of weeds  
From acorn young  
Through rain and sun  
Becoming a forest of trees
2. Shalom is trust and peace  
Proclaim the captives released  
The blind will see  
The lame will leap  
And the deaf will hear indeed

*(Refrain)*

3. Shalom is sanctuary  
Respite from the incendiary  
We respect each one  
All are welcome to come  
The lost, the found, and the wary
4. Shalom is more than a place  
More than a friendly face  
Instead of battleships  
We build relationships  
Because that is sacred space

*(Refrain, sing twice)*

## Invitation to the Table & to the Covenant <sup>1</sup>

This is Christ's table.

It is Shalom's table.

**All: It is our table.**

All are welcome,  
regardless of age or creed,  
debts or doubts,  
full of joy or full of sorrow,  
Christ welcomes you.

...on the night when he was betrayed Jesus took a loaf of bread  
and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said,

**"This is my body for you. When you share bread together,  
remember me."**

In the same way, he took the cup also after supper, saying,  
**"This cup is the new covenant; when you drink it together,  
remember me."**

**Hymn** *Here I am, Lord* HWB 395

### RESPONDING

#### **Prayers of the People**

*Loving God, we offer you our prayer*

**Offering** *Thou true Vine* HWB 373

### SENDING

#### **Introductions & Announcements**

#### **Benediction & Passing of the Peace**

*Peace before us* STS 16

**TODAY** Speaker: *Brian Bolton*; Worship Leader: *Bethany Chupp*;  
Music Leader: *Marci Frederick*; Children's Time: *Carrie Dengler*  
*Wenger*; Visuals: *Ruby Friesen Zehr*; Prayers of the People: Brian  
Bolton

<sup>1</sup> All of our communion bread is gluten-free today.

## **Covenant Statement of Life and Practice:**

I commit myself to following the way of Jesus through personal disciplines such as:

- Regular Bible study, meditation, and fasting
- Praying for Shalom, the Mennonite Church, local and global concerns
- A simple lifestyle as a steward of God's creation
- Seeking peace and reconciliation with others
- Practicing sacrificial love and refraining from violence and retaliation
- Participating in the life of the poor and all who are oppressed
- Sharing God's liberating love and inviting others to follow the way of Jesus
- Extending friendship and hospitality to everyone

As a member of this congregation, I commit myself to our faith community through:

- Fostering community life by offering fellowship and encouragement
- Mutual accountability to other members of our church
- Involvement in a small group
- Participating regularly in worship services
- Taking an active part in congregational discernment and decision making
- Developing my spiritual gifts and helping others develop theirs
- Giving generously to support the church and its mission

## Worship Calendar | Upcoming Speakers and Events

**Oct. 13** Brian Bolton  
**Oct. 20** Brian Bolton  
**Oct. 27** TBD | Child Blessing for Elijah Swartzentruber  
**Nov. 3** Brian Bolton

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mentors and mentees are invited to a **mentor/mentee hike TODAY**. We plan to leave at **12:30 from the upper parking lot after our church potluck**. Questions: see Brendan Erb or Maria Yoder.

**Sharon Landis just published a children's picture book**. It's a delightful story of a neglected, but spirited puppy who finds is special person and a place to belong. Come celebrate with us on her accomplishment! If you come, please bring lawn chairs or blankets for sitting, bug spray—mainly for gnats—and kites to fly on our breezy hills. Details in the e-newsletter.

**All are invited to complete a Covenant Survey**—it's one of the main ways we can take a pulse of your interest in participating in the life of Shalom. Complete it online at [shalommc.org/get-involved](http://shalommc.org/get-involved), or pick up and return a copy on the hospitality table at worship.

**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 ([schirchc@gmail.com](mailto:schirchc@gmail.com)) at 540-421-8409.

Marty put together a great tutorial for adding your picture and updating your contact information in Breeze—**Shalom's online church directory**. You can find the link in the e-newsletter. It would be an awesome gift for her—and to each other—to get those pictures loaded and info updated during this Covenanting month. —*Elizabeth, Admin. Assistant*

## Budget Report | September 29 (Attendance: 171)

ACTUAL		BUDGETED	
Weekly Offering	\$1,841.00	Weekly Offering	\$3,647.90
September	\$11694.05	Avg. Monthly	\$15,807.59
YTD	\$131,905.88	YTD	\$142,268.27

*(Current YTD giving is \$10,362.39 less than anticipated)*

	<i>Today</i>	<i>Next Sunday</i>
<b>Worship Setup</b>	<i>Joel Yoder</i>	<i>TBD</i>
<b>Offering &amp; Mic-Setup</b>	<i>Cathy Smeltzer Erb and Marci Frederick</i>	<i>Jay Landis and Nate Miller</i>
<b>Snack Schedule &amp; Coffee Clean-up</b>	<i>Potluck Hospitality Committee, all welcome to help</i>	<i>TBD</i>
<b>Greeters</b>	<i>Rachel &amp; Andrew Jenner</i>	<i>Kirsten Beachy</i>
<b>Nursery schedule</b>	<i>Paid child care</i>	<i>Paid child care</i>
<b>Acorns (PreK)</b>	<i>Cindy Miller</i>	<i>Hannah Kelley</i>
<b>Sprouts (K-5<sup>th</sup>)</b>	<i>Tim Godshall and Carol Schirch</i>	<i>Tim Godshall and Clara Yoder</i>
<b>Mixed Forest (6<sup>th</sup> through Elders)</b>	<i>Anabaptist Service: Anne Graber Hershberger, facilitated by Laurie Miller 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.