

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

October 13, 2019

I am increasingly convinced that conversion is the individual equivalent of revolution. Therefore every real revolutionary is challenged to be a mystic at heart, and he [she/they] who walks the mystical way is called to unmask the illusory quality of human society.

~Henri Nouwen, The Wounded Healer

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 *Holy Spirit, Come With Power* HWB 26

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: we walked into church today
each of us needing this circle in different ways

Left: Some of us need strength
because we are facing a big challenge.

Center: Some of us need hope,
because we are feel like giving up.

Right: Some of us need love
because we are feeling alone.

One: Some of us just need 15 minutes
of someone else holding our child, so our spirit can
rest.

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No matter our pain or problem,
If we can be present, to ourselves, to our neighbor

Left: whether through words or music,

Center: a touch, a smile, a glimpse of a memory

Right: or in a quiet moment of reflection.

One: Through these incessant prayers
we will know that God is here,
all around us
and we have no need to fear or despair

All: Amen

Hymns *Lord, speak to me* HWB 499

When the storms of life are raging HWB 558

Silence my Soul STS 97

HEARING THE WORD

Scripture Reading

Luke 18:1-8

Children's Time

Sermon

Prayerful Resistance

RESPONDING

Hymn

O Lord Hear my Prayer

HWB 348

Prayers of the People

Loving God, we offer you our prayer

Passing of the Peace

Peace before us

STS 16

Offering & Covenant Signing

Seeking the Heart of Shalom

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SENDING

Introductions & Announcements

Benediction

TODAY Speaker & Prayers of the People: *Brian Bolton*; Worship Leader: *Jaime Miller*; Music Leader: *Duane Bontrager*; Children's Time: *Miller's Puppets*; Visuals: *Lara Ressler Horst*

Calendar | Upcoming Speakers and Events

Oct. 20 Brian Bolton

Oct. 27 Child Blessing for Elijah Swartzentruber

Nov. 3 Brian Bolton

Nov. 10 Congregational Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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, or pick up and return a copy on the hospitality table at worship.

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 Covenanting. *-Elizabeth, Admin. Asst.*

The **Mixed Forest Faith Formation** hour begins a nine-week series next Sunday, Oct. 20 running through Dec. 15. The focus will be on writers in our congregation sharing reflections on their writing. Presenters will be Kristen Beachy, John Asa Hertzler, Sharon Landis, Clara Yoder, Verne Schirch, Jocelyn Cook, John Lehman, Ken Seitz and Merrill Miller.

All are welcome to join Emi Muniz, his mentor, Tom Benevento, and parents Miguel and Anaid for a special **9th grade blessing for Emi** upon his entrance into high school. We will gather at the fire ring inside **Park Woods at 6 p.m. on Sunday evening Oct. 20**, followed by ice cream in Park Cabin.

Budget Report | October 6 (Attendance: 149)

ACTUAL		BUDGETED	
Weekly Offering	\$8,792.75	Weekly Offering	\$3,647.90
October	\$8,792.75	Avg. Monthly	\$15,807.59
YTD	\$140,673.63	YTD	\$145,916.18
My Coins Count	\$455.98		

(Current YTD giving is \$5,237.55 less than anticipated)

	Today	Next Sunday
Worship Setup	<i>Kajungu Mturi</i>	<i>Jaime Miller</i>
Offering & Mic-Setup	<i>Jay Landis and Nate Miller</i>	<i>Cliff Lind and Clara Yoder</i>
Snack Schedule & Coffee Clean-up	<i>Meredith Roof and Judith Wright</i>	<i>TBD</i>
Greeters	<i>Kirsten Beachy</i>	<i>Cliff & Hope Lind</i>
Nursery schedule	<i>Paid child care</i>	<i>Paid child care</i>
Acorns (PreK)	<i>Hannah Kelley</i>	<i>Susan Godshall</i>
Sprouts (K-5th)	<i>Tim Godshall and Clara Yoder</i>	<i>Daniel Showalter and Jan Emswiler</i>
Mixed Forest (6th through Elders)	<i>Anabaptist Service, facilitated by Laurie Miller from the Mission & Service Committee</i>	<i>Sharing Our Stories: Kirsten Beachy</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.

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)