

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.

Large-print hymnals and hearing assistance devices are available on (or near) the hymnal cart.



Shalom Mennonite Congregation is a welcoming and inclusive community rooted in Jesus' radical call to love, justice, and peace.

We seek to grow our welcome and inclusion as we deepen our spirituality, build meaningful relationships, work for peace and social justice, and cultivate diverse community connections.

Visit our website at shalommc.org/vision to find out more about who we are, what we do, and what we strive for. You can also read there about our commitment statements regarding inclusion of people who identify as LGBTQIA+, and our policy and practices around maintaining an environment that protects children from abuse.

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Staff: Brian Bolton, Pastor; Elizabeth Fletchall, Admin. Assistant; Carrie Yoder, Nursery & Safe Congregation Policy Administrator; Jaime Miller, Sunday Set-up Supervisor

Administrative Council & Congregational Chair: Anne Martin

Please contact any member of the Safe Congregation Team 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: Kate Clark, 810-1067; Ross Erb, 435-0350; Anne Martin, 432-1086; Brian Bolton, 830-8381.

Shalom Mennonite Congregation

March 15, 2020 | Third Sunday in Lent

I recall that it was women who insisted on discovering God as a God of Life . . . Being bearers and sustainers of life women found new meaning in God as God of life, and themselves became stronger as defenders and bearers of life, not only in the biological sense but in all its dimensions . . ."

~Elizabeth Johnson, *She Who Is*

GATHERING

Centering Bell

Gathering Song *Here to the house of God we come* STS 53

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: Sophia!
 you of the whirling wings.
 circling encompassing
 energy of God:

you quicken the world in your clasp.

1: One wing soars in heaven
 2: one wing sweeps the earth
 3: and the third flies all around us

All: Praise to Sophia!
 Let all the earth praise her!

Hymn *Like a mother who has borne us* STJ 91

HEARING THE WORD

Scripture Reading John 4:5-42

Children's Time

Hymn

Sermon Speaking a Gendered Story

RESPONDING

Hymn *My soul cries out* STS 124

Prayers of the People

Loving God, we offer you our prayer

Passing the Peace *Peace before us* STS 16

Offering

SENDING

Introductions & Announcements

Benediction

TODAY Speaker: *Krista Showalter Ehst*; Worship Leader: *Kirsten Beachy*; Music Leader: *Brian Bolton*; Children's Time: *Laurie Miller*

Calendar | Upcoming Speakers and Events

Mar. 22 Brian Bolton

Mar. 29 Brian Bolton

Apr. 5 Palm Sunday

Apr. 10 Good Friday

Apr. 12 Easter | Brian Bolton

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Shalom wishes to support students attending Eastern Mennonite School (K-12) by participating in a **tuition grant program**. This is an opportunity to preserve and promote the values, traditions, and perspectives of the Mennonite Church. If you are interested in contributing you can do so by **writing a separate check with "EMS Fund"** in the memo line and either mail it to the office or include it in the regular offering on Sunday. **For information and the application for EMS families, please see the e-newsletter.**

Budget Report | March 8 (Attendance: 121)

<u>ACTUAL</u>		<u>BUDGETED</u>	
Weekly Offering	\$3,262.00	Weekly Offering	\$3,648.58
March	\$6,258.00	Avg. Monthly	\$15,810.52
YTD	\$37,821.25	YTD	\$36,485.81
EMS Fund	\$1,100.00		
Patchwork Pantry	\$34.66		