



Shalom Mennonite Congregation

August 21, 2022 | Bearing Witness

GATHERING

Gathering Song

Could It Be That God Is Singing

VT 42

Centering Bell

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: May we return daily to savor precious moments of lived experience.

All: May our experience continue to be a great teacher.

One: May we revisit and generate big questions.

All: May we ask questions and “live into the answers” (Rilke).

One: May we revive our curiosity daily, in darkness and in light.

All: May we open ourselves to revelation.

One: May we go back and identify what may no longer serve, and let it go.

All: May we fear not embracing our darkness and fear not shining our light.

One: May we embrace moments of being a fool

All: May we light up for back to school!

Hymns

You Are Salt For The Earth

VT 297

Let There Be Light

VT 714

HEARING THE WORD

Scripture

Matthew 5:14-16

Children’s Time & Blessings

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Hymn

This Little Light of Mine

Stories from Mennonite World Conference

RESPONDING

Hymn

Arise, Your Light is Come

VT 273

Prayers of the People

Offering

Offering Hymn

New Earth, Heavens New

VT 377

SENDING

Introductions, Announcements

Benediction

Go Now in Peace

VT 835

Katie Mansfield, Worship Leader

Duane Bontrager, Music Leader

Brian Bolton, Children's Time

Andrew & Karen Suderman, Speakers

Georgia Metz, Prayers of the People

Anthony Zook, Carrie Yoder, Tech

Support

Ruby Frisen Zehr, Visuals Coordinator

Announcements

Aug 28: Stewardship Sunday - Stewardship is one of those key practices of anabaptism, and this Sunday some of Shalom's current and former members of Stewardship / Finance and Facility Committee will update us and lead us in thinking about how we share money and time with one another.

Sept 9-11: Shalom Retreat! Back in full swing, from Friday to Sunday afternoon. RSVP [here](#) by Monday, August 22.

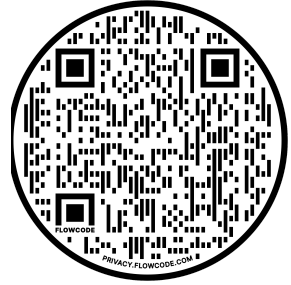
Sept 18: Fall Kickoff Sunday Anti-Racism Small Groups, Children's StoryTime, and our new year of following scriptures in the Narrative Lectionary (Year 1).

Budget Report | Aug 14, 2022

<u>ACTUAL</u>		<u>BUDGETED</u>	
Weekly Offering	\$4,985.56	Weekly Offerings	\$3,648.58
Aug	\$11,475.56	Avg. Monthly	\$15,810.52
YTD	\$165,111.47	YTD	\$182,429.07

Regular offering, as well as donations to other funds can all be made online at <https://shalommc.breezechms.com/give/online> as well as mailed into 1086A Smith Ave, Harrisonburg VA 22802.

Visitors: Welcome to Shalom! 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. You can also scan the QR code to fill out a survey about yourself!



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 Many who identify as LGBTQIA+, and our policy and practices around maintaining an environment that protects children from abuse.

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Congregational Chair: Donna Schminkey

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: Donna Schminkey, 540-478-6576, Georgia Metz, 540-830-8490, Ross Erb, 435-0350; Brian Bolton, 830-8381.

Kindergarten Blessing

Azra Clymer

Dean Brubaker

Elias Ozuna Barge

Lydia Swartzentruber

Otis Bailey

One: Today we celebrate our children at Shalom, especially Azra, Dean, Elias, Lydia, and Otis.

Many: Children remind us how to play, to have delight and wonder. They challenge us to think in new ways and be open to new ideas.

Parents: We are grateful for you and your place in our families.

Many: We are grateful that you are part of our Shalom family.

One: We ask God to bless your learning at home, at school, and at play.

Many: We love you and want to grow with you.

We will celebrate your successes and stand by you when you fail.

One: As Jesus blessed the little children, we bless you, young friends.

ALL: May you grow in wisdom, faith, and love.

Blessing for the New School Year

One: Source of all Wisdom, at the start of this new school year,

Many: Bless us as learners, teachers, and seekers.

One: Give us strength to grow in body, mind, and spirit.

Help us to be curious about your creation.

Many: Keep us mindful of others who are learning and growing alongside us.

One: Give us courage to explore the gifts you have given us, and in gratitude, freely share them with others.

ALL: God, Source of all Wisdom, bless each of these students of life this year.