



Shalom Mennonite Congregation

September 18, 2022

GATHERING

Centering Bell & Candlelighting

Gathering Song

Come, Walk with Us

VT 23

Welcome

Call to Worship

All: Welcome are you who need permission to change.

One: The world around you has changed. Everything is different now. Your body, your age, your relationships, your job, your faith, the things that once brought you joy, the way you exist in the world. The people you love and trust and rely on.

All: Welcome are you who see that things have changed.

One: And it would be silly to imagine we haven't changed *with* them. We are not who we once were.

All: Bless that old self.

They did such a great job with what they knew.

One: They made you who you were-- all the mistakes and heartbreak and naivety and courage.

All: And blessed are who you are now.

One: You who aren't pretending things are the same. Who continue to grow and stretch and show up to your life as it really is. Wholehearted, vulnerable, maybe a little afraid.

All: So blessed and welcome are we today: The Changed.*

Hymn

Summoned By the God Who Made Us

VT 1

HEARING THE WORD

Children's Time

Confession

One: Author of life, some scriptures are especially challenging for us to read, leaving us bewildered and repulsed.

All: We lament the violence in them, in our stories, and in our lives.

One: There are things in these stories attributed to you that we must believe were not your deeds or your will.

All: There are things in our lives – things done and undone – which we also know are not of God.

(silence for calling these things to mind)

One: In today's story, we can find the seeds of patriarchy, slavery and exploitation, and confusion between being chosen with being worthy.

Forgive us for these sins, both personal and collective.

(silence)

Sacred companion, as we wrestle with scripture today,

All: Assure us once again of your love, inspire us with hope, and send us toward justice.

Hymn	<i>God of the Bible</i>	VT 420
Scripture	Genesis 12:1-9	
Sermon		

RESPONDING

Hymn	<i>How Many Times We Start Again</i>	VT 553
-------------	--------------------------------------	--------

Prayers of the People

Offering	<i>Come and See</i>	VT 282
-----------------	---------------------	--------

SENDING

Introductions, Announcements

Benediction & Passing the Peace

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you!

Krista Showalter Ehst, Prayers of the People

Melody Mast, Worship Leader

Phil Easley, Carrie Yoder, Tech Support

Stan Godshall, Music Leader

Ruby Frisen Zehr, Visual

Joel Yoder, Children's Time

Daniel Showalter, Georgia Metz, Iris

Brian Bolton, Speaker

Anderson, Leading Children's

StoryTime

*Adapted from Kate Bowler's *Blessing when you need permission to change.*

Announcements

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).

Greeters Needed: Hospitality Team is looking for more volunteers for the Sunday morning greeter rotation. There is a sign up sheet available today. You can also email Bethany Chupp (bethany.chupp@gmail.com) if you'd be willing to occasionally be on the schedule to greet people and hand out bulletins at the beginning of worship.

Youth group starts today!

Youth group will meet on the following dates from 3-4:30 at EMS:

September 18

October 2, 16, 23

November 6

December 4

Special events for youth: Junior High Retreat October 28-29, Flames Fun Night Wednesday November 16, Children's musical weekend of November 19-20, Youth Christmas party December 11

Exploring women's groups: there will be a gathering in the EMS foyer this Weds, Sep 21st at 7 p.m. for any who are interested in joining a Shalom women's group. If you're interested but can't attend, be in touch with Krista (krista@shalommc.org).

Budget Report | Sep 11, 2022

2022 Budget \$264,396

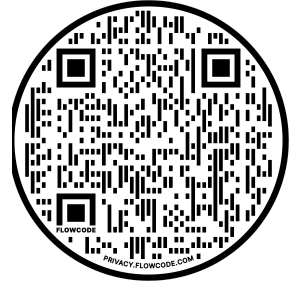
Year-to-Date (YTD) Budget: \$183,514.25

YTD Offerings Received: \$152,795.68

YTD Expenses: \$186,070.76

Current Deficit: -\$33,275.08

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.

Office and Mailing Address

1086A Smith Ave, Harrisonburg VA 22802

Phone 540-432-1659

Staff

Pastors: Brian Bolton, Georgia Metz, Krista Showalter Ehst;
Communications Specialist: Carrie Yoder; Bookkeeper: Jooyeon Kim;
Facilities Setup Coordinator: Norys Robles. Nursery & Safe
Congregations Administrator: Ellen Miller.:

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.