



# Shalom Mennonite Congregation

October 2, 2022

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## GATHERING

Centering Bell

Gathering Song

*Somos Pueblo que camina/ We Are People on a Journey*

VT 464

Welcome

Call to Worship

*"The God who yearns and waits for us"*

Walter Bruggemann

Hymn

*Called by Earth and Sky*

VT 806

## HEARING THE WORD

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 hear of enemies hardened instead of humanized, and destroyed instead of loved.

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.**

Scripture

Exodus 14:5-7, 10-14, 21-29

Sermon

## RESPONDING

Hymn

*With Mary Sing Magnificat*

VT 208

Children's Time

## Communion, Covenant Signing, and Offering

*In the coming year I commit to Shalom Mennonite Congregation in being welcoming, inclusive, and following Jesus' way of love, justice, and peace. I will work to bring about Shalom by building relationships with others, committing to causes of peace and justice inside and outside our congregation, and attending to both my personal and our collective spiritual journey and transformation.*

*...he took bread, gave thanks, and broke the bread, saying*

***When you share bread together, remember me.***

*Jesus took the cup and said:*

***This cup is the new covenant. When you drink it together, remember me.***

*I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table*

VT 801

*Draw the Circle*

VT 802

*Haleluya! Pelo tsa rona*

VT 473

## Prayers of the People

### Hymn

*Come and See*

VT 282

(children are invited to place offerings on the board and depart for StoryTime)

## SENDING

### Introductions, Announcements

### Benediction & Passing the Peace

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you!**

*Jane Peifer, Worship Leader*

*Krista Showalter Ehst, Music Leader*

*Barbara Moyer Lehman, Children's  
Time*

*Brian Bolton, Speaker*

*Melody King, Lyubov Slashcheva, Steve  
Jones, Musicians*

*Krista Showalter Ehst, Prayers of the  
People*

*Phil Easley, Carrie Yoder, Tech Support  
Viola Miller, Visual*

## **Announcements**

Today is a **Celebration Snackluck**, and all are invited to stay for a time of snacks and fellowship. You can also take this time to make a **name tag** to use from week to week at Shalom. Leave your completed name tag in the box on the welcome table in the foyer.

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**New Shalom Women's Groups:** there are two upcoming opportunities to explore some new women's groups. This Wednesday, October 5th at 6:30 p.m., Sharon Landis will host a group that is focused on creative/artistic expressions of spirituality. Please RSVP to Sharon ([spritsong.sl@gmail.com](mailto:spritsong.sl@gmail.com)) if you plan to attend or need directions.

On Wednesday, October 26th at 6:30 p.m., a women's group will gather at the church office to explore possibilities for a less structured group of connection.

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We are going to be posting a sheet where people can sign up to send something (a package, letter, or card via snail mail or email) to Jaime, Evelin, Sammy, and Tito once a month. This is to show our support for them during the five years that they are in Nicaragua.

Their emails are: [evelingonzalez@mcc.org](mailto:evelingonzalez@mcc.org) and

[jaimemillergonzalez@mcc.org](mailto:jaimemillergonzalez@mcc.org)

Their mailing address is:

Evelin Gonzalez

CO Comité Central Menonita

Linda Vista Norte

De la panadería norma media cuadra al este, una al norte, media al oeste.

Casa # 57.

Managua, Nicaragua

## **Budget Report | Sep 25, 2022**

2022 Budget \$264,396

Year-to-Date (YTD) Budget: \$198,274.50

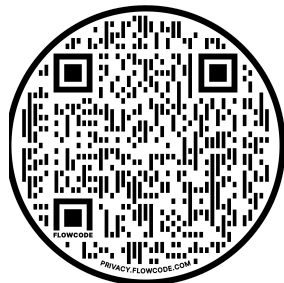
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YTD Offerings Received: \$158,354.27

YTD Expenses: \$198,417.24

Current Deficit: -\$40,062.97

*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](mailto:office@shalommc.org). You can also scan the QR code to fill out a survey about yourself!*



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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](http://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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## **Office and Mailing Address**

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## **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