



# Shalom Mennonite Congregation

October 30, 2022

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## GATHERING

Centering Bell

Gathering Song *Come Away From Rush and Hurry*

VT 9

Welcome

Call to Worship

Hymn

*Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom*

VT 196

## HEARING THE WORD

Children's Time

Hymn

*Be Thou my Vision*

VT 196

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: Today's story reinforces negative stereotypes of women in history, and could be misconstrued as condoning violence as a tool of discernment and coercion.

*(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

1 Kings 3:1-28

Sermon

*Dreaming of Wisdom and Justice*

## RESPONDING

Hymn

*Quietly, Peacefully*

VT 533

Mentor Blessing

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Prayers of the People & Covenant Signing

*All are welcome to come up and sign the covenant.*

Hymn

*Come and See*

*Children 5-11 may come up to the front to go to Story Time.*

Offering

**SENDING**

**Introductions, Announcements  
Benediction & Passing the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

*The Peace of the Earth*

VT 838

*Anne Martin, Worship Leader  
Duane Bontrager, Music Leader  
Barbara Moyer Lehman, Children's  
Time  
Tim Godshall, Peter Fairfield, Steve  
Jones, Micah Shristi, Musicians*

*Brian Bolton, Speaker & Prayers of the  
People  
Rachel Holderman, Visuals  
Carrie Yoder, Aaron Kishbaugh, Doug  
Root, Tech*

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Next Sunday, Nov 6th, we'll have our annual **All Souls' Service of Remembrance**. All are invited to bring pictures or mementos of loved ones that they have lost.

**College-aged Care Packages:** the Mentors and Mentees will be assembling **care packages for 16 Shalomers** after church on Sunday, November 13th. We'll be collecting items for these packages on Nov 6th & 13th. You're invited to bring in small donations (treats, office supplies, gum, etc.). Any contributions can be placed in a bin on the Welcome Table over the next two Sundays.

**Budget Report | Oct 26, 2022**

2022 Budget \$264,396.00  
Year-to-Date (YTD) Budget: \$218,610.35

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YTD Offerings Received: \$176,481.91  
YTD Expenses: \$217,025.27  
Current Deficit: -40,467.40

*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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### **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

## Mentor Blessing

Leader: Fionn and Peter, Samantha and Allison, Matea and Hannah, this morning we invite the blessing of God to be upon each of you as you intentionally share your journeys with one another.

**Congregation: As your community, we support you in your journey, and we pray that you each discover wisdom in the other. We affirm youth and mentors alike as you learn from one another and grow in faith, hope, and love.**

Mentees: We come with real hopes and expectations, with questions and curiosities about our faith and our world.

Mentors: We also come with hopes and expectations, questions and curiosities.

May the power of God, the love of Christ, and the communion of the Holy Spirit guide us to create space and extend our lives as an invitation for years to come.

Mentor/ees: Today, we commit to growing together

Mentees: laughing together

Mentors: grieving together

Mentees: working together

Mentors: listening and responding together

Mentees: thinking and dreaming together

Mentor/ees: that we may join in the body of Christ together.

**Congregation: May the love of God, which turns strangers into friends, guide and keep these relationships. May Christ's enduring faithfulness be an example for you. And may the Spirit's creativity bless you with joy and energy for the coming year.**