



# Shalom Mennonite Congregation

November 06, 2022 | All Soul's Day

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## GATHERING

### Centering Bell & Candle Lighting

Welcome

Hymn

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

VT 419

## HEARING THE WORD

Children's Time

Speaking Grief

Jeremiah 31:15

Jan Richardness, 'Blessing for the Dailiness of Grief'

Hymn

*By the Waters of Babylon*

VT 695

Sharing Remembrance

Hebrews 12:1-2

Excerpts from Digital Storytelling Archives

Hymn

*Sometimes a Light Surprises*

VT 618

Held by Hope

Mary Oliver, 'After her Death'

Revelation 21:1-6

Hymn

*Nothing is Lost on the Breath of God*

VT 653

## RESPONDING

**Litany for Remembering**

One: We gather this morning in this season of resting and dormancy, when deep gratitude and deep sorrow mingle.

**Many: We thank God for that great circle in which we are united with all those who have gone before us.**

We set aside this day to remember and honor our loved ones who have died; to light candles and tell stories to reflect their ongoing presence in and influence on our lives.

**Though we are separated by death they are held in God's heart.**

**Though we cannot touch them, they are close at hand.**

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In the rising of the sun and it's going down,

**We remember them.**

In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter,

**We remember them.**

In the opening buds and in the rebirth of spring,

**We remember them.**

In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer,

**We remember them.**

In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn,

**We remember them.**

In the beginning of the year and when it ends,

**We remember them.**

When we are weary and in need of strength,

**We remember them.**

When we are lost and are sick of heart,

**We remember them.**

When we have joys we yearn to share,

**We remember them.**

So long as we live, they too shall live,

**For they are now a part of us,**

**As we remember them.**

## **Prayers of the People**

**Hymn**

*Come and See*

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

**Offering**

*Precious Lord*

VT 610

## **SENDING**

**Introductions, Announcements**

**Benediction & Passing the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

*Krista Showalter Ehst & Brian Bolton,  
Worship Leader*

*Barbara Moyer Lehman, Music Leader*

*Ross Erb, Children's Time*

*Kirsten Beachy, Herb Myers, Margaret*

*Wenger Johnson, Readers*

*Emily Hershberger, Brian Bolton, Jane  
Peifer, Susan Godshall, Musicians*

*Georgia Metz, Prayers of the People*

*Emily Hershberger, Visuals*

*Carrie Yoder, Aaron Kishbaugh, Doug*

*Root, Tech*

## Announcements

Opportunities following today's worship:

- Stay for a time of fellowship at our **Celebration Snackluck**, and take time to note the names on the whiteboard—these are Shalomers with November birthdays, so you can wish them a happy birthday if you see them.
- Take time to look at the **Memorial Sculpture**, as well as the **Memorial Book**, which will be available in the foyer. Thanks to members of our Memorial Guild—Herb Myers, Suzi Martinez Carter, Margaret Wenger Johnson, and Micah Shristi—for the work they've put into these projects.
- Contribute to **care packages** for college-aged Shalomers. There's a bin in the foyer for donated items, as well as notecards for writing notes. These will be available again **next Sunday, Nov 13th**.
- Head outside to have your picture taken by Howard Zehr for the directory, either as an updated or first-time **directory photo**.

**Sat Nov 19th, 'Guess Who's Coming to the Fire Ring'**: Sign up to be a guest around someone else's fire ring, or to host Shalomers around your own fire ring on the 19th @ 4 p.m. There's a sign-up sheet in the foyer today, and you can find a link to sign up online in an email that went out this past week. That link will be also be in this coming week's newsletter.

## **Upcoming Connections Opportunities:**

- **New Women's Group**: gathering this Wednesday, Nov 9th at Cathy Smeltzer Erb's House. 455 Monte Vista Drive Rockingham 22802.
- **Shalom Sages**: if you self-identify as a 'sage' or 'elder,' you're welcome to gather on the fifth floor lounge of VMRC's Park Gables on Monday, Nov 14th @ 10 a.m. For a fun icebreaker, wear a hat that represents some kind of latent dream (what have you always wanted to do or be?).

## **Budget Report | Oct 30, 2022**

2022 Budget \$264,396.00

Year-to-Date (YTD) Budget: \$223,694.31

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YTD Offerings Received: \$178,034.94

YTD Expenses: \$220,502.47

Current Deficit: -42,467.53

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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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