



Shalom Mennonite Congregation

March 19, 2023 | Lent 4 - Parable of the Talents

GATHERING

Centering Bell

Gathering Song *Jesus Calls Us*

VT 30

Welcome

Litany of Gathering

Leader: Open our ears

People: to hear your word.

Leader: Open our eyes

People: to see your presence.

Leader: Open our arms

People: to the embrace of community.

Leader: Open our minds

People: to the beauty of truth.

Leader: Open our hearts

People: to the joy of new life.

Hymns

How Can We Be Silent

VT 790

In Thee is Gladness

VT 666

HEARING THE WORD

Children's Time

Scripture

Matthew 25:14-30

Sermon

Weighty Matters

RESPONDING

Litany of Response

One: Jesus invites us into the upside down kingdom of God, where the first are last, the table is widened, and we find the presence of God moving in the most unlikely places. But sometimes we are unable to see God at work. When our ways are too narrow and our paths are too comfortable:

Many: Give us eyes to see as you see.

One: When we are confused and afraid:

Many: Give us ears to hear the good news that you are here among us.

One: When we neglect to extend welcome and mercy to all:

Many: Give us open hands and hearts.

Silence for reflection

Hymn

Open Our Eyes, Lord (Abre mis ojos)

VT 732

Prayers of the People

Hymn *Come and See* VT 282
Children and youth are invited to leave for StoryTime.
Please make sure that children and youth bring their coats.

Offering

Offering Hymn *God, Whose Giving* VT 745

SENDING

Introductions, Announcements

Sending Song *The Peace of the Earth Be with You* VT 838

Benediction and Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Marci Frederick, Speaker

Anne Martin, Worship Leader

Barbara Moyer Lehman, Children's Time

Brandon Chupp, Music Leader

Emily Hershberger, Visuals.

Carrie Yoder, Brian Bolton Tech

Krista Showalter Ehst, Prayers

Jane Peifer, Barb Root, Iris Anderson,

Brian Bolton, Leading Children's

StoryTime

*Allison Yoder, Joel Yoder, Leading Chat &
Chew*

Virginia Showalter, Providing Snack

Announcements

This Sunday at Shalom:

9am: Discover Your Spiritual Type Class

10am: Worship

~11am-12:15 pm (after Prayers of the people) Children's Storytime, Youth Chat & Chew

11:30am-12:15pm: Parents' Circle in the library, activities offered for children of all ages

Next Sunday: Guest speaker Jonny Rashid will reflect on our scripture and the themes of his recent book, *Jesus Takes A Side*.

This Wednesday at 7 pm via Zoom join us for a discussion about how to respond to police and the American justice system as people of peace. Look for the link in your newsletter!

Holy Week at Shalom

April 2 Palm Sunday: 9 am Palm-a-Palooza activities for all ages, 10 am Worship

April 6 Maundy Thursday: 5:30-7:30 pm Family friendly service of potluck, footwashing, and communion

April 7 Good Friday: 7-8 pm Tenebrae Service of Shadows

April 9 Easter Morning: 6:45 am Drumming up the Sun, 7:15 am Worship, 8:30 am Brunch Potluck

Upcoming Birthdays

Mar 20 - Paul Versluis

Mar 22 - Judy Yoder

Mar 23 - James Ward

Mar 23 - Cynthia Yoder

Mar 24 - Hannah Mack-Boll

Mar 25 - Seraphine Makalele

Mar 25 - Ann Schaeffer

Mar 27 - Katie Showalter

Mar 28 - Erica Clymer

Mar 28 - Maria Lopez

Mar 28 - Clara Yoder

Budget Summary (March 12, 2023)

ACTUAL

Weekly Offering	\$3,349.65
March	\$24,570.30
YTD	\$61,778.62

BUDGETED

Weekly Offerings	\$5,499.69
Average Monthly	\$23,832.00
YTD	\$60,496.62

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 or access the giving link for Shalom.



Covid/Flu Policy - Masks are optional at our gatherings, but please join virtually if you are sick or mask if you are unsure or being cautious.

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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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: Tim Godshall, 540-908-8194, Georgia Metz, 540-830-8490, Ross Erb, 540-435-0350; Brian Bolton, 540-830-8381