

## **RESPONDING**

**Hymn** *Will You Come and Follow Me* VT 540

### **Children's Time**

### **Communion & Covenant Signing**

*Shalom practices an open table. Communion is open to all, including children. The bread is gluten free. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of bread and juice, you can cross your arms over your chest and the servers will give you a blessing. If you wish to receive communion where you sit, please raise your hand.*

**Hymns** *I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table* VT 801

*I Come with Joy* VT 478

*Nada te turbe* VT 604

### **Prayers of the People**

**Storytime Hymn** *Seeds* VT 777

*\*Children ages 5-11 are invited to leave worship for a snack & story*

### **Offering**

**Offering Hymn** *We Dream of a Turning* VT 209

## **SENDING**

### **Introductions, Announcements**

**Sending Song** *Go Now in Peace* VT 835

### **Benediction and Passing the Peace**

*The peace of Christ be with you.*

***And also with you.***

<i>Jane Hooper Peifer, Worship Leader</i>	<i>Daniel Zook, musician</i>
<i>Brian Bolton, Speaker</i>	<i>Irene and Sallie Beachy-Alderfer, Kai</i>
<i>Emily Hershberger, Visuals</i>	<i>and Ezra Wenger, Scripture Drama</i>
<i>Georgia Metz, Children's Time</i>	<i>Brandon Chupp, Hollis Showalter,</i>
<i>Brian Bolton, Prayers</i>	<i>AV Tech</i>
<i>Duane Bontrager, Music Leader</i>	<i>Marty Showalter, Zoom Host</i>

## **Covenant Season**

This Sunday begins Shalom's Covenant Season, when we consider our shared interests and commitments for the year ahead. Each Sunday in October we'll have an opportunity in worship for signing our shared covenant scroll, agreeing together that:

*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.*

We also hope all Shalom participants will complete our Covenant Survey online during October at [shalommc.org/covenant](http://shalommc.org/covenant).

## **Today at Shalom**

**9 am:** Fall book study

**10 am:** Worship. Staffed nursery for children through age 5 is available.

**11:30 am:** Snackluck, following worship. Bring a snack to share, your own plate, and stay after to enjoy fellowship and conversation.

## **Coming Up at Shalom**

**Oct 2:** Safe Congregation Committee, 7 pm

**Oct 4:** EMU Campus Animal Blessing, 4:15 pm

Community-wide Animal Blessing, 5:30 pm

**Oct 5:** Worship Team, 7 pm

**Oct 8:** Parents Circle, following worship. Gather outside for conversation & connections. Activities for children of all ages.

**Oct 18:** Contemplative Worship Service, 7 pm, EMU Discipleship Center

## **Budget Summary (September 24, 2023)**

### **ACTUAL**

Weekly Offering	\$ 3,557.75
September	\$12,866.76
YTD	\$174,784.08

### **BUDGETED**

Weekly Offerings	\$5,499.69
Average Monthly	\$23,832.00
YTD	\$214,488.00

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 or access the giving link for Shalom.



## Shalom Mennonite Congregation

October 1, 2023 | World Communion/Covenant Sunday

**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](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.

**Office and Mailing Address:** 1086A Smith Ave, Harrisonburg VA 22802  
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**Staff** Pastors: Brian Bolton, Georgia Metz, Krista Showalter Ehst; Administrative Assistant: Sandy Wenger; Bookkeeper: Joo Kim; Facilities Setup Coordinator: Norys Robles; Nursery & Safe Congregations Administrator: Ellen Miller.

**Congregational Chair:** Tim Godshall

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

### GATHERING

#### **Centering Bell & Candle lighting**

**Gathering Song** *Come Away from Rush and Hurry*

VT 9

#### **Welcome**

#### **Call to Worship**

One: Jesus, on our journey the road is often long and hard and lonely. So we have come to meet you here today with these fellow travelers

**Many: Forgive our blindness, our desire to turn back, our lack of faith.**

One: Open our eyes to your presence within us, around us, between us and who knows where.

And help us to notice burning bushes.

**All: Thank you for this feast of love . . . sharing bread, covenant and community. Full of mystery and yet full of tangible touchable gifts. Amen.**

#### **Hymn**

*I Sought the Lord*

VT 161

### HEARING THE WORD

#### **Scripture**

Exodus 1-3

#### **Sermon**