

HEARING THE WORD

Children's Time

Hymn *My Soul Cries Out* VT 412

Scripture Joel 1:8-10, 17-20; Psalm 18:6, 16-19;
Mark 1:9-13; Romans 8:18-19, 23

Sermon

RESPONDING

Hymn *Don't Be Afraid* VT 596

Prayers of the People

Storytime Hymn *Seeds* VT 777

Children ages 5-11 are invited to leave worship for a snack and story.

Offering

Offering Hymn *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* VT 419

SENDING

Introductions, Announcements

Sending Song *Go, My Friends, in Grace* VT 810

Benediction and Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Credits: Call to Worship by Gill Le Fevre

Alyssa Burkholder, Worship Leader Daniel Zook, Music Leader
Brian Bolton, Speaker Hollis Showalter, Joel Yoder, Lynelle
Viola Miller, Visuals Bush, AV Tech
Barbara Moyer Lehman,
Children's Time
Krista Showalter Ehst, Prayers

Season of Creation

This Sunday is the third in our four-Sunday series based on humanity's relationship with everything else, part of a growing global movement of churches to focus September on creation. This year, each Sunday follows imagery of Forest, Land, Wilderness, and River.

Today at Shalom

9 am: Fall book study

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

11 am-ish: Storytime for children begins

3 pm: Youth Group @ Riven Rock

Coming Up at Shalom

Sept. 24: After worship, there will be a notary available to notarize approved adult paperwork. Contact Ellen Miller with questions.

Children and Youth Fall 2023 Save-the-dates

Wednesday, October 4: Pet blessing, stuffed animals welcome!

Oct. 20-21: Shen. Valley Mennonite Middle School Retreat at Highland Retreat

October 29: Trunk or Treat at Muhlenberg Lutheran Church

Nov. 5, 12, 19: Circle of Grace boundaries training for kids

Nov. 19: Youth Progressive Dinner

December 10: Christmas Pageant

Budget Summary (September 10, 2023)

ACTUAL

Weekly Offering	\$4,217.18
September	\$5,704.48
YTD	\$167,621.80

BUDGETED

Weekly Offerings	\$5,499.69
Average Monthly	\$23,832.00
YTD	\$203,488.62

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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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



Shalom Mennonite Congregation

September 17, 2023 | Season of Creation: Wilderness

GATHERING

Centering Bell & Candle lighting

Gathering Song

Let Us Build a House

VT 36

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: From the bustle of the world and the silence of our wilderness, we pause together for worship.

Many: At times, we can be a grumbling people, quick to focus on the lack and the gaps.

One: Yet in love, God, you listen to our cries and provide for us.

Many: Impatiently, we are a searching people, craving peace and purpose.

One: And with patience, God, you offer us hope and sustain us.

Many: Help us to be a thankful people, recognizing your love for us in all its abundance.

One: Through your presence, God, you turn us towards you and nourish us.

Many: In this time of worship, let us open our hearts and be filled.

Hymn

We Walk by Faith

VT 588