

HEARING THE WORD

Children's Time

Hymn *O Healing River* VT 706
Scripture Genesis 8:20-22; 9:12-17

Sermon

RESPONDING

Hymn *Before the Waters Nourished Earth* VT 652
Prayers of the People

**Children ages 5-11 are welcome to go to StoryTime following prayers, while we sing VT 77, Seeds.*

Offering

Offering Hymn *Sing a New World into Being (1, 2 & 4)* VT 809

SENDING

Introductions, Announcements

Sending Song *The Lord Lift You Up* VT 832

Benediction and Passing the Peace

*The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.*

Rodrigue Makelele, Worship Leader *Barbara Moyer Lehman, Music*
Krista Showalter Ehst, Speaker *Leader*
Sarah Myers, Visuals *Daniel Zook, musician*
Marissa Clymer Shank, *Brandon Chupp, Herb Myers, AV*
Children's Time *Tech*
Georgia Metz, Prayers

Season of Creation

This is the fourth and final Sunday in our 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.

11:30 am: After worship, there will be a notary available to notarize approved adult paperwork. Contact Ellen Miller with questions.

3:00 pm: Middle School boys' small group

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Next Sunday, October 1

Covenant Sunday & Communion, followed by a Snackluck. Bring a snack to share, your own plate, and stay after to enjoy fellowship and conversation.

Coming Up at Shalom

Bring live or stuffed animals, or mementos of beloved animals at home to the **Animal Blessing on Wednesday October 4 at 5:30 pm** at Hillandale, Shelter #11 (all the way in the back of the main drive). Join us for a 20 minute service of blessing and bring a picnic dinner afterwards! For those in the EMU community, there will be an animal blessing in Thomas Plaza at 4:15 the same day

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

Budget Summary (September 17, 2023)

<u>ACTUAL</u>		<u>BUDGETED</u>	
Weekly Offering	\$ 4,593.53	Weekly Offerings	\$5,499.69
September	\$10,298.01	Average Monthly	\$23,832.00
YTD	\$172,215.33	YTD	\$208,988.31

** Non-budget offerings- 2023 catering \$20, Book study \$35, Patchwork Pantry \$50*

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 24, 2023 | Season of Creation: River Sunday

GATHERING

Centering Bell & Candle lighting

Gathering Song *New Earth, Heavens New*

VT 377

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: God of rushing rivers and mountain streams:

Many: move us on the currents of your Spirit towards connection and wholeness.

One: God of ocean depths and changing tides:

Many: deepen in us wells of wisdom, courage, and grace.

One: God of floodplains and desert dew:

Many: help us to see your Life in the most tenuous of places.

All: Ever-flowing God, send the ripples of your Love through us and all creation.

Hymn

We Worship God the Rock

VT 424