

SENDING

Introductions, Announcements

Sending Song *Build Your Kingdom Here* VT 393

Benediction and Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

All are invited to stay for a snack and the congregational meeting to hear updates about Shalom's ministry and administrative work.

Children's storytime will be extended today in order to allow parents to attend congregational meeting.

**Online and in person participants are welcome to share a prayer concern, or light a candle at the side table. Raise your hand and a mic will be brought to you. We respond to 'Loving God,' with 'We offer you our prayer.'*

Brian Bolton, Worship Leader

Joel Ross, Music Leader

Douglas Day Kaufman, Speaker

Georgia Metz, Prayers

Ruby Friesen Zehr, Visuals

Marty Showalter Zoom Host

Hollis Showalter, Brandon Chupp, AV Tech

Maria Swartzentruber, Joy Versluis,

ST leaders

Maria Swartentruber, ST Snack

Today at Shalom

9:00 am: Formation Hour with Doug Kaufman, Director of Anabaptist Climate Collaborative

10:00 am: Worship. Staffed nursery for children through age 5 is available.

~ (after prayers) Children's Storytime, extended

11:15 am (following worship): Snack-luck and Congregational Meeting

Coming up at Shalom:

May 7, 7 pm: Ministry Council Meeting

May 8, 7 pm: Women's Group, meets at the home of Cathy Smeltzer Erb: 455 Monte Vista Drive, Rockingham. Newcomers welcome!

May 12, 9 am: Parent's Circle

May 12, 3-4:30 pm: Youth Group @ EMS

May 13, 10 am: Shalom Sage Gathering, Village Hall

May 14, 7 pm: Worship Team Meeting

May 15, 7 pm: Contemplative Worship

Budget Summary (April 28, 2024)

ACTUAL

Weekly Offering	\$4,235.00	<u>BUDGETED</u>	
April	\$19,438.76	Weekly Offerings	\$5,672.00
YTD	\$86,939.80	Average Monthly	\$24,579.00
		YTD	\$96,424.00

Attendance: (not recorded)

Zoom: 7

Youtube: 11

Announcements

Meals for Arlene Wiens - We are providing as many evening meals as possible for Arlene while Dave continues to recover from surgery in rehab for the next two weeks. Please check Shalom's last newsletter or contact one of the pastors if you would like to sign up)

Drivers, please turn right out of the parking lot today.

EMU Graduation will restrict and redirect traffic closer to campus.

Youth Group will not meet today because of EMU Graduation.

The last Parents' Circle meets next week at 9am. Maria Bowman will facilitate.

Shalom's Climate Team - Since the beginning of 2024, a new Climate Team has been forming at Shalom. So far, we haven't had much chance to introduce ourselves. Our robust team currently includes: Laurie Miller, Charlotte Shristi, Tad Williams, Adam Shank, Andrew Payton Andrea Troyer, Earl Martin, Barry Hart, Pete Barlow, & Krista Showalter Ehst. Herb and Sarah Myers also offered valuable feedback at our first several meetings. The team has been discerning a few options for 'trying on' various forms of climate action & engagement within Shalom's shared life in 2024. Stay tuned for:

- a congregational education and advocacy opportunity
- a joyful weekend celebrating sustainable practices & living

Visitors: Welcome to Shalom! If you would like to be on our mailing list or be contacted by someone on the 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: Austin Sachs

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: Ellen Miller, 540-383-4209, Georgia Metz, 540-830-8490, Ross Erb, 540-435-0350; Doug Root, (814) 233-9870

Shalom Mennonite Congregation

May 5, 2024 | Easter 6

GATHERING

Centering Bell

Gathering Song *This is God's Wondrous World* VT 180

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: As we gather, some of us are weary from life's work.

Many: We wait for our bodies to be set free.

One: Some of us long to see change in the world and in our lives.

Many: We are ready to get to work.

One: All creation waits for the revealing of God's children!

Many: Spirit of life, renew our hope and our patience to keep working and waiting for freedom!

Hymn

Beautiful Things

VT 551

HEARING THE WORD

Scripture

Job 39:1-12, Mark 1:12-13

Message

Wild Hope

RESPONDING

Hymn

There's A Wild Hope in the Wind

VT 828

Prayers of the People*

Higher Education Graduate Blessing (see insert)

Children ages 5-11 are welcome to go to StoryTime following prayers, while we sing VT 777, Seeds.

Offering

Higher Education Graduate Blessing Litany

On this day of celebration and opportunity,
May God bless you with discomfort
At easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships
So that you may live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with holy anger
At injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people,
So that you may work for justice, freedom, and peace.

May God bless you with tears
To shed for those who suffer pain, rejection,
hunger and war,
**So that you may reach out your hand to comfort them
and to turn their pain into joy.**

May God bless you with enough foolishness
To believe that you can make a difference in the world,
**So that you can do what others claim cannot be done:
To bring justice and kindness to all of God's children.**

And may God bless you with love
For yourself, your neighbor, for the earth, and God,
**So that you will find unflagging hope and joy
in all that you do.**

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