

## SENDING

### **Introductions, Announcements**

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

### **Passing the Peace**

*The peace of Christ be with you.*

***And also with you.***

*\*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.'*

*Kirsten Beachy, Worship Leader*

*Georgia Metz, Mike Mast, Speakers*

*Krista Showalter Ehst, Music Leader*

*Steve Jones, Naomi Kratzer, and Brandon*

*Chupp, Musicians*

*Joel Yoder, Children's Time*

*Herb Myers, Sallie Beachy Alderfer,*

*Scripture Readers*

*Georgia Metz, Prayers*

*Ruby Friesen Zehr, Visuals*

*Marty Showalter, Zoom Host*

*Peter Fairfield, Leland Ropp, AV Tech*

*Paulina Valencia, Adam Shank, ST*

*Leader*

*Joy Versluis, ST Snack*

## TODAY AT SHALOM

**9:00 am:** Safe Congregation Refresher Course for Approved Adults

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

~ (after prayers) Children's Storytime

**3-4:30 pm:** Youth Group @ EMS

**6:00 pm:** Young Adult Gathering

## COMING UP AT SHALOM

**Sept 23:** Finance & Facility Team

**Sept 27-28:** Middle School Retreat at Highland

**Sept 29, 9-10 am:** Safe Congregation Refresher Course for Approved Adults, @ EMS

**Sept 29:** Seed-Sowing Sabbath Sunday

**Oct 2, 6:30 pm:** Animal Blessing, Hillandale Shelter #12.

**Oct 11, 10:15 am:** EMU Animal Blessing, Thomas Plaza

**Oct 13, 12 pm:** Parents of youth meeting

**Oct 17-18:** EMU Fall Break Retreat, Camp Overlook

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Youth group will be meeting here in the afternoon** and the youth sponsors would like this space cleared so they can use it to move around in. After worship, please stack your chairs and other chairs in your row and push them to the sides of the worship space. Thank you.

**Young Adult Gathering, tonight, 6 pm:** Young Adults are invited to join at the home of Alyssa Burkholder--870 Summit Avenue, Harrisonburg. Bring a side dish or dessert, as well as a lawn chair.

### **Next Sunday, Sep 29th: Seed Sowing Sabbath**

**9 am:** Formation Hour with guest speaker, Brent Finnegan. Brent will share about current policy and zoning conversations within Harrisonburg City Council and how these conversations/decisions intersect with climate change.

**10 am:** Worship, led by Shalom's Climate Team

**12 pm:** Local foods Harvest Celebration Potluck. Bring a dish featuring a local food, and label what it is and where it comes from.

**1 pm:** Hands on responses: help plant a native pollinator bed at EMS, write notes to City Council, or take home native plants from a native plants jubilee!

The Climate Team invites everyone to use alternative transportation, and to leave screens behind for this seed-sowing sabbath!

### **Budget Summary (September 15, 2024)**

#### **ACTUAL**

Weekly Offerings

\$5,171.65

September

\$12,823.10

YTD

\$196,316.42

#### **BUDGETED**

Weekly Offerings

\$5,672.00

Average Monthly

\$24,579.00

YTD

\$209,864.00

**Attendance:** 144,    **Zoom:** N/A,    **Youtube:** N/A

Shalom welcomes donations online (scan the QR code or go to [shalommc.org/give](https://shalommc.org/give)), via mail, or in-person using the offering box in the foyer. Each week in worship we'll bless our gifts at the end of Prayers of the People.

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](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.



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**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.

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*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](https://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



## TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

*The firstfruits of hope*

September 22, 2024, Sky Sunday

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### GATHERING

**Centering Bell**

**Gathering Songs**

*We Will Follow*

VT 566

*We Long to Know Her*

VT 44

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

VT 855

**Hymn**

*Called by Earth and Sky*

VT 806

### HEARING THE WORD

**Children's Time**

**Scripture** Jeremiah 4:23-28 & Mark 15:33-39, combined

Psalm 19:1-6

**Hymn**

*Joyful Is the Dark*

VT 281

**Sermon**

### RESPONDING

**Hymn**

*Between Darkness and Light*

VT 808

**Prayers of the People\***

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