

Reflections

Hymn *Touch the Earth Lightly, vv 3-4* VT 145

Reflection

RESPONDING

Special Music 'Song for the Seeds,' by Humbird

Prayers of the People*

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

SENDING

Introductions, Announcements

Sending Song *There's a Wild Hope in the Wind* VT 828

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.'*

Earl Martin, Worship Leader

Andrew Payton, Barry Hart, Charlotte

Shristi, Reflections

Barbara Moyer Lehman, Music Leader

Bethany Versluis Fairfield, Children's Time

Brian Bolton, Prayers

Monique Tshibola, Zoom Host

Brandon Chupp, Allison Yoder, AV

Tech

Susan Godshall, Barb Root, ST Leader

Melody Musser, ST Snack

Thanks to Shalom's Climate Team for their involvement in today's offerings: Barry Hart, Charlotte Shristi, Andrea Troyer, Tad Williams, Pete Barlow, Adam Shank, Earl Martin, Andrew Payton, Laurie Miller and Krista Showalter Ehst.

TODAY AT SHALOM

9:00 am: (Room 163) Safe Congregation Refresher Course for Approved Adults

Seed - Sowing Sabbath Sunday

9:00 am: (Room 165) 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.

10:00 am: *Worship, led by Shalom's Climate Team. Staffed nursery for children through age 5 is available.*

~ (after prayers) Children's Storytime

12 noon: *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!*

3-4:30 pm: Youth Group @ EMS

COMING UP AT SHALOM

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

Oct 6: Covenant Sunday, followed by a Snackluck

Oct 8, 7 pm: Worship Team

Oct 9, 7 pm: Women's Group, meets at the home of Cathy Smeltzer Erb: 455 Monte Vista Drive, Rockingham.

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

Oct 13, 9 am: Parents' Circle

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.

Join us this Wednesday, October 2, at 6:30 pm for an animal blessing at Hillandale, Shelter #12. All beloved pets and companion animals are welcomed including stuffed animals and remains of animals who have passed.

Budget Summary (September 22, 2024)

ACTUAL

Weekly offerings \$16,073.60
September \$28,896.70
YTD \$212,390.02

BUDGETED

Weekly Offerings \$5,672.00
Average Monthly \$24,579.00
YTD \$215,536.00

Attendance: 132 **Zoom:** 6 **Youtube:** 18

Shalom welcomes donations online (scan the QR code or go to 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. 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



TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

The firstfruits of hope

September 29, 2024, Seed-Sowing Sabbath Sunday

GATHERING

Centering Bell

Gathering Song *For the Beauty of the Earth*

VT 120

Welcome & Scripture Reading

Isaiah 65:17-25

Call to Worship

One: That you have planted each of us in your wondrous Garden, we sing your praises, O Creator.

Many: Our gratitude for life is deep.

One: Even now as we plant seeds in the soil, we are aware that we are part of that soil and shall return to it.

Many: We are among the stones that will cry out with wonder and praise.

One: Thank you for inviting us to be both seeders and seeds, both composters and compost.

Many: Your life in us, O Creator, is magnificent beyond comprehension.

Hymn *The Garden Needs Our Tending Now*

VT 788

HEARING THE WORD

Children's Time

Poem 'When I am Among the Trees,' by Mary Oliver

Hymn *Touch the Earth Lightly, vv 1-2*

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