

HEARING THE WORD

Children's Time

Hymn *Come to Me, O Weary Traveler* VT 157
Scripture Hebrews 7:23-28
Sermon *The Rest of the Story*

RESPONDING

Hymn *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* VT 160
Prayers of the People and Covenant Signing*

Anyone who would like to sign the covenant scroll is welcome to come up during Prayers of the People or following the service. Children ages 5-11 are welcome to go to StoryTime following prayers, while we sing VT 777, Seeds.

SENDING

Introductions, Announcements

Sending Song *God, Be the Love* VT 43
Passing the Peace
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

*"Beloved" is inserted instead of LORD or YHWH

**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.'*

*Peter Fairfield, Worship Leader
Krista Showalter Ehst, Music Leader
Brian Bolton, Speaker/Prayers
Bethany Versluis Fairfield, Children's
Time
Melody King, Musician*

*Emily Hershberger, Visuals
Marty Showalter, Zoom Host
Brandon Chupp, AV Tech
Daniel Showalter, Barb Root, Nate
Clark, ST*

Covenant Season

This Sunday concludes Shalom's Covenant Season, when we consider our shared interests and commitments for the year ahead. Each Sunday in October we'll have an opportunity in worship for signing our shared covenant scroll, agreeing together that:

In the coming year I commit to Shalom Mennonite Congregation in being welcoming, inclusive, and following Jesus' way of love, justice, and peace. I will work to bring about Shalom by building relationships with others, committing to causes of peace and justice inside and outside our

congregation, and attending to both my personal and our collective spiritual journey and transformation.

We also hope all Shalom participants will complete our Covenant Survey online during October at shalommc.org/covenant.

Today at Shalom

9 am: Formation Hour - "The Impact of Faith on Financial Decisions," Glen Kauffman and Frederica Pandolfi will share some Everence Stewardship Options and Resources.

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

~ (after prayers) Children's Storytime

3-5:00 pm: Youth Group @ EMS - Pumpkin carving (*Please note the longer meeting time!*).

Coming up at Shalom:

Nov 3, 9 am: Faith Formation Hour: "The Impact of Faith on Financial Decisions," Glen Kauffman and Frederica Pandolfi will share some Everence Stewardship Options and Resources.

Nov 3: All Souls Remembrance Service & Potluck

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.

Next Sunday, Nov 3rd, is our annual All Souls' worship service.

Anyone will have the opportunity to speak the name of someone who has died. You're also welcome to bring photos or mementos of loved ones who have died, and place them upon our altar. Following worship, we'll have a potluck. Bring a dish to share, and your own plate and tableware.

Budget Summary (October 20, 2024)

ACTUAL

Weekly Offering \$12,722.44
October \$21,154.81
YTD \$236,420.19

BUDGETED

Weekly Offerings \$5,672.00
Average Monthly \$24,579.00
YTD \$238,224.00

Attendance: 135

Zoom: 9

Youtube: N/A

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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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

Rest. Remember. Renew.

October 27, 2024 | Covenant Month

GATHERING

Centering Bell

Gathering Song

What Is This Place

VT 22

Welcome

Call to Worship (*Psalm 126, Jeremiah 31:7-9*)

Many: When the Beloved restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

One: For thus says the Beloved: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, Beloved, your people, the remnant of Israel."

Many: Then our mouth was filled with laughter and our tongue with shouts of joy;

One: See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor together; a great company, they shall return here.

Many: The Beloved has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

One: With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back; I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path where they shall not stumble, for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Many: May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy. ❖

Hymn

My Soul Cries Out

VT 412