

SENDING

Introductions, Announcements

Sending Song God, Be with Us VT 613

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.'*

*Jane Hooper Peifer, Krista Showalter Ehst,
Worship Leaders*

Joel Ross, Music Leader

Kirsten Beachy, Reader

Ross Erb, Children's Time

Georgia Metz, Prayers

Emily Hershberger, Visuals

Theda Good, Zoom Host

Brandon Chupp, Peter Fairfield, AV

Tech

Maria Swartzentruber, Daniel

Showalter, ST

All Souls Sunday

We mark All Souls' Day in our worship today. We take time to name those who have died, and we cherish and remember the 'great cloud of witnesses' that have gone before us and continue to shape us as individuals and as a community. If you've brought a photo or memento of a loved one who has died, you're welcome to place it on the altar before worship begins, or during our 'Litany for Remembering.'

Additionally, we encourage you to take in our Memorial Sculpture, which is in the foyer, as well as our Memorial Book, which is in the back of our worship space.

ANNOUNCEMENT

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.

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: All Souls' Worship. Staffed nursery for children through age 5 is available.

~ (after prayers) Children's Storytime

11:30 am: Potluck following worship. All are welcome!

Also, snap a photo for the directory, beginning this Sunday.

3-4:30 pm: Youth Group @ EMS

Today and next Sunday: College Care Package Item Collection

Coming up at Shalom:

Nov 3, 10, 17th: College Care Package Item Collection

Nov 4, 6-8pm: Election Eve Ecumenical Communion, Prayer, West Side Baptist Church, 715 W. Wolfe St.

Nov 5, 12pm and 6pm: Election Day Prayers, PVMC (Park View Mennonite Church), 1600 College Ave

Nov 5, 9am-3pm: Election Day open sanctuary for prayer, PVMC

Nov 7, 3pm-6pm: Election Decompression "Open Office Hours" with Pastors at The Fajita Factory.

Nov 10, 9 am: Parents' Circle, EMS Library

Budget Summary (October 27, 2024)

ACTUAL

Weekly Offering

\$3,973.00

October

\$25,127.81

YTD

\$240,393.19

BUDGETED

Weekly Offerings

\$5,672.00

Average Monthly

\$24,579.00

YTD

\$243,896.00

Attendance: 144, Zoom: 10, Youtube: 8

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.



Shalom Mennonite Congregation

Rest. Remember. Renew.

November 3, 2024 | Covenant Season: All Soul's Sunday

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.

Office and Mailing Address: 1086A Smith Ave, Harrisonburg VA 22802

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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

GATHERING

Centering Bell

Gathering Song *Shall We Gather at the River* VT 667

Welcome

Call to Worship *"Come Within the Circle"* by Steven Charleston

Hymn *Draw the Circle* VT 802

Children's Time

Hymn *The Love of God* VT 162

SEEKING GOD'S PRESENCE...

...in Grief

Scripture John 11:32-35
Reading "Heavy" by Mary Oliver
Hymn *God Weeps With Us* VT 656

...toward Hope

Scripture Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-4
Reading Through the Valley, by Jason Myers-Benner
Hymn *Nothing Is Lost on the Breath of God* VT 653
Litany of Remembrance (*see insert*)

RESPONDING

Special Music *Go, Silent Friend* VT 657

Prayers of the People

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

Litany of Remembrance

We gather this morning in this season of resting and dormancy,
when deep gratitude and deep sorrow mingle.

**We thank God for that great circle in which we are united with
all those who have gone before us.**

We set aside this day to remember and honor our loved ones who
have died; to light candles and tell stories to reflect their ongoing
presence in and influence on our lives.

**Though we are separated by death they are held in God's
heart. Though we cannot touch them, they are close at hand.**

In the rising of the sun and it's going down,

We remember them.

In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter,

We remember them.

In the opening buds and in the rebirth of spring,

We remember them.

In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer,

We remember them.

In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn,

We remember them.

In the beginning of the year and when it ends,

We remember them.

When we are weary and in need of strength,

We remember them.

When we are lost and are sick of heart,

We remember them.

When we have joys we yearn to share,

We remember them.

So long as we live, they too shall live,

For they are now a part of us,

As we remember them.

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