

HEARING THE WORD

Children's Time

Scripture Luke 13:1-9
Hymn *Who Will Speak a Word of Warning* VT 758
Sermon

RESPONDING

Hymn *My Soul Cries Out* VT 412
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 *We, Your People, Sing Your Praises* VT 849
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.'*

<i>Andrew Payton, Worship Leader</i>	<i>Leland Ropp, Zoom Host</i>
<i>Stan Godshall, Music Leader</i>	<i>Peter Fairfield, Theda Good, AV Tech</i>
<i>Melody King, Musician</i>	<i>Susan Godshall, Marisa Clymer</i>
<i>Krista Showater Ehst, Speaker</i>	<i>Shank, Adam Shank, ST</i>
<i>Earl Martin, Children's Time</i>	<i>Virginia Showalter, ST Snack</i>
<i>Brian Bolton, Prayers</i>	
<i>Emily Hershberger, Visuals</i>	

Today at Shalom

9 am: Emergency Preparedness Training
9:15 am: Prayer and Check-In Time, EMS Library
10 am: Worship. Staffed nursery for children through age 5 is available.
12 noon: Youth Fundraiser Meal

Coming up at Shalom:

March 26, 4:30: Mission & Service
March 26 6:15 pm: Contemplative Prayer @ Shalom Office
March 26, 7 pm: Lent Study with Andrew Suderman on Zoom
March 28, 8 am: Morning Prayer @ Shalom Office
March 30, 9 am: Adult Formation: Burton Buller and Dave Weins will be sharing some personal and some historical insights on the experiences of Mennonite families who began moving to Russia in the late 1780s.
March 30, 9:15 am: Prayer and Check-In Time, EMS Library
March 30, 5:30 pm: College Student Dinner at the Shalom office

Announcements:

All are welcome to stay after worship for chili, cornbread, and sweets hosted by our middle and high school students! There will be meat, vegetarian, and dairy free options for everyone. If you can't stay, please take a look at the bake sale options available in the foyer! This is a fundraiser for MennoCon; there is a suggested donation of \$10 per person for lunch but you can also pay more or less as you are able.

Please help us set up the space for lunch by pushing chairs to the side and helping to roll out tables.

Budget Summary (March 16, 2025)

<u>ACTUAL</u>		<u>BUDGETED</u>	
Weekly Offering	\$ 3,722.27	Weekly Offerings	\$6,160.58
March	\$ 11,623.29	Average Monthly	\$ 26,695.85
YTD	\$ 65,824.28	YTD	\$ 67,766.38

Attendance: 127, Zoom: 10, Youtube: 29

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: Katie Mansfield

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.

March 23, 2025 | Citizens of Heaven: Kin-dom Fruit

GATHERING

Centering Bell

Gathering Song *We Are People on a Journey* VT 464

Welcome & Scripture Isaiah 55:1-9

Call to Worship (*adapted from a prayer by Thom Shuman*)

God of steadfast love, Imagination of the ages:

you offer to all that world where

**all thirst is quenched,
all the hungry are fed,
all strangers become family.**

Jesus, friend of the poor, Brainstormer of the kingdom:

you dare to envision that world where we do not waste a single person,

**but offer hope to those in despair,
bring light into every shadow,
embrace the lonely and broken.**

Spirit of discernment, Artist of our lives;

you inspire us not to toss aside any of the gifts of God, but

**to offer peace to angry hearts,
to share joy with mourners,
to welcome those whose ways are not ours.**

God in Community, Holy in One,

continue to nurture us with steadfast grace, Amen

Hymn

Jesus Christ Is Waiting

VT 287