

Scripture John 12:1-8
Sermon

RESPONDING

Hymn *Beyond A Dying Sun* VT 416
Mission Moment VMRC Compassion Fund Joe Hackman
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

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.'*

Joy Versluis, Worship Leader

Brian Bolton, Music Leader

Daniel Zook, Eric Olson-Getty, Steve

Jones, Tyler Goss, Musicians

Georgia Metz, Speaker

Ross Erb, Children's Time

Krista Showalter Ehst, Prayers

Sarah Myers, Visuals

Doug Root, Jane Hooper Peifer,

Susan Godshall, Readers

Marty Showalter, Zoom Host

Melody Mast, Theda Good, AV

Tech

Cindy Miller, Becky Johnston, ST

Maria Swartzentruber, ST Snack

Today

9 am: Parents' Circle, Library

9 am: Adult Formation: Christianity and Empire: What's Next? with Andrew Suderman

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

3-4:30: Youth Group @ Shalom Office

Coming up:

April 11, 8 am: Morning Prayer @ Shalom Office

April 13, 3-4:30 pm: Youth Group @ Shalom Office

Holy Week

Sunday, April 13:

9 am: 4th Annual Palm-a-Palooza! Activities and games for children, followed by palm processional

10 am: Palm/Passion Sunday worship

Thursday, April 17 5:30-7 pm: Maundy Thursday. Family friendly service for all ages featuring soup potluck, communion, and footwashing at EMS.

Friday, April 18, 7-8 pm: Good Friday. Contemplative tenebrae ("gathering darkness") service at EMS.

Sunday, April 20: Easter Sunday

6:30 am: Drumming up the sun on the soccer field beyond our parking area.

7 am: Worship

8:30 am: Brunch potluck

Budget Summary (March 16, 2025)

ACTUAL

Weekly Offering

\$ 3,727.70

March

\$ 22,005.08

YTD

\$ 76,206.07

BUDGETED

Weekly Offerings

\$6,160.58

Average Monthly

\$ 26,695.85

YTD

\$ 80,087.54

Special Offering for MennoCon - \$196.62 this week; \$2,312.63 YTD

Attendance: 157, **Zoom:** 6, **Youtube:** 23

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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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.

April 6, 2025 | Citizens of Heaven: Witness to the Unseen

GATHERING

Centering Bell

Gathering Song

Fill Us with Your Feast

VT 309

Welcome

Call to Worship

Creator God,
you prepare a new way in the wilderness
and your grace waters the desert.
Help us to recognize your hand
working miracles beyond our imagining.
Open our hearts to be transformed
by the new thing you are doing,
so that our lives may proclaim
the extravagance of your love for all,
and its presence in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

VT 549

HEARING THE WORD

Scripture

Isaiah 43:8-13

Children's Time

Scripture

Isaiah 43:16-21

Scripture in Song

Psalm 126

Hymn

Keep Your Eyes on the Prize