

RESPONDING

Hymn *How Many Times We Start Again* VT 553

Litany of Blessing

On this day of celebration and opportunity,
May God bless you with discomfort
At easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships
So that you may live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with holy anger
At injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people,
So that you may work for justice, freedom, and peace.

May God bless you with tears
To shed for those who suffer pain, rejection, hunger and war,
So that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and to turn their pain into joy.

May God bless you with enough foolishness
To believe that you can make a difference in the world,
**So that you can do what others claim cannot be done
To bring justice and kindness to all of God's children.**

And may God bless you with love
For yourself, your neighbor, for the earth, and God,
So that you will find unflinching hope and joy in all that you do.

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 *Sing a New World into Being* VT 809

Passing the Peace

*The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.*

*Peter Fairfield, Worship Leader
Brian Bolton, Music Leader
Duane Bontrager, Joel Yoder, Steve Jones,
Musicians
Tyler Goss, Speaker
Marisa Clymer Shank, Children's Time*

*Georgia Metz, Prayers
Ruby Friesen Zehr, Visuals
Isaac Andreas, Zoom Host
Leland Ropp, Allison Yoder, AV
Marisa Clymer Shank, Adam
Shank, Melody Musser, ST/Snack*

Shalom celebrates our graduates from EMU!

Iris Anderson, BS in Psychology and Sociology
Mariana (Mana) Acosta, BS in Engineering
Courtney Crawford, BA in Liberal Arts with Elementary Education Licensure
Daphne Kropf, BA in Elementary Education
Canyon Penner, BS in Computer Science
Erica Ramer, MA in Mental Health Counseling
Allysen (Ally) Welty Peachey, BS in Biology and Environmental Science

Today

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

following worship: Snackluck

1 pm: Mother's Day Hike, leaving from EMS parking lot. Infants and any self identifying mom is welcome. Carpooling suggested.

Coming up this week

May 8, 12 noon: Worship Team

May 9, 8 am: Group Prayer Time @ Shalom Office

May 10, 2-4 pm: Shalom Coffee House: food and drinks, music, silent auction to benefit MennoCon

May 11, 9 am: Parents' Circle

May 11, 3-4:30 pm: Youth Group @ Shalom Office

Budget Summary (April 27, 2025)

ACTUAL

Weekly Offering	\$ 5,024.75	<u>BUDGETED</u>	Weekly Offerings	\$6,160.58
April	\$ 26,367.46		Average Monthly	\$ 26,695.85
YTD	\$102,573.53		YTD	\$104,729.86

BUDGETED

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.

May 4, 2025

GATHERING

Centering Bell

Gathering Song *Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia!* VT 341

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: Children of God, we gather again
on the shoreline of a new day.

Many: Our nets are empty. We hunger for the bread of life.

One: A fire beckons us, tended by one who knows our names.

Many: We come to you, Beloved of God. Fill us with your feast.

One: As we are satisfied, we ask:

“how can we respond to such love?”

Many: We will feed others, for we are all your beloved sheep.

Hymn *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore* VT 283

HEARING THE WORD

Children's Story

Hymn *Seeking Warmth from Charcoal Blazing* VT 344

Scripture John 21:1-19

Sermon