

RESPONDING

Hymn *Ship Gonna Sail*
Working on a ship we may never sail on
Ship gonna sail, gonna sail someday
Been working on a ship we may never sail on
We're gonna build it anyway

Prayers of the People

Raise your hand and a mic will be brought to you. We respond to 'Loving God,' with 'We offer you our prayer.'

SENDING

Introductions, Announcements

Sending Song *Great God, the Giver of All Good* VT 486

Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

<i>Katie Mansfield, Worship Leader</i>	<i>Ruby Friesen Zehr, Visuals</i>
<i>Daniel Zook, Music Leader</i>	<i>Krista Showalter Ehst, Prayers</i>
<i>Daniel Smeltzer-Miller, Children's Time</i>	<i>Theda Good, Zoom Host</i>
<i>Georgia Metz, Sermon</i>	<i>Peter Fairfield, Ross Erb, AV</i>
	<i>Cathy Smeltzer Erb, Mics</i>

Today

10 am: Worship (no staffed nursery)

Food Collection for New Bridges

Coming Up at Shalom

Aug 1, 10 am: Intergenerational Mixer, VMRC's Cline Center

Aug 1, 3 pm @ EMS: Assembling bagged suppers for Open Doors

Aug 1, 6 pm: Mennonite Action Potluck

Aug 3, 10 am: Worship @ Ralph Sampson Park, followed by a potluck

Aug 8, 4:30 pm: Friday Night GLOW at Muhlenberg Lutheran Church

Announcements

Intergenerational Mixer: On Friday, August 1st, all are welcome to gather at VMRC's Cline Center (at Woodland Park) at 10 am. We're hoping this can especially be a time for families with children and our elders to get to know one another, but all are most welcome. We'll have some games, coloring, and other ways to informally connect. Hope to see you there!

Next Sunday is Poetry Sunday! The theme will be 'poems that ground us.' If you have a poem that has given you a sense of grounding at some point in your life, send it to Krista (krista@shalommc.org) by this Wednesday, July 30.

Budget Summary (July 20, 2025)

ACTUAL

Weekly Offering	\$ 7,766.34
July	\$ 13,705.30
YTD	\$155,253.27

BUDGETED

Weekly Offerings	\$ 6,160.58
Average Monthly	\$ 26,695.85
YTD	\$178,656.82

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.

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 (on sabbatical), 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.

July 27, 2025

GATHERING

Centering Bell

Gathering Song *In the Bulb There Is a Flower*

VT 670

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: Persist.

All: Keep knocking. Sowing. Weeding. Harvesting. Feeding.

One: Resist.

All: Organize. Connect. Protect.

One: Assist.

All: Keep showing up. Share our gifts.

One: Desist.

All: Let go. Breathe. Rest. Receive.

Hymn *Ask the Complicated Questions*

VT 440

HEARING THE WORD

Children's Time

Hymn

Our Father, Who Art in Heaven

VT 674

Scripture

Luke 11:1-13

Sermon