

HEARING THE WORD

Children's Time

Hymn *One Foot/Lead with Love*
Scripture Isaiah 43:14-21
Sermon

RESPONDING

Hymn *We Dream of a Turning* VT 209
Prayers of the People

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.'

SENDING

Introductions, Announcements

Sending Song *Sizohamba naye (We Will Walk with God)* VT 815

Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Joy Versluis, Worship Leader
Joel Ross, Music Leader
Barbara Moyer Lehman, Children's Time
Brian Bolton, sermon

Ruby Friesen Zehr, Visuals
Krista Showalter Ehst, Prayers
Monique Tshibola, Zoom Host
Joel Yoder, Isaac Andreas, AV

Today

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

11:45 am Congregational potluck, hosted by College Ministry, to follow.

12 noon: Climate Team

Coming Up at Shalom

Sept 3, 5 pm: Anti-Racism Team @ Shalom office/Zoom

Sept 7: Worship. Staffed nursery for children through age 5 is available.

Sept 7: Youth Families potluck after worship

Sept 8, 10 am: Shalom Sages @ VMRC Village Hall

Sept 10, 7 pm: Women's Group, meets at the home of Cathy Smeltzer Erb: 455 Monte Vista Drive, Rockingham. New members welcome!

Sept 12-14: Congregational Retreat @ Brethren Woods*

Sept 13, 9-12 noon: Safe Church Approved Adult training at Park View Mennonite Church.

Announcements

Shalom Congregational Retreat: Save the date for our annual retreat, Sept 12-14 at Brethren Woods! Please RSVP. Retreat is free for all; we also welcome contributions to help offset the cost.

Budget Summary (August 24)

ACTUAL - Offering/ Expenses	
YTD Offering	\$180,974.66
YTD Expenses	\$203,040.69
Overall Total	- \$22,066.03

ACTUAL offering details to date	
Weekly Offerings	\$6,124.74
August	\$24,625.35
YTD	\$180,974.66

BUDGETED offering to date	
Weekly Offerings	\$6,111.41
Average Monthly	\$26,482.78
YTD	\$207,787.94

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, 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.

Redeemed in Exile: Doing a new thing

August 31, 2025

GATHERING

Centering Bell

Gathering Song *Sing a New World into Being*

VT 809

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: Listen! Look! Taste! Touch! Breathe! Think!

Do you not perceive it?

All: (soft voices) God is doing a new thing.

One: It springs forth. It sprouts up. It's brand new.

All: (loud voices) God is doing a new thing!

One: God is making a path in the wilderness.

God is putting streams in the desert.

God is bringing the exiled home.

All: (louder voices) Let us sing praises to the Ancient of Days and the God of New Creation.

God is doing a new thing!!

Hymns

Fill Us with Your Feast

VT 309

Beautiful Things

VT 551