

RESPONDING

Hymn *Beyond a Dying Sun* VT 416

Storytime Song *Seeds* VT 777

Children ages 5-11 are welcome to go to Storytime during song.

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 *Go, My Friends, in Grace* VT 810

Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Melody Mast, Worship Leader/Visuals

Stan Godshall, Music Leader

Melody King, Musician

Krista Showalter Ehst, Speaker

Bethany Versluis Fairfield, Children's Time

Micah Mast, Scripture Reader

Brian Bolton, Prayers

Allison Yoder, Zoom Host

Christopher Clymer Kurtz, Ross

Erb, AV

Marty Showalter, Mic/offering

Maria Swartzentruber, ST

Today

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

Coming Up at Shalom

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.

Sept 17, 5:30-8 pm: Joint Ministry/Admin Council Meeting

Announcement

Congregational Retreat is next weekend! We'll gather at Brethren Woods Camp starting on Friday evening the 12th, and staying through lunch on Sunday. Please note that there will be no worship at EMS next Sunday. If you haven't had the chance to register, you're still welcome to commute out for some or all of the retreat. If you plan to do so, please still fill out the registration form that's in the newsletter/email. Also, be sure to sign up to bring food for meals! Look for emails this week with lodging info and further details about the weekend. See you there!

Budget Summary (August 31)

ACTUAL - Offering/ Expenses

YTD Offering \$186,639.25

YTD Expenses \$206,881.99

Overall Total - \$20,242.74 (Deficit)

ACTUAL offering details to date

Weekly Offerings \$5,664.59

August \$30,289.94

YTD \$186,639.25

BUDGETED offering to date

Weekly Offerings \$6,111.41

Average Monthly \$26,482.78

YTD \$213,899.35

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.

September 7, 2025 | Season of Creation

GATHERING

Centering Bell

Gathering Song

Called by Earth and Sky

VT 806

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: Jesus invites us

Many: to look beyond our empty nets.

One: Jesus invites us

Many: to go into deeper waters.

One: Jesus invites us,

Many: "Do not be afraid."

All: Together, let us follow Jesus.

Hymn

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

VT 283

HEARING THE WORD

Scripture

Luke 5:1-11

Children's Time

Hymn

Strong, Peaceful Man of Galilee

VT 573

Sermon