

Blessings and Prayers of the People and Covenant Signing*

During our prayer time, all are welcome to move to any of our 'blessing stations.' You can receive anointing, write or draw a blessing that you long for, pick up an object from nature as a blessing from the earth, light a candle, or simply find a place to sit and receive. We will have several minutes with quiet music, and then will move into sharing our prayers with one another as the blessing stations continue.

SENDING

Introductions, Announcements

Sending Song *The Lord Lift You Up* VT 832

Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

<i>Krista Showalter Ehst Worship Leader and Prayers</i>	<i>Leland Ropp, Zoom Host</i>
<i>Brian Bolton, Music Leader</i>	<i>Theda Good, Herb Myers, AV</i>
<i>Ross Erb, Children's Time</i>	<i>Marty Showalter, Mics</i>
<i>Jan Emswiler, Visuals</i>	<i>Maria Swartzentruber, Paulina</i>
	<i>Valencia Quiroz, Barb Root, ST/Snack</i>

Covenant Season

In this Covenant Season, we consider our shared interests and commitments for the year ahead. Each Sunday in October we'll have an opportunity in worship for signing our shared covenant scroll, agreeing together that:

In the coming year I commit to Shalom Mennonite Congregation in being welcoming, inclusive, and following Jesus' way of love, justice, and peace. I will work to bring about Shalom by building relationships with others, committing to causes of peace and justice inside and outside our congregation, and attending to both my personal and our collective spiritual journey and transformation.

We also hope all Shalom participants will complete our Covenant Survey online during October at shalommc.org/covenant.

Today

9 am: Heike Peckruhn sharing her spiritual journey, room 165

9 am: Mentor/Mentee orientation, library

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

3 pm: Youth Group, Shalom office

Coming Up at Shalom

Oct 27, 4:00 pm: Gifts Discernment

Oct 30, 6 pm: Admin Council @ Shalom Office

Nov 2: All Souls' Sunday Worship

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Next Sunday, Nov 2nd, is All Souls' Worship. We take time each year to remember the 'great cloud of witnesses' that we're a part of, and to name people who have died. We'll especially remember members of Shalom who died in the past year. Anyone is welcome to bring a photo or memento in remembrance of someone who has died. These can be placed on the altar before worship, or during the service. All Souls' Sunday is also a good time to take in our Memorial Sculpture and Memorial Book.

Budget Summary (October 19)

ACTUAL - Offering/ Expenses

YTD Offering	\$228,057.70
YTD Expenses	\$264,575.16
Overall Total	- \$36,517.46 (Deficit)

ACTUAL offering details to date

Weekly Offerings	\$3,941.59
October	\$21,500.55
YTD	\$228,057.70

BUDGETED offering to date

Weekly Offerings	\$6,111.41
Average Monthly	\$26,482.78
YTD	\$256,679.22

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

Extending Our Borders

October 26, 2025 | A Service of Blessings

GATHERING

Centering Bell

Gathering Song *As We Rise, O God, to Meet You*

VT 39

Welcome & Scripture Psalm 84:1-7

Call to Worship*

One: Blessed are they whose hearts are filled with love,

Many: who sing praises to You with grateful hearts!

One: Blessed are they who put their strength in You,

Many: who choose to share the joy and sorrows of the world.

One: O Loving Creator of the universe,
blessed are all who put their trust in You.

All: They bless the world!

Hymn *Here in This Place*

VT 10

COMMUNAL BLESSINGS

Children's Time & Mentor/Mentee Blessing

(insert)

Hymn *Blessed Are You*

VT 290

Ministry Internship Blessing for Ditrich Rumboirusi

(insert)

Solo *Give Thanks*

Storytime Song *Seeds*

VT 777

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

*from Nan Merrill's adaptation of Psalm 84

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with questions and curiosities about our faith and our world.*

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questions and curiosities. May the power of God, the love of Christ, and the communion of the Holy Spirit guide us to create space and extend our lives as an invitation for years to come.

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Mentors: grieving together

Mentees: working together

Mentors: listening and responding together

Mentees: thinking and dreaming together

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