

TURNING TO GOD

in death and grief

Scripture	Jeremiah 31:15	
Poem	"Blessing for the Brokenhearted," by Jan Richardson	
Hymn	<i>Rain, Come Down</i>	VT 634

in our living, loving, and remembering

Scripture & Song	Romans 8:38-39	
	Nothing Can Separate Us	VT 171
Poem	"Heavy," by Mary Oliver	
Hymn	<i>Sometimes a Light Surprises</i> (vss. 1,2,4)	VT 618
Litany of Remembrance		(Insert)

RESPONDING

Hymn	<i>Nothing Is Lost on the Breath of God</i>	VT 653
Storytime Song	<i>Seeds</i>	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	<i>May the Face of God Shine on You</i>	VT 844
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Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

<i>Krista Showalter Ehst</i>	<i>Worship Leader</i>	<i>Marty Showalter</i>	<i>Zoom Host</i>	
<i>Joel Ross</i>	<i>Music Leader</i>	<i>Peter Fairfield</i>	<i>Doug Root</i>	<i>AV</i>
<i>Emily Hershberger</i>	<i>Musician</i>	<i>Andrew Yoder</i>	<i>Mics</i>	
<i>Brian Bolton</i>	<i>Prayers</i>	<i>Maria Swartzentruber</i>	<i>Georgia</i>	
<i>Daniel Smeltzer-Miller</i>	<i>CT</i>	<i>Metz</i>	<i>Virginia Showalter</i>	
<i>Ruby Friesen Zehr</i>	<i>Visuals</i>	<i>ST/Snack</i>		

All Souls Sunday

We mark All Souls' Day in our worship today. We take time to name those who have died, and we cherish and remember the 'great cloud of witnesses' that have gone before us and continue to shape us as individuals and as a community. If you've brought a photo or memento of a loved one who has died, you're welcome to place it on the altar before worship begins, or during our 'Litany for Remembrance.'

Additionally, we encourage you to take in our Memorial Sculpture and Memorial Book, both of which are in the foyer.

Today

9 am: Formation Hour, Manuela Nogueira will be sharing, Staffed nursery available.

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

3 pm: Youth Group, Shalom office

Coming Up at Shalom

Nov 3, 7:30 pm: Pastoral Care Team

Nov 9, 9 am: Parents' Circle

Nov 9, 12 pm: Sunday Dinner Scramble

Nov 9, 3 pm: Youth Group

Nov 12, 2:30 pm: Worship Team

Nov 13, 7 pm: Personnel Committee

Budget Summary (October 27)

ACTUAL - Offering/ Expenses

YTD Offering	\$250,283.07
YTD Expenses	\$266,486.42
Overall Total	- \$16,203.35 (Deficit)

BUDGETED offering to date

Weekly Offerings	\$6,111.41
Average Monthly	\$26,482.78
YTD	\$262,790.63

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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Harrisonburg, VA 22802 **Phone:** 540-432-1659

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

November 2, 2025 | All Souls' Sunday

GATHERING

Centering Bell

Gathering Song *Shall We Gather at the River*

VT 667

Welcome

Call to Worship*

One: God, you are my shepherd—

Many: I want nothing more.

One: You let me lie down in green meadows;
you lead me beside restful waters:

Many: you refresh my soul.

One: You guide me to lush pastures
for the sake of your Name.

Even if I'm surrounded by shadows of Death,

Many: I fear no danger, for you are with me.

One: Your rod and your staff—
they give me courage.

You spread a table for me
in the presence of my enemies,
and you anoint my head with oil—

Many: my cup overflows!

One: Surely goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,

**Many: and I will dwell in your house, O God,
for days without end.**

Hymn *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

VT 640

Children's Time

*Psalm 23, adapted from the Inclusive Language Bible

Litany of Remembrance

We gather this morning in this season of resting and dormancy,
when deep gratitude and deep sorrow mingle.

**We thank God for that great circle in which we are united
with all those who have gone before us.**

We set aside this day to remember and honor our loved ones who have
died; to light candles and tell stories to reflect their ongoing presence in
and influence on our lives.

**Though we are separated by death they are held in God's heart.
Though we cannot touch them, they are close at hand.**

In the rising of the sun and it's going down,

We remember them.

In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter,

We remember them.

In the opening buds and in the rebirth of spring,

We remember them.

In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer,

We remember them.

In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn,

We remember them.

In the beginning of the year and when it ends,

We remember them.

When we are weary and in need of strength,

We remember them.

When we are lost and are sick of heart,

We remember them.

When we have joys we yearn to share,

We remember them.

So long as we live, they too shall live,

For they are now a part of us,

As we remember them.

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