

HEARING THE WORD

Children's Time

Advent Candle-lighting/Litany

As these days darken,

let us walk in the light.

As we hear of wars and rumors of wars,

may we beat swords into plowshares

and melt guns into garden tools.

As we wait and watch for you, O God,

give us courage to live in your way of peace.

Hymn *Now the Heavens Start to Whisper* VT 237

Scriptures Isaiah 2:1-5
Matthew 24: 36-44

Sermon

RESPONDING

Hymn *View the Present* VT 407

Prayers of the People

SENDING

Introductions, Announcements

Sending Song *God of Grace and God of Glory* VT 716

Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Andrew Payton, Worship Leader	Blake and Kristin Wenger, Wade
Stan Godshall, Music Leader	and Gannon, Candle-lighters
Eliza, Sylvia & Cora Showalter	Emily Hershberger, Visuals
Godshall, Musicians	Monique Tshibola, Zoom Host
Krista Showalter Ehst, Speaker	Peter Fairfield, Herb Myers, AV
Kirsten Beachy, Children's Time	
Georgia Metz, Prayers	

Today

10 am: Advent 1 Worship. Staffed nursery - children through age 5.

7 pm: Advent Contemplative Gathering, Shalom Office

Note: After worship today, stick around to help us pack care packages for college students in the foyer!

Coming Up at Shalom

Dec 1, 7:30 pm: Pastoral Team

Dec 7, 10 am: Advent 2 Worship. Staffed nursery - children through age 5.

Dec 7, 9 am: Parents' Circle

Dec 7, 5 pm: Youth Group Christmas Party

Dec 7, 7 pm: Advent Contemplative Gathering, Shalom Office

Dec 13, 4-7 pm: VMRC Caroling (starting at 4 pm) and Shalom Christmas Party (starting at 5:30)

Shalom Advent: Courage in....

Advent draws nigh! This year at Shalom, we will lean into the word "courage," seeking to cultivate courage together as we wait, hope, and watch for Immanuel in the midst of many unknowns and challenges.

Opportunities during the Advent and Christmas season:

Dec 7, 7 pm: Advent Contemplative Gathering, Shalom Office

Dec 13, 4-7 pm: Caroling (4 pm) and Christmas Party (5:30 pm) Bring a finger food to share and your own plate

Dec 14, 10 am: Christmas Pageant

Dec 14, 7 pm: Advent Contemplative Gathering, Shalom Office

Dec 21, 7 pm: Longest Night Service @ EMS

Dec 24th, 5 pm: Christmas Eve Service

Dec 28, 10 am: Extended Children's Story w/ Shared Leftover Treats!

Budget Summary - November 23

ACTUAL - Offering/ Expenses

YTD Offering	\$277,035.32
YTD Expenses	\$290,207.22
Overall Total	- \$13,171.90 (Deficit)

ACTUAL offering details to date

Weekly Offerings	\$8,927.74
November	\$26,752.25
YTD	\$277,035.32

BUDGETED offering to date

Weekly Offerings	\$6,111.41
Average Monthly	\$26,482.78
YTD	\$287,236.27

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

November 30, 2025 | Advent 1: Courage in Peace

GATHERING

Centering Bell

Gathering Song *Bless'd Be the God of Israel*

VT 223

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: silently and gently,
falling and failing,
changing and resting,
seeking you, Lord...

All: we watch, we wait, we dream, we pray...

One: for the earth to renew, for our hearts to soften,
for your grace to cover us, for your justice to pour out,
for time and space to listen, for courage to act.
on the edge of Advent,
we sit with you...
we pause...
we hurt...
we repent...
we rage...

All: When will it be?

Will it ever be?

Come quickly, Lord Jesus. Amen.

Hymn

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

VT 218