

RESPONDING

Hymn	<i>Jesus, Be the Center</i>	VT 584
Storytime Song	Seeds	VT 777

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

Mission Moment: Ann Hershberger, MCC

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>Go, My Friends, in Peace (B)</i>	VT 839
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Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Jane Hoober Peifer, Worship Leader

Barbara Moyer Lehman, Music Leader

Brian Bolton, Speaker/Prayers

Kirsten Beachy, Children's Time

Emily Hershberger, Visuals

Monique Tshibola, Zoom

Daniel Zook, Theda Good, AV

John Lehman, offering/mics

Maria Swartzentruber, Matt

Swartzentruber, Storytime

Kendra Gehman, ST Snack

Today

9 am: Parents' Circle

9 am: Adults: Ann Hershberger, MCC Director

10 am: Worship, staffed nursery - through age 5.

4-6 pm: Youth Bake-Off @ Park View MC

Coming Up

Jan 12, 10 am: Shalom Sages @ VMRC Village Hall

Jan 14, 6-8 pm: Climate Potluck @ Shalom office

Jan 16-18: Youth Winterville Mini Camp @ Laurelville;
no regular youth group

Coming Up Cont'd

Jan 18, 10 am: Worship, staffed nursery through age 5

Jan 18, 7 pm: Young Adult Gathering

Jan 20, 5:30 pm: Souper Tuesday @ EMS

Jan 25, 12pm: Shalom Mexican Border Delegation interest meeting

Announcements

Jan 14th, Climate Potluck at the Shalom Office, 6-8 pm: This will be the first of quarterly climate potlucks in 2026. At these potlucks, we will share more with one another about local resources we're connected to and opportunities for climate action. Everett Brubaker will join us on the 14th to share more about the work of Renew Rocktown, and how we can get involved.

Jan 20, Souper Tuesday: Join us for our first ever "Souper Tuesday" on Jan 20th! Throughout 2026, we plan to have monthly mid-week meal gatherings. On the third Tuesday of the month, we'll meet from 5:30-7pm at EMS. We'll share a simple meal and enjoy additional time for fellowship and learning to know one another.

Soup will be provided (one kind will be vegan). Please bring your own bowl and tableware. You're also encouraged to bring a simple side (fruit, bread, crackers, dessert, etc.). Suggested donation is \$5/adult.

January 4, 2026 - Budget Summary

ACTUAL

Weekly Offering	\$10,591.75
January	\$10,591.75
YTD	\$10,591.75

BUDGETED

Weekly Offering	\$6,483.69
Average Monthly	\$28,096.00
YTD	\$6,483.69

Attendance last Sunday: 164; Zoom: 8

Shalom welcomes donations online (scan the QR code or go to shalommcc.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@shalommcc.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 shalommcc.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: Melody Mast

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

January 11, 2026 | Second Sunday of Epiphany

GATHERING

Centering Bell

Gathering Song *Arise, Your Light Is Come!*

VT 273

Welcome

Call to Worship*

One: We watch for the light that the darkness has not overcome.

Many: **We watch for the fire that was in the beginning, and that burns still in the brilliance of the rising sun.**

One: We watch for the glow of life that gleams in the growing earth and glistens in sea and sky.

ALL: We watch for your light, O God.

PAUSE

One: We watch for your light in the eyes of every living creature.

Many: **We watch for your light in the eternal flame of our own souls.**

ALL: Grant us the grace of seeing, O God.
Grant us the grace of seeing.

Hymn *Longing for Light*

VT 715

HEARING THE WORD

Scripture Matthew 3:13-17

Children's Time

Sermon

*J Philip Newell, Celtic Benediction, pg 2 adapted