

## RESPONDING

**Hymn** *Beautiful Things* VT 551  
**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** *Sword into a Plowshare* VT 798

### **Passing the Peace**

*The peace of Christ be with you.*

***And also with you.***

*Joy Versluis, Worship Leader*

*Melody Mast, Music Leader*

*Brian Bolton, Speaker*

*Georgia Metz, Prayers*

*Marisa Clymer Shank, Children's Time*

*Ruby Friesen Zehr, Visuals*

*Monique Tshibola, Zoom*

*Christopher Clymer Kurtz, Ross*

*Erb, AV*

*Marisa Clymer Shank, Adam*

*Shank, Storytime*

*Melody Mast, ST Snack*

*This space will also be used for youth group later today. Please help us create space for our youth by stacking your chair(s) and pushing stacks of chairs to the sides after the service. Thank you!*

## Today

**9 am:** Adult Formation: Stan, Susan and Tim Godshall

**10 am:** Lent 4 Worship, staffed nursery through age 5

**3-4:30 pm:** Youth Group @ EMS

**7 pm:** Mothers' Circle

**7 pm:** Young Adult Gathering

## Coming Up

**March 17, 5:30 pm:** Souper Tuesday

**March 21, 9 am:** Ministry Council @ Shalom Office

### **Sunday, March 22**

**9 am:** Adult Formation: Margaret Johnson

**9 am:** College Breakfast

**10 am:** Lent 5: Worship, staffed nursery through age 5

**11:30 am, following worship:** Border Trip Fund Raiser meal

**12-2 pm:** Rapid Response Training @ EMS

**3 pm:** Youth Group @ EMS

## Announcements

**Free breakfast bagel sandwiches for college students** next Sunday March 22 at 9 am, look for signs directing you down the hall.

**Next Sunday, March 22 after worship: "Tex" fundraiser meal.** The Mexican Border Delegation is hosting two "Tex-Mex" lunches to raise funds for our trip to the southern border in June; the first will be "Tex" food: pulled chicken BBQ, coleslaw, and Texas sheet cake. The second meal on April 12 will be all "Mex" food. Suggested donation of \$10 per person and takeout containers available for those who want to grab and go.

Kaitlyn Mendenhall, Melody Musser, and Meg Smeltzer-Miller invite any who are interested to join an **exploratory conversation for a new "mother's circle."** The hope is that this will develop into a monthly group where women can support one another in the varied realities of pregnancy, birth, and mothering. The gathering will be at 7 pm tonight at the Shalom Office (1110 Smith Avenue).

## **Budget Summary - ACTUAL**

Weekly Offering	\$5,104.58
March	\$10,413.48
YTD	\$56,328.38

*Shalom welcomes donations online (scan the QR code or go to [shalommc.org/give](http://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](mailto: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.

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*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](http://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:** 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

March 15, 2026 | Lent 4: Tell me Something Good

The good news is ... surprising!

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### GATHERING

**Centering Bell**

**Gathering Song**

*Fill Us with Your Feast*

VT 309

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

The good news of the gospel is:

**manna in the desert,  
water turned into wine,  
love after loss,  
forgiveness after pain.**

The good news of the gospel is:

**release for the captive,  
hope for the hopeless,  
mourning turned to dancing,  
and strangers turned to friends.**

So come on in.

There's no time to waste!

This surprising good news is here for you.

**Let us worship this good-news God.**

**Hymn**

*Sometimes a Light Surprises*

VT 618

### HEARING THE WORD

**Children's Time**

**Scripture**

John 2:1-11, Matthew 13:31-32

**Prayer of Confession & Assurance**

**Hymn**

*There's No One in This World like Jesus*

VT 68

**Sermon**