

## RESPONDING

**Hymn** *There Is More Love Somewhere* VT 804

### **Prayer of Confession**

**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.'*

**Special Music** *Christ Have Mercy*

## SENDING

### **Introductions, Announcements**

**Sending Song** *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* VT 156

### **Passing the Peace**

*The peace of Christ be with you.*

***And also with you.***

*Jane Hooper Peifer, Worship Leader*

*Joel Ross, Music Leader*

*Georgia Metz, Speaker*

*Krista Showalter Ehst, Prayers*

*Ross Erb, Children's Time*

*Ditrich Rumboirusi & Kendra Gehman,*

*Special Music*

*Charlotte Shristi, Visuals*

*Leland Ropp, Zoom*

*Micah Shristi, Nate Clark, AV*

*Marty Showalter, Offering/Mics*

*Kristin Wenger, Storytime*

*Melody Musser, 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: Margaret Johnson

**9 am:** College Breakfast

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

**11:30 am, following worship:** Border Trip Fundraiser meal

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

**3 pm:** Youth Group @ EMS

## Coming Up

### **Sunday, March 29**

**9 am:** Adult Formation: Evelin Gonzalez Espinoza & Jaime Miller

**10 am:** Palm-a-palooza Worship, staffed nursery through age 5

**3 pm:** Youth Group @ EMS

**April 2, 5:30 pm:** Maundy Thursday Potluck/Service

**April 3, 7 pm:** Good Friday Service

### **Easter Morning, April 5**

**6:45 am:** Drumming up the Sun

**7:15 am:** Easter Worship, staffed nursery through age 5

**8:30 am, following worship:** Easter Breakfast

## Announcements

**TODAY 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.

## **Budget Summary - March 15**

### **ACTUAL**

|                 |             |
|-----------------|-------------|
| Weekly Offering | \$4,134.50  |
| March           | \$14,547.98 |
| YTD             | \$60,462.88 |

### **BUDGETED**

|                 |             |
|-----------------|-------------|
| Weekly Offering | \$6,483.69  |
| Average Monthly | \$28,096.00 |
| YTD             | \$71,320.62 |

*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;  
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**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 22, 2026 | Lent 5: Tell me Something Good

The good news is ... rooted in justice, mercy, and faithfulness

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### GATHERING

#### Centering Bell

Gathering Song *Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing*

VT 7

#### Welcome

#### Call to Worship

Welcome to the weary and the worn.

**Welcome to the wiggly and the eager.**

Welcome to the skeptical and the seeking.

**Welcome to the early risers and those still trying to wake up.**

Welcome to the rule followers and the rule breakers.

**Welcome to those hungry for justice and those desperate for mercy.**

Welcome to the sinners and the saints.

**This is God's house.**

You can make yourself at home here.

**Let us worship our just, merciful, and faithful God!**

Hymn *My Love Colors Outside the Lines*

VT 582

### HEARING THE WORD

#### Children's Time

#### Scripture

John 8:1-12

#### Hymn

*To Leave the Stones Unthrown*

VT 580

#### Sermon