

Back-to-school Blessings

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Lead With Love

Ephesians 4:11-16

RESPONDING

VT 374

VT 777

Prayers of the People

We respond to 'Loving God,' with 'We offer you our prayer.'

Introductions, Announcements

VT 514

Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Micah Shristi, Herb Myers, AV

Melody Musser, Greeter

Hollis Showalter, Mugs

Brooke Fawley,

Maria Swartentruber,

Georgia Metz, ST

10 am: Worship with Back-to-School Blessing

7 pm: Young Adult Gathering

Aug 18, 5:30 pm: Summer Potluck Tuesday @ Hillendale Park, Shelter 7

Aug 19, 2 pm: Worship Team

Aug 23, 10 am: Worship (childcare for ages up to 5)

Aug 23 9am-5pm: Youth Retreat at Caroline Furnace Camp

Aug 23 & 30: Food Collection for New Bridges

Save the Date for Shalom's Retreat!: Sep 18-20 @ Brethren Woods Camp

Announcement: Food Collection August 23 & 30: New Bridges Immigrant Resource Center is Low on Food. Please bring shelf stable foods (rice, beans, etc), diapers for collection on August 23 and 30 at Shalom Sunday worship. Look for a box labeled in the foyer.

August 9 - Budget Summary

ACTUAL

Weekly Offering	\$3,605.98
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August	\$7,811.66
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YTD	\$188,983.70
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BUDGETED

Weekly Offering	\$6,483.69
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Average Monthly	\$28,096.00
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YTD	\$207,478.18
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Attendance: 121

Zoom: 5

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: 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

August 16, 2026 | Extending our Borders

GATHERING

Centering Bell

Gathering Song *Christ Is Alive, and Goes Before Us* VT 565

Welcome

Call to Worship VT 856

Leader: Christ is like a single body that has many parts.

All: *It is still one body though every part is different.*

Leader: Therefore the foot cannot say,

Part 1: I am not part of the body;

Leader: nor can the ear say,

Part 2: I am not part of the body.

Leader: The eye cannot say to the hand,

Part 1: I don't need you;

Leader: nor can the head say to the feet,

Part 2: I don't need you.

Leader: If one part suffers,

Part 1: all parts share the pain;

Leader: if one part is praised,

Part 2: all parts share the joy.

Leader: Together, we are Christ's body:

All: *each one of us is a part of it.*

Hymn

Christ Has No Body Here but Ours

VT 568

Kindergarten Blessing

One: Today we celebrate our children at Shalom,
especially these kindergarteners.

Many: Children remind us how to play, to have delight and wonder. They challenge us to think in new ways and be open to new ideas.

Parents: We are grateful for you and your place in our families.

Many: We are grateful that you are part of our Shalom family.

One: We ask God to bless your learning at home, at school,
and at play.

**Many: We love you and want to grow with you.
We will celebrate your successes
and stand by you when you fail.**

One: As Jesus blessed the little children, we bless you, young friends.

ALL: May you grow in wisdom, faith, and love.

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Blessing for the New School Year

One: Source of all Wisdom, at the start of this new school year,

Many: Bless us as learners, teachers, and seekers.

One: Give us strength to grow in body, mind, and spirit.
Help us to be curious about your creation.

**Many: Keep us mindful of others who are
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