

HEARING THE WORD

Children's Time

Hymn *Let This Mind Be in You* VT 572

Scripture Philippians 2:1-13

Reflection

Litany of Commitment

One: God who walks with us,

Many: May we learn how to walk in your ways.

One: We want to nurture the youngest.

Many: We want to protect the vulnerable.

One: We want to guide those who need answers.

Many: We want to support those who need extra care.

One: Let us seek the best for others. Let us recommit to being a Safe Congregation for all people, including children, youth, and vulnerable adults.

Many: We recommit to intentionally building a body that is aware of the dangers that exist, practices safety in togetherness, and puts in the work to become a space where all people are welcome and protected.

RESPONDING

Hymn *Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us* VT 518

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 *The Lord Lift You Up* VT 832

Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*Joy Versluis, Worship
Brian Bolton, Music
Georgia Metz, Speaker
Kirsten Beachy, Story
Sandy Wenger, Prayers
Jan Emswiler, Reader/Visuals*

*Leland Ropp, Zoom
Theda Good, AV
Herb Myers, Greeter
Heather Lantz, Mugs
Paulina Valencia Quiroz, Story
Time*

Today

9 am: Adult Formation: John Wenger, "Tethered to Technology: Finding balance in a screen-first world."*

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

~11 am (before prayers): StoryTime for children ages 5-11

12 noon: Youth Group and families potluck

Coming Up

Oct 1, 6:30-8 pm: Youth Event: Digging Deeper @ Harrisonburg Mennonite

Oct 4 and 11, 9 am: Safe Congregation Training

Oct 4, 10 am: Worship (childcare for children under 5)

~11 am (before prayers): Storytime for children ages 5-11

Oct 4, noon: Potluck featuring *More with Less* recipes

Oct 4, 3-4:30 pm: Youth Group - Baking Bread

September 20 Budget Report

ACTUAL - Offering/ Expenses

YTD Offering \$226,916.50

YTD Expenses \$227,498.37

Overall Total - \$435.34 (Deficit)

ACTUAL offering details to date

Weekly Offerings \$3,836.59

September \$11,911.66

YTD \$226,916.50

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, Sandy Wenger, Krista Showalter Ehst (on sabbatical through Jan 3); 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, Jan Emswiler, 540 435 5158

Shalom Mennonite Congregation

September 27, 2026 | Building the Body

Safe Congregation Sunday

GATHERING

Centering Bell

Gathering Song *Jesus, Help Us Live in Peace*

VT 719

Welcome

Call to Worship

VT 1001

One: Loving God,
you have baptized us into one body
and made us to drink the one Spirit.
Now grant us faithful hearts
that we may serve one another
diligently in love
and find no cause to separate or divide.
Call each of us to esteem others
better than ourselves
so we may remain together
in peace and joy.

**Many: Grant these mercies to us
and all your people. Amen**

Hymn

Help Us to Help Each Other

VT 722