

RESPONDING

Hymns *How Many Times We Start Again* VT 553
Storytime Song *Seeds* VT 777
and Covenant Signing*

*Children ages 5-11 are welcome to go to Storytime during the song.
Anyone who would like to sign the covenant scroll is welcome to come
up during Seeds, Prayers of the People or following the service.*

Mission Moment w/ Jennifer Ulrich, Patchwork Pantry

Prayers of the People

Prayer response: 'Loving God,' 'We offer you our prayer.'

SENDING

Introductions, Announcements

Sending Song *My Soul Cries Out* VT 412

Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

<i>Tyler Goss, Worship</i>	<i>Micah Shristi, Joel Yoder, AV</i>
<i>Eli Stoll, Music</i>	<i>Manuela Nogueira, Greeter</i>
<i>Brian Bolton, Speaker</i>	<i>Mike Donaldson, Mugs</i>
<i>Heidi Byler, Children</i>	<i>Paulina Valencia Quiroz, Katie</i>
<i>Sandy Wenger, Prayers</i>	<i>Mansfield, Story</i>
<i>Ruby Friesen Zehr, Visuals</i>	<i>Erika Babikow, Snack</i>
<i>Theda Good, Zoom</i>	

Covenant Season

This Sunday begins Shalom's Covenant Season, when we consider our shared interests and commitments for the year ahead. Each Sunday in October we'll have an opportunity in worship for signing our shared covenant scroll, agreeing together that:

In the coming year I commit to Shalom Mennonite Congregation in being welcoming, inclusive, and following Jesus' way of love, justice, and peace. I will work to bring about Shalom by building relationships with others, committing to causes of peace and justice inside and outside our congregation, and attending to both my personal and our collective spiritual journey and transformation.

We also hope all Shalom participants will complete our Covenant Survey online during October at shalommc.org/covenant.

Today

9 am: Safe Congregation Training

9 am: Parents' Circle, EMS Library

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

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

Coming Up

Oct 18, 9 am: Adult Formation: Leah Reesor-Keller

(Int. Dir. Anabaptist Climate Collaborative)

Oct 18, 10 am: Worship (childcare for children under 5)

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

Oct 18, 3 pm: Youth Group @ EMS

Oct 18, 7 pm: Young Adult Gathering

Budget Summary - October 4

ACTUAL - Offering/ Expenses

YTD Offering	\$237,342.82
YTD Expenses	\$248,441.61
Overall Total	- \$11,098.79 (Deficit)

ACTUAL offering details to date

Weekly Offerings	\$3,248.32
October	\$3,248.32
YTD	\$237,342.82

BUDGETED offering to date

Weekly Offerings	\$6,483.69
Average Monthly	\$28,096.00
YTD	\$259,347.72

Attendance: 170 Zoom: 4

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

October 11, 2026 | Building the Body

Covenant Month

GATHERING

Centering Bell

Gathering Song

Be Thou My Vision

VT 549

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: God of promise, we gather together in celebration
that we are part of your beloved community,

Many: Join us here and give us courage to lift our voices.

One: We gather together with fears, uncertainties, and doubts.

Many: Spirit, listen to us and remind us we are not alone.

One: We gather in hope that we will keep learning
how to be faithful.

**Many: Remember your covenant with us,
as we renew our covenant with each other.**

Hymn

How Firm a Foundation

VT 592

HEARING THE WORD

Children's Time

Hymn

I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table

VT 801

Scripture

Exodus 32:1-14, Mark 7:24-30

Sermon

Remembering God