RESPONDING

Hymns *O God, We Read the Holy Law* VT 571

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.

Prayers of the People

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

SENDING

Introductions, Announcements

Sending Song *Move in Our Midst (vs 1 & 4)* VT 827

Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Worship Leaders: *Barbara Moyer Lehman, Melody Mast (Music), Georgia Metz (Speaker), Marisa Clymer Shank (Children), Brian Bolton (Prayers), Emily Hershberger (Visuals)*

Tech*: Leland Ropp, Micah Shristi, Herb Myers*

Hospitality: *Cindy Hunter (Greeter and Mugs)*

Storytime: *Paulina Valencia Quiroz, Charlotte Shristi, Melody Mast (snack)*

Covenant Season

October is 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: Adult Formation: Andrew Jenner

Topic: What to do with that bothersome notion that what you want to want to do isn't what you do do? Reflections from a fossil-fueled wilderness.

10 am: Worship (childcare for children under 5)

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

3 pm: Youth Group @ EMS

Coming Up

Oct 27, 4 pm: Personnel Committee

Nov 1, 9 am: Adult Formation: Herb Myers

Topic: Where are our deceased loved ones? What about heaven and hell? How are my beliefs changing about this? Where do I go to help form my beliefs?

Nov 1, 10 am: Worship (childcare for children under 5)

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

Nov 1, 11:45 am (following worship): Snackluck

Nov 1, 3 pm: Youth Group @ Shalom Office

Budget Summary, Oct 18

	Last Week	YTD
Budget goal	$6,483	$272,315
Actual giving	$4,497	$256,519
Expenses		$263,551
Surplus(Deficit)		($7,032)

Attendance: 176 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.

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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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

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GATHERING

Centering Bell

Gathering Song *God of the Bible* VT 420

Welcome

Call to Worship VT 863

Source of all hope and holiness,
we gather today to be church.
Bless those who are absent,
but not from our hearts.
Bless those who are distant,
but not from our love.
Bless each of us here,
that we may choose justice by your Spirit,
draw kindness from the well of your mercy,
and walk humbly in your path, O God.

Hymn *What Is the World Like* VT 298

HEARING THE WORD

Children's Time

Hymn *Love Your Enemy*

Scripture Leviticus 19:1-18

Sermon