RESPONDING

Hymns *Christ Has No Body Here but Ours* VT 568

Communion

Litany for Communion

Leader: On the night he was betrayed, Jesus took the bread and after he blessed it he offered it to his disciples, saying,

All: "This is my body, which is given for you. When you share bread together, remember me."

Leader: Likewise, he took the cup and said,

All: "This is the cup of the new covenant, which is poured out for you. When you drink this cup, remember me."

Leader: For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you remember the Lord's death until he comes again. (1 Cor 11:26)

Shalom practices an open table, and all are welcome to receive communion. The bread is vegan and gluten free.

Hymns *Eat This Bread* VT 476

Let Us Break Bread Together VT 482

Haleluya! Pelo tsa rona VT 473

Storytime Song *Seeds* VT 777

Children ages 5-11 are welcome to go to Storytime during the 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 *We Are Marching* VT 793

Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Worship Leaders: *John Wenger, Brian Bolton (Music), David Evans* (Speaker), Katie Mansfield (Children), Sandy Wenger (Prayers), Bethany Versluis Fairfield (Visuals), Charlotte Shristi (Communion Prep)*

Tech*: Christopher Clymer Kurtz, Ross Erb, Theda Good*

Hospitality: *Daryl Peifer (Greeter), Jane Hoober Peifer (Mugs)*

Storytime: *Maria and Matt Swartzentruber, Marty Savanick (Snacks)*

*About our speaker: David Evans is Professor of history and intercultural studies and Associate Dean at Eastern Mennonite Seminary. Dr. Evans is a scholar and speaker on issues of anti-racism, Black freedom, and coalition building. He is the author of *Damned Whiteness: How White Christian Allies Failed the Black Freedom Movement*. He also co-edited *Between the World of Ta-Nehisi Coates and Christianity*.

Today

9 am: Adult Formation: Austin Sachs
9 am: Parents' Circle
10 am: Worship (childcare for children under 5)
~11 am (before prayers): Storytime for children ages 5-11

Coming Up

Nov 9, 10 am: Shalom Sages @ VMRC Village Hall
Nov 15 & 22: Food collection for NewBridges
Nov 15, 9 am: Adult Formation: Charlotte Shristi
Nov 15, 10 am: Worship (childcare for children under 5)
~11 am (before prayers): Storytime for children ages 5-11
Nov 15, 11:45 am (following worship): Youth Group Pancake lunch
Nov 15, 7 pm: Young Adult Gathering
Nov 17, 5:30 pm: Spanish Conversation Meal

Budget Summary, Nov 1 2026

	Last Week	YTD
Budget goal	$6,483	$285,283
Actual giving	$5,023	$263,438
Expenses		$283,069
Surplus(Deficit)		($19,631)

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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November 8, 2026 | Building the Body

GATHERING

Centering Bell
Gathering Song *Draw the Circle* VT 802
Welcome
Call to Worship VT 1043

One: With gratitude for the home God has made for us on this planet, we pray:
Left: *Send your Holy Spirit*
to strengthen our resolve
to strive for communities
where foreigners become neighbors
and strangers become friends.
Right: *Revive our desire for the reign of Christ,*
who releases prisoners
and liberates the oppressed,
who frees the world from greed
and proclaims God's peace.
All: **Make justice roll down like a river**
and righteousness flow like an everlasting stream.

Hymns *Let Justice Flow Down* VT 791

HEARING THE WORD

Children's Time
Hymns *Kyrie eleison, Have Mercy* VT 796
Scripture Isaiah 58:1-12
Sermon Beyond Inclusion