

The Elders have been called to guide and lead the congregation in vision, mission and spiritual matters. Each elder is devoted to one dimension of the interdependent congregational life. If you have a congregational life concern, please get in touch with one of our elders.

Matt Baer, community
Mark Schildt, mission
Anna Groff, worship
Elisabeth Monsma, administration

The Deacons have been called to serve those who participate in our congregational life together, caring for the pastoral care needs that we share. If you have a need of any sort, interest in becoming a member, interest in joining a small group, or any other issues or concerns, please contact one of the deacons or pastor:

Char Schildt
Jerry Short
Duane Ediger

Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS) Unit: Shalom maintains a strong MVS unit in Tucson, housing about 5 volunteers at a time. Our volunteers come from across the nation and the globe to work with the people of Tucson for service terms of 1-3 years. Our VSers are a central part of Shalom, and are active within wider Tucson communities. Please take the opportunity to get to know our VSers during their time in Tucson.

Interested in connecting more directly? Shalom uses several email lists to carry announcements and concerns during the course of the week. You can also receive the bulletin each week, as well as minutes for congregational business. See <http://shalommennonite.org/contact> to sign up.

The Sermon for most Sundays is available online as an mp3 file. See shalommennonite.org/worship/sermon for the latest sermons. The sermons are generally posted on Sunday afternoon, but may not be immediately available.

Shalom birthdays this week:

Thomas Schlabach Oct. 11
Joshua Schlabach Oct. 15

Shalom anniversary this week:

Jon and Mary Beth Landis Jantzen Oct. 15

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) welcomes donations of money for its **disaster response in Haiti**, where people are suffering the effects of Hurricane Matthew, which crossed the country Oct. 4. Matthew's high winds and extensive flooding caused significant damage and increased already heightened cholera concerns in the Artibonite Valley, where MCC's long-term reforestation program operates. To donate, visit mcc.org/hurricane-matthew; call 1-888-563-4676 or send a check to MCC, 21 S. 12th St., PO Box 500, Akron PA 17501.

Creation Care challenge: Is there a way you could save one gallon of water today? A way that you could make it a habit? (e.g. use earth friendly dish soap and repurpose the dish water onto plants). Next Shalom Creation Care Group meeting Tuesday, Oct. 11, at 6:30 at the VS house.

Camp Keola, on the shore of beautiful Huntington Lake at 7,000 feet in the Sierra Nevada mountains close to Fresno, CA, seeks a **resident camp manager** for the three-month 2017 summer season. The camp hosts rental groups and is the site for Mennonite camps. For information about the camp visit our web site at <http://campkeola.org>. If you are interested in discussing the position, contact Lisa Penner lypenn55@gmail.com.

To submit updates to the church directory, send an email to Joan Martin at jdk110850@gmail.com. Please use the word "directory" in the subject line.

To contribute information to the bulletin, please send email to bulletin@shalommennonite.org by Thursday evening. A small team prepares the bulletin each week.

October 2nd General Offering	\$2,655.00
Amount needed per Sunday per budget	\$2,221.00
General Offering Year to Date	\$27,918.64
Amount needed YTD per budget	\$31,094.00
Youth Fund	\$0.00
Total Youth Fund	\$7,451.00

SHALOM MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

October 9, 2016

*I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Psalm 139:14*



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We are glad you are here!

Whether you are plain or fancy, confident or questioning, whole or in pieces; whatever your age, race, abilities, sexual orientation, gender, immigration status...; here every Sunday, for a season, or on sweet rare occasions, you are welcome as member, worshipper, participant, observer, leader...

¡Qué gozo nos trae su presencia!

Siendo humilde o sofisticad@, convencid@ o con dudas, fuerte o frágil; siendo lo que sean su edad, raza, habilidades, orientación sexual, género, condición migratoria...; bendiciendonos con su presencia cada domingo, por temporada, o de vez en cuando, Usted es bienvenid@ como miembro, devot@, participante, observador o líder ...

As we gather we celebrate our connection with our sister church, Teusaquillo, in Bogotá, Colombia.

Order of Worship

Gathering

Opening Song: STJ 2 *Come walk with us*

Welcome, Greeting One Another

Introduction of Visitors

Opening Poem

HWB 50 *Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah*

STJ 107 *God remembers pain*

Call to Worship

Leader: People of God, we gather here to celebrate God in whose image we are created. Our God is quick to show compassion, rejoices in justice and delights in right relationship.

People: We believe that we are created in God's image.

Leader: Children of God, we celebrate the goodness of our Creator's hand. Like a patient artist, God has crafted all life forms, all humanity in all shades of skin, all ages, all kinds of ability, to share in the joys of this world.

People: We are in awe that we are created in God's image.

Leader: Beloved children of God, we recall that God mourns over the pain that we cause one another. Violence, broken relationship, abuse and estrangement grieve God's heart.

People: We remember that we are created in God's image.

Leader: We gather to celebrate the Holy One in whose image we are made.

People: We gather to form our lives to bear God's image.

Offering

STJ 24 *Creation is a song*

Sharing and Prayer

Leader: We pray to the Lord ...

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Prayer

Theme Song: *Here in this body*

Hearing the Word

Readers Theater:

From Genesis 1:26-31, Psalm 139:1, 13-17

Connecting time

Message: Carol Rose

Responding

Responding to the message

HWB 482 *Mothering God you gave me birth*

Sending

Karina Kreider sending

Announcements

Charge and Blessing

HWB 427 *You shall go out with joy*

Speaker: Carol; Worship leader: Anna; Musicians: Lisa, Brian Thomas

Abbreviations:

HWB: *Hymnal A Worship Book* (Blue Book)

StJ: *Sing the Journey* (Green Book)

StS: *Sing the Story* (Purple Book)

Today's Schedule

9:30 a.m. – Worship (nursery staffed by Belén Siquieros)

11:00 a.m. – Sunday School for children and youth; Second Hour for adults

Calendar

Oct. 7-10 -- Border Co,nvergence event (School of the Americas Watch)

Oct. 11 – Creation Care group

Oct. 16 – Tina speaking at worship

Oct. 20 – Deacons meeting

Oct. 21 – Wayfarers' group potluck supper at Hiebs'

Oct. 23 – Adam Hostetter speaking at worship; "Fall harvest" potluck following second hour

Oct. 25 – Elders meeting

Oct. 30 – Pam Dintaman speaking at worship

Nov. 11-13 – church campout

Nov. 27 – International potluck

Nov. 29 – Elders meeting

Dec. 24 – soup supper

Every Saturday 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. (summer hours through October 22) – our facility is used by Church of God, a Worldwide Association

Announcements

Worship series for October 9-30: "Heart's Desire, Holy Desire: a series on sexuality and spirituality." This series was inspired by reflections during a pastoral visit about how Shalom can grow as an open and affirming congregation, and as one that young adults will find relevant and positive. We are planning this series to serve Shalom and glorify God who blesses us all with sexuality. We hope to bring joy and openness forward by focusing on the positive. As the Church models and teaches healthy attitudes towards sexuality and our bodies and respectful relational ethics, the foundations of abuses of sexuality will be undermined. We look forward to worship services that will be creative and family friendly.

Oct. 9 – Our bodies, God's image (Carol)

Oct. 16 – Completely myself AND created for intimacy (Tina)

Oct. 23 – Awakening and coming out (Adam Hostetter)

Oct. 30 – Reconnecting sex and Spirit (Pam Dintaman)

Second hour plans for October 9-30:

Oct. 9 – participatory Capacitar mind/body/spirit practices, led by Tina

Oct. 16 – Anna Groff, circle of grace / Matt Schildt, sexuality terms

Oct. 23 – Anna Groff, circle of grace game

Oct. 30 – Pam Dintaman and Tina leading reflections/response to this Sunday and the whole series