

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 birthday this week:

Alex Loeppky

Nov. 1

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.

The Mennonite devotional magazine *Rejoice* for Dec-Feb has arrived. Please take your complimentary copy from the table in the back of the sanctuary.

Casa Alitas, (the Catholic Community Services hospitality house for migrant women and children dropped off by Immigration and Customs Enforcement) has had incredibly high numbers this past week, and we're still getting calls from ICE and Border Patrol. We're also finding people who have just been dropped off at the bus station. We are in dire need of **VOLUNTEERS AT THE HOUSE** as well as donations of the following supplies: homemade chicken soup to freeze and keep at the house for guests, boxed cereal, corn tortillas, eggs, milk, fresh fruit, and ramen cups (not bags). We do not currently need clothes. If you would like to help out, please respond to Sydney Tuller, Volunteer Coordinator: alitas@ccs-soaz.org. All donations (except perishables) should be brought to Catholic Community Services at 140 W Speedway.

Registration for "Beyond Buried Treasure: Turning Hidden Resources into Assets" is open. This second joint MHS Mennonite Health Assembly and Mennonite Education Agency Education Leaders Gathering takes place March 9-12 in Jacksonville, Florida. For more information or to register, visit mhaelgconference.wordpress.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 23rd General Offering	\$2,181.00
Amount needed per Sunday per budget	\$2,221.00
General Offering Year to Date	\$33,869.64
Amount needed YTD per budget	\$37,757.00
Youth Fund	\$100.00
Total Youth Fund	\$7,751.00

SHALOM MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

October 30, 2016

RECONNECTING SEX AND SPIRIT



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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

Prelude
Candlelighting
Welcome/Introductions
Call to Worship:

Leader: The ripe fruit on the vines, the full leaves on the trees, the sweet smells of the earth;

People: God's passionate love surrounds us.

Leader: A married couple caressing one another, a father holding a newborn, two friends embracing one another, a teacher comforting a student, a nurse tending a wound.

People: God's passionate love flows through us.

Leader: We gather to celebrate the bonds of relationship, the beauty of caring for one another, the gift of our sexuality.

People: We gather to praise our Maker, Source of all being, whose love is made known to us in Jesus Christ, who offers us life abundant.

Joining in Song

StJ 44 *The love of God*

StS 121 *Nothing is lost on the breath of God*

Confession, Lament, and Hope

We celebrate our sexuality and the joys of sexual intimacy.

We give thanks for this good and precious gift.

Our hearts ache for those who find it difficult to love themselves; for people whose desire for intimacy remains unfulfilled;

for those who struggle with infertility;
for those who experience estrangement because of who they love;
for those who have been victims of sexual violence.

We lament when sexuality is marred by pain and hurt.

Silent reflection.

We remember, O God, your invitation to healing.

In you, our wounds are patiently tended.

In your care, we are gently led toward wholeness.

Visit us with your all-encompassing embrace.

Grant us fullness of life. Amen.

Hearing

Scripture: *Song of Songs* selections
I Corinthians 13:4-7

Message - Pamela Dintaman

Responding

Response

Song of Response/Offertory - *Here in this body*

Community Life

Community Prayer

Announcements

Sending

Sending song - StJ 74 *Now go in peace*

Benediction

Leader: Love is patient, love is kind.

People: Love is strong as death, passion fierce as the grave.

Leader: Love does not envy, does not boast, or seek its own way.

People: Many waters cannot quench love, floods cannot drown it.

Leader: Go with God's seal of love wrapped firmly around your heart.

People: We go in love, to serve, to offer ourselves to one another and to the world.

Speaker: Pam Dintaman

Worship leader: Mark Schildt

Musicians: Edie Lantz-Leppert, Lisa Showalter, Destinee Wells

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

Nov. 6 – Tina speaking at worship; communion/candlelighting

Nov. 11-13 – church campout at Catalina State Park

Nov. 15 – Deacons meeting

Nov. 16 – Wayfarers meet at Ken and Char's home for potluck supper and discussion (please RSVP to Char or Ken)

Nov. 20 – Carol speaking at worship

Nov. 27 – Carol speaking at worship; International potluck

Nov. 29 – Elders meeting

Every Saturday 9 a.m.-2 p.m – 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.

Second hour plans:

Oct. 30 - Pam Dintaman and Tina leading reflections to this Sunday and the whole series

Nov. 6 - discussion and prayer as we approach election day

Nov. 13 - Campout at Catalina State Park

Nov. 20 - Jon Jantzen and guests from Death Penalty Alternatives for Arizona

On November 6th, All-Saints Sunday, our worship will include both communion and candle-lighting to give thanks for those who have died and now live as saints in the great cloud of witnesses.

Would you like to make the upcoming holiday season a little brighter for a local family? **Consider adopting a family** through the ICS (Interfaith Community Service) Annual Gifts of Love program. They will choose a family of your desired size and provide you with their clothing sizes and gift suggestions. Then you can either take the gifts to the ICS office or visit the family and give the gifts personally to them (which you should indicate when you call to get a family). Beginning this first week of November and through the first week of December you can call ICS (297-6049) to adopt a family. See the table in the back to pick up some information about this opportunity.