

**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, administration (and facilities)  
 Mark Schildt, mission  
 Anna Groff, worship  
 Elisabeth Monsma, community (and fellowship)

**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.

**Shalom birthdays this week:**

Mary Beth Landis Jantzen Dec. 4  
 Matt Baer Dec. 9  
 Jack Knox Dec. 10

**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 the 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 more information.

As we enter the Advent season the deacons are inviting you to **bring canned goods** for the ICS (Interfaith Community Services) Food Bank. The items that are most needed that they are asking for are spaghetti sauce, meals in a can (like chili, or ravioli) and any kind of canned fruit. They ask that everything be in cans, no glass jars please. We will be collecting this food for the next three Sundays - Nov. 27, Dec.4 and Dec.11.

**Strengthening Sanctuary:**

Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>, 7pm-9pm, Southside Presbyterian Church  
 As we look ahead to a Trump Presidency — the need for communities of faith to be ready to mobilize their congregations and join in local organizing efforts will only grow as will the need for sanctuary. Join with other faith leaders to think about what the work of sanctuary will look like in the years to come. Joining us will also be representatives from a variety of local organizations who will share about ways faith communities can support their work. Childcare and interpretation will be available.

To contribute information to the bulletin, please send email to [bulletin@shalommennonite.org](mailto:bulletin@shalommennonite.org) by Thursday evening. A small team prepares the bulletin each week.

November 27th General Offering	\$4,663.00
Amount needed per Sunday per budget	\$2,221.00
General Offering Year to Date	\$48,459.67
Amount needed YTD per budget	\$48,862.00
Youth Fund	\$100.00
Total Youth Fund	\$8,151.00

**SHALOM MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP**

ADVENT 2

December 4, 2016



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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...

**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](http://shalommennonite.org/worship/sermon) for the latest sermons. The sermons are generally posted on Sunday afternoon, but may not be immediately available.

## ¡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 in joy:

StS 7 *Come, come, Emmanuel*

HWB 178 *Come, thou long expected Jesus*

Welcome, introductions, announcements

STS 3 *Come, light the world*

Candle lighting

Call to worship

Leader: In the nightmare of fear, we build walls and fences.

**People: Rather than showing hospitality, we keep the stranger away.**

**We forget the truth, that God's love is for everyone!**

Leader: O God, show us the way of your heart.

**All: Come quickly, show us.**

Communion

### Praising and praying:

Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19

Leader: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things!

Blessed be God's glorious name forever.

**And the people sing: Nitatangaza neno lake mangu Kua mataifa mbalimbali**

Leader: And in all the earth, the one who comes will judge with righteousness, extend justice to the poor, and bring deliverance to the needy.

**And the people sing: Nitatangaza neno lake mangu Kua mataifa mbalimbali**

Leader: And in all the earth, the one who comes will be like the rain that falls on the mown grass,

and like the showers that water the earth.

**And the people sing: Nitatangaza neno lake mangu Kua mataifa mbalimbali**

Leader: Righteousness will flourish and peace will abound.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel!

May God's glory fill the whole earth!

Amen, and Amen!

**Congregational response: Nitatanhaza neno lake mungu (Let all peoples praise and sing)  
Kua mataifa mbalimbali**

Prayer of confession:

Leader: God of harmony,

**People: We yearn to walk in your way, but often choose our own path of turmoil and pain.**

**Save us, Lord, from the pride and foolishness of choosing our own course, that we may humbly and confidently follow your lead, through Jesus Christ, Amen.**

Words of assurance:

Leader: Throughout the tumult of life, God holds you close in love.

Rejoice, because

God's wisdom is your guide,

God's compassion is your strength,

God's love is your redemption.

**All: Come, let us walk in the way of God's heart!**

HWB 189 *To us a child of hope is born* (Offering hymn)

### Hearing the Word:

Scripture Isaiah 11:1-10

Connecting God's heart longs for harmony

Scriptures Matthew 3:1-6

Romans 15: 4-13 (from Eugene Peterson's *The message*)

Message Living from a wellspring of hope

Response Time

Song of Response HWB 502 *Spirit of God! Descend*

Community Sharing and Prayer

### Sending with love and hope:

Sending Song HWB 633 *Whom shall I send?*

Benediction:

Come! Walk in the way of God's heart.

The dawn is breaking!

Christ is coming! We live in the hope of the wellspring of Christ's love.

Speaker: Tina; Worship leader: Elisabeth; Musicians: Duane, Lisa, Brian, Jennifer

### 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, Anna, Brian)

11:00 a.m. – Sunday School for children and youth; second hour for adults

## Calendar

Dec. 11 -- Jack Knox speaking at worship

Dec. 18 – Carol speaking at worship, followed by Christmas caroling during 2<sup>nd</sup> hour

Dec. 24 – Soup supper (5:30 pm), followed by worship (7 pm)

Dec. 25 – Carol speaking at worship

Jan. 1 – Vic Stoltzfus speaking at worship

Jan. 10 – Deacons meeting

Jan. 12 – Elders meeting

Mid-January to Mid-February – Congregation/Pastor Review

Every Saturday 9 am-2 pm – our facility is used by Church of God, a Worldwide Association

## Announcements

### Second Hours in December, early Jan:

Dec. 4: writing Christmas cards to persons on death row and to persons held in immigration detention, led by Jon Jantzen and Tina Schlabach

Dec. 11: Advent and Christmas hymn sing

Dec. 18: Christmas caroling at the home of Barbara and Betty McCune

Dec. 25: Christmas morning! Fellowship after worship; no Sunday School.

Jan. 1: Fellowship second hour, no Sunday School.