

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.

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.

Prayer concerns from Mennonite Church USA:

Pray for the tutors and students of the 38 Anabaptist Biblical Institute-IBA study centers who meet weekly for their study sessions. May God grant the tutors wisdom, patience and lots of energy in their ministry of teaching. And pray that the students become essential instruments in the Hispanic churches as we build the Kingdom of God.

And from Mennonite Mission Network:

Mennonite churches in Bolivia have vacation Bible school this month. Margrit Kipfer Barrón, serving with Mennonite Mission Network, helps prepare the curriculum and train teachers. Pray that the Spirit of God will move in a powerful way among the children who attend and their families.

Feedback requested by Mennonite Church USA:

A revised version of the Israel-Palestine resolution first brought to delegates at the Mennonite Church USA assembly in 2015 is now available for review. Visit www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/seeking-peace-israel-palestine to view the document and provide feedback by Dec. 20.

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

December 4th General Offering	\$2,246.00
Amount needed per Sunday per budget	\$2,221.00
General Offering Year to Date	\$50,705.67
Amount needed YTD per budget	\$51,083.00
Youth Fund	\$0.00
Total Youth Fund	\$8,151.00

SHALOM MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

ADVENT 3

December 11, 2016



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.

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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

Gathering Songs:

STS 9 *As the pauper waits for plenty* (harmonization at HWB #29)

STJ 8 *Somos pueblo que camina*

Welcome, Introduction of Visitors, Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: In the nighttime of sorrow,
we become impatient and lose hope.

**People: Our joy disappears,
and our songs become silent.
We forget the truth
that God will restore all of creation.**

All: Come! Walk in the way of God's heart!

Candle Lighting: STS 3 *Come, Light of the world*

Praising

Advent 3 Reading: Psalm 146:5-10 and Luke 1:47-55

Offering/Offertory: STJ 13 *My soul is filled with joy*

Confessing/Reconciling

Confessing

L: *God of healing,*

**P: 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.**

Connection: Anointing

STS 50 *Come bring your burdens to God*

STS 49 *I will come to you in the silence*

STS 45 *Calm me, Lord*

Words of Assurance

L: *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!

Hearing God's Word

Scripture Reading:

Isaiah 35:1-10

Matthew 11:2-11

Message: Jack Knox

Responding

Song of Response:

HWB 176 *Comfort, comfort, O my people*

Prayer of Blessing for Mike Virga

Sharing Time/Prayers of the People

"We pray together..."

Lord, hear our prayer."

Sending

Sending Song

Mary's Song (projected)

Baba Na Mama (International Choir)

Benediction

Speaker: Jack; Worship leader: Lisa; Musicians: Erik, Matt, Destinee, 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 and Char)

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

Calendar

Dec. 15 – Gathering for Unity at Islamic Center (5 pm)

Dec. 18 – Carol speaking at worship, followed by Christmas caroling during 2nd 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. 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.

The family is gathering for Christmas Eve! Folks from one to ninety two are invited to gather at Shalom on Christmas Eve for a hearty meal of soup, cheese and crackers. We will gather at around 5:30, and eat at 6:00. After supper we will share songs, scriptures and stories. Come by yourself, or with family or friends. Bring your appetite and seasonal memories! If you can bring a little bread, cheese, or crackers (or cookies!), all the better to share this evening together.

In light of oppressive electoral rhetoric targeting communities ... In light of the uncertainty of how that will be acted out in coming years by government and/or by those emboldened to hate crimes ... In light of the blessed ties we share with the Muslim community as they look to Jesus as prophet and we look to Jesus as prophet, Lord and Love, **Mohyeddin Abdulaziz of the Islamic Center (901 E. 1st St.) invites us to a Gathering for Unity** at the Center, this Thursday, December 15, starting at 5 pm.