

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.

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 anniversary this week:

Jay and Tina Schlabach

Dec. 22

Prayer request from Mennonite Mission Network:

Democratic Republic of Congo is in political turmoil as the country tries to organize presidential elections. Pray that the Mennonites in Congo will provide a strong witness to Jesus, the Prince of Peace, and that they can help move the country toward governmental transition without more loss of lives.

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.

College Internship Opportunity with Mennonite Church USA:

The Mennonite Church USA Communications team is looking for interns! Beginning in January and culminating in July 2017 at Mennonite Church USA Convention in Orlando, these internships will include positions for writers, editors, photographers, social media, and graphic design. Internships will be paid and prioritize students of color. Interested students should contact janiebk@mennoniteusa.org for more information.

Do you have your summer vacation plans set yet? Why not spend it in Orlando, Florida? You can attend the **Mennonite Church USA convention**. The convention takes place July 4-8 with the theme "Love is a Verb." Learn more at <http://convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration/> or find the convention on Facebook or Twitter.

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 11th General Offering	\$2,288.00
Amount needed per Sunday per budget	\$2,221.00
General Offering Year to Date	\$52,993.67
Amount needed YTD per budget	\$53,304.00
Youth Fund	\$100.00
Total Youth Fund	\$8,251.00

SHALOM MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

New Year's Day/Epiphany

January 1, 2017



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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...

Sisi tuna kuwakaribisha ninyi! Hata kama wewe ni mtu rahisi, hata kama wewe ni mtu ujasiri au aibu, mtu ambaye ana ulizwa maswali, mtu ambaye uko salamaa, au yule ambayo ana matatizo, chochote umri mnayo, rangi ya ngozi nyako, uwezo mnayo, mwelekeo wa kimapenzi mwako, hali ya jinsia mwako, hali ya uhamiaji mwako..., Iwapo tumemuona ninyi kila Jumapili, kwa ajili ya msimu mmoja, au kwenye baadhi maalum, nadra, na taamu, sisi tunakukaribishwa ninyi nyote kama mwanachama, mwenye kuabudu, mshiriki, waangalizi, viongozi ...

¡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.

Worship Order. January 1, 2017

Gathering in Joy:

Gathering Hymns

StS 32 O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem

StS 30 Arise, Your Light is Come!

Welcome, Introductions, Announcements

Call to Worship:

Leader: Day has dawned! The light if Christ has come to the world!

People: **We see God's radiance in creation, and in our lives. We rejoice in God's boundless riches given for all. We worship and adore our Savior, Christ the Lord.**

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

Candle lighting

STS 3 "Come, Light of the World"

Praising and Praying:

Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14

Congregational response: HWB 101 "Alleluiah"

Prayer of Confession and Reconciliation:

Leader: Radiant God, People: We yearn to walk in your way, but we often choose other paths. And we are caught up in larger systems that have gone astray. Hear us in the silence of our hearts, and in our speaking, as we confess. **(Silence)**

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 Matthew 2:1-12

Connecting: A baby shower

Scripture Ephesians 3:1-12

Message: Vic Stoltzfus

Song of Response

HWB 213 "Let us All Together Praise God"

Community Sharing and Prayer

Communion

StS 34 You are Holy HWB 204 Gloria

Sending with Love and Hope:

Sending Song StS 24 Alleluia

Benediction

Speaker: Vic Stoltzfus

Worship Leader: Elisabeth Monsma

Song Leader: Lisa Showalter

Musicians: Matt Schildt, Brian Showalter

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 during worship by Belén) There will be no second Sunday School, no adult second hour.

Calendar

Jan. 8 -- John Fife speaking at worship and second hour

Jan. 10 – Deacons meeting

Jan. 12 – Elders meeting

Jan. 15- Carol Rose speaks in worship. Gina Martinez second hour on sanctuary for resettling refugee families

Jan. 22- Carol Rose speaks in worship. Second hour: Joaquin Murrieta from Watershed Management Group on Sanctuary for the Santa Cruz River, people and land.

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 January:

Sanctuary! January 8 through Feb. 5 in our worship at Shalom Mennonite Fellowship we will use lectionary scriptures with a focus on what it means to give and receive sanctuary. One year ago in January our congregation joined the sanctuary movement as a supporting congregation. Who knows how we may be called in the next months to put our commitment into action? In addition to extending sanctuary to vulnerable people in our community, we also will look at what it means to extend sanctuary to the earth in the Sonoran Desert, as well as what it means to receive sanctuary ourselves. How does God extend sanctuary to everyone, including us? How can we be part of more deeply living into the sanctuary that God provides, and of extending it to others and to the earth with fuller compassion?

During this series, we will be honored to have guests with us during Second Hours to present on different kinds of sanctuary work that are already happening in our wider community.

Tina is on vacation until Jan. 3. Carol is available for pastoral care during this time.