

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 birthdays this week:

Rolf Casad Feb. 16
Jen Metzler Feb. 17

Shalom has been responding with love and generosity to a request for help from **the Inn Project**. The project, housed at First United Methodist Church, provides basic needs, temporary safe housing (generally 1-3 days) and transportation to the bus station or airport for Central American refugees who have cleared background checks and customs and are joining their families in other parts of the U.S. At this time Shalom will discontinue formal collection of clothing for the project. For ongoing information about the project and its current needs, visit www.dscumc.org/theinnproject

We are delighted to announce that **Ted & Co. will be performing *Laughter is sacred space*** on Sunday evening, April 23, at Shalom Mennonite Fellowship. Help us spread the word! Here is a link to discover what this show is about:

<http://www.tedandcompany.com/shows/laughter-is-sacred-space/>

And we need a support crew! If you are interested in helping with:

- our fundraising plan
 - publicity
 - support the day of: getting our building ready for the show, and helping to host the performance (tech support, ushering, providing snacks for the actors, getting the building ready, and other details)
- Please let me know if you are interested in helping. - Tina

Prayer request from Mennonite Mission Network:

Alan and Eleanor Kreider were based at the London Mennonite Centre for more than 20 years and were instrumental in developing the Anabaptist Network throughout the United Kingdom. Alan recently retired from teaching at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana, and in December was diagnosed with a serious medical problem. Alan and Eleanor are grateful for prayers, especially during this time when visits are limited. E-mails are appreciated: akreider@ambs.edu and eleanor.kreider@gmail.com.

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

February 5th General Offering	\$2,831.00
Amount needed per Sunday per budget	\$2,221.00
General Offering Year to Date	\$73,147.67
Amount needed YTD per budget	\$71,072.00
Youth Fund	\$100.00
Total Youth Fund	\$8,851.00

SHALOM MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

February 12, 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..., lwapo 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.

Order of Worship

Gathering songs

HWB 372 (blue book) *O healing river*

HWB 301 (blue book) *Joys are flowing like a river*

Lighting of the Christ candle and lamps

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship

Reading: Isaiah 43:1b-2, 16-21 (NRSV)

Connecting time

Offering song StJ 49 (green book) *Rain down*

Reading: Job 38:8-11 (*The Message*)

Message

Responses to the message

Song of response:

HWB 582 (blue book) Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

Prayers of the community

Leader: We pray together,

People: Bwana, hear our prayer.

Receiving God's life-giving gift of water

Closing hymn: *Mwamba, mwamba*

Benediction

Postlude: *Luaye, luaye*

Speaker: Carol Rose

Worship Leader: Duane Ediger

Musicians: Lisa Showalter, Brian Showalter, Jen Metzler, Destinee Wells, Bruce Weber, Fern Hieb

Today's Schedule

9:30 a.m. – Worship (nursery staffed during worship by Stefanie Lowe)

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

Calendar

Feb. 12 – Carol Rose speaking in worship; chili cookoff after second hour

Feb. 15 – Wayfarers small group meeting

Feb. 19 – Carol speaking in worship

Feb. 21 – Deacons meeting

Feb. 26 – Edna Dyck speaking in worship

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

Mar. 1 – Ash Wednesday service

Mar. 5 – Tina speaking at worship

Mar. 9 – elders meeting

Mar. 26 – potluck/congregational meeting

Mar. 30-Apr. 2 – MVS leadership meeting here

Apr. 23 – Ted & Co. at Shalom in the evening

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

Announcements

Second hour today. For our Second hour today there will be a presentation on Riparian Restoration on the Santa Cruz River by Sally Pablo and David Tenario from the Tohono O'odham Nation. Using water from the Colorado River, the vegetation on the banks of the Santa Cruz River near the Mission San Xavier del Bac is returning. Sally is the Director of the Natural Resources Department of San Xavier District, and David is the Assistant Supervisor of the department.

The Shalom youth are sponsoring a **chili cookoff** today, after 2nd hour. Please support our youth by staying for a chili meal.

Tina is on vacation through February 19. She and Jay are traveling in Costa Rica, where they lived for a year working as Goshen College Study Service Term leaders in the early years of their marriage. They look forward to this time of celebrating 30 years of marriage, and to reconnecting with longtime Costa Rican friends.

The next meeting of the **Wayfarers group** will be held this Wednesday, February 15, at 7 p.m. Vic and Marie Stoltzfus will host the group **at the Hiebs' home**, 2515 E. 7th St. Please respond to Vic or Marie if you plan to attend.

Book study on *Buffalo shout, salmon cry* will start this Thursday, Feb. 16 at 6:30 pm at Carol and Duane's, 511 N. Cuesta Ave, Tucson AZ 85745. We'll start by talking about the Introduction and chapter 1 (the first 49 pages). To this first meeting bring something (physical or a thought) that represents your connection to the creation. The book is a dialog between First Nations (Native) and settler (mostly white) folk on earth, Spirit, righting relations...

The third annual **Gathering at Oak Flat** will be a march to Oak Flat Feb. 16-19. To participate on one day, Saturday, Feb. 18, we can carpool from the Center for Biological Diversity, 378 N Main, Tucson, leaving at approximately 9:00 a.m., returning by about dusk. Call 623-5252 for details and to RSVP for the carpool.

Interfaith Community Services is sponsoring a fundraiser, Empty Bowls, to benefit their Food Banks as they help to fight hunger and feed hope. It will be held Saturday, March 4 from 11 am to 1:30 pm at the Tucson Chinese Cultural Center at 1288 W. River Rd. You can sample soups, breads and desserts from many distinctive area restaurants and food partners. And you can select a unique and handcrafted pottery bowl to take home as a simple reminder of hunger. Tickets are \$25 each at www.icstucson.org (online purchase and advance sales only). If you have questions, please call 520-297-6049 x209.

We welcome these SOOPer's who recently arrived in Tucson: Leona and Ernie Boschmann Winnipeg, Manitoba Peter and Viola Labun East St. Paul, Manitoba Bob and Marj Havens Bassano, Alberta