

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:

Brenna Schildt	March 15
Elias Baer	March 17
Tina Schlabach	March 18

Welcome to SOOPer Bob Walson from Indianapolis, Indiana, who arrived this past week.

For SOOPers and other winter visitors: Interested in participating in worship leading? We would love your talents. If you have an interest in worship leading, song leading, reading scripture, speaking, leading a children's time, or other creative involvements in worship, please talk to someone on the Worship Commission. Anna Groff, Matt Schildt, Lisa Showalter, Bonnie Casad, Earl Kellogg, or Jennifer Metzler

Buffalo shout, salmon cry book study. Thursday March 16, 6:30 PM at 5434 E Holmes St, Tucson 85711. We'll discuss chapters 2-3 (pgs. 50-75), and talk a bit about how our families got to this continent. If you missed the first gathering, no worry, come on in!

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

Applications are now being accepted for counselors and counselors-in-training for our Mennonite youth camps at Camp Keola this summer. Camp dates are July 13-29 (including staff training July 13-15). More information and a link to the application form can be found at: <http://campkeola.org/employment.shtml>. Scroll down to the "Mennonite Program Positions" section.

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

March 5 th General Offering	\$1,274.00
Amount needed per Sunday per budget	\$2,221.00
General Offering Year to Date	\$80,358.67
Amount needed YTD per budget	\$79,956.00
Youth Fund	\$100.00
Total Youth Fund	\$10,267.00

SHALOM MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

March 12, 2017
Second Sunday in Lent



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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.

RESTORE US, O GOD! WE WONDER

Gathering

Singing: *Joyful, joyful, we adore thee* (blue book 71)
Will you come and follow me (purple book 39)

Lighting of candles

Call to worship

Prayer

Welcome and introduction of visitors

- passing the welcome sheets

Announcements

Singing and bringing our offerings:

You are all we have (green book 29)

Singing a song of thanks - Raymond and Georgette

Prayer of blessing

Hearing the Word

Gospel reading: John 3:1-17

Confession and words of assurance:

Leader: God of mystery, you call us into the unknown. But we do not always follow willingly.

Reader 1: We confess that we do not want to leave behind what is familiar. We prefer looking like those around us.

Reader 2: We do not want to change our well-refined beliefs. We prefer to think and believe in the same ways we always have.

Reader 3: We do not want to give up the comfort of our own self-sufficiency. We prefer to stay in control.

Leader: Forgive us, O Lord, when in our best effort to work for you, we fail to move with your Spirit.

ALL: Stir us deep within. Recover a sense of your holy wonder and make room within us for the mystery of your Spirit.

(Pause for silent confession)

Leader: God of mystery,

ALL: Restore us.

Leader: Our help comes from the Lord, Maker of heaven and earth. The Lord will keep you from all harm. The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore. Amen.

Sermon – Carol

Responding

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Singing: *Som'landela (We will follow)* (purple book 40)

Community sharing and prayer:

*We pray together: **Bwana (Lord), hear our prayer!***

Sending

Sending song - Intercultural Choir

Charge and blessing

Speaker: Carol

Worship Leader: Tina

Musicians: Duane, Lucas, Jen, Destinee

Today's Schedule

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

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

Calendar

Mar. 16 – *Buffalo shout* book study group

Mar. 19 – Ted Koontz speaking in worship

Mar. 21 – Deacons meeting

Mar. 22 – Wayfarers meeting

Mar. 26 – Carol Rose speaking in worship; Potluck/congregational meeting follow a shortened second hour

Mar. 30-Apr. 2 – MVS leadership meeting in Tucson

Apr. 2 – Barry Hieb speaking in worship

Apr. 3 – Elders meeting at Carol's at 7 pm

Apr. 18 – Deacons meeting

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

When we gather after Second Hour on Sunday, March 26, our agenda will include discussion on **signing the revised pledge of the new sanctuary movement** "Sanctuary Rising!" In January 2016 we signed on to the sanctuary movement, pledging to give active support to churches in our community giving safety to undocumented immigrants. Now the ways of providing sanctuary are broadening, and there is a new statement to publicly support. The new pledge:

"As people of faith and people of conscience, we pledge to resist the newly elected administration's policy proposals to target and deport millions of undocumented immigrants and discriminate against marginalized communities. We will open up our congregations and communities as sanctuary spaces for those targeted by hate, and work alongside our friends, families, and neighbors to ensure the dignity and human rights of all people."

The deacons are inviting persons to volunteer to **help provide transportation to and from church** for the two Congolese families with small children. Three drivers are needed for each Sunday and regular volunteers would especially be appreciated - for ex. taking the same Sunday each month. Two vans, car / booster seats and directions will be provided; however the 3rd person would need to drive their own vehicle. The drivers would need to leave the church by at least 9:00 to get back to church by the start of the service. This is a wonderful opportunity to relate to these Congolese families, so please let Char know if you can help.