

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.

Anna Groff, administration
 Carrie Nelson, mission/service
 Harold Kauffman, worship
 Elisabeth Monsma, community

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:

Jerry Short
 Duane Ediger
 Fern Hieb

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.

From Mennonite Mission Network:
 MMN requests prayer for the 30 **Mennonite Voluntary Service participants who are beginning assignments** in nine locations – Alamosa, Colorado; Chicago; Elkhart, Indiana; Manhattan, New York; San Antonio; San Francisco; Seattle; Tucson, Arizona; and Washington, D.C.

On Sunday, Aug. 21, members of **Comunidad Evangélica Menonita in Barcelona** adjusted their regular plans for worship, instead opting to invite community members to join them for a time of praying and grieving together, following a week that included two attacks in Cambrils and the Las Ramblas area of Barcelona, Spain, on Aug. 17. Fifteen people were killed in the attacks, and over 100 were wounded. The poster circulated by the Barcelona Mennonite community inviting people to Sunday's service read, "We are looking for answers to the violence. We move toward the teachings of Jesus. We invite you to share your pain and seek peace."

Help displaced people in the Democratic Republic of the Congo: Armed conflict in the Kasai region of the DR Congo has displaced 1.4 million people, including 8,000 Mennonites. There is a severe lack of food and increasing malnutrition. Families had to leave their fields and animals when they fled the violence. Your gift of money will help provide food, household items and shelter supplies. Make your donation online at mcc.org/congo-relief or by phone, 1-888-563-4676; mail checks to MCC, PO Box 500, Akron PA 17501. Please keep those who have been forced from their homes, and those hosting them, in your prayers.

Shalom anniversary this week:
 Kathy and Jerry Short Sept. 1

The hospitality coordinating committee is inviting the church to a **community potluck meal** on the first Wednesday of every month, to show hospitality to our friends living in Zuni House. The second of these community meals will be **September 6**, at 6 p.m. at the church. Contact Carrie or Destinee if you have questions.

The Shalom property commission has set up a new email account for folks to let us know when things are noticed that need attention: Shalom.property.care@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.

August 20th General Offering	\$2039.00
Amount needed per Sunday per budget	\$2,244.00
General Offering Year to Date	\$15,659.00
Amount needed YTD per budget	\$17,952.00
Youth Fund	\$0.00
Total Youth Fund	\$11,967.00

SHALOM MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

August 27, 2017

LIVING IN GOD'S BIG STORY



Swinging into the spiral: next Sunday's text will be Gen. 27:41-28:22

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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.

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

Welcome

Introduction to the worship series

Opening hymns StJ 24 (green book) *Creation is a song*
 StJ 25 *When long before time*

Candlelighting

Call to Worship HWB 684 (blue book)

Introduction of visitors

Announcements

Offertory HWB 161 *We give thanks unto you*

Connecting Time

A look at God's best creation

The Creation by James Weldon Johnson

Hearing

Message – *God creates, people bless and break*

Responding

Song of response StJ 23 (green book) *Slowly turning*

Reflection/response

Community Life

Community Prayer

“We pray together...”

“Bwana, hear our prayer.”

Farewell to Fabian, Rebecca and family

Sending

Benediction

Sending song Bwana wa mabwana

Postlude Nitatangaza

speaker: Carol; worship leader: Barry; musicians: Erik, Destinee
nursery volunteer: Brian (during worship); Betty (during congregational mtg.)

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

9:30 a.m. – Worship (nursery supervisor is Eli Bell)

11:00 a.m. – Fellowship time (no Second hour or Sunday School during the summer)

CALENDAR

Aug. 27 – Carol speaking in worship; congregational meeting after worship

Sept. 3 – Carol speaking in worship; orientation to interpretation/hearing assistance system after worship

Sept. 6 – community potluck meal at church, 6 p.m.

Sept. 9 – Casa Mariposa Detention Visitation Program's fundraiser

Sept. 10 – Tina speaking in worship; 2nd Hour and Sunday School resume

Sept. 12 – Deacons meeting

Sept. 25 – Elders meeting

Nov. 3-5 – church campout

Every Saturday 9 am-2 pm – our facility is used by Church of God, a Worldwide Association (COGWA). Upcoming changes to the COGWA schedule: on Sept. 30 they will use our facility in the afternoon (not morning); and, they will not be using our facility the first two Saturdays of October.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Fall worship series** theme is *Living in God's big story*. From August 20-November 26 we will seek to find our place in the spiral of God's healing/liberation story with us. We'll tell our way through God's big story in Biblical/chronological order with focus on how that part of the story of God with us fits in the whole story of God's liberating love.

Tina is in Goshen, IN, with Thomas this weekend as he transfers to Goshen College. She returns on Wednesday, Aug. 30th.

Brief orientation to interpretation/hearing assistance system Sept 3 after worship service. Please come if: you are an interpreter or receive interpretation in Swahili or Spanish, you do AV, are a greeter, or you will use a headset transmitting in English (e.g. for hearing assistance, those who need to leave the worship room other than to the nursery and crib room where the service is already piped in).

Second Hours begin again on Sept. 10! Stay and join in...

Sept. 10: Erik and Fern will lead singing from the new hymnal project sampler

Sept. 17: Tina will lead sharing from and discussion about the Future Church Summit at the Mennonite Church USA Convention in Orlando, July 4-8

Sept. 24: Living the Story: Prayer practices that feed our spirits - Singing and Moving with Joy! Led by Georgette and Raymond (to be confirmed)

Oct. 1: Ken and Mary Beth, members of the Pastors/Congregation Review Committee, will lead a discussion on process for pastors' term renewal

Shalom is invited ... to support our Casa Mariposa Detention Visitation Program's **fundraiser to find a new Casa Mariposa**. Come to Menlo Park, on Grande Ave., just south of St. Mary's Rd., on Saturday, Sept. 9th! We have reserved two ramadas close to a playground. Starting at 4:00 p.m. enjoy live traditional Mexican sierrana music (guitars and voices), including the teenage son of Raquel Alcantara, who is part of our visitation group to Eloy Detention Center. At about 5:00 p.m. dinner will be served. Bring blankets to sit on, or portable chairs. If you are willing to prepare food for this event, please talk to Tina. Generous donations will be gratefully accepted, as we support our sister visitation group Mariposas Sin Fronteras in taking the lead in acquiring a new house of welcome and hospitality for LGTBQ persons and others who are especially vulnerable in our detention system and who need a place to stay upon release.

Mission project: During the month of August, our goal as a church is to fill 30+ MCC school kit bags made by Barbara Hershberger and Cathy Lichti. The bags are available in the church office.

Please bring contents for the school kit bags (NEW items only):
4 spiral or perforated notebooks (8 1/2 x 10 1/2 in. with 70 sheets)
8 unsharpened pencils
1 ruler (flat, flexible plastic; indicating both 30 cm and 12 in.)
12 colored pencils (in packaging)
1 large pencil eraser