

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.

Shalom second hours this Fall:

Oct. 1 – Mary Beth and Ken lead discussion of pastor term renewal process
 Oct. 8 – choir practice / prayer practices that feed our spirits: Taize, led by Becca and Lisa
 Oct. 15 – Fellowship second hour – stay and visit!
 Oct. 22 – Shalom 101, led by Carol
 Oct. 29 – choir practice / MCUSA: Israel/Palestine resolution, led by Carol

Shalom birthdays this week:

Leanne Yoder Oct. 1
 Carrie Nelson Oct. 8

Featuring Shalom children who recently celebrated birthdays:

Tara Lantz Leppert (5th grade, Lineweaver Elementary) turned 11 on September 19th. Tara is trying out the cello this year in orchestra and loves it! She also plays the recorder, and loves reading with younger students at Lineweaver. She's enjoying getting settled into her family's new home with a backyard swimming pool.

Creating Congregational Cultures of Generosity Workshop will be held on November 11 at Trinity Mennonite Church in Glendale from 8:30am to 2:00pm. "What messages do you carry about generosity and scarcity?" Contact Carol if you are interested in joining Shalom's team.

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.

September 24th General Offering	\$2,015.00
Amount needed per Sunday per budget	\$2,244.00
General Offering Year to Date	\$25,402.00
Amount needed YTD per budget	\$29,172.00
Youth Fund	\$0.00
Total Youth Fund	\$12,067.00

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.

SHALOM MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

October 1, 2017

LIVING IN GOD'S BIG STORY



Wading in the water: next Sunday's text will be John 8:3-11

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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.

Order of Worship

“Injustice leads to exile. God and a remnant are faithful.”

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome! Karibu! !Bienvenid@s!

Sing!

HWB 1 (blue book) *What is this place?*

HWB 76 *Praise I will praise you Lord*

Call to worship

Community sharing and prayer:

We pray together. BWANA*, hear our prayer! (*Lord)

Sing!/Offering:

HWB 134 verses 1-3 *Babylon streams received our tears*

Hearing the Word

Scripture: Daniel 3

Sermon: Carrie

Responding

Spoken responses of the community

Response song:

HWB 169 *I to the hills will lift my eyes*

Communion - THE GREAT THANKSGIVING!

Jesus is here.

The Spirit of the Risen One is with us.

Lift up your hearts;

we lift them to God.

Give thanks to our God!

All our thanks, all our praise!

Singing - StJ 88 (green book) *Hallelujah! We sing your praises!*

....telling the story, praying...

A version of The Lord's Prayer

from The New Zealand Prayer Book:

Eternal Spirit,

Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,

Source of all that is and that shall be,

Father and Mother of us all,

Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom

sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and testing, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.

Sending

Introduction of guests and announcements

Charge and blessing

Postlude - Intercultural choir

speaker: Carrie; worship leader: Carol; musicians: Edie, Abi, Mandy
nursery volunteer: Mark (during worship), Brian (during 2nd hour)

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

9:30 a.m. – Worship (nursery supervisor is Nicole Link)

11:00 a.m. – Second hour for youth and adults (discussion of pastor team renewal); Sunday School for children

CALENDAR

Oct. 2 – *Buffalo shout* discussion group

Oct. 4 – Community meal at church

Oct. 8 – David Bonilla speaking in worship

Oct. 14 – church work day (bathroom demolition), 8 a.m.-noon

Oct. 17 – Deacons meeting

Oct. 21 – worship retreat, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Oct. 23 – Elders meeting at Carol's

Nov. 3-5 – church campout

Nov. 20 – Elders meeting at Tina's

Nov. 26 – Congregational meeting during 2nd hour (pastoral renewal)

Every Saturday 9 am-2 pm – our facility is used by Church of God, a Worldwide Association (COGWA). One schedule change: COGWA 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.

A helpful book for focusing your preparation each week is ***The Bible as story***, written by Marion Bontrager, Michele Hershberger and John Sharp. The book shows that the stories of the Bible have a trajectory, movement and momentum like all great stories have. The book is in the church library, and is currently shelved in the display case at the library entrance. Check it out by signing your name in the checkout binder in the library.

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 next community meal is **this Wednesday, October 4**, at 6 p.m. at the church. Contact Carrie or Destinee if you have questions.