

**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 birthdays this week:**

Erik Yoder Sept. 11  
Magnolia Casad Sept. 12

**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](http://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.

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 will be on Wednesday, **October 4**, at 6 p.m. at the church. Contact Carrie or Destinee if you have questions.

From the deacons:

**Shalom is the home congregation for Magdy Behman**, who is teaching in the Social Science Department at the State Islamic University in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, where he is the only Christian professor. He sent the following update: *I participated in 8 conferences this summer. This Fall I am teaching 5 classes and supervising 14 PhD students in Arabic and English. I am so excited about building strong relationships with my students. Keep me in prayers.*

Please send an email to Magdy, telling him that his home congregation is praying for him. ([mbbehman@aol.com](mailto:mbbehman@aol.com))

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](mailto:Shalom.property.care@gmail.com)

To contribute information to the bulletin, please send email to [bulletin@shalommennonite.org](mailto:bulletin@shalommennonite.org) by Thursday evening. A small team prepares the bulletin each week.

September 3rd General Offering	\$1,960.00
Amount needed per Sunday per budget	\$2,244.00
General Offering Year to Date	\$19,957.00
Amount needed YTD per budget	\$22,440.00
Youth Fund	\$0.00
Total Youth Fund	\$11,967.00

# SHALOM MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

September 10, 2017

## LIVING IN GOD'S BIG STORY



*Wading in the water: next Sunday's text will be 1 Samuel 1, 8, 16, and 2 Samuel 11 and 12*

**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.

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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 tunakaribishwa 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

Prelude

Opening hymn: *In the presence of your people* (projected)

Candle lighting

Wide welcome and introductions

Call to worship

Passing on the story - giving Bibles

### HEARING THE WORD

Sermon: *from slaving under Pharaoh to journeying with God*

hearing the story: Exodus 1-2, 20:1-17

singing the story:

*When Israel was in Egypt land* (projected)

*Be still, God will fight your battle* StJ 75 (green book)

*Obey my voice* HWB 163 (blue book)

### RESPONDING

Reflection time

Offertory song:

*Had God brought us out* StS 96 (purple book)

Offertory prayer

Sharing and congregational prayer

### SENDING

Announcements

Sending song (International Choir): *Bwana wa mabwana*

Benediction/Charge

International Choir Finale : *Nimemuona*

speaker: Tina

worship leader: Emma

musicians: Erik, Abi, Josh

nursery volunteer: Jeanne

### TODAY'S SCHEDULE

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

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

### CALENDAR

Sept. 17 – Barry speaking in worship

Sept. 24 – Carol speaking in worship

Sept. 12 – Deacons meeting

Sept. 25 – Elders meeting

Oct. 2 – *Buffalo shout* discussion group

Oct. 4 – Community meal at church

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.

### SHALOM SECOND HOURS -

Sept. 10 - choir practice / singing new music for MCUSA hymnal project *Resonate* - led by Erik and Fern

Sept. 17 - choir practice / MCUSA Future Church Summit - feedback and discussion - led by Tina

Sept. 24 - prayer practices that feed our spirits - singing and moving with joy! Led by Georgette and Raymond (to be confirmed)

Oct. 1 - Mary Beth and Ken lead pastor term renewal process discussion

Oct. 8 - choir practice / prayer practices that feed our spirits: Taize, led by Becca and Lisa

From Mennonite Disaster Service, Arizona Unit:

If you are looking for an opportunity to **help in Texas with clean-up**, or any other work MDS will do, please contact Cory Axness, our Arizona Unit Chair, as soon as possible. We would like to see if we can put together a team to go to Houston or other communities as needed. Cory's email is [teamaxness@cox.net](mailto:teamaxness@cox.net). His cell is 480-307-0089.

From T-Mail:

At the same time that Tropical Storm Harvey was making landfall in Texas, **people in Bangladesh, India and Nepal were experiencing devastating floods** that have left millions of people displaced and killed over 1,200 people. South Asia is prone to flooding during monsoon season, from June to September each year, but authorities have said "this year's floods have been much worse," according to reporting by *The Guardian*. Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) is joining partners in all three countries to help with relief efforts.