

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
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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:

David Neufeld	Sept. 27
Adele Baer	Sept. 30
Leanne Yoder	Oct. 1

From MCC:

Hurricane Irma tore roofs from houses in Cuba and dashed houses to the ground. In Haiti, Irma's rain turned into flash floods that rushed into houses and caused families to escape in waist-high water. In both countries, crops, gardens and livestock were destroyed. Your gift to Mennonite Central Committee helps people in Cuba to rebuild and people in Haiti to recover. You can donate by visiting donate.mcc.org/cause/hurricane-irma-response, by calling 1-888-563-4676 or by mailing a check to **MCC, PO Box 500, Akron, PA 17501**.

SHALOM MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

September 24, 2017

LIVING IN GOD'S BIG STORY



Swinging into the spiral: next Sunday's text will be Daniel 3

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 17th General Offering	\$1,200.00
Amount needed per Sunday per budget	\$2,244.00
General Offering Year to Date	\$23,387.00
Amount needed YTD per budget	\$26,928.00
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.

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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

Prophets listen to God and speak

Gathering

Prelude

Opening hymns

All the ends of the earth (projected)

HWB 537 (blue book) *En medio de la vida*

Welcome/Introductions

Candle lighting

Call to worship

Offerings (instrumental music)

Connecting Time

Hearing the Word

Scripture: Jeremiah 1:4-10

Message – *Prophets listen to God and speak*

Responding

Reflection/response

Song of response HWB 323 *Beyond a dying sun*

Community Life

Community prayer

“We pray together...”

“Bwana, hear our prayer.”

Announcements

Sending

Benediction

Sending song *Chagua* Shalom Intercontinental Choir

speaker: Carol

worship leader: Duane

musicians: Erik, Matt, Jen, Clayton

nursery volunteer: Betty (during worship), Barry (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 (Singing and moving with joy! Led by Georgette and Raymond); Sunday School for children

CALENDAR

Sept. 24 – Carol speaking in worship

Sept. 25 – Elders meeting

Sept. 28 – Worship commission meeting

Oct. 1 – Carrie speaking in worship

Oct. 2 – *Buffalo shout* discussion group

Oct. 4 – Community meal at church

Oct. 8 – David Bonilla speaking in worship

Oct. 17 – Deacons 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 (next Saturday) 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.

As supplemental reading to the Fall worship series, there is a new book in the church library titled ***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 classed at BSG 153, but can currently be found in the display case at the library entrance. Help yourself! And sign your name in the checkout binder in the library.

Shalom second hours – Sept., Oct., Nov.:

Sept. 24 – prayer practices that feed our spirits – singing and moving with joy! Led by Georgette and Raymond.

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

Oct. 15 – Fellowship second hour – stay and visit!

Oct. 22 – Shalom 101, led by Carol

From Mennonite Central Committee (MCC):

Armed conflict in the Kasai region of the Democratic Republic of the Congo has displaced 1.4 million people, including 8,000 Mennonites. Families had to leave their fields and animals when they fled the violence, and food that is available for purchase is very expensive. An Anabaptist response is underway, shaped and implemented by Congolese Mennonite and Mennonite Brethren church-based relief committees, coordinated by MCC and supported by global and Canada- and U.S.-based Anabaptist organizations. Your gift of money will help provide food, household items and shelter supplies. Make your donation online at mcc.org/congo-relief or by calling 1-888-563-4676. Or mail a check 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.