

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
Barry Hieb

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.

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 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 Wednesday, Jan. 3, at 6 p.m. at the church. Contact Carrie or Destinee if you have questions.

From Mennonite Church USA:

The writing team for Journey Forward will meet this month to complete a draft of the Journey Forward identity document, incorporating feedback from the Future Church Summit, Executive Board, Constituency Leaders Council, and MC USA national staff. This document is part of the visioning process of describing who we are and who God is calling us to be as 21st century Anabaptists. Read more and see the timeline for Journey Forward: <http://mennoniteusa.org/news/journey-forward-embracing-gods-hope-mc-usa/>

From Mennonite Mission Network (MMN):

Join Mennonite Mission Network in praising God for the recording of the entire New Testament in the Toba-Qom language, and for the 33 readers from eight denominations and 12 communities in the Argentine Chaco who volunteered to make this possible. Pray that God's word will find open hearts when it is aired on the radio.

Margrit Kipfer Barrón, jointly supported by Mission Network and the Swiss Mennonite mission agency, began serving with the Bolivia Mennonite Church in 1993. Pray for her and her husband, Freddy, as they plant new congregations, coordinate Christian education ministries, provide pastoral leadership, and train church leaders.

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.

December 3rd General Offering	\$3,249.00
Amount needed per Sunday per budget	\$2,244.00
General Offering Year to Date	\$49,638.40
Amount needed YTD per budget	\$51,612.00
Youth Fund	\$0.00
Total Youth Fund	\$12,067.00
Second hour donations for the children of Ingrid Cruz Revolorio	\$240.00

SHALOM MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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"Yes, let it be"



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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

Prelude

Welcome

Opening hymns:

HWB 181 (blue book) *My soul proclaims with wonder*

(v.1 women, v.2 men, v.3 kids, v.4 all)

HWB 448 *Awake, awake, fling off the night*

Introductions of Guests

If you are a guest or seasonal visitor, sharing your contact info on the welcome sheet as it is passed through the rows will help us stay in touch!

Call to Worship

Leader: **Awake!**

The invitation to carry light

Comes from the voice who cries out
For a smooth way through wild places.

**All: O God, your call is uncomfortable.
How can we who are weak
Remove the rough and rugged places**

(silence)

Leader: Quiets our questioning souls.

All: Lead us into your presence so all can see your way

Leader: Let it be so

Lighting of the Advent candles

Children's time

We delight in our children; their ideas and questions. Please listen with the heart of a child, and refrain from laughing.

Scripture [Isaiah 40:1-11]

Offertory: HWB 176 *Comfort, comfort, O my people*

Scripture [Mark 1:1-8]

Sermon: Carol Rose

Response hymn:

STS 11 (purple book) *No wind at the window* (v.1-3)

Response

Confession and assurance

Community prayer

Announcements

Wonder and Wisdom

Benediction

Intercultural Choir: *Maisha yangu yote*

speaker: Carol; worship leader: Destinee; musicians: Duane, Fern, Jen, Clayton
nursery volunteer: Mary Baldwin (during worship), Brian Miller (during 2nd hour)

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

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

11:00 a.m. – Second hour (singing with Intercultural Choir for youth and adults); Sunday School for children

CALENDAR

Dec. 13 – Elders meeting at Harold's (7 p.m.)

Dec. 14 – Worship committee meeting at Barry's (5:30 p.m.)

Dec. 15 – prayer group at Shalom (9 a.m.)

Dec. 17 – Ken speaking in worship

Dec. 24 – Carol speaking in morning worship

Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve soup supper (5:30 p.m.) and service (7 p.m.)

Dec. 31 – Vic Stoltzfus speaking in worship

Jan. 3 – Community meal

Jan. 7 – Carol speaking in worship; followed by congregational meeting and potluck meal

Every Saturday 9 a.m.-2 p.m. – our facility is used by Church of God, a Worldwide Association (COGWA). Exceptions: on Dec. 23 COGWA will be using our facility from 12 p.m.-2 p.m.; and on Dec. 30, from 1-3 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

You are invited to stay and participate in Second Hours!

Dec. 10 -- intercultural choir, singing for all!

Dec. 17 -- Christmas carol/hymn sing led by Erik and Lisa

Dec. 24 -- fellowship time

How do you want to receive your Shalom directory update?

(Please let Fern or Carol know today)

1: Will you use the directory electronically and/or download it from drop box and google doc and/or print on your own, or

2: Do you want to have a copy printed for you?

Shalom birthdays this week:

Jack Knox

Dec. 10

Joyce Kinyana

Dec. 11

New contact information for June Yordy:

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