

# SHALOM MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

December 24, 2017  
Advent IV

**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, community  
Barry Hieb, worship

**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 birthday this week:**

Josh Schildt Dec. 27

**Anniversary this week:**

Matt Baer and Jeanne Yordy Dec. 28

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:**

**Take some time to engage with Menno Snapshots**, reflections and stories written by people across the church that are regularly posted on MC USA's website. If you are interested in contributing to the Menno Snapshot blog, email [JenniferC@MennoniteUSA.org](mailto:JenniferC@MennoniteUSA.org). Find Menno Snapshots at: <http://mennoniteusa.org/category/menno-snapshots/>

**From T-Mail:**

**Antonia Alvarez has been advocating for immigration justice** for more than 16 years, but the Sept. 5 announcement by President Donald Trump's administration that the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program would be terminated in six months lent a new urgency to her work. Not only is Alvarez an activist and a co-founder of the Minnesota-based movement Asamblea de Derechos Civiles (Assembly for Civil Rights), she is the mother of three DACA beneficiaries who stand to lose their legal status if legal protections aren't reinstated. Beginning on Dec. 4, Alvarez started a 10-day fast in Section 11 on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C.

From November 13-15, 105 volunteers from 11 congregations of Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) joined in packing **food parcels for delivery to hurricane-devastated Puerto Rico.**

**From Mennonite Mission Network:**

Mennonite Mission Network's Youth Venture program invites teens and young adults (ages 16-22) to participate in a short-term learning and service experience during the summer of 2018. Pray for open hearts in those whom God is calling to Benin, Ecuador, Japan, Peru or Spain.

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.

December 17th General Offering	\$4,983.00
Amount needed per Sunday per budget	\$2,244.00
General Offering Year to Date	\$50,901.40
Amount needed YTD per budget	\$56,100.00
Youth Fund	\$0.00
Total Youth Fund	\$12,067.00



**Co-pastors:**

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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.

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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.

## **Gathering**

Welcome/Introductions

Gathering in song...

Magnify (projected)

StS 39 Will you come and follow me

HWB 178 Come, thou long expected Jesus

Call to Worship

Leader: Yes!

The invitation to carry Light comes to each of us, no matter who we are.

**All: O God, you choose to dwell within us.  
You promise to move about with us  
until we find our rest in you.**

Leader: Your call seems risky;  
saying yes takes away our breath.

**All: Yet we know your faithfulness and  
steadfast love endure forever.**

Leader: You are our strength.

**All: Yes! Let it be now.**

## **Lighting of Advent Candles**

Prayer

## **Hearing the Word**

Children's time

Scripture: Luke 1: 26-45

Message – Carol

## **Responding**

Reflection/response

Song of Response/Offertory

StS 11 No wind at the window

## **Community Life**

Blessing of the Evening Meal

Community Prayer

“We pray together...”

“Bwana, hear our prayer.”

Announcements

## **Sending**

Sending Song - Amezaliwa

Benediction

speaker: Carol; worship leader: Tina; musicians: Erik, Matt, David  
nursery volunteer: Betty Hartzler (during service, Jeanne Yordy (second hour)

## **TODAY'S SCHEDULE**

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

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

## **CALENDAR**

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. 4 – Elders meeting at 7:00 (at Barry's)

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

Jan. 11 – Worship Commission

Jan. 23 – Deacons meeting at 6:30 (at Jerry's)

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. 24 -- fellowship time

**Christmas Eve Soup Supper** Reminder - please check the Soup Supper board in the back of the sanctuary and take a soup ingredient to contribute to the Stone Soup. Place your items in a zip-lock bag labelled with the name of the ingredient. It's important that you bring these soup ingredients to church **next Sunday MORNING (12/24) or before.** You may bring your contributions of breads/crackers (last names A-K), cheese/relish items (L-R + Short), or a dessert (S-Z) to the church either the morning of Dec. 24 or by 5:30 before the meal. Please bring your own soup bowl and utensils. - Joan

Looking ahead to the new year: **on Sunday, January 7, there will be a potluck meal** after the congregational meeting and Sunday School.