

**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.

**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 birthdays this week:**

Claire Smith Jan. 12  
Mark Schildt Jan. 14

**Contribution records for 2017** are in your mailboxes. If you find any discrepancies with your records, please let Ken Schildt know as soon as possible.

**SOOP season is upon us!** We welcome all those who are joining us as SOOP volunteers this year and thank you for being a part of our church community and ministry each winter.

Those of you who requested a printed copy of the **updated Shalom directory**, will find it in your mail box. Those of you who will be accessing the directory online can find it at [https://www.dropbox.com/sh/k1pv545desp54zo/AABOC7QWZ0FsACq\\_1f4ARB0Oa?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/k1pv545desp54zo/AABOC7QWZ0FsACq_1f4ARB0Oa?dl=0)

**From T-Mail:**

Suffering continues in the Kasai region of the Democratic Republic of the Congo in the aftermath of an armed conflict that displaced an estimated 1.4 million people, including thousands of Mennonites.

Mennonite World Conference reported in the summer that Mennonite churches in neighboring Angola had taken in Mennonite and other refugees from the Kasai region. Pastors in one area of Angola reported more than 3,500 Mennonite refugees, including 290 unaccompanied children, living outside refugee camps, in Mennonite churches, or with church members.

MCC is coordinating an emergency response shaped and implemented by Congolese Mennonite Church organizations and supported by nine Anabaptist organizations in Canada, the United States, France and Switzerland.

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 31st General Offering	\$2,176.00
Amount needed per Sunday per budget	\$2,244.00
General Offering Year to Date	\$60,263.40
Amount needed YTD per budget	\$60,588.00
Youth Fund	\$0.00
Total Youth Fund	\$12,067.00

# SHALOM MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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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.

Theme: *Yes! Let it be! Epiphany*

### **Order of worship**

Prelude

Gathering hymns

STS 3 (purple book) – *Come, Light of the world*

STS 30 – *Arise, your light is come!*

Announcements

Introduction 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 and candle lighting

Leader: Yes!

The light is here. We carry it within us.

**All: *It is the star of the East;  
it is the morning sun.***

Leader: It is as long as the moon,  
throughout all generations.

**All: *Praise the Lord!***

Leader: You, O God, have caused the mountains to shake.  
You have torn open the heavens,  
and your glory reaches the earth.

**All: *May we, like the magi, seek you until we find you.  
May we offer our gifts in your presence,  
no matter where you are found.***

Leader: Yes! Let your mystery be declared.

Children's time

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

### **Confession**

O God,

your light has come, your glory risen,

and your brightness dawned,

illuminating not only the way of the magi, but all our paths.

From your fullness we have received grace upon grace

as your mystery has been revealed

and your presence made known.

Now we too are called to arise, shine, and return by another road.

Yet we confess that

instead of lifting our eyes and searching diligently,

instead of walking with boldness and confidence,

instead of revealing and proclaiming your presence, we cling to

what we have and know,

and we continue on our old, familiar ways home.

We are frightened by the unknown,

and by the darkness that covers the earth.

Forgive us.

*(pause for silence)*

### **Words of assurance**

O God, Emmanuel,

in Jesus, the Christ, you have come among us.

You have given us life, and we are restored.

Welcoming new members

Scripture Isaiah 60:1-6

Offertory hymn

HWB 638 (blue book) – *God is working His purpose out*

Scripture Ephesians 3:1-12

Sermon

*This, dear woman... also is a daughter of Abraham*

Response hymn (projected) – *The light shines in the darkness*

Response time

Community sharing and prayer

Wisdom and Wonder

Benediction

Choir

Bwana wa mabwana leo ainuliwe

speaker: Magdy Behman; worship leader: Barry Hieb

musicians: Duane Ediger, Jen Metzler, Fern Hieb

nursery volunteer: Mark Schildt (during worship), Emma Stahl-Wert (second hour)

### **TODAY'S SCHEDULE**

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

11:00 a.m. – Second hour and Sunday School

12 noon – Fellowship meal

12:30 p.m. – Congregational meeting

### **CALENDAR**

Jan. 11 – Worship Commission (5:30 p.m. at Tina's)

Jan. 12 – Prayer time at church (9 a.m. led by Georgette)

Jan. 14 – Raymond Malelo speaking in worship

Jan. 18 – Book discussion Woodson's *Brown girl dreaming*

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

Jan. 28 – Tina speaking in worship

Feb. 4 – Carol speaking in worship

Feb. 5 – Elders meeting (7 p.m. at Carrie's)

Feb. 7 – Community meal at church

Feb. 11 – Sarah Augustine speaking in worship

Every Saturday 9 a.m.-2 p.m. – our facility is used by Church of God, a

Worldwide Association (COGWA).

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Second hour today, from 11-11:45, will be **a sharing time with Alaki and Tatu Louise.**

**The fellowship meal** at noon will be followed by a congregational meeting focusing on consideration of the proposed changes to the Shalom constitution and by-laws.