

**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.

Community: Matt Baer  
Mission: Mark Schildt  
Worship: Anna Groff  
Administration: Fern 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:

Char Schildt  
Barry Hieb  
Sara Rickard Regier

**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 [shalommennonite.org/contact/keepintouch](http://shalommennonite.org/contact/keepintouch) to sign up.

**The Sermon and worship for most Sundays** are available online as an audio podcast. See [shalommennonite.org/worship/sermon](http://shalommennonite.org/worship/sermon) for the latest podcast. Podcasts are generally posted Sunday PM, but may not be immediately available. Full worship services are available with a login account.

### Shalom birthdays this week:

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

At **Goshen College's Homecoming next weekend**, Oct. 2-3, Kathy Short will be awarded the Culture for Service Award, and Sonia Graber will receive the Decade of Servant Leadership Award. Congratulations to both!

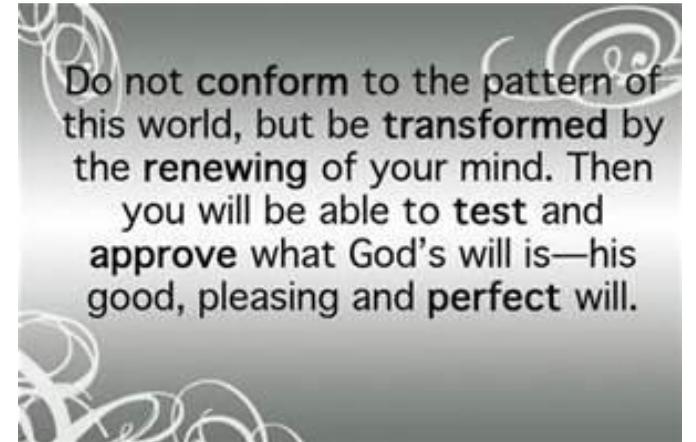
Leave or stay? Many **Syrian families** face that question as international humanitarian assistance dwindles and the patchwork of resources they used to rely on wears thin. Your gift of money helps Mennonite Central Committee continue to provide food, water, rent assistance and winter supplies so families that decide to stay in the region can survive the cold weather ahead. Please give online at [mcc.org/syria-iraq](http://mcc.org/syria-iraq); by phone at [1-888-563-4676](tel:1-888-563-4676); or by check, sent to MCC U.S., P.O. Box 500, Akron, PA 17501. Thank you!

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 20th General Offering	\$990.00
Amount needed per Sunday per budget	\$2,220.33
2017 Youth Convention Fundraising	\$150.00
General Offering Year to Date	\$24,585.00
Amount needed YTD per budget	\$26,643.96
2017 Youth Fundraiser YTD	\$601.00

## SHALOM MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

September 27, 2015



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Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship. As a church we are committed to welcoming all persons as participants in the body, regardless of status, language, race, disability, or orientation. We are pleased to have you with us, and ask that you consider signing the guestbook in the north entrance hall.

Bienvenidos! Gracias por acompañarnos en el tiempo de adoración. Como iglesia estamos comprometidos a darle la bienvenida a todas las personas como parte del cuerpo, sin importar su estatus social, idioma, raza, discapacidad, u orientación. Estamos agradecidos de tenerlos entre nosotros, y le pedimos que considere poner su nombre en el libro de bienvenida que se encuentra en la entrada norte del pasillo.

Every Sunday we light a candle to represent our connection with our sister church, Teusaquillo, in Bogotá, Colombia.

## Order of Worship

### Gathering

Gathering songs:

HWB 20 *Come and see*

HWB 50 *Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah*

Call to Worship

Opening words and welcoming of visitors

Invocation

### Preparing for and Hearing the Word

Romans 12:1-2, 9-21

Connecting questions

Sermon: *Mennonites: might a peculiar people be just a bit queer?*

Reflection

Song of response:

*Standing in oppression's way*

### Sharing in Community

Welcoming Duane Ediger as new member

Sharing

Community Prayer

Hymn of Offering:

HWB 304 *There are many gifts*

### Sending

Announcements

Sending Hymn:

StJ 61 *How can we be silent*

Benediction

Speaker: Carol  
Worship leader: Sara  
Musicians: Dan, Jen

### Abbreviations:

HWB: *Hymnal A Worship Book* (Blue Book)

STJ: *Sing the Journey* (Green Book)

STS: *Sing the Story* (Purple Book)

SS: Shalom Songs (Projected on screen)

### Today's Schedule

10:00 a.m. – Worship (Nursery staffed by Belén Siquieros)

11:00 a.m. – coffee and fellowship

11:15 a.m. – Sunday School for junior youth and children; 2nd Hour for adults and youth

12 noon – potluck meal and congregational meeting

### Calendar

Oct. 1 – deacons meeting

Oct. 4 – Tina speaking at worship; communion

Oct. 10 – thrift store truck loading at Zuni House (2 p.m.)

Oct. 11 – Lectio Divina

Oct. 18 – Carol speaking at worship; property commission after church

Oct. 22 – elders meeting

Oct. 25 – John Knox speaking at worship

Nov. 1 – CROP Walk for Hunger

Nov. 7 – work day at church (8 a.m.-noon)

Nov. 13-15 – church campout

Saturday afternoons, 2-5 p.m. – use of the facility by Church of God, a Worldwide Association (COG-WA)

### Announcements

There will be a **potluck meal and congregational meeting** today, following 2<sup>nd</sup> hour. The children and youth will pack MCC school kits in the annex during the meeting.

### Topics for Second Hour:

**Sept. 27 - Undoing Oppressions 101**, led by Co-pastor Carol Rose. Expect to: Be recognized for who you are;

Deepen our analysis of how systemic oppressions (e.g. racism, genocide, sexism, heterosexism...) come to function through us against our will and make us complicit; Experience the power of God's Love in us overcoming systemic oppressions; Practice practical tools to strengthen our ability at Ally Action; Enjoy.

**Oct. 4 through Nov 8 - Reading the Bible Again for the First**

**Time**, led by Co-pastor Tina Schlabach. During these six Sundays we will explore our relationships with the Bible, using Marcus Borg's book of the same title as an outline, as well as other resources. You may want to find a copy of this book, but having the book is not necessary for participation. You'll be invited to share your memories of reading the Bible as a child, and your discoveries and struggles with the Bible as an adult. Do we hear God's voice through the biblical story? How does that happen? Come enter into a safe space to share and to hear from others.

Want to **support fair trade coffee**, contribute to a new Café Justo coffee shop, enjoy an authentic Chiapan meal, with music and of course, coffee? Mark your calendars for **Friday, October 16** from 6-8 pm for "Tucson Taste of Chiapas" at St. Mark's Presbyterian Church on Third Street. Come enjoy an evening under the stars with good conversations and an opportunity to learn more about Just Coffee's vision. All proceeds from dinner and silent auction to benefit their new coffee shop in Agua Prieta. Single tickets are \$20. See Jen Metzler.

**Collection for Full Circle Thrift Shop.** The truck will be in Tucson on Saturday, Oct. 10, driven by former Conference Minister Dick Davis. We will need a few extra hands to help load the truck at about 2:00 pm. We also might need lodging for Dick Davis on the 10<sup>th</sup>. Please bring more items to contribute to the conference thrift shop. Contact Fern with questions.

"Ending hunger one step at a time."

The **CROP hunger walk** will be held in Tucson on Sunday afternoon, November 1. This is a longstanding, annual interfaith fund-raiser sponsored by Church World Service, although we can designate 75% of the funds we raise for Mennonite Central Committee. The other 25% of the funds go to the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona and Casa Maria in Tucson. We invite you to walk with us, or to make a donation. See Fern for details.