

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

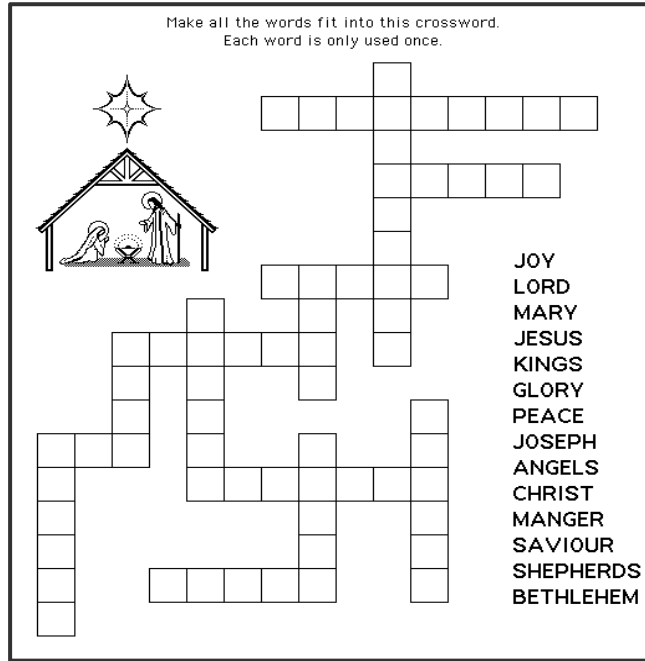
Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS) Unit: Shalom maintains a strong MVS unit in Tucson, housing about 5 volunteers at a time. Our volunteers come from across the nation and the globe to work with the people of Tucson for service terms of 1-3 years. Our VSers are a central part of Shalom, and are active 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 to sign up.

The Sermon and worship for most Sundays are available online as an audio podcast. See 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.

Birthdays this week

Abi Osborne 12.02
 Donna Yoder 12.02
 Mary Beth Landis 12.04



If you have updates, corrections or additions for the Shalom directory, please **send them to Joan Martin** (jdk110850@gmail.com) with the word "directory" in the subject line. Updates will be printed periodically.

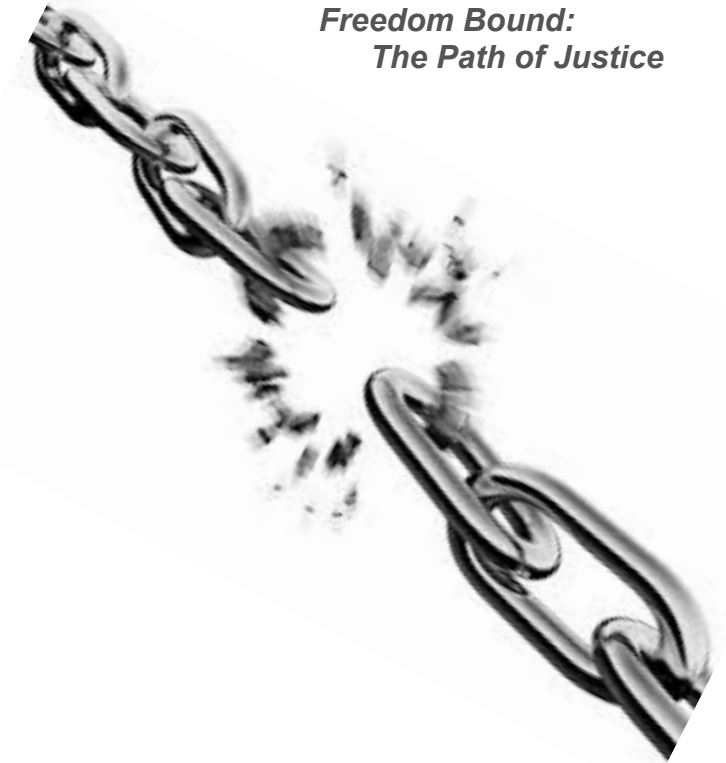
(Hebrews it!)

To contribute information to the bulletin, please send email to bulletin@shalommennonite.org by Thursday evening. A small team prepares the bulletin each week.

November 22 General Offering	\$1,890
Amount needed per Sunday per budget	\$2,220
General Offering Year to Date	\$42,906
Amount needed YTD per budget	\$46,620
Youth Fund	\$100
Total Youth Fund	\$1,051

SHALOM MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

November 29, 2015
 First Sunday of Advent



*Freedom Bound:
 The Path of Justice*

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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.

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 muy contentos de tenerlos con nosotros.

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING

Singing - *O come, O come Immanuel* HWB 172, vs. 1,3,6
Come, Light of the world HWB 3

Call to Worship: (based on Pslm 25:1-10; Luke 21:25-36)

Leader: We live in troubled times, waiting for God's burst of light in our dark world.

People: Lift up your eyes! God's justice is on the way.

Leader: Liberating God, sustain us and help us to walk in your ways.

People: Free us from the chains of prejudice and the shackles of sin.

Leader: This is the moment to wake from sleep. Be ready, Jesus is coming to set us free.

All: Let us worship God, whose mercy promises us new life through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayer

Welcome and introduction of visitors

Passing the welcome sheets

Giving our offerings

Singing - *O Freedom, freedom is coming*

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Connecting time

Scripture readings: Luke 21:25-36
1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13

Sermon

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Quiet reflection

Responding

Singing - *Hope is a Candle* StS 15

Sharing our joys and concerns

We pray together:

Lord, hear our prayer.

SENDING

Prayer for Liberation: (unison) - ***Liberating God, set us free. As we walk this road of freedom, give us more love, more hope, more peace, and more joy.***

Announcements

Sending song: *"Beyond a dying sun"* HWB 323

Blessing

Speaker: Carol

Worship leader: Tina

Song leader: Edie

Musicians: Jen, Thomas

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

9:30 a.m. – Worship (nursery staffed by Belén Siquieros)

10:45 a.m. – coffee and fellowship

11:00 a.m. – Sunday School for children & youth; 2nd Hour

Calendar

Nov. 29 – Carol speaking at worship

Dec. 6 – Hymn sing of Advent songs (Erik Y)

Dec. 8 – Worship commission

Dec. 10 – joint meeting of elders and deacons

Dec. 13 – prayer walk around church neighborhood

Dec. 20 – Magdy speaking at worship

Dec. 24 – soup supper, followed by worship

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

Announcements

Congratulations and welcome to Luke Malachi

Toews Miller, born on November 26, weighing in at a whopping 2 lbs, 10 oz. We join Bryce and Emily in their joy, and also pray for Emily's recovery after C-section.

Their address is:

222 Francis St, Box 83, Drake, SK S0K1H0

Adult 2nd Hour during the Advent season will be active and participatory. Here's what's planned so far:

Today during Second Hour you will have opportunity to make your own paper chains to add to the worship table visuals: What kind of "chains" bind you in you life? To what kind of growing in freedom is God's Spirit inviting you? We also have the opportunity today to write Christmas card notes of encouragement to persons from many countries being held in immigration detention.

These cards will be given out by staff from the Florence Refugee Rights Project. Led by Tina and Carol

Shalom is **seeking musicians and singers** for special music during Advent Sunday morning services and the Christmas Eve service. If you are interested in participating during this special season, talk to Tina Schlabach (tina@shalommennonite.org) or Dan Regier (dan.regier@gmail.com). Thanks!

Anybody know how Moses makes his tea?

(Answer on back of bulletin somewhere...)