

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

Matt Baer 12.09
Jack Knox 12.10

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 Canada

SHALOM MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

December 6, 2015
Second Sunday of Advent



Drawing of John the Baptist by dashinvaine
<http://dashinvaine.deviantart.com/art/John-the-Baptist-46087032>

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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 29th General Offering	\$2,790.00
Amount needed per Sunday per budget	\$2,220.00
General Offering Year to Date	\$45,696.00
Amount needed YTD per budget	\$48,840.00
Youth Fund	50.00
Total Youth Fund	\$1101.00

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

Creator of the stars of night

HWB 177

Bless'd be the God of Israel

HWB 174

Call to Worship

Leader: We wait for God's light to burst into our dark world.

Open your eyes. Unstop your ears.

People: As we prepare for your coming, we recognize that we are in need of change.

Leader: Like the valleys and hills, the crooked paths and rough places, we need your mercy to transform us.

People: We confess that we still live in the shadows of apathy, greed, and Prejudice. Burn away in your refining fire all that keeps us from you.

All: *Kindle in us your merciful love, so that we may be freed to serve and worship you in spirit and in truth.*

Prayer

Welcome and introduction of visitors

Passing the welcome sheets

Giving our offerings

Singing

O Freedom, freedom is coming (projected)

HEARING THE WORD

Connecting time

Scripture readings: Malachi 3:1-4, Luke 1:68-79, Luke 3:1-6

Sermon

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Quiet reflection

Responding

Singing

Longing for Light STJ 54

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 peace

more hope

and more joy

Announcements

Sending song

There is more love somewhere STJ 109

Blessing

Speaker: Brian

Worship leader: Anna

Musicians: Erik, Fern

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 for adults (hymn-sing of Advent songs and hymns, led by Erik and Fern)

CALENDAR

Dec. 8 – Worship commission

Dec. 10 – joint meeting of elders and deacons

Dec. 13 – Carol speaking at worship; prayer walk around church neighborhood during second hour, led by Carol, Jen and Lou

Dec. 20 – Magdy Behman speaking at worship

Dec. 24 – 6 p.m. soup supper, followed by 7 p.m. worship led by Tina

Dec. 27 – Carol speaking at worship

Jan. 3 – Vic Stoltzfus speaking at worship

Jan. 10 – Harold Kauffman speaking at worship

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!

The annual **Christmas Eve** soup supper will be held on the 24th at 6 p.m., followed immediately by Christmas Eve worship. More details about the supper will be coming from Fern.