

**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 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](mailto:tina@shalommennonite.org)) or Dan Regier ([dan.regier@gmail.com](mailto:dan.regier@gmail.com)). Thanks!

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 6th General Offering	\$3,230.00
Amount needed per Sunday per budget	\$2,220.00
General Offering Year to Date	\$48,926.00
Amount needed YTD per budget	\$51,060.00
Youth Fund	\$50.00
Total Youth Fund	\$1151.00

## SHALOM MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

December 13, 2015  
Third Sunday of Advent

### Freedom Bound: the Path of Trust



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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

Opening hymns

STS 39, *Will you come and follow me*  
HWB 184, *Hark the glad sound*

### Welcome and Call to worship

Leader: Sing aloud, O people,  
Shout out your worship in a loud voice!

**People: God takes away the judgment against us;  
There's no need to fear disaster.**

Leader: The Lord our God exults over us with gladness;  
Singing loudly as on a day of celebration.

**People: God delivers us from all that oppresses us,  
Changing our shame into praise.**

**All: Rejoice! For God is our strength and our might  
And has become our salvation.**

Introduction of visitors

Announcements

Offertory STS 16, *Peace before us*

MVS interview Karina Kreider

### Hearing the word

Scriptures Isaiah 12:1-6  
Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sermon Carol Rose

### Responding

Response STJ 105, *Don't be afraid*

Reflection

Sharing joys and concerns

We pray together:  
Lord, hear our prayer.

### Sending

Prayer for liberation

Sending song STJ 109, *There is more love somewhere*

Blessing Philippians 4:4-7

Speaker: Carol  
Worship leader: Barry  
Musicians: Stephen, Jen, Mike

**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; 2<sup>nd</sup> hour for adults (prayer walk around our church neighborhood)

## CALENDAR

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

Jan. 3 – Vic Stoltzfus speaking at worship

Jan. 10 – Harold Kauffman speaking at worship

Jan. 17 – Tina speaking at worship

Jan. 22 – Wayfarers small group meeting

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Linda Knox in Douglas helps with DouglPrieta Works and DouglPrieta Trabajan in Agua Prieta, Sonora** just across the border from Douglas. This is a grassroots self-help project which includes a sewing coop. We have some handiwork from the women of this coop available for you to purchase today in the back of our meeting room.

### Upcoming second hour activities:

**Dec. 20** - singing Christmas hymns at the two midtown residences where Jim Hieb and Jim Yordy are living. All are invited to participate, including children and youth. We will share rides. Maps and details of logistics forthcoming! (no children's Sunday School planned)

**Dec. 27** - a fellowship Second Hour. You are welcome to bring leftover Christmas finger foods! (no children's Sunday School planned)

The annual **Christmas Eve** soup supper will be held on the 24<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m., followed immediately by Christmas Eve worship. Please bring a pot of soup to serve at least 8 (well-marked with name of soup and ingredient list) and a plate of Christmas cookies. Bread, cheese and crackers will be provided. You are encouraged to bring your own table service.