

**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.

A WARM WELCOME to the following SOOPers who have recently arrived for the season:

Lorene and Walter Good (Illinois)  
Eleanor and Ted Shattuck (Tennessee)  
Shirley and Vernon King (Indiana)  
Marj and Bruce Weber (Ontario)  
Leona and Ernie Boschmann (Manitoba)  
Rachel and Ivan Friesen (Ohio)  
Cathi and Don Lichti (Missouri)  
Edna and George Dyck (Kansas)  
Marcia and Erv Friesen (Nebraska)

**Shalom birthdays this week:**

Claire Smith January 12  
Mark Schildt January 14

**Creation Care Tip:** *Air dry clothes! We live in Tucson so we have year-round solar clothes drying!*

Join us on January 11 at 7pm at Carol and Duane's house (511 N. Cuesta Ave. in Tucson) for the next Creation Care Group meeting!

To submit updates to the church directory, send an email to Joan Martin at [jdk110850@gmail.com](mailto:jdk110850@gmail.com). Please use the word "directory" in the subject line.

To contribute information to the bulletin, please send email to [bulletin@shalommennonite.org](mailto:bulletin@shalommennonite.org) by Thursday morning. A small team prepares the bulletin each week.

January 3rd General Offering	\$3,145.00
Amount needed per Sunday per budget	\$2,220.00
General Offering Year-to-date	\$60,011.47
Amount needed YTD per budget	\$59,940.00
Youth fund	\$200.00
Total Youth fund	\$1,651.00

# SHALOM MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

January 10, 2016

## A Season of Creation – Plants!



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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.

As we gather we celebrate our connection with our sister church, Teusaquillo, in Bogotá, Colombia.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### GATHERING

#### Singing

*Morning has broken* HWB 648  
*How great thou art* projected on screen

#### Call to worship:

**Leader:** We light these candles:  
In the name of the Creator, the fountain of life,  
in the name of Christ, the pulse of life,  
and in the name of the Spirit, the breath of life. Amen  
**People: Holy! Holy! Holy! Earth is filled with  
God's presence.**

**Leader:** Christ, we gather in your name  
to worship in this sanctuary called Earth,  
a planet filled with your presence,  
quivering in the forests, prairies, mountains and  
deserts, vibrating in the land,  
pulsating in the wilderness, shimmering in the rivers.  
**People:** God, reveal yourself to us in this place, and  
show us your face in all creation.

**ALL: Holy! Holy! Holy! Earth is filled with God's  
presence.**

### Welcome/Introductions

Passing the welcome sheets

### Centering – “Every little bit of it” – Carrie Newcomer

### HEARING THE WORD

Scripture readings: Genesis 1:9-13  
Mark 4:30-32

Connecting time: Tara Lantz Leppert and Alex Loepky

### Singing and Bringing our Offerings –

*We plow the fields and scatter* HWB 96

Sermon: *Two plants that have made a difference in  
the world*

Response

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Responding in community  
Confessing

#### Singing

*I saw a tree by the riverside* StS 116

Sharing our joys and concerns

**Leader:** We pray together . . .

**People:** Lord, hear our prayer

### SENDING

#### Announcements

#### Singing

*You shall go out with joy* HWB 427

#### Blessing

**Leader:** Go in peace, serving Christ and loving  
creation!

**People:** We go in peace, serving Christ and tending  
the Earth.

Speaker: Harold Kauffman  
Worship Leader: Tina Schlabach  
Song Leader: Dan Regier  
Musicians: Mike Virga, Bruce Weber

#### 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)

11:00 a.m. – Sunday school for children

Second Hour for adults: PSMC update by Tina

### CALENDAR

Jan. 11 – Creation Care group meeting

Jan. 14 – Elders meeting

Jan. 17 – Tina Schlabach speaking at worship

Potluck farewell for Magdy Behman

Congregational meeting following second  
hour

Jan. 19 – Deacons meeting

Jan. 22 – Wayfarers small group meeting

Jan. 24 – Carol Rose speaking at worship

Jan. 31 – Emma Stahl-Wert speaking at worship

Saturday afternoons, 12-5 p.m. – our facility is used by Church of  
God, a Worldwide Association

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEATH PENALTY MEETING. The annual meeting of Death  
Penalty Alternatives for Arizona will be held in Tucson on Saturday,  
January 16, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. It will be held at Monterey  
Court, 505 W. Miracle Mile Drive. Stanley Feldman, former chief  
justice of the Arizona Supreme Court, will be the keynote speaker.

THANKS. We would like to say thank you to all of you who showed  
support during the time since Jim's death. We are grateful for our  
Shalom family. Barry and Fern

SECOND HOUR PLANS: Please join us for Second Hours!

Jan. 10—What is happening in Pacific Southwest Mennonite  
Conference, led by Tina Schlabach

Jan. 17—“Ours is the Land,” 20 minute documentary about the  
proposed Rosemont Mine and its effect on the Tohono O’odham,  
presented by filmmaker Frances Causey and Tohono O’odham  
leader Austin Nunez

Jan. 24—History of Migration in the Borderlands; talk and Q/A led  
by Blake Gentry

Jan. 31—Our Tucson Watersheds; talk and Q/A by Catlow Shipek,  
from Watershed Management Group

Feb. 7—Borderlands History; talk and Q/A by historian Tom  
Sheridan