

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.

Shalom birthdays this week:

Graham Smith February 6
Heath Smith February 6

From Hannah Heinzekehr, writing in TMail:
“If there is no struggle, there is no progress.” These words from prominent abolitionist and writer Frederick Douglass, spoken by Goshen (Ind.) College professor Regina Shands Stoltzfus, framed the end of the fifth Hope for the Future (HFF) conference at Calvary Community Church in Hampton, Va. In the midst of a blizzard, leaders of color from across Mennonite Church USA gathered Jan. 21-24 to encourage one another and wrestle with the next steps in the journey toward antiracism and intercultural competency across the denomination. Members of the dominant culture representing a variety of Anabaptist-Mennonite institutions joined the meeting on Jan. 22.

The **University of Arizona is co-sponsoring two events** with various faith communities, the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona, the City of Tucson and Edible Baja Arizona:
1) Food Justice film festival Wednesday Feb. 10 at 7 pm at the Loft Cinema on Speedway
2) on-campus Forum of Food Justice, Faith and Climate Change Feb. 11-12 on ENR2 Haury Lecture Hall near 6th Street and Highland. There will be limited seating for plenaries Thursday and Friday mornings, so please pre-register and view full agenda at: www.foodstudies.arizona.edu. Speakers include: Bishop Kicanas of the Tucson Diocese; Franciscan Sister Joan Brown of New Mexico Interfaith Power & Light; Fred Bahnson of the Wake Forest Divinity School; Veronica Kyle of Faith in Place; Father David Denny of The Desert Foundation and Colorado College; author Mother Tessa Bielecki of the Desert Foundation; and many more.

To submit updates to the church directory, send an email to Joan Martin at 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 by Thursday morning. A small team prepares the bulletin each week.

January 24th General Offering	\$1,985.00
Amount needed per Sunday per budget	\$2,220.00
General Offering Year to Date	\$66,033.47
Amount needed YTD per budget	\$66,600.00
Youth Fund	\$250.00
Total Youth Fund	\$2,201.00

SHALOM MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

January 31, 2016

The season of creation: Water



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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

Opening songs:

We worship God the Rock, StJ 28

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, HWB 71

Call to Worship

We've come to worship God,
who makes streams flow from rock,
who turns the parched earth into springs of water,
who sends the rain from heaven
and makes the wilderness blossom and flourish.

**As the deer thirsts for flowing streams,
so we thirst for You, O God.**

Come, let's worship our life-giving God,
who pours out living water on all who thirst.

Lighting of Candles

Welcome and Introductions

Meditation

Prayer of Invocation

Hearing

Scripture: Genesis 1: 1-2; Isaiah 35: 1, 6-7; John 4: 10, 13;

Revelation 22: 1-2

O let all who thirst, HWB 495

Sermon

Response

Song of Response: *Oh, have you not heard*, HWB 606

Community Prayer

Sharing and Prayer

We pray to the Lord/Lord, **hear our prayer**

Offering song: *O healing river*, HWB 372

Sending

Announcements

Sending song: *Let justice flow like streams*, StJ 65

Benediction

Speaker: Emma Stahl-Wert

Worship Leader: Sara Rickard Regier

Musicians: Duane Ediger, Matt Schildt, 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 and youth; Second hour for adults (Our Tucson watersheds – Catlow Shipek)

CALENDAR

Feb. 1 – Creation Care Group meeting

Feb. 4 – Elders meeting

Feb. 5 – Wayfarers small group

Feb. 7 – Carol Rose speaking at worship

Feb. 10 – Ash Wednesday service

Feb. 14 – Natalia Sema speaking at worship

Feb. 19 – CHRPA annual dinner at Shalom

Feb. 23 – Deacons meeting

Saturday afternoons, 12-5 p.m. – our facility is used by

Church of God, a Worldwide Association

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Second Hour Plans: Please join us for Second Hours!

Today—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

A Lenten Invitation: The season of Lent (which means “spring” and despite its reputation does not have to be heavy and sober!) invites us to authentic reflection and new growth. So here is an invitation! This year’s Lenten theme “Living Ink” encourages us to see ourselves as co-authors with God in an unfolding story. Engage weekly scripture readings on your own, then share from your experience in a weekly small group during our Second Hours. Please let Tina know by if you are interested.

New website: Looking for people to offer a few hours as editors and/or writers. We're hoping to divide the work so that many people can help and be involved. If you are interested in writing, rewriting or editing content for even just one or two pages, please see Anna Groff: anna.groff@gmail.com.

Welcome to these recently arrived SOOPer's :

Annette and Jim Martens (Manitoba)

Joy Kaufman and Titus King (Indiana)

Colombian churches call for prayer:

“We know that in many places throughout the world there is war, violence and hunger.” With this acknowledgement, Mennonite partners working for peace and justice in Colombia call on Anabaptist-related brothers and sisters around the world to pray for La Esperanza community in Colombia and “that God’s salvation and peace become a reality throughout the world.”

Creation Care Tip: Eat one more meatless meal this week!

Join us on February 1st at 7pm at the VS house (6046 E. 30th St, behind the church building) for the next Creation Care Group meeting!