

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.

At our congregational meeting on Jan. 17, it was decided that Shalom would join **Interfaith Community Services (ICS)**. Their mission is to help seniors, disabled individuals and people in financial crisis achieve stable, healthy and independent lives. This is achieved with four programs: Caregiving and Senior Services, Emergency Assistance, Self-Sufficiency Programs and Faith and Community Health.

Long and short term volunteers are welcomed. Sign up for one of the orientations, Feb. 8 or Feb. 11, by going to www.icstucson.org/volunteer-training or by calling Tori Carlson at 297-6049 ext. 217.

Creation Care Tip: Bring reusable bags and containers when shopping, traveling, or packing lunches or leftovers! Take a hike! Join us on Saturday February 13th at 10am for the next Creation Care Group activity. We will be hiking the Bridal Wreath Falls trail and meet at the trailhead (directly east on Speedway), but let Karina or Carol know if you want to carpool! The next CCG meeting will be at Jenn Metzler's house (6050 E 33rd St) on Tuesday March 8 at 7pm!

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.

The **Everence Sharing Funds** provided \$1,250.00 in matching funds to support special needs in our church last year. Jay Schlabach serves as the Everence Advocate for Shalom. Please contact him for more information.

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 31st General Offering	\$3,517.50
Amount needed per Sunday per budget	\$2,220.00
General Offering Year to Date	\$69,550.97
Amount needed YTD per budget	\$68,820.00
Youth Fund	\$250.00
Total Youth Fund	\$2,451.00

SHALOM MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

February 7, 2016

The season of creation: Creatures



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We are glad you are here!

Whether you are plain or fancy, confident or questioning, whole or in pieces; whatever your age, race, abilities, sexual orientation, gender, immigration status...; here every Sunday, for a season, or on sweet rare occasions, you are welcome as member, worshipper, participant, observer, leader...

¡Qué gozo nos trae su presencia!

Siendo humilde o sofisticada, convencida o con dudas, fuerte o frágil; siendo lo que sean su edad, raza, habilidades, orientación sexual, género, condición migratoria...; bendiciendonos con su presencia cada domingo, por temporada, o de vez en cuando, Usted es bienvenida como miembro, devota, participante, observador o líder ...

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering music

Everything is everywhere, by Carrie Newcomer

Gathering

Opening hymns

HWB 325 *Creating God, your fingers trace*

STS 122 *Let all creation dance*

Welcome

Introduction of visitors

Announcements

Call to worship

Leader: Come, let us gather together.

Response: Let us join the gathering: we bring fins and feathers.

Leader: Come, all is ready for all of creation.

Response: Let us join the gathering: we bring scales and fur.

Leader: Come let us praise our Creator.

Response: We are loved: we bring skin.

Leader: Come, with fins, feathers, scales, fur and skin.

Offertory hymn

STS 121 *Nothing is lost on the breath of God*

Hearing the Word

Scripture reading: Psalm 104: 10-34

Sermon

Responding

Responding in community

Response hymn

STJ 24 *Creation is a song*

Sharing our joys and concerns

Leader: We pray together

People: Lord, hear our prayer

Communion

Restore us, O God.

Restore us, O God.

Lead us into your presence.

STJ 4 (lyrics modified)

You've got a place at the welcome table,

You've got a place at the welcome table, YES INDEED!

HALLELUJAH

You've got a place at the welcome table,

You've got a place at the welcome table,

YES INDEED!

I've got a place at the welcome table,

I've got a place at the welcome table, THANK YOU JESUS!

HALLELUJAH!

I've got a place at the welcome table,

I've got a place at the welcome table,

THANK YOU JESUS!

Bread and wine provided by Jesus,

Bread and wine provided by Jesus, THANK YOU JESUS!

HALLELUJAH!

Bread and wine provided by Jesus,

Bread and wine provided by Jesus,

YES INDEED, THANK YOU LORD!

Sending

Closing hymn

Bless'd be the ties that bind our hearts in Christian love,

The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

So let us leave this hour embracing Creation Care,

All creatures of our God and King, are ours as well to bless.

Benediction

Speaker: Carol Rose

Worship Leader: Karina Kreider

Musicians: Titus King, Erik Yoder, Tom Schlabach, Bruce Weber

Abbreviations:

HWB: *Hymnal A Worship Book* (Blue Book)

STJ: *Sing the Journey* (Green Book)

STS: *Sing the Story* (Purple Book)

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

(Borderlands history—Tom Sheridan)

CALENDAR

Feb. 10 – Ash Wednesday service, 7 p.m.

Feb. 13 – Hike Bridal Wreath Falls trail (see announcement)

Feb. 14 – Natalia Sema speaking at worship

Feb. 18 – Elders meeting

Feb. 19 – CHRPA annual dinner at Shalom

Feb. 21 – Tina speaking at worship; potluck and all-church birthday celebration

Feb. 23 – Deacons meeting

Feb. 28 – Carol speaking at worship

Mar. 3 – Elders meeting

Mar. 8 – Creation Care group meeting

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tina Schlabach is traveling to Los Angeles this morning to prepare for a 5-day STAR (Strategies for Trauma Awareness and Resilience) this week for ReconciliAsian, a Korean Anabaptist peace education ministry connected with Pacific Southwest Mennonite Conference. Tina and Luzdy Stucky are co-facilitating this training, and ask for your prayers this week as they work together with this group of pastors and leaders. Tina returns Friday evening.

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.