**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 <a href="mailto:shalommennonite.org/contact/keepintouch">shalommennonite.org/contact/keepintouch</a> to sign up.

The Sermon and worship for most Sundays are available online as an audio podcast. See <a href="mailto:shalommennonite.org/worship/sermon">shalommennonite.org/worship/sermon</a> 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:

Rolf Casad February 16 Jen Metzler February 17

Last May, Rep. John Lewis of Georgia introduced the **Religious Freedom Peace Tax Fund Act** of 2015, HR2377, into the 114<sup>th</sup> Congress. The bill provides a way for Americans who oppose war to pay their taxes with a clear conscience. It protects both freedom of religion and freedom of speech. Please send a personal letter to your Representatives, asking them to become co-signers of the bill. Rep. Raul Grijalva from Arizona co-sponsored the bill in the past.

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. Long and short term volunteers are welcomed. Sign up for orientation by going to <a href="https://www.icstucson.org/volunteer-training">www.icstucson.org/volunteer-training</a> or by calling Tori Carlson at 297-6049 ext. 217.

Creation Care Tip: Creation Care Tip: Avoid individually wrapped items, snack packs, and single-serve containers. Buy large containers of items or from bulk bins whenever practical. The next Creation Care Group meeting will be at Jenn Metzler's house (6050 E 33rd St) on Tuesday March 8 at 7pm!

**New website**: We are 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: <a href="mailto:anna.groff@gmail.com">anna.groff@gmail.com</a>.

To submit updates to the church directory, send an email to Joan Martin at <a href="mailto:idk110850@gmail.com">idk110850@gmail.com</a>. Please use the word "directory" in the subject line.

To contribute information to the bulletin, please send email to <a href="mailto:bulletin@shalommennonite.org">bulletin@shalommennonite.org</a> by Thursday morning. A small team prepares the bulletin each week.

February 7th General Offering	\$2,869.00
Amount needed per Sunday per budget	\$2,220.00
General Offering Year to Date	\$72,419.97
Amount needed YTD per budget	\$71,040.00
Youth Fund	\$200.00
Total Youth Fund	\$2,651.00

# SHALOM MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

February 14, 2016

Lent I: Living Ink



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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 sofisticad@, convencid@ 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 bienvenid@ como miembro, devot@, participante, observador o líder ...

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

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Gathering

**Gathering Songs:** 

HWB #37 – Praise to the Lord

HWB #70 - Immortal, Invisible God only wise

Call to Worship

Leader: As we gather in this place, let us be drawn into the safety of the love of God.

With the psalmist we proclaim:

All: You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord,

"My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."

Welcome/Introductions

An introduction to Lent

Announcements

Connecting time: Interviewing congregation member Jen

Metzler

## Listening

Offertory hymn: STJ #19 – I will call upon the Lord Message Crist in Krisis, Natalia Serna

# Responding

Response hymn: HWB #307 – Will you let me be your

servant Responding

## **Community Life**

Community Sharing/Prayer Leader: We pray together

People: Lord, hear our prayer

## Sending

Sending song: STJ #73 – The Lord lift you up

Benediction

Speaker: Natalia Serna Worship Leader: Barry Hieb

Musicians: Stephen Graber, Edie Lantz-Leppert, Bruce Weber, Abi Osborne

#### 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 (Natalia Serna singing and telling migrant stories)

#### **CALENDAR**

Feb. 18 – Elders meeting

Feb. 19 - CHRPA annual dinner at Shalom

Feb. 21 – Tina speaking at worship; potluck following 2<sup>nd</sup> hour

Feb. 23 – Deacons meeting

Feb. 26 – Wayfarers small group meeting at church

Feb. 28 – Carol speaking at worship

Mar. 1 – visit from SEMILLA (Seminario Anabautista Latinoamericano)

Mar. 8 – Creation Care group meeting

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

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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 Second Hour. Please let Tina know by if you are interested.

From Scott Coverdale at CHRPA:

Hear Ye, Hear Ye-

Consider yourself invited to the **CHRPA annual meeting**, and consider that you may invite your friends, family and other interested parties to share an evening of CHRPA-style meeting. Only five days away, so fasten it down in your calendars, and plan on coming if you can!



Another note about CHRPA. You will see that the CHRPA office building is being expanded to the west. The plans were brought to Shalom for approval in 2014.

**Fellowship potluck!** Everyone is invited to stay after 2<sup>nd</sup> hour next Sunday for a "know your neighbor" potluck. Please bring main dish, salad, side or dessert to share (**plus extra** for a visiting delegation of 12 people from MCC). We will mix things up by encouraging you to sit with somebody who did not ride to church with you in your car.

**Pupusa Alert!** Ana Bellos will deliver homemade pupusas to the church next Sunday, February 21, after the worship service, The choices are cheese, bean, or sausage or any combination thereof (\$20.00 per dozen, \$10.00 per 1/2 dozen or \$2.00 for one). Get your orders in by Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup> to Cecil Graber (309-202-4944 or <a href="mailto:cecilgraber@hotmail.com">cecilgraber@hotmail.com</a>)