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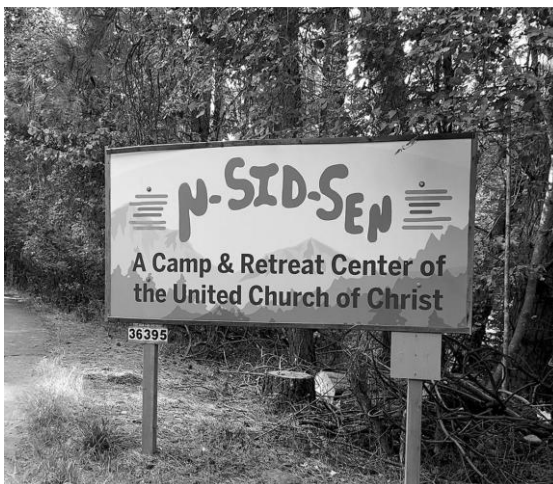
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Shalom United Church of Christ Newsletter

LOOKING BACK

The Shalom/Pullman Retreat brought together many Shalomites and Pullman congregants in 2026.

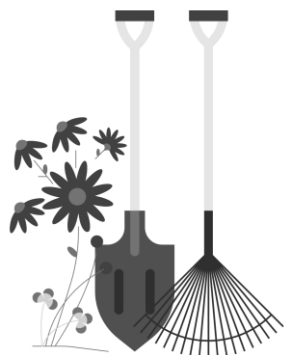
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WHAT YOU WILL FIND INSIDE

Check out what Shalom has been up to, and take a look at what we plan to do next!

Do you want to be a part of the journey? There are so many ways to get involved in BIG



FALL CLEANUP

Oct, 10th from 9:00 am-12:00 pm we will be cleaning up the building, inside and out!

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VOTE!

Find out details on when to vote as well as information on current Initiatives on the ballot.

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Sparks, Spirit & Shalom

by Pastor Melanie



Harnessing The Heat

"Examining your anger and using it to understand who you are is right action. It puts you in the presence of the Divine." Judy Ford, *Getting Over Getting Mad*

Growing up in a minister's home, I learned that one of the main uses of Scripture was to have answers to every parenting issue that arose. My parents didn't hesitate to recite verses anytime we kids were getting into trouble or needing to be reprimanded or encouraged. When my brother and I were constantly competing to be first or the best, we were reminded that "the first will be last and the last will be first," which mostly went right over our heads. And a verse that was pulled out every time my brother and I started arguing must have been my mother's favorite, from Proverbs: "A soft answer turns away wrath, but grievous words stir up anger."

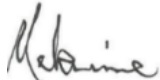
In the Western World, anger is a gendered emotion. For men, displaying anger often increases perceived status, influence, and power, while angry women are more likely to be dismissed as irrational, overly emotional, or unstable. Beyond the gender variants, however, anger is generally considered to be dangerous and volatile. It is listed among the deadly sins, after all, and "good" people are taught to suppress it.

Sometimes we confuse anger with aggression. Anger is something we feel. A feeling has no positive or negative moral quality; it is just part of being human. Aggression is an act we do. Certainly our world is full of aggressive, even violent, activity, from road rage to domestic abuse to school shootings to international conflict.

However, the expression of our feelings can be constructive, too. Anger can help us recognize and communicate feelings of hurt. It gives us energy for addressing unjust situations. It can help us take care of ourselves and prevent the same hurt from happening over and over again. Intentionality is required to channel anger in positive rather than destructive directions.

Aristotle once said, "Anybody can become angry—that is easy; but to be angry with the right person, and to the right degree, and at the right time, and for the right purpose, and in the right way—that is not within everybody's power and is not easy."

I've never forgotten that verse in Proverbs, but I also remember another verse in Ephesians that says, "Be angry, but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger." Anger is powerful and can be damaging. But when used well, it can help us understand ourselves better, spark gentle truth-telling, and fuel our justice work—all ingredients of a more beautiful world we believe is possible.

Shalom, 



Looking Back

Shalom/Pullman Retreat

Shalom UCC congregants joined Pullman UCC congregants at Camp N-Sid-Sen on Sep 18-20, for our annual retreat. Saturday activities included youth boatbuilding, forest bathing, tie-dyeing, and Porch Theology. The beautiful weather on Saturday also allowed for comfortable water play, kayaking, paddle-boarding, and more. The evening ended with a campfire sing-a-long.

We want to thank our gracious hosts, Randy and Linda Crow!

Click [HERE](#) to see the slideshow!



Game Night

On September 25th, Shalom youth and adults came together for pizza, drinks, and to play games. Thank you Education Committee making this fun event happen!

Looking Forward

Halloween Fun Night and Taco Buffet

Everyone is invited to our Halloween Fun Night and Taco Buffet dinner on **Saturday, October 24, 6:00-8:00pm at Shalom**. Wear your costume, come prepared to decorate mini pumpkins, and join in more fun to be planned. There will be a sign-up sheet for the Taco Buffet items as we get closer to the date.



Fall Cleanup

Shalom has been known for our beautiful property and building and the majority of it is due to the hard work by the property committee and congregants. Let's continue to take pride in our space with some manual labor. Bring your rakes and high pole dusters and join us for this rewarding work to keep Shalom shining. **Join us October 10th from 9:00 am-12:00 pm. Coffee and donuts will be provided!**

Christmas Eve Service Survey

If you missed the opportunity during kickoff Sunday, we still very much want to include your opinions as the worship committee considers making changes to the traditional Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols Service this year. Please [click the link here](#) to complete your survey!



New Directories Now Available!

If you are in the directory, come visit Lauralee and grab your new 2026/2027 physical directory!

Neighbors in Need Special Offering – Oct 4

The Neighbors in Need offering supports ministries of justice and compassion, with one-third of the offering given to the Council for American Indian Ministries and the remaining two-thirds supporting UCC justice ministries. In 2025 the Neighbors in Need Offering supported 26 grant recipients across the UCC who were engaged in projects of direct service and advocacy.

Contributions to Neighbors in Need can be made [HERE](#), and choosing 'Neighbors in Need' in the 'Fund' drop down menu. Your check made out to Shalom UCC with NIN in the memo may be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church. Thank you for giving generously.

Braver Angels Social Gatherings Begin

On Monday, October 5, leaders of Braver Angels in the Tri-Cities are hosting a relaxed evening for people of all political stripes to enjoy some good, safe conversation and get to know one another. This is the first of a planned bi-monthly series of such gatherings to be held at Roundtable Pizza, 3601 W Court St in Pasco. You don't need to be a member of Braver Angels to come, or even know much about this nationwide peace-building organization committed to reducing political divisiveness. Bring a friend if you'd like. We will gather at 6:00 pm, with just enough time to order a pizza, salad or beverage if you like before group conversation begins at 6:30 pm. Come for as little or as much of the evening as you can.

Please RSVP [here](#) so we can estimate how many to expect. (Register once for each person in your party.)



Our One Parish One Prisoner Journey

One Parish One Prisoner (OPOP) is a project of Underground Ministries, a nonprofit based in Skagit County. With the knowledge that there are about as many churches as there are prisoners in Washington state, OPOP pairs incarcerated people with churches in the communities they are preparing to re-enter.

Over a two-year period, these teams build a relationship with a friend who is still in prison, then walk with that friend through their re-entry journey. This is a process of mutual transformation: OPOP seeks not only to heal the wounds of incarceration but also to strengthen the discipleship of faithful congregations.

We believe in transformation. Not just for those who've been locked up, but for faith communities as well. At the beginning of our One Parish One Prisoner journey, we want to take a moment to reflect on what we believe about prisons and those incarcerated by them. The Underground Ministries staff has created a Mugshot for us to take individually and anonymously. A mugshot is one of the first things that happens when someone is arrested. It is a picture of someone at the beginning of their prison journey. Our mugshot is a picture at the beginning of our church's OPOP journey.

We are hoping to have responses from Everyone at Shalom. Would you spend 7 minutes reflecting on your spiritual life, your growth and challenges, your connections to prisons, your fears and stigmas, considering them honestly in this reflection time? Please use [this link](#) to take the survey.

After our two-year journey, we will answer these questions again to help us reflect on our transformation.



Sherry Danielson 4th
Jill Berg 5th
Haley Ann Mead 6th
Devin Sprenkle 6th
Rhys McKinstry 7th
Jake Johannesen Jorge 7th
Phyllis Baxter 9th
Sherry Davis 22nd

Mike Danielson 22nd
Renee Smith 23rd
Pat Jonson 24th
Miriam Beaver 24th
Evan Arntzen 26th
Dana Sprenkle 28th
Katherine Hopkins 28th

Justice & Social Action

Faith Action Network - Yakima Regional Meeting.

Mickey and Quinn will be attending the Yakima regional meeting to discuss the different work groups coming this fall on Oct. 6.

"Smaller, geographically-grouped cluster meetings enable advocates to meet face to face, share their community's justice actions, plan regional collaboration, and strategize how to highlight policy concerns with their own legislators and the wider community." -Faith Action Network

**WE STAND WITH OUR
INDIGENOUS
NEIGHBORS**

#insolidarity

@ShalomUCC

"We stand with our Indigenous Neighbors" October Yard Sign

October 12th is Indigenous Peoples' Day. From Indianyouth.org, "Indigenous Peoples' Day is an observance that honors the histories, cultures, resilience, and continued presence of Indigenous peoples. Rather than focusing only on the past, it recognizes Native communities as living cultures that continue to shape and strengthen society today. The meaning goes beyond a single holiday. It encourages a more accurate understanding of Native American history, including both the harms caused by European colonization and the ongoing contributions of Indigenous communities. Part of why we celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day is because Native history is often overlooked or inaccurately taught. Educational efforts such as the Smithsonian's Native Knowledge 360° initiative help address these gaps by providing more complete and accurate resources about Indigenous histories and perspectives."

This sign will be posted throughout the month of October on Shalom's front yard. It is part of Shalom's effort to inspire our congregation, grab attention, and bring new people through our doors.

Justice and Social Action Committee online meetings are on the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm. Contact Quinn Smith for the invite to join. ALL ARE WELCOME (and encouraged) to join.



Interfaith Memorial for Palestine

Tri-Cities for Palestine third annual Interfaith Memorial, 6 pm on Monday, Oct 19 at John Dam Plaza to commemorate the lives lost in Palestine over the past three years. You and your congregation/community are invited to join us. The last two memorial services were valuable times of communal grief, hope, and love

No Kings Protest

October 17th at Colombia Center Blvd.



Deadline to vote in Washington is 8 pm on Tuesday, Nov 3rd

Are you registered to vote? Should you double-check and make sure? Do you know who can help you to register to vote? October is a vital month to ask those questions and then to follow up and act on those questions. Shalom's Justice & Social Action Committee can help provide you resources, so please do not hesitate to reach out to Quinn Smith, Committee Chair, and other committee members. You can also use this link to obtain voting information: [Elections | WA Secretary of State](#). Here are some important dates provided on the website mentioned above:

October 16: Start of 18-day voting period (through Election Day).

Ballots are mailed out and accessible voting units (AVUs) are available at voting centers.

October 26: Online and mail registrations must be received 8 days before Election Day.

November 3: Deadline for Washington state voter registration or updates (in person only).

November 3: Midterm Election - Deposit your ballot in an official drop box by 8 p.m. on Election Day.

UCC National proclaims, "Our Vote, Our Voice!" October is a vital month to prepare to vote. You can also vote early, using a Voting Drop Box in your community or using the US Postal Service. And please remember, Shalom's Justice & Social Action Committee is available to help. Please see the table of information in the Narthex.



October 11th Sermon and Special Feedback Session

Pastor Melanie will be focusing on the importance of voting during the service on Oct. 11. Feedback will be focused on learning more about the WA initiatives.

Snack Support for Hanford High School Students

Shalom was asked again if we could provide snacks and grab-and-go food items for students at Hanford High School. Growing teens have trouble focusing in the classroom when they're hungry. Snacks they can grab between classes, at lunch, and after school will go a long way toward helping those on the margins and most at risk as food insecurity rises. You can help by purchasing and bringing snack items to Shalom. There is a box labeled "HHS Snack Support" in the Narthex by the MSA boards. Please purchase items that are single-serve, ready to eat, and do NOT need refrigeration. Students have access to a microwave and instant hot water, but "grab & go" items are what they really need. Think like a teenager! Granola bars, Fruit bars, Fruit snacks, Applesauce cups, Bags of potato chips and other chips, Cheez-Its, Goldfish, Trail mix or nut mixes, Beef or Turkey jerky, and Cup o' Noodles. If you have questions, contact Phyllis Baxter at 509-205-5848.



Ongoing Activities

Sunday

Sunday Morning Service — Please join us in person or online at 10:00 am. The Worship Service can be accessed directly from our [website](#), Worship Service email, the BoxCast app (on an Amazon Firestick, Roku, or Apple TV device), or our [Facebook page](#).

Ginny's Room/Nursery — Children from infants through Preschoolers (or up to 5 yrs old) are welcome to join Ginny's Room from 9:00 am - end of the Feedback.

Learning Community — Kindergarteners through 5th graders will stay in the Sanctuary/Narthex until the end of Children's Chat when they will head to Learning Community for lessons and activities during the service.

Refreshments after Worship — Coffee and tea will be served, alongside treats brought from the congregation, after worship. *Look under "Chances to Volunteer and Serve the Church" if you are interested in bringing in treats.*

Feedback Conversation- 11:15 am – 12:00 pm — Join us in the Fellowship Hall after the service. On the first Sunday of the month there won't be Feedback, to give all a chance for fellowship after the service. For more information or questions email Shalom@shalomunitedchurch.org

Monday

Sacred Text Reflections- 10:00 am — Join the insightful discussions following the lectionary scripture. Contact Kay Hendrickson for details. Kayh428@gmail.com; (509) 531-6449.

Bridge — Join us for a game of Bridge and socialize each Monday from 1-4 pm.

Historical Jesus Study Group — 6:00-7:30 pm in the Shalom library, we will resume watching The Historical Jesus, featuring lectures by Bart Ehrman. Each week we'll plan to view two of the 30-minute lectures, followed by conversation and discussion. No group on the 4th Monday of each month.

Pub Theology — Pub Theology will meet 6:30 pm-8:00 pm on the fourth Monday of each month at Round Table on G. Way in Richland. If you would like more information contact Lorinda Ferland, at lorindaferland@yahoo.com.

Tuesday

Refuge and Respite — Shalom's Mindfulness Meditation group will meet on the 2nd and 4th Tues. in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30 pm. Contact Lorinda F. for more info.

Stitchery Social Group- 7:00 pm — Individuals engaging in activities like knitting, sewing, weaving, or crocheting meet at Shalom in the Library every Tuesday from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Bring your projects and join us. Call Mary Fraser for more information.

Wednesday

Deadline for submissions to updates — Click [HERE](#) to submit info for the update by noon on Wednesdays.

Shalom Choir Rehearsal— Choir rehearses from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Sanctuary.

Thursday

Weekly Update — is delivered in the morning by email. To be added to the email list, contact the office.

Shalom Handbells Rehearsal— Stay tuned for when rehearsals will resume

High School Youth Group Youth Group meets on Thursdays from 6-8 pm. Contact Michelle Sinnes, youth@shalomunitedchurch.org, for more information.

Grief Support Group — The grief group has concluded, but Pastor Melanie is always available for one-on-one support at Pastor@shalomunitedchurch.org.

Psychic Exploration — The group meets on the second Thursday of the month. For more information contact Pastor Melanie at Pastor@shalomunitedchurch.org.

Friday

Third Friday Book Group — The Shalom Third Friday Book Group will meet in the Shalom library at noon on Oct. 16th to discuss "Brave the Wild River: The Untold story of two women who mapped the botany of the Grand Canyon" by Melissa L Sevigny. This is a history of two pioneering botanists and their historic boat trip down the Colorado River and through the Grand Canyon. Bring your lunch and join the conversation. For more information, contact Brenda Dau at brenda@bdaumail.com.

Saturday

Saturday Morning Mystics- learning, self-discovery & fellowship 11:30 am— Please call or text Dana Sprengle MID for more information and the link to join.

~HIGHLIGHT~

The Historical Jesus Study Group
Starting on October 5th, from
6:00-7:30 pm in the Shalom
Library.

Get Involved

Serve On A Committee

Shalom's committees are bustling with activity, continuously relying on the dedication of volunteers to drive their efforts forward. Each committee is eager to welcome new members with fresh ideas, new perspectives, and the enthusiasm they'll bring. There are numerous opportunities to make a meaningful impact, both in significant and subtle ways. If you're unsure where your talents might shine brightest, consider attending multiple meetings.

Christian Education - The CE Committee meets monthly on the first Tuesday of each month at 4:00 pm at Shalom.

Church Life - Church Life meets on the first Sunday following the service in the library.

Justice and Social Action - The JSA meets online on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm. To get the Zoom link, contact Quinn S. 7quinnsmith@gmail.com

Outreach/Inreach - The Outreach/Inreach Committee meets online on Wednesdays at 10 am. To get the Zoom link, contact Eva M. eva.moos@gmail.com

Property - Property meets on the first Sunday following the service in the Classroom at the end of the hall across from the ADA bathrooms.

Worship - The Worship Committee meets at Shalom and online on the 2nd Thursday of the month at noon in the library. To get the Zoom link, contact the office, shalom@shalomunitedchurch.org.

W.I.S.E. - The WISE (Welcoming-Inclusive-Supportive-Engaged) Task Force regular meeting time is second Wednesday of each month at 4 PM in the library.

Shalom Council - While you must be voted on by the congregation to be on council, everyone is welcome to attend the meetings. Shalom's council meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month at Shalom and online at 6:30 pm. To join on Zoom, contact the Shalom office shalom@shalomunitedchurch.org

Other Ways to Serve

Sunday Worship Volunteers

Thank you to everyone who has already agreed to serve this month. Interested in volunteering? How it works: fill out [THIS FORM](#) if you haven't done so already, and you will receive an invite by email (and text if you chose to opt in to receive texts) to sign up on a monthly basis for each role. Open up the link to sign up from your email or phone and choose the dates and positions you are available. ([Click HERE for descriptions](#)).

We Need You! Consider Joining The Video And Sound Crew

We have a fun and exciting opportunity for you to help with Sunday services. Not only do Sound and Video techs make services available to those online but also to those who are watching from the Narthex. This is a great behind-the-scenes task, perfect for anyone who doesn't necessarily enjoy the spotlight. Contact the office to schedule your training.

Sunday Morning Refreshments!

All treats, fruit, veggies, and finger food for Sunday refreshments after the service are donated by the congregation. Church Life Committee will provide coffee, tea, and hot chocolate. Sunday morning refreshments during the fellowship hour after the service are a beloved part of Sunday mornings and we want to thank all of you who have donated finger food. Cash donations in the basket on the table go towards the coffee, teas, and creamer. If you have questions, call Mary Fraser at (509) 539-9807.

Open Elected Positions

The Nominating Committee is looking to fill two positions: the Worship Committee Chairperson, and the Nominating Committee elected member. If you are interested please contact Gretchen M (elected member of the Nominating Committee) or Matt D (Council Delegate for the Nominating Committee)

September Council Meeting Summary

Council met on September 10th at 6:30 pm in the Shalom Library and on Zoom

Task Force Updates

W.I.S.E. update (Subgroup of JSA): W.I.S.E is still in need of responders to work with the group. Work is being done on the website with Lauralee's help.

Peace Village (Subgroup of Education): Phyllis reported this first year presentation of Peace Village came in under budget.

Emergency Warming/Cooling Shelter (Subgroup of JSA): Some changes will be made for the work plan of next year based on this year's experience.

Unhoused/Campers Update (Subgroup of JSA): Dawn and Michael were able to get housing!

Aesthetics Task Force (Subgroup of Property): The task force is currently working on the kiosk, the card table, the JSA board, and with the youth to display their palette project.

Promotion Team (Subgroup of Outreach/Inreach): The Sep. sign has been placed in the front yard, and there are plans underway for future signs.

Old Business

Endowment and Bequests: The endowment policy is being reviewed by the Treasurer for necessary changes to be brought to council.

Shalom/Pullman Retreat at N-Sid-Sen: planning is ongoing and there are open spots still available as of Sep 10.

New Business

New Signers: Shalom UCC Council approved Amanda Sinnes, Moderator, and Sandy Westin, Clerk, as new signers on Shalom's three bank accounts, replacing former Moderator, Phyllis Baxter, and former clerk, Cyndy Sharer.

Open Positions to be filled: There are 3 open positions (Worship Chair, Elected Member of Stewardship, Elected Member of Nominating) to be filled. David V has been nominated for the elected member of Stewardship.

Council Delegates: Matt D was elected for the Nominating Committee and Quinn S was elected for the PRC

Reports

Treasurer: 83% thru year we're at 61% on budgeted expenses, 83% on budgeted income/pledges. Ty will research options with several banks while considering interest rates, to move the majority of balance to an account that is not tied to online payments for better security.

Pastor Report: Melanie continued pastoral care, preaching, and worship leadership throughout August, hosting a new membership orientation, completing anti-racism training, leading a Blessing of the Animals service, helping with the Shalom leadership retreat and attending several community events.

Church Life Committee: Aided in the Aug 30 Interfaith Potluck, Blessing of the Animals, and Melanie's 1-yr celebration. Committee is planning for the Mission Possible dinner and Kick-Off Sunday

Education Committee: Peace Village came in under budget. Youth Group starts up Sept 17 with a pool party. All Learning Community teachers and assistants are background checked.

Finance Committee: The offering was faithfully counted and deposited.

Justice and Social Action Committee: After a two-month break, JSA met on 8/20/26 and it was decided to continue meeting on Zoom the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm. The meeting served as a transition meeting to welcome the committee's new Chair, Quinn Smith. JSA's next meeting is scheduled on Thursday evening, 9/17/26.

Nominating Committee: Three positions need to be filled (see new business)

Outreach/Inreach Committee: The Outreach/Inreach Committee continues to respond to the joys and concerns of our congregation and welcomes visitors on Sundays.

Property Committee: Cleanup day Oct 10 9 am-noon – with coffee and donuts.

Stewardship Committee: Planning for fall campaign is underway.

Worship Committee: - Christmas Eve survey will go out on kickoff Sunday. Sep 20 will be a pre-recorded service. No in-person service.

Giving and Finances

Ongoing Opportunities to Give

- ✓ Shalom's 2026 General Fund to support Shalom's programs for all ages
- ✓ Neighbors in Need, a special offering of the United Church of Christ
- ✓ Major Maintenance / Improvements, a restricted fund to save for Shalom's facility needs

In Tithely, choose from the menu of options under "Give to:"	● 2026 General Fund ● Neighbors in Need ● Major Maintenance / Improvements (MMI)	With your check payable to Shalom UCC, add an appropriate memo.
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Disaster Relief:

Help others in need across our nation and throughout the world, by donating to the UCC Disaster Ministries by selecting "Emergency USA" or "International Emergency" at: www.ucc.org/giving/donate-now/general-donation/

Tri-Cities Immigrant Coalition (TCIC):

Help TCIC's work in assisting individuals on a one-to-one basis as well as large group advocacy. Donate by sending checks payable to: Tri-Cities Immigrant Coalition at 1516 Jadwin Avenue, Suite 125 in Richland, WA 99354

Click [HERE](#) to use Tithely

Checks can be sent to
505 McMurray Street
Richland, WA 99354



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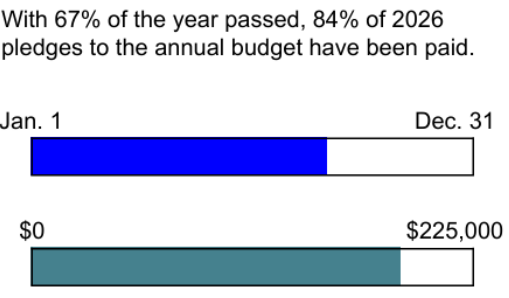
August 31, 2026

Shalom's Annual Budget for the General Fund expresses our shared vision for 2026:			
	Actual <u>August</u>	Actual <u>Year-To-Date</u>	Annual Budget <u>(1/1/2026)</u>
Income	\$18,815	\$242,320	\$289,000
Expense	\$31,240	\$217,929	\$356,080

Shalom's Total Financial Missions Giving is a combination of spending from our annual budget along with special offerings and designated gifts handled through our restricted funds.

	<u>August</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>
Through Annual Budget	\$1,192	\$12,355
Through Restricted Funds	\$0	\$2,334
Total	\$1,192	\$14,689

Thank you to everyone who donated or helped out during our first Peace Village summer day camp!
We are entering the home stretch of our fiscal year and we want to remind everyone to get the remainder of their 2026 pledges in as soon as possible. Having those pledges accounted for will help the church plan for next year's budget and give council members an idea of how much of past years' surplus will be needed to fill the gap.



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