

Week of April 14, 2019

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## Sunday, April 14

**9:00 a.m. Worship**  
Lead Pastor Joe Hackman will preach on Luke 22:31-34, 47-51, 54-62; *At a Distance*

**10:15 a.m. The Second Hour for all ages.**

**Sermon discussion class** led by **Sheldon Good** will be held in the Meeting Room behind the Welcome Center.

**Connections Class** will meet in the left side of the Gathering Room. **Heiki-Lara Nyce** will interview **Lisa Dybus-Clay** for the class.

## For Your Prayers List

- **Marian Alderfer**, Souderton Mennonite Homes
- **Kass Landis**, Souderton Mennonite Homes
- **Sheldon Good**, Executive Director, The Mennonite, Inc.

## Sunday, April 7

Offering  
\$7,837

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Offering  
\$1,895

Kiosk Offering  
\$1,480

**Total Offering**

## Prayer and Devotional Resources

Looking for prayer and devotional resources to help you grow? Pastor Joe recommends any of these apps, free on iTunes:

1. Pray as you go
2. Take our Moments and our Days: An Anabaptist Prayer App
3. Reimagining the Examen
4. Daily Prayer
5. Centering Prayer
6. Book of Common Prayer for Ordinary Radicals
7. Green Pastures Devotions from Vineyard Boise (podcast)

## Salford Mennonite Child Care Center Transition Update

Over the last several months, there has been a lot of activity at the Salford Mennonite Child Care Center! As of the end of March, all Child Care and Administrative services have been consolidated to the Salford campus. Christina Lynch, Executive Director states "We look forward to this new adventure and to focusing all our energy on one location."

It took 3 weeks, 8 trailer loads, and several carloads to get all of the items from Dock Woods to the Salford campus. We were fortunate to have lots of help from SMCCC office staff, Brad Alderfer, George Gaugler, Linda Martin, Deanie Frankenfield, and Tom Nolan. Thank you!

A total of 21 children transitioned from Dock to Salford. In addition, 6 fulltime teachers and 3 part-time teachers moved from Dock to Salford. Current enrollment at SMCCC is 79 children with 19 fulltime and 6 part-time teachers.

Thank you for your continued prayers for SMCCC Families, Directors, and Teachers as they continue to move forward in the new adventure.

-SMCCC Ministry Team (Mark Nyce-chair, Linda Martin, Jennifer Gahman, Ron Freed, LuCinda Moyer, and Stephanie Rittenhouse)

## Good Friday Service – April 19, 2019 - 7:30 p.m.

In scripture and song we will gather at the cross to remember the hours of Jesus' trial and suffering. To prepare for the wonder of Easter morning resurrection, let us enter into the sorrow of Jesus' death on Good Friday.

## Holy Saturday Prayer Vigil – April 20, 2019

THANK YOU: all slots have been filled for the prayer vigil at the church building on Holy Saturday. Wonderful.

Therefore, we invite you to participate in a Holy Saturday Prayer Vigil, from 5:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 20 during a time and place of your choice. Holy Saturday, the day before Easter, is a time for offering prayers in the midst of uncertainty, grief, or simply waiting. On this day between crucifixion and

**\$11,212**

### **Future Salford Events**

- April 19 – Good Friday Service, 7:30 p.m.
- April 28 – Dock Mennonite Academy Touring Choir Visit
- May 4 - Salford Men's Retreat at Fern Rock Retreat, 9:00 a.m. - noon
- May 5 – Spring Communion

If you have information or prayer requests for our newsletter, please submit this to the church office by 4:00 p.m. Wednesday afternoon.

If you would like to receive this newsletter by email, please submit your email address to [alderferb@salfordmc.org](mailto:alderferb@salfordmc.org)

resurrection, we think of Jesus' friends and family and disciples and what they may have been experiencing so soon after his death – unaware that the hope of resurrection lay ahead. As you ponder events, situations, relationships in your own life or in the life of the church or in the world at large, consider devoting an hour or more of your time to be in prayer on this special day.

### **Easter Sunday – April 21, 2019**

Please join us from 8:00-8:30 a.m. as we fellowship together with coffee, fruit and baked goods in the fellowship hall. At 9:00 a.m. we will celebrate the Risen Christ. **We will not hold Children's Second Hour classes on Easter Sunday. Adult classes can choose to meet or not meet as desired. There will be no spoken announcements or sharing during the service on Easter morning** - those with announcements or prayer concerns should be sure to get them to the church office by the Thursday before at noon.

### **This Week at Salford**

#### **Wednesday, April 17**

9:30 a.m. Salford Community Play Date Parents Gathering (Gathering Room)

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

#### **Friday, April 19**

7:30 p.m. Good Friday Service (Sanctuary)

#### **Sunday, April 21**

8:00 a.m. Breakfast Treats and Coffee (Fellowship Hall)

9:00 a.m. Easter Worship

Preaching: Joe Hackman

### **Our Church Family**

#### **Prayer Concerns**

- For Mennonite Church USA assembly **Mennocon19** planning and staff as they prepare for our annual gathering July 2-6, 2019 in Kansas City, MO
- **Lisa Dybus-Clay** asks for prayer for her mother who had a recent skin biopsy. Prayers that the results are benign and for continued good health for her mother.
- For **Joe McGonigle**, who is the husband to Living Hope Farm's Executive Director Sherri McGonigle. Joe has been dealing with serious cancer issues and uncertainty for the past three years. He's been recently hospitalized again. Joe and Sherri have two teenage children Shyanne and Brandon.

The Bauman and Godshall families thank you for the many expressions of sympathy: flowers, memorials, food, cards, phone calls and visits. We appreciate your love.

#### **Birthday Blessings...**

To **Glenn Frederick**, who celebrates his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Anniversary Blessings...**

To **Harold & Roberta Kreider**, who celebrate their 73<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary on April 21st.

#### **Congratulations...**

To **Brad & Sarah Landis** as they welcomes their second daughter, **Emma Grace Landis**. Emma was born on Monday April 8th. Bruce & Linda Landis are the proud

grandparents.

### **Service & Mission**

**Donation of the Month for April** – Pancake mix (includes Bisquick) and syrup to benefit the Keystone Opportunity Center of Souderton.

Place items at the collection table by the Infant/Toddler Nursery.

### **4/11/19 Garden Update:**

Greetings fellow gardeners, last Saturday we had a great crew out for the first spring planting of 2019. We planted red beets in 5 of the new raised beds, carrots in 3 of the beds, cabbage & broccoli in the last 2. We also planted 240 (red & green) cabbage plants & 120 broccoli plants in two rows. Peas (Sugar snap & Amish snap) were planted in the row next to the new raised beds. Drip line was laid down on 2 of the rows. I have the water hooked up and only found one leak!. This week I hope to plant our onions (Red & Candy) and potatoes. Both beds need some work & we will lay white plastic down for the onions. We will also cover the onions with insect netting to ward off the onion fly. We have done this the past 3 years and it has worked very well. We will finish off the month with 2 more rows covered in plastic for our winter squash. Then we will look to our lower end and getting ready for summer. Tomato planting will be here before you know it.

Thank you to everyone who takes the time to work in the garden. 2019 is off to great start! Steve

**Spring Family Ministries Service Opportunity at the MRC!** Come on over to the Material Resource Center on Wednesday, May 22nd to serve together! We will meet at 5:30 for a short pizza dinner followed by working in the warehouse on various projects until 7:30. Come for as long as you can. We have space for up to 6 families with children 5 and over (at least one parent staying). We also have room for 8 additional adults. Please sign up with Karen Bergey via email at [bkbergey@gmail.com](mailto:bkbergey@gmail.com) or by phone at 215-237-7367.

### **News & Notes**

It is time once again for our group renewal to **The Mennonite** magazine. The Mennonite is a great way to keep us with Mennonite Church USA news, hear inspiring stories of faith, and connect with other across the distance and diversity of Mennonite Church USA. A renewal form has been placed in your church mailboxes and new subscriptions are welcome. We do need to hear from everyone if you plan to renew your subscription, we will not automatically renew subscriptions. Budget funds are available to assist with anyone who would like a subscription but may not be able to afford it, but we ask those who are able to cover the group subscription cost of \$35.00 with cash or check payable to Salford Mennonite Church.

### **Address & Phone Update:**

#### **Earl & Irene Frankenfield**

166 Ridgeview Estates, Harleysville, PA 19438

Home: 215-513-3114 Cell: 215-257-4848

Due to renovations at Souderton Mennonite Homes and loss of meeting space for the next two months, **the monthly fellowship gathering on the first Monday of the month at SMH is canceled for the next two months.** We are hopeful these gatherings can be resumed in June when the renovations are complete.

We are thankful for the work of **Lucy Detweiler** as assistant to George Gaugler

with cleaning the church on Sunday afternoons in preparation for Child Care on Monday morning. Lucy has determined she is no longer able to assist with these duties. **We are seeking a person to pick up these duties to assist George.** This is paid position for approximately 1.5 hours per week. Responsibilities include: tidying up the sanctuary, straightening the books in the pews, remove old bulletins and any trash you find, and collect the Friendship pad materials. Remove trash from back foyer, and in all bathrooms. Vacuum foyer entranceway and vacuum nursery and room behind welcome center if it is used for second hour. Remove trash from upstairs adult classrooms and make sure all lights are turned off on second floor before leaving. Please Brad Alderfer or George Gaugler if you would like to fill this role.

300 years is far too long of a wait to have our **first ever Salford vegan potluck.** This will be happening on Sunday May 5th after second hour classes in the fellowship hall. You certainly do not have to be a vegan to come, just come with the curiosity of one. Bring a vegan dish to share with the group. It is a potluck, so of course there will be friends, fellowship, and lots of food that I'm sure you will find surprisingly yummy.

Please RSVP with **Nathan Hasler-Brooks** if you plan to attend. [nhaslerbrooks@gmail.com](mailto:nhaslerbrooks@gmail.com)

The **Worship Ministry Team** is making a change to announcement time during worship time out of mindfulness of our morning service length. From now on, please send any verbal announcement requests for Sunday morning to Brad Alderfer by 4pm on Friday. Then on Sunday morning, please make your way to the front pew during the song of response so you are ready to make your announcement. We will not pass the mic except in the case of mobility challenges.

As much as possible please use the newsletter for information sharing and announcements. Copies of our Newsletter are always at our Welcome Center. Announcements for the newsletter must be submitted to Brad by 4pm on Thursday.

**Better Angels Red/Blue Workshop:** Anyone who attends Salford is invited to participate in this event, held at Salford on Saturday, April 27, 2019, 10am–1pm, with an optional lunch following. This workshop will bring together about 5-7 right-leaning citizens and 5-7 left-leaning citizens for a half day of structured conversations. Up to 15 observers may also attend. The workshop is sponsored by Better Angels ([www.better-angels.org](http://www.better-angels.org)), a national citizens' movement to reduce political polarization in the United States by bringing liberals and conservatives together to understand each other beyond stereotypes. Interested? Contact organizers Andy Richter (215-834-3345, [andyrichter11@gmail.com](mailto:andyrichter11@gmail.com)) or Mark Heise (484-687-0840, [markheise5@gmail.com](mailto:markheise5@gmail.com)).

## Youth and Young Adult News

- **Garrett Nyce** performed at Carnegie Hall on Sunday 3/31 along with the Dock Mennonite Academy touring choir. He is also playing varsity baseball at Dock this spring.
- **Eli Alderfer**, 8<sup>th</sup> grade, is running track this spring for Dock Mennonite Academy.

*Any youth and families can notify Pastor Maria about activities to include in the Spotlight!*

## Mennonite Church USA News

**Find special Holy Week worship activities** to hold with your families in the Lent At Home resources: [mennoniteusa.org/lent2019](http://mennoniteusa.org/lent2019).

**Meet some of the MennoCon19 worship band** and hear music they are preparing for worship at [mennoniteusa.org/worshipteam](http://mennoniteusa.org/worshipteam). And follow MC USA Convention on Facebook for the latest scoop on convention: [www.facebook.com/MCUSA.Convention](http://www.facebook.com/MCUSA.Convention)

"As I travel around MC USA, I am always amazed at the great work happening in the various places I visit." **Read reflections from MC USA Executive Director Glen Guyton** on his visit to Virginia Mennonite Conference: [mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/that-they-may-be-one](http://mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/that-they-may-be-one)

## **Beyond Salford**

**Delaware Valley MEDA Network** invites persons interested in the work of MEDA (Mennonite Economic Development Associates) to a networking reception on Thursday, April 18 to meet Dr. Dorothy Nyambi, new MEDA CEO/President. The event will be held at Franconia Mennonite Church from 5:00 to 7:00 pm, and light refreshments will be served. While reservations are not required, your RSVP will assist with planning; RSVP to [lmiller@meda.org](mailto:lmiller@meda.org).

You are invited to the **Perkasie Patchwork Coffeehouse** on April 27, as they welcome [Charlie Zahm](#) and Tad Marks, a "once in a generation" baritone paired with unmatched fiddling in an evening of Celtic, Early American, and Maritime songs and tunes. Opening the evening is [Tachyonmetry](#) – classical guitar paired with hammered dulcimer. Doors open at 7:00 pm with performances at 7:30. Visit [PerkMenno.net](http://PerkMenno.net) to learn more.

Join us at **Camp Men-O-Lan** on Thursday, May 2nd from 7:30-9am and 'Rise Up in Love for One Another' at the **National Day of Prayer Breakfast** event! Several local leaders will be sharing about how God is working in our communities. We'll have a time of prayer over those who have and are continuing to serve our churches, communities, and country. There will be special music and a combined church team leading worship. This event is Jesus centered, Holy Spirit empowered and includes worship, sharing, prayer and great food! RSVP to Kim at 215-679-5144 ext. 320 by Monday, April 22nd.

Join **Camp Men-O-Lan** for breakfast on the **National Day of Prayer** – May 2 from 7:30 to 9:00 am – when believers will gather across the nation for a Christ centered, Holy Spirit empowered time of prayer and praise to seek and honor God. A full breakfast will be served, and the event will include worship and sharing from several local leaders. Please register [HERE](#).

**Healthy Niños** will be hosting its **Annual Golf Outing** on June 7. For additional information or to register online, go their webpage at [healthyninos.org/golf-outing.html](http://healthyninos.org/golf-outing.html). They've also released their spring newsletter; read about their work in Honduras at [healthyninos.org/newsletters.html](http://healthyninos.org/newsletters.html). They appreciate your support as they reach the poor, rural villages of Honduras through community education, medical assistance and a Nutrition Center for malnourished children.