

Week of April 21, 2019

Sunday, April 21

8:00 a.m. Coffee, fruit and Breakfast Treats in the Fellowship Hall

9:00 a.m. Worship
Lead Pastor Joe Hackman will preach on Luke 24:1-12; *The Wonder of it All*

No Second Hour scheduled for Easter Sunday

For Your Prayers List

- **Lorraine Landis**, Souderton Mennonite Homes
- **Anna Moyer**, Souderton Mennonite Homes
- **Mennonite Mission Network**

Sunday, April 14

Offering
\$7,490
ACH Electronic
Offering
\$1,895
Kiosk Offering
\$1,216
**Total Offering
\$10,601**

Future Salford Events

- 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

Beth Yoder Sabbatical Update

A note from Beth: Thanks for your thoughts and prayers, calls, cards, and meals during our time of dealing with Hepatitis A. It was good to know and feel the love and care from our congregation even though we were not present at church during Beth's sabbatical. Healing has taken place for both of us, for which we are grateful.

Jerry & Beth Yoder

Sabbatical return date: Beth's original return from sabbatical was planned for April 22nd. Because of the significant illness she experienced, the church board has decided to extend her time away for two weeks. Beth will also be using additional personal time and will return to Salford on May 19th, 2019.

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)

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.

MYF Auction Thank You

On March 23rd the Salford Community came together to support the youth group, and wow! Just over \$30,000 was raised in auction item purchases and donations. Of this money:

- \$18,000 will be used for Salford youth ministry: curriculum, activities, trainings, convention and winter youth retreats.
- \$3,000 will be tithed to send four youth from Philadelphia Praise Center to Mennonite Convention this summer – they would not be able to go if it were not for this support.
- \$4,500 each will be donated to Healthy Niños Honduras and to Oxford Circle Christian Community Development Association. These organizations were chosen by the youth.

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

Thank you ALL for your overwhelming generosity! Whether you donated or bought items, helped in the kitchen, did childcare, or contributed in some other way, this is truly a community effort. We feel your support and we thank you.

Sincerely, The Salford junior and senior youth

This Week at Salford

Wednesday, April 24

6:30 p.m. Justice & Peace Ministry Team Meeting (Library)

6:30 p.m. Youth Night (Schoolhouse)

Sunday, April 28

9:00 a.m. Worship

Preaching: Dock Mennonite Academy Touring Choir Performance

10:15 a.m. Second Hour for All Ages

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

- For **Beth Yoder** and her recent recovery from Hepatitis A, as she continues her sabbatical and prepares for her return to Salford on May 19.

To my Salford family, I and we at Birch Grove want to express how grateful we all are for the most generous support we received! We have no words to express how much we are blessed by your love. We were able to put new carpeting in the fellowship hall where we have the distribution for our monthly food panty, and are planning to purchase more tables for set up. I also want you to know how much I was blessed to be with you the other week! You are my family and I am always blessed to return home to be with you! In His Love, **Dale Detweiler**

Anniversary Blessings...

To **Jim & Beth Styer**, who celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on April 26th.

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.

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 or by phone at 215-237-7367.

News & Notes

Salford **children's ministry** is bursting at the seams! Around 50 children attend Sunday school each week in the downstairs hallway, plus 20 in the nursery. 15 new kids have begun attending Salford in the past year alone! We need everyone's input to make this scale of children's ministry possible. Please keep these programs in your prayers, and consider how you might be called to be involved. Contact Pastor Maria for more information.

Maribeth Benner and **Brad Alderfer** are planning a three session Second Hour class on the concern of **climate change**. The Senior and Junior High Youth and #Sundayschool class will be part of this class, and other interested adults are invited to join in the Fellowship Hall on May 5, 12 and 19. This three part class will focus on the challenge we face with climate change, hopeful action occurring around the world, and what actions we can take as individuals and as a society to face this challenge. We encourage everyone to be a part of this important conversation.

We are planning a **Guess Who's Coming to Dinner** event for Salford for May 18-19. See the bulletin insert this Sunday for more information and to sign up to participate.

With the recent closing of the Salford Mennonite Child Care Center at Dock Woods Community, **SMCCC has a copier/printer available** with 4 years remaining on the lease. The Kyocera copier/printer has 25 page per minute output, prints in black & white and color, has wireless connectivity, and includes all general maintenance and toner. If you have interest in using this copier for the remainder of the 4 year lease for a reasonable negotiated price, please contact Brad Alderfer at Salford Mennonite Church at (215) 256-0778 or alderferb@salfordmc.org to discuss.

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.

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

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), 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) or Mark Heise (484-687-0840, 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**, 8th 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

Join The Gathering Place for a "Planning Your Baptism Instruction Class" webinar on Tuesday, April 23, 2:30 p.m. EDT. Hear from pastors Andrea Wall, Danilo Sanchez, Paula Snyder Belusek and Daniel Yoder, look at curriculum options and ask questions. Sign up by April 22 at thegatheringplace.us.

Pray for church planters and pastors who are attending the Sent conference in Denver, Colorado, April 26-28. Learn more about how to join in and support peace church planting in MC USA at mennoniteusa.org/churchplanting.

Beyond Salford

Chain of Life – The Rick Boyle story is a story of heartbreak and redemption. As a child, he faced the hardship of undiagnosed, severe learning disabilities and agoraphobia. He was assumed to be stupid and lazy. He attempted suicide several times in his teens and beyond. For almost 30 years he smoked up to four packs of cigarettes a day and chose to overeat as a way to try to end his life. An irresistible offer from his brother to bicycle across the United States punctuated by an encounter with God changed everything for Rick. He tells his story with a self-guided bicycle tour in Ireland as a backdrop for this documentary film. Rick is a rather ordinary man with extraordinary resolve to live his life on purpose. The documentary will be shown on Tuesday, May 7th, at 7 pm at the Sellersville Theater. Contact **Dave Peters** by phone or email for tickets or with questions; 215-892-6857, globalstory2@gmail.com

A **5K & Children's Fun Run** to benefit **The Worm Project** will be held April 27 at

9:00 am. The 5K race will be run entirely on the beautiful 75 acre campus of Dock Mennonite Academy and the Children's Fun Run will be on the stadium track. For more information or to register, go to www.wormproject.org.

The **Mennonite Heritage Center** invites you to the program "**Jonas Schultz and the Big Tent**: an interesting life and the amazing 1858 traveling church" by Pastor Bob Gerhart on Sunday, April 28 at 2 pm. Jonas Schultz was a 19th century itinerant pastor of Mennonite, Schwenkfelder, Brethren and Lutheran background who traveled widely. A model of the moveable tabernacle will accompany the program. Admission by donation. For information, visit www.mhep.org or call 215-256-3020.

oin **Everence** for a free **Medicare and Social Security Workshop** on Thursday, May 9, 6:30 pm at Franconia Mennonite Church. You will be guided through the important dates, deadlines and details that you need to know about Medicare and Social Security. RSVP to Leah Ludwig at 215-703-0111 or souderton@everence.com by May 6. Visit www.everence.com/souderton for more info.

What best equips us to live the life to which God is calling us? Dr. Joe Kotva, a pastor, educator, and speaker will lead a **workshop discussion** about what it means to live well in later stages of life. This event will be held Monday, May 13, 6:30 pm at **Souderton Mennonite Homes**. RSVP to Margaret.Zook@livingbranches.org or at livingbranches.org/events.

Families with a child who is eligible to start kindergarten in the Fall are invited to **Quakertown Christian School** on Tuesday, May 14, 9:00 to 10:00 am, for **Kindergarten "Pop-in" Open House!** Come "Pop-in" to their 3- and 5-day kindergarten classes for fun, snacks, and crafts! Contact QCS at 215-536-6970 or info@quakertownchristian.org. RSVP is encouraged, but not required.

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. They've also released their spring newsletter; read about their work in Honduras at 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.