



Week of April 28, 2019

Sunday, April 28

9:00 a.m. Worship
Dock Mennonite
Academy Touring Choir
will lead our worship
time.

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

Connections Class
will meet in the left side
of the Gathering Room.
Heiki-Lara Nyce will
interview **Steve
Godsall Myers** for the
class.

During second hour
Meredith Ehst and
Maria Hosler Byler will
be leading a
conversation on school
options in the area,
geared for parents with
kids in or entering
elementary school but
open to all parents.
That will take place in
**the room behind the
welcome center.**

For Your Prayers List

- **Neva Moyer,**
Souderton
Mennonite Homes
- **Faith Detweiler,**
Sunny Crest Home

Sunday, April 21
Offering
\$9,501
ACH Electronic
Offering
\$1,895
Kiosk Offering

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.

Men's Retreat, May 4, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

There are still spots available for the May 4 men's retreat held at Fern Rock Retreat. The morning will be facilitated by psychotherapist and spiritual director John Drescher Lehman and focus on the story of Elijah, offering resources for mental, emotional, and spiritual health. Please contact the church office to sign up.

This Week at Salford

Wednesday, May 1

8:00 a.m. Sewing Circle (Gathering Room)
9:30 a.m. Salford Community Parents Play Date (Reaching Out Classroom)
7:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting (Library)

Saturday, May 4

9:00 a.m. Men's Retreat (John & Sandy Drescher Lehman Fern Rock Retreat)

Sunday, May 5

9:00 a.m. Worship
Preaching: Maria Hosler Byler
10:15 a.m. Second Hour for All Ages
12:00 p.m. Vegan Potluck (Fellowship Hall)

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

- For **Dani Hershberger**, with thanksgiving for successful surgery on Wednesday with the removal of a benign cyst, and prayers for a smooth recovery
- For **Glen Martin** as he continues to recovery from his quadruple bypass surgery, and prayers that he would be able to put full weight on his right leg
- For **Roy Musselman** as he suffers from severe pain in his chest, and that the Doctors would be able to discern the best course of treatment
- For **Kathy & Ken Stalter** as they grieve the loss of Kathy's mother Dorothy Doyle who passed away on Saturday, April 20th
- For **Melissa & Mark Heise** as they grieve the loss Melissa's mother Betty Rorabaugh who passed away on April 21st
- For the **people of Sri Lanka** as they mourn and grieve the loss of life from the

\$1,313

Total Offering

\$12,709

Future Salford Events

- May 4 - Salford Men's Retreat at Fern Rock Retreat, 9:00 a.m. - noon
- May 5 – Spring Communion
- August 18 – Outdoor Worship in the Grove and Fellowship Picnic

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

Easter morning bombings

Birthday Blessings...

To **Linford Landis**, who celebrates his 82nd birthday on May 2, and to **Harold Kreider**, who celebrates his 95th birthday on May 3, and also to **Mary Jane Hershey**, who celebrates her 89th birthday of May 5.

Congratulations...

To **Jonny & Sarah Stoeckle** on the birth of **Hadley Mae Stoeckle** on April 15, 2019. The big sister is Emerson.

Prayers for Comfort & Strength...

for Melissa & Mark Heise and the Heise family. Melissa's mother Betty Rorabaugh passed away on Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019 at age 93 at Hospice & Community Care in Mount Joy, PA.

The funeral will take place at Manor Church, 530 Central Manor Road, Lancaster, PA 17603, on Friday afternoon, April 26th, 2019 at 2:00 pm. The family will receive friends at Manor Church on Friday afternoon from 1:00-2:00 pm.

Prayers for comfort and strength...

For Kathy & Ken Stalter and the Stalter family. Kathy's mother Dorothy Doyle passed away on Saturday, April 20th at her home in Cedarburg, WI while in Hospice Care. She was 97 years old.

Funeral will take place at: St. Francis Parish Church, Cedarburg, WI on 5/3/2019 at 11:30 am with visitation prior to that.

"Thank You" to everyone at Salford who participated in the card shower for my 80th birthday! Elizabeth and I appreciate your prayers and notes of encouragement through this journey with ALS (Lou Gehrig 's disease). **Glenn Frederick**

Service & Mission

Donation of the Month for May – Canned beans – baked, black, kidney, chick peas, etc.

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

Thanks to the congregation for the generous contribution of \$466.04 to the **My Coins Count Project**, benefiting MCC's Peace Projects this year. This contribution was matched twice resulting in \$1,398.12 to MCC.

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.

Garden Update, 4/25/19

Greetings fellow gardeners, this past week saw the garden grow in leaps and bounds. The plants we planted in early April have tripled in size. The cabbage is cabbaging, the broccoli is broccing, the carrots are carrying, the red beets are beeting and the peas are ... doing real well! I have started to thin the red beets as they need room to grow. Carrots will also need a thinning but they are around a week later than the beets.

This Saturday we will put up a climbing fence for the peas. Cover 2 more 1/2 rows with white plastic (for winter squash) and plant some Radishes!! I will be starting a little later this week so I can attend the Advent youth breakfast @ 8 am. Come out & support the Advent Lutheran youth. I should be at the garden around 9 am.

I always seem to find small surprises when working in the garden, this past week was no exception. I was planting the last of our broccoli and cabbage, when my bulb planter hit something when I tried to dig a hole. I looked in the hole and saw 2 big eyes looking back at me. I stuck my hand down the hole and pulled out a big Eastern Toad! For a nature boy like me this was really great. I looked him/her over, made sure he/she was ok. He/she looked a little annoyed because I interrupted his/her nap but he/she was fine. I reburied him/her in the older leaf pile where I knew he/she would be comfy. Never a dull moment in the garden. Thank you to all who help out each week with this mission. Steve

News & Notes

A fundraising meal to support the opening of the Museum of the Palestinian People sponsored by the Salford Justice & Peace ministry team will be held in the Salford Fellowship Hall on June 1, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. Come experience an authentic Palestinian meal and hear from Bshara Nassar, founder and director of the Museum of the Palestinian People in Washington D.C. Bshara will be telling his story of growing up in Palestine, working for justice and peace, and his vision and dreams for the new museum. There is a \$20.00 registration fee for each individual and additional donations to the museum are welcome. All proceeds from this event will go towards the Museum of the Palestinian People. Register for the event by Monday, May 27 by going to the following link: <https://forms.gle/nG6qHD9iszGjGUjh8> Contact Michael George at georgeme55@hotmail.com with any questions.

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

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.

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.

Youth and Young Adult News

- **Lukah Zehr** will be presenting his Dock Mennonite Academy senior speech on June 3 at 6:00 p.m. **Micah Zehr** will be presenting his senior speech on June 3 at 6:30 p.m.
- **Quentin Heise** will be graduating from Owen J. Roberts High School on June 7
- **Micah** and **Lukah Zehr** will be graduating from Dock Mennonite Academy on June 8
- **Conrad Nyce** will be graduating from Souderton Area High School on June 10
- **Emily Bergey** will be serving in Japan with Mennonite Mission Network from the beginning of May to the end of June.

- Artwork by Salford 6th graders **Ava Miller** and **Lela Martin** will be featured at the 20th Intergenerational Art Show of Dock Mennonite Academy. Artwork by adults in the students' families will be on display as well. There will be a reception on May 7th at the Mennonite Heritage Center from 3:30 to 5:00pm. If you can't make it then, stop by sometime between May 7th - 24th. Gallery hours are Tuesday - Friday, 10 - 5, and Saturday, 10 - 2.

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

Mennonite Church USA News

Register for MennoCon19 by April 30 at convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration to make sure your registration includes lunch, t-shirts and a servant project. This is the last day to receive these additions and benefit from a lower registration rate.

Pray for Franconia Conference & Eastern District Conference as they gather for a joint Delegate Assembly on May 4.

Beyond Salford

Dock Mennonite Academy's 9-12 campus presents A Night of Comic Theater, May 2, 3 & 4 at 7 p.m. in Clemens Theater at 1000 Forty Food Rd, Lansdale. This will entail three one-act comedic plays including *Much Ado About Nothing*, *A Mad Breakfast*, and *The Lost Elevator*. Come and support the students' hard work! Adult tickets are \$10, Students are \$5. Tickets may be purchased at the door or at dock.org.

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

All are invited to a **hymn sing** hosted by the Mennonite Heritage Center at historic **Frick Meetinghouse**, East Orvilla Road, Hatfield, on Sunday, May 5 at 4:00 pm. Singing will be from the 1927 Church Hymnal (Mennonite) and books will be provided. No registration needed, but an offering will be taken to support the work of the MHC and the preservation of the meetinghouse.

MCC Material Resource Center will hold their **Comforter Blitz** on Monday May 6, 9:00 am -7:00 pm. Join them for a few hours or stay all day, and help them replenish Mennonite Central Committee's comforter supply, to be shared with people around the world in need of warm blankets. The MRC also needs volunteers to help in the warehouse working on the baler, Tuesday and Wednesday from 12:00 to 4:00 pm. Call 267-203-8074 for more information.

Join **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.

Souderton Mennonite Church is hosting a free, interactive **story time** for children ages one through five and their caregivers on Tuesdays from 10:00 to 10:30 am in the church lobby. The program runs May 14 to June 18, and no registration is required. For more information, contact the church office at 215-723-3088 or churchoffice@soudertonmennonite.org.

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.