

Week of April 7, 2019

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## Sunday, April 7

**9:00 a.m. Worship**  
Associate Pastor Maria Hosler Byler will preach on Matthew 13:1-3a and 33; *Bread for All*

**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 **Tori & Zach Jones Long** for the class.

## For Your Prayers List

- **Anna G. Landis**, Peter Becker
- **Eva Alderfer**, Souderton Mennonite Homes
- **Derek & Amy Godshall**, Mennonite Central Committee, Burkina Faso

## Sunday, March 31

Offering  
\$4,545  
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Offering  
\$5,235  
Kiosk Offering  
\$535

## 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

This year 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. 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 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,

**Total Offering**  
**\$10,315**

### **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)

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.

Come to the Prayer Room at Salford, walk the indoor space, classrooms, sanctuary or the grounds at the church – or pray in your own home space. A sign-up sheet for the prayer room is available in the main foyer today. It is important that all 12 hours are filled so the prayer vigil chain is not broken. **3 hours remain available in the prayer vigil, sign up today.**

### **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**

#### **Tuesday, April 9**

7:00 p.m. Child Care Ministry Team Meeting (Friendship Room)

7:00 p.m. Library Ministry Team Meeting (Library)

#### **Wednesday, April 10**

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

6:30 p.m. Kids Club (Gathering Room)

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

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

#### **Saturday, April 13**

6:30 p.m. Jr. High Game Night (Chris & Ashley Miller's house)

#### **Sunday, April 14**

9:00 a.m. Worship

Preaching: Joe Hackman

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

### **Our Church Family**

#### **Prayer Concerns**

- For thankfulness for successful hematoma surgery for **Darwin Zehr's** father
- For **Beth Yoder's** mother who is experiencing significant health concerns

#### **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.

Thanks to the congregation for the donation of 81 cans of tuna and meals-in-a-can. Special thanks to Cindy Nyce and Dwight Alderfer for counting and packing.

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

Greetings fellow gardeners, the wait is finally over, this Saturday will be the first planting of 2019. Planting cabbage, broccoli, red beets, carrots and peas will be our goal for Saturday. The new raised beds are filled and ready. They really look great filled with soil. The water is turned on and I will be roto-tilling a few choice rows for

Saturday. I still have to pick up the plants and few other items but we should be set for Spring planting. Next week I hope to plant onions and potatoes. Then we can set our eyes on the lower end and get ready for summer. See you in the garden 2019. Steve Blank

**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.

**Pastor Cesar Marin** of Mexico City, Mexico has submitted another prayer letter for his work in the month of January and February. You can read it here [http://www.salfordmc.org/uploads/3/9/9/0/39904787/cesar\\_prayer\\_letter\\_january\\_february\\_2019.pdf](http://www.salfordmc.org/uploads/3/9/9/0/39904787/cesar_prayer_letter_january_february_2019.pdf)

### **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.

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.

**We are compiling some childcare options for parents:**

- Are you willing to offer childcare to kids from the congregation occasionally, for Salford events or as a favor for parents who need a night away?
- Are you a parent willing to swap childcare with other families occasionally?
- Do you have a babysitter that you love, or do you babysit as a job?

Email Pastor Maria with any names, yours or a referral. Thanks for supporting Salford families in this way!

**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)).

The **intergenerational luncheon** will take place on April 7<sup>th</sup>. All Salford participants who are 65 and older are invited to join the junior and senior youth for lunch, activities, conversation, and music. Invitations were placed in church mailboxes last week – but even if you did not see an invitation, all who are over 65 are welcome. RSVP at the welcome center or by contacting the church office at 215-267-0778.

**Service Thoughts:** The junior high class is starting a practice of writing down things that stand out to us in the worship service. We hope it will help us focus on things we want to talk about or think about in second hour. There is a paper at the welcome center to take for this purpose. We invite all adults to join us too. Grab a Service Thoughts sheet at the welcome center and write down whatever you want, then we challenge you to talk with someone about it later.

## 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.

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

## Mennonite Church USA News

**Read Menno Snapshots stories this month from church planters throughout MC USA**, including a story from the archives highlighting urban church planting in

the 1980s: [mennoniteusa.org/tag/churchplanting](http://mennoniteusa.org/tag/churchplanting).

**Youth groups can still sell Menno's Best Coffee** to raise funds for MennoCon19, and the youth group who purchases the most coffee by April 14 will win a free pizza party at convention! Anyone can order coffee and list the youth group you wish to support at [convention.mennoniteusa.org/mennos-best-coffee-fundraiser](http://convention.mennoniteusa.org/mennos-best-coffee-fundraiser).

**Now is the time to register for MennoCon19.** Join us July 2-6 for an engaging experience suited for everyone! Register here: [convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration](http://convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration).

## Beyond Salford

***It's relief sale time...*** Support Mennonite Central Committee at the 63rd Annual Pennsylvania Relief Sale! **When: April 5-6, 2019** Friday: 4 - 9 p.m. Saturday: 6:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. **Where: Farm Show Complex** (Harrisburg, PA)

- **Auctions** featuring handmade quilts, furniture, original artwork and much more
- **Delicious treats** including strawberry pie and homemade donuts
- **Children's activities** with MCC's International Volunteer Exchange Program (IVEP) participants representing 10 different countries
- **Ten Thousand Villages merchandise** and other artisan displays
- And more!

The **Mennonite Heritage Center** invites you to their **Founder's Day Celebration** on Wednesday, April 10 at 6:00 pm at Souderton Mennonite Church. Enjoy a full hot buffet dinner followed by a program honoring Arlin Lapp and Dan Lapp. Preregistration is required for the fundraiser event, and tickets are \$95. See [www.mhep.org](http://www.mhep.org) or call 215-256-3020.

You're invited on a **Philadelphia Learning Tour**, Thursday, April 11 from 8:00 am until 4:30 pm. Tour the MCC East Coast Office, The Exchange at Oxford Circle thrift shop and Germantown Mennonite Historic Trust, have lunch with Philly pastors and learn about their work with new immigrants, and learn about MCC work with prison ministries. \$63 per person covers transportation, lunch and all other costs, Call the MCC Material Resource Center at 267-203-8074 for more information or to reserve your seat.

**The MAMA Project** invites you to join them at their annual **Banquet and Silent Auction** to be held Saturday, April 13, 5:30 pm at Finland Mennonite Church. Guest speaker Dale Ressler, director of Friends of Shirati, will speak on upcoming projects in Shirati, Tanzania. Please RSVP by April 11 to Jon at [Jonathan@MAMAProject.org](mailto:Jonathan@MAMAProject.org) or call 215-679-4338. Donations are still being accepted, and proceeds will support program work in India, Kenya, and Tanzania.

On Sunday, April 14, **Joanne & Wayne Speigle will be hosting a performance of "We Know There Are Oceans."** Weaving together stories and songs, writer-performer Michelle Milne and singer-songwriter Heather Kropf take the audience on a 90-minute journey through themes of travel, home, and identity. Michelle has recently traveled to the area of the border where people are crossing our border into our country to immigrate from Mexico, and what she has seen and experienced informs her work. She recently performed in the area with Ted Swartz in the Ted and Company production of "Discovery, A Comic Lament." The performance will begin at 7pm. You are invited to come and enjoy the company of other guests and the artists prior to the show starting at 6pm. Some snacks and beverages will be provided; feel free to bring an appetizer to share and additional drinks as you wish. Please come ready to make a donation to support the art of Michelle and Heather,

and to help cover the costs of bringing this performance to Telford. RSVP to Joanne Speigle or Heiki-Lara Nyce (215-237-0912) to learn details.

Attention men: you are invited to experience spiritual refreshment and growth through an encounter with God at a **Men's Encounter weekend** April 26-28. Get more info at [www.mensencounterpa.org](http://www.mensencounterpa.org) or call Charlie Ness – 215-896-8830.

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.

**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).