

Week of August 11, 2019

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## Sunday, August 11

### 10:00 a.m. Worship

Associate Pastor Maria Hosler Byler will reflect on Amos 5:14-15 and Amos 9:11-14; *Inspiration for Justice*

**No Second Hour on summer schedule.**

### For Your Prayers List

- **Eva Alderfer**,  
Souderton  
Mennonite Homes
- **Marian Alderfer**,  
Souderton  
Mennonite Homes

## Sunday, August 4

Offering  
\$11,658  
ACH                      Electronic  
Offering  
\$4,920  
Kiosk Offering  
\$584  
**Total Offering**  
**\$17,162**

### Future Salford Events

- August 18 –  
Outdoor Worship in  
the Grove and  
Fellowship Picnic
- September 8 -  
Mennonite Disaster  
Service Fundraiser  
Performance of  
Boots, Buckets and  
Barrows with Ted &  
Company at  
Blooming Glen  
Mennonite Church
- September 14 – All  
church retreat at

## MCC School Kits Collection for August and the Fall Church Wide Retreat

The August collection of the Month is school kits to benefit the work of Mennonite Central Committee. For this year, we would like to try something a little different for our kit collection effort. The Salford Fall Church Wide Retreat planning committee would like to have a school kit blitz as part of the day's event on September 14<sup>th</sup>. Here's how it will work. Instead of purchasing kits components on your own, we will be collecting money for the kits during August to be able to make a bulk purchase of the kit supplies in early September. Then on September 14 we will have a time of assembling and packing school kits as an act of service that day. Next week we will announce the collection methods for the funds during children's time. So please plan to give generously to this important cause that impacts children around the world. If we can raise \$2,400 we can purchase school kit supplies to meet our goal of 300 kits for MCC.

**Funds for the kits will be collected during worship as part of children's time on August 11.** Please bring your additional donation for school kits with you to worship in an envelope marked for "MCC School Kits". Checks should be made payable to Salford Mennonite Church.

If you have already purchased school kits supplies, or would prefer to purchase supplies as part of a family activity, that is great. School kit contents can be found at <https://mcc.org/get-involved/kits/school>. Please place any purchased school kit supplies by the collection table in the main foyer by August 31 and we will include them in the supplies for the school kit blitz packing event on September 14<sup>th</sup>.

## August 18, 2019 Worship in the Grove and Fellowship Picnic

Our August 18 worship will be outdoors in the Oak Grove, weather permitting. Please bring lawn chairs or blankets for use outdoors. Our outdoor worship will begin at 10:00 a.m.

**The focus of our worship will be "Favorite Scriptures" and why particular passages are important to us.** Along with hearing from a number of individuals who have been asked to share, please come ready to identify your own favorite verse/passage – **bring a Bible with you!**

Following worship will be a fellowship picnic. The kitchen committee will provide a main dish for the picnic of hot dogs. Drinks will also be provided. Please bring a side dish/salad and dessert to share. Please also bring place settings for your family for the meal.

If worship is outdoors in the grove, the nursery will not be open on Sunday morning. If weather forces a move indoors, the nursery will be available during worship.

**Please also plan to attend the baptism later that afternoon at 4:00 p.m. at Groff's Mill Park. Please bring a chair or blanket to use at the park.**

**Ted & Co presents Boots, Buckets and Barrows**

Salford, rain date – September 21

- October 6 – Fall 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)

Salford is pleased to sponsor, along with Blooming Glen and Plains Mennonite Churches, a presentation of Boots, Buckets and Barrows by Ted & Co. to support Mennonite Disaster Service. In partnership with MDS, Ted & Co. present the original play, the Jesus Story: Faith, Forks & Fettucine, in conjunction with a unique auction of buckets filled with baked goods and other homey items; and 'flash auctions' to fund the tools and volunteers MDS needs to help restore communities and rebuild homes ravaged by natural disasters. All proceeds benefit the continuing work of MDS.

**Admission is free, a free will offering will be taken and please come prepared to bid!** The event will take place on Sunday, September 8, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at Blooming Glen Mennonite Church, 713 Blooming Glen Rd., Blooming Glen, PA.

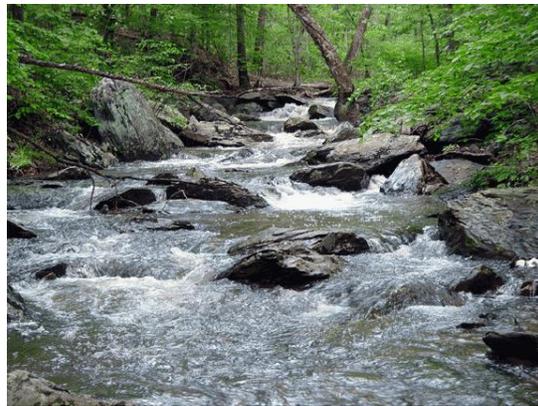
## Salford has Left the Building! Fall All Church Retreat

Let's do church a different way on Saturday September 14th 9:00 am-4:00 pm; rain date September 21st. The Salford All-Church Retreat will be held outdoors in the oak grove. We want to spend time together, having fun and building deeper relationships within our church community. Some of the highlights of the day will be:

- A school kit blitz
- Food, music, and games
- The dedication of our own peace pole
- And a big surprise you won't want to miss!

Registration coming soon! T-shirt order forms for the retreat will be available at the welcome center starting August 11<sup>th</sup>.

## Streams of Living Water - Summer Worship 2019



This summer our worship services will focus on six streams of Christian spirituality that help nurture our relationship with God. All of these streams can be seen in the life and witness of Jesus. Looking at these different streams will help expand our understanding of Jesus as well as our understanding of other Christian traditions. So what are the streams?

The **Charismatic** stream, or the Spirit-empowered life; the **Contemplative** stream, or the prayer-filled life; the **Holiness** stream, or the virtuous life; the **Incarnational** stream, or the sacramental life; the **Evangelical** stream, or the Word-centered life; and the **Social Justice** stream or the compassionate life.

**There has been a revision to the Streams of Living Water worship schedule.** August 4 and 11 will now focus on the Social Justice Tradition, and September 8 and 15 will focus on the Incarnational Tradition.

Source: *Streams of Living Water: Essential Practices from the Six Great Traditions of Christian Faith* – by Richard J. Foster

## This Week at Salford

### Wednesday, August 14

7:00 p.m. Salford Strategy Meeting (Gathering Room)

### Sunday, August 18

10:00 a.m. Outdoor Worship in the Oak Grove

11:30 a.m. Fellowship Picnic  
4:00 p.m. Baptism at Groff's Mill Park  
No Second Hour during summer schedule

## **Our Church Family**

### **Prayer Concerns**

- For **Sam and Gladys and Cindy Nyce** for strength and comfort and peace as Sam's decline continues and as Gladys faces health challenges of her own.
- For **Kass Landis** for encouragement and peace of mind now that she is back at Souderton Mennonite Homes in the skilled care unit.
- For **Lois Hackman** for steadiness in faith and trust as she anticipates surgery on August 22.

This week all congregations in Eastern District & Franconia Conference are praying for **Finland Mennonite Church**. Please pray that God would continue to open doors for the gospel to be preached with clarity as they gather and go, and that they would know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge. To read more about Finland, go to [franconiaconference.org/profiles](http://franconiaconference.org/profiles).

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

To **Marie Shisler**, who celebrates her 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday on August 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Service & Mission**

**Donation of the Month for August – Mennonite Central Committee school kits: Funds for the school kits will be collected during worship as part of children's time on August 11.** Please bring your additional donation for school kits with you to worship in an envelope marked for "MCC School Kits". Checks should be made payable to Salford Mennonite Church.

### **Salford/Advent Garden Update from 8/8/19:**

Greetings fellow gardeners. The season just keeps chugging along. This week tomatoes made their first appearance for the year. Slowly but surely they are turning. Eggplant and peppers are in full swing so the garden is at full production right now. The plants we planted the other week have made it through another heat wave and look really good. The seeds in our raised beds have sprouted, fall harvest looks very promising. This week there is more string bean picking and harvesting what we can find. Weeding is always on the menu. Last Saturday Norristown New Life picked up produce for the first time this season. I believe we have donated to Norristown every year that the garden has been in operation.

I received some great news this week. Calvin Ribelin, our Boy Scout who built the new raised beds as part of an Eagle Scout project, has been awarded his Eagle Scout rank! WOO HOO Congrats to Calvin! A lot of hard work and PAPERWORK went into this project. The garden was a big winner as the new beds have been a great addition. An awards ceremony will be planned later this year.

The past couple of weeks the heat has really been tough to work in. That has not swayed our volunteers from doing a great job of keeping the garden in top shape.

Thank you to everyone for their dedication and commitment to this mission. Steve

### **News & Notes**

**There are a few staff vacation this upcoming week.** Lead Pastor Joe Hackman

is away on Thursday, August 8 through Tuesday, August 13. Associate Pastor Beth Yoder is away Friday, August 9 through Monday, August 12. Church Administrator Brad Alderfer is away Friday, August 9 through Wednesday, August 14. If there is a matter that need immediate attention, please call Lead Pastor Joe Hackman on his cell phone.

The Salford library will be closed on outdoor worship Sunday, August 18. Any books needing to be returned can be placed in the drop box outside right of the library door.

### **We are excited for upcoming youth baptisms!**

- August 11 Baptisms at Groff's Mill Park 11:30 am: Isabella Benner and Renae Benner. Please bring a chair or blanket to use at the park.
- August 18 Baptisms at Groff's Mill Park 4:00 pm: Garrett Nyce and Sydney Sefing

**The Zehrs are moving!** We're moving from 613 Allentown Rd in Franconia to 2205 Wentz Church Rd in Worcester. On Saturday August 10, we are planning to move major items and belongings using 1-2 moving trucks. Coffee and donuts will be provided in the morning and lunch at the new house. If you are interested in getting some exercise and helping us move, please drop us an e-mail at [zehrhead@gmail.com](mailto:zehrhead@gmail.com) and we'll be happy to give you details. Thanks.

**Share an evening and a meal with a Palestinian family.** Join them in their Lansdale home for a delicious Middle Eastern dinner and an evening visit. For more information or to arrange a date (a Friday or Saturday evening), call Bob Moyer at 215-766-0827. For groups of four to six individuals with a suggested minimum donation of \$25 per person.

**Wilbur Bauman** has a piano to give away free to anyone willing to move it. Please call him at (215) 375-5261 for details.

## **Youth and Young Adult News**

- Four Salford youth will be baptized over two separate services at Groff's Mill Park: on August 11th immediately after worship, **Isabella Benner** and **Renae Benner** will be baptized. On August 18th at 4pm **Garrett Nyce** and **Sydney Sefing** will be baptized. Come to support them as they take this step of faith. Please bring a chair or blanket to use at the park.

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

## **Mennonite Church USA News**

Find out how **churches across MC USA are offering solidarity with immigrant communities** in their contexts: [mennoniteusa.org/news/mennonite-church-usa-follow-up-to-churchwide-statement-on-the-abuse-of-child-migrants](https://mennoniteusa.org/news/mennonite-church-usa-follow-up-to-churchwide-statement-on-the-abuse-of-child-migrants).

**Salem-Zion Mennonite Church youth plan to #BRINGTHEPEACE to the county fair** and are selling t-shirts in support of Mennonite Central Committee's (MCC) asylum and immigrant detention kit efforts. Read more: [mennoniteusa.org/news/salem-zion-mennonite-county-fair](https://mennoniteusa.org/news/salem-zion-mennonite-county-fair).

## **Beyond Salford**

The **Mennonite Heritage Center** announces the program “**Hex Signs: Myths and Meaning**” by Patrick Donmoyer on Sunday, August 18 at 2:00 pm. Mr. Donmoyer, Director of the Pennsylvania German Cultural Heritage Center, Kutztown University, will talk about the history, mythology and cultural significance of the traditional barn stars. No registration is needed and admission is by donation. For information, see [www.mhep.org](http://www.mhep.org).

Tickets are now on sale for **Penn Foundation’s Autumn Event**, Tuesday, September 24, 7:30 pm at Penridge High School. The evening will feature local celebrity emcee Richard Curtis, staff honoree Lu Mauro, and the keynote speaker will be former collegiate and NFL quarterback and mental health advocate Ryan Leaf. [Click here to purchase tickets.](#)