

Week of August 4, 2019

Sunday, August 4

10:00 a.m. Worship

Associate Pastor Beth Yoder will reflect on Amos 5:21-24; Micah 6:8; Matthew 22:37-40; *The Social Justice Tradition: the Compassionate Life*

No Second Hour on summer schedule.

For Your Prayers List

- **Ferne Alderfer,**
Dock Woods
Community
- **Anna G. Landis,**
Peter Becker
- **Mennonite
Mission Network**

Sunday, July 28

Offering
\$17,543
ACH Electronic
Offering
\$1,930
Kiosk Offering
\$389
**Total Offering
\$19,862**

Future Salford Events

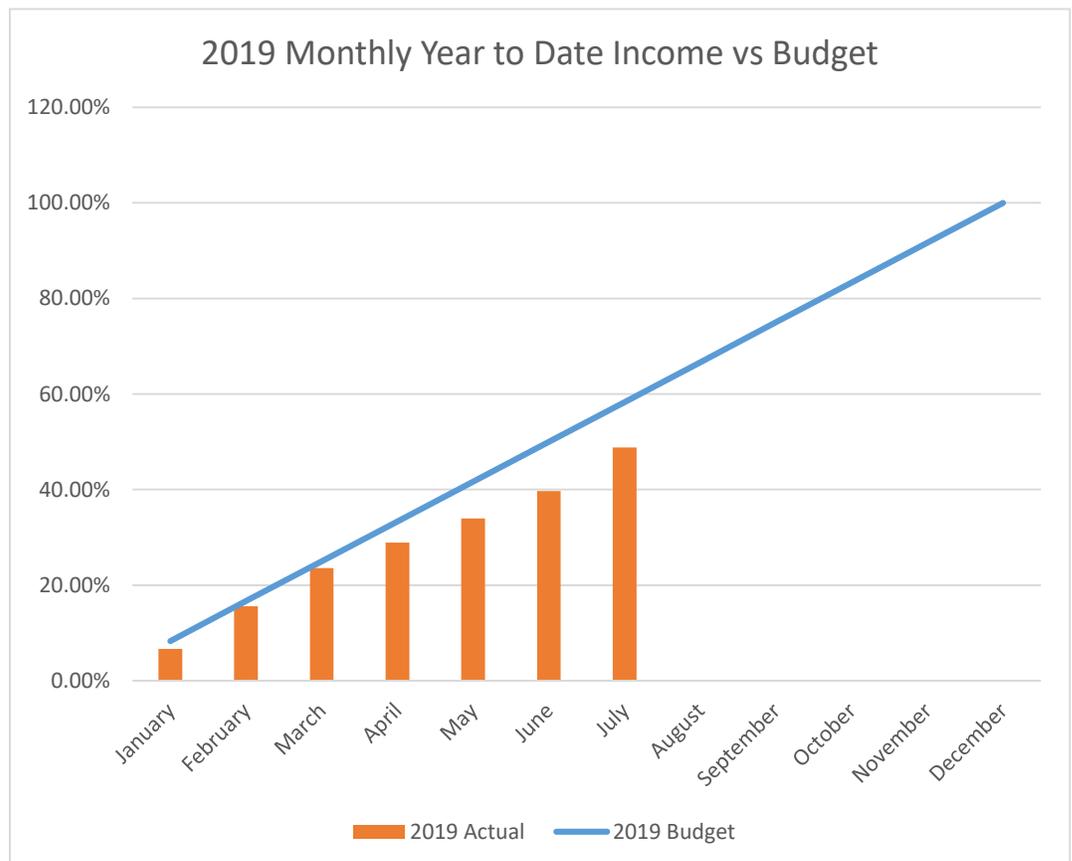
- August 18 –
Outdoor Worship in
the Grove and
Fellowship Picnic
- September 8 -
Mennonite Disaster
Service Fundraiser
Performance of
Boots, Buckets and
Barrows with Ted &
Company at
Blooming Glen

2019 Monthly Salford Finance Update, as of 7/31/19

With our last finance update for the congregation at the end of May 2019, offering and income level for Salford was very concerning, with offering year to date 13% less than same year to date 2018. Offering and income for June and July 2019 have improved with increased giving during the past two months. At the end of July 2019 our overall offering and income, while improving, still trails 2018 giving by 5%. The Church Board and Finance Ministry Team continue encouraging increased tithes and offering 10% beyond what you gave in the second half of last year to meet the budgeted needs as approved by the congregation with the 2019 expense budget. We are grateful for all that God has blessed us with, and humbly join God's kingdom building work here at Salford and in the local community. We encourage you to consider how you can further support this mission.

We will keep you informed on where we stand in our finances for 2019 through this monthly finance update (see below).

2019 Approved Budget:	\$869,397
2019 Offering and Income needed through 30 weeks:	\$501,575
2019 Offering and income received through 30 weeks:	\$424,482
Average Weekly Offering Received through 30 weeks:	\$14,149
Average Weekly Offering Needed, 22 weeks remaining:	\$22,246



Mennonite Church

- September 14 – All church retreat at Salford, rain date – September 21

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

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.

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 14th. 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 14th.

Summer Schedule for Salford Worship and Second Hour

Starting Sunday, July 7, we will be entering our summer worship and Second Hour schedule. For July 7 through September 1, **worship start time will be 10:00 a.m.** and there will be no Second Hour for children and adults. We encourage adult Second Hour classes to plan fellowship activities during this time to keep connected. Regular start time and Second Hour will begin again on September 8, 2019.

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

Monday, August 5

7:00 p.m. Fellowship Time at Souderton Mennonite Homes, All Welcome

Wednesday, August 7

7:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting (Library)

Sunday, August 11

10:00 a.m. Worship

Preaching: Maria Hosler Byler

No Second Hour during summer schedule

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

- For **Kass Landis** who continues at Lehigh Valley Hospital, as she continues to improve and hopes to return soon to Souderton Mennonite Homes
- For **Sam and Gladys and Cindy Nyce** as Sam continues to decline and Gladys gradually regains her strength following recent health events.
- For **Lois Hackman** in gratitude for excellent medical attention at U of Penn Hospital this week and as she anticipates surgery on August 22.
- For **Julie Wimmer** as she continues to recover from successful surgery this past week.
- For **Evan and Chelsea Sowers** (Mel Alderfer's niece) as Evan faces serious health complications following a fall and they continue to care for their 3 young children in the midst of it all.

This week all congregations in Eastern District & Franconia Conference are praying for **Wellspring Church of Skippack**. Please continue to pray for them during this year of transition following the death of beloved pastor, Mike Meneses; also, for the guidance of God's Spirit in their pastoral search process and that they can be a witness of God's salvation and love. To read more about Wellspring, go to franconiaconference.org/profiles.

From Mennonite Early Childhood Network (MECN) Schools

- In this time when academic skills seem to be favored, pray that young children may encounter caring adults who also attend to the spiritual, social, emotional and physical development of the early years.

Birthday Blessings...

To **Bud Gross**, who celebrates his 82nd birthday on August 9th, and to **Clyde Yoder**, who celebrates his 89th birthday on August 9th.

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.

Thanks to the congregation for 26 cans of beans and 14 packs of hot dogs to benefit the clients of Keystone Opportunity Center in Souderton.

Salford/Advent Garden Update from 7/25/19:

Greetings fellow gardeners, what a difference a week makes. Last week we were in scorching heat, this week a much better temp for gardening. Last Saturday were in and out of the garden as fast as we could because of the high heat. But not before we harvested about 1,100 onions. They will cure on Nancy's patio for about 2 weeks before we trim them and start to distribute. String beans are up and running with over 40 lbs picked so far. Yellow beans have started to flower and should be ready in about a week. We pulled the insect netting off the winter squash to let the pollinators do their work on the flowering vines. The cucumber beetles are having fun with the zucchini as we have lost many plants to wilting disease. I will try an respray to keep as many plants as we can for as long as we can.

This Saturday we start to plant for fall. Broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, red beets carrots, turnips and rutabagas are all on the menu for planting along with more green string beans.

I will be working on the beds early so we can start right in with planting.

Thank you to all who work in the garden, the challenges are many but we always seem to find a way to get the work done. Steve

News & Notes

We are excited for upcoming youth baptisms!

- August 11 Baptisms at Groff’s Mill Park 11:30 am: Isabella Benner and Renae Benner
- 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 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.

Youth and Young Adult News

- **Sierra Kapusta** and **Laura Benner** are serving as Leaders in Training (LIT's) at Spruce Lake in July.
- 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.

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

Mennonite Church USA News

May God give us the courage to stand for the life and redemption given to us through Jesus rather than death and violence. Read MC USA's response to the federal government reinstating the death penalty: mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/death-penalty-reinstatement-response.

Mennonite Church USA is currently seeking to hire two Communications positions, Communications Production Coordinator and Multimedia News Editor. Find the job descriptions and contact information at mennoniteusa.org/who-we-are/employment.

Beyond Salford

The **Greater Philly Christian Writers Conference** will be held August 8-10 at **Dock Mennonite Academy**. A faculty of 42 authors, editors, and agents will present 42 workshops, 7 continuing sessions, and 4 learning labs. Keynote messages relevant to all Christians are free of charge. Learn more at philadelphia.writehisanswer.com.

Tickets are now on sale for **Penn Foundation's Autumn Event**, Tuesday, September 24, 7:30 pm at Penncreek 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](#).