

Week of December 2, 2018

Sunday, December 2

9:00 a.m. Worship

Guest Preacher Glen Guyton, Executive Director Mennonite Church USA, will preach on Romans 5:3-5; *Childlike Hope: A Journey in God's love*

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

Glen Guyton will be presenting in the Sanctuary during Second Hour for adults interested in attending.

For Your Prayers List

- Harold & Ferne Alderfer, Dock Woods Community
- Anna G. Landis, Peter Becker

Sunday, November 25

Offering \$16,150
ACH Electronic Offering \$1,955
Kiosk Offering \$438
Total Offering \$18,543

Future Salford Events

- December 16 - Christmas Hymn Sign with Andy Richter during Second Hour
- December 24 - Christmas Eve

2018 Monthly Salford Finance & Budget Update, as of 11/30/18

The Finance Ministry team is grateful to the congregation for your strong support of our church budget in 2017. We will need continued consistent strong support of our budget through tithes and offerings to meet our expected spending under the 2018 budget approved by the congregation. We will keep you informed on where we stand in our finances through this monthly finance update.

2018 Approved Budget:	\$837,677
2018 Offering needed through 47 weeks (budget)	\$757,131
2018 Offering and Income received through 47 weeks:	\$680,364
Average Weekly Offering Received, 47 weeks:	\$14,475
Average Weekly Offering Needed, 5 weeks remaining:	\$31,463

New Photo Directory Process Update

The printed version of the directory will be produced for distribution on **December 2, 2018**. For those who would like a printed version of the directory, they will be placed at the Welcome Center for pickup. If the available copies run out, additional copies will be printed in future weeks.

December MCC Relief Kit Collection Effort Update

Our December collection of the month project is Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Relief Kits. We have decided to try a new collection method for the relief kits for this December. In an effort to generate the maximum number of Relief Kits to fulfill the recent request for 25,000 kits, we will be collaborating with local churches to meet this need. Here is how it will work. Salford will be collaborating with Plains and Methacton Mennonite Churches to raise funds during December to purchase the supplies for the Relief Kits. We will use the funds we raise to purchase the kit components from Daniel Stoltzfus of Lancaster, who has a passion for the work of MCC. Daniel's mission is to purchase kit supplies in bulk at the best possible price to maximize donations to MCC. He is able to purchase the supplies for a kit for approximately \$17.00, about half what you and I would spend buying the kits pieces individually at local stores. So we, along with the other churches, will raise funds in December, and then purchase kit supplies from Mr. Stoltzfus. Then we will schedule a kit packing party at a time and date to be determined in January 2019. Salford will designate half of our Christmas Eve offering for the Relief Kit project, with the other half of the offering being designated for Mennonite Disaster Service and the response to the recent hurricanes and fire natural disasters across the country. Three other local Mennonite churches recently undertook a Relief Kit fundraising project of this type and were able to purchase 600 kits! We are hopeful that we can match or exceed this effort. So please plan to give generously at our Christmas Eve offering. If you will not be able to attend our Christmas Eve offering, you are welcome to drop off your offering envelopes marked for "Christmas Eve" in an Office Drop Box, or in the offering on another Sunday in December.

Worship Service

- January 26 & April 6 - Enneagram Training Sessions with Joe & Angela Hackman
- February 10 - Garden Fundraiser Luncheon
- March 23 - MYF Youth Auction & Fellowship Meal

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

Maria Hosley Byler Maternity Leave Update

Dear Salford Church Family, On Tuesday I returned to my pastoral role after the end of maternity leave. I am so grateful to Joe, Beth, Brad, Ashley, and all the others who kept things rolling while I was away. And the whole congregation did an excellent job of being community for our family throughout this time. We are thankful to have such a caring congregational family. It has been really special to be able to be with Mateo full-time during these important early weeks of his life; and I am also so glad to be back with you all as a pastor! Lots has happened here at Salford in the past three months. I can't wait to hear about it and jump back in to youth and family ministry.

This fall also marks two years since I began as a pastor at Salford. With that anniversary and my return from leave, now is a good time to ask again what family ministry is about here at Salford. What does it look like for families to connect, grow, and serve in the way of Jesus? How can the congregation work together to support kids and whole families? What mission is God calling us to and how can people of all ages enter into it? I look forward to having conversations with parents and kids in the coming months to renew the vision. And I definitely look forward to reconnecting with all of you now that I'm back. - Maria Hosler Byler

This Week at Salford

Monday, December 3

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

Tuesday, December 4

7:00 p.m. Church Board Meeting (Friendship Room)

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

Wednesday, December 5

8:00 a.m. Sewing Circle (Gathering Room)

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

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

Sunday, December 9

9:00 a.m. Worship

Preaching: Joe Hackman

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

3:15 p.m. Youth Christmas Caroling (Meet at Salford)

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

- For ***Dolores Bauman*** that she may be able to adjust to more relaxed breathing and that the medical team can determine what treatment will best serve her.
- For ***Howard Freed*** as he continues in rehab and in the health care unit at Souderton Mennonite Homes.
- For ***Saralyn Alderfer*** as she awaits results of MRI and scans.

Birthday Blessings...

To **Kass Landis**, who turns 87 on December 4th, and to **Earl Detweiler**, who turns 82 on December 8th.

Service & Mission

Donation of the Month for December – Money donations for Mennonite Central Committee Relief Kits – Please see the announcement on page one of the

newsletter for more information for the money collection for MCC Relief Kits.

Vernon and Linda Martin will be part of a **Healthy Ninos** Service team going to Honduras in January. The team is composed of members from various states. We are inviting the people of Salford to contribute items needed for distribution to the villages. Items needed are: **Dark Colored Hand Towels, Acetaminophen for Infant & Children, Ibuprofen for Infant and Children,** There will be a **Healthy Ninos Basket** on the bottom shelf of the Project of the Month table by the Infant nursery during the months of November and December. Questions, contact Linda Martin 267-446-8358. Thank You.

Volunteer opportunity - The Pastoral Care Team at Living Branches ask you to consider sharing your time and talents as worship support volunteers at any of the Living Branches facilities. Ways to serve include - worship leading, song leading, scripture reading, ushering, head usher, Communion usher, musician, or speaker. These opportunities are very flexible, scheduling is done on a quarterly basis, and training is provided for all opportunities. To indicate your interest or to ask questions, contact Lynne Allebach at 215-368-4438, ext. 42289, or email lynne.allebach@livingbranches.org.

Gift giving ideas that benefit more than one: please mark your calendars to attend the Christmas Open House at **Darning Egg Gifts** located in the MCC Material Resource Center, 737 Hager Center Dr.; Unit C; Souderton, Pa. Friday, Nov. 30, 10:00 am – 8:00 pm; Saturday, Dec. 1, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm. Extended shopping hours: Dec. 3-7, 9:00 am – 7:00 pm. All sales benefit MCC outreach. Text or call **Diane Kropf** at 267-664-4599 with questions.

The **Justice and Peace Team** is looking for interested participants to join them on the **Annual Christmas Peace Pilgrimage on December 8th**. For over 55 years people dedicated to peace have been gathering in Pennsylvania to walk the 10 miles from Nazareth to Bethlehem on the second Saturday of December. The Peace Pilgrimage, symbolic of the journey of Mary and Joseph, provides all of us, those who walk, those who pass us on the highway, and those who read about the walk, with an opportunity to consider the true meaning of Christmas. The sight of 200 pilgrims walking with stars and peace signs inspires us to focus on the need for Peace on Earth. The group will carpool from Salford and arrive in Bethlehem, PA at 10:30 A.M. and return to Salford at ~7:00 P.M.

More information is available on this brochure:
https://docs.wixstatic.com/uqd/518355_85d365b02da9461db172c73f7792da60.pdf

If you are interested in attending the event, please e-mail **Andrew Zetts** (azetts22@gmail.com) with the following information:

1. The number, names, and ages of participants
2. If you are willing to drive in the carpool (Yes/No). If yes, how many seats you have available for others.

This is a new event for the leadership of the Justice and Peace Team, but we are excited for Salford to support the event!

News & Notes

Nurture children's **faith at home this Advent and Christmas** through family worship. Find a free, downloadable guide at AnabaptistFaithFormation.org with daily scriptures, songs, activities and questions to ponder together.

Beth Yoder will be in Dingman's Ferry this coming week, Wednesday through

Saturday (Dec. 5-8) for the second session of the year-long training she is taking in Gestalt Pastoral Care.

Save the Date! – The **MYF Youth Auction and Fellowship Meal** has been scheduled for March 23rd, 2019

Address Update:

Janet Yoder

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Peaceful Living, a conference related ministry, is **seeking caring volunteers** who want to **create belonging** for **adults with intellectual disabilities and autism**. Everyone deserves to live with a sense of “belonging” and express their unique talents, interests, and capabilities. **Join us as a volunteer!** Daytime, evening, and weekend opportunities are available. **To learn more, visit** <http://www.timecounts.org/peaceful-living> or **contact Connie Maurer** at cmaurer@peacefulliving.org or 610.287.1200, ext. 2092.

Beyond Salford

A **Christmas Song Service** will be held at **Franconia Mennonite Church** on Sunday, December 2 at 6:30 pm. All are invited to this sing-along of favorite Christmas carols using the red “Mennonite Hymnal.” A time of fellowship and snacks will follow the singing.

Join us for **Dock Mennonite Academy’s** (EC to Grade 8 campus) **annual Christmas Benefit Concert** on Friday, December 7, 2018 at 7:00 PM at Franconia Mennonite Church. *The concert will feature our Kindergarten students reciting Luke 2, the Third Grade Choir, Middle School Choir, Middle School Band, Jazz Ensemble, Middle School Orchestra, Select Strings and Handbells.* The offering at the Christmas Benefit Concert will be matched dollar for dollar by several supportive families. *Our goal is to raise \$28,000. For more information, go to www.dock.org or call [215.723.1196](tel:215.723.1196).*

Blooming Glen Mennonite Church presents an **evening of seasonal carols** for congregational singing and a performance by the Adult Choir of Franz Schubert’s *Mass in G*, at 6:30 pm on Sunday, December 16. A free-will offering will be received and refreshments will follow the program. For information, call 215-257-3431 or visit bgmc.net.

Perkasie Mennonite Church and Patchwork Coffeehouse invite you to an **Old-Fashioned Christmas** on Sunday, December 16, at 3:00 pm, with music by the [Tom and Betty Druckenmiller](#) with [Norm Williams](#), the [Dulcimer Boys](#) and the Kreider Family. Rob Yoder will lead the audience in a Christmas caroling. A prelude of holiday instrumental selections on classic guitar by Bert Coffman will begin at 2:40 pm.