

Week February 16, 2020

Sunday, February 16

9:00 a.m. Worship

Guest Preacher Jared Byas will be preaching on Luke 13:22-30.

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

For Your Prayers List

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

Salford/Advent

Garden Fundraiser Luncheon today at Noon in the Fellowship Hall.

Sunday, February 9

Offering

\$8,834

ACH Electronic

Offering

\$1,895

Kiosk Offering

\$1,850

Total Offering

\$12,579

Future Salford Events

- February 16 – Garden Fundraiser Luncheon
- March 1 - EMU Chamber Choir Performance at Salford, 7:00 p.m.
- March 21 – MYF Auction and Fundraiser Meal
- May 3 - Spring

Franconia Conference Related Ministries Fair at Salford on February 23, 2020

On February 23rd we are planning a special Sunday focusing on and celebrating our Franconia Conference Related Ministries. The worship service will focus on the important work these Ministries do in our community and around the world. During Second Hour that Sunday, you will be invited to the Fellowship Hall to visit displays and representatives of each ministry participating to learn more about their missions and any volunteer or support needs they may have. There might be donuts to enjoy as well. Be sure to be a part of this special Sunday.

2019 Monthly Salford Finance Update, as of January 31, 2020

We are grateful for the congregation's strong, consistent financial support of the life and mission of Salford Mennonite Church. We will keep you informed on where we stand in our finances for 2019 through this Monthly finance update (see below).

2020 Approved Budget:	\$857,248
2020 Offering and Income needed through 4 weeks:	\$65,942
2020 Offering and income received through 4 weeks:	\$66,861
Average Weekly Offering Received through 4 weeks:	\$16,715
Average Weekly Offering Needed, 48 weeks remaining:	\$16,466

This Week at Salford

Tuesday, February 18

7:00 p.m. Child Safety Ministry Team Meeting (Conference Room)

Wednesday, February 19

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

Sunday, February 23

9:00 a.m. Worship

Conference Related Ministries Celebration Sunday

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

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

- For **Sharon Godshall** for return to full recovery from influenza so soon after her recent hospitalization
- For **Gladys and Sharon Hunsberger** as Gladys recovers from a significant fall and brief hospitalization this week
- For **all who find the gray winter days a challenge to mind and spirit or who suffer from anxiety and depression**, that healing and encouragement may surround and uplift them

This week all congregations in Eastern District & Franconia Conference are praying for **Bally Mennonite Church**. Please pray that they continue to rely on God's Spirit

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

to help build relationships with their neighbors and each other, and that those who are seeking would find Bally to be a place of welcome. To read more about Bally, go to franconiaconference.org/profiles.

From Salford Mennonite Child Care Center:

We are thankful for the Salford Church space that gives many children their right to a secure, healthy and developmentally appropriate early education. We also ask for special graces be given to all SMCCC teachers and directors as they participate in teacher in service on Monday focusing on self-care.

Service & Mission

Cesar Marín & Mimi Nolasco thank Salford for the donation towards roof renovations for their church in Mexico City. They have received \$2,573.32 from Salford's Christmas Eve offering. Their church, People In Transformation, will also hold a special offering for the roof project on February 23rd. Because of your generosity and pledges from their congregation, they are contemplating a better quality roof than they had previously hoped. This has been an encouragement for their ministry.

Donation of the Month for February – Hygiene Kits for MCC

New items only:

- 1 toothbrush (adult size; leave in wrapper)
- 1 bar soap (4-5 oz. in wrapper)
- 1 fingernail clipper
- 1 hand towel (larger than fingertip, dark color)
- 1 wide-toothed comb (6–8 in)

Cloth bags are available by the donation table near the Infant/Toddler nursery. Place kits in the baskets by the Infant/Toddler Nursery. **Please help us reach our goal of 200 health kits collected by February 28th.**

The Goods from Gift Discernment

Are you interested in joining a Ministry Team? Need more information? Not sure what to expect? Please call or text **Vince Causerano** at 215-920-1215 or via email at vcauserano@gmail.com.

Currently, the following teams have an immediate need:

- Men's Interest Group
- Children's Club Ministry Team
- Gifts Discernment Ministry Team
- Prayer Shawl Ministry Team
- Finance Ministry Team
- Thrift Shop Ministry Team

MINISTRY TEAM SPOTLIGHT:	Thrift Shop Ministry
WHO:	We need of several people to serve as volunteers at the Care and Share Thrift Shop.
WHEN:	The 4th Friday of every month
TIMES:	The morning shift serves from 9:00 am to 1:00-1:30 pm
	The afternoon shift is from 1:00 - 5-5:30 pm.
WHAT:	Salford is responsible to provide volunteers to work in the

	clothing department. We help with hanging up the clothing in the various sections, fill the shoe racks, monitor the jewelry and the dressing room and straighten the displays. Several volunteers check out and bag purchases.
WHY:	This work helps to recycle clothing that might otherwise end up in landfills, provides low cost clothing for many people and then the money earned by MCC is used to support people around the world, a very worthwhile use of our time. Please consider joining us in this important work.

Please reach out to Vince Causerano or Jan Landis if you have interest.

Ministry teams are always looking for people who want to be involved, even if the team is officially “full”. So if you have interest in any of the teams, please don’t hesitate to express interest. If you are not sure what teams are available, reach out to Vince.

Richter’s will be generating another run of **Welcome Your Neighbor yard signs**. If you would like to order one, please e-mail Andy at andy@richteronline.com with the subject line “Yard Signs – Quantity: xx.” When they are completed we will bring them to church for pick up. The price is \$15.00 and it includes the H Stake as well.



Please bring your change to support **My Coins Count** coin collection for **Mennonite Central Committee**. My Coins Count this year will support MCC’s education initiatives around the world. The collection container for My Coin Counts is in the foyer near the coat room.

You can help bring education within reach for students around the world! Read about MCC’s work with students and schools at mcc.org.

Coins will be collected until March 2, 2020 when they will be taken to the Harleysville MCC MRC for delivery to the Pennsylvania MCC Relief Sale in Harrisburg, PA. on April 3-4, 2020.

News & Notes

The **Eastern Mennonite University Chamber Singers** have announced a spring break tour to Pennsylvania. They will perform at **Salford Mennonite Church** at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 1, 2020. The group will give 10 performances in southern Pennsylvania at various churches, school chapels, and a retirement community. The program features selections on the theme of “I Will Give You Rest,” an exploration of peace and rest through music.

The select vocal group, directed by Professor Benjamin Bergey, performs choral arrangements from various periods, styles and cultures. Don’t miss this evening of wonderful music! A free will offering will be received to support the tour.

Better Angels Red/Blue Workshop: On Saturday, April 18, 2020, 9:30am - 4:30pm, Salford Mennonite Church will be hosting a Red/Blue Workshop sponsored by Better Angels and led by two trained Better Angels moderators. This is a workshop bringing together about 5-7 right-leaning citizens and 5-7 left-leaning citizens for a day of structured conversations (and a free lunch!). The focus will be on listening and reflecting rather than debating and persuading. The only requirement is a willingness to listen to the other side and a desire to engage in respectful conversation. If you are interested in participating, observing, or just

want to find out more, contact either the Blue Organizer, Mark Heise (484-687-0840, markheise5@gmail.com) or the Red Organizer, Tim Weaver (215-350-0758, whoistimw@gmail.com).

The first event in the **2020 Pathways to Peace mini-series** organized by MontCo. Interfaith Alliance with support from Salford's Justice & Peace ministry team was held in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday evening (February 11th). The event focused on criminal justice reform, a relevant and important topic given that SCI Phoenix, formally known as Graterford, is a correctional facility right in our backyard. We chose this topic because we believe that as followers of Christ we should find ways to connect with and support prisoners. If you are interested in getting involved in prison ministry or other volunteer opportunities, please contact **Dave Moyer** (davidmoyer48@gmail.com).

We had 85 people in attendance on Tuesday evening with representatives of the Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, and Christian faith. Dave Moyer, a twice weekly volunteer/visitor at SCI Phoenix, shared his experiences working with inmates and facilitated a panel discussion with three individuals he has built a connection with over the years through his involvement at SCI Phoenix. Following the panel presentation we had roundtable discussions to share our observations, what we learned from the presenters, and ways we can support criminal justice reform. **Megan Briggs** and **Tori Jones Long** are leading the initiative and funding support comes in part from the Salford Zoe Project. For more information about MontCo. Interfaith Alliance and upcoming events visit <https://www.montcointerfaith.org/>

On February 7th there was a fundraiser dinner for Carmela Hernandez and Suyapa Reyes, two women who together with their families are living in Sanctuary in churches as they face deportation and seek a way to remain in the country legally. Maria and Philip Hosler Byler and Mark and Melissa Heise attended the fundraiser representing Salford Mennonite. Carmela has sought Sanctuary at Germantown Mennonite with her four children after facing death threats in her home country of Mexico and being denied asylum in the US. Salford has been advocating for her by calling legislators, visiting her, and advocating for her.

To give Carmela hope, **our Junior High youth and their sponsors (Joe Landis)** recently created a short video which was shared with Carmela this past Wednesday when she was Fasting. Carmela and her children have expressed this is a way we can highlight her need, urging our legislators to look at her asylum case.

There are many ways you can support Carmela too. To support financially, visit: sanctuaryphiladelphia.org/campaigns/sanctuary-carmela-libre/. You will receive a receipt for your donation. Carmela also asks us to continue to pray for her, join in her weekly Wednesday #FastForFreedom, and call our members of Congress to advocate for fair and prompt hearings of their cases. Learn more at bitly.com/ActionCarmelaLibre. If you would like a script to use when you call a legislator, contact Mary Miller marypmiller1@verizon.net or Jennifer Svetlik jennifer.svetlik@gmail.com.

We are offering **valet parking service** for those who need it during the winter months. Joel Alderfer will be our valet parking person for February 16th. Look for him under the carport when you arrive if you would like your car parked for you.

Inclement Weather: If it would be necessary for Salford to cancel scheduled church service, we will announce any cancellation or change of service time on our website and by email. You may also contact Church Administrator Brad Alderfer by cell phone at (215) 272-6724 if you have any questions about possible weather related closures.

Youth and Young Adult Spotlight

On March 1st the senior high will be making **care packages for college students**. See the bulletin insert this week and next for ways you can help.

March 7, April 22, May 5 and 6: Mental Health First Aid training

Do you know how to help? Become a board-certified Mental Health First Aider. Mental Health First Aid is a public education program designed to teach everyday citizens the skills to help another person who is struggling with a mental health concern or crisis. Participants will:

- Learn risk factors, warning signs and the impact of mental health concerns
- Practice the Mental Health First Aid action plan
- Learn local resources for mental health and substance use treatment
- Receive a comprehensive, user-friendly 138-page manual & certification

More information and links to register for this FREE training on the accompanying flyer.

March 23: "Service and Gap Year" 7-8:30 pm at Souderton Mennonite Church:

Parent and Youth Forum put on the Eastern District and Franconia Conference. Time will include information on what/why service as an option after high school and include a panel as well as booths from different service and gap year organizations.

Youth Culture Matters Podcast: a Center for Youth/Parent Understanding resource CYPU is a resource for anyone involved in youth lives to help bridge the gap between generations and help youth grow up healthy in today's culture. I haven't listened to their podcast, and I am aware that they promote a theology of LGBTQ life that I cannot support, but have attended a training with them and highly recommend their perspective in many ways. Recent podcast topics include "Stop letting your kids make the call," "Your sexuality is not who you are," "Building resilient disciples," "Recovering a proper understanding of work." Podcast here: https://cpyu.org/resource_category/podcast/

Mennonite Church USA News

The **Mennonite Church USA (MC USA) Archives' Oral History Project** seeks to document and preserve the voices of young people, ages 24-40, who are part of MC USA. Hear what Theresa Peachey Crissman, a graduate of Eastern Mennonite University and long-term mission worker for Virginia Mennonite Missions, has to say about listening to others and risk-taking: mennoniteusa.org/church-together

Retired pastor **Jane Thorley Roeschley** documented her personal spiritual journey by creating "prayer mandalas." Read about how this spiritual practice became a powerful expression of her faith walk through joy and angst in her blog: mennoniteusa.org/mandalas

Beyond Salford

Come out to the **Winter Bluegrass Concert at Line Lexington Mennonite Church!** The date is Saturday, February 22 at 6:00 pm, featuring The Feinberg Brothers and Without A Paddle. Tickets are \$15 per person at the door.

We Care Program prison ministry is having their annual **banquet** on Thursday, March 5, 6:30 pm at the Franconia Heritage Restaurant. The event is a buffet dinner with music by John Schmid & testimony by former inmate Jo Washington. For your free reservation please call or text Dawn Landis at 215-622-4325 or

email landisad7@gmail.com by March 1.

The City School is hosting a **motorcoach trip** to tour the school, followed by a box lunch and an afternoon at the Philadelphia Flower Show, Friday, March 6. Bus departs at 8:30 am from Hagey Tours in Souderton, and the cost is \$58. RSVP by March 1 to Donna Alderfer at sunnydee@hotmail.com or 215-872-2893.

Dock presents **Frozen, Jr.**, an enchanting modern musical classic with a cast of beloved characters loaded with magic, adventure, and plenty of humor. Frozen Jr. is sure to thaw even the coldest heart! Shows will take place on March 13 & 14 at Dock's EC to Grade 8 campus. For tickets, [CLICK HERE](#) or visit www.dock.org.

High School Seniors – have you been making a difference as a volunteer? If so, you may qualify for one of three \$500 **Student Scholarships** being awarded by Care & Share Thrift Shoppes. Learn more at careandshareshoppes.org.