

Week February 23, 2020

Sunday, February 23 9:00 a.m. Worship

Our worship this Sunday will focus on recognizing and celebrating the good work our Conference Related Ministries accomplish in the community and around the world.

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

For Your Prayers List

- **Donald Alderfer**,
The Community at Rockhill
- **Glenn & Elizabeth Frederick**,
Foulkeways

Sunday, February 16

Offering
\$6,108
ACH Electronic
Offering
\$1,895
Kiosk Offering
\$1,410
Total Offering
\$9,413
Garden Fundraiser
\$3,420

Future Salford Events

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

Ash Wednesday Service

There will be a short Ash Wednesday service in the Salford sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. on February 26th. All are invited to attend.

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.

This Week at Salford

Tuesday, February 25

6:30 p.m. Justice & Peace Ministry Team Meeting (Library)
7:00 p.m. Peace Camp Planning Meeting (Conference Room)

Wednesday, February 26

7:00 p.m. Youth Night (Schoolhouse/Friendship Room)
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

Sunday, March 1

9:00 a.m. Worship
Preaching: Maria Hosler Byler
10:15 a.m. Second Hour for All Ages
7:00 p.m. Eastern Mennonite University Chamber Choir Performance (Sanctuary)

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

- For **Jehlani Angok and Scott and Angela Benner family** during Jehlani's extended visit to Michigan
- For **Lee Bergey** at Goshen College, dealing with some memory issues due to PTSD; pray the treatment helps with healing and freedom.
- For **Gladys and Sharon Hunsberger** in Gladys's continued recovery from last week's fall.
- For **Roma and John Ruth** in the loss last week of Roma's brother, Donald Jacobs.

This week all congregations in Eastern District & Franconia Conference are praying for **Church of the Good Samaritans**. Please pray that they continue to seek God's direction on trying new and different ways to impact the community, that God would show them how to allow people to see the full image of Christ through them, and that God would guide them to a new missionary to add to their missionary support

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

group. To read more about Church of the Good Samaritans, go to franconiaconference.org/profiles.

Birthday Blessings...

To **Herb Moyer** who celebrates his 84th birthday on February 28th, and to **Roma Ruth** who celebrates her 89th birthday on March 1st.

Prayers for Comfort & Strength...

for **Roma & John Ruth**. Roma's brother, Donald R. Jacobs, 91, died February 11 in the family home in Leola, PA.

Don's memorial service will be held at Landisville Mennonite Church, 3320 Bowman Road, Landisville, PA, 17538, on Saturday, February 29. There will be a visitation on Friday evening from 6:00 to 8:00 PM and a visitation on Saturday morning from 9:30 to 10:30 AM followed by a memorial service.

Service & Mission

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 29th.**

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.

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 next meeting of the Justice & Peace Ministry team will be on Tuesday, February 25th at 6:30 p.m. in the church library. All are welcome to join in the important work of this team.

Join us for a **Spring Art Gallery Opening** on Sunday March 8th in the Pastor’s Hallway featuring youth from Salford. Stop by after the service to meet the artists and see their work. We’ll make sure you aren’t late for Second Hour Class!

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, 9:30 am - 4:30 pm, 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).

We are offering **valet parking service** for those who need it during the winter months. Gene Kropf will be our valet parking person for February 23rd. 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 CYPUPU 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

Voices Together, a new worship and song collection coming fall 2020 from MennoMedia, in partnership with Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Church Canada, features songs and worship resources in over 40 languages. Learn why this is important to us as a church in Katie Graber's blog, "Why and how should we sing interculturally?" mennoniteusa.org/sing-interculturally

Bridging gaps, resolving conflict, bringing hope and justice. Learn how a Mennonite Church USA congregation in Los Angeles inspired Anthonia Onye, a regional minister for Pacific Southwest Mennonite Conference, and how she is helping to carry its vision forward. Read her blog at mennoniteusa.org/lafaith.

Beyond Salford

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.

The Mennonite Heritage Center collects and preserves photos, documents and artifacts that tell the story of Mennonites in eastern Pennsylvania. Please contact archivist Forrest Moyer at moyerf@mhep.org or 215-256-3020 ext.118 if you have documents from your family or records from your local congregation that should be preserved for future generations.