

Week of February 24, 2019

Sunday, February 24

9:00 a.m. Worship
Associate Pastor Maria Hosler Byler will preach on Luke 6:27-38; *Foolish Generosity*

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

Second hour class **One Meal, Many Servings: A History of the Lord's Supper** with Dr. Derek Cooper will meet in the Sanctuary. **Connections Class, Gospel Herald, Seekers and Reaching Out class** are planning to attend this class. Other interested adults are invited to attend.

For Your Prayers List

- **Ferne Alderfer**, Dock Woods Community
- **Anna G. Landis**, Peter Becker
- **Sheldon Good**, Executive Director, The Mennonite, Inc.

Sunday, February 24

Offering
\$15,022
ACH Electronic
Offering
\$1,895
Kiosk Offering
\$1,386
Total Offering
\$18,303

One Meal, Many Servings: A History of the Lord's Supper

Class: This four-week class explores the history of the Lord's Supper through the lens of the major Christian traditions. It will not just be a theoretical exploration, however. In the final week, we will apply what we learned during the first three weeks by discussing and then formulating a "working draft" of what Salford recognizes as the central values, tenets, and practices of the Lord's Supper. It will be an interactive study.

Instructor: The class will be facilitated by Dr. Derek Cooper, Associate Professor of World Christian History at Missio Seminary. Derek is a regularly invited guest speaker at Salford, who led a six-week course on world religions last year. He is the author of ten books, including: *Sinners and Saints: The Real Story of Early Christianity* and *Twenty Questions That Shaped World Christian History*.

Overview: The following topics and questions will be discussed during the class.

Feb. 24: Anabaptist Way

Did the development of the Anabaptist tradition alter the practice of the Lord's Supper? Was it more appreciative or critical of the Great Tradition? Does Anabaptism offer one common view of this central Christian doctrine and practice?

This Week at Salford

Wednesday, February 27

5:30 p.m. Ministry Team Meal and Conversation (Fellowship Hall)
6:30 p.m. Justice & Peace Ministry Team Meeting (Library)
6:30 p.m. Youth Night (Schoolhouse)
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

Sunday, March 3

9:00 a.m. Worship
Preaching: Joe Hackman
10:15 a.m. Ministry Team Fair
10:35 a.m. Second Hour for All Ages

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

- For **Ron Souder** who will be undergoing surgery at the Cleveland Clinic on February 21 to repair his mitral valve
- **Joy Sutter** requests prayer for wise discernment during the **Constituency Leaders Council** (CLC) meetings taking place in Hesston, KS on February 28 – March 2.
- for **Marina Perez's** sister in law Lucia Arango in Colombia in the loss of her only daughter Carol, who was 38 years old.
- For strength for **Eva Alderfer**.
- For the 24 **Jr. youth and sponsors** who will be attending winter retreat this weekend at Spruce Lake Wilderness camp.

Future Salford Events

- March 23 - MYF Youth Auction & Fellowship Meal
- April 6 - Enneagram Training Sessions with Joe & Angela Hackman
- April 28 – Dock Mennonite Academy Touring Choir Visit
- May 5 – Spring 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

Birthday Blessings...

to **Herb Moyer**, who turns 83 on February 28th, to **Roma Ruth**, who turns 88 on March 1st, and to **Ada Swartley**, who turns 90 on March 3.

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 28th.**

We have collected 90 health kits so far. Please consider donating a health kit (or a few!) to help us reach our goal of 200.

Update: Two matches have been offered for the My Coins Count Collection, so every donation will increase two times! Please bring your loose change for the Mennonite Central Committee **My Coins Count project!** The My Coins Count jug has been placed in the main foyer for the 2019 coin collection. Coins will be collected until March 3, 2019.

In 2019, the proceeds from My Coins Count will be designated towards MCC's peace initiatives around the world. MCC believes God calls us to a life of peace and nonviolence. You can join MCC in partnering with peacemakers around the world. A gift of peace gives people the skills they need to work for peace even in places torn by conflict. For more information, see MCC's website at <https://mcc.org/learn/what/peace>

Michael J. (MJ) Sharp, a 2005 graduate of EMU, dedicated his life to the pursuit of peace and justice in the world, especially in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) - a place he called "paradise, the most beautiful place on earth." In 2017, he and his colleague, Zaida Catalan, were ambushed and murdered on a peacekeeping mission with the United Nations in the DRC.

On the second anniversary of his death, 11 hikers (including MJ's father, John) plan to spread his ashes at the top of Kilimanjaro. They climb not only to fulfill MJ's dream of reaching the top, but to bring awareness of the need for peaceable intervention in the DRC, and to raise funds for **the Michael J. Sharp Peace & Justice Endowed Scholarship** at EMU's Center for Justice & Peacebuilding. This scholarship is designed for citizens of the DRC to study the conflict transformation, restorative justice, and peacebuilding skills needed bring lasting change to the Congo, thus carrying on MJ's legacy long after his death.

You can help! A gift of any size can be sent to EMU at 1200 Park Rd, Harrisonburg, VA 22802 or online at emu.edu/dream-hike. Pledge forms are also available. If you have questions on how best to give a gift, please don't hesitate to call 800-368-3383 and ask for Braydon Hoover.

Thank you, Salford Mennonite Church, for giving \$7,500 to **Mennonite Mission Network** in 2018! Your donations, prayers, and enthusiastic participation play a vital role in our global church. Together, we more fully experience God's kingdom on earth.

News & Notes

Bring your family and friends to enjoy a meal and bid on items at the **Salford Youth Auction on March 23!** The auction supports Salford youth curriculum, trips, and activities throughout the year. Dinner is 4:15-5:30 and the auction begins at 6pm. Childcare is provided.

Want to donate an item to the Salford Youth Auction on March 23? Fill out the yellow form at the welcome center or email Pastor Maria at hoslerbylerm@salfordmc.org. If you want to donate a meal or experience certificate, you can fill out this form <https://goo.gl/forms/bkvAxNpNdfViqMTS2> by March 10th.

Information for the second hour elective **One Meal, Many Servings: A History of the Lord's Supper**, with Dr. Cooper has been placed online on the Salford website:

- Outline of supplemental Bible study
- Handouts for weeks 1, 2, 3, and 4 for the supplemental Bible study
- Audio recording of each class as they are available

You can access the materials under the Sunday Morning and Second Hour Classes tab: <http://www.salfordmc.org/lords-supper-supplemental-bible-study.html>

We are offering **valet parking service** for those who need it in January, February and March. Dean Wimmer will be our valet parking person for February 24th. 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 services, we will announce any cancellation or change of service time by 7:15 a.m. on our website, by email, and on our phone message. Please contact Church Administrator Brad Alderfer at (215) 272-6724 if there are any questions on church service cancellation or change of start time. **Cancellations will no longer be announced on the radio or television.**

Mennonite Church USA News

Nurture your children's faith at home this Lent and Easter. Find a **free, downloadable Lent At Home guide** at mennoniteusa.org/lent2019. It includes Bible readings, short litanies, songs, hands-on activities and questions to ponder from March 5 through Easter Sunday on April 21.

Prayers are requested for those participating in the **MC USA Constituency Leaders Council** meeting taking place Feb. 28 - March 2 in Hesston, Kansas.

Youth and Young Adult News

- The **junior high youth group** will be participating in winter retreat at Spruce Lake Wilderness Camp this weekend, February 22-24. Drop-off for the retreat is at 5:15 p.m. Friday at Salford and pick-up on Sunday at 2:30 p.m.
- This week the **senior high youth group** is packaging care packages for Salford college students. If you did not sign up to bring cookies or other goodies and would like to, feel free! Package two cookies together in plastic wrap, seal with tape, and bring everything to the kitchen BEFORE worship this Sunday.

Seven youth will be participating in an **Exploring Baptism** group in January and February to talk about baptism and discern whether they want to be baptized. If adults are interested in baptism or membership, please contact the Pastoral team.

We are working towards an adult class for the fall.

It is the season for plays and musicals!

- **Ciana Bergey** is in Sherlock Holmes: The Baker Street Irregulars at DCP Theatre March 1-10
- **Ava Miller** is in The Music Man at Dock Middle School March 1-2
- **Eli Alderfer** is backstage in The Music Man as Tech Team Leader
- **Cali Benner** is running sound in the Indian Crest musical Adventures of a Comic Book Artist Feb. 21-23

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

Beyond Salford

Dock Mennonite Academy presents **The Music Man Jr.**. A show filled with wit and warmth, The Music Man Jr. is family entertainment at its best – a bold, brassy production that will have the whole town atwitter! Performances will be held Friday, March 1 at 7:00 pm and Saturday, March 2 at 2:30 pm and 7:00 pm at the EC-8 campus. For tickets, visit www.dock.org.

EDC-FMC Youth and Young Adults (high school through age 25) are invited for a day of friendly competition at our conference-wide **Volleyball Tournament** on Sunday, March 3 from 1:00 to 8:00 pm at **Camp Men-O-Lan**. Teams must be co-ed, and the cost is \$50 per team. To register, contact Beth Friesen by February 28 at drw.beth@gmail.com or 215-804-5838 (voice or text).

Does God care how you invest? **Everence** will host a special presentation on **mindful investment** by Mark Regier, Everence Vice President of Stewardship Investing, on Tuesday, March 5, 7:00 pm at Franconia Mennonite Church. RSVPs are appreciated but not required. Contact Patti Freed at 215-703-0111 or patti.freed@everence.com for more information or to reserve your spot.

Quakertown Christian School will hold **Open House** for grades K-12 on Thursday, March 7 and Thursday, March 21 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. Come and see what QCS has to offer! Their ongoing mission continues to equip students to be leaders through an exceptional education within a culture emphasizing Christ-like love, peacemaking, and service. Variable tuition is available. For more information, call 215-536-6970, Ext. 508 or email info@quakertownchristian.org.

Mennonite Men invites you to join them for “**Love Crosses Borders**” – an immersion experience with immigrants, July 28 to August 3. They will journey to Georgia and connect with Casa Alterna, a hospitality house devoted to faithful acts of mercy and justice alongside its first-wave immigrant neighbors, mostly from Guatemala. The cost is \$345 plus transportation; to register or for more info, contact Steve Thomas: stevet@mennonitemen.org.