

Week February 2, 2020

Sunday, February 2

9:00 a.m. Worship

Beth Yoder will preach on Micah 6:1-8; *Welcome: the Gift and the Call*

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

For Your Prayers List

- **Eva Alderfer**, Souderton Mennonite Homes
- **Marian Alderfer**, Souderton Mennonite Homes
- **Derek & Amy Godshall**, Mennonite Central Committee, Burkino Faso

Sunday, January 26

Offering

\$27,206

ACH Electronic

Offering

\$1,895

Kiosk Offering

\$974

Total Offering

\$30,075

Future Salford Events

- January 31 – February 2 – Sr. High Winter Retreat
- February 11 – Montco Interfaith Alliance Pathways to Peace Event
- February 16 – Garden Fundraiser Luncheon
- March 21 – MYF

My Coin Counts Coin Collection on February 2, 2020

During children's time on February 2nd, 2020, the children will be gathering coins from the congregation to kick-start their My Coins Count offering project. Adults are encouraged to fill their pockets with spare change and bring them into the sanctuary for worship. The My Coins Count Collection for 2020 will benefit Mennonite Central Committee's educational programs. For more information on My Coins Count visit <https://mcc.org/get-involved/my-coins-count> All donations will be matched twice to triple their impact.

This Week at Salford

Monday, February 3

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

Tuesday, February 4

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

Wednesday, February 5

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

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

Sunday, February 9

9:00 a.m. Worship

Music Sunday from Laurelville Music and Worship Retreat

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

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

- For **Ray Yoder and the extended Yoder family** as they grieve the death of Sandra, wife of Ray's twin brother Roy, this Thursday morning at Lehigh Valley Hospital
- For **Mike and Janet Bartholomew** as they grieve the death of Mike's mother, Rosaline M. "Dolly" Bartholomew, and celebrate her life on Friday, January 31.
- For **Michelle and Bill McCoach and family** as Michelle continues to recover from recent hospitalization for cellulitis.
- For **Bob and Marianne Landis and their family** as Bob adjusts to the new chemotherapy, for strength and peace as they all journey through these next weeks of uncertainty
- For **Eva Alderfer** that she continue to regain strength after her recent hospitalization and that she is able to remain steady in her faith
- For the **37 individuals from Salford (youth, sponsors, speakers, and children)** who will be attending the senior high winter retreat at The Loft in Susquehanna county this weekend: for good new memories, strong connections in the group, and deepened relationship with God.

This week all congregations in Eastern District & Franconia Conference are praying for **International Worship Church**. Please pray that God will continue to use them to grow His Kingdom. To read more about IWC, go to

Auction and
Fundraiser Meal

franconiaconference.org/profiles.

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 **Esther Ruth**, who celebrates her 81st birthday on February 7th, and to **Ray Yoder**, who also celebrates his 82nd birthday on February 7th, and to **Willis Miller**, who celebrates his 88th birthday on February 9th.

Prayer request from Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia

- Pray for student leaders as they plan events in celebration of Black History Month at EMU. May they be inspired and inspire us to work for a more just world. Also, pray that students visiting EMU during Honors and Scholarship weekend can discern whether this is the right place for them to study and grow.

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.**

Thanks to the congregation for the donation of 15 bottles of dish soap, 21 containers of fabric softeners, 24 bottles of clothes detergent and 18 gifts cards for the benefit of residents at Dock Village.

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. 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.

Currently, the following teams have an immediate need:

- Children’s Club Ministry Team
- Gifts Discernment Ministry Team
- Prayer Shawl Ministry Team
- Finance Ministry Team

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.

No importa de dónde eres,
estamos contentos que seas
nuestro vecino.

No matter where you are
from, we’re glad you’re
our neighbor.

لا يهم أين ولدتم، و لكننا
سعداء انكم جيراننا.

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

Please join the **Salford/Advent Lutheran Garden Ministry Team** for a fundraiser luncheon on Sunday, February 16 at noon in the Fellowship Hall to raise funds for the 2020 garden effort. Please sign-up with the insert in the church bulletin or contact the church office to RSVP.

Join us for the first Pathways to Peace event hosted by Salford Mennonite Church and MontCo. Interfaith Alliance! This event includes a panel discussion about criminal justice issues followed by roundtable conversations. Panelists will speak on compassionate release, a Catholic perspective on the death penalty, and experience as a juvenile "lifer". **When:** Tuesday, February 11, 2020, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. **Where:** Fellowship Hall, Salford Mennonite Church. **To RSVP and learn more visit:** www.montcointerfaith.org

Friday, February 7th 6-8pm there will be 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. Food from Mexico and Honduras will be served at First United Methodist Church of Germantown.

Carmela spoke to Salford in Sept., and is in sanctuary at Germantown Mennonite with her four children. If you are unable to attend the fundraiser but are moved to support her financially visit: sanctuaryphiladelphia.org/campaigns/sanctuary-carmela-libre/

Carmela asks us to pray for her, join in her weekly Wednesday #FastForFreedom, and call our members of Congress on Wednesdays to advocate for fair and prompt hearings of their cases. Learn more at bitly.com/ActionCarmelaLibre or from Jenn Svetlik at 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 2nd. 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 News

37 individuals from Salford (youth, sponsors, speakers, and children) will be attending the senior high winter retreat at The Loft in Susquehanna county this weekend: please pray for good new memories, strong connections in the group, and deepened relationship with God.

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

Mennonite Church USA News

Mennonite Church USA is inviting everyone to **focus on climate justice** this month through its "Learn, Pray, Join" initiative. Discover how you can get involved at mennoniteusa.org/news/climate.

Mennonite Church USA (MC USA) recently released the **report from the Membership Guidelines Advisory Group**, a 21-person volunteer group that was commissioned by the MC USA Executive Board to generate options for how to best discern the future of the Membership Guidelines. Read about it here: <http://mennoniteusa.org/news/report-guidelines>

Pastors and ministry leaders are invited to join a joint conference of **Pastors and Leaders 2020** and **Deep Faith** on the Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary campus in Elkhart, Indiana on March 2-5. The topic will be **Shaping Faith in a Digital Culture**. Registration is open until Feb. 17 at: <https://bit.ly/2QfqU8t>.

Mennonite Church USA signed a letter to Congress expressing grief at "the current rise in violence between the U.S. and Iran," and urging Congress "to pass legislation that will bring us back to the negotiating table with Iran." Read the letter here: mennoniteusa.org/iranletter

What is the answer to those concerned about war? Prompted by a question from his son, Glen Guyton, executive director of Mennonite Church USA, shares his thoughts on how to respond and on our role as a "peace church." Read his blog at: mennoniteusa.org/concerned-about-war

Beyond Salford

Pianists **Rebekah Stiles and Micah Leary** will perform a free TWO PIANO concert at **Souderton Mennonite Church** on **Sunday, February 16 at 3:00 p.m.** This is a must-see for pianists, piano students and classical music enthusiasts. Don't miss this unique opportunity to see these rising stars who are fourth year piano performance students under the study of Kenneth Borrmann at Cairn University. An afternoon of duo and solo classical piano. A free-will offering will be taken. For more information, please contact the church office at 215-723-3088 or visit <https://soudertonmennonite.org/2019-concert-series>

Craft Stand coordinators want to remind you to be creating for the **64th annual PA Relief Sale** which will be held Friday and Saturday, April 3 & 4, 2020, at the Farm Show Building in Harrisburg, PA. Remember: All proceeds benefit MCC. We are seeking quality item crafts made from fabric, yarn, thread, wood, paper or your specialty medium. We welcome traditional items as well as soaps, candles, handmade jewelry, etc. Drop offs: anytime at Ephrata MCC Material Resources Center or bring to the Craft Stand during the sale. Please call or email your questions to Janet Runion Patton: 717-926-4008, jcpatton99@gmail.com;

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 careandshreshoppes.org.

Healthy Niños Honduras has an exciting opportunity to help transform even more communities. The warehouse & office building will allow HNH to receive, organize, and distribute donations more effectively to those in need. HNH has a matching donor for up to \$200,000 for this project. Would you be willing to participate in donating towards this building project to help provide more assistance to families in need? For more information, please visit www.healthyninos.org/construction.
