

Week of February 3, 2019

Sunday, February 3

9:00 a.m. Worship
Lead Pastor Joe Hackman will preach on Jeremiah 1:4-10; *A Community of Calling*

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

- **Lorraine Landis**, Souderton Mennonite Homes
- **Anna Moyer**, Souderton Mennonite Homes
- **Elaine Moyer**, Mennonite Education Agency

Sunday, January 27

Offering \$6,786
ACH Electronic Offering \$1,895
Kiosk Offering \$389
Total Offering

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. 3: Life Immortality

What is the Lord's Supper? How did the earliest Christians understand it? How did their view of the Lord's Supper shape church architecture and church practice?

Feb. 10: Philosophy Galore

How did the creation of the university affect how Christians understood the Lord's Supper? What changes took place to the bread and the wine? To what degree can theological mysteries be solved?

Feb. 17: Pandora's Box

How did the emergence of Protestantism change how the Lord's Supper was understood and practiced? Would the new Protestant movement unify over the Lord's Supper or divide?

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

Monday, February 4

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

Tuesday, February 5

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

Wednesday, February 6

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

5:30 p.m. Ministry Team Meal and Conversation (Fellowship Hall)

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

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

Sunday, February 10

9:00 a.m. Worship

Preaching: Scott Benner

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

\$9,070

Future Salford Events

- February 10 – Time of Welcoming the Child in Worship
- February 10 – Garden Fundraiser Luncheon
- March 23 - MYF Youth Auction & Fellowship Meal
- April 6 - Enneagram Training Sessions with Joe & Angela Hackman
- April 28 – Dock Mennonite Academy Touring Choir Visit

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

12:00 p.m. Salford/Advent Garden Fundraiser Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

- For **Ruth Alderfer** as she recovers at home from a pacemaker procedure
- For **Michelle McCoach** as she undergoes treatment at UPenn for ongoing challenges with cancer
- For **Elaine Gehman** and he family as they mourn the loss of Harley
- For smooth surgery and recovery for **Kate Lacher** who will be undergoing a hysterectomy on Wednesday Feb. 6th
- For the **16 youth, plus adult sponsors and presenters** going on the senior high retreat this weekend to Spruce Lake Retreat.

Birthday Blessings...

To **Esther Ruth** who turns 80 on February 7th, to **Ray Yoder** who turns 81 on February 7th, to **Willis Miller** who turns 87 on February 9th, and to **Sam Nyce** who turns 87 on February 10th.

Prayers for Comfort and Strength...

for **Elaine Gehman**. Her father Harley Gehman, age 96, passed away at Souderton Mennonite Homes on January 28, 2019.

A memorial service for Harley will be held on Saturday, February 2, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at the Souderton Mennonite Homes Summit View Chapel, 207 W. Summit Street, Souderton, PA 18964. Friends can meet with the family from 9:30 to 11:00 prior to the service. Burial will take place at Salford Mennonite Church cemetery following the service.

Congratulations...

To **Becca & Marten Beels** on the birth of son **Willem Fast Roberts Beels** on Sunday evening, January 27. Mother and baby are both healthy. Please keep Willem, Becca, Marten, and big brother Huw in your prayers as they enter this new stage of life.

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 21 containers of laundry detergent, 15 boxes of fabric softener and 25 gift cards (\$25) for residents of Dock Village. Thanks to Hilltop Class for counting, packing and loading.

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>

News & Notes

Summer camp scholarship information for our Mennonite affiliated camps has been placed in mailboxes for those with eligible children. A \$100 scholarship is available to families who participate. Spruce Lake and Camp Men-O-Lan also offer early bird registrations discounts for those interested. Please contact the church office if you have questions on the camp scholarship.

The **Mennonite college scholarship application** for those attending one of our five eligible Mennonite colleges has been placed in church mailboxes. Our college students are eligible for \$500 per semester from the church budget and \$1,000 per semester from Salford Foundation Funds. Please return this application to the church office by February 17th, 2019.

Salford children's ministry is growing with many new families. A friendly reminder that parents should pick their children up from the Sunday school area by the second bell. All children in second grade and younger must be picked up by a parent. If other arrangements have been made please let their teacher know. Also, we ask that families be mindful that the fellowship hall is often used for various gatherings and luncheons on any given Sunday. Parents, please help your children to respect the other uses of the space.

2018 Donations receipts have been placed in church mailboxes. If you do not have a mailbox, your donation receipt will be mailed to you. Please contact the church office if you have any questions about your receipt. If you did not receive a donation receipt, but would like one for 2019, please contact the church office and donation receipt options can be discussed.

We are offering **valet parking service** for those who need it in January, February and March. will be our valet parking person for February 3rd. Look for him under the carport when you arrive if you would like your car parked for you.

When we dream, hope, and imagine, we can engage, plan, and act. As we recognize the significant effects that climate change is having on our earth, stories of a good future can be harbingers of hope for us, inviting us to change our life practices in order to live sustainably on our earth. Please consider writing and entering the **Write the Good Future 2018/2019 Writing Contest**. Stories are due on March 1, 2019. The contest is sponsored by Salford and led by **Maribeth Benner**. For more information, go to www.writethegoodfuture.org. Contact Maribeth for business cards and flyers to share with others.

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

Check out the latest **MennoCon19 newsletter**, full of info on registration, meals, the schedule and more at <http://mennoniteusa.org/conventionletter2!>

Youth, ages 16-21, are invited to join the delegate sessions at Mennocon19 in Kansas City through the **Step Up** program. Learn more at convention.mennoniteusa.org/step-up-2019.

New resources are available for **exploring and engaging with MC USA's structure**. Read MC USA Executive Director Glen Guyton's three-part series on "The Little Green Dove" at <http://mennoniteusa.org/littlegreendove> and watch the new video series at mennoniteusa.org/polityvideoseries.

Youth and Young Adult News

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.

This weekend, February 1-3, 16 youth plus sponsors and presenters will be going to Spruce Lake for winter retreat, and the junior high retreat will take place Feb. 22-24 at Spruce Lake.

Beyond Salford

The Mennonite Heritage Center invites you to view the **exhibit**: "Voices of Conscience: Peace Witness in the Great War" on display until February 10. Anne Yoder, archivist of the Swarthmore College Peace Collection, will speak on: "Women Pacifists and Their Responses to World War I" on Sunday, February 10 at 2:00 pm, the closing day of the exhibit. See mhcp.org for information. To schedule a group tour of the exhibit, call 215-256-3020.

You are invited to the **Perkasie Patchwork Coffeehouse** on February 16 with Toby Walker, an acclaimed fingerstyle guitarist, blending styles of blues, ragtime, country, bluegrass, old-time jazz, and rock. Opening the evening is Willow Creek. Doors open at 7:00 pm with performances at 7:30. A portion of proceeds go to a local or international social cause, and this concert's benefit is Mennonite Central Committee's work with immigration. Visit PerkMenno.net.

Souderton Mennonite Church invites children ages one through five and their caregivers to a free **story time** on Tuesdays from 10:00 to 10:30 am in the church lobby. The program runs from February 12 to March 19, and no registration is required. For more information, contact the church office at 215-723-3088 or churchoffice@soudertonmennonite.org.

Join **Camp Men-O-Lan** for a **Winter Dinner Date Night** Saturday, February 23 from 6:00 to 8:30 pm. It will be an inspirational night of worship with a delicious meal provided by new Food Services Director, Will Osowski! Special guests Scott & Lynn Jackson will introduce this year's theme for Summer Camp – "Identity" from Galatians 3:26. RSVP to Kim at 215-679-5144 ext. 320.