

January 10, 2021

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**Sunday, January 10**  
**10:00 a.m. Worship**  
**on Facebook Live and**  
**YouTube Live**, Guest  
Preacher John Ruth  
will preach on Mark  
1:4-11, Acts 19:1-7;  
*The Meanings of*  
*Baptism*

**Second Hour Options**  
Meeting by Zoom

9:00 a.m.

[Foundations Class](#)

Following Worship

[#Sundayschool Class](#)

[Emmaus Road Class](#)

[Gospel Herald Class](#)

## For Your Prayers List

- **Kass Landis**,  
Souderton  
Mennonite Homes
- **Lorraine Landis**,  
Souderton  
Mennonite Homes
- **Mennonite**  
**Mission Network**

## Sunday, January 3

Offering

\$4,350

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Offering

\$6,547

Vanco Online Offering

\$3,301

**Total Budget Offering**

**\$14,198**

## Future Salford Events

If you have information  
or prayer requests for  
our newsletter, please

## A Note From the Church Office, January 8<sup>th</sup>

Dear Salford family,

This winter in worship we will be "Gathering Strength, Dwelling in God." We will care for one another and ourselves, and we'll engage in strengthening practices for active growth. The time is right for this work.

Because this is a historic week: this week saw events at the U.S. Capitol that are being described as an insurrection, as a violent protest, and in many other ways. However they are described, those shocking events ask serious questions of the community of faith about how we follow Jesus as peacemakers and reconcilers while also seeking justice. That responsibility for reflection and action in the way of Jesus is ongoing.

And it is a significant week in our faith community as well: this Sunday we will be hearing the name of the candidate for the position of Salford's lead pastor. After much important behind-the-scenes work, the process now shifts to one of prayerful discernment at the congregational level.

All of this happens amid the backdrop of pandemic deaths, hospitalizations, and vaccines – headline news in itself. Depending on how you are experiencing this week, the pandemic may be front-of-mind, or it may be taking a back seat to the other pressing matters. There are many ways to experience this week.

Through all of this, may we gather strength. May we dwell with God in a renewing and clarifying way. May we practice walking in the way of Jesus together, exercising the muscles of our souls and our bodies in the work of God's Kingdom. And may we encourage one another along the way.

*All three pastors will be participating in Eastern Mennonite Seminary's virtual School for Leadership Training January 11-15. This will be a beneficial week of leadership development and connection. We will still be available but may not respond to messages as quickly as usual.*

-Pastors Beth, Maria, and Dorcas

[Beth Yoder](#): 215-859-3617

[Maria Hosler Byler](#): 267-500-5679

[Dorcas Lehman](#): 717-330-2620

*Click each person's name to send them an email.*

## Important announcement by the Search Committee this Sunday

Over the past months, the Search Committee and the Church Board have been engaged in the process of searching for a new lead pastor. This Sunday (January 10) during the worship service, they are delighted to bring their recommendation of a candidate to the congregation. We give thanks for the good work of the committee members and for the way God has been leading toward this moment. We look forward to the congregation's discernment in the coming weeks.

## Offering Envelopes for 2021

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](mailto:alderferb@salfordmc.org)

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, please continue to use the offering envelopes assigned to you for 2020 or earlier. If you run out of envelopes and need a new set, please contact the church office and we will get them to you. If you do not presently have envelopes and would like to track your giving with a donation receipt, please contact the church office as well.

## **This Week at Salford**

### **Monday, January 11**

7:00 p.m. Junior Youth Group Gathering (at Salford)

### **Tuesday, January 12**

7:00 p.m. Child Safety Meeting (On Zoom)

### **Wednesday, January 13**

7:00 p.m. Senior Youth Group Gathering (at Salford)

### **Sunday, January 17**

10:00 a.m. Salford Worship on Facebook Live and YouTube  
Preaching: Beth Yoder

## **Our Church Family**

### **Prayer Concerns**

- For **Jane and Jay Ruth and family** for comfort and peace and strength as they grieve the death of Jane's mother, Doris Mazzanti, this Friday morning
- For **Lisa Dybus-Clay and family** for ongoing strength and comfort during this time of grief and life-celebration following the death of Lisa's mother, Nancy Dybus, last week.
- For **Gail & Jim Alderfer and the Alderfer family** for comfort and peace as they continue to grieve the passing of brother-in-law and uncle Alton Long.
- For **Pat Gorman** for peace and restoration in this time of A-fib and shortness of breath and for guidance for doctors as they seek correct treatment.
- For **Amanda Melhem, daughter of Dave and Bev Musselman**, following recent hospitalization for injury to her carotid artery and a subsequent stroke. Pray for Amanda and her three teenage children - for healing for Amanda and sustaining for the family as Amanda goes through 3-6 months of being on close watch and unable to work.
- For **Martha Blank** in this time of recovery at SMH after a recent fall.
- For **Micah Blank**, son of Steve and Lori Blank, for continuing health as he awaits a kidney transplant.

This week all congregations in Mosaic Conference are praying for **Peaceful Living**, a Conference Related Ministry (CRM). Please pray that the people whom Peaceful Living serves would experience true belonging in a welcoming community and for protection for all from COVID-19. To learn more about Peaceful Living, [click here](#).

Are you looking for a fulfilling career? **Peaceful Living** is hiring two **Community Home Supervisors**. Join a team whose mission is to create belonging for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Visit [peacefulliving.org/careers](http://peacefulliving.org/careers) to apply, or contact Jane [jrogers@peacefulliving.org](mailto:jrogers@peacefulliving.org) with questions.

### **Birthday Blessings...**

To **Irene Frankenfield** who celebrates her 94<sup>th</sup> birthday on January 13, 2021.

### **Congratulations...**

to **Miles & Katie Musselman** on the birth of their son **Beau Michael Musselman**,

born on December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Great Grandparents are Larry & Kathleen Groff.

### **Service & Mission**

**Donation of the Month for January** – THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY STREET OUTREACH PROGRAM needs *Merino WOOL SOCKS (wool blend should be more than 50% wool, NO COTTON) or MICROFLEECE GLOVES AND HATS (for both men and women)* Items can be delivered to the home of Linda Martin, or to the church office.

If you would prefer to order items online and have them shipped directly to the Street Outreach Program, see the Homeless Street Outreach Amazon List: <https://a.co/hWSOs83>

*“The Street Outreach Program seeks to provide whole-person intervention toward improving stability for persons identifying as homeless in Montgomery County. Outreach workers try to help enhance a person or family’s capacity to shelter in place safely. Examples of this include providing sleeping bags, clothing, and hygiene products. They also support with crisis assessment and access to medical care when necessary. Street Outreach partners with 211 and Your Way Home to qualify individuals for housing support.”*

### **Faith Formation Spotlight**

Parents, please help us make Salford Family Faith Formation even more relevant and meaningful by completing this [quick survey](#). **Please respond by January 10** (but Jenn and Maria are always available to talk).

It’s LOVE month (our Fruit of the Spirit for January). **Families can demonstrate love by making prisoner care kits.** You can either [sign up here](#) by January 19 to donate supplies for the junior high to pack, or [find a full supplies list here](#) and make your own! To join MCC and the Junior High in a [Martin Luther King Day of Service celebration](#) on Monday, Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> 10-11:30 am. Contact Maria with any questions.

Each week find simple, engaging activities for children of all ages at the [Salford Church at Home page](#). This week focuses on the Baptism of Jesus.

### **Journeying together toward Racial Justice**

The **Racial Justice Learning Group** will meet **this Sunday, Jan. 10 7-8:30 pm.** [Here is the Zoom link.](#) (Password is Context)

We welcome those who haven't joined us yet to join us this Sunday. If it will be your first time attending please email [jennifer.svetlik@gmail.com](mailto:jennifer.svetlik@gmail.com) to receive any reflection questions & media to engage ahead of time.

### **News and Notes**

Dave and Kathy Peters have created a documentary called **“Postcards from Babylon: the Church in American Exile”** which **premiers on January 21<sup>st</sup>.** With author and pastor Brian Zahnd, the film explores the question, How does the church stay faithful to the beautiful way of Jesus while situated in one of the most divisive political climates in our nation's history? Dave is a part of the Salford church community. [Visit here to learn more](#) and to buy streaming tickets for the premier (which give access to the film until February 28).

**Wanted:** A cookbook to replace a favorite one, damaged in a minor baking catastrophe-"Blending the Tastes of the Generations" - Salford Mennonite Church. Please contact **Betsy Moyer** at [moyerpb@gmail.com](mailto:moyerpb@gmail.com) if you have one of these

books available. Thank you!

## Mennonite Church USA News

Join Mennonites across Mennonite Church USA in a "Common Read," a shared reading experience focused on specific books written to nurture Christian faith in this cultural moment. The featured book for January is "I Am Not Your Enemy: Stories to Transform a Divided World" by Michael T. McRay. Learn more here: <https://heraldpress.com/books/i-am-not-your-enemy>

Save the date for MennoCon21, the biennial gathering of Mennonite Church USA, July 6-10, in Cincinnati, Ohio. To learn more, including what a hybrid convention might look like, visit <https://convention.mennoniteusa.org/>

## Beyond Salford

**Mennonite Central Committee (MCC)** and the **Kingdom Builders Network (KBN)** are excited to announce its annual **Martin Luther King Service Day 2021: Restoring Hope and Dignity**. This service day will be held virtually on Monday, January 18, from 10:00 to 11:30 am EST. [Visit here](#) for information. See the Faith Formation Spotlight for a chance to support the Junior Youth's involvement.

You are invited to join one of the first classes of our new **Mosaic Institute!**

- **Partners in Leadership** is a mentor-model learning experience offered by Mosaic Institute, January 30 – June 26, 2021. An experienced leader and less-experienced leader pair-up to meet twice a month. Partners engage monthly topics and resources; they read Scripture and practice spiritual disciplines; they also attend three plenary gatherings. The purpose is discipleship: in character, content, and craft of leadership. Instructors: Rose Bender, Nathan Good, & Mark Wenger. Cost: \$75 per person.
- **Understanding and Interpreting the Bible:** In this interactive class, you'll consider how someone's identity, life experiences, and worldview shape the way they interpret the Bible. Alongside Bible scholars, theologians, and practitioners, you'll explore tools for reading and teaching the Bible, foster your biblical imagination, and dig deeper into God's love story with the world. Held on Zoom, four weekends in February-April 2021.

[View the brochure here](#), or find more information and register now at [MosaicMennonites.org/Institute](https://MosaicMennonites.org/Institute).

**Living U**, the lifelong learning institute of Living Branches, offers **classes** for adults in the community ages 62 years+. The spring semester will take place on Zoom, and will include classes on autonomous vehicles, the music of Johann Sebastian Bach, money management, immigration, the sun, and more. Registration runs January 4 – 15, and you can register at [livingbranches.org/livingu](https://livingbranches.org/livingu), or call Maribeth Benner, Living U Coordinator, at 215-368-4438, ext. 44204.

**SWAP (Sharing With Appalachian People, an MCC home repair program)** is seeking two summer staff positions: Meals Coordinator and Job Site Coordinator. For more information on these positions and their COVID safety plan, visit [swap.mcc.org](https://swap.mcc.org) (scroll down to "Service Opportunities").