

Week of January 13, 2019

## Sunday, January 13

**9:00 a.m. Worship**  
Associate Pastor Maria Hosler Byler will preach on John 13:34-35; *Getting in the River*

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

### For Your Prayers List

- **Glenn & Elizabeth Frederick,**  
Foulkeways
- **Ferne Alderfer,**  
Dock Woods Community
- **Mennonite Mission Network**

## Sunday, January 6

Offering  
\$15,910  
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Offering  
\$5,120  
Kiosk Offering  
\$827  
**Total Offering**  
**\$21,857**

### Future Salford Events

- January 26 & April 6 - Enneagram Training Sessions with Joe & Angela Hackman
- February 10 – Time of Welcoming the Child in Worship
- February 10 – Garden Fundraiser Luncheon
- March 23 - MYF Youth Auction &

## This January our worship services will focus on the Journey Forward of Mennonite Church USA.

In 2017 Mennonite Church USA began a process of renewal and refocus called **Journey Forward**. Beginning at the National Convention in 2017, we named three “renewed commitments” to ground our faith and guide our steps. The commitments are to:

- Follow Jesus,
- Witness to God’s Peace, and
- Experience transformation.

The full one-page document can be found here: <https://bit.ly/2s7XfBj>. These core values reflect the heart of who we are as contemporary Anabaptists, and they can serve as central themes as we look toward our future.

In worship at Salford on January 13, 20, and 27 we will be exploring these themes together, one theme each week. What shape do these three commitments take among us at Salford? How do we live them out in our context? What do they reveal about God’s work among us? My hope is that as we consider these three themes, we will better understand our faith and renew our commitment to live it out. Join us as we remind ourselves of the basics and consider our future. Sincerely, **Pastor Maria**

## 2018 Year End Finance Update

We are grateful and overwhelmed for the congregation’s faithful generous giving to the offering and other needs during 2018. \$834,497 was received in offering and income, exceeding our expenses and allowing for generous excess funds distribution. The Salford Church Board confirmed on January 8<sup>th</sup> how these excess funds will be used and the information is presented here. Thanks to each member and attender for your support of the mission and community life of Salford Mennonite Church.

<b>2018 income as of 12/31/18</b>	<b>\$843,496.74</b>
<b>2018 final expenses as of 12/31/18</b>	<b>\$792,411.95</b>
<b>Income above expenses for 2018</b>	<b>\$51,084.79</b>

### Below the Line budget items

<b>Peace Proclamation Ministries, LLC</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>
<b>Salford Building Fund</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>
<b>Salford Capital Equipment Fund</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>
<b>CRM's and Local Nonprofits</b>	
Healthy Niño's	\$1,300.00
Keystone Opportunity Center, Souderton	\$1,100.00
Spruce Lake Retreat	\$1,000.00
Peaceful Living	\$900.00
Worm Project	\$800.00
Bethany Birches Camp	\$800.00
Camp Men-O-Lan	\$700.00

## Fellowship Meal

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](mailto:alderferb@salfordmc.org)

Christian Peacemaker Team	\$700.00
MCC Material Resource Center of Harleysville	\$700.00
Liberty Ministries	\$700.00
Manna on Main Street	\$700.00
Mennonite Historians of Eastern, PA	\$600.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>

### **Additional excess funds disbursements**

Living Branches Agape fund	<b>\$2,500.00</b>
New MCUSA Hymnal Project	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
MCUSA Executive Board	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
Franconia Mennonite Conference	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
PA Prison Society	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
Salford Benevolent fund for future Agape needs.	<b>\$2,584.79</b>
Additional Building Funds	<b>\$10,000.00</b>

**Total of Bolded Excess Funds** **\$51,084.79**

## **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?

## **New Friendship Folders and Prayer Cards**

**Background:** In August, we introduced new connection cards in worship to replace our friendship pads. Our hope in using these new cards was to receive more complete contact information for our guests, more direct prayer concerns and comments from our members and regular attenders, and a more accurate

attendance record for our Sunday morning worship. The connection cards have been very successful in gathering contact information from our guests and in receiving prayer updates from our members and regular attenders. The pastoral staff has found these to be a tremendous benefit in their work. The connection cards were not as helpful in reflecting accurate attendance records and we heard some concerns of filling out a card each week as wasteful.

**What's new:** After reviewing the results and feedback from past months, we have produced a new **friendship folder** and **prayer cards** for each pew with the goal of continued good contact information from our guest and prayer concerns and feedback from our attenders, while hopefully getting better attendance records with less waste. Each row of pews in the sanctuary now have updated prayer cards in the songbook holders and the friendship folder. The new friendship folder also contains guest pads and attendance pads. The prayer cards can be placed in the offering each week, and the guest pads and attendance pads can be left in the friendship folder for collection later. We are excited about this new method of welcoming guest and connecting with our members. We are grateful for your patience as we experiment with new methods of connection with all who attend Salford. Many thanks to Juanita Nyce, Andy Richter, Maria Hosler Byler and others who helped in the design of our new Friendship folders and prayer cards.

## **Beth Yoder Sabbatical Update**

Beth Yoder will be taking sabbatical leave from her pastoral responsibilities for the time period of January 20 – April 20, 2019. During this three-month period, Beth anticipates a time of renewal through a variety of activities. She will be spending a week in silent retreat at St. Raphaela Center in Haverford the last week of January and will plan an additional retreat time toward the end of the sabbatical period, as well. In early February she will receive training through the International End of Life Doula Association to develop further skills in accompanying individuals through the last stages of life as they face coming death. Beth's current training in Gestalt Pastoral Care continues through the sabbatical months, and she anticipates doing the bulk of the required academic work for the course during those months. An additional priority is having more space for family time, and Beth anticipates regular trips to Virginia to help care for grandchildren, as well as intentional time with various friends and members of her extended family. Jerry and Beth hope to do a little traveling during this time, though Jerry's school schedule keeps that possibility somewhat limited. Beth says, "Woven in and among all of it, I hope to do some reflective writing and some plain old sorting, organizing, and clearing out."

## **This Week at Salford**

### **Wednesday, January 16**

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

### **Sunday, January 20**

9:00 a.m. Worship

Preaching: Joe Hackman

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

11:45 a.m. Justice & Peace Potluck Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)

## **Our Church Family**

### **Prayer Concerns**

- For ***Diane Good, Sondi and Brad Alderfer, Steph and Brandon Rittenhouse and children, Sheldon Good and Jenn Svetlik and children*** as they grieve the sudden loss of husband, father, and pop-pop Don Good.

- For **Dolores and Wilbur Bauman** as they live with the challenges of Dolores' limited energy and breathing difficulty
- For **Jim Parker** as he seeks to regain strength in the midst of ongoing health challenges
- For **Glenn and Elizabeth Frederick** as they meet the limitations and challenges of Glenn's ALS disease and as Glenn continues to recover from the stroke he had in December
- For the prayer request from **Earl Frankenfield** for the Peter Becker Community in the loss of resident Ronn Moyer, who passed away on January 1, 2019.

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

To **Howard Freed**, who turns 86 on January 20<sup>th</sup>.

Dear Church Family, Our sincerest thanks for celebrating Chad's 5-year post transplant "cured" date with us this fall. We loved all the cards, from some of the youngest children in our congregation to members serving abroad, thank you for your love & friendship, sharing in our gratefulness for this milestone. It was a good day of reigniting hope and celebrating more days together. When Chad was able to be at the church service a couple of weeks ago, he remarked that it felt like he had never been gone. That is a testament to our genuine community continuing outside of Sunday, outside of these church walls. Thank you. **The Gehmans**

### **Service & Mission**

**Donation of the Month for January** - Laundry Detergent and Dryer Sheets and/or \$25 gift cards from Wawa, Shop Rite, Hennings, Landis and Giant. (for Dock Village)

**JANUARY PROJECT OF MONTH NOTE:** Please pay special attention to the DOCK VILLAGE additional need for WAWA, SHOP RITE, HENNING, LANDIS and GIANT \$25 gift cards. Cards like this help tenants buy several gallons of gas to get to work, baby diapers, or milk, etc.

Place items in the baskets by the Infant/Toddler Nursery.

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>

There was a wonderful response to the money collection at Christmas Eve for MCC relief kits. We collected \$5,450.00 towards the relief kit project, with another \$5,450 collected for Mennonite Disaster Service. **With the combined donations from Plains Mennonite and Methacton Mennonite churches, we raised \$14,045.00 for our relief kit effort.** With these funds, we will be purchasing supplies for over 700 relief kits! The supplies will be purchased from Gifts for Relief in Lancaster, PA and we will have a relief kit packing party at the MCC Material Relief Center in Harleysville on February 1-2. We need to generate approximately 150 volunteers between the three churches for our packing event. We will have four shifts of volunteers for the event for unloading & prepping supplies, packing kits and loading for delivery. We are excited for a meaningful time of service with our brothers and sister from Plains and Methacton. Please see the bulletin on Sunday, or contact

the church office for your chance to sign-up to be part of the kit packing effort.

### **News & Notes**

On Sunday, January 6, someone picked up **Jeff Landis'** black leather coat (L) by mistake and left theirs. The one left in the coatroom has snaps at the wrist and Jeff's coat does not. If you picked up the wrong coat, please contact Jeff & Debbie or the church office to swap coats.

We are offering **valet parking service** for those who need it in January, February and March. **Royce Yoder** will be our valet parking person for January 6th. 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](http://www.writethegoodfuture.org). Contact Maribeth for business cards and flyers to share with others.

**Save the Date!** – The **MYF Youth Auction and Fellowship Meal** has been scheduled for March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019

**Inclement Weather:** If it would be necessary for Salford to cancel scheduled church services, the following radio stations will be contacted two hours prior to the service to announce the cancellation: WBYO 88.9 FM, WNPV 1440 AM, and KYW 1060 AM. We will also announce any cancellation or change of service time on our website, by email, and on our phone message.

### **Mennonite Church USA News**

Introducing the new monthly **MC USA Faith Formation Network e-newsletter!** Sign up to receive it at [mennoniteusa.org/what-we-do/faith-formation](http://mennoniteusa.org/what-we-do/faith-formation).

The latest episode of the **Holding it(,) Together podcast** is out now, focusing on infertility, miscarriage and infant loss. Listen on Apple Podcasts, Stitcher or online at <https://themennonite.org/the-latest/holding-together-podcast/>.

### **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.

### **Beyond Salford**

Discover **Dock Mennonite Academy's Early Childhood & Kindergarten Open House** on Friday, January 25, 2019 at 8:45 am. Dock integrates faith and learning at every grade level and teaches essential life skills, such as, critical thinking, problem solving, inquisitiveness, teamwork, and leadership. Dock also offers over \$1 million in financial aid annually to families. Come learn more about us!

**Location:** Early Childhood to Grade 8 Campus, 420 Godshall Rd. Souderton, PA 18964. For more information, email [admissions@dock.org](mailto:admissions@dock.org). or visit [dock.org](http://dock.org).

Award-winning international pianist **Polina Kulikova** will be performing a free community concert of classical music at **Souderton Mennonite Church** on Sunday, January 27 at 3:00 pm. This is a must-see for pianists, piano students and classical music enthusiasts. A free-will offering will be taken. For more information, please visit contact the church office at 215-723-3088 or visit [soudertonmennonite.org/2019-concert-series](http://soudertonmennonite.org/2019-concert-series).