

January 17, 2021

Sunday, January 17
10:00 a.m. Worship
on Facebook Live and
YouTube Live, Acting
Lead Pastor Beth
Yoder will preach on 1
Samuel 3:1-20;
"Speak, Lord ..."

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

- **Faith Detweiler,**
Sunny Crest Home
- **Donald Alderfer,**
The Community at
Rockhill

Sunday, January 10
Offering
\$3,850
ACH Electronic
Offering
\$1,895
Vanco Online Offering
\$3,194
Total Budget Offering
\$8,939

Future Salford Events

If you have information
or prayer requests for
our newsletter, please
submit this to the
church office by 4:00
p.m. Wednesday
afternoon.

A Note From the Church Office, January 15th

Dear Salford family,

This is a week where thoughts race and emotions run high. The deep ideological division which we've been feeling for so long is further intensifying through the events of election, rioting at the Capitol building, impeachment of the president, and threats of further violent protest; Feelings of fear, hopelessness, and anger are common. You may be noticing some of the physical symptoms from early in the pandemic: tension held in your body, clenched teeth, difficulty sleeping or difficulty getting out of bed. We are in an extended crisis, and these are ways our bodies respond.

On top of the events happening in our world we also acknowledge that our congregation has experienced a significant number of deaths, both members of the congregation and loved ones of our members, over the past few months. This week Martha Blank passed away, a faithful elder in our midst. Many, many of us are grieving and feel the absence of these loved ones. This shapes our experience of these days.

Signs of hope and future also remain: last week we heard the name of David Greiser offered as a candidate for lead pastor at Salford. This week we began to be introduced to Dave, and we look forward to continuing to know him better as we discern the path forward for Salford.

Amid all that is, and the different patterns that COVID has caused us to adopt, it may take extra initiative to reach out to others in the church community. We are here for you and we are here with you. Please know that we regularly hold you in prayer, and we love to hear from you. Don't hesitate to reach out to a pastor or a board member with any questions, concerns, hopes, or joys. These connections are a part of our "gathering strength" in this season.

-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.

Gathering in Faith Amidst our Heartbreak and Confusion

We need each other as brothers and sisters in faith as we continue to move through this unprecedented, volatile time in our nation. Consider joining your Salford siblings for a **Zoom gathering this Sunday evening, January 17, at 6:30 p.m. - "Gathering in Faith amidst Our Heartbreak and Confusion."**

Zoom

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83388830120?pwd=OHJ3eTVoczNqVXE1eFF6T3BNaHVNUt09>

Passcode: **499047**

As the deep division which we've been feeling for so long intensifies further through the events of election, rioting at the Capitol building, impeachment of the president,

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and threats of further violent protest, let's come together in God's presence to give voice to some of the tangle of thoughts and feelings we carry these days: our sorrow and grief, our fears and hopes, our bewilderment and confusion, our longing to find a path through that is lodged in our faith in God, our commitment to Jesus and his way.

Let's gather together. Bring whatever is swirling in your heart and mind just now; bring your desire to be rooted in God's love and faithfulness; bring your hopes for our faith community. The service will include prayer, scripture, and space in the moment for those who want to speak to add their own laments, fears, and hopes. We anticipate the service will be less than an hour in length. If you are newer to Zoom and would like assistance in accessing this service, please contact Brad Alderfer at (215) 272-6724.

Oh, and bring a candle to light during the time we'll spend together.

Offering Envelopes for 2021

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 you giving with a donation receipt, please contact the church office as well.

This Week at Salford

Monday, January 18

7:00 p.m. Junior Youth Group Gathering (on Zoom)

Tuesday, January 19

7:00 p.m. Reopening Committee Meeting (on Zoom)

Wednesday, January 20

7:00 p.m. Senior Youth Group Gathering (on Zoom)

Sunday, January 24

10:00 a.m. Salford Worship on Facebook Live and YouTube
Preaching: Steve Kriss

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

- For **Steve and Lory Blank and the Blank family** for comfort and peace in both grieving the loss of Steve's mother, Martha Blank, this past Wednesday and giving thanks for her life.
- For **Micah Blank**, son of Steve and Lory Blank, as he prepares for kidney dialysis in anticipation of a transplant whenever that is possible.
- For **Joe and Trina Walsh** as they remember and experience the loss of Joe's mother, Irene Walsh earlier this week.
- For **Marlin and Sharon Metzler-Ruth and the Metzler-Ruth families** at this time of the death of Sharon's brother, Warren Metzler.
- For **Jane and Jay Ruth and family** in these weeks following the death of Jane's mother, Doris Mazzanti, earlier this month.
- For **Pat Gorman** as he adjusts at home to new medication and medical support for ongoing heart concerns.
- For **Cesar and Mimi Marin** as several of Mimi's family members, including her mother, are struggling with COVID in Mexico City where medical resources are in short supply.
- For **Katie and Dietrich Alderfer** as they eagerly await the birth of a baby in

May, at the same time as they are in the process of purchasing Mary Jane Hershey's house and anticipate moving in the coming months.

This week all congregations in Mosaic Conference are praying for **Healthy Niños Honduras**, a Conference Related Ministry (CRM). Please pray for opportunities to provide assistance to those with the greatest need in Honduras, for the families they serve, and financial support for their work. To learn more about Healthy Niños Honduras, [click here](#).

Birthday Blessings...

To **Howard Freed** who celebrates his 88th birthday on January 20, 2021.

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

Resources for MLK Day

Explore the life, faith, and legacy of Rev. Dr. King this weekend with activities posted on the [Church at Home](http://www.salfordmc.org/church-at-home.html) [http://www.salfordmc.org/church-at-home.html] page.

Join MCC and the Junior High in a [Martin Luther King Day of Service celebration](https://mcc.org/get-involved/events/restoring-hope-dignity-mlk-celebration-virtual) [https://mcc.org/get-involved/events/restoring-hope-dignity-mlk-celebration-virtual] on Monday, Jan. 18 10-11:30am. Contact Maria with any questions.

To practice January's Fruit of the Spirit, families can demonstrate love by making prisoner care kits. [Sign up here](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094baeaa28a4fe3-mccprisoner) [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094baeaa28a4fe3-mccprisoner] to donate supplies for the junior high to pack (drop off at the church office by January 19), or [find a full supplies list here](https://mcc.org/stories/mcc-east-coast-prisoner-care-kits) [https://mcc.org/stories/mcc-east-coast-prisoner-care-kits] and make your own!

Parents, please help us make Salford Family Faith Formation even more relevant and meaningful by completing [this quick survey](https://forms.gle/kZDaYrXFd8gymqpE9) [https://forms.gle/kZDaYrXFd8gymqpE9]. The deadline is extended to Saturday, 1/16 (but Jenn and Maria are always available to talk).

News and Notes

The **Salford Child and Youth Safety Policy** has been updated and affirmed by the

Church Board. We ask that all Salford members and regular attenders read and familiarize themselves with the policy. The policy can be viewed on the Salford website under Being Church Resources and the Child and Youth Safety tab. <http://www.salfordmc.org/child-and-youth-safety.html>

Second stimulus checks of \$600 are arriving in bank accounts and in mailboxes. Many people donated the first check to help those in our community who are more in need of the funds. The Pastors were approached about options for donating again. For those looking to donate these checks, here are some options:

- the **Shalom Fund** of Mosaic Mennonite Conference <https://mosaicmennonites.org/give/> supports pastors, congregations, and ministries in direct response to COVID-related needs. As of last week they have received \$165,000 of their current goal of \$200,000.
- **Keystone Opportunity Center** in Souderton <https://keystoneopportunity.org/mygift/> is experiencing increased needs for food pantry and other services at the same time as donations have decreased.
- **Oxford Circle Christian Community Development Association (OCCDA)** <https://occcda.kindful.com/> supports the Oxford Circle neighborhood in Northeast Philadelphia with emergency relief, education, and economic development. They are also seeing a decrease in donations and a significant increase in need.

Each of the above links will take you to a donation page. You may also make donations to Salford, designated as “**2021 Stimulus Donation**” and we will pass it on to the above organizations.

Dave and Kathy Peters have created a documentary called “**Postcards from Babylon: the Church in American Exile**” which premiers on **January 21st**. 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 if you have one of these books available. Thank you!

Mennonite Church USA News

Thursday, January 21 is the anniversary of Anabaptism. Let us pray that we may share the courage of our spiritual ancestors to stand firmly in our faith.

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary is offering two new scholarships for those serving in or preparing for ministry assignments. The application deadline is March 1, 2021. Read more: <https://www.ambs.edu/admissions/scholarships>

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.

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 (scroll down to "Service Opportunities").

Care & Share Thrift Shoppes is extremely grateful for your generous donations. With the increase of traffic at the shopping center, they need to schedule all furniture donation drop-offs. Please call 215-723-0315 to schedule a drop-off time for your furniture donation. They request all donations be free of pet hair, have all the pieces and come from a smoke-free home. They are unable to pick up furniture at this time.