

Week of January 20, 2019

Sunday, January 20

9:00 a.m. Worship

Lead Pastor Joe Hackman, along with Kyle Longacre will preach on Ephesians 2:11-22; *A Family Known for...*

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

For **Connections Class**, **Heiki-Lara Nyce** will be interviewing **Becca Nagy** in the Gathering Room during second hour.

For Your Prayers List

- **Anna G. Landis**, Peter Becker
- **Eva Alderfer**, Souderton Mennonite Homes

Sunday, January 13

Offering
\$14,311
ACH Electronic
Offering
\$1,995
Kiosk Offering
\$1,233
Total Offering
\$17,539

Future Salford Events

- April 6 - Enneagram Training Sessions with Joe & Angela Hackman
- February 10 – Time of Welcoming the

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**

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

- Child in Worship
- February 10 – Garden Fundraiser Luncheon
- March 23 - MYF Youth Auction & Fellowship Meal

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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

Wednesday, January 23

- 6:30 p.m. Youth Night (Schoolhouse)
- 7:00 p.m. Gifts Discernment Meeting (Library)
- 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

Saturday, January 26

9:00 a.m. Salford/Advent Garden Planning Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, January 27

- 9:00 a.m. Worship
- Preaching: Maria Hosler Byler
- 10:15 a.m. Second hour for All Ages
- 11:45 a.m. Conversation Partners Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

- For ***Dolores and Wilbur Bauman*** as they live with the challenges of Dolores' limited energy and breathing difficulty
- For ***Jim Parker*** as he continues to live with 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

Birthday Blessings...

To **Shirley Moyer**, who turns 85 on January 27th.

Prayers for Comfort and Strength...

For **Diane Good, Sondi and Brad Alderfer, Steph and Brandon Rittenhouse and children, Sheldon Good and Jenn Svetlik and children** as they prepare for the memorial service for husband, father, and pop-pop Don Good, who passed away on January 9th.

A memorial service will take place at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, January 26, 2019 at Franconia Mennonite Church, 613 Harleysville Pike, Telford, PA 18969. Greeting of the family will be held 9:00-10:30 a.m.

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

Due to Don Good's memorial service, **Joe & Angela Hackman's Enneagram Training** scheduled for January 26th has been moved to April 6th. Rather than two training, they will hold one gathering. There are still a few spots available. If you have interest, contact the church office. If you signed up for January 26th and are not able to attend April 6th, please let the church office know.

Conversation partner luncheon reminder: The luncheon for new members who joined in fall 2018 and their conversation partners is scheduled for January 27 following second hour. Please contact the church office if you do not plan to attend.

Hosts needed for spring table fellowship planning. We are starting our planning for another time of table fellowship this spring by identifying hosts for groups. Hosts are asked to open your home to 8-12 people, and to coordinate the date and time for the meetings of your group. We are suggesting tables fellowship groups will meet **three times** this spring, once during Lent, once during Holy week, and once during the Easter season; Easter to Pentecost. Would you be able to open your home as a table fellowship host? Please see the bulletin insert this Sunday to sign up, or contact the church office.

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. **Dean Wimmer** will be our valet parking person for January 20th. 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.

Mennonite Church USA News

Read reflections from Katie Graber and Adam Tice, committee members of the **Voices Together new hymnal project** on the Menno Snapshots blog: mennoniteusa.org/tag/voices-together.

As you celebrate **Martin Luther King Jr. Day** on Jan. 21, we invite you to reflect on the words of the open letter to MC USA from 2018 Hope for the Future participants: "Love one another as Christ has loved us, despite our differences, acknowledging the reality of what our church is now, equally valuing the gifts of our diverse membership." Read the full letter: http://mennoniteusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/2018_3_Hope-for-the-Future-Letter-to-MC-USA_Final.pdf.

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

"Doing Their Duty: Stories of area Mennonite and Brethren boys who saw military service in World War I." will be presented by **Joel D. Alderfer**, Mennonite Heritage Center's Collections Manager on Sunday, January 27 from 2:00 to 3:00 pm at the **Indian Valley Public Library**. The program is free and open to the public. Please call the library at 215-723-9109, ext. 3 to register for the program, a joint event between the library and the heritage center.

Living U, the lifelong learning institute of Living Branches, offers **classes** for residents, future residents, and seniors in the local community. Their spring semester includes topics of railroading on the North Penn, butterflies, telling our stories, Mendelssohn's *Elijah*, plastics recycling, the art of wonder, and more! For more information, go to www.livingbranches.org/livingu. Registration is open until Friday, February 8.

Join **Zion Mennonite Church** on Friday, February 8 at 6:45 pm for a **Superhero Party** and the showing of *Incredibles 2*. The event is free; bring a lawn chair or a blanket to sit on (event will be in the fellowship hall). Popcorn and a drink will be free but other movie snacks will be available for a small cost. Be sure to wear your superhero costume!

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 mhep.org for information. To schedule a group tour of the exhibit, call 215-256-3020.

Registration for **Camp Men-O-Lan’s 2019 Resident and Day Camp** sessions is now open. Take advantage of the Early Bird Discount by signing up and paying in full by March 15. More info available at menolan.org. If you have any questions or need assistance with registration, please email summercamp.menolan@gmail.com or call 215-679-5144 x324.

The **2019 PA IPL Pennsylvania-to-DC Bike Ride** will take place May 10 to 15, with two starting locations: State College, PA and Philadelphia, PA. All interested potential riders must apply by January 28; applications are [available here](#). To learn more, contact Mike Ford at Mike@bgmc.net.

Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship (MHF) offers **educational grants** for Anabaptist students to learn and serve in cross-cultural mission/service settings in developing countries. The deadline for the 2019-20 academic year is May 15. For details and an application form, see www.mennohealth.org/student_term/, email info@mennohealth.org, or call 1-888-406-3643.

Calling everyone ages 15-22: Are you looking for a fun and meaningful way to serve this summer? There are spots left to join a 2019 **Youth Venture** team! See and join in the work God is doing in Indonesia, Peru, Japan, or Benin. Visit www.MennoniteMission.net/SERVE to learn more, or contact Lauren Eash Hershberger at LaurenEH@MennoniteMission.net.