

Week of January 27, 2019

## Sunday, January 27

**9:00 a.m. Worship**  
Associate Pastor Maria Hosler Byler will preach on Acts 9:3-8, 17-19; *Transformation through Formation*

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

For **Connections Class**, **Scott Benner** will be interviewing **Nathaniel & Brooke Martin** in the Gathering Room during second hour.

## For Your Prayers List

- **Marian Alderfer**, Souderton Mennonite Homes
- **Kass Landis**, Souderton Mennonite Homes
- **Salford Mennonite Child Care Centers**

## Sunday, January 20

Offering  
\$6,757  
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Offering  
\$1,895  
Kiosk Offering  
\$642  
**Total Offering**  
**\$9,294**

## Future Salford Events

- February 10 – Time of Welcoming the Child in Worship

## 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

- 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.

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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 30**

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

### **Sunday, February 3**

9:00 a.m. Worship

Preaching: Joe Hackman

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

## **Our Church Family**

### **Prayer Concerns**

- For **Ruth Alderfer** who is at Grand View Hospital after experiencing a fainting episode on Wednesday morning
- For **Jeff Landis** as he undergoes a planned for trial treatment for cancerous spots on his lungs.
- 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 **Jean Kolb**, who turns 81 on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, and to **Rachel Schmucker**, who turns 81 on February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Words cannot adequately express what it means to be a part of a supporting congregation like Salford. This belonging was an integral part of who our husband, Dad and Pop-Pop Harold Alderfer was. It was part of his identity and a joy in life that he wanted to share with others. You welcomed him and shared your love with him in health, in sickness and even in death. Thank you so much for the many prayers, cards and notes, visits, calls and attendance at the services to remember him. Blessings to you as you continue to welcome, support and love others, to spread the joy of belonging. With much appreciation, **Ferne Alderfer, Betsy and Phil Moyer and the Alderfer family**

### **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 28<sup>th</sup>.**

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**

**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.

Due to Don Good's memorial service, **Joe & Angela Hackman's Enneagram Training** scheduled for January 26<sup>th</sup> has been moved to April 6<sup>th</sup>. 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 26<sup>th</sup> and are not able to attend April 6<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**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.

We are offering **valet parking service** for those who need it in January, February and March. **Joel Alderfer** will be our valet parking person for January 27<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**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**

**Early registration for MennoCon19** opens on Feb. 6, 2019. Visit [convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration](http://convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration) now to find rates, forms and additional information.

**Step Up 2019: Youth ages 16-21** are invited to join the MennoCon19 delegate sessions in Kansas City. Early delegate sessions will seek to approve these youth representatives as official voting delegates for the remaining sessions. Congregations may nominate one youth delegate, and conferences and constituency groups may nominate two. A “youth delegate” option will be available on the registration form. More programming to come for youth delegates to connect and to prepare for their delegate role!

## **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.

The **Mennonite Heritage Center** is holding a **blood drive** on Tuesday, January 29 from 1:00 to 6:00 pm. Please sign up at [donor.giveapint.org](http://donor.giveapint.org) or call 215-256-3020.

**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](http://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](#).

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](mailto:summercamp.menolan@gmail.com) or call 215-679-5144 x324.