

January 9, 2022

**Sunday, January 9,
9:30 am Indoor
Worship at Salford
and on Facebook and
YouTube Live,** Guest
Preacher Emily Ralph
Servant will preach on
Luke 3:21-22; *Beloved*

**10:45 am Second
Hour for all ages**

Sunday, January 2

Offering

\$16,170

ACH Electronic

Offering

\$6,517

Vanco Online Offering

\$6,007

Total Budget Offering

\$28,688

MCC Hygiene Kit

Offering

\$250

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.

If you would like to receive this newsletter by email, please submit your email address to alderferb@salfordmc.org

Licensing Towards Ordination for Brooke Martin

This Sunday, January 9, Brooke Martin will be licensed toward ordination during the worship service. Brooke has been in ministry since 2013, when she began an interim role in youth ministry at Franconia Mennonite Church. She now works as Mosaic Conference Youth and Community Formation Pastor. Normally when a minister begins in a pastoral role they are licensed toward ordination, and then following a period of discernment and exploration they move toward ordination. Licensing and ordination are called for and celebrated by a minister's home congregation, even if they're serving in a role outside the congregation like in the conference.

Inclement Weather Announcement

In the event of **inclement weather that may affect our Sunday morning worship service and Second Hour**, we will announce any changes or closures by all church email and on the front page of our website by 8:00 am. If there are any questions about inclement weather and you do not have computer access, feel free to call Church Administrator **Brad Alderfer** at (215) 272-6724.

Covid-19 Update for Salford

Tuesday evening the Salford Reopening Task Force met to review the recent dramatic surge of Covid-19 cases in the local area and across the country due to the Omicron variant. Our medical and scientific personnel expressed deep concern for the coming strain on the health care system due to the expected increase in covid hospitalizations, but also glimmers of hope that this surge may subside more quickly than past surges and that we may have better immunity towards the virus going forward post surge. We discussed our specific Salford situation and reviewed our high level of vaccination in the community, the specific precautions we are taking for in person gatherings and discussed upcoming youth retreat concerns.

Out of this conversation we have the following recommendations.

- We will continue to offer in person worship services as we have been. The Task Force encourage everyone to consider wearing a high quality N95 mask to worship. The task force also encourages everyone to consider your personal risk tolerance and to participate from home with online worship as desired, or if you have been exposed or have symptoms of Covid-19. We assume that with the present level of transmission, it is reasonable to assume that there will be active Covid-19 cases at in person events, but vaccinations, good masking, distancing and air flow will offer a reasonable level of safety for those attending without preexisting conditions or being immunocompromised.
- We will continue to encourage adult Second Hour classes to meet in person if desired, or to transition to online gatherings as caution level or exposure levels dictate.
- We will continue to offer child and youth Sunday school classes, with some modifications. We will discontinue snack for the coming month, with offering a snack to go at the end of class. We will closely watch classroom space and

- encourage good masking habits and physical distancing as we meet.
- We will not offer nursery coverage for the coming month. If your child needs to step out of worship, feel free to visit the foyer or library.
 - We plan to meet with parents to discuss the extra exposure and risk associated with upcoming youth retreats and have discussion with comfort level on attending these retreats

We are grateful for everyone's care for each other through vaccination, careful masking and staying home when sick or exposed to Covid-19. We will evaluate the pandemic and cases in the community over the coming weeks and would consider a short curtailment in in person activities if possible community spread warrants. We will keep you informed when conditions change.

This Week at Salford

Monday, January 10

7:00 pm Child Care Ministry Team Meeting (Zoom)

Sunday, January 16

9:30 am Salford Worship Indoors and Streamed on Facebook and YouTube Live

Preaching: Maria Hosler Byler

10:30 am Second Hour for All Ages

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

- For ***the family of Marian Alderfer***, who gathered on Friday, January 7, at Salford, for her funeral and inurnment, for peace and comfort as they remember her life and connect with each other.
- For ***Karen Zehr*** with gratitude for healing of her brain bleed and some return to normal activities, as well as in continued prayer for healing of her torn rotator cuff, and well-being for her and her family.
- For ***Brooke Martin***, who is being licensed toward ordination for ministry during worship on January 9. She currently serves as youth and community formation pastor for Mosaic Conference. Pray for Brooke and for all who are discerning and stepping into ministry roles within the church, locally and beyond. And pray for ourselves, as we discern what it means to live out our own baptismal vows as we follow Jesus in our daily lives.
- For ***Deep Run East Mennonite Church***, Perkasio, PA, as they search for an interim pastor. With all congregations in Mosaic Conference, pray that God will guide their church in this time of transition and growth.

Birthday Blessings...

To **Irene Frankenfield**, who turns 95 on January 13th, and to **DD Wolf**, who turns 80 on January 16th.

Dear Salford Community, Thank you so much for your generosity in helping our family after the trauma of the flooding we experienced this past fall. We are truly grateful for your support and help. Thank you again and Merry Christmas. **Matt & Angela Monaghan and family, Perkiomenville, PA.**

Service & Mission

Donation of the Month for January – THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY STREET OUTREACH PROGRAM

The Street Outreach Program seeks to provide whole-person intervention toward improving stability for persons identifying as homeless in our county. Through the winter, our unsheltered neighbors need items to stay warm. Please see the updated

list of items to place on the church DOM shelves this month.

From Tractor Supply or Walmart:

Buddy Heaters: <https://www.tractorsupply.com/tsc/product/mr-heater-portable-buddy-heater>

1 pound tanks of propane (found at Tractor Supply, Walmart and hardware stores, typically the tanks are green)

Gloves, size L or XL - heavyweight and waterproof

L or XL heavyweight winter jackets with hoods, ideally windproof and water-resistant. Available at Tractor Supply and Walmart, in Sporting Goods/Hunting.

Brown or camo 8x10' tarps, hand warmers, duct tape, and bungee cords

If you prefer to order items online, have them shipped to ACCESS SERVICES/Street Outreach Program, 500 Office Center Drive, Suite 100, Fort Washington, PA 19034-3234.

If you use the links below please make sure your order message notes you are from Salford Mennonite Church.

Mr Heater Buddy - https://www.tractorsupply.com/tsc/product/mr-heater-buddy-red-f232000?cm_vc=-10005

Gloves –

https://www.amazon.com/dp/B07316D2DP/?coliid=I2YAAHNVYQ8SE7&colid=Q1W81282VZII&psc=1&ref=lv_ov_liq_dp_it

6 person tent –

https://www.amazon.com/dp/B07WDJN212/?coliid=I1Y3VMKTAFP4WE&colid=Q1W81282VZII&psc=1&ref=lv_ov_liq_dp_it

Jackets –

https://www.amazon.com/dp/B07GWBHRH43/?coliid=I2Y9XSOGCPNBL&colid=Q1W81282VZII&psc=1&ref=lv_ov_liq_dp_it

Tarps - https://www.amazon.com/Stansport-T-810-C-Reinforced-Multi-Purpose-Woodland/dp/B000SKKHVY/ref=sr_1_1?crid=3DR2TEN6HG2MG&keywords=8x10+camo+tarp&qid=1641330540&srefix=8x10+camo+tarp%2Caps%2C75&sr=8-1

Handwarmers - https://www.amazon.com/HotHands-Hand-Warmers-Odorless-Activated/dp/B000ZF4OA/ref=sr_1_5?keywords=hot+hands+hand+warmers&qid=1641397001&srefix=hot+hands+%2Caps%2C155&sr=8-5

You can also use the church envelope system to make a donation designated to STREET OUTREACH PROGRAM

There is an important, urgent need in our local community. Did you know that on any given night in Montgomery County over 280 persons experience homelessness, including roughly 30 who are living outside or in their car? Would you like to support your neighbors in need? Consider volunteering at the Code Blue shelter that is hosted by Trinity Lutheran Church in Lansdale. The shelter is in desperate need of volunteers for the following shifts on nights where it's below 30 degrees: 7:30pm-midnight, midnight-6am, 6am-8am. If interested, email Sheldon Good at sheldon.c.good@gmail.com.

Opportunity to Sponsor Afghans Seeking Humanitarian Parole

Last Sunday Amy Godshall, shared about the opportunity to support her and Cornell Law School's work in preparing humanitarian parole applications for people who are fleeing the Taliban in Afghanistan. Each humanitarian parole applicant needs to have a sponsor based in the US who agrees to provide for them financially during their two-year parole period. Because humanitarian parole beneficiaries can receive public benefits, this commitment is largely a formality, and it is unlikely that the sponsor will have any financial connection to the family.

Currently there is a family of 20 who are in Afghanistan in danger, and have relatives in NY they will settle with, if they are able to receive humanitarian parole. **Thank you to Salford households who have already submitted paperwork for 6 members of this family!** The other family members still need sponsors and she invited us to discern this possibility to help save a family's life.

If not able to serve as a sponsor, providing financial support to defray the \$575 cost per application is also very helpful. Donations are tax-exempt. Checks can be mailed to Cornell University, Cornell Law School, Box 37334, Boone, IA 50037-0334. Please designate on the check that the money should go to the Cornell Law School Impact Fund for Clinical Programs.

To donate online, visit <https://community.lawschool.cornell.edu/alumni/give/> and click on the red Law School Annual Fund box. On the next page, designate that the money should go to the Impact Fund for Clinical Programs.

Please reach out to Amy Godshall (ang66@cornell.edu) for more information.

Faith Formation Spotlight

The January theme at [Building Faith](#) is "[Fruits of the Garden](#)", the first of their "Taste the Story" offering for 2022. This month focuses on God's abundance in creation; you can find a scripture, prayer, and food-based practice for your family this month.

Sign up to receive their monthly practices by email.

Racial Justice Spotlight

Shane Moes will lead a reflection for the Racial Justice Learning Group this Sunday, Jan. 9 (and again Jan. 23) at 7-8:30 pm, focused on collective lament. All are welcome to join!

MEETING LINK:

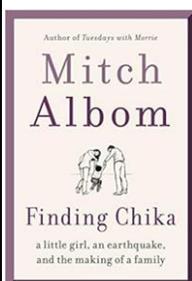
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82526583885?pwd=dkxlbFFxMExRMW5oUUU2cWNsUEdQU09>

Church Library Spotlight

The church library has purchased many new books in recent weeks. Stop by and speak with a librarian to see what's new, or review the library catalogue on the Salford church website <https://smck-ind.kari.opalsinfo.net/bin/home>

Here is a sampling of new materials:

Finding Chika – A Little Girl, an Earthquake and the Making of a Family by Mitch Albom



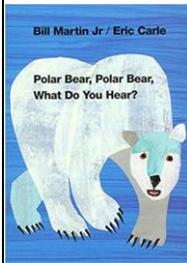
Chika Jeune was born three days before the devastating earthquake that decimated Haiti in 2010. She spent her infancy in a landscape of extreme poverty, and when her mother died giving birth to a baby brother, Chika was brought to The Have Faith Haiti Orphanage that Albom operates in Port Au Prince.

With no children of their own, the forty-plus children who live, play, and go to school at the orphanage have become family to Mitch and his wife, Janine. Chika's arrival makes a quick impression. Brave and self-assured, even as a three-year-old, she delights the other kids and teachers. But at age five, Chika is suddenly diagnosed with

something a doctor there says, "No one in Haiti can help you with."

Mitch and Janine bring Chika to Detroit, hopeful that American medical care can soon return her to her homeland. Instead, Chika becomes a permanent part of their household, and their lives, as they embark on a two-year, around-the-world journey to find a cure. As Chika's boundless optimism and humor teach Mitch the joys of caring for a child, he learns that a relationship built on love, no matter what blows it takes, can never be lost.

Told in hindsight, and through illuminating conversations with Chika herself, this is Albom at his most poignant and vulnerable. Finding Chika is a celebration of a girl, her adoptive guardians, and the incredible bond they formed—a devastatingly beautiful portrait of what it means to be a family, regardless of how it is made.



Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What do you Hear? By Bill Martin, Jr. and Eric Carle

Children's Book

What will you hear when you read this book to a preschool child? Lots of noise!

Children will chant the rhythmic words. They'll make the sounds the animals make. And they'll pretend to *be* the zoo animals featured in the book-- look at the last page!

News & Notes

Rescheduled: Because of the rampant Omicron virus and the expected large turnout, the "Life and Times of Salford members Isaiah and Susan Landes" has been rescheduled from this Sunday to **Sunday, March 20 at 2:00** at the Mennonite Heritage Center, Yoder Rd., Harleysville.

Salford Member Pat Wilson-Schmid's Art Exhibit Opening: Saturday, January 8, 12:00 to 2:00 at the Mennonite Heritage Center, 565 Yoder Rd., Harleysville. Meet the artist in the Lapp Gallery, view her repertoire now, or until March 20 during MHC open hours.