

Week of March 17, 2019

Sunday, March 17

9:00 a.m. Worship
Guest Preacher Dale Detweiler will preach on Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32; *Coming Home to the Father's Love*

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

Sermon discussion class led by **Sheldon Good** and **Dale Detweiler** will be held in the left side of the Gathering Room. **Connections Class, Seekers Class** and other interested adults are invited to join this class.

For Your Prayers List

- **Anna Moyer**,
Souderton
Mennonite Homes
- **Neva Moyer**,
Souderton
Mennonite Homes
- **Salford Mennonite Child Care Centers**

Sunday, March 10

Offering
\$4,825
ACH Electronic
Offering
\$1,895
Kiosk Offering
\$438
Total Offering
\$7,158

Salford Youth Auction and Fundraiser Meal, March 23, 2019

The Salford Youth Auction will take place on March 23rd, donations have been rolling in, and now all we need is YOU to enjoy the night! Come prepared for a delicious barbecue bash to support the youth. Dinner is 4:15-5:30, auction at 6:00 pm. You can already see many of the items for auction [here](#).

Our goal is \$20,000 to support Salford's youth activities, curriculum, and trips throughout the year. A tithe of that money will help youth from Philadelphia Praise Center attend convention this summer. And ALL funds over our goal will be divided between Healthy Niños Honduras and Oxford Circle CCDA to support children's programming near and far. Help us surpass our goal to support kids in our area and around the world!

Good Friday Service – April 19, 2019 - 7:30 p.m.

In scripture and song we will gather at the cross to remember the hours of Jesus' trial and suffering. To prepare for the wonder of Easter morning resurrection, let us enter into the sorrow of Jesus' death on Good Friday.

Easter Sunday – April 21, 2019

Please join us from 8:00-8:30 a.m. as we fellowship together with coffee, fruit and baked goods in the fellowship hall. At 9:00 a.m. we will celebrate the Risen Christ. **We will not hold Children's Second Hour classes on Easter Sunday. Adult classes can choose to meet or not meet as desired. There will be no spoken announcements or sharing during the service on Easter morning** - those with announcements or prayer concerns should be sure to get them to the church office by the Thursday before at noon.

This Week at Salford

Wednesday, March 20

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

Saturday, March 23

4:15 p.m. Salford Youth Fundraiser Meal

6:00 p.m. Salford Youth Fundraiser Auction

Sunday, March 24

9:00 a.m. Worship

Preaching: Joe Hackman

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

Our Church Family

We are excited to have Guest Preacher Dale Detweiler with us this Sunday. Dale sent these words of welcome to the congregation:

Greetings to my Salford Family,

Future Salford Events

- March 23 - MYF Youth Auction & Fellowship Meal
- April 6 - Enneagram Training Sessions with Joe & Angela Hackman
- April 28 – Dock Mennonite Academy Touring Choir Visit
- May 4 - Salford Men's Retreat at Fern Rock Retreat, 9:00 a.m. - noon
- May 5 – Spring Communion

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

It is now seven years since I began my first pastorate at Birch Grove Mennonite Church in Port Allegany, PA (McKean County) where I serve as a bi-vocational pastor with carpentry as my second vocation. As a native of Salford and growing up in the Harleysville area, moving to the mountains of Pa. has been both an adjustment and a blessing to live in our Creator's creation. The setting of the church I pastor is truly a country setting being approximately three miles off the main road of Rt 155. Our average attendance on a Sunday at Birch Grove is around 25 people including children. I am the father of two sons and a daughter and the grandfather of five grandchildren who all live in the Green Lane/Hatboro area, so it is always a blessing to be able to come home to see them! Blessings, Dale Detweiler

Prayer Concerns

- For **Tom Scheetz** as he prepares for triple bypass surgery on Thursday, March 21st.
- For **Melody Byler** who will be having outpatient surgery on Tuesday, March 19
For **Jeff Landis** as he continues trial treatment for cancerous nodules in his lungs.
- For **Glenn Martin** as he continues to recover from quadruple bypass surgery
- For **Roma Ruth** as she continues to recover from successful hiatal hernia surgery

Birthday Blessings...

to **Sharon Hunsberger**, who turns 81 on March 19th.

Prayers for Comfort and Strength...

To **Gail & Jim Alderfer** and the Alderfer family. Sister in law Ruby Kolb, age 79, passed away on March 11, 2019.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the celebration of Ruby's life on Sunday March 17, at 3:00 pm at the Hopewell Community Church 1130 Commerce Drive Pottstown, PA 19464. Visitation will be from 2:00-3:00 pm Sunday at the church.

Service & Mission

Donation of the Month for March – Canned tuna and meals in a can, spaghetti, ravioli, beefaroni, stew and chili for the food pantry at Keystone Opportunity Center in Souderton.

Place items at the collection table by the Infant/Toddler Nursery.

Thanks to the congregation for the generous donation of 138 Hygiene kits in February for Mennonite Central Committee.

News & Notes

The **intergenerational luncheon** will take place on April 7th. All Salford participants who are 65 and older are invited to join the junior and senior youth for lunch, activities, conversation, and music. Invitations were placed in church mailboxes last week – but even if you did not see an invitation, all who are over 65 are welcome. RSVP at the welcome center or by contacting the church office at 215-267-0778.

Service Thoughts: The junior high class is starting a practice of writing down things that stand out to us in the worship service. We hope it will help us focus on things we want to talk about or think about in second hour. There is a paper at the welcome center to take for this purpose. We invite all adults to join us too. Grab a Service Thoughts sheet at the welcome center and write down whatever you want, then we challenge you to talk with someone about it later.

Congratulations to **Marina Perez Alderfer** as our winner of the Old Dutch Cupboard gift certificate, as a participant in the March 3rd Ministry Team Fair. Thanks to all who participated in the fair!

Many hopeful stories were submitted again this year to the **Write the Good Future contest**. The contest saw a 55% increase in total entries and strong participation by middle school students, whose entries increased by 120%. Judges are now receiving their stories and will gather for an evening of judging in early April. Thank you, Salford, for sponsoring this contest and encouraging young and old to dream of a good future where humans are caring for the earth. – **Maribeth Benner**

To our prayer shawl and baby blankets knitters: We have relocated the yarn to the shelves in the prayer shawl closet across from the Prayer Room, located on the second floor above the main foyer.

Bring your family and friends to enjoy a meal and bid on items at the **Salford Youth Auction on March 23!** The auction supports Salford youth curriculum, trips, and activities throughout the year. Dinner is 4:15-5:30 and the auction begins at 6pm. Childcare is provided.

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 March 17th. Look for him under the carport when you arrive if you would like your car parked for you.

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.**

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.

Quentin Heise, a senior at Owen J. Roberts High School, plays bass drum in the Indoor Drum Line. The final performances for the team are on March 23 at Perkiomen Valley (hopefully before the Youth Auction), March 30 at Spring-Ford, and April 6 at Coatesville. Performances are in the afternoons, and check with the Heises for the times a few days before the performances.

Any youth and families can notify Pastor Maria about activities to include in the Spotlight!

Mennonite Church USA News

Wondering what to expect at #MennoCon19? The Gathering Place will host a chat with convention planners on what's new and answer your questions on Tuesday, March 26, 2 p.m. EDT/1 p.m. CDT. This will be especially helpful for youth leaders new to convention. Visit thegatheringplace.us to register.

¡Faltan solo unos meses para la convención y las inscripciones ya están abiertas!

En el **Boletín de la Convención** encontrará información importante acerca de la inscripción y consejos para que el proceso sea lo más fluido posible, información sobre hoteles, un pantallazo de algunas emocionantes actividades de la convención y un vistazo al cronograma de la convención: https://convention.mennoniteusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/Jan_2019_Newsletter_Spanish.pdf

Beyond Salford

All are invited to **Blooming Glen Mennonite Church** on Friday, March 22 for a **Spaghetti Supper Youth Group fundraiser** (5:30-7:00 pm in the fellowship hall) followed by a 7:30 pm **choral concert** by the Juniata College Touring Choir. Free will donations at the supper fundraiser benefit MCC SWAP, and donations at the concert will help with the choir's expenses. Questions? Contact Pastor Mike Ford at mike@bgmc.net.

Discover Dock Mennonite Academy's Grades 9-12 Open House on Saturday, March 23, 2019 12:30-3:00 pm. 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: Grades 9-12 Campus, 1000 Forty Foot Rd. Lansdale, PA 19446. For more information, email admissions@dock.org. or visit dock.org.

Frederick Living will hold a **volunteer open house** Thursday, March 28, 3:30 to 5:00 pm in the Magnolia East Lounge. Learn about their current special event, committee, group and individual community volunteer opportunities! RSVP by March 25 to tbrady@frederickliving.org or 610-754-7878 ext 353.

Souderton Mennonite Church is hosting its annual **Community Easter Celebration** on Saturday, April 13 from 10:00 to 11:00 am. Fun, holiday-themed activities for children age 3 through fifth grade include an egg hunt with lots of prizes, crafts, games, free professional photos with the Easter Bunny and snacks. This is a free community event – no registration required – open to all and held rain or shine. For more information, visit www.soudertonmennonite.org or call 215-723-3088.

When women gather with women in Christ's love, a gracious, holy space opens up. The EDC/FMC Sistering Committee, a branch of Mennonite Women USA, invites you to join them for their **annual Women's Gathering: Building Compassion from Love**. This uniquely intercultural one-day event will be held Saturday, March 30 at **Centro de Alabanza** in Philadelphia. Sandy Drescher-Lehman and Marta Castillo will share, and carpools are being arranged. To learn more and register, go to women.franconiaconference.org.

The **Annual Frederick Living Car Show** to benefit The Alzheimer's Association is on Saturday, May 4 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. The event features over 100 cars and trucks, crafters, a raffle, bake sale and other food sales. For more information on showing your car, being a featured crafter, volunteering or attending the event, please contact Trina Johnson-Brady, Volunteer and Community Engagement Manager, at 610-754-5150 ext 353 or tbrady@frederickliving.org.