

Week of March 24, 2019

Sunday, March 24

9:00 a.m. Worship

Lead Pastor Joe Hackman will preach on *The Forgotten Ministry of the Church*; John 1:43-46, Ephesians 4:11-13

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

Sermon discussion class led by **Sheldon Good** will be held in the meeting room behind the welcome center.

Connections Class will meet in the Gathering Room with **Margaret Zook** interviewing **Dave Moyer**.

For Your Prayers List

- **Faith Detweiler**, Sunny Crest Home
- **Donald Alderfer**, The Community at Rockhill
- **Elaine Moyer**, Mennonite Education Agency

Sunday, March 17

Offering
\$22,861.95
ACH Electronic
Offering
\$1,895
Kiosk Offering
\$194
Total Offering

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.

Holy Saturday Prayer Vigil – April 20

This year we invite you to participate in a Holy Saturday Prayer Vigil, from 5:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 20. Holy Saturday, the day before Easter, is a time for offering prayers in the midst of uncertainty, grief, or simply waiting. On this day between crucifixion and resurrection, we think of Jesus' friends and family and disciples and what they may have been experiencing so soon after his death – unaware that the hope of resurrection lay ahead. As you ponder events, situations, relationships in your own life or in the life of the church or in the world at large, consider devoting an hour or more of your time to be in prayer on this special day.

Come to the Prayer Room at Salford, walk the indoor space, classrooms, sanctuary or the grounds at the church – or pray in your own home space. A sign-up sheet for the prayer room is available in the main foyer today. It is important that all 12 hours are filled so the prayer vigil chain is not broken.

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

Tuesday, March 26

7:00 p.m. Gifts Discernment Ministry Team Meeting (Library)

Wednesday, March 27

10:00 a.m. Salford Community Play Date Parents Gathering (Gathering Room)

6:30 p.m. Justice & Peace Ministry Team Meeting, All Welcome (Library)

6:30 p.m. Youth Night (Schoolhouse)

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

Sunday, March 31

9:00 a.m. Worship

Preaching: Leonard Dow

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

Our Church Family

\$24,951

Birch Grove
Mennonite Church
Offering: \$6,042

Future Salford Events

- 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

Prayer Concerns

- For **Tom Scheetz** who had successful triple bypass surgery on Thursday, March 21st
- For **Melody Byler** as she recovers from successful outpatient surgery on March 19th
- 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
- For the **people of New Zealand** in the wake of the terrible mosque shooting tragedy

Prayers for Comfort and Strength...

for **Wilbur Bauman, Sam Godshall, Glenn Godshall** and families in the loss of wife and sister Dolores Bauman on March 17, 2019.

Arrangements for Dolores are as follows:

A visitation will be held on Sunday, March 31st, 2019, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at Salford Mennonite Church, 480 Groff's Mill Road, Harleysville, PA 19438. A Celebration of Life service will be held at 3:00 pm.

Prayers for Comfort and Strength...

for **Ken & Kathy Stalter** and the Stalter family. Ken's mother Alta Stalter of Eureka, IL passed away on March 8, 2019 at age 86.

Family and friends are invited to attend a memorial service to be held on Sunday, March 30 at Roanoke Mennonite Church, Eureka, IL at 11:00 a.m.

Prayers for Comfort and Strength...

for Carol & Bud Gross. Carol's mother Anna Detweiler passed away on March 15, 2019 at age 98.

A viewing will be held on Sunday, March 24, 2019 at Souderton Mennonite Homes, 207 W. Summit Street, Souderton, Pennsylvania 18964 from 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm, followed by a funeral service at 2:30 pm.

Burial will take place at Deep Run Mennonite Cemetery East.

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.

News & Notes

Hello Friends, **Karen Zehr** has been granted a booth at the Mennonite convention in KC this summer to represent the Mennonite chapter of SNAP. Karen has been leading local meetings in Lansdale and is unfortunately well acquainted with the grief of sexual assault. Being able to lead other survivors of sexual assault in a path of healing has been a step in healing for herself. This is the first time that any support group for sexual assault survivors has been granted a booth spot at the national convention. The past few years of surfacing memories has been intense for the Zehr family. I am hoping to find a team of financial and prayer support for Karen trip to the convention

As a booth exhibitor her registration will be waived but she will still need funding for airfare, hotel and her booth. The Mennonite chapter of SNAP has no money to put

toward this. I will be writing a check to Salford Church who will purchase an airline ticket and hotel room for Karen. The least complicated way to help would be to give/send your contribution to me via cash, check, or electronically. Any amount would be helpful! In addition and if you are concerned about tax deductions you may send your contribution to the Mennonite chapter of SNAP. Be sure to make a note that your donation is for "SNAP Mennonite at Menno Con" and send to PO Box 56539, Saint Louis, MO 63156, United States. You may also give your clearly marked contribution to Brad at the church office.

I may be contacted via email (kqrhouse@gmail.com), Facebook, or text (215-622-0959). I may be contacted any time for information or an up to date tally of needed funds. Please share with others that might have interest in this aspect of healing within the church. Thank you for considering this needed presence and work in the church. For Peace and Healing, **Kendra Rittenhouse**.

Salford Mennonite Child Care Centers, is looking for full time toddler teachers. Early Childhood Education Degree or ECE credits within another degree are preferred. Benefits include Health and Dental Insurance, paid time off, birthday bonuses. (EOE) Contact Christina Lynch at (215) 256-6421 ext. 116, lynchc@salfordmc.org. For more information please visit the website www.salfordmccc.org

We are compiling some childcare options for parents:

- Are you willing to offer childcare to kids from the congregation occasionally, for Salford events or as a favor for parents who need a night away?
- Are you a parent willing to swap childcare with other families occasionally?
- Do you have a babysitter that you love, or do you babysit as a job?

Email Pastor Maria with any names, yours or a referral. Thanks for supporting Salford families in this way!

Better Angels Red/Blue Workshop: Anyone who attends Salford is invited to participate in this event, held at Salford on Saturday, April 27, 2019, 10am–1pm, with an optional lunch following. This workshop will bring together about 5-7 right-leaning citizens and 5-7 left-leaning citizens for a half day of structured conversations. Up to 15 observers may also attend. The workshop is sponsored by Better Angels (www.better-angels.org), a national citizens' movement to reduce political polarization in the United States by bringing liberals and conservatives together to understand each other beyond stereotypes. Interested? Contact organizers Andy Richter (215-834-3345, andyrichter11@gmail.com) or Mark Heise (484-687-0840, markheise5@gmail.com).

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.

We are offering **valet parking service** for those who need it in January, February and March. Blaine Bergey will be our valet parking person for March 24th. 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

May God's face shine through us and make us a blessing even after we blow out this third Lent candle. This prayer for today comes from the "**Blessed Hunger, Holy Feast**" **Lent at-home resources**. Find more prayers, readings, activities and pondering thoughts at mennoniteusa.org/lent2019.

Beyond Salford

Attention youth ages 15-22: Wishing your summer looked a little more global? Join a team of peers to explore and engage in the movement of God in Peru, Benin, and Indonesia. **Youth Venture** still has openings available for trips in July. Check out MennoniteMission.Net/YouthVenture, or contact Lauren at 574-523-3022 for more information. Application deadline is April 1.

The **Mennonite Heritage Center** invites you to their **Founder's Day Celebration** on Wednesday, April 10 at 6:00 pm at Souderton Mennonite Church. Enjoy a full hot buffet dinner followed by a program honoring Arlin Lapp and Dan Lapp. Preregistration is required for the fundraiser event, and tickets are \$95. See www.mhep.org or call 215-256-3020.

You're invited on a **Philadelphia Learning Tour**, Thursday, April 11 from 8:00 am until 4:30 pm. Tour the MCC East Coast Office, The Exchange at Oxford Circle thrift shop and Germantown Mennonite Historic Trust, have lunch with Philly pastors and learn about their work with new immigrants, and learn about MCC work with prison ministries. \$63 per person covers transportation, lunch and all other costs, Call the MCC Material Resource Center at 267-203-8074 for more information or to reserve your seat.

A free **Easter Egg Hunt** will be held at **Blooming Glen Mennonite Church** on Saturday, April 13 (rain or shine) at 9:00 am for all children through 5th grade. Join them for the Easter story, Easter crafts, breakfast snacks and of course an egg

hunt. Bring your Easter basket! For information call 215-257-3431 or visit www.bgmc.net.

Franconia Mennonite Church invites all families to their free **Community Easter Celebration and Egg Hunt** on April 13 from 10:00 am to 12:15 pm. Tyler Hunsberger will entertain people of all ages with his foot stomping, hand clapping, interactive songs! Fellowship with others while enjoying lunch, Easter crafts, games and prizes. There will be four staggered egg hunts for walkers through 5th grade starting at 12:00 noon. Please visit Franconiamennonite.org for further details.

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.