



Week of March 31, 2019

Sunday, March 31

9:00 a.m. Worship
Guest Preacher
Leonard Dow will
preach on *It is Well
with My Soul*; Matthew
14:13-32

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

**Sermon discussion
class** led by **Sheldon
Good** and **Leonard
Dow** will be held in the
Gathering Room.
Connections Class
and other interested
adults are invited to
attend.

For Your Prayers List

- **Glenn & Elizabeth
Frederick**,
Foulkeways
- **Ferne Alderfer**,
Dock Woods
Community
- **Joy Sutter**,
Moderator Elect for
MCUSA

Sunday, March 24

Offering
\$5,265
ACH Electronic
Offering
\$1,895
Kiosk Offering
\$2,039
**Total Offering
\$9,199**
MYF Auction: \$30,338

Leonard Dow Preaching at Salford this Sunday

This Sunday gifted preacher and teacher **Leonard Dow** will deliver the sermon, *It is well with my soul*, based on Matthew 14:13-32. Leonard was the longtime pastor of Oxford Circle Mennonite Church in North Philadelphia and board chair of the Oxford Circle Community Development Association. Today, Leonard works as Stewardship and Development Specialist for Everence. He is married to Dr. Rosalie Rolon-Dow, and the couple has three children: Carmela, Marcela and Lorenzo. For more on Leonard, see this article:

<https://themennonite.org/daily-news/leonard-dow-awarded-emus-distinguished-service-award/>

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, 2019

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, April 2

7:00 p.m. Church Board Meeting (Friendship Room)

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

Wednesday, April 3

8:00 a.m. Sewing Circle (Gathering Room)

9:30 a.m. Salford Community Play Date Parents Gathering (Reaching Out Room)

7:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting (Library)

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

Sunday, April 7

9:00 a.m. Worship

Preaching: Maria Hosler Byler

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

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

- For **Tom Scheetz** who is recovering from triple bypass surgery at home
- For **Glenn Martin** as he continues to recover from quadruple bypass surgery
- For **Darwin Zehr** who is with his family in Indiana. Darwin's father had hematoma surgery on Thursday.
- For **Wilbur Bauman** and family as they celebrate Dolores' life on Sunday afternoon.
- From the prayer cards, **Joel Alderfer** requests prayer for the staff and supporters of the Mennonite Heritage Center as they mourn the loss of colleague and friend, **Steve Diehl**.
- From the prayer cards, **Holly Moran** requests prayer for her mother, **Dr. Jean Alderfer Hooven**, who entered hospice care at Rockhill community this week.
- From the prayer cards, **Martina Faragalla** requests prayer for her finding employment so she can send her son to Child care so they both can have more contact with others.

Birthday Blessings...

To **Roberta Kreider**, who turns 93 on April 3rd.

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.

3/27/19 Garden Update:

Greetings fellow gardeners, I hope your winter was restful! Last weekend there was a very enthusiastic group at Salford putting together 10 new raised bed boxes. Calvin Ribelin of Advent (a soon to be Eagle scout) organized and supervised the construction and placement of the boxes. They look great. I have been busy ordering the dirt mixture and have 3 boxes filled already. I will fill 2 more today & then wait until next Monday to start again. I will be away this weekend & Saturday is the first day of trout fishing in PA.

I plan on filling the remaining boxes next week & start to plant Saturday the 6th. I have plants ordered and will pick them up Thursday or Friday next week. We will plant as much of the upper end as we can. The next week, April 13, we will plant potatoes' & onions.

Looking forward to a great start of the 2019 Garden season. Steve Blank

News & Notes

Due to renovations at Souderton Mennonite Homes and loss of meeting space for the next two months, **the monthly fellowship gathering on the first Monday of the month at SMH is canceled for the next two months.** We are hopeful these gatherings can be resumed in June when the renovations are complete.

We are thankful for the work of **Lucy Detweiler** as assistant to George Gaugler with cleaning the church on Sunday afternoons in preparation for Child Care on Monday morning. Lucy has determined she is no longer able to assist with these duties. **We are seeking a person to pick up these duties to assist George.** This is paid position for approximately 1.5 hours per week. Responsibilities include: Tidying up the sanctuary, straightening the books in the pews, remove old bulletins and any trash you find, and collect the Friendship pad materials. Remove trash from back foyer, and in all bathrooms. Vacuum foyer entrance way and vacuum nursery and room behind welcome center if it is used for second hour. Remove trash from upstairs adult classrooms and make sure all lights are turned off on second floor before leaving. Please Brad Alderfer or George Gaugler if you would like to fill this role.

300 years is far too long of a wait to have our **first ever Salford vegan potluck.** This will be happening on Sunday May 5th after second hour classes in the fellowship hall. You certainly do not have to be a vegan to come, just come with the curiosity of one. Bring a vegan dish to share with the group. It is a potluck, so of course there will be friends, fellowship, and lots of food that I'm sure you will find surprisingly yummy.

Please RSVP with **Nathan Hasler-Brooks** if you plan to attend. nhaslerbrooks@gmail.com

A few items from the youth auction ended up on the wrong invoice: if you purchased a certificate for a Sunday flower bouquet and didn't pay for it, or bought two tickets to the Musselmans' brunch and only had one on your invoice, talk to Maria.

The **Worship Ministry Team** is making a change to announcement time during worship time out of mindfulness of our morning service length. From now on, please send any verbal announcement requests for Sunday morning to Brad Alderfer by 4pm on Friday. Then on Sunday morning, please make your way to the front pew during the song of response so you are ready to make your announcement. We will not pass the mic except in the case of mobility challenges.

As much as possible please use the newsletter for information sharing and announcements. Copies of our Newsletter are always at our Welcome Center. Announcements for the newsletter must be submitted to Brad by 4pm on Thursday.

The **Child Care program** has completed consolidating the Dock campus into the Salford campus. **There is some office furniture and other furniture that is no longer needs and is for sale in the foyer this Sunday.** If you would like to purchase any of this furniture, please send a note to the church or child care office to indicate which pieces you would like to purchase.

We have met our goal! Friends across the country have joined us at Salford in raising funds to send our sister, **Karen Zehr**, to represent SNAP - Mennonite Chapter at our church convention in Kansas City this summer. Let this be a reminder that we are not alone in seeking God's restorative healing within the church and society. Thank you to those who gave, to those who considered, and to

all who desire healing and peace. Please continue to pray and care for those around you. **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. Dean Wimmer will be our valet parking person for March 31st. Look for him under the carport when you arrive if you would like your car parked for you.

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!

Beyond Salford

It's relief sale time... Support Mennonite Central Committee at the 63rd Annual Pennsylvania Relief Sale! **When: April 5-6, 2019** Friday: 4 - 9 p.m. Saturday: 6:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. **Where: Farm Show Complex** (Harrisburg, PA)

- **Auctions** featuring handmade quilts, furniture, original artwork and much more
- **Delicious treats** including strawberry pie and homemade donuts
- **Children's activities** with MCC's International Volunteer Exchange Program (IVEP) participants representing 10 different countries
- **Ten Thousand Villages merchandise** and other artisan displays
- And more!

Discover Dock Mennonite Academy's Early Childhood-Grade 8 Open House on Thursday, April 4, 2019 4:00-6:00 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:** Early Childhood to Grade 8 Campus, 420 Godshall Rd. Souderton, PA 18964. For more information, email admissions@dock.org. or visit dock.org.

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.

The MAMA Project invites you to join them at their annual **Banquet and Silent Auction** to be held Saturday, April 13, 5:30 pm at Finland Mennonite Church. Guest speaker Dale Ressler, director of Friends of Shirati, will speak on upcoming projects in Shirati, Tanzania. Please RSVP by April 11 to Jon at Jonathan@MAMAProject.org or call 215-679-4338. Donations are still being accepted, and proceeds will support program work in India, Kenya, and Tanzania.

On Sunday, April 14, **Joanne & Wayne Speigle will be hosting a performance of "We Know There Are Oceans."** Weaving together stories and songs, writer-performer Michelle Milne and singer-songwriter Heather Kropf take the audience on a 90-minute journey through themes of travel, home, and identity. Michelle has recently traveled to the area of the border where people are crossing our border into our country to immigrate from Mexico, and what she has seen and experienced informs her work. She recently performed in the area with Ted Swartz in the Ted and Company production of "Discovery, A Comic Lament." The performance will begin at 7pm. You are invited to come and enjoy the company of other guests and the artists prior to the show starting at 6pm. Some snacks and beverages will be provided; feel free to bring an appetizer to share and additional drinks as you wish. Please come ready to make a donation to support the art of Michelle and Heather, and to help cover the costs of bringing this performance to Telford. RSVP to Joanne Speigle or Heiki-Lara Nyce (215-237-0912) to learn details.

Delaware Valley MEDA Network invites persons interested in the work of MEDA (Mennonite Economic Development Associates) to a networking reception on Thursday, April 18 to meet Dr. Dorothy Nyambi, new MEDA CEO/President. The event will be held at Franconia Mennonite Church from 5:00 to 7:00 pm, and light refreshments will be served. While reservations are not required, your RSVP will assist with planning; RSVP to lmiller@meda.org.

Your graduate's first year after high school is crucial, and **Service Adventure** is a sure way to make it count. Service Adventure is a 10-month program where young adults gain real-world experience through placements with nonprofit organizations, and learn to live and grow in household community with peers and a mentor. Call Lauren at 574-523-3022 or visit the web to find out more: MennoniteMission.net/ServiceAdventure.