

Week of March 3, 2019

Sunday, March 3

9:00 a.m. Worship
Lead Pastor Joe Hackman will preach on Acts 6:1-7

10:15 a.m. Ministry Team Fair in the Main Foyer and Fellowship Hall

10:35 a.m. The Second Hour for all ages, abbreviated to 40 minutes.

Connections Class will meet in the Gathering Room with **Scott Benner** interviewing **Cindy Moyer**.

For Your Prayers List

- **Eva Alderfer**, Souderton Mennonite Homes
- **Marian Alderfer**, Souderton Mennonite Homes
- **Mennonite Mission Network**

Sunday, February 24

Offering
\$18,507
ACH Electronic
Offering
\$1,895
Kiosk Offering
\$1,264
Total Offering
\$21,666

Future Salford Events

- March 23 - MYF

Ash Wednesday Service

There will be a 20 minute Ash Wednesday service in the Salford sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. on March 6th. All are invited to attend.

2019 Monthly Salford Finance Update, as of 2/28/19

We are grateful for the congregation's strong, consistent financial support of the life and mission of Salford Mennonite Church. We will keep you informed on where we stand in our finances for 2019 through this monthly finance update.

2019 Approved Budget:	\$869,397
2019 Offering and Income needed through 8 weeks:	\$133,753
2019 Offering and income received through 8 weeks:	\$135,566
Average Weekly Offering Needed, 44 weeks remaining:	\$16,678

This Week at Salford

Monday, March 4

7:00 p.m. Fellowship Time at Souderton Mennonite Homes, All Welcome

Tuesday, March 5

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

Wednesday, March 6

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

5:30 p.m. Ministry Team Meal and Conversation (Fellowship Hall)

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

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

Sunday, March 10

9:00 a.m. Worship

Preaching: Joe Hackman

10:35 a.m. Second Hour for All Ages

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

- **Joy Sutter** requests prayer for wise discernment during the **Constituency Leaders Council** (CLC) meetings taking place in Hesston, KS on February 28 – March 2
- For **Earl Frankenfield** as he battle pneumonia
- For **Ron Souder** who had successful mitral valve repair surgery.
- For **Beth & Jerry Yoder**, as Beth is almost fully recovered from Hepatitis A, while Jerry continues at home resting and consulting with doctors as he recovers from the same
- For the **United Methodist Church** and for the healing of divisions

Birthday Blessings...

to **David Meyers**, who turns 81 on March 3rd.

Youth Auction & Fellowship Meal

- April 6 - Enneagram Training Sessions with Joe & Angela Hackman
- April 28 – Dock Mennonite Academy Touring Choir Visit
- 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

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.

Update: Two matches have been offered for the My Coins Count Collection, so every donation will increase two times! 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>

Michael J. (MJ) Sharp, a 2005 graduate of EMU, dedicated his life to the pursuit of peace and justice in the world, especially in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) - a place he called "paradise, the most beautiful place on earth." In 2017, he and his colleague, Zaida Catalan, were ambushed and murdered on a peacekeeping mission with the United Nations in the DRC.

On the second anniversary of his death, 11 hikers (including MJ's father, John) plan to spread his ashes at the top of Kilimanjaro. They climb not only to fulfill MJ's dream of reaching the top, but to bring awareness of the need for peaceable intervention in the DRC, and to raise funds for **the Michael J. Sharp Peace & Justice Endowed Scholarship** at EMU's Center for Justice & Peacebuilding. This scholarship is designed for citizens of the DRC to study the conflict transformation, restorative justice, and peacebuilding skills needed bring lasting change to the Congo, thus carrying on MJ's legacy long after his death.

You can help! A gift of any size can be sent to EMU at 1200 Park Rd, Harrisonburg, VA 22802 or online at emu.edu/dream-hike. Pledge forms are also available. If you have questions on how best to give a gift, please don't hesitate to call 800-368-3383 and ask for Braydon Hoover.

News & Notes

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.

Want to donate an item to the Salford Youth Auction on March 23? Fill out the yellow form at the welcome center or email Pastor Maria at hoslerbylerm@salfordmc.org. If you want to donate a meal or experience certificate, you can fill out this form <https://goo.gl/forms/bkvAxNpNdfViqMTS2> by March 10th.

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 March 3rd. 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.**

Mennonite Church USA News

Lent begins this Wednesday, and the "Blessed Hunger, Holy Feast" downloadable at-home guide begins with activities to prepare on March 5 for Shrove or Pancake Tuesday. Select the activities that work best for you throughout Lent at mennoniteusa.org/lent2019.

In a new "[Learn, Pray, Join](#)" initiative running through April, MC USA will highlight the work of planting peace churches taking place in collaboration with Mennonite Mission Network, an MC USA agency. Visit mennoniteusa.org/news/mennonite-church-usa-to-focus-on-planting-new-peace-churches to learn more.

Pray for Ohio Conference as they meet for their Annual Conference Assembly, March 8-9, in Kidron, Ohio.

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.

It is the season for plays and musicals!

- **Ciana Bergey** is in Sherlock Holmes: The Baker Street Irregulars at DCP Theatre March 1-10
- **Ava Miller** is in The Music Man at Dock Middle School March 1-2
- **Eli Alderfer** is backstage in The Music Man as Tech Team Leader
- **Cali Benner** is running sound in the Indian Crest musical Adventures of a Comic Book Artist Feb. 21-23

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

Beyond Salford

EDC-FMC Youth and Young Adults (high school through age 25) are invited for a day of friendly competition at our conference-wide **Volleyball Tournament** on Sunday, March 3 from 1:00 to 8:00 pm at **Camp Men-O-Lan**. Teams must be co-ed, and the cost is \$50 per team. To register, contact Beth Friesen by February 28 at drw.beth@gmail.com or 215-804-5838 (voice or text).

Does God care how you invest? **Everence** will host a special presentation on **mindful investment** by Mark Regier, Everence Vice President of Stewardship Investing, on Tuesday, March 5, 7:00 pm at Franconia Mennonite Church. RSVPs

are appreciated but not required. Contact Patti Freed at 215-703-0111 or patti.freed@everence.com for more information or to reserve your spot.

Quakertown Christian School will hold **Open House** for grades K-12 on Thursday, March 7 and Thursday, March 21 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. Come and see what QCS has to offer! Their ongoing mission continues to equip students to be leaders through an exceptional education within a culture emphasizing Christ-like love, peacemaking, and service. Variable tuition is available. For more information, call 215-536-6970, Ext. 508 or email info@quakertownchristian.org.

The **Grief Share Support Group** is resuming at **Zion Mennonite Church**. This 13-week session will be held March 7 through May 30, and meetings are every Thursday afternoon, 1:00 to 2:30 pm. This support group is for people who are grieving the death of someone close to them. Please call Marcia at 215-723-9111 for more information.

You are invited to the [Perkasie Patchwork Coffeehouse](#) on March 16, as they welcome [Seamus Kelleher](#), with edge-of-your-seat virtuoso playing, comedy, storytelling, and a brilliant collection of original and unique material. Opening the evening is Lynn and Tony Hughes, a little folk, a little country and a lot of Celtic. Doors open at 7:00 pm with performances at 7:30. Visit PerkMenno.net to learn more.

Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship (MHF) announces the 2019 Student Essay Project held in conjunction with their Annual Gathering 2019 under the theme, "Well-being for All." Any student in a program relating to health (physical, mental, or spiritual) at the undergraduate or graduate level who supports the mission of MHF is eligible. Essays are due to info@mennohealth.org by March 31, 2019. For complete details, visit www.mennohealth.org/essays/.

Bally Mennonite Church will be serving a **pancake breakfast** (including pancakes, French toast, eggs, sausage, scrapple, OJ, tea, & coffee) on Saturday, April 6 from 7:00 to 10:30 am. The cost is a donation, and proceeds will benefit the Bally Community Center. For more information, please call the church office at 610-845-7780 or visit www.ballymc.org.