

Week March 8, 2020

Sunday, March 8

9:00 a.m. Worship

Associate Pastor Beth Yoder will preach on John 3:1-17; *Born of the Spirit*

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

For Your Prayers List

- **Marian Alderfer**, Salford Mennonite Church
- **Kass Landis**, Souderton Mennonite Homes
- **Salford Mennonite Child Care Center**

Sunday, March 1

Offering

\$5,393

ACH Electronic

Offering

\$5,347

Kiosk Offering

\$1,091

Total Offering

\$11,831

Future Salford Events

- March 21 – MYF Auction and Fundraiser Meal
- May 3 - Spring Communion
- May 4 – Spring Communion at Souderton Mennonite Homes
- May 31 – Dock Touring Choir Performance, 7:00 p.m.
- June 21 – 25 – Peace Camp at

Update from Church Board

Over the past several weeks, the board and pastoral search committee have been working to complete the necessary background and informational documents about Salford that will be provided to potential candidates. We look forward to that work being finished shortly. The board has also been working at discerning just what is needed not only during this interim time, as our search for an interim pastor remains with that position unfilled, but also for the long-term lead pastor as we look ahead to the next phase of our congregational life. In the meantime, we are grateful that Beth Yoder has increased her time commitment from 75% to 90% employment as we continue to clarify what her role will include during this time. We are also aware of the increased workloads that remain for both Beth and Maria, so we continue to identify additional pastoral needs and seek additional pastoral coverage for this interim period.

At times it can feel as though this work drags on, but this is a rich and important period that we do not want to rush. We have work to do in this interim in keeping our calling clear and letting the vision work begun last summer take root and strengthen within each of us. This vision grew from the work of a Vision Team assembled by Joe Hackman and facilitated by Jared Byas. The vision was affirmed by the congregation in various ways last fall and is now, during this time of preparation for our next long-term lead pastor, being well tended and carried forward by Beth and Maria, as affirmed by the board.

We encourage and covet your continued prayer for our leadership team, the church board, the pastoral search committee, as well as our entire church community that we might be faithful to seek and follow God's will as our work continues.

March-April Preaching/Worship Schedule

Lent: March 1 – 29

March 1

Maria Hosler Byler

March 8

Beth Yoder

March 15

Steve Kriss

March 22

Kerry Hasler-Brooks

March 29

Beth Yoder

April 5 – Palm Sunday

Michael King

April 12 – Easter

Beth Yoder

April 19 – 2nd Sunday of Easter

Maria Hosler Byler

April 26

Mary Nitzsche

May 3 – Communion

Steve Kriss

This Week at Salford

Tuesday, March 10

7:00 p.m. Child Care Ministry Team Meeting (Friendship Room)

Wednesday, March 11

6:30 p.m. Kids Club (Gathering Room)

7:00 p.m. Youth Night (Friendship Room/Schoolhouse)

Salford

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

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

Sunday, March 15

9:00 a.m. Worship

Preaching: Steve Kriss

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

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

- For **Adam and Emily Messner and family** as testing continues and they await a clear diagnosis for Adam
- For **Lorraine Landis** for strength in the face of increasing tiredness even as she hopes to be discharged from the hospital and return to her room at SMH
- For **Bob and Marianne Landis** praying for healing and strength for Bob and for direction in how to keep moving forward; for continued hope and positive outlook for both
- For **Linford and Rhoda Landis** in this time of Linnie's being diagnosed with both hearing loss and macular degeneration

This week all congregations in Eastern District & Franconia Conference are praying for **Swamp Mennonite Church**. Please pray that they would be faithful in the little things of daily life, for elastic edges as they reach out to their neighbors, and for creative collaboration with the Church(es) of Quakertown as they work together for God's kingdom. To read more about Swamp, go to mennoniteconference.org/profiles.

Anniversary Blessings...

To **Don & Jean Detweiler** who celebrates Their 62nd anniversary on March 15th.

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 everyone for the generous donation of 120 hygiene kits to benefit the work of Mennonite Central Committee.

The Goods from Gift Discernment

Are you interested in joining a Ministry Team? Need more information? Not sure what to expect? Please call or text **Vince Causerano** at 215-920-1215 or via email at vcauserano@gmail.com.

Currently, the following teams have an immediate need:

- Men's Interest Group
- Children's Club Ministry Team
- Gifts Discernment Ministry Team
- Prayer Shawl Ministry Team
- Finance Ministry Team
- Thrift Shop Ministry Team

MINISTRY TEAM SPOTLIGHT:	Thrift Shop Ministry
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WHO:	We need of several people to serve as volunteers at the Care and Share Thrift Shop.
WHEN:	The 4th Friday of every month
TIMES:	The morning shift serves from 9:00 am to 1:00-1:30 pm
	The afternoon shift is from 1:00 - 5-5:30 pm.
WHAT:	Salford is responsible to provide volunteers to work in the clothing department. We help with hanging up the clothing in the various sections, fill the shoe racks, monitor the jewelry and the dressing room and straighten the displays. Several volunteers check out and bag purchases.
WHY:	This work helps to recycle clothing that might otherwise end up in landfills, provides low cost clothing for many people and then the money earned by MCC is used to support people around the world, a very worthwhile use of our time. Please consider joining us in this important work.

Please reach out to Vince Causerano or Jan Landis if you have interest.

Ministry teams are always looking for people who want to be involved, even if the team is officially “full”. So if you have interest in any of the teams, please don’t hesitate to express interest. If you are not sure what teams are available, reach out to Vince.

Salford children will continue collecting coins year-round to support My Coins Count for Mennonite Central Committee. Please bring spare change each week and hand it to any Salford elementary age child to collect during second hour. They are filling as many mason jars as they can! The funds will support MCC’s work for food, water, and education around the world. Read about MCC at mcc.org. Thanks for helping the children of Salford make a difference in the world.

News & Notes

It’s time again to **renew our group subscription to The Mennonite**. The renewal subscription form has been placed in church mailboxes and at the welcome center, along with information on the upcoming The Mennonite and Mennonite World Review merger and how this will affect subscriptions. Everyone who wants to renew their subscription through the Salford group subscription must return the renewal form to the church office by March 29th, 2020.

Join us for a **Spring Art Gallery Opening** on Sunday March 8th in the Pastor’s Hallway featuring youth from Salford. Stop by after the service to meet the artists and see their work. We’ll make sure you aren’t late for Second Hour Class!

From Justice & Peace Ministry Team: On Sunday, March 15 5-7pm there will be a Sanctuary Fundraising Dinner at Germantown Mennonite Church (21 W. Washington Ln, Philadelphia) for Carmela Hernandez and Suyapa Reyes, and their children. There will be homemade Mexican and Honduran foods.

\$15+ donation suggested. Thank you to all that have supported her. We are beginning to see some movement and acknowledgment by legislators.

The family ministry service opportunity on March 8th has been postponed to the fall. Our hope is that one Sunday this fall, people of all ages can work together on a project for the MCC Material Resource Center that we can do in our own

church building during our second hour time. The next opportunity will be posted when a date is chosen.

Better Angels Red/Blue Workshop: On Saturday, April 18, 2020, 9:30 am - 4:30 pm, Salford Mennonite Church will be hosting a Red/Blue Workshop sponsored by Better Angels and led by two trained Better Angels moderators. This is a workshop bringing together about 5-7 right-leaning citizens and 5-7 left-leaning citizens for a day of structured conversations (and a free lunch!). The focus will be on listening and reflecting rather than debating and persuading. The only requirement is a willingness to listen to the other side and a desire to engage in respectful conversation. If you are interested in participating, observing, or just want to find out more, contact either the Blue Organizer, Mark Heise (484-687-0840, markheise5@gmail.com) or the Red Organizer, Tim Weaver (215-350-0758, whoistimw@gmail.com).

We are offering **valet parking service** for those who need it during the winter months. Blaine Bergey will be our valet parking person for March 8th. 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 service, we will announce any cancellation or change of service time on our website and by email. You may also contact Church Administrator Brad Alderfer by cell phone at (215) 272-6724 if you have any questions about possible weather related closures.

Youth and Young Adult Spotlight

The Salford Youth Auction will take place on Saturday, March 21. This Sunday, March 1st is the first day to bring your auction items! View the items for auction in the foyer, and if you would like to donate an item please add it to the sheet at the welcome center. Visit salfordmc.org or contact Pastor Maria for more information.

March 7, April 22, May 5 and 6: Mental Health First Aid training

Do you know how to help? Become a board-certified Mental Health First Aider. Mental Health First Aid is a public education program designed to teach everyday citizens the skills to help another person who is struggling with a mental health concern or crisis. Participants will:

- Learn risk factors, warning signs and the impact of mental health concerns
 - Practice the Mental Health First Aid action plan
 - Learn local resources for mental health and substance use treatment
 - Receive a comprehensive, user-friendly 138-page manual & certification
- More information and links to register for this FREE training on the accompanying flyer.

March 23: "Service and Gap Year" 7-8:30 pm at Souderton Mennonite Church: Parent and Youth Forum put on the Eastern District and Franconia Conference. Time will include information on what/why service as an option after high school and include a panel as well as booths from different service and gap year organizations.

Mennonite Church USA News

What makes an **Anabaptist Mennonite education** unique – and how does it impact the future of our congregations and communities? More than 350 educators gathered to address these questions at the recent **2020 Mennonite Educators Conference** in Virginia. Read more:

<http://mennoniteusa.org/news/2020-mennonite-educators-conference/>

Read about **Wild Church**, an ecclesial experiment in Fresno, California, founded by Katerina Friesen, that challenges us to **widen the communion table** to include all of God's creation – human and non-human alike.

<http://mennoniteusa.org/wildchurch>

Beyond Salford

Peaceful Living will hold a presentation on **Special Needs Trusts**, where Univest experts will share advice and advantages on topics including pros and cons of Special Needs Trusts, providing for a loved one's future while also securing your own, and how to start and fund a Special Needs Trust. This event will be held March 12, 6:30 to 8:00 pm; register at tinyurl.com/SpecialTrusts or contact Laura Housley with any questions: 610-287-1200 ext. 1000 or lhousley@peacefulliving.org.

Dock presents **Frozen, Jr.**, an enchanting modern musical classic with a cast of beloved characters loaded with magic, adventure, and plenty of humor. Frozen Jr. is sure to thaw even the coldest heart! Shows will take place on March 13 & 14 at Dock's EC to Grade 8 campus. For tickets, [CLICK HERE](#) or visit www.dock.org.

Discover **Dock Mennonite Academy's Early Childhood to Grade 8 Open House** on Saturday, March 14, 12:30 to 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. For more information, email admissions@dock.org or visit dock.org.

Line Lexington Mennonite Church is inviting all Eastern District & Franconia Conference churches to an **Old Fashioned Hymn Sing** on Sunday, March 15 at 6:00 pm. This is a free event and refreshments will be served afterwards.

The Mennonite Heritage Center collects and preserves photos, documents and artifacts that tell the story of Mennonites in eastern Pennsylvania. Please contact archivist Forrest Moyer at moyerf@mhep.org or 215-256-3020 ext.118 if you have documents from your family or records from your local congregation that should be preserved for future generations.

Quakertown Christian School is more than what happens in a classroom, it's a place to be nurtured and grow, to be valued and accepted, to make meaningful friendships, to be part of a community – to belong! Offering accredited Christ-Centered academics in grades K-12, small class sizes and dedicated teachers, you can visit their campus on Thursday, March 19, 5:00 to 7:00 pm, to learn more. For more information, email admissions@quakertownchristian.org, call 215-536-6970 x508 or visit quakertownchristian.org.

You are invited to the [Perkasie Patchwork Coffeehouse](#) on March 21 when they feature **Seasons Family Band**: five siblings who create a fusion of Celtic and roots music on harp, hammered dulcimer, mandolin, fiddle, & voices. Opening the evening is Brush Brothers. Doors open at 7:00 pm with performances at 7:30. To learn more visit PerkMenno.net.

Calling all men: come experience spiritual freedom and encouragement by attending **Men's Encounter**, being held April 3 to 5. For more info and registration, visit www.mensencounterpa.org. If you have questions, contact Charlie Ness –

charlie@mensencounterpa.org or 215-896-8830.

Blooming Glen Mennonite Church invites your family to an **Easter Celebration and free Egg Hunt**, April 4, rain or shine, from 9:00 to 11:00 am. Bring your basket and join them for a story, crafts, breakfast snacks and the egg hunt. For information call 215-257-3431 or visit www.bgmc.net.

A Lenten song service, *Pathways, Passion and Promise*, will be held at **Blooming Glen Mennonite Church** on April 5 at 6:30 pm. The service will feature the Adult and Junior Choirs and congregational singing under the direction of Michael Bishop, Pastor of Worship and Music. For more information call 215-257-3431 or visit www.bgmc.net.