

Week of May 19, 2019

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## Sunday, May 19

### 9:00 a.m. Worship

Luke 2:25-35;  
*Mary...And a Sword  
Will Pierce Your Heart  
Too*

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

**Maribeth Benner** and  
**Brad Alderfer** will be  
presenting an elective  
Second Hour class on  
the challenge of climate  
change in the  
Fellowship Hall. Sr.  
and Jr. MYF,  
#Sundayschool class  
and Connections Class  
will be attending. Other  
interested adults are  
invited to attend.

**Jim & Kendra  
Rittenhouse** and the  
**Gospel Herald Class**  
will be hosting **Paulus  
and Sumatha  
Thalathoti** with Peace  
Proclamation Ministries  
for conversation and  
questions on this  
ministry in India. This  
class will meet in the  
Gathering Room and  
other interested adults  
are invited to attend.

### For Your Prayers List

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

## Peace Camp 2019

**Peace Camp** is coming! Peace Camp will be held June 23-27 (Sunday – Thursday), 2019, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. (dinner included). Registration for Peace Camp for children completing Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade has begun; please see our website to register, [www.salfordmc.org](http://www.salfordmc.org). For more information, and to sign-up to volunteer at Peace Camp, please see the insert in the bulletin.

## Mennonite Education Plan Covenant

Mennonite Education Plan Covenants for the 2019/2020 school year have been placed in church mailboxes. If you are planning to send your children to Dock Mennonite Academy or Quakertown Christian School, please complete and return the covenant to the church office by May 26, 2019. If you have question about Mennonite Education Plan participation, please contact **Ron Freed**, Chair, Mennonite Education Plan Ministry Team, **Jim Rittenhouse** or **Meredith Ehst**.

## This Week at Salford

### Wednesday, May 22

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

5:30 p.m. MCC MRC Family Night (MCC MRC of Harleysville)

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

### Sunday, May 26

9:00 a.m. Worship

Preaching: Maria Hosler Byler

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

## Our Church Family

### Prayer Concerns

- For **Glen Martin** for continued strength and healing
- For **young adults** and the **families of young adults** who struggle with mental health issues
- For **parents** as they help their kids grow in faith

### Birthday Blessings...

To **Janet Yoder**, who celebrates her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 25<sup>th</sup>.

### Anniversary Blessings...

To **Jim & Gail Alderfer**, who celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on May 24<sup>th</sup>. And to **John & Roma Ruth**, who celebrate their 68<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on May 26<sup>th</sup>. And to **Earl & Ruth Alderfer**, who celebrate their 63<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary on May 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Dear Salford Congregation**, We are so grateful for all the love and support we have been shown through prayers, meals, phone calls and visits, while Saralyn and

- **Joy Sutter,**  
Moderator Elect for  
MCUSA

### **Sunday, May 12**

Offering  
\$6,768  
ACH                      Electronic  
Offering  
\$1,895  
Kiosk Offering  
\$1,118  
**Total Offering**  
**\$9,781**

### **Future Salford Events**

- June 1 – Spring  
Workday
- June 23-27 - Peace  
Camp
- June 29 – Square  
Dance with Renew  
Community, 6:30  
p.m.
- August 18 –  
Outdoor Worship in  
the Grove and  
Fellowship Picnic

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](mailto:alderferb@salfordmc.org)  
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Jon have dealt with the uncertainty of this past year and a half with Saralyn's cancer Journey. Her last two scans have been clear of any cancer and she anticipates having another reconstructive surgery in June or July.

Thank you for your continued prayers as we trust in God for our futures and give thanks for all He has done. Sincerely, Sandy & Gail Alderfer and for Jon & Saralyn.

**Reminder: Please contact the office directly or use the prayers cards in the sanctuary to express your prayer concerns to the Pastors.** Pastors do not regularly monitor social media for prayer concerns; do not assume prayer concerns posted on social media will be viewed by the Pastors.

**From Franconia Mennonite Conference:** This week all congregations in Eastern District & Franconia Conference are praying for **Zion Mennonite Church** in Souderton, PA. Zion asks you to pray for youth who will soon be baptized, for their new Associate Pastor of Faith Formation, Jordan Luther, who will join them in June, and that Zion may grow in grace as they follow God's call in their community. To learn more about Zion and their Bean Bag Food Program, go to [franconiaconference.org/profiles](http://franconiaconference.org/profiles).

### **Service & Mission**

**Donation of the Month for May** – Canned beans – baked, black, kidney, chickpeas, etc.

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

Hello! Our **Service Night at the MCC Material Resource Center** is coming up on Wednesday, May 22nd! We will meet at 5:30 for a quick pizza dinner and then serve together until 7:30. There are various projects from sorting in the warehouse to helping with quilting. You can join us for the entire time or as long as you can. We will have families with elementary-aged children and YOU! We have 8 spaces for anyone over the age of 5 - please join us to serve together and maybe get to know a few folks you don't know so well.

Please contact me to register or with questions. Feel free to call 215.237.7367 or email me at [bkbergey@gmail.com](mailto:bkbergey@gmail.com). Hope to see you there!

### **Garden Update, 5/16/19:**

Greetings fellow gardeners, another week but still no extended dry weather. This past Sunday, Monday and Tuesday saw over 1 3/4 inches of rain fall on the garden. The lower end is still way to wet to work on. We need a week of sunshine and no rain before we can even think about working that end of the garden. We have plants ready but they will just have to wait. I am looking at the long range forecast every day trying to see a break in the rain. As soon as we have the right conditions, I will try to get the rows in so we can plant, but until then we wait.

This past Saturday we thinned all of our red beets and carrots, giving them a good amount of shoulder room to grow. We also planted our winter squash in starter flats and placed them in our cold frame. The peas are starting to climb the fence but it is a slow process. The other year I was certain we would not have any peas to pick but then in 2 weeks the plants grew over 4 feet and was I surprised! They seem to have mind of their own.

This week I plan on hilling the potatoes, they are about 10 inches tall and looking great. I was able to build 2 more raised beds and place them at the very bottom of the garden. This will be our new flower beds. As soon as I have them filled with soil, we can start to plant flowers for the season.

Thank you to everyone who works each week in the garden, your help does not go unnoticed or unappreciated. Steve

### **News & Notes**

**Derek & Amy Godshall** are on a visit from Burkina Faso, West Africa, traveling in the US for the next month. They will share about their work during worship on May 19<sup>th</sup>. You can read more about their life and work at [godshallsinburkina.blogspot.com](http://godshallsinburkina.blogspot.com). If you would like to hear more, there will be a dinner at Dean and Julie Wimmer's house on Tuesday May 21<sup>st</sup> at 6pm. RSVP to Julie at [jwimmer829@gmail.com](mailto:jwimmer829@gmail.com) by Sunday night to join.

**Paulus and Sumatha Thalathoti** from the Plains congregation will be joining **Jim and Kendra Rittenhouse** and the Gospel Herald class in the Gathering Room for a Second Hour presentation of their work in India, this Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>.

It will be an informative time in which we are planning to introduce Paulus and Sumatha, and explain how they got into the work that is now **Peace Proclamation Ministries (International)**.

We will show pictures and answer any number of the following questions:

- What churches, pastors, and villages are in the PPM network?
- Where are they located?
- What is the criteria to be accepted into the PPM?
- What does the culture and daily life look like?
- What are the political affects on Christians?
- What are the impacts of environmental change?
- What is the summer PPM conference? - Who has participated? What is the teaching focus? What about the women (pastors' wives)?
- What is the purpose of the winter PPMI trip? - What is it?
- How have the people and churches benefited from PPMI involvement?
- What new things are are being worked on to benefit life in Indian villages?

**Join Us!** Planning is underway for the **2019-2020 Children's Sunday School year**. We are in need of teachers and helpers for ages 2 through 5th grade. Each grade is assigned a teaching team who alternate teaching every other month and there is no SS for the months of July and August. Please see Ashley Miller if you are interested in helping in this way.

The Church office was recently updated on the **Souderton School District "Big Red Picnic" program**. There are currently 1,500 children in the district who qualify for free and reduced lunches during the school year. During the summer, these students often go without regular meals. The Big Red Picnic program will provide lunches three times a week for the summer months for these students, but the program needs funding. Salford will donate \$120 to the program, which will feed one student for the summer. If you would like to donate to program individually make your check payable to: SASD (memo line: Big Red Picnic), and mail your check to "Big Red Picnic" Program, c/o Souderton Area School District, 760 Lower Rd., Souderton, PA 18964. Volunteers are also needed for the program. Contact the church office if you would like to volunteer for this need.

**Joe Hackman will be attending the Festival of Homiletics in Minneapolis May 13-17.** From the Festival's website: *The Festival of Homiletics is a weeklong conference that brings together a wide variety of outstanding preachers and professors of Homiletics to inspire a discourse about preaching, worship and culture. Our goal is to engage theologically the practices of preaching and worship, as well as issues related to congregations in the 21st century. Individual preachers*

*are invited to consider various styles and methodologies of preaching in the hopes that they will renew their faith and refresh their spirits through engaging worship, lectures and workshops. Throughout the week we aim to inspire preachers in their roles of proclaiming the gospel.*

On **Saturday June 29<sup>th</sup>** come to a **square dance in the fellowship hall**, co-hosted by Salford and The Renew Community, **6:30-9pm**. This will be family friendly and beginners are welcome! The live band will include Christy Gross and others you may know. The square dance is free, with donations accepted for the band.

The **Trustees** have scheduled **spring workday** for June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. The focus will be cleanup of the flowerbeds, shrubbery trimming and spreading wood chips on the playground. Please bring rakes, shovels and wheelbarrows if you have them.

The **Salford church library** will be closed on Sunday, May 26 (Memorial Day weekend). Any items needing to be returned can be put in the Library drop box.

**Sunday, May 26** (10:30-11:30) – **Joel Alderfer** will present an elective Second Hour program, in the Gathering Room (2<sup>nd</sup> floor), titled ***Difficult Choices: Stories of Mennonite Soldiers and "CO's" in World War I***. Using images, stories, and anecdotes, Joel will describe a group of young men from the Salford Congregation who served as soldiers or conscientious objectors a century ago, during World War I. Why might some of these boys, raised in a peace church congregation, have accepted military service? What do we know about their war-time experiences and what happened to them after they returned home? What about those who were drafted but entered service as conscientious objectors? I'll tell a couple of their stories, and the dilemmas and difficulties *they* faced. An appropriate program for the Sunday before Memorial Day. Hosted by the Gospel Herald class.

A **fundraising meal to support the opening of the Museum of the Palestinian People** sponsored by the Salford Justice & Peace ministry team will be held in the Salford Fellowship Hall on June 1, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. Come experience an authentic Palestinian meal and hear from Bshara Nassar, founder and director of the Museum of the Palestinian People in Washington D.C. Bshara will be telling his story of growing up in Palestine, working for justice and peace, and his vision and dreams for the new museum. There is a \$20.00 registration fee for each individual and additional donations to the museum are welcome. All proceeds from this event will go towards the Museum of the Palestinian People. Register for the event by Monday, May 27 by going to the following link: <https://forms.gle/nG6qHD9iszGjGUjh8> Contact Michael George at [georgeme55@hotmail.com](mailto:georgeme55@hotmail.com) with any questions.

The **nursery** is a busy place on Sunday mornings, and we need more volunteers to make it work. Please consider if you can be available a few times per year for this important job, and contact Sarah McInnes ([smcinnnes@pa.gov](mailto:smcinnnes@pa.gov)) if you are willing.

**Maribeth Benner** and **Brad Alderfer** are planning a three-session Second Hour class on the concern of **climate change**. The Senior and Junior High Youth and #Sundayschool class will be part of this class, and other interested adults are invited to join in the Fellowship Hall on May 5, 12 and 19. This three part class will focus on the challenge we face with climate change, hopeful action occurring around the world, and what actions we can take as individuals and as a society to face this challenge. We encourage everyone to be a part of this important conversation.

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 entranceway 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.

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.

## Youth and Young Adult News

- Congratulations to **Emily Derstine** on her recent graduation from Elizabethtown College. Emily has started a new venture [innovativeharmoniesstudio.com](http://innovativeharmoniesstudio.com) and is offering violin and viola lessons to those interested in the Souderton area. Contact Emily at [emily@innovativeharmoniesstudio.com](mailto:emily@innovativeharmoniesstudio.com) for more information or to inquire about lessons.
- **Lukah Zehr** will be presenting his Dock Mennonite Academy senior speech on June 3 at 6:00 p.m. **Micah Zehr** will be presenting his senior speech on June 3 at 6:30 p.m.
- **Quentin Heise** will be graduating from Owen J. Roberts High School on June 7
- **Micah** and **Lukah Zehr** will be graduating from Dock Mennonite Academy on June 8
- **Conrad Nyce** will be graduating from Souderton Area High School on June 10
- **Emily Bergey** will be serving in Japan with Mennonite Mission Network from the beginning of May to the end of June.
- Artwork by Salford 6th graders **Ava Miller** and **Lela Martin** will be featured at the 20th Intergenerational Art Show of Dock Mennonite Academy. Artwork by adults in the students' families will be on display as well. There will be a reception on May 7<sup>th</sup> at the Mennonite Heritage Center from 3:30 to 5:00pm. If you can't make it then, stop by sometime between May 7<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>. Gallery hours are Tuesday - Friday, 10 - 5, and Saturday, 10 - 2.

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

## Mennonite Church USA News

**Meet the MennoCon19 worship speakers through video** and hear a bit about what they are preparing for worship at [mennoniteusa.org/speaker-videos](http://mennoniteusa.org/speaker-videos). **There's still time to register to attend MennoCon19** in Kansas City this summer at [convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration](http://convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration).

## Beyond Salford

Enjoy the fun and friendly competition of the **Whack & Roll Croquet Tournament** which benefits local nonprofit organizations and the **Mennonite Heritage Center** on Friday evening, May 31 and Saturday, June 1. Register your two-person team now for the Nonprofit Tournament on Saturday. Youth groups are invited to register for the Survivor Youth Croquet Tournament on Friday evening. For information and to register, visit [www.mhep.org](http://www.mhep.org), email [info@mhep.org](mailto:info@mhep.org), or call 215-256-3020.

**Spring Fest Open House at Spruce Lake** will be held Sunday, June 2, 2:00 to 6:00 pm, rain or shine. Experience all that Spruce Lake has to offer! The event is free, but please preregister at [www.sprucelake.org/events/open-house](http://www.sprucelake.org/events/open-house).

**Healthy Niños** will be hosting its **Annual Golf Outing** on June 7. For additional information or to register online, go their webpage at [healthyninos.org/golf-outing.html](http://healthyninos.org/golf-outing.html). They've also released their spring newsletter; read about their work in Honduras at [healthyninos.org/newsletters.html](http://healthyninos.org/newsletters.html). They appreciate your support as they reach the poor, rural villages of Honduras through community education, medical assistance and a Nutrition Center for malnourished children.