

Week of May 26, 2019

Sunday, May 26

9:00 a.m. Worship

Associate Pastor Maria Hosler Byler will preach on Acts 16:9-15; *Growing Like Weeds*

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

Gospel Herald Class will be hosting Joel Alderfer who will be presenting on *Difficult Choices: Stories of Mennonite Soldiers and "CO's" in World War I*. This class will meet in the Gathering Room and other interested adults are invited to attend.

For Your Prayers List

- **Kass Landis**, Souderton Mennonite Homes
- **Lorraine Landis**, Souderton Mennonite Homes
- **Derek & Amy Godshall**, Mennonite Central Committee, Burkina Faso

Sunday, May 19

Offering \$6,359
ACH Electronic Offering \$1,895
Kiosk Offering \$535
Total Offering



Kid's Club Fun

Kids' Club is a fun time for children in grades 1-5 to meet together for activities and learning. Kids' Club meets once a month, in October through May, for Bible stories, service, crafts, games, and snacks. This year's topic was "Children in the Bible" and included four Old Testament and four New Testament children. Stories from the Children's Bible, *Shine*, and other books allowed kids to explore a variety of themes. We played Upset the Fruit Basket and Pictionary, and kids also learned to play Mancala and Dutch Blitz and had loads of fun. Crafts included using recycled Christmas cards for "Merry Christmas ABCs" books and other seasonal crafts. Each month, kids threaded 20 drawstring bags to carry health and school kits for Mennonite Central Committee to send to those in need. (That's 160 bags, or 320 strings, completed by kids in grades 1-5!) The 2018-19 Kids' Club was a great year of fun and learning. In October 2019 Kids' Club will be starting a new unit called "Names for Jesus." Led by Melissa Heise and assisted by Debbie Freed and Mark Heise, Kids' Club is a great opportunity to make friends, have fun, and learn about God's love for all of creation, especially kids!

Any questions about Kids' Club? Feel free to contact Melissa Heise: mheise@eastern.edu

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 5th grade has begun; please see our

\$8,789

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

website to register, 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**.

A Note from Beth Yoder

I am very happy to be getting re-situated in my work and role here at Salford. It was so good to begin the process of reconnecting this past Sunday, and I look forward to catching up with many of you – hearing your stories, listening to what has been happening in your lives and faith journeys – in the weeks and months ahead. Thank you so much for the care you extended to Jerry and me during our months away and for the expressions of welcome, concern and commiserations given just this past Sunday, as well. We are healthy again (with a literal footnote to add on Jerry's side of things, as he continues to try to get some ongoing foot and leg/hip pain resolved). As do many of you, we have a long-standing tradition on Memorial Day weekend – ours involves gathering with a group of 5 couples who have gotten together at Laurelville Retreat Center for over 25 years – and we will be keeping that tradition this Sunday, May 26. I look forward to sharing reflections about my sabbatical time in the sermon on Sunday, June 2. And to conversations with many of you as I again pick up my work in worship and pastoral care. It is good to be back!

This Week at Salford

Monday, May 27

Church and Child Care Offices Closed for Memorial Day

Wednesday, May 29

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

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

Saturday, June 1

8:00 a.m. Salford Spring Workday

5:30 p.m. Justice & Peace Palestinian Museum Fundraiser Dinner (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, June 2

9:00 a.m. Worship

Preaching: Beth Yoder

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

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

- For **Pat Gorman** as he recovers at home following hospitalization and surgery for concerns with his heart function
- For **Glenn and Rose Martin** as they travel back to Pennsylvania and as Glenn continues the journey of recovery following his heart attack and open-heart surgery earlier this year.
- For **those who are serving as care-givers and for those who need to receive care** in our families and circles of friends

Birthday Blessings...

To **Claude Moyer**, who celebrates his 86th birthday on May 27th, and to **Earl Alderfer**, who celebrates his 84th birthday on May 31st.

Glenn and I wish to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, texts and Facebook comments during Glenn's 3 month long journey: with his recovery from a massive heart attack and subsequent open heart surgery. We are very aware our journey is still not over since Glenn is still walking with a walker but are looking forward to returning to PA this weekend. Thank you again and please keep us in your prayers. **Glenn & Rose Martin**

This week all congregations in Eastern District & Franconia Conference are praying for **Spring Mount Mennonite Church** in Spring Mount, PA. The church asks you to pray for the comforting presence of the Holy Spirit to surround the congregation, as a number of their members are currently struggling with illness, hospitalizations, and the loss of loved ones. Also, as they seek to build relationships in their community, pray that as they meet new people, these may turn into growing friendships. To learn more about Spring Mount, go to franconiaconference.org/category/congregational-profiles/.

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.

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.

News & Notes

Will you pray for the youth as they attend Mennonite Convention 2019 on July 1-6? It's a simple task that will support them as they learn and grow this summer. If you are willing to be a prayer partner for one youth as they participate in this transformative experience, contact **Pastor Maria**.

Thanks to the hosts and guests that participated in the recent **Guess Who's Coming To Dinner** event. Special thanks to the hosts for opening their homes.

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 supply meals for 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.

On **Saturday June 29th** 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 1st, 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 (2nd 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 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) if you are willing.

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 and is offering violin and viola lessons to those interested in the Souderton area. Contact Emily at 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.

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

Mennonite Church USA News

Read Ruben Chupp's reflections on "Seeking Silence" this month on the Menno Snapshots blog at mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/seeking-silence and subscribe to receive MC USA e-publications in your inbox at mennoniteusa.org/publications.

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, email 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.

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. They've also released their spring newsletter; read about their work in

Honduras at 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.