

Week of May 5, 2019

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## Sunday, May 5

### 9:00 a.m. Worship

Associate Pastor Maria Hosler Byler will preach on John 21:1-14; *Meaningful Work, Meaningful Rest*

### 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 issue 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.

### For Your Prayers List

- **Donald Alderfer**, The Community at Rockhill
- **Glenn & Elizabeth Frederick**, Foulkeways
- **Salford Mennonite Child Care Centers**

### Sunday, April 28

Offering  
\$9,427  
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\$1,895  
Kiosk Offering  
\$681  
**Total Offering**

## Spring Communion Sunday, May 5

The congregation will celebrate communion together on May 5. Please be in prayer and reflection as we prepare our hearts and minds for this meal of remembrance and commitment.

We will also have a time of foot washing/hand washing with our time of communion in May. We will have Second Hour classes for children and adults following communion and foot washing/hand washing on May 5

## 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.

## 2019 Monthly Salford Finance Update, as of 4/30/19

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 (see below).

2019 Approved Budget:	<b>\$869,397</b>
2019 Offering and Income needed through 17 weeks:	<b>\$284,226</b>
2019 Offering and income received through 17 weeks:	<b>\$251,379</b>
Average Weekly Offering Needed, 35 weeks remaining:	<b>\$17,658</b>

## This Week at Salford

### Tuesday, May 7

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

### Wednesday, May 8

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

6:30 p.m. Kid's Club (Gathering Room)

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

### Sunday, May 12

9:00 a.m. Worship

Preaching: Joe Hackman

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

## Our Church Family

### Prayer Concerns

- For **Dani Hershberger** with prayers for a smooth recovery from removal of a benign cyst

**\$12,002**

### **Future Salford Events**

- June 23-27 - Peace Camp
- 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)

- For **Glen Martin** with prayer of thankfulness for his return home after eight weeks of recovery from bypass surgery
- For **young adults** and the **families of young adults** who struggle with mental health issues

### **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.

Thank you for 34 boxes of pancake mix and Bisquick and for 27 bottles of syrup to benefit the clients of Keystone Opportunity Center in Souderton. Thanks to the Hilltop Class for counting, packing and loading.

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, 5/2/19**

Greetings fellow gardeners, there was a lot going on in the garden this past week. Last Saturday we put up a 7 foot pea fence. In years past I only put up a 5 or 6 foot fence and the peas grew over the top. This year we will see if a 7 foot fence will be enough. I hope to pick peas with a step ladder! We also planted our concrete block bed with 5 different kinds of radishes. I was able to do the first round of thinning on the red beets, they need room to grow and will need to be thinned again when they start to grow larger bulbs. I was able to contact Galen Knechel from the farm down the street from Salford, he brought up his cultivator and worked up the soil on the lower end of the garden. Next I will have the lower end roto-tilled and then hilled. My goal is to be ready to start planting our summer plants by May 18 and be done by May 31. As always it all depends on the weather, right now the soil is a little wet and could use a few sunny days to dry out enough to work in.

I was able to cover the last 2 rows on the upper end with white plastic. This Saturday we can put down cardboard & straw in the aisles. This will be our winter squash beds.

Thank you to all who work in the garden each week, many hands do make the work go faster!. Steve

### **News & Notes**

#### **Godsall-Myers on the move ...**

Steve & Jean Godsall-Myers have been active (except a 7-month German hiatus in 2017) at Salford since Steve retired from his pastorate at Advent Lutheran. Steve has accepted a call to be the Bridge Pastor at St. John Lutheran Church in Center Square. The current pastor has a new call and is leaving at the end of April. Steve will begin his pastoral duties in the middle of June. Steve will be working with another pastor, an Interim Pastor, who will guide the congregation through an intentional reflection on their ministry and pastoral ministry needs that will lead to a

Mission Profile Statement and prepare the congregation for call a new pastor. Steve will be leading worship, preaching, teaching, making pastoral visits, working with Council and key leaders to plan specific ministries. It will likely be a half-time call and could last through 2019. This means that Steve and Jean will not be regularly attending Salford worship nor Second Hour. Jean may accompany Steve to St. John and may use her 'free' Sundays to worship with family. Both will continue to work in the Salford-Advent Garden. Steve will continue to do his part-time work with Peaceful Living, particularly leading Bible Study for PL residents.

From Steve and Jean: *The request to consider this new call seemed to be a nudge from God to serve the Church and be a good steward of Steve's pastoral talents. We are both so very grateful for the welcome we have received at Salford. You - staff and members - have encouraged us to be involved and yet have graciously allowed us to find our way in our new 'church life'. You have given Steve a pastoral respite, allowing him to take a place in the pew and experience church differently. You have given us a chance to sit together, regularly, in worship - something we have not been able to do since the early years of our marriage. We do not know where this call will take us, how it will shape us - that is certainly true of the past 2 1/2 years at Salford. But we will take you with us as we work in another vineyard in God's kingdom.*

*PS - We love your four-part harmony and may have to find ways to sneak in an occasional listen!*

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.

**Jacqueline and Jon Hoover** will be visiting Salford on May 19th and Jacqueline will be preaching. If you would like to know more about Jacqueline and Jon, Jacqueline's work in building healthy relations between Muslims and Christians, and other activities Jacqueline is involved, please let Allen Kaczor know ([askaczor@verizon.net](mailto:askaczor@verizon.net) or 610.731.5980). There will be time to talk with Jacqueline and Jon over lunch after church on May 19th.

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.

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](mailto:nhaslerbrooks@gmail.com)

Salford **children's ministry** is bursting at the seams! Around 50 children attend

Sunday school each week in the downstairs hallway, plus 20 in the nursery. 15 new kids have begun attending Salford in the past year alone! We need everyone's input to make this scale of children's ministry possible. Please keep these programs in your prayers, and consider how you might be called to be involved. Contact Pastor Maria for more information.

**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 planning a **Guess Who's Coming to Dinner** event for Salford for May 18-19. See the bulletin insert this Sunday for more information and to sign up to participate.

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

- **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**

**In preparation for MennoCon19, we continue to invite you to use the [Pathways study guide](#) to consider how the commitments to follow Jesus, witness to God's peace and experience transformation, are at work in your life and community. Find it at [mennoniteusa.org/pathways](http://mennoniteusa.org/pathways).**

**Check out the latest MennoCon19 newsletter** for info on featured seminar speakers, squads, special events and activities: [mennoniteusa.org/con-letter-april](http://mennoniteusa.org/con-letter-april)

## **Beyond Salford**

**Chain of Life – The Rick Boyle story** is a story of heartbreak and redemption. As a child, he faced the hardship of undiagnosed, severe learning disabilities and agoraphobia. He was assumed to be stupid and lazy. He attempted suicide several times in his teens and beyond. For almost 30 years he smoked up to four packs of cigarettes a day and chose to overeat as a way to try to end his life. An irresistible offer from his brother to bicycle across the United States punctuated by an encounter with God changed everything for Rick. He tells his story with a self-guided bicycle tour in Ireland as a backdrop for this documentary film. Rick is a rather ordinary man with extraordinary resolve to live his life on purpose. The documentary will be shown on Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm at the Sellersville Theater. Contact **Dave Peters** by phone or email for tickets or with questions; 215-892-6857, [globalstory2@gmail.com](mailto:globalstory2@gmail.com)

All are invited to a **hymn sing** hosted by the Mennonite Heritage Center at historic **Frick Meetinghouse**, East Orvilla Road, Hatfield, on Sunday, May 5 at 4:00 pm. Singing will be from the 1927 Church Hymnal (Mennonite) and books will be provided. No registration needed, but an offering will be taken to support the work of the MHC and the preservation of the meetinghouse.

**MCC Material Resource Center** will hold their **Comforter Blitz** on Monday May 6, 9:00 am -7:00 pm. Join them for a few hours or stay all day, and help them replenish Mennonite Central Committee's comforter supply, to be shared with people around the world in need of warm blankets. The MRC also needs volunteers to help in the warehouse working on the baler, Tuesday and Wednesday from 12:00 to 4:00 pm. Call 267-203-8074 for more information.

Join **Everence** for a free **Medicare and Social Security Workshop** on Thursday, May 9, 6:30 pm at Franconia Mennonite Church. You will be guided through the important dates, deadlines and details that you need to know about Medicare and Social Security. RSVP to Leah Ludwig at 215-703-0111 or [souderton@everence.com](mailto:souderton@everence.com) by May 6. Visit [www.everence.com/souderton](http://www.everence.com/souderton) for more info.

oin **Quakertown Christian School** Friday, May 10, and Saturday, May 11, for their **Annual Spring Spectacular!** Friday features include their famous chicken BBQ dinner – eat-in or take-out – strawberry pies, plant, bake sale, FUNdraising

auction along with kid's activities & virtual reality room! On Saturday, Push the Rock will have a disc golf course and they will feature breakfast, lunch, and snack stand, strawberry pies, plant and bake sale, kid's activities, and FUNdraising auction. Visit [quakertownchristian.org](http://quakertownchristian.org) or call 215-536-6970 for details.

You are invited to the [Perkasie Patchwork Coffeehouse](#) on May 18 as they welcome [Tookany Creek](#), fine Philadelphia bluegrass and then some. Opening the evening is [Russ Rentler](#), multi-instrumental folk, Celtic, and blues-inspired tunes interspersed with off-beat humor and wry observations. Doors open at 7:00 pm with performances at 7:30. To learn more, visit [PerkMenno.net](http://PerkMenno.net).

What best equips us to live the life to which God is calling us? Dr. Joe Kotva, a pastor, educator, and speaker will lead a **workshop discussion** about what it means to live well in later stages of life. This event will be held Monday, May 13, 6:30 pm at **Souderton Mennonite Homes**. RSVP to [Margaret.Zook@livingbranches.org](mailto:Margaret.Zook@livingbranches.org) or at [livingbranches.org/events](http://livingbranches.org/events).

**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.