

November 14, 2021

Sunday, November 14, 9:30 am Indoor Worship at Salford and on Facebook and YouTube Live, Lead Pastor Dave Greiser will preach on Philippians 3:7-16a; *Already...not Yet.*

10:45 am Second Hour for all ages All adults are requested to attend the fall congregational business meeting in the sanctuary for Second Hour.

For Your Prayers List

- **Faith Detweiler,** Sunny Crest Home
- **Donald Alderfer,** The Community at Rockhill
- **Elaine Moyer,** Mennonite World Conference

Sunday, November 7

Offering
\$3,333
ACH Electronic
Offering
\$1,965
Vanco Online Offering
\$2,314
**Total Budget Offering
\$7,612**

Future Salford Events

- November 14 – Fall Congregational Business Meeting during Second Hour
- November 15 – Pastor Maria Hosler

Fall Congregational Business Meeting, November 14, 2021

The Salford Church Board has designated that the annual Fall Congregational Business meeting will be held on November 14, 2021. The meeting packet has been placed in church mailboxes and at the Welcome Center and can also be accessed online here:

<http://www.salfordmc.org/2021-congregational-meeting-information.html>

Please bring your packet to the meeting.

The meeting will be held in the sanctuary during Second Hour and all adults are requested to attend. There will also be a Zoom connection option for those participating from home. The Zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84812002046?pwd=Q255cEdUZjYyMTZjUGUxN2pNNDIwQT09>

Passcode: **355600**

If you are participating in the meeting from home, please email Church Administrator Brad Alderfer at alderferb@salfordmc.org with your approval or disapproval of the proposed 2022 church budget.

As part of the agenda for the meeting, there will be a time for questions and answers at during the meeting. **You are invited to submit your questions on anything on your mind about Salford and the Church Board and Pastors will answer as many questions as time permits.** Please submit your questions at this link:

<https://form.jotform.com/212997184683067>

Beth Yoder's Farewell Sunday at Salford, November 21, 2021

November 21 will be **Beth Yoder's** last Sunday in her pastoral role at Salford. On that day, we will celebrate her 11 years with us, say thank you and good-bye, and pray a blessing.

The schedule will include:

- Worship (9:30) with Beth preaching, words of testimony and gratitude, a litany of thanksgiving and release.
- After second hour ends, there will be a time of fellowship outdoors with soup and bread. Fire rings will help to keep us warm.
- During second hour, Beth will be available in the foyer for people to speak with her, especially those who may not be able to stay for the time of outdoor fellowship.

Feel free to bring your own lawn chairs and blankets. (A few chairs will be set up for older people.) In case of inclement weather, we will be under the carport for soup and bread.

Joint Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service with Advent Lutheran

Please mark your calendars for Salford's annual Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Byler's return from Parental Leave

- November 21 - Pastor Beth Yoder's last Sunday at Salford and Retirement Celebration
- November 24 - Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service with Advent Lutheran Church at 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

Service! This year we will be joining again with our friends from Advent Lutheran to celebrate all we have to be thankful for in our congregations. The service will be held at Salford Mennonite Church at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, November 24th. We will be receiving a food offering for Keystone Opportunity Center and a money offering.

The food offering for Keystone Opportunity Center food pantry will help the 250 monthly clients who are food insecure. Keystone requests the following most needed items: **Tuna Fish, Chunky soups, Jelly, pancake mix and syrup, cereal, oatmeal and toilet paper.**

The money offering received will be divided between Salford and Advent Lutheran designated projects. Salford funds will go to **Mennonite Central Committee for food and water relief in Ethiopia**, where civil war and ethnic strife is disrupting food and water supplies for citizens.

This Week at Salford

Tuesday, November 16

7:00 pm Church Board Meeting (Zoom)

Wednesday, November 17

7:30 pm Adult Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

Sunday, November 21

9:30 am Salford Worship Indoors and Streamed on Facebook and YouTube Live

Preaching: Beth Yoder

10:45 am Second Hour for all Ages

11:45 am Outdoor Gathering for lunch with Beth Yoder

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

- For **Dave and Marina Perez Alderfer**, as Dave anticipates surgery this Tuesday.
- For **Donna Barndt**, who had knee replacement surgery on Tuesday and is now home recovering, as her knee heals and the ongoing physical therapy.
- For **Pastor Dave and Anita Greiser**, as they give thanks for a settled home to live in.
- For **the Hosler Byler household**, as Maria transitions back to pastoral work from parental leave, and as Philip and Mateo recover from a Covid infection.
- For **Pastor Beth** and the congregation, in this final week of her serving here as pastor.
- And for the **Salford Church Board**, as they lead in today's congregational meeting, and through these significant transition weeks and months.
- For **the people of Ethiopia**, who are experiencing tribal Civil War between Christians, and for the reconciliation ministry of Meserete Kristos (Mennonite Church) and the MCC country representatives Rebecca and Paul Mosley.

Salford Labyrinth Dedication and Blessing:

Salford now has a grass labyrinth available to the community. You are able to engage this walking form of prayer anytime near the columbarium. *Many thanks to Linda Martin, Wib Zook and George Gaugler for creating it!*

Please plan to stay after the second hour congregational business meeting on Sunday, Nov. 14 for a dedication and blessing of the labyrinth. There will be an opportunity to walk the labyrinth as individuals/families after a short prayer.

A Christmas concert in honor of Hiram Hershey (1926-2020) is planned for 3:00

on Saturday, Dec. 4 at Salford Mennonite Church. For the community to remember his life, Hiram wrote that he wanted a worship service with a hymn sing and a choir singing parts of Handel's Messiah. Rodney Derstine will lead a hymn sing and Ralph Alderfer will conduct portions of Part Two and Three of the Messiah. The singers are from Salford's choir and from the Franconia Lancaster Choral Singers which Hiram founded and conducted for many decades. The orchestra is being assembled by Justin Yoder. Come and invite your neighbors as we join together to celebrate the life of this remarkable musician and faithful Salford member. Vaccination required to attend in person.

Service & Mission

Donation of the Month for November – MANNA ON MAIN STREET, Items needed to help fill their winter baskets are cans of: **French Fried Onions, Cream of Mushroom Soup, Pumpkin, Evaporated Milk, Low salt Corn, Cookie Mix, Mashed Potatoes.**

Manna on Main Street is committed to ending hunger in the North Penn region by providing food, fulfilling social service and education needs, and conducting community outreach. Through a food pantry and soup kitchen, emergency financial aid, counseling and referrals, and education opportunities, we serve those in need with the hope "that everyone might be fed."



Saturday, 11/7/21, was a special day at the Salford Mennonite-Advent Lutheran Church Garden. Steve Blank, garden manager, and Nancy Alderfer, ever faithful volunteer, were awarded a proclamation/resolution by the Pennsylvania Senate, sponsored by Pennsylvania State Senator Bob Mensch.

For the last nine years as Garden manager, Steve has worked tirelessly and given countless hours to the ministry of the garden sponsored by the two neighboring churches. Each year tons of produce is grown and donated to local food pantries, senior centers, half-way houses, and urban congregations. **Congratulations** Steve and Nancy and all the faithful garden volunteers!

Garden update, 11/12/21: Greetings fellow gardeners we are down to the last weekend of work for 2021. This Saturday we will harvest the last of our fall cabbage, pull up the plastic mulch and drip tape, put away our tools, store the picnic tables and call it a year! I will add up all the totals and give my annual report around Thanksgiving. I will be working, the next few weeks chopping up the plants

we pulled plus the leaves that will be picked up from the church grove. All will be mixed together and used as compost next summer. I am already planning next year's garden and hopefully will be building twenty new raised beds.

This past Saturday we celebrated 15 years in the garden. The Garden was recognized by State Senator Bob Mensch with a certificate of congratulation for all the work the volunteers have done to provide good food to those who need it most and the partnership between Advent Lutheran and Salford Mennonite churches. What a great day that was THANK YOU to everyone who helped make this happen, a lot of behind the scenes activity took place to pull this off.

Thank you again for everyone's help with a great 2021 season, as always the garden is a special place but it is the people that make it special. Steve, 215-872-6616 rsblank@verizon.net

Faith Formation Spotlight

Jr. High & Children's Sunday School Now Meeting Indoors. With the cooler weather, these classes will be moved to their indoor classrooms for the winter. Jr. High meets upstairs above the pastors' offices & Sunday school starts in the two singing classrooms downstairs. We hope to see you there!

News & Notes

We are excited to welcome **Maria Hosler Byler** back to her pastoral role on November 15, 2021 after her parental leave has ended. While Maria will return to her pastoral capacity on that day, she will not return to the office until later in November when her family is fully recovered from their covid illness and their quarantine period has ended. Welcome back Maria!

Beth Yoder is in Elkhart, IN, this weekend participating in the initial learning event of a two-year "Transition to Leadership" program in which she will be serving as a mentor for a pastor who is in the early stages of pastoral ministry. Beth will return on Monday.

Please take a moment to review the **lost and found items and coats** from the coat closet on the table in the main foyer. We have accumulated many items over the past year and want to organize the coat closet. The items will be available for the next two weeks and then remaining items will be taken to the Thrift Store.

The Reopening task force met on Tuesday evening, 9/28/21. After reviewing current conditions and current guidance from the CDC, state and county, **we continue to recommend that all participants wear a mask indoors and outdoors when participating at Salford.** We are thankful for each person's willingness to care for others by getting vaccinated and wearing masks.

Mennonite Church USA News

Three pastors from across the denomination share their experiences with **intergenerational worship** in this recent Mennonite Church USA Faith Formation roundtable discussion. Watch the recorded webinar here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/ff-intergenerational>

As part of the Mennonite Church USA and MennoMedia's Common Read initiative, **Sara Wenger-Shenk discussed her book "Tongue-Tied,"** in which she investigates the reasons why people who claim the name of Christ are so reluctant to talk about him. Watch and share the webinar recording here:

mennoniteusa.org/commonread-webinar

Lane Miller laments the systems that benefit some and leave others in poverty in his prayer, “The cost of poverty,” which is part of **Mennonite Church USA’s “Learn, Pray, Join” initiative**. Join him in praying that we can achieve a different way of seeing and being, so that poverty can be vanquished. www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/the-cost-of-poverty/

Poverty is present in our communities, even when it’s hidden. In their blog, “Poverty in Harvey County, Kansas,” **Hesston College’s Del and Michele Hershberger** share how under-employment, natural disasters and depopulation have caused people in their community to struggle silently with poverty, often leaving those around them oblivious to their financial difficulties. Read more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/poverty-harvey-county>.

Beyond Salford

You are invited to Perkasio Mennonite Church’s [Patchwork Coffeehouse](#) YouTube [virtual concert](#) on November 20, with Bellasyva String Collective, The Dulcimer Boys and Full Circle. The concert will benefit Afghan Refugee Resettlement. Donations are welcome!

Penn Foundation presents **Grief is a Dancer** – a community-wide event presented in word, music, and dance – being held December 2 at 7:00 pm at LCBC Church, Harleystown. Join them for this powerful event with author Alisa Bair and dancers Gregg and Susan Hurley and learn how to acknowledge grief during this difficult time. Advanced registration required. See the COVID safety protocols in place and reserve your seat by November 24 at www.PennFoundation.org.