

Week of November 22, 2020

Sunday, November 22
10:00 a.m. Worship
on Facebook Live and
YouTube Live, Guest
Preacher Steve Kriss
will preach on John
14:15-27, *Holding it all*
together

Second Hour Options
Meeting by Zoom

9:00 a.m.

[Foundations Class](#)

Following Worship

[#Sundayschool Class](#)

[Emmaus Road Class](#)

[Gospel Herald Class](#)

For Your Prayers List

- **Faith Detweiler**,
Sunny Crest Home
- **Donald Alderfer**,
The Community at
Rockhill
- **Salford Mennonite**
Child Care Center

Sunday, November 15
Offering
\$13,820
ACH Electronic
Offering
\$1,895
Vanco Online Offering
\$3,810
Total Budget Offering
\$19,525

Future Salford Events

If you have information
or prayer requests for
our newsletter, please
submit this to the
church office by 4:00
p.m. Wednesday

A Note From the Church Office, November 20th

Dear Salford Family,

cancelled or big meals disrupted due to the virus. At a time so full of tradition the absence of loved ones is felt even more acutely. Our own tradition of joint Thanksgiving Eve service with Advent Lutheran Church, and the following fellowship, replaced by an online service in our homes.

In the coming weeks many of us will feel the losses of this season even more deeply than we have yet. It's worth naming these losses, and holding onto the longing – because that longing is what helps us get in touch with what we deeply love. It helps us discern what truly matters, and what we want to work for.

And at the same time we will hold fast to what is good. We will seek to be the Beloved Community, to be present with one another in different ways. We will celebrate the redeeming and reconciling work of Jesus which now more than ever we know that we need, and we will be part of its unfolding.

In the coming week of Thanksgiving and throughout the Holiday Season, we pray that all in our community might be able to have the space needed both to grieve what is lost this year – and to truly celebrate and be grateful for what we have. May our struggles open us to the stories of others. May the constraints of this year encourage us to create new memories.

With you in both grief and celebration,

-Pastors Maria and Dorcas

[Maria Hosler Byler](#): 267-500-5679

[Dorcas Lehman](#): 717-330-2620

Click each person's name to send them an email.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

Please join us on **Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. for a short Thanksgiving Eve service of music, scripture, readings and prayer** live-streamed on Facebook and YouTube, as on Sunday mornings. Many of us have fond associations with the joint service Advent Lutheran and Salford congregations have had together over the last years. With all the complications the pandemic has brought us this year, pastors of the two congregations decided together not to attempt a joint Thanksgiving Eve service for this week.

Thanksgiving at Home Resource

This year many of us are unable to hold our usual Thanksgiving traditions - and are struggling to find a way to celebrate the holiday amid all the loss. You are welcome to use [this resource for Thanksgiving at Home](#), which Maria Hosler Byler assembled. Use the whole liturgy or any part of it as helps your family enter into the holiday in new ways this year.

Congregational Business Meeting, November 22, 2020

afternoon.

If you would like to receive this newsletter by email, please submit your email address to alderferb@salfordmc.org

The **Fall Congregational Business Meeting** will be held this Sunday, November 22. The meeting will begin 10 minutes after the worship service ends. This will be conducted on Zoom, with a phone call in option for those unable to make the computer connection. We have 100 zoom connections available for this meeting, so we ask that you sign into the meeting with **one device per household** to allow as many as possible to join. Here is the information to join the meeting:

Join Zoom Congregational Meeting by computer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84515002355?pwd=TXZPb0JYa1BpYkFkQmhpT2hLSTkxUT09>

Passcode: **448727**

To call in by phone, audio only:

(646) 558-8656

Meeting ID: **845 1500 2355**

Passcode: **448727**

The congregational meeting packet can be [viewed here](#).

Your virtual affirmation for the congregational meeting ballots can be [completed here](#).

If we would have more participants than the 100 connections allowed by our Zoom account, the meeting will be recorded and will be available for viewing on the church website early next week. Please complete your virtual affirmations or return your paper ballots to the church office by Sunday, November 29.

This Week at Salford

Monday, November 23

7:00 p.m. Junior Youth Group Gathering (at Salford)

Wednesday, November 25

7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Service (by Zoom)

Thursday, November 26

Church and Childcare Office closed for Thanksgiving

Friday, November 27

Church and Childcare Office closed for Thanksgiving

Sunday, November 29

10:00 a.m. Salford Worship on Facebook Live and YouTube

Preaching: Beth Yoder

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

- For **Joe and Lorraine Piacentini (parents of Anna Lacher) and for Anna and Todd** as Anna's father looks toward chemotherapy to begin in early December following a recent second surgery for tumors in his bladder. With regrowth happening already since this month's surgery, we pray for effectiveness of the chemo and for no further spread in his body. We pray, too, for strength and encouragement for Anna and Todd as they support Anna's parents.
- For **Cindy and Glenn Godshall**, as Cindy tested positive this week for Covid, and they are both quarantining at home, as Cindy recovers. She is experiencing mild symptoms. They are grateful for counsel they have received regarding care, and they desire prayer to be able to stay balanced, in body, mind, and soul.
- For **Ken and Melody Byler** as they begin this next chapter of their lives now in their new home in Belleville, PA.

- For **Ben and Carol Nase** as Carol receives round-the-clock in-home care and they consider placement possibilities in retirement communities.
- **SMCCC Ministry Team and Administrators** are thankful the child care center has been able to remain open since June. Please pray with us for continued health, safety and growth for all as we operate each day with integrity, hope and daily uncertainty.

This week all congregations in Mosaic Conference are praying for **the Community at Rockhill**, located in Sellersville, PA, a Conference Related Ministry (CRM). Pray for the safety of both residents and staff.

- Pray that care for others will compel us to wear masks and observe social distancing.
- Pray for civil discourse and genuine compassion as we live in a contentious, divided time.

To read more about Community at Rockhill, [click here](#).

Congratulations...

To **Jon & Becca Nagy** on the birth of son **Wesley Edgar Stoesz Nagy** on Monday, November 16. Hudson is a proud big brother.

Anniversary Blessings...

To **Linford & Rhoda Landis** who celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary on November 24, 2020.

Congratulations to **David Yoder** who was named the recipient of the Regional Journey Award from the Everence office in Souderton. This award recognizes David's lifelong commitment to stewardship in his personal and professional service in Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Mexico. David was nominated for the award by Quakertown Christian School, where he served at the end of his working career.

The award was presented during the Mosaic Mennonite Conference Assembly on November 7th. Created in 2001, the Journey Award highlights what people of faith are doing as stewards of their God-given gifts. The award includes a \$500 gift to a charity of David's choosing. David has directed that gift to Quakertown Christian School.

Here is a video of the award presentation to Dave: <https://fb.watch/1SyZtvbb4B/>

Service & Mission

Donation of the Month for November – canned fruit, canned vegetables, canned French fried onions, canned yams for Manna on Main Street, Lansdale.

ALL DONATIONS can be taken to the home of Linda Martin, 2550 Shelly Rd, Harleysville, PA 19438, or brought to the benches in the hallway in from the Pastors entrance at church.

Garden Update, 11/19/20

Greetings fellow gardeners after a season of planting, weeding, watering and harvesting here are the totals for 2020.

Zucchini - 450 lbs. - this was as a surprise I was expecting a lower amount, bugs and mold took a toll on a lot of our plants and the yellow squash never grew to any size.

Cucumbers - 368 lbs.- the cucumber beetles arrived early and stayed late, plus the row we planted these in was soaked by the heavy rain from the tropical storm and never recovered.

Green Peppers - 742 lbs. - these started slow but came on great near the end of

the season,

Acorn Squash - 40 lbs. - Most of the plants were destroyed by mold and never produced fruit.

Tomatoes - 2,900 lbs. - my biggest disappointment half the plants did well half did not.

Eggplant - 173 lbs. We decided to only plant 50 plants, about 1/3 of what we have in the past.

Yellow String Beans - 316 lbs. these were some of the nicest yellow beans we ever grew.

Green String Beans - 681 lbs. we planted 2 plantings plus a row of pole beans that would not stop producing.

Butternut Squash - 198 lbs. these were planted in our new raised beds and they really turned out some nice squash

Potatoes - Red 213 lbs. White 227 lbs. Both Red and White did very well with many nice size spuds being dug up!

Sweet Potatoes - 98 lbs. - We only planted 27 plants but harvested a large amount of beautiful sweet potatoes. This was the first sweet potatoes we tried in over 10 years.

Lettuce - 100 lbs. ??? The weight is a guess, this was the first time we planted lettuce and it would not stop producing a great addition to the spring garden.

Peas - 37 lbs. - The first planting did not germinate well, so we planted again but did not have enough time to get a full harvest before the plants died from the summer heat.

Broccoli - 110 lbs. This is a tale of two seasons Spring planting was attacked by a fly and it destroyed almost all the plants, the fall plantings were great with many large heads.

Cabbage - 1,228 lbs. a great amount but we would have had more if not for the same fly that killed off the Broccoli also did in our spring cabbage. We did have a few heads that topped 15 to 18 lbs.

Red Beets 233 lbs. - Always a popular veggie.

Carrots - 96 lbs. we only did one planting of carrots this year.

Onions - red and candy white 600 lbs. Approximate. We planted a record, 1,500 plants, this year. They did great with many up and over 2 lbs.

Hot Peppers - 49 lbs. We only planted a small amount of hots this year, they took a long time to produce.

Lima beans - 2 lbs. + The plants were enormous the best plants I had ever seen but no beans, as the ranchers would say "All Hat and No Cattle."

Cauliflower - 251 lbs. even though we lost 50 plants to the high heat of July, the remaining plants did very well producing heads well into November.

Turnips - 39 lbs. a low number but they were still very tasty.

Sweet Peppers - 85 lbs. we only had a few plants this year but they did well once they grew a little.

OK after all the numbers were added we harvested 9,243 lbs. This does not include the many quarts of ground cherries we harvested and a few other oddities that never made the grade. Not a record year but with all the challenges we faced not a bad number. All fresh veggies going to the people who need it most.

I will say it again, we would not have been able to do any of this without the dedicated efforts of our volunteers. They make the garden what it is. Thank You

Faith Formation Spotlight

PreAdvent Family Gathering on Zoom 11/22 4:00 pm

Families will gather briefly to learn about Advent, share hopes, & talk about simple practices to make this Advent season one to remember. This will be interactive & kids of all ages are welcome, with their grownups! Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88071338768?pwd=L3M2aFpmOHVyMjR2cUJ6amoyRl>

[AzQT09](#) Passcode: **Light**

Advent begins Nov. 29! We are providing Advent resources for pickup or download: a devotional for families including Advent calendar and craft, a countdown candle, Nativity stickers, and a devotional for adults. **Let Jenn or Maria know if you'd like to pick up a package at Salford.** If picking one up is a barrier please let Jenn know. PDF versions of the devotionals [are available here](#) (see Jenn for the password).

Virtual Christmas Pageant

Our virtual pageant will be a one-of-a-kind, very memorable celebration of the Christmas season! Let us know how you'd like to participate: <https://forms.gle/Kpb6tuZKYvmSqWCPA> - kids of all ages, and their families, are welcome to participate!

Last Week of Fall Sunday School: For 12 weeks we have been "climbing the Mount of the Beatitudes" during virtual Sunday School; all materials can be viewed on the [website](#). This Sunday, Nov. 22 is the last week of the study. The site will remain live for a few weeks and then will be taken down on December 18th.

News & Notes

Address Update:

Ken & Melody Byler

770 Westfield Drive, Belleville, PA. 17004

Melody Byler Cell Phone: (215) 896-1078

Ken Byler Cell Phone: (267) 663-9633

We are preparing for an **update of the online photo directory**. Please review your listing and send any updates needed to the church office. Please provide an updated family photo for your listing and we will include it. Please respond to the church office by November 29th, 2020.

Salford Youth Auction update: our Salford Youth Auction was to take place in March and was postponed due to the pandemic. We have decided NOT to hold a youth auction this year; the next youth auction will be March 2021. We welcome any donations you would like to make to Salford youth ministry in 2020; send checks to the office with "youth" in the memo line. Thank you for all the ways you support the Salford youth.

We were notified this week that the printing and shipping of the ***Voices Together* hymnals** has been delayed by Covid concerns. If you ordered copies of the hymnals for personal use, we will let you know when they arrive and when you may pick them up.

Mennonite Church USA News

Sunday, November 29, is the beginning of Advent. "We Wait for Jesus," this year's **Advent At Home devotional from Mennonite Church USA** for families and people of all ages, is available now at mennoniteusa.org/resource/advent-at-home.

Organizers for **MennoCon21** (Cincinnati, Ohio, July 6-10, 2021), the biennial gathering of Mennonite Church USA, are planning a hybrid event with in-person and online programming. Read the first convention newsletter: [https://www.mennoniteusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/OCT_2020_Newsletter-Revised.pdf](https://www.mennoniteusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/OCT_2020_Newsletter-<u>Revised.pdf</u) Receive future issues by subscribing here: <http://eepurl.com/gbyUCi>

Rodger Schmill, pastor of Deep Run Mennonite Church West, reflects on the role that camp played in his faith walk and call to ministry in his blog, “**Reconnecting with God at camp.**” <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/reconnecting-with-god-at-camp/>

Heidi Regier Kreider, Western District Conference minister, offers self-care tips for pastors in her blog, “**An open letter to ministers on the impact of trauma and loss exposure.**” Read more: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/ministers-trauma/>

Beyond Salford

The November edition of On the Level is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue, you can read why we are suspending projects because of COVID spikes in local communities, learn how MDS volunteers are helping to save a Colorado forest, and an MDS volunteer and author offers a unique approach to support MDS. <https://conta.cc/3kKTYRo>

Help **Frederick Living** celebrate their 125th anniversary year! They are currently looking for photos and archival materials from their long history to help commemorate this special occasion. They're also seeking former staff, families, volunteers, board members, and friends of Frederick Living who would like to share their stories about their connection to the organization. Please contact Trina Johnson-Brady at 610-754-7878 Ext 353 or email tbrady@frederickliving.org.