

Week of November 25, 2018

## Sunday, November 25

**9:00 a.m. Worship**  
Associate Pastor Beth Yoder will preach on Psalm 24; *Lord of This Perilous and Precious Life*

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

### For Your Prayers List

- **Donald Alderfer**,  
The Community at Rockhill
- **Glenn & Elizabeth Frederick**,  
Foulkeways
- **Mennonite Mission Network**

## Sunday, November 18

Offering  
\$5,883  
ACH                      Electronic  
Offering  
\$1,955  
Kiosk Offering  
\$638  
**Total Offering**  
**\$8,476**

### Future Salford Events

- December 2 – Glen Guyton, Executive Director of MCUSA, preaching at Salford
- December 16 - Christmas Hymn Sign with Andy Richter during Second Hour
- December 24 - Christmas Eve

## New Photo Directory Process Update

The printed version of the directory will be produced for distribution on **December 2, 2018**. If you have not already done so, please submit your photo to be included in the directory. **This is your last chance to include your photo in the printed version of the directory for 2018, if you have not already submitted a family photo.** The online directory photo and information can be updated at any time. If you need information on how to access the directory online or by app, please contact the church office and information will be forwarded to you.

## December MCC Relief Kit Collection Effort Update

Our December collection of the month project is Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Relief Kits. We have decided to try a new collection method for the relief kits for this December. In an effort to generate the maximum number of Relief Kits to fulfill the recent request for 25,000 kits, we will be collaborating with local churches to meet this need. Here is how it will work. Salford will be collaborating with Plains and Methacton Mennonite Churches to raise funds during December to purchase the supplies for the Relief Kits. We will use the funds we raise to purchase the kit components from Daniel Stoltzfus of Lancaster, who has a passion for the work of MCC. Daniel's mission is to purchase kit supplies in bulk at the best possible price to maximize donations to MCC. He is able to purchase the supplies for a kit for approximately \$17.00, about half what you and I would spend buying the kits pieces individually at local stores. So we, along with the other churches, will raise funds in December, and then purchase kit supplies from Mr. Stoltzfus. Then we will schedule a kit packing party at a time and date to be determined in January 2019. Salford will designate half of our Christmas Eve offering for the Relief Kit project, with the other half of the offering being designated for Mennonite Disaster Service and the response to the recent hurricanes and fire natural disasters across the country. Three other local Mennonite churches recently undertook a Relief Kit fundraising project of this type and were able to purchase 600 kits! We are hopeful that we can match or exceed this effort. So please plan to give generously at our Christmas Eve offering. If you will not be able to attend our Christmas Eve offering, you are welcome to drop off your offering envelopes marked for "Christmas Eve" in an Office Drop Box, or in the offering on another Sunday in December.

## This Week at Salford

### Wednesday, November 28

6:30 p.m. Justice & Peace Ministry Team Meeting, All Welcome (Library)  
6:30 p.m. Youth Night (Schoolhouse)  
7:30 p.m. Salford Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

### Sunday, December 2

9:00 a.m. Worship  
Preaching: Glen Guyton, MCUSA Executive Director  
10:15 a.m. Second hour for All Ages

## Our Church Family

Worship Service

- January 26 & April 6 - Enneagram Training Sessions with Joe & Angela Hackman
- February 10 - Garden Fundraiser Luncheon

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)

### Prayer Concerns

- For **Doug Derstine** as he continues to recover from several broken vertebrae resulting from a fall earlier this month
- For **Glenn and Elizabeth Frederick** during this time of great challenge; that Elizabeth be given the strength and wisdom needed in her care for Glenn and that Glenn be granted strength to take one day at a time
- For **Dolores Bauman** in gratitude for coming into a time of feeling better (Dolores extends her appreciation for the many gestures of support from the congregation during these weeks)
- For **Earl Frankenfield** as he continues to recover after being hospitalized last week for treatment of respiratory difficulty
- For **John and Roma Ruth** as John continues to heal, now at home with the help of Roma and visiting nurses
- For **Saralyn Alderfer** as she anticipates MRI and scans this coming week.

### Service & Mission

**Donation of the Month for November** - Men's knit stocking caps, winter gloves, white cotton socks, sizes L - XL to benefit Chosen 300 Ministries.

Please place your donations at the donation of the month table by the nursery.

Vernon and Linda Martin will be part of a **Healthy Ninos** Service team going to Honduras in January. The team is composed of members from various states. We are inviting the people of Salford to contribute items needed for distribution to the villages. Items needed are: **Dark Colored Hand Towels, Acetaminophen for Infant & Children, Ibuprofen for Infant and Children**, There will be a **Healthy Ninos Basket** on top of the POM shelves in the coatroom during the months of November and December. Questions, contact Linda Martin 267-446-8358. Thank You.

**Volunteer opportunity** - The Pastoral Care Team at Living Branches ask you to consider sharing your time and talents as worship support volunteers at any of the Living Branches facilities. Ways to serve include - worship leading, song leading, scripture reading, ushering, head usher, Communion usher, musician, or speaker. These opportunities are very flexible, scheduling is done on a quarterly basis, and training is provided for all opportunities. To indicate your interest or to ask questions, contact Lynne Allebach at 215-368-4438, ext. 42289, or email [lynne.allebach@livingbranches.org](mailto:lynne.allebach@livingbranches.org).

**Gift giving ideas that benefit more than one:** please mark your calendars to attend the Christmas Open House at **Darning Egg Gifts** located in the MCC Material Resource Center, 737 Hager Center Dr.; Unit C; Souderton, Pa. Friday, Nov. 30, 10:00 am - 8:00 pm; Saturday, Dec. 1, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm. Extended shopping hours: Dec. 3-7, 9:00 am - 7:00 pm. All sales benefit MCC outreach. Text or call **Diane Kropf** at 267-664-4599 with questions.

### News & Notes

There have been requests for the **Christian Pledge of Allegiance Lead Pastor Joe Hackman** presented in worship on Sunday. The author is Bob Ekblad. Here is the pledge:

*As a follower of Jesus Christ, and in keeping with my baptismal vows:*

*I renounce allegiances to the world and nation that would lead me to justify the use*

*of violence, war or any type of force that are incompatible with Jesus' teachings and his witness on the cross. I affirm God's mission for the Church to serve as ambassadors of the kingdom of God, announcing forgiveness, promoting healing, peace and reconciliation – by loving and blessing those considered our enemies.*

*I renounce the flesh as it manifests in a spirit of national pride, superiority and self-interest that pursues our nation's dominance for our own economic and material benefit and security. I affirm that my primary earthly place of belonging, identity and loyalty is in Jesus Christ and his body — the borderless, worldwide family of God, and embrace his way of humility, service and love of God and neighbor.*

*I renounce Satan, the accuser and deceiver, and turn from his lie that America is God's elect ambassador of freedom and Christian values whose mission justifies and requires the sacrifice of human lives. I affirm God's kingdom as manifested through Jesus' life, death and resurrection and through his Church empowered by the Holy Spirit.*

This Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, we will have a time of remembrance for “**All Saints Day**” during the worship service. This remembrance will honor those we have lost from among us in the past few years and will include a time of candle lighting, giving thanks for these individuals and others now gone from our lives.

Get your tickets now for **Singing Light**, the Christmas Benefit Concert by **The Walking Roots Band** on Saturday, December 1, at 7:00 p.m. in the Theater in Longacre Center at Dock Mennonite Academy. Getting tickets just got simpler! - go to [www.singinglight.org](http://www.singinglight.org) and follow the link for "Tickets." Your donation at any level will get you seats for the concert (while they last) and will go directly to MCC for its development work around the world.

## **Beyond Salford**

**The Mennonite Heritage Center** invites you to view the exhibit: “**Voices of Conscience: Peace Witness in the Great War**” on display from November 23 to February 10. This traveling exhibit, produced by the Kauffman Museum, North Newton, KS, depicts the stories of peace protestors against the First World War. Duane Kauffman will speak on the “Experiences of southeastern Pennsylvania Mennonite Conscientious Objectors in WW1” on Saturday, November 24 at 7:00 pm. See [mhcp.org](http://mhcp.org) for information.

You are invited to the **Christmas Market** at the **Mennonite Heritage Center** which opens December 1 from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm. Opening Day features the Farm Market in the Barn with fine local produce and specialty products, as well as the artisan Craft Show in the Heritage Center. The Craft Show continues throughout December. For hours and info visit [www.mhpc.org](http://www.mhpc.org).

The **Material Resource Center** invites you to their **Christmas Open House**, November 30, 10:00 am to 8:00 pm and December 1, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Additional shopping hours are also available December 3-7 from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm. Shop for unique handmade and re-purposed items — great for gifting. All proceeds benefit Mennonite Central Committee.

A **Christmas Song Service** will be held at **Franconia Mennonite Church** on Sunday, December 2 at 6:30 pm. All are invited to this sing-along of favorite Christmas carols using the red “Mennonite Hymnal.” A time of fellowship and snacks will follow the singing.

Join us for **Dock Mennonite Academy's** (EC to Grade 8 campus) **annual**

**Christmas Benefit Concert** on Friday, December 7, 2018 at 7:00 PM at Franconia Mennonite Church. *The concert will feature our Kindergarten students reciting Luke 2, the Third Grade Choir, Middle School Choir, Middle School Band, Jazz Ensemble, Middle School Orchestra, Select Strings and Handbells.* The offering at the Christmas Benefit Concert will be matched dollar for dollar by several supportive families. *Our goal is to raise \$28,000. For more information, go to [www.dock.org](http://www.dock.org) or call [215.723.1196](tel:215.723.1196).*

**Blooming Glen Mennonite Church** presents an **evening of seasonal carols** for congregational singing and a performance by the Adult Choir of Franz Schubert's *Mass in G*, at 6:30 pm on Sunday, December 16. A free-will offering will be received and refreshments will follow the program. For information, call 215-257-3431 or visit [bgmc.net](http://bgmc.net).

**Youth Venture** is announcing four locations to serve and learn in 2019! Teams of youth ages 15-22 and their adult leaders will join in the ministries of our global partners to see what God is doing in the world. These two- to three-week-long trips are in June or July. For more information or to apply, visit the Youth Venture website at <https://www.mennonitemission.net/Serve/Youth%20Venture> or contact Jolene VonGunten with any questions at [jolenev@mennonitemission.net](mailto:jolenev@mennonitemission.net).

Looking to serve in a mentoring role to young adults? **Service Adventure** is seeking leaders for its unit location in beautiful Anchorage, Alaska. This is a unique opportunity to serve as a mentor and to foster community with a household of young adults through faith formation, daily living, and house activities. For more information, visit <https://www.mennonitemission.net/Serve/units/service%20adventure/Anchorage> or contact Susan Nisly at Mennonite Mission Network: [SusanN@mennonitemission.net](mailto:SusanN@mennonitemission.net).

**Alumni trip, "Service, Learning, and Civil Rights,"** will visit Mississippi, Mar. 9-16, 2019. Open to alumni from Mennonite Voluntary Service, Service Adventure, and SOOP. Together, we'll learn more about the Civil Rights Movement in Mississippi and serve alongside current Service Adventure and SOOP participants. For more information, contact [alumnitrip@mennonitemission.net](mailto:alumnitrip@mennonitemission.net).