

November 28, 2021

**Sunday, November 28, 9:30 am Indoor Worship at Salford and on Facebook and YouTube Live,** Lead Pastor Dave Greiser will preach on Luke 21:25-36; *Hope: More than a Wish*

**10:45 am Second Hour for all ages**  
Check with the Welcome Center for Second Hour Options

### For Your Prayers List

- **Marian Alderfer,**  
Souderton  
Mennonite Homes
- **Kass Landis,**  
Souderton  
Mennonite Homes

### Sunday, November 21

Offering  
\$3,008  
ACH            Electronic  
Offering  
\$1,965  
Vanco Online Offering  
\$3,698  
**Total Budget Offering  
\$8,671**

### 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 afternoon.

If you would like to receive this newsletter by email, please submit your email address to

## An update from the pastors, Wednesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>

Dear Salford family,

This week marks the end of one church year and the beginning of the next. Advent begins this Sunday; in this season we dare to imagine what is possible in the already, but not yet, of God coming into the world in Jesus. We welcome the Light of God that is making all things new.

And as a congregation we, too, are in the midst of ending and beginning: last Sunday was Pastor Beth Yoder's last Sunday as Salford's pastor as she steps into phase one of her retirement, and it was Maria Hosler Byler's first Sunday back from maternity leave. We are carrying a deep sense of God's faithfulness as we look back on what has been and anticipate what is to come.

It's a fitting week for the celebration of Thanksgiving. We wish you joy in your celebrations - the deep joy that comes from being in touch with the world's pain, and knowing God holds us in everlasting love. In recognition of this holiday and in honor of the nations who lived in this place before us, we leave you with this excerpt from an Ojibwe prayer from this year's [Thanksgiving At Home Liturgy](#):

***We give thanks for love like the wings of the eagle. We dedicate our lives to you, our Creator and Savior. As we walk on this earth, may we learn together and celebrate the way of peace, harmony and tranquility. We give thanks to you, O God.***

-Pastors [Dave Greiser](#), [Maria Hosler Byler](#), and [Dorcas Lehman](#)  
*Click each person's name to send them an email.*

## Bulletin Cover Artwork Needed

Mennomedia has discontinued their line of bulletin covers. So we will need to determine what to do for bulletin covers in the future. One option could be to use artwork from the congregation on a regular basis for our bulletins. If you would like to submit artwork to be considered for bulletin covers, please send them to Church Administrator Brad Alderfer. Bulletin covers are half a standard sheet of copy paper in dimension. Please contact the church office with any questions or submissions.

## This Week at Salford

### Wednesday, December 1

7:30 pm Salford Adult Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

### Saturday, December 4

3:00 pm Hiram Hershey Memorial Community Christmas Concert (Sanctuary and live-streamed)

### Sunday, December 5

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

10:45 am Second Hour for all Ages

## Our Church Family

### Prayer Concerns

- For the **entire family of Lorraine Landis**, including Joe and Jan Landis, Julie Musselman, Larry Groff, and Suzanne Kaczor, as they gather Saturday, November 27, for a memorial service. At the time of her death on October 27, at age 100, she was the oldest member of Salford, where she belonged her whole life.
- For **Karen and Darwin Zehr and family**, as Karen recovers from a serious head injury and bumps and bruises from a bad fall on Monday.
- For **Anita and Dave Greiser**, who are both recovering at home from COVID, and for others in our community and in our world who are sick or at risk, and for **all who care for them**.
- For **Thanksgiving weekend**, for the celebrations that will again take place and those which are postponed or changed yet again due to ongoing Covid challenges, as we watch for gratitude and love.
- For **our congregation and the broader church** as we enter Advent, the season in which we dare to imagine what is possible now in the already, but not yet, of God coming into the world in Jesus. With all congregations in Mosaic Conference, for **Rocky Ridge Mennonite Church**, in Quakertown, that is discerning a new way of being church, for God's leading and clarity as they discern a path forward.

Many thanks to everyone who pitched in to make Sunday a day of celebration of **Beth Yoder's** pastoral ministry, as we said good-bye. Your presence, words, cards, and other gestures of care are a reminder that this kind of day matters for both the congregation and for Beth and Jerry. Special thanks to Gail Alderfer for the homemade soup and bread, the fire pit tenders (c/o Brad Alderfer, George Gaugler, Andy Richter, Shane Moes), The fire pit providers, the planning committee (Hannah Richter, Linda Martin, Beth Styer, Maria Hosler Byler, and Dorcas Lehman), and the church board for supporting this day.

**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."

**Garden Update, 11/24/21**

Greetings fellow gardeners here is the update you have all been waiting for - the totals for the 2021 season:

**Peas** - 97 lbs. not bad the peas took a long time to grow and were in and out very quickly still a respectable number.

**Broccoli** - 47 lbs. this was our biggest disappointment. Both spring and fall plantings struggled.

**Cabbage** - 1,835 lbs. A NEW GARDEN RECORD, both spring and fall plantings were the best ever! Some heads topping 15 lbs.

**Red Beets** - 204 lbs. - spring did better than fall but still OK

**Carrots** - 88 lbs. only one planting in the spring and the roots were not as big as other years

**Onions** - 913 lbs. we planted less this year but ended up with a higher weight. The onions were good size and beautiful

**Hot Peppers** - 188 lbs. the plants were really nice but we had so many we ended up not harvesting all we could.

**Lima Beans** - 63 lbs. a very nice number I still planted them too close together, next year they will be farther apart.

**Cauliflower** - 407 lbs. nicest cauliflower we have had in many years. Some really nice heads.

**Turnips** - 39 lbs. never really developed big roots but still a tasty treat.

**Zucchini** - 997 lbs. Almost hit the 1,000 lb. mark, picked zucchini all the way into October.

**Cucumbers** - 452 lbs. a nice amount not too many not too few

**Green Peppers** - 1,984 lbs. the 3rd highest amount we ever harvested, some of the nicest peppers we ever grew.

**Tomatoes** - 5,629 lbs. the king of the garden had a great season; The Roma tomatoes were the prize of the garden this year

**Eggplant** - 192 lbs. only fifty plants but a nice number

**Yellow String Beans** - 390 lbs. this is OK but not near what could have been not sure why yellow did not have a better year.

**Green String Beans** - 657 lbs. we planted for both summer and fall harvest. Plus pole beans all did very well.

**Butternut Squash** - 329 lbs. planted a smaller version of the big butternut. Tasty but not as heavy.

**Potatoes** - 703 lbs. Both red and yellow added up to a RECORD harvest!!! We really dig potatoes!!

**Sweet Potatoes** - 168 lbs. We planted two beds this year and harvested a nice amount very sweet after they were cured.

Add in a few odds and ends ,lettuce, radishes, ground cherries etc. and a little for the mystery pickers and this year's total adds up to 15,495 lbs.!!

Thank you everyone who helped make 2021 a highly successful season. Enjoy the holidays and see you in the spring! Steve, [rsblank@verizon.net](mailto:rsblank@verizon.net) 215-872-6616

## Faith Formation Spotlight

**Advent begins this Sunday!** These weeks of anticipation are a gift to families, and an invitation to slow down and practice simple rituals together, as we "Dare to Imagine!"

Paper copies of Advent guides are available at Salford at the table in the foyer & can be downloaded here: <http://www.salfordmc.org/church-at-home.html>

## News & Notes

**Sharing During Prayer Returns after Christmas.** We've heard from several of you that you miss the sharing at the mic that takes place during the prayer of the congregation, a special part of "Salford being Salford." We plan to bring it back after the Advent/Christmas season.

The winter edition of **Rejoice! Devotional** is now available at the welcome center.

**David & Kathi Peters** wish to thank Hank Landes, Mary Jane Hershey, and Steve Hackman for generously supporting their film *Postcards from Babylon - The Evangelical Church in the Shadow of Empire*. The film is now available on multiple streaming platforms, including Amazon. If you have seen the film and would be willing to write a review or rate it on Amazon, they'd be so grateful! Here's the link for all the streaming options, including Amazon. <https://globalstoryfilms.com/>

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 this Sunday 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**

Mennonite Church USA **Women in Leadership has relaunched its "Holding It(,) Together" podcast.** The podcast, made by women for women, emphasizes intersectionality and community, creating a space for women to hear other people's stories. This season's theme is "Bodies Holding It(,) Together." Learn more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/hit>.

Erick Josue Martinez is a student at Goshen College, who is studying to be a financial planner, so he can help people in low-income and immigrant communities. In his blog, "**From my window (Desde mi ventana),**" he shares how his upbringing in an impoverished immigrant community inspired him to help others. Read in English here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/from-my-window>. En español: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/desde-mi-ventana>.

Redlining has been illegal in the United States for half a century, but its effects still have a lasting impact on Black, Latino/a, Asian, Indigenous and other people of color. Vice President of Community and Church Development for Everence Leonard Dow, in his blog, "**Finding inspiration in history: Human-made solutions to human-made problems,**" shares what this impact looks like in Philadelphia, as well as practical steps that people can take to enact change. <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/human-made-solutions-problems>

## **Beyond Salford**

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, Harleysville. 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](http://www.PennFoundation.org).

Support Mennonite Central Committee by shopping at **Darning Egg Gifts** in the **MCC Material Resource Center**. Their Christmas Open House will feature many handmade and repurposed gift items. Hours are December 2 & 3, 9:00 am to 8 pm; December 4, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm; December 6 to 11, 9:00 am to 6:00 pm.

Join us for **Dock Mennonite Academy's** (EC to Grade 8 campus) annual Christmas Benefit Concert on Friday, December 3, 2021 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 Orchestra, Handbells & our High School's Chamber Choir!* The offering at the Christmas Benefit Concert will be matched dollar for dollar by several supportive families. *Our goal is to raise \$24,000. For more information, visit [dock.org](http://dock.org) or call [215.723.1196](tel:215.723.1196).*

The **Mennonite Heritage Center** invites you to their **[Christmas Market](#)** open house, which features fine crafts & art. Artisans will be showcasing their items for sale to ring in the holiday spirit to you and your family. Hours are Saturday, December 4, 10:00 am-4:00 pm, and Sunday, December 5, 12:00-4:00 pm.

**Camp Men-O-Lan** is hosting John Bryant for a Benefit Concert on December 9th at Zion Mennonite Church. The event starts at 6:00pm. Tickets are free, but a suggested donation of \$25.00 a person to support camp would be appreciated. This evening is for adults only and we have limited seating so register soon.

**A Film About Mental Health, Resilience and Hope:**

**See "NO FEELING IS FINAL" from Ted & Co. TheaterWorks online this Nov. 30**

Actor/writer Ted Swartz performs in the new film "No Feeling Is Final" -- an intimate, funny, and vulnerable look at how telling our authentic stories, both painful and hopeful, can connect and carry us through hard times together.

"No Feeling Is Final," will premiere virtually on Tuesday, Nov. 30, at 7:30 p.m. EST as part of a #GivingTuesday fundraiser for the Center for Art, Humor, and Soul (CAHS). CAHS, established in 2019 by Swartz and several fellow artist-colleagues, is advancing the arts and spirituality in a culture that desperately needs new stories to shape a just and grace-filled society.

Tickets at: [forms.gle/9YJBhFHPbqo5pe1z7](https://forms.gle/9YJBhFHPbqo5pe1z7) for the virtual screening and consider an additional gift to CAHS on #GivingTuesday. More information about the event at <https://fb.me/e/1RnwDsEKU> Contact Michelle Milne at [mmilne@gmail.com](mailto:mmilne@gmail.com) or John Leonard at [office@tedandcompany.com](mailto:office@tedandcompany.com) with any additional questions.