

Week of November 29, 2020

Sunday, November 29
10:00 a.m. Worship
on Facebook Live and
YouTube Live, Acting
Lead Pastor Beth
Yoder will preach on
Isaiah 64:1-5 and 8-9;
Mark 13:32-37,
*Keeping Awake to
Hope*

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

- **Glenn & Elizabeth Frederick,**
Foulkeways
- **Ferne Alderfer,**
Dock Woods
Community
- **Elaine Moyer,**
Mennonite World
Conference

Sunday, November 22
Offering
\$5,584
ACH Electronic
Offering
\$1,895
Vanco Online Offering
\$1,287
Total Budget Offering
\$8,766

Future Salford Events

If you have information
or prayer requests for

2020 Weekly Salford Finance Update, as of November 22, 2020

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 2020 through this weekly finance update (see below).

2020 expected actual expenses:	\$735,000
2020 Offering and Income needed through 47 weeks:	\$664,327
2020 Offering and income received through 47 weeks:	\$626,569
Average Weekly Offering Received through 47 weeks:	\$13,331
Average Weekly Offering Needed, 5 weeks remaining:	\$21,686

We are also hopeful that we can fund our "below the line" budget spending to support our larger church and conference agencies, the church building/capital fund and local CRM's and nonprofits. We are hopeful to have an additional \$40,000 in 2020 to fund these needs.

This Week at Salford

Monday, November 30

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

Tuesday, December 1

7:00 p.m. Church Board Meeting (by Zoom)

Wednesday, December 2

7:00 p.m. Senior Youth Group Gathering (by Zoom)

Sunday, December 6

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

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

- For **Sam and Sharon Godshall** in this time of separation, as Sam struggles with weakness and failing health and Sharon adjusts to her new job situation.
- For **Cindy Godshall and Sharon and Gladys Hunsberger** as they continue to recover from recent cases of Covid.
- For **Ben and Carol Nase** as Carol receives home care 24/7 and they consider placement possibilities in retirement communities.
- For **Karen and Blaine Bergey's brother-in-law, Josh Vardigan**, who was diagnosed with a brain tumor and will have surgery at Johns Hopkins on Dec. 1. We pray for the doctors as they make decisions during surgery and also for Sheri, Karen's sister, and Ellie, Josh and Sheri's 3-year-old daughter. Karen, Lee, and Ciana will be traveling to Baltimore with the Vardigan family to support them during this time.
- For **Jon Nagy's sister Lydia**, whose surgery to remove a thyroid tumor uncovered a second tumor which was also removed. We pray for recovery from surgery, for clear next steps, and for comfort for her and her family as they wait

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

for answers.

This week, all congregations in **Mosaic Conference** join together in thanking God for God's presence, provision, and peace during the pandemic. We thank God for the generosity of those who have given to the Shalom Fund. We thank God for the creativity of congregations and Conference Related Ministries who have cared for their neighbors with food, childcare, and emergency aid. We thank God for the energy and dedication of scientists, healthcare professionals, and public administrators who are working hard to keep us safe and healthy.

Birthday Blessings...

To **Kass Landis** who celebrates her 89th birthday on Friday, December 4, 2020.

Dear Salford Sisters and Brothers, It has been over two months since Hiram left us on Sunday, September 13. His dementia had started about five years ago. During the past two years he became increasingly disabled. Our children and I cared for him in our home until it became evident that we could no longer do so. We found a place for him in Memory Care at Peter Becker Community. Although he received excellent care, it was not a good experience for him or for us. The pandemic restrictions denied us any personal touch during the three months he was in Memory Care. With his diminished ability to think and process information, he could not understand why he was there and we were unable to comfort him. When his health suddenly declined in early September, none of us were prepared for his abrupt departure... We are thankful that we could spend his last three days with him, could talk to him and caress him although he was comatose and could not respond...For his memorial service, it was his wish to have an a cappella hymn sing and have a choir sing part of the Messiah. We hope to do this sometime before the end of 2021...Many meaningful communications have come from friends far and near and especially from our faith community. Two baskets full of cards with words of appreciation for Hiram's life, with stories of remembered interaction, and with supporting prayers and condolences. Never have I felt so loved and cared for. Calls from the pastors, pastoral visits under the tent, an outpouring of kindness and affection, and the Sunday morning graceful tribute and affirmation of Hiram's life by Rodney Derstine -- all of this has been sustaining. Now I am left with the quandary of processing all that has happened during the past months. Although death has a certain coldness and uncertainty, I am being comforted by your outreach and through special memories of our 66 years of devoted togetherness...Dear Salford friends, thank you for being a "great cloud of witnesses" who know how to be supportive and caring and know how to be God's kingdom comforters during times of need. **Mary Jane Lederach Hershey**

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.

Faith Formation Spotlight

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

Karen Bergey is currently in training with Oasis Ministries to become a Spiritual Director/Spiritual Companion. She is offering to meet with a few people by zoom for several spiritual companion sessions. Read about spiritual direction here: <https://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2009/january/27.30.html>. These sessions would take place over zoom or entirely outside (directee's choice) and would be free! If you think you might be interested, please contact Karen for more information at bkbergey@gmail.com.

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

Women in Leadership, a ministry of Mennonite Church USA, held three webinars and an online worship service this fall as an alternative to its annual **Women Doing Theology conference**. View all of the "What We Need Is Here" events at mennoniteusa.org/wil.

"Sometimes we overlook the importance of camps in faith formation and leadership development," said Shana Peachey Boshart, Mennonite Church USA denominational minister for Faith Formation, in a recent article, "**Mennonite camps get creative in response to COVID-19.**" Read more: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/mennonite-camps/>

Mennonite Church USA Archives has completed its move of digital content to the Mennonite Archive Information Database, an online database representing 14 Anabaptist partners in the United States and Canada. Now, users can enjoy single-point web access to an expansive catalog of archival photographs and finding aids

for faster and easier searching. Check it out:
<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/historical-archives/>

In her blog, “**Love wasn’t meant to die,**” Mennonite Church USA News Editor Cami Dager shares her first-hand experience with pregnancy loss and her revelation about the nature of God. Read more:
<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/love-wasnt-meant-to-die/>

Beyond Salford

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.

Is **Dock Mennonite Academy** a fit for your family? Join them for their December virtual **Open Houses** – EC to Grade 8 campus, Monday, December 7 at 7:00 pm and grades 9 to 12 campus, Tuesday, December 8 at 7:00 pm – and learn more about Dock from the comfort of your home. Experience video tours, meet faculty, staff, & students, learn about financial aid and ask questions about curriculum, learning support, and co-curricular opportunities for students. Register today at dock.org.

Montco-Interfaith - Pathways to Peace: [Facilitating Difficult Conversations](#) - a one-time training workshop on Wed, Dec 2, 9:00am - 11:00am via Zoom. A step towards building relationships across difference and healing the context of polarization. **Program Fee \$25.00/Need to register.**

[Visionary Women](#) -- A cohort program in its 5th year, inviting women of all ages and backgrounds to explore the intersection of gender, faith, race and social justice concerns. This year the monthly program will be run online from January - June

Pre-retirement planning after age 55 Webinar: Six questions to ask now. Join this free educational Everence® webinar on pre-retirement planning on December 2 at 7:00 p.m., especially for people who are 55 to 62 years old. It will focus on six questions to ask yourself now, in the years before you make any decisions about retirement. Contact the church office for registration information.