

November 7, 2021

Sunday, November 7, 9:30 am Indoor Worship at Salford and on Facebook and YouTube Live, Lead Pastor Dave Greiser will preach on Matthew 5:13-16; *What Does it Mean to be Prophetic?*

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
- **Salford Mennonite Child Care Center**

Sunday, October 31
Offering
\$8,119
ACH Electronic Offering
\$6,517
Vanco Online Offering
\$2,242
Total Budget Offering \$16,878
Local Ida Flood Response Offering \$100

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>

The meeting will be held in the sanctuary during Second Hour and all adult at 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=Q255cEdUZjYyMTZjUGUxN2pNNDlwQT09>

Passcode: **355600**

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. You may submit 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.

Do you have a portable fire pit or firewood to offer for this occasion?

Do you enjoy building and tending fires? If so you could be the volunteer we need! Please contact Church Administrator Brad Alderfer by email or call the church office (215) 256-0778 to volunteer your supplies and/or time.

Joint Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service with Advent Lutheran

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

Byler's return from Maternity 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

will be receiving a food offering for Keystone Opportunity Center and a money offering, details to be provide soon.

2021 Monthly Salford Finance Update, as of November 5, 2021

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 2021 through this monthly finance update (see below).

2021 Budgeted expenses:	\$862,450
2021 Offering and Income needed through 44 weeks:	\$729,765
2021 Offering and income received through 44 weeks:	\$640,861
Average Weekly Offering Received through 44 weeks:	\$14,565
Average Weekly Offering Needed, 8 weeks remaining:	\$27,699

This Week at Salford

Wednesday, November 10

7:30 pm Adult Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

Sunday, November 14

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

Preaching: Dave Greiser

10:45 am Fall Congregational Business Meeting (Adults meet in Sanctuary)

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

- For **Vernon Martin**, in his recovery from hip surgery this past Tuesday, for healing and strength.
- For **Darwin & Karen Zehr & family** as they recover from the effects of COVID.
- For **Louise and Lester Alderfer**, as Louise continues to recover from a fractured pelvic bone after a fall several weeks ago.
- For Salford's Mosaic Conference Delegate Ministry Team, as they attend sessions this weekend: **Randy Nyce, Joe Landis, Ron Freed, Andrew Zetts, and Melissa Heise**.
- For the **prayer life of this congregation**, including the way the newly mown labyrinth aids us in our life in the world, both personally and collectively.
- With all Mosaic Conference congregations, pray with gratitude for two congregations and one Conference-Related Ministry join the conference during the annual fall assembly this weekend - **Faith Chapel** (Los Angeles, CA) and **Pena de Horeb Church** (Philadelphia), and the **Midian Leadership Project** (Charleston, WV).

Birthday Blessings...

To **Gladys Nyce**, who celebrates her 88th birthday on November 13th.

Thank you to the congregation for your prayers, cards and pastoral support during Bud's illness and subsequent home going. I have felt your love and care during this time. **Carol Gross & family**

The memorial service for **Lorraine Landis** will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, November 27, at Salford Mennonite Church, where the family will receive friends from 10:00 -11:00 AM.

Pastor Aldo Siahaan of Philadelphia Praise Center and Mosaic Mennonite Conference gave an update on the COVID conditions in Indonesia and also expressed thanks to those who contributed to the vaccination effort fundraising earlier this year, including Salford. Click here to hear his comments and thanks. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=chrwyXed0WU>

Salford Labyrinth Walk on Veterans Day & Dedication 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.

We also encourage you to pray at the labyrinth especially on Thursday, Nov. 11, Veterans Day. You are invited to walk and pray for healing for veterans who have been wounded in body, mind, and spirit in wars around the globe, as well as for conscientious objectors who have suffered for their rejection of war.

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, 11/5/21: Greetings fellow gardeners, this week we finally had our killer frost. Monday and Tuesday I was busy gleaning out the last of our green peppers before the frost hit, Thank You to Vince Ryan for your help with this. 400 pepper plants are a lot to pick through. We were able to save around 140 lbs. of green peppers. With the frost, the next two weeks, we will be speeding up closing the garden. All the flowers will be pulled, the last of the cabbage and cauliflower will be harvested along with any red beets that can be salvaged. The tomato cages that were around the pepper plants will need to be cleaned and stacked. The plastic mulch and drip lines will be pulled up. When all this is done and the barn cleaned up and closed, I will add up all the totals and send out our annual harvest report after Thanksgiving. Every year when the corn fields, around the garden are high and not harvested yet. The deer meander through the corn fields and find their way to the garden. Last Saturday I chased one out of the garden when I arrived in the morning. The deer can dance around in the garden as much as they want to now that there is not a lot around for them to eat.

As we close down another season in the garden, I want to thank ALL the volunteers who helped out this year, from tractor work to pulling weeds, the garden would not be producing as much without our dedicated volunteers who make the garden great. Steve, 215-872-6616 rsblank@verizon.net

Justice & Peace News

We will be doing a **Witting Tree ceremony this Sunday, Nov. 7th after 2nd hr. classes** on the front lawn. **Glen & Mary Miller** will lead us in a Remembrance for military men and women and conscientious objectors that have taken their own life

carrying the burdens of war. It is estimated to be 18 to 22 a day take their own life while struggling with isolation and PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder).

Gardening for Peace: September 24 and 25, 2022, Save the Date. The Salford Mennonite and Advent Lutheran Garden is a hidden treasure in our community, donating tons of fresh garden vegetables and there-by helping reduce food insecurity in Montgomery County. The Justice and Peace ministry team wants to use our garden as a platform to inspire other to do the same and educate ourselves and share resources regarding the reality and connections between gun violence, food insecurity and poverty.

To that end we have invited Shane Claiborne, [Red Letter Christians](#) for the keynote on Saturday evening Michael Martin of [RAW TOOLS](#) by using a forge, to actually convert a gun into a garden tool. Shane will also be preaching on Sunday morning. We will also have pre event workshops on Saturday afternoon on related topics. More Information to follow. **Joe Landis for the Justice and Peace Team**

Carmela Apolonio Hernandez to visit worship. Over the past two years, around 75 Salford folks have participated in advocating for Carmela Apolonio Hernandez and her four children, so that they could leave sanctuary inside Germantown Mennonite, receive visas and live freely & safely. Carmela recently moved with her family to NJ and will visit Salford this Sunday to thank the congregation for our support. Please offer them a warm welcome!

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!

Racial Justice Learning Group

The **Racial Justice Learning Group will meet this Sunday, Nov. 7 from 7-8:30pm** on Zoom. We will spend some time processing the [Racial Harm and Harmony Among Mennonites webinar](#). You can also watch the recording of Tobin Miller Shearer and John Powell at this link.

Future meetings in 2021 include: Nov. 21, Dec. 5, and Dec. 19. Topics may include: continued reflection on our own anti-racist discipleship, resource sharing, land acknowledgements, lament, and studying what other churches have done to pursue reparative action.

Please join us, even if you never have before! **MEETING LINK:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82526583885?pwd=dkxlbFFxMExRMW5oUUU2cWNsUEdQUU09>

News & Notes

Hank & Jane Landes are pleased to have friends from the Bruderhof Community in NY visiting with them this weekend. They have invited Bob and Patricia Boucher to join them for second hour in **Emmaus Road Class**. All are welcome to join them in the Library.

Daylight Saving Time ends this weekend on Sunday, November 7 at 2:00 a.m. Remember to turn your clocks back one hour when you go to bed Saturday night.

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

Discover creative ways to engage with “**Dare to Imagine,**” **Mennonite Church USA’s 2021 Advent at Home worship guide.** Join writer Talashia Keim Yoder for a one-hour webinar on Sunday, Nov. 14 at 5 p.m. ET/2 p.m. PT for creative ideas on how to slow down and connect with God each day during this season of anticipation. Learn about the guide here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/advent2021>. Register for the webinar here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/adventwebinar2021>.

The **Mennonite Church USA Executive Board** welcomed seven new board members during their first meeting of the biennium. At this meeting, the Executive Board received training and focused on agency relationships and processing resolutions. Read the news release here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/7-new-members>.

The **Mennonite Church USA Constituency Leaders Council** met in October to discuss its role in preparing churches for the special delegate assembly, which will take place May 27-30, 2022 in Kansas City, Missouri. Read the news release here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/clc-meeting-oct21>.

Joanne Gallardo, conference minister for the Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference, shares how the transformation that she saw in her conference inspired her own transformation in her blog, “**Renewing my own vision.**” Read more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/renewing-own-vision>.

Voices Together committee members have created a list of songs and worship resources for churches and individuals to use during the thanksgiving season. Learn more in their blog, “**Thanksgiving songs and resources in Voices Together.**” <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/thanksgiving-voices-together>

Beyond Salford

Veterans Community Coalition/Bucks & Montgomery County/Harleysville
There will be a display at the Indian Valley Public Library of Adult and Children's theme books donated by the coalition. The display highlights the struggles of veterans' service and returning as a civilian to their families, “*Veterans' Voices*” will be displayed through paintings, drawings and poems from Nov. 1st- Nov. 11th. Contact **Glen or Mary Miller** for more information.

Fall Benefit Concert featuring Colton Dixon: Miracles Tour with guests Hannah Kerr and Jordan St. Cyr to benefit the work of **Bridge of Hope BuxMont** in serving single mothers and children facing homelessness in Bucks & Montgomery counties. Join us for a night of ministry and music on November 11, 2021 from 7:00 – 9:00 PM at Calvary Church in Souderton, PA. Doors Open at 6:00 PM. Tickets cost \$20. To purchase tickets: <https://bridge-of-hope-buxmont.ticketleap.com/bridge-of-hope-buxmont-benefit-concert-featuring-c/>

Year-end, for many of us, is a time to consider our giving. As you plan your generosity, **Everence** invites you to keep these important dates in mind:

- Gifts by check: received in the church office or postmarked by December 31
- IRA Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs): initiated by December 15
- Gifts of stock: initiated by December 10
- Gifts of mutual funds: initiated by December 1
- Gifts of farm commodities: complete by December 31
- Gifts of real estate: complete by December 1

If you have questions on any of these strategies, contact Randy Nyce at Everence/Mennonite Foundation, 215-703-0111 or randy.nyce@everence.com.

Healthy Niños Honduras will hold its Annual **Banquet & Silent Auction** on Saturday, November 13 at Quakertown Christian School. Join them in raising funds for children and families in Honduras with a delicious dinner, chance at auction items, and an opportunity to hear the latest update about HNH. RSVP to 267-377-6804 or online at www.healthyninos.org/banquet.html.

On November 12 from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm, you're invited to a **workshop** led by John D. Roth, *Believe and be baptized: Conversations on a 500-year-old tradition*, which will explore the historic and ongoing practice of and current questions around baptism and the place of this practice in Anabaptist theology. Participants will have the option of joining in-person at Neffsville Mennonite Church in Lancaster or remotely via Zoom. Find more details and register at atlanticcoastconference.net/baptism.

Dock Mennonite Academy is seeking two individuals to fill the **Principal roles** at their Early Childhood to Grade 8 campus and at their High School campus. Candidates will have experience in school administration (master's degree preferred) and will support our Anabaptist faith perspective and Mennonite values. This is a 12-month position beginning July 1, 2022. Learn more at mosaicmennonites.org/category/job-openings/.

You're invited to play **Pickleball** at **Souderton Mennonite Church**, Sunday and Friday evenings, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. All ages and abilities, including new learners, are welcome and coaches are available for training.