

Week of November 8, 2020

Sunday, November 8 11:00 a.m. Worship

We will join with Mosaic Mennonite Conference for joint worship with our Brothers and Sister across the conference. To join the worship service, [go here](#) at 11:00 am or before.

7:00 p.m. College finances Zoom with Randy Nyce and Others, [Tune in here at 7](#) to join.

For Your Prayers List

- **Eva Alderfer**,
Souderton
Mennonite Homes
- **Marian Alderfer**,
Souderton
Mennonite Homes
- **Mennonite Mission Network**

Sunday, November 1

Offering
\$3,230
ACH Electronic
Offering
\$6,747
Vanco Online Offering
\$2,465
Total Budget Offering
\$12,442
MCC Centennial
Celebration Offering
\$500

Future Salford Events

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

A Note From the Church Office, November 6th

Dear Salford Family,

This week has brought so many thoughts and emotions for members of our community. We are in the midst of an election process that will surely result in celebration for some and pain or anger for others. It is time to move kindly and let love be our guide. We invite you to make space for the Liturgy of Hope and Release if you haven't already; it's a half-hour service of reflection and connection which is posted on our Facebook and YouTube pages.

Speaking of connection, this Sunday we will be joining in worship with congregations from throughout Mosaic Conference for our Fall Conference Assembly Worship. The message will be brought by Cesar Garcia, the general secretary of Mennonite World Conference. It will be well worth joining; see the newsletter announcement for more information.

We also want you to be aware that we are continuing to monitor COVID case numbers in our area and therefore will *not* be holding indoor worship on November 15th. There is more about this in the newsletter as well; we have a careful and well-thought-out plan for indoor worship, and we look forward to the day when it's safe to implement it.

This week, as each week, the work of following Jesus remains: to proclaim and enact God's love, and to invite others into relationship with God and with one another. May we do so with humility, with compassion, and with courage.

-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.

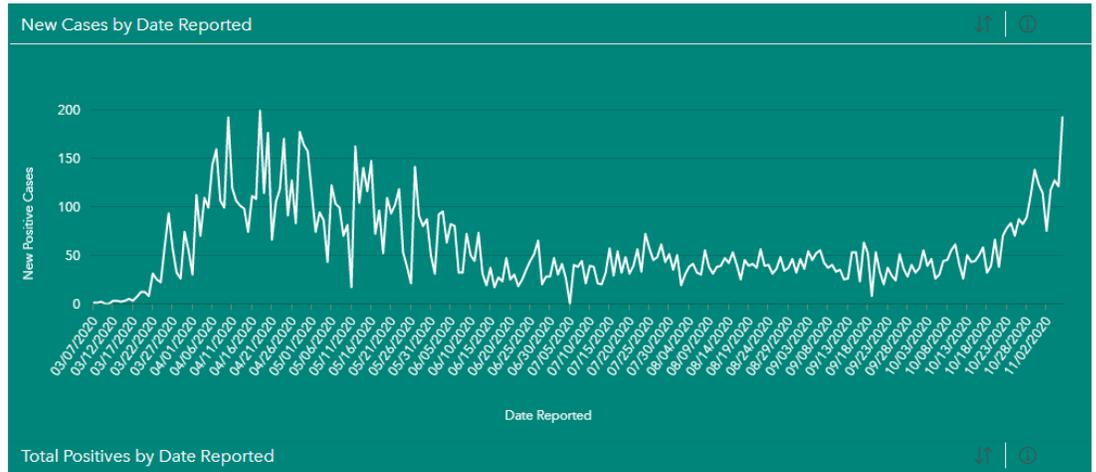
Update on Indoor Worship

Due to the recently rising COVID numbers and the urging of the Reopening Task Force, we will not begin holding indoor worship at this time. We will keep our current pattern of online worship and will continue to monitor the situation for when we can gather indoors again. Discernment about small indoor gatherings is still ongoing.

Unfortunately, just as our plan for indoor worship is ready and the weather would indicate a move indoors, COVID cases and test positivity rates are climbing. The numbers are rising more slowly in Montgomery County than in other places, but even here they are trending in the wrong direction and have reached levels of concern for the Reopening Task Force (see chart to follow). The Task Force is clear that now is not the time to begin gathering indoors for worship. The pastors, staff, and Reopening Task Force worked hard on our plan for indoor worship and feel it is a good plan. It will remain available for us to look forward to and will be implemented as soon as the situation allows.

p.m. Wednesday afternoon.

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



Worship on Sunday, November 8, 11:00 a.m.

This Sunday we will be joining in worship with congregations across Mosaic Conference for our Fall Conference Assembly Worship. The theme is from the Lord's Prayer: "On Earth as it Is in Heaven." Worship will take place in all the languages represented in our conference, and the message will be brought by Cesar Garcia, the general secretary of Mennonite World Conference. There will also be a children's time, and a cameo by the Salford senior youth.

Second Hour Classes are free to meet before or after the 11:00 a.m. worship as desired.

To join the worship service, [go here](#) at 11:00 am or before.

This Week at Salford

Monday, November 9

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

Tuesday, November 10

7:00 p.m. Child Care Ministry Team meeting (by Zoom)

Wednesday, November 11

7:30 p.m. Senior Youth Group Gathering (at Salford)

Thursday, November 12

7:00 p.m. Wintering a Pandemic Seminar (by Zoom)

Sunday, November 15

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

Preaching: Sheldon Good & Jenn Svetlik

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

- For **Sam and Sharon Godshall** for comfort and peace as Sam's energies continue to diminish and the end of life draws closer.
- For **Carol and Ben Nase** as Carol has returned home from hospital, with in-home caregiving being arranged 24/7, as they explore placement opportunities in retirement communities. They appreciate meals provided by the church in these early days.
- For **Jeff and Debbie Landis**, as a new spot of cancer (renal cell) has developed. In their sadness, they also feel encouraged and hopeful about the medical plan for Jeff. After preliminary preparation next week, they expect a short series of about five radiation treatments in the coming weeks. Afterwards,

Jeff will continue on his current chemo treatments. They have appreciated the strong support of Salford friends in the past and will value those expressions of love again this time.

- For **Janet Yoder** as she continues to recover from knee surgery and moves through physical therapy.
- For **Hannah, Andy, and Ari**, in their rejoicing, as they enlarge their family to welcome **Elias John Richter**, born on Tuesday.
- For **Becca, Jon, and Hudson Nagy**, as they await the birth of their baby.
- For **Jerry and Beth Yoder**, who has been given a diagnosis with a plan for treatment that is expected to be successful. They feel relief in knowing the diagnosis and having a plan for continued healing and wellbeing. And in these two weeks of respite time for Beth, they are enjoying time with family.
- For the **people of Nicaragua, Guatemala and Panama** affected by Hurricane Eta. Over 150 persons are dead or missing after recent rain and mudslides, and further flooding and mudslides are a major threat.

This week all congregations in Mosaic Conference are praying for **North Tampa Christian Fellowship** in Tampa, FL. We are invited to join in prayer for them as they transition into Mosaic Mennonite Conference. To learn more about North Tampa, [click here](#).

Birthday Blessings...

To **Gladys Nyce**, who celebrates her 87th birthday on November 13th.

Congratulations...

To **Andy & Hannah Richter** on the birth of son **Elias John Richter** on Tuesday November 3rd. Mother and son are both healthy and Ari is a proud big brother.

We want to thank our Salford friends for their love, prayers and support during the difficult months of Steve's depression. He is doing very well. **Lois & Steve Hackman**

November 15, 2020 will be **Ken & Melody Byler's** last Sunday with us before their move to Belleville, PA. We will recognize this transition for Ken & Melody in our November 15 worship service. Since we will not be able to lay hands on Ken & Melody and offer our well wishes in person that Sunday, we encourage you to send a note of appreciation or affirmation or well wishes for their transition to Belleville. You may email or mail them your notes by November 15, 2020 to:

Ken & Melody Byler, 148 Sterling Drive, Perkasio, PA 18944

Michelle McCoach Medications Team Nov. 5 update: Thankful for 13 members of our faith community who have pledged to help with Michelle's medication costs. Grateful for each of you. As political turmoil surrounds me, the stability and tranquility of my faith fellowship nurtures, strengthens and sustains me. Love Salford! 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.

11/5/20 Garden Update

Greetings fellow gardeners, this Saturday will be the final chapter in the 2020

garden season. We will harvest the last of the cabbage and close the garden for this year. As in years past I will add up the numbers and send out a report on the total pounds of veggies we harvested this year. No garden season is the same with its challenges and successes. This year was no different.

Last Saturday was COLD. When I arrived at the garden the temperature was a crispy 29 degrees. Heavy frost all over the garden. We pulled up the plastic and drip lines, cleaned up whatever we could around the garden and enjoyed hot coffee at break time. This week we will finish the clean up and put away. George Gaugler is already gathering leaves from the grove and I will be chopping them up from now until the weather chases me home for the winter. I am already looking to 2021 and what and where we can plant. Seed catalogues show up in late December early January so my time off is limited. I am planning on building 11 more raised bed boxes along with other improvements to the garden. Stay tuned as we go forward into 2021.

Thank you to everyone who helped out with the garden in 2020. The numbers will show how much food was produced but they do not show the effort, dedication and hours of hard work that it took to produce those pounds of veggies. Our volunteers are the best, just look at last Saturday with the cold and frost BRRRRR. We had a great crew working in some very challenging conditions. My thanks to all of you.
Steve

News & Notes

The Salford Church Board has determined that the **Fall Congregational Business Meeting** will be held on November 22 following Sunday worship. This will be conducted on Zoom, with a phone call in option for those unable to make the computer connection. The congregational meeting packet will be forwarded to you next week for review, along with a survey monkey link to record your affirmation for business items.

College Finances Info Session This Sunday November 8th at 7pm Randy Nyce will be leading an informational session through his role with Everence. He will cover questions about student loans, financial aid, and questions from the group. [Tune in here at 7](#) to join; if you have any questions about the event or about college finances email [Maria Hosler Byler](#) or [Randy Nyce](#).

Nov. 11th, 2020 marks Veterans Day in America. Please join Justice & Peace Ministry Team members on **Nov. 11th at 11:00 am** in front of the church grounds in a ceremony to hang dog tags in a **Witting Tree ceremony** marking the approximate number of veterans taking their own lives each day. One Vietnam veteran, a conscientious objector and medic, drafted during the Vietnam War in telling his story said: ... *"It's hard to tell my story of what I saw and experienced. As I do I get more emotional, but I feel my heart being tenderized. I feel healing from within."* Please contact Mary Miller for more information marypmiller1@verizon.net

Wintering a Pandemic Seminar - The Salford Mutual Aid Response Team is holding an online event on Thursday, November 12 at 7:00 PM.

What happens to us when we cannot touch or care for the ones we love? What happens to us when we are unable to sing our songs in times of great joy or deep sorrow? Psychologist Brett Litz used the term "Moral Injury" to describe the type of inner conflict that stirs when we are prevented from acting in ways that are consistent to our moral selves. Join us as we explore moral injury, complex grief, and other ways in which the pandemic has impacted mental health throughout the community. This seminar led by **James Mast** is also meant to strengthen your ability to cope with pandemic related stress as winter approaches.

James is a Licensed Professional Counselor and a certified family therapist. He works as a therapist in his private practice in Harleysville, as well as Penn Foundation. His work is focused on helping individuals, couples, and families understand and cope with a variety of life challenges. He collaborates with churches and other community organizations on topics relevant to mental health. He is also a professor of Social Psychology at Eastern University.

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87230260616?pwd=cnYzNjdHYTRxT0lwV2lWYTFFVWkM3Zz09>

Passcode: SAD2020

We anticipate that the new **Voices Together** hymnals will start to ship soon. If you order 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

Join Women in Leadership, a ministry of Mennonite Church USA, on Nov. 21 at 7 p.m. ET / 6 p.m. CT / 5 p.m. MT / 4 p.m. PT for “What We Need Is Here,” **a time of worship featuring a message by Rev. Addie Banks**, founder and CEO of the Groundswell Group and elder at Manhattan Mennonite Fellowship. The worship service is the fourth and final event in the 2020 Women Doing Theology conference. Learn more at mennoniteusa.org/wil.

Parents and caregivers, Mennonite Church USA invites you to join Talashia Keim Yoder, writer of this year's “Advent at Home” devotional, for a **free webinar on “Advent with Children,”** Sunday, November 22 at 3 p.m. ET / 2 p.m. CT / 1 p.m. MT / noon PT. The author will share simple ways to celebrate Advent as a family, as well as various ways to use the devotional. Register by Thursday, November 19: <https://bit.ly/37Lttbo>

Mennonite Church Eastern Canada (MCEC) recently announced the **termination of John D. Rempel’s ministerial credentials** due to ministerial sexual misconduct and ministerial misconduct. Read MCEC’s announcement and Mennonite Church USA’s response: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/a-response-to-mcec-ministerial-misconduct/>

In her blog, “**Encircling prayer for a pandemic,**” spiritual director Wendy Jantzen encourages us to embrace the practice of an encircling prayer while we cope with the ongoing physical distancing necessitated by COVID-19. <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/encircling-prayer/>

Beyond Salford

All are invited to join Mosaic Mennonite Conference for our **Conference-wide worship service**, Sunday, November 8 at 11:00 am EST/8:00 am PST. Viewers can join us on [Facebook](#) or the Conference Assembly [webpage](#) to tune in.

Healthy Ninos Honduras will be unable to hold its Annual Banquet & Silent Auction this year. Instead join HNH at its **online fundraising event!** Mark your calendar and join them on November 14, 7:00 pm on Youtube or Facebook to watch some update videos and a chance to win some prizes. For more information, go to healthyninos.org/online-fundraising-event.html. Check out their **fall newsletter** at healthyninos.org/newsletters.html. Read a testimonial from a donor and learn more about the warehouse construction project. Thank you for your

support as they continue to provide assistance to the families in need in Honduras.