

October 10, 2021

Sunday, October 10, 9:30 am Indoor Worship at Salford and on Facebook and YouTube Live, Lead Pastor Dave Greiser will preach on Mark 12:41-44; *Who is Generous?*

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

For Your Prayers List

- **Ferne Alderfer,** Dock Woods Community
- **Marian Alderfer,** Souderton Mennonite Homes
- **Salford Mennonite Child Care Center**

Sunday, October 3
Offering
\$6,154
ACH Electronic Offering
\$6,517
Vanco Online Offering
\$2,183
Total Budget Offering
\$14,854

Future Salford Events

- November 21 - Pastor Beth Yoder's last Sunday at Salford and Retirement Celebration

If you have information or prayer requests for

An update from the pastors, Friday, October 8th

Dear Salford family,

In a pastoral team meeting this week, someone said, "I've seen that Salford is a church of generous people; what makes them generous?" It's a good question; are some people just naturally generous? More specifically, what makes some who identify as Christians generous, while others who also so identify are less generous?

In our series on Salford's values and vision, we take up the character trait of generosity this Sunday. We will be looking at examples of generosity in the gospels, and we will explore together how it might be possible for us to expand our ability to be generous.

As we do this, we have an immediate, practical opportunity to be generous people. Some of our neighbors, and indeed some households in our own Salford family, experienced considerable damage to homes and property as a result of Hurricane Ida. In the past few weeks, Brad has fielded numerous calls to the church office from persons asking, "How can we help? Will there be a fund we can give to for flood relief?"

While FEMA has already been through our nearby community to assess people's needs, there is a very good chance that government financial assistance will not cover all the costs of damage from the big storm. Therefore, the pastors are announcing that on Sunday, October 17 we will be receiving an offering for persons whose homes and property were damaged by the storm. Keeping reading further in this newsletter for more specific information on how we will be receiving funds and how those funds will be distributed.

Meanwhile in this coming Sunday's service, we will think together about the meaning of generosity, and whether and how we might all become people of greater generosity. You can prepare yourself by reading and reflecting on Mark 12:41-44.

-Pastors [Dave Greiser](#), [Beth Yoder](#), and [Dorcas Lehman](#)
(Pastor Maria Hosler Byler will return from maternity leave in mid-November)
Click each person's name to send them an email.

Local Ida Flood Response Special Offering

We have received many inquiries from persons interested in helping those from Salford who were significantly affected by recent flooding, with Henry & Donna Derstine being one family significantly affected. We have also received interest in helping neighbors of Salford members who were significantly affected by the flooding. We want to give opportunity to respond to these needs.

We will have a special offering for local flood response on October 17. Funds raised through this special offering will be used to help Salford members and local neighbors recover from flood damage. Please plan to give generously. Please bring your donations to the offering basket on October 17, checks payable to

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

Salford Mennonite Church with envelopes marked for "Local Ida Flood Response". If you use the online offering system to donate, please email church administrator Brad Alderfer to designate your offering for Ida Flood Response.

We plan to use the funds collected to assist Salford members and to assist neighbors of Salford members with love gifts. If you have experienced financial impact from the storm or would like to suggest a neighbor or neighbors to receive a love gift from Salford related to significant storm damage, please email Church Administrator Brad Alderfer with names and address. If there are funds not needed locally, the remaining funds collected will be sent to Mennonite Disaster Service for flood response nationally.

Church Board Nominations Requested

To serve with others as a church board member is a great privilege. At this time, the Board is actively seeking an additional board member. We invite your nominations.

- **Role:** The Salford Mennonite Church Board leads and gives counsel to the congregation in matters pertaining to the spiritual, emotional, and relational health of the congregation.
- **Qualifications:** must be a member of Salford Mennonite Church with a passion for the mission and vision of the congregation, one who is an experienced and visionary leader, has a desire to learn, and is an active listener with the spiritual maturity and wisdom to discern on behalf of our members.
- **Term and commitment:** 3 years of active service, regular engagement and prayer, commitment to attending monthly meetings, and willing to be accountable to the congregation in discernment for the spiritual growth of all congregants.

We welcome your prayerful discernment. Please consider your calling and the gifts that you discern within others in our congregation. In full commitment to the work of our church as a learning community, we humbly invite you to nominate persons to be considered for service by October 24, 2021. Please email your nominations to Church Administrator Brad Alderfer at alderferb@salfordmc.org or use the nomination form in the church bulletin this Sunday.

Present Church Board Members: Randy Nyce, Chairperson, Aaron Bishop, Ron Freed, Becca Nagy, Hannah Richter, Jane Ruth, Dean Wimmer, Margaret Zook

Reopening Task Force Update

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. The Reopening Task Force will meet again on October 26, 2021.

This Week at Salford

Sunday, October 17

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

Preaching: Dorcas Lehman

10:45 am Second Hour for All Ages

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

- For **Carol Gross**, and family, as they grieve the death of Bud Gross on Sunday, October 3, and as they prepare to gather on October 30, at Salford, for a memorial service, that these early weeks will be filled with comfort, remembrance, and the deep peace of Christ.
- For **those in the membership class**, as they explore Anabaptist understandings of the way of Jesus, and how that faith and life finds expression at Salford.
- For **those volunteer gardeners from Salford and St. Peter's Lutheran, led by Steve Blank**, who have generously tended the garden, shared vegetables and flowers, and added beauty to the church grounds and neighborhood, throughout the growing season.
- **Clergy Appreciation Day** is the second Sunday in October, and all of October is celebrated as Clergy Appreciation Month. Please join Mosaic Conference in praying for your pastors and the other pastors and clergy who serve our Conference. Pray, with gratitude, for strength, wisdom, and insight for all those leading our churches.

Birthday Blessings...

To **Larry Landes**, who celebrates his 81st birthday on October 12th.

Anniversary Blessings...

To **Ben & Carol Nase**, who celebrate their 62nd wedding anniversary on October 10th.

October 10 is the date of **Ben & Carol Nase's wedding anniversary**. In this time when they have been more isolated than usual, due to quarantine in their retirement community at The Landing of Towamencin, it would be lovely for them to receive cards from Salford friends. Send to: Ben & Carol Nase, 900 Towamencin Ave., Unit 301, Lansdale, PA 19446.

Your Prayers Requested...

for **Carol Gross** and family. Husband **Bud Gross**, Age 84, entered into rest late morning, Sunday, October 3 with Carol and her sister-in-law by his side. Please keep Carol in your prayers this week as she mourns the loss of Bud.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, October 30, 2021, beginning at 2:00 pm, at Salford Mennonite Church, 480 Groff's Mill Road, Harleysville, PA 19438.

Thank You note from **Wideline Charles**, who received a **Salford Foundation fund college scholarship** granted by the Church Board at the recommendation of Mosaic Mennonite Conference. This annual scholarship opportunity is intended for a member of a predominantly ethnic minority congregation in Mosaic Mennonite Conference attending a Mennonite college.

Dear Salford Mennonite Church, Greetings in the mighty name of Jesus! My name is Wideline Charles, I'm a married mother of three boys, living in the Sunshine State, Florida. I have been serving the youths of my community for many years now, going in our local Juvenile Detention Center and High School to reach out to them. My heart is filled with gratitude to God, for using the ministry to provide me with financial support. It makes a great difference and helps me in a way words cannot express. With that support I can now achieve my goal of being a better leader for them and having more of a formal education through THE CALL program as a Youth Pastor. Again, thank you, thank you, your financial support is greatly appreciated. Sincerely, **Wideline Charles**.

Service & Mission

Donation of the Month for October – SOAPS: laundry, dish, bar, body wash & hand soap to benefit the clients of Keystone Opportunity Center.

Donations can be placed on the donation of the month table by the infant nursery in the main foyer.

Jean & Steve Godsall Myers offered a special second hour presentation at Salford on Aug. 29 their summer **Civil Rights Pilgrimage**. Did you miss it? They are presenting again in person at the **Indian Valley Public Library on Thurs, Oct. 21 at 7-8PM** in the Community Room.

They will share their experiences and photos of traveling from the Eastern Shore of Maryland to Wilmington, NC, from a plantation in South Carolina to the Alabama Civil Rights Triangle (Montgomery, Selma, and Birmingham), from Nashville, TN to Prince Edward County, VA, and from Harpers Ferry to Juneteenth in Lansdale, PA. Register at www.ivpl.org or contact DeAnne O'Brien at dobrien@ivpl.org.

Jean and Steve are also making two of their presentation's documents available to anyone interested. A [timeline of events related to enslavement and Civil Rights](#) and a [Bibliography with travel information](#).

News & Notes

On Sunday, October 24, the pastors are asking that **Second Hour groups** take the class period to discuss themes we've been exploring in the current sermon series. There will also be a special, onetime Zoom second hour group for those who have been choosing to continue worshipping online. We will provide discussion questions and further direction very soon.

Have you ever wondered what goes into Worship Leading? Has anyone ever told you that you could be a worship leader and you thought or said "Oh No! I could never do that!?" Join **Julie Wimmer** in the Sanctuary after the service on October 10 to see what being a worship leader is all about, what is involved, etc. Julie will give information on what is involved, have resources available, and answer any questions she can. There is no obligation if you attend, just a time to get information and maybe find another way you can be involved in the life of Salford. Call Julie 215-896-9081 with any questions.

Church Board meeting minutes for July and August 2021 are available to review [here](#) on the church website. Please keep up to date with the discussion and discernment of the Church Board and Staff team during board meetings by reading the minutes.

Mennonite Church USA News

Anabaptist History Today is hosting **Virtual Relationships Past & Present on Tuesday, Oct. 12 at 8 p.m. ET/5 p.m. PT**. Experts from North American Anabaptist heritage organizations, including Mennonite Church USA Archives, will show and discuss historical documents relevant to current issues. Register here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/virtual-relationships>

Please pray for the **Constituency Leaders Council (CLC)** of Mennonite Church USA, which is gathering this week. The CLC meets twice a year to listen, discern and advise the denomination on issues facing the church.

When high school seniors graduate and head off to college, it can be difficult for

their home church to stay connected with them. Andrea Wall, in her blog “**Staying connected to your college students,**” discusses some methods that she has used to stay connected with the college students from her congregation. <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/staying-connected-students>

In his blog, “**Transforming water,**” Scott Hartman, Mennonite Church USA director of event planning, ponders the relationship between water’s transforming powers and his own ability to transform and be transformed throughout his faith formation journey. Read more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/transforming-water>

Beyond Salford

On Thursday, October 14 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm, **Franconia Mennonite Church** will be holding a **Women’s speaker event** with KrisAnne Swartley, of Doylestown Mennonite Church. The topic is “Finding Confidence in Christ to Make Wise Choices for Ourselves and Our Families,” especially when dealing with social pressures and information overload. The evening will include singing, discussion groups, and light refreshments. Contact franconiawomen@gmail.com for more information.

On Monday, October 18, 6:00 to 9:00 pm, **MEDA** (Mennonite Economic Development Associates) will host an event at the Broad Theater in Souderton. The evening will feature guest speaker **John Sharp** and there will be three short films shown throughout the evening: (1) “Seeds of Peace: A Trek for Change” – a film in memory of **Michael J. Sharp**; (2) “May we Depend on You?” – a film about Clayton Kratz produced by **Jay Ruth**; and (3) a MEDA film: “Growing Hope in Ukraine”. Free appetizers will be available, and a free will offering will be taken to benefit MEDA.