

Week of October 11, 2020

Sunday, October 11
10:00 a.m. Worship on Facebook Live and YouTube Live,
Associate Pastor Maria Hosler Byler will preach on Philippians 1:8-11; *The way of curiosity*

For Your Prayers List

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

Sunday, October 4
Offering
\$13,413
ACH Electronic
Offering
\$6,647
Vanco Online Offering
\$1,843
Total Budget Offering
\$21,903

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 alderferb@salfordmc.org

A Note From the Church Office, October 9th

Dear Salford Family,
"I'm learning to take each day as it comes," someone said recently. "I'm learning to say, this is where I am right now. And I can't change that. I don't have to know everything today, to know that God will take care of us. I want to trust that, and I'm learning to adapt." How are you stepping into each new day? What rhythms are sustaining you? And how is our Salford faith community helping with that?

In our communal life, there are signs that we are finding ways to step into each new day, to walk with each other and Jesus, where we are, right now. This weekend we will honor the life of Grace Anders in a memorial service on Saturday, and Hiram Hershey in a moment of remembrance in worship on Sunday. Outdoor worship will take place on Sunday morning as long as the weather permits. A Garden Volunteering Day and Harvest Celebration will take place at the Salford/Advent garden on Saturday Oct. 17th. And the next six weeks of children's Sunday school materials went into the mail this week for families to use.

These actions of our community at work, addressing each day as it comes, can keep us grounded in an unsteady world. Through our worship and our fellowship we proclaim that God walks with us in every circumstance. And when our hope wavers, we can look around at our community to see God's goodness at work.

-Pastors Beth, Maria, and Dorcas

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Click each person's name to send them an email.

Garden Work-day and Harvest Celebration, Oct. 17, 9:30 a.m.

All are welcome to join our families for service in the Salford/Advent garden plus a celebration of fall ABUNDANCE AND JOY. There will be pumpkin painting, snacks and apple cider, salsa tasting, and more! [RSVP here.](#)

Mennonite Central Committee Centennial Celebration and Special Offering

Mennonite Central Committee invites you join **Celebration 2020: MCC at 100**, a livestreamed event commemorating a century of MCC's ministry on Saturday, Oct. 17, starting at 6:50 p.m. (EDT). The event will feature photos, videos and storytelling that highlight MCC's work over the years. Former MCC leader and pastor Leonard Dow of Philadelphia will inspire participants to walk boldly into the next century of MCC's ministry while talented musicians will lead in prayer and thanksgiving. Find more information about MCC's centennial and log in for the livestreamed event at mcc.org/celebration-2020.

In honor of this anniversary and the important work that MCC does as the hands

and feet of Christ, **we invite you to participate in a special offering.** MCC has suggested contributions for responding to the Beirut port explosion, and to MCC for where needed most in honor of their 100th anniversary.

We invite you to mail in or use the online donation system to make an additional donation beyond your tithe for MCC on October 11 through October 25. Mark your offering envelope for “**MCC Centennial**”, or if you submit a donation by the online offering system, please email Church Administrator Brad Alderfer and inform him that you want your donation to go to MCC. Donations to MCC will be divided between the Beirut port explosion response and where needed most. Here is additional information on the Beirut Explosion Response.

Mennonite Central Committee is responding to the need for food and other assistance in Beirut, Lebanon, following the massive explosion of ammonium nitrate on Aug. 4 that destroyed the country's main port and silos filled with grain. Food was already in short supply in the country because of an existing economic and political crisis. Together, MCC and its program partners in Beirut will also address rehabilitation and clean-up needs arising from this disaster.

You can share God's love and compassion with some of the most vulnerable people in Beirut by providing food and other assistance.

Virtual Options for the Fall Second Hour Season

We are excited to make available virtual options for Adult Second Hour classes following worship throughout the fall. Even though we are not yet together in person on a Sunday morning, please consider joining one of these class options for study and conversation:

- **Emmaus Road** class has been meeting via Zoom each week following Zoom worship. Here is the link to join their conversation: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/882750887> **Hank Landes** is organizing this class.
- **Foundations** class will be meeting at 9:00 a.m. each week prior to Zoom Worship. Here is the link to join their conversation: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/332187357> **Rachelle Moes** is organizing this class.
- **Gospel Herald** class has been meeting via Zoom each week at 11:15 a.m. following Zoom worship. We have been pretty unstructured in our approach so it *would be easy* for anyone wanting to drop in. Here is the link to join their conversation: <https://zoom.us/j/97432640107?pwd=SDB1amICWE9zSTVtQzJGR0lDYjlsdz09> **Jay Ruth** is organizing this class.
- **#Sundayschool** class will be meeting via zoom each week following Zoom Worship, starting **September 20th**. Here is the link to join their conversation <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82855727834> **Tori Jones Long** is organizing this class.

Please contact one of the class organizers if you would like to be added to the class mailing list for updates on conversation topics. Also feel free to "drop in" for a visit to any of these classes, without it being a commitment to continue long-term with the group. Since we don't have the before and after service foyer time, this is an alternative way to cross paths with people you may not have other opportunities to see. Please contact the Church office if you have any questions with this information, or how to join a class.

This Week at Salford

Monday, October 12

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

Tuesday, October 13

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

Wednesday, October 14

7:00 p.m. Senior Youth Group Meeting (at Salford)

Saturday, October 17

9:30 a.m. Garden Workday and Harvest Celebration (Salford Garden)

Sunday, October 18

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

Preaching: John Ruth

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

- For **Marvin Anders, son Wendell, daughter Cindy Godshall, sister Annie Musselman, and the whole Anders family** as they continue to grieve the loss of Grace and remember and celebrate her life.
- For **Carol and Ben Nase** for healing and strength and guidance as Carol remains hospitalized under close observation in regards to an as yet undiagnosed health concern.
- For **Marcel Houary**, whose younger brother died of cancer this week. Marcel is currently living with extended family in Florida. For comfort for his whole family, and for his crossing back into Palestine to be permitted so he can return home.
- For **Jehlani Angok**, who is on a ten-day visit to relatives in Michigan: for protection, good connection with family while she is there, and a safe return home to the Benners on Saturday October 17th.

This week all congregations in Mosaic Conference are praying for **Iglesia Menonita Encuentro de Renovación (Encounter for Renewal Mennonite Church)** in Miami, FL. Please join others in the conference as we pray for the following:

- That the church will continue to be able to provide support and care to immigrants
- To hope and trust in God while caring for the faith community

The Mosaic Conference Board is proposing Iglesia Menonita Encuentro de Renovación join Mosaic Conference at this fall's conference assembly. Please pray for this process and transition.

Birthday Blessings...

To **Martha Blank**, who celebrates her 92nd birthday on October 12th, and to **Larry Landes**, who celebrates his 80th birthday on October 12th.

Salford Friends, For many years our dear sister **Michelle McCoach** has been suffering with cutaneous T-cell Lymphoma (CTCL) Sezory syndrom. This summer she celebrated her three year anniversary of her second transplant. Now her blood and bones are cancer free and her residual skin cancer is manageable.

However, to maintain a normal quality of life she takes many medications. These expenses are not covered by insurance, grants or government programs. Currently her past due balance at the University of Pennsylvania Pharmacy is formidable.

Michelle's current annual cost for medications is approximately \$6,500. To ease this burden I am asking 12 of you, my Salford sisters and brothers, to join me in **pledging an ANNUAL \$500 donation to Salford's McCoach fund.**

I am asking for pledges. You will make donations in the usual way you make your contributions to the Salford Mennonite Church. Each time you contribute to Michelle's medication costs, you will mark that donation as being for the McCoach fund.

If you can partner with me and eleven others to ease Michelle and Bill's financial

hardship or if you have questions, e-mail (mjhershey@aol.com), text (610-209-6568) or message me on Facebook. **Mary Jane Lederach Hershey**

Faith Formation Spotlight

Kids' Club is reuniting! All 1st-5th graders are welcome to join one (or both) of these one-time zoom gatherings led by Melissa Heise:

Sunday, October 25 1-2pm: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87373099591>

Sunday, October 25 7-8pm: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88330205294>

Melissa and Mark will lead some games and sharing and a brief lesson. Kids are invited to decorate boxes beforehand to show and tell. If your kids' club-age kid did not receive a box from Melissa and would like to participate, contact mheise@eastern.edu. But even if they do not want to decorate a box, they are still welcome!

The 4th grade Sunday school class is holding a gathering on Sunday, November 1st 7-8pm. Tune in for a time to reconnect and share with your class and teacher Melissa Heise. All 4th graders are welcome to join here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87605846051>

Fall Festival Oct. 17 9:30-11am

All are welcome to join us for service in the Salford/Advent garden plus a celebration of fall ABUNDANCE AND JOY. There will be pumpkin painting, snacks and apple cider, salsa tasting, and more! [RSVP here.](#)

Share Joy! We'd love to see a picture of the kids experiencing JOY - doing a favorite thing, being with a family member or pet that brings joy, doing something that brings joy to others...**Send your photo to Karen** at bkbergey@gmail.com. Before you send, be sure you are ok with us sharing the photo on the church facebook page or as part of a slideshow during worship. No children's names will be used!

And visit salfordmc.org/church-at-home.html for some fun ideas exploring joy!

Beatitudes Virtual Sunday School: Week 6 "Blessed are those who hunger & thirst" has been posted for your family to watch together, along with activities you can use throughout the week.

Families with children age 2-10 should very soon receive in the mail another packet of materials for Weeks 7-12; please contact Jenn if you do not. **Sunday School webpage:** salfordmc.org/sunday-school-for-families

Service & Mission

Donation of the Month for October – Hot Cereal and Gluten Free Products for Keystone Opportunity Center.

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.

Garden Update, 10/8/20

Greetings fellow gardeners, this past week we saw cooler temps as we wind down to final harvest and cleanup. We harvested our first heads of cauliflower on Saturday with many more on the way. Once they start to form heads it will be a steady stream until the season ends. We may still be harvesting cauliflower on Thanksgiving. This week will be the peak for broccoli. I harvested many heads this week and will pick many more on Saturday. Our string beans have decided to slow

down. After a big rush, last Saturday we harvested over 50 lbs, this week I was only able to find 20 lbs so far. This Saturday may be the last for the bush beans, the pole beans may go another week. Our second planting of yellow beans was planted a little later than the green beans, they may go another two weeks. If we get a heavy frost all bets are off as that will end the string beans for the year. Cabbage will be on the menu this week. There are some nice heads coming in. Green peppers are slowing down as they do not like the cooler weather. They will still produce but at a slower rate until frost kills off the plants. The rest of the garden is in early cleanup mode as we pull plants and get ready for winter. Seems like only yesterday we were figuring out where to plant each veggie and how soon will we start to pick. The season has flown by.

Last Saturday morning as I was working in the tomato rows I realized I was surrounded by a group of tiny little birds. They seemed to drop out of the sky right into the garden. I quickly put on my birdwatcher hat and identified them as Palm Warblers. They were migrating through and decided to stop by the garden and see what was available to eat before going on their way south. (they were not wearing masks and did not socially distance, I guess they did not get the memo) This happens every year at this time, we get migrating birds stopping by to glean a few insects off our plants before moving on south. Toads, Birds, Bugs, Flowers and Veggies the garden at one time or another has it all. I feel blessed, I can witness some of the great displays nature puts on from time to time.

Thank you to everyone who takes time out of their busy schedules to help in the garden. The time you put in the garden is greatly appreciated. The garden mission would not be as productive as it is without your dedication. **Steve C** phone: 215-872-6616 Email: rsblank@verizon.net

News & Notes

On November 8th 7-8:30 pm Salford will host a meeting for youth and parents about everything **College Finances** related: financial aid, student loans, etc. **Randy Nyce** will be coordinating this through his role with Everence, bringing in other guests.

We anticipate that the new **Voices Together** hymnals will start to ship in early November. 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.

The Salford worship services are being live-streamed on both **Facebook Live** and **YouTube** at the same time. To find the YouTube stream at the appropriate time: go to youtube.com, search and select "Salford Mennonite Church," and find the video with a red "live" tag on the corner. This Sunday the live-stream will begin at 9:50 pre-service and 10:00 service.

Mennonite Church USA News

Glen Guyton, executive director of Mennonite Church USA, reflects on his 27 years as a Mennonite and shares his vision for what's working, what's not and what opportunities lie ahead for our denomination in his blog, "**The church we're called to be.**" Read it here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/the-church-were-called-to-be/>

Subscribe to **Mennonite Church USA's convention newsletter** to get the latest news about MennoCon21, scheduled for July 6-10, 2021 in Cincinnati, Ohio. <http://eepurl.com/gbyUCj>

Columbus (Ohio) Mennonite Church has provided **sanctuary to Edith Espinal**, a Mexican immigrant, for three years, as she fights to keep her family together. Read her remarkable story at <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/columbus-mennonite-sanctuary/>

Hillary Watson, a bivocational pastor in Ann Arbor, Michigan, reflects on the relationship between our war-tax-resisting Anabaptist roots and our response to current-day violence in her blog, **“Defund the police’ is deeply Anabaptist.”** Read more: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/defund>

Please pray for the delegates and leaders of the **Constituency Leaders Council** of Mennonite Church USA as they gather via video conference on Oct. 16 and 17.

Beyond Salford

Please join United Mercy Mobilization Alliance, Cheltenham Area Multi-Faith Council and Chestnut Hill College's Institute of Forgiveness & Reconciliation for a panel conversation of civil society and government institution representatives. Panelists represent the Buddhist, Sikh, Bahai, Muslim, Christian and Jewish traditions discussing personal, social and global healing through *compassion* and *forgiveness*. Special guest, Eboo Patel will be offering his insight on this topic in light of our current climate, as well. Sunday, Oct 18, 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm [Register here](#)

The 2020 **Camp Men-O-Lan Benefit Auction** is available online and is open for bidding now through Sunday, October 18. Find details on the many items that have been donated and enjoy shopping to benefit camp online at menolan.org. Contact the office at general.menolan@gmail.com or 215-679-5144.

Join the Pennsylvania Relief Sale for a live online quilt auction to support MCC! Auction Date: October 24, 10 a.m.* Early Bidding Begins: October 15 [Visit the online quilt auction website](#) to learn how to register, browse, bid and buy. You do not need to register to view the quilt catalog. Contact: info@pareliefsale.org or 717-208-4152.

Join **MEDA** for 2 days of inspiration, information and networking online, November 6 & 7. MEDA Convention is an intersection of faith and business where you can explore what it means to be faithful in daily work and learn about MEDA's business solutions to poverty. Go to www.medaconvention.org for more information.

Lend a hand in the **MCC Material Resource Center** warehouse! Each first and third Wednesday of the month from 5:30 to 8:30 pm they're in need of a few volunteers to help out. Call 267-203-8074 to let them know you're coming.

Join Bible teacher Joe Sawatzky on [Mission Network's Facebook](#) on Tuesdays at 1 p.m. (EST) for "Missional Meditations." A church relations representative, Sawatzky will help you gain insight for your sermons or daily life and inspire a missional imagination in your congregation!