

October 17, 2021

Sunday, October 17, 9:30 am Indoor Worship at Salford and on Facebook and YouTube Live, Interim Assistant Pastor Dorcas Lehman will preach on Romans 15:7-13; *Welcome*

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

For Your Prayers List

- **Kass Landis,** Souderton Mennonite Homes
- **Lorraine Landis,** Souderton Mennonite Homes
- **Elaine Moyer,** Mennonite World Conference

Sunday, October 10
Offering \$5,500
ACH Electronic Offering \$1,965
Vanco Online Offering \$3,178
Total Budget Offering \$10,643
Local Ida Flood Response Offering \$1,400

Future Salford Events

- November 15 – Pastor Maria Hosler Byler's return from Maternity Leave
- November 21 -

An update from the pastors, Friday, October 15th

Dear Salford family,

For the past few , sermons and worship themes have focused on those values and aspirations that Salford has said are characteristic of us. So far, we have said that we see ourselves as people who are generous, supportive to each other, spiritually hungry, and receptive to learning. This coming Sunday, (the 17th)we'll explore how we see ourselves as a welcoming people, with Dorcas leading our thoughts.

These character traits were descriptors that were first developed and offered by a small group of Salford members a little more than two years ago. Since then, of course, we have had our lives turned upside down by a pandemic which we could not have anticipated, and which has greatly changed the way we work, shop, go to church, exercise, travel, and relate to each other socially. Not only Salford, but every other church should be asking the questions, "Are we still the congregation we were before March, 2020?" How does our life and mission look similar and different today than it looked pre-COVID?

Next Sunday, October 24, we are asking each of our second hour groups to suspend their normal subject matter for some conversation about these things. How do you see our church today, as opposed to two years ago? Is Salford still the church the pastors have been describing in the current sermon series?

At least one of our adult groups, Foundations, has been exploring these topics in its weekly gatherings. For them, and for others who feel so led, a question we would ask you to address is, "What do you think connecting to our local community can and should look like in the coming months?" "Community connections" will be the topic of the sermon on the 24th.

Thanks to all of you for your flexibility in helping this to happen. It's exciting to ponder what church, and the mission of Jesus, might look like as we move toward a future in which less seems predictable than ever before.

-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.

Salford Adult Choir Startup

God welcomes all and so does the Salford church choir. Rehearsals are resuming on Wednesday evenings at 7:30. We would request that those who participate be vaccinated. For now, we will also request that you be masked. We will be spending the next couple of weeks exploring some new songs from *Voices Together*. Thanks, **Rod Derstine**, Choir Director

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

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

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
[g](#)

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 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

Tuesday, October 19

7:00 pm Church Board Meeting

Sunday, October 24

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

Preaching: Dave Greiser

10:45 am Second Hour for All Ages

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

- For **Ray Yoder**, who says thank you for prayers of the congregation in his ongoing health journey, especially during his recent radiation treatments which end on October 19.
- For **John and Roma Ruth** as John adjusts to medication for new seizure-related health concerns.
- For **Rich and Lisa Dybus Clay**, for faith and hope, as Rich seeks medication that is effective in treating his lung disease, without creating harmful effects to his kidneys, and that he will be well-supported with medical care and prayer.
- For **Dave and Marina Alderfer**, for a sense of God's healing presence as they each prepare for an operation in November, and for their friend **Marylisa Kelly**, who is recovering from surgery.
- This week all congregations in Mosaic Conference are invited to pray for the **Midian Leadership Project** (Charleston, WV), which seeks to develop community leaders through educational, family, and faith support, anchored in sports-related programming for youth people ages 10 to 25. The Project will be welcomed as conference-related ministry during the Conference Assembly on November 6.

Birthday cards are requested for Carol Nase, whose birthday is on October 29. While she and Ben feel well cared for at The Landing of Towamencin, they miss seeing their Salford friends. A card could brighten Carol's day and let her know that Salford friends are thinking of her. Her address is Carol Nase, 900 Towamencin Ave., Unit 301, Lansdale, PA 19446.

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](#).

Garden update, 10/15/21: Greetings fellow gardeners, every year is different in the garden and this year is no exception. I looked back to last year's weather and on October 17th we had a killer frost. This year we could be picking veggies in shorts and t-shirts. The warm weather just keeps showing up. But even with the warm weather we are starting to clean up the garden and getting ready for its winter sleep. All the tomato plants have been pulled, the cages are out, being cleaned and getting stacked for storage over the winter. The second planting of string beans is still coming in though slower than before. If the weather holds up we will have beans a few more weeks. Cabbage is on the menu this week and Cauliflower is starting to head up. I am folding up the leaves and securing them with a rubber band to shield the cauliflower heads from the sun. This gives the cauliflower head a bright white color that everyone likes. Red beets and turnips will be harvested again. Our green peppers are on a roll! We harvested over 175 lbs. last week and they are not slowing down. There still are ground cherries available but we are getting to the end so get them while you can.

This past Saturday evening my wife Lory, Nancy Alderfer and myself attended the 16th anniversary celebration for God's Treasure house. GTH is one of the places we donate produce to. GTH houses and supports woman coming out of prison or escaping an abusive relationship. Helping them to start a new productive life. God has blessed them tremendously with this mission and I am glad the garden can have a small part in supporting them.

Thank you to everyone who helps out in the garden, we may not see the end results of where our produce ends up but it is appreciated and has helped many individuals and families in need. Steve, 215-872-6616 rsblank@verizon.net

Racial Justice Spotlight

For nearly a year, from July 2020 to May 2021, Salford's Racial Justice Learning Group met every other week to learn from Black voices and deepen our commitment to anti-racist discipleship. After taking the summer months off, we would like to gather again to determine where our collective energy is, and how to move forward, focused on learning, lament, and potential action.

Please join us **7-8:30pm Sunday, Oct. 24** even if you have never joined the group before. Be in touch with Jenn at jennifer.svetlik@gmail.com with any questions.

Meeting

link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82526583885?pwd=dkxlbFFxMExRMW5oUUU2cWNsUEdQU09>

News & Notes

Marvin Anders Address Update:

130 Valley View Drive, Souderton, PA 18964.

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.

Mennonite Church USA News

This Tuesday, Oct. 19, faith formation leaders are invited to join Mennonite Church USA's Shana Peachey Boshart and a panel of faith formation leaders, as they discuss "Pause: Play, Breathe, Pray," the interactive, devotional card deck that the Faith Formation ministry of Mennonite Church USA released earlier this year. **Register for this week's Faith Formation Roundtable here:** <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/ff-roundtables-register>

Mennonite Church USA, Mennonite Church Canada and Herald Press have once again partnered to provide Mennonites with a "**Common Read,**" a **shared reading experience** focused on specific books written to nurture Christian faith in this cultural moment. This fall's Common Read selection is "Tongue-Tied: Learning the Lost Art of Talking about Faith" by Sara Wenger Shenk. Read more about the Common Read here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/common-read-year2>

If you have ever thought about finding a spiritual director, be sure to read Sally Weaver Glick's blog, "**Looking for a spiritual director?**" In this blog, Weaver Glick showcases the Mennonite Spiritual Director Network website and explains how to begin the process of finding your own spiritual director. <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/looking-for-spiritual-director>

Would you like to receive **monthly bulletin announcements** from Mennonite Church USA? Get links to the latest news, blogs and resources by subscribing here. <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/subscribe-bulletin>

Beyond Salford

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.

On Oct. 26, Nov. 6, and Nov. 16, **Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary** and **Mennonite Men** are co-sponsoring *Knowing Your Narrative: Unpacking Our Stories of Masculinity and Equity*. This three-part series of events, facilitated by Ben Tapper with the Kindred Collective, seeks to unpack narratives around masculinity, faith, and equity.

After completing the series, participants will be able to coherently articulate their own personal narratives, identify the ways they've been shaped by masculine messaging, and reframe their own masculine identity so it is more inclusive and holistic. For more info and to register visit amb.edu/narrative. Early registration ends October 19."

If you have any questions or we can be of assistance, feel free to reach out to Steve Thomas at stevet@mennonitemen.org.

