

October 24, 2021

Sunday, October 24, 9:30 am Indoor Worship at Salford and on Facebook and YouTube Live, Lead Pastor Dave Greiser will preach on Luke 10:25-37, Matthew 28:18-20; *Who is my Neighbor: Speaking and Serving*

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

For Your Prayers List

- **Faith Detweiler,** Sunny Crest Home
- **Donald Alderfer,** The Community at Rockhill
- **Mennonite Mission Network**

Sunday, October 17
Offering
\$9,211
ACH Electronic
Offering
\$1,965
Vanco Online Offering
\$2,841
Total Budget Offering
\$14,017
Local Ida Flood
Response Offering
\$8,253

Future Salford Events

- November 14 – Fall Congregational Business Meeting during Second Hour
- November 15 –

An update from the pastors, Thursday, October 21st

Dear Salford family,

For six weeks we've been thinking together about "what makes Salford, Salford." This Sunday in second hour groups, we'll have a chance to talk about the characteristics we've listed: welcome, supportive presence, generosity, spiritual hunger and receptivity to learning-in second hour groups. Class leaders and teachers will guide the conversation, which will be a kind of sounding board on who we are as a church in a COVID and post-COVID world.

One descriptor that has been repeatedly borne out in experience is "generosity." Last Sunday, we began receiving a special offering for Ida flood relief. The idea of this offering is to bless church members and other folks in the neighboring area who were hit hard by the flooding by giving financial assistance.

Even before last Sunday, people were beginning to bring their gifts to the church office. On Sunday morning there was an outpouring of giving in the offering baskets. Since then, more money has continued to come in. As of Thursday, October 21, we have received \$9,653.00, with the promise of more on the way! Thank you for this latest outpouring of Salford-style generosity.

This Sunday morning, Dave will bring a sermon on connecting with our local community. There are many ways of connecting; but blessing our neighbors with material aid on the heels of a catastrophic storm is one of the most practical connections imaginable. Thank you, church! And thanks be to God.

-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.

Second Hour Conversation on October 24, 2021

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. Pastor Dorcas will be leading the Zoom conversation. Please join online at:

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87184981378?pwd=VVhLakJCNXpTT1FKcVR5VkFLY1lmdz09>

Passcode: 214487

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

Pastor Maria Hosler 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

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.

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

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

This Week at Salford

Wednesday, October 27

7:00 pm Justice & Peace Ministry Team Meeting (Zoom)

Sunday, October 31

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

Preaching: Beth Yoder

10:45 am Second Hour for All Ages

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

- For **Lorraine Landis** who began hospice care yesterday. Lorraine is conversational and resting comfortably in personal care at Souderton Mennonite Homes. Lorraine is our oldest member at 100 years old.
- For **our congregation** and for **Beth Yoder**, for the blessing of a good last month of pastoral ministry at Salford, as we continue our mutual ministry and begin to say good-bye on Sunday, November 21.
- For our **church board**, for wisdom and guidance, as they lead the congregation in administrative and spiritual matters, and for the congregation, as we nominate an additional board member.
- We thank God that **Carmela Apolonio Hernandez** has, after a long search for housing outside of Germantown Mennonite, found a trailer to live in with her four children in New Jersey, close to where she was living before she needed to seek sanctuary. We pray for the whole family in this transition after spending nearly four years living within church walls, and for continued improvement in Carmela's health.
- Give thanks with **Brooke Martin** who was licensed for youth ministry in Mosaic Mennonite Conference. We anticipate having a service at Salford, recognizing

her licensing, in January.

- For **Carol Gross and family**, as they prepare to gather next Saturday the 30th, to grieve, remember, and give thanks for the life of Bud Gross.
- For **Jennifer and Pat Gorman**; Jennifer has been a patient at St. Luke's in Quakertown for an auto-immune condition and severe anemia.
- With all congregations in Mosaic Conference, pray for **Faith Chapel**, a multi-site congregation (Los Angeles, CA, Riverside, CA, and Las Vegas, NV), as it continues to equip leaders and work to end homelessness. The congregation is made up predominantly of immigrants from Nigeria, Ghana, Sierra Leone, and Liberia, as well as other West African countries and African Americans, and is seeking to join Mosaic Conference at Assembly.

Birthday Blessings...

To **Carol Nase**, who celebrates her 85th birthday on October 29th, and to **Pat Wilson-Schmid** who celebrates her 83rd birthday on October 29th.

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.

Meals have been requested for Vince & Carey Causerano. Vince suffered a recent knee injury and is presently immobilized at home awaiting an MRI. If you can help out with a meal for Vince & Carey, please see this [meal schedule](#). Thanks for your offering of care for Vince & Carey and family.

Update about Carmela in Sanctuary - After nearly four years of living within church walls, mostly recently at Germantown Mennonite, Carmela Apolonio Hernandez and her four children have, after a long search for housing, found a trailer to live in close to where they were previously living in New Jersey before they needed to seek sanctuary. We thank God for their freedom and ask for prayers for their continued transition and for Carmela's health.

If you would like to support the family by sending a card or a Walmart gift card, please contact Jenn at jennifer.svetlik@gmail.com for their address.

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=dkxlbFFxMExRMW5oUUU2cWNsUEdQUT09>

Passcode: **context**

News & Notes



A former Salford Pastor visited last Sunday. Though regrettably he was not introduced during the service, **John Sharp**, former Salford Pastor (1983-1989) worshipped with us, participated in Gospel Herald class, and met many friends. He was in the area at the invitation of the Delaware Valley chapter of MEDA, where he spoke Monday evening about the assassination of their son, **MJ Sharp**, in the Congo in 2017. John expects to return to the area in January for a book signing of a book about his son, written by a reporter in the Midwest who said he just can't get the story out of his mind. In this photo taken Sunday in the foyer, John stands beside the peace panel honoring his son.

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

The [Women in Leadership ministry](#) of Mennonite Church USA (MC USA) has **relaunched its popular podcast, "Holding It(,) Together."** Bonita Croyle of the Women in Leadership steering committee hosts this podcast, created by women for women. Listen here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/hit>

Anabaptist History Today is hosting **Racial Harm and Harmony Among Mennonites on Tuesday, Oct. 26 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/racial-harm-harmony-mennonites>

Have you ever found it difficult to talk about your faith? Do you feel vulnerable, or even underqualified, to tell others about your relationship with God? Sara Wenger Shenk, author of this fall's Common Read book, **"Tongue-Tied: Learning the Lost Art of Talking about Faith,"** talks about her own difficulties in sharing her faith in her blog, "Tongue-tied." Read more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/tongue-tied>

In her blog, **"Poverty and person-centered language,"** Cynthia Lapp discusses the language surrounding poverty and those who experience it. She argues that using person-centered helps remind us that we are all human and made in the image of God. Lapp's blog is part of Mennonite Church USA's "Learn, Pray Join: Cost of Poverty" initiative. Read it here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/poverty-people-centered-language>

Beyond Salford

A **service of Remembrance and Healing** will be held Thursday, October 28 from 7:00 to 8:00 pm at **Whitehall Mennonite Church.** Together they will remember

loved ones who have gone before as well as lament the losses of the past two years of pandemic. and name the impact it's had on us as individuals and on the world. Please wear masks. Street parking is available, with overflow in the Lutheran church parking lot.

Serve your community at the **Care & Share Thrift Shoppes** in Souderton! Here's your chance to help them process merchandise in their workrooms. Help is needed October 27, November 17, and December 29 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. Ages 8 – 14 must serve with an adult and no pre-registration is necessary.

Harvestfest at Camp Men-O-Lan is happening on Saturday, October 30 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Enjoy delicious food, family fun activities including the Harvest Quest, hayrides, petting zoo, paddle boats, fire department/EMS/K9 search & rescue, live music, a car show, campfire, and much more. Find Camp Men-O-Lan on Facebook or their website for the most recent updates: www.menolan.org.

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/>

The October edition of **On the Level** is now available from **Mennonite Disaster Service**. In our current issue: MDS continues its response to Hurricane Ida, volunteers head into the city to help rebuild after a fire and one of the oldest MDS units celebrates 65 years of service. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/30AMiMY>