

Week of October 25, 2020

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**Sunday, October 25**  
**10:00 a.m. Worship on Facebook Live and YouTube Live**, Acting Lead Pastor Beth Yoder will preach on II Corinthians 5:16-19; Ephesians 4:1-7 and 11-16; *Without Shifting from the Promised Hope*

### For Your Prayers List

- **Faith Detweiler**, Sunny Crest Homes
- **Donald Alderfer**, The Community at Rockhill
- **Elaine Moyer**, Mennonite World Conference

**Sunday, October 18**  
Offering  
\$7,424  
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Offering  
\$1,895  
Vanco Online Offering  
\$3,961  
**Total Budget Offering**  
**\$13,280**

### 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](mailto:alderferb@salfordmc.org)

## October 25 Option for Outdoor Worship Cancelled

Due to the forecast for very cold weather for Sunday morning, we have decided to cancel outdoor worship for 10/25/20. Please plan to join us for online worship on Facebook and YouTube live on Sunday.

## Mennonite Central Committee Centennial Special Offering

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 for the MCC Centennial Celebration**. MCC has suggested contributions for responding to the Beirut port explosion, and to MCC for where needed most in honor of their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

We invite you to mail in or use the online donation system to make an additional donation beyond your tithe for MCC by 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.

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

## Board Update

Since completion of the recent survey regarding welcoming at Salford, the church board has spent several meetings reviewing and compiling the data in order to summarize those results. That work was completed at our meeting on October 6, and a summary from that survey has been mailed to each household. As a reminder, this survey was done for the benefit of our lead pastor search, not for the purpose of making decisions or initiating changes. The board chose to print and mail the summary to ensure that each regularly participating household receives a copy, and to make sure the information is as easy to read as possible. If you do not receive your copy within the next few days, please contact the church office.

## 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/3442717749?pwd=MGdLOXU2Q1oyaWQ2eFRtcm>

[VXL3RYUT09](#) **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=SDB1amICWE9zSTVtQzJGR0IDYjlsdz09>

**Jay Ruth** is organizing this class.

- **#Sundayschool** class will be meeting via zoom each week following Zoom Worship, starting **September 20<sup>th</sup>**. 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 26

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

### Wednesday, October 28

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

7:00 p.m. Justice & Peace Ministry Team Meeting (by Zoom)

### Sunday, November 1

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

## Our Church Family

### Prayer Concerns

- For **Hannah and Andy Richter** as they prepare for the birth of their second child any day now, for well-being in this transition, safety in the work of labor, and joy in welcoming this new baby, who will make Ari a brother and enlarge their family circle of love.
- For **Becca and John Nagy** as they anticipate the birth of their second child in November, for health and strength, in the waiting, the labor, and the joy of welcoming this new baby who will make Hudson a brother and enlarge their family circle of love.
- For **Janet Yoder** for peace of mind and successful surgery as she undergoes knee surgery on Tuesday and then anticipates the hard work of rehabilitation therapy during recovery
- For **Carol and Ben Nase** as Carol is in a period of isolation, not at Abramson Center in Gwynedd, continuing to receive treatment for pneumonia.
- For **Sam and Sharon Godshall** for comfort and strength and encouragement as Sam continues on hospice
- For **Jerry and Beth Yoder** as they meet with various specialists and Jerry begins treatment to control the high red blood cell count which contributed to the earlier blocked artery in his leg.

This week all congregations in Mosaic Conference are praying for **Luz y Verdad Iglesia Menonita (Light and Truth Mennonite Church)** in Lakeland, FL. We are invited to join in prayer for:

- the church, as it works at evangelism and social needs in its community

- the conference board proposal that Luz y Verdad Iglesia Menonita join Mosaic Conference at our Fall Conference Assembly
- To learn more about Luz y Verdad, [click here \(Leer en español\)](#).

The **Justice & Peace Ministry team** request prayers for the **inmates in Phoenix (formerly Graterford) prison**. For a second time because of an increase in the Covid-19, the prison is in a modified lockdown only letting inmates out of their cells for 15 minutes a day. Also pray for all inmates requesting compassionate release as a result of serious illness such as 4th stage cancer at end of life. Please continue to pray for these neighbors, their families and their victims' families for healing and compassion from the prison system. Member of the Justice & Peace ministry team continue in email correspondence with inmates at Phoenix during this time of limited visitation.

***Birthday Blessings...***

To **Carol Nase**, who celebrates her 84<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 29<sup>th</sup>, and to **Pat Wilson Schmid**, who celebrates her 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday on October 29<sup>th</sup>.

Dear Salford Family, thanks to everyone for the cards, prayers, phone calls and video for my birthday. It was a very special day and week even though the epidemic keeps us from seeing all the church community. Thanks everyone. **Larry Landes**

**Salford Mutual Aid Response Team:** We are now well into the COVID-19 pandemic and it seems likely that the impact to health, lost work, wages and business opportunities will continue for some months. The Salford Mutual Aid Response Team continues to work to proactively identify and assist those who may need help related to the pandemic. If you are experiencing need, know others who are, or have concerns of any type, we encourage you to reach out to any member of the Salford Mutual Aid Response Team:

Marlene Frankenfield – (215) 527-2748, [marlenefrankenfield@gmail.com](mailto:marlenefrankenfield@gmail.com)

Mark Heise – (484) 687-0840, [markheise5@gmail.com](mailto:markheise5@gmail.com)

Cindy Moyer – (267) 374-3298, [moyerchick22@yahoo.com](mailto:moyerchick22@yahoo.com)

Kendra Rittenhouse – (215) 622-0959, [kgrhouse@gmail.com](mailto:kgrhouse@gmail.com)

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](mailto:mjhershey@aol.com)), text (610-209-6568) or message me on Facebook.

**Oct. 22 update: Thankful for the 11 from our faith community who have pledged to help with Michelle's medication costs. This is an honor system**

**pledge. No one will be checking or calling you about your pledge. Looking for 2 more members of the McCoach team!**

**Mary Jane Lederach Hershey**

## **Faith Formation Spotlight**

**Kids' Club is reuniting!** All 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> 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>

If you haven't been receiving Kids' Club-related communications and would like to, contact [mheise@eastern.edu](mailto:mheise@eastern.edu).

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

Are you interesting in joining with another Salford family or two, perhaps with kids of similar ages, to create a pod where your kids can play safely and parents can connect? Or would you be interested in meeting another family for a distanced gathering once or more, as we seek to stay connected to one another while living very differently than we used to? Reach out to Pastor Maria with any such interest or curiosity.

### **Service & Mission**

**Call for MCC Care & Share Thrift Store Volunteers.** Suzanne Kratz from the Care & Share Thrift stores called Salford recently to discuss their desperate need for additional volunteers. Here is the situation that Suzanne describes. Since the Covid-19 shutdown and subsequent reopening:

- Donations to Care & Share Thrift stores have increased.
- Number of persons coming to the store have increased due to economic needs.
- The number of available volunteers at the stores is only 35% of pre-Covid operations.
- They are needing to trash more than desired amounts of donations due to the inability to process them with limited volunteers.
- Overall donations to MCC this year are down 25% leading to program cuts across MCC.

They are seeking any level of additional volunteers they can find. They are asking if Sunday school classes, small groups, or individuals can offer some volunteers time to increase the operational capacity of the Care and Share Thrifts Store so they can forward increased proceeds to Mennonite Central Committee.

Would you be willing to be a one time or one time a month volunteer? It could be a weekday, weeknight or Saturday time. They will accommodate whatever we can offer. This could be a good time of social connection for you or your class during these days of social distancing. Suzanne reports that they have not had Covid concerns among volunteers, they require masks and distancing when volunteering, and are careful with cleaning, and hand washing and sanitizing. So they feel they can offer a safe atmosphere for volunteering at this time. They can accommodate children volunteers age 8-14 with one adult per two children volunteers, and I think groups up to 15 at a time. They can also accommodate individuals anytime.

Please contact this church office if this volunteer opportunity is a possibility for you

or your class and we can make the connection with Suzanne to arrange for a volunteer time. Thanks for considering!

**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.

### **10/22/20 Garden Update**

Greetings fellow gardeners, this week saw a lot of activity in the garden. Sunday morning we had our first heavy frost of the year. The garden was covered in white. That was all it took to kill off many of the remaining summer plants. We are well on our way to the end of the season. Last Saturday was a beautiful day, the weather was great and it was family day at the garden. (Thank you Maria for organizing this) Several families along with our regular volunteers put in a great morning's work. All the String bean and Broccoli plants were pulled, the last of the turnips were harvested and we cleaned and stacked a few tomato cages. This week I was able to pull the remaining summer plants and I will be chopping them up for compost to be reused back into the garden next season. We will be working on cleaning the remaining tomato cages (always a fun job) There still is Cabbage and Cauliflower that will be harvested along with a few Red Beets. Several tomato plants did escape the frost and I will continue to harvest a few small tomatoes until they get hit again by frost.

Saturday morning as the sun was rising over the garden I noticed a large bird in the tree behind Meetinghouse Garage. The bird was an adult Bald Eagle. The Eagle hung around for about an hour then soared off. Later in the morning, during our 10 am break time, the garden volunteers were treated to 2 more Bald Eagles soaring over the garden. What a great sight seeing these two beautiful birds against a clear blue autumn sky. Bird watchers always say "just look up" you never know what you may see.

Thank you to all the volunteers that put in a hard mornings work at the garden last Saturday. A big thank you to Nancy Alderfer for her awesome snacks at break time. Also a Thank You to Vince Ryan for his Green tomato crisp and Ground cherry crisp, GREAT!!!! The snacks are super, the work is gratifying, the veggies abound but the fellowship can not be beat! Thank you to all who help out with this mission. The garden is a special place but it is the people that make it special. **Steve**

### **News & Notes**

The **Justice & Peace ministry team** will be meeting Wednesday evening, October 28 at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to join. Please contact Mary Miller for the zoom link to join the meeting.

**On November 8<sup>th</sup> 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**

**Pastor Sandy Drescher-Lehman** and her husband, John, realized that when they stepped out of the way, God began a good work – right in their own backyard. Read their blog, “**Hosting Hipcampers: Is this missional? Or spiritual?**” at <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/hipcampers>.

**MenoTicias**, a new Spanish-language digital newsletter of MC USA and Hispanic Ministries of Mennonite Education Agency, has published its first issue. Subscribe today. <http://eepurl.com/hb2FGT>

A **new video series** from Mennonite Church USA showcases the stories of Mennonites who are advocating for immigration justice and demonstrating radical hospitality. Visit the Learn, Pray, Join web page for these and other resources: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/immigration/>.

Safwat Marzouk, associate professor at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, urges us to consider how the demographic changes in North America are providing an opportunity to recover a biblical vision of the church. Read his blog, “**A church that embodies immigration justice and radical hospitality**” at <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/church-embodies-immigration-justice-radical-hospitality/>

## **Beyond Salford**

**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](mailto: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](http://www.medaconvention.org) for more information.