

October 3, 2021

**Sunday, October 3,
9:30 am Outdoor
Worship and
Communion at
Salford and on
Facebook and
YouTube Live,** Lead
Pastor Dave Greiser
will preach on Psalm
63:1-8; Recognizing
Spiritual Hunger

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

**11:45 am Bring Your
Own Picnic Lunch**

For Your Prayers List

- **Donald Alderfer,**
The Community at
Rockhill
- **Glenn & Elizabeth
Frederick,**
Foulkeways

**Sunday, September
26**

Offering
\$2,335

ACH Electronic
Offering

\$1,965

Vanco Online Offering
\$3,679

**Total Budget Offering
\$7,979**

Future Salford Events

- October 3 –
Outdoor Worship &
Second Hour, Fall
Communion
Sunday

An update from the pastors, Friday, October 1st

Dear Salford family,

It has been a long time since Salford has celebrated the Lord's Supper in person. This coming Sunday, weather permitting, we will celebrate communion outdoors together in the oak grove. At the same time, there will be a virtual communion celebration for those who will be watching on YouTube or Facebook.

Communion has a long and varied history among Mennonites, and among Mennonites in this region. Last Sunday morning, our new members' class heard about how communion was observed back in the days when ministers and bishops led a preparatory meeting to discern the readiness of church members to commune. Members were instructed about the Apostle Paul's admonition against "eating and drinking in an unworthy manner," which tended to create a sense that one needed to earn or be worthy of the right to participate. The Supper often took on a rather somber tone in those years. And for many years, communion and foot washing were always observed in the same service.

Today, the communion service often takes place without the accompaniment of foot washing-as indeed, will be the case on Sunday. There remains today a connection between communion and the relationships that exist between members of the body of Christ. We encourage people to be at peace with one another, emphasizing the "community" aspect of communion. But there is a much more celebratory tone in the Supper as well. To take bread and cup is to celebrate the great love of Jesus for all those for whom he gave himself. We are the Lord's beloved, and we are being made whole by his grace and love. And as we rejoice in his love, our hope is that others will observe and perhaps come to know that same grace as they join us at the table.

-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.

Outdoor Worship on October 3, 2021 and Fall Communion

Fall communion is now confirmed for this Sunday October 3, 2021 on world communion Sunday. **Whether we are outdoors or indoors, whether you participate in person or on-line, expect that communion will be part of our worship service this Sunday.** We anticipate communion occurring at outdoor worship using prepackaged communion elements. If the weather is poor for this Sunday, worship and communion will be moved indoors into the sanctuary. We will notify the congregation at 8:30 a.m. by all-church email if worship and communion will need to be indoors.

We anticipate a standard length worship service, about one hour long, with Second Hour / children's Sunday school to follow. We will not be observing foot washing at this time. Please bring a blanket or chair to sit on, your picnic lunch, and your place settings. If we have bad weather, those who are comfortable are invited to enjoy their picnic lunch together in the Fellowship hall. We will also offer the live stream of a pre-recorded worship on Facebook and YouTube live.

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

In preparation for the communion service, as always, we encourage individuals and families to be in prayerful reflection and conversation. Consider again what meaning this celebration holds for you; what further depth of relationship or transformation Christ may be inviting you to at this time. Parents are encouraged to be in conversation with their children to guide a meaningful decision about partaking or not partaking of the elements.

For those who will be participating in communion with the pre-recorded service from your home, please gather the following:

- Bread and juice, or substitutes you have on hand, to serve as bread and cup.
- A small table as the place for the elements, perhaps spread with a cloth and a lit candle.

Worship and Second Hour Start time for October 3, 2021

What you need to know:

- **This Sunday, 10/3/21, worship will begin at 9:30 am**
- **Second hour for all ages will begin at 10:45 am**
- **Second hour will end at 11:45 am. Parents, please plan to arrive at the oak grove at 11:45 am to pick-up your children.**
- **Bring Your Own Picnic Lunch starting at 11:45 am**

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

Wednesday, October 6

8:30 am Sewing Circle Ministry Re-gathering (Gathering Room)

Sunday, October 10

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 **Scott, Angela, Isabella, Cali, and Jehlani Benner**, with rejoicing, and in gratitude that, after a long period of uncertainty and waiting, Jehlani's adoption was finalized on Thursday.
- For **all residents at The Landing of Towamencin**, who are quarantined due to seven covid positive cases, even as this retirement community deals with labor shortages. Cindy Sheetz's mother, Shirley Eyre, resides there, as do Ben and Carol Nase of our congregation.
- For **individuals and families in our congregation**, as we prepare for worldwide communion Sunday by considering again: What meaning does this celebration hold for me and for our family? What further depth of relationship or transformation may Christ be inviting me to at this time?
- For **the church worldwide**, in its life and witness, for congregations as they pay

attention to spiritual hungers in their own local communities, and as churches find new ways to re-engage with each other and with the world.

- For **Afghan refugees**, in their journeys of dislocation to many new places, and for local efforts to provide resettlement, hospitality, and hope for places to become home.

Birthday Blessings...

To **Ferne Alderfer**, who celebrates her 93rd birthday on October 6th, and to **Jean Anders**, who celebrates her 88th birthday on October 8th.

Anniversary Blessings...

To **Len & Esther Ruth**, who celebrate their 62nd wedding anniversary on October 4th.

Congratulations...

To **Lydia Yoder** and **Michael Miller** on the birth of **Haven Wren Yoder** and **Juniper Alta Yoder** on September 25, 2021. Rob & Anna Lisa Yoder are grandparents.

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.

Garden update, 10/1/21: Greeting fellow gardeners, goodbye to September and hello to October. The season is flying by. Last week I was concerned about our pole bean fence and I was right. I arrived Saturday morning to find the fence, beans and all, flat on the ground. The high winds had taken their toll and the stakes broke under the weight. BUT with a few new stakes in the ground and my volunteers, we were able to right the fence and tie it back up with bale twine. So far so good. We harvested over 100 lbs. of green beans and over 50 lbs. of yellow beans this week. WOW a real nice fall harvest. We still have 2 raised beds of string beans that are just flowering now and will be ready just before frost, maybe. Red beets and turnips will be harvested again this week. Ground Cherries are still available. I am starting to clean up the garden and getting ready for the end of the season. Depending on weather we always try to be finished by Thanksgiving. I am already making space for the leaves that will be collected from the church grove. These will be chopped up and used as compost for our garden. Takes about 2 years for the process to be complete.

We are in and out rather quickly right now as the workload is not as great as in the summer. Cleanup will be gradual. Thank you to everyone who helps out. Steve, 215-872-6616 rsblank@verizon.net

News & Notes

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.

Sewing Circle will be re-gathering on October 6th, 2021 for those comfortable attending. Sewing Circle will start at 8:30 a.m. in the Gathering Room and will meet on the first Wednesday of the month, conditions allowing. Based on CDC and Montgomery County guidance **we recommend that all participants wear a mask for indoor and outdoor activities at Salford.**

Salford uses the vendor **Vanco** for online and phone app giving. Vanco has notified us that the online giving option has a new look as of the beginning of the month. So if you have noticed a difference in the way you donate through our donation link on the website, that is why. Vanco is also updating their phone giving application. The GivePlus Mobile will no longer be supported or functional after September 30, 2021, as we transition to the new **Vanco Mobile app**.

- Members will not be able to make gifts using the GivePlus Mobile app after September 30, 2021.
- The new Vanco Mobile is free and includes many significant upgrades for users.
- Members' log-in credentials in Vanco Mobile are the same as they are in GivePlus Mobile.
- Recurring gifts will continue to be made as scheduled.

If you have been using the GivePlus mobile app, you will need to delete this app and then can download the new **Vanco Mobile app** from either the [Apple App store](#) or [Google Play store](#). Please contact the church office if you have any questions about these options, or any giving options.

Mennonite Church USA News

Let your voice be heard by taking part in our denomination-wide survey. Your responses will help Mennonite Church USA better serve the needs of its members. Take the survey here. [MennoniteUSA.org/member-survey](https://www.mennoniteusa.org/member-survey)

Mennonite Church USA (MC USA) invites you to engage in its “**Learn, Pray, Join: Cost of Poverty**” initiative. Throughout September and October, MC USA is offering stories, blogs, prayers and resources to encourage you to learn about the impact of poverty, to pray for economic justice and to join in mutual aid and advocacy work. Read more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/lpi-poverty>

To kick off Mennonite Church USA's “Learn, Pray, Join: Cost of Poverty” initiative, Bert Newton asks, “**Who owns the land?**” From a theological perspective, Newton dives into God's ownership of the land and what that should mean for housing equality. Read his blog here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/owns-land>

In the wake of the tragic earthquake that hit Haiti and the traumatic civil and political distress in Afghanistan, you are invited to **join Mennonite Church USA in prayer** for all people who call these countries home. Read the prayer for Haiti and Afghanistan here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/prayer-haiti-afghanistan>

Beyond Salford

Enjoy the Annual **Apple Butter Frolic** at the **Mennonite Heritage Center** on Saturday, October 2 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. See old time farming and craft demonstrations, enjoy traditional foods and more. Information on all the activities,

parking and admission at mhcp.org or call 215-256-3020.

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.

Homecoming and Family Weekend – Dock Mennonite Academy

You are welcome to join the Dock community for fun and adventurous events on Friday, October 8 and Saturday, October 9 – visit dock.org/alumni/homecoming2021 – for details.

- *Fall Concert – a special evening of music and recognition of Alumni of the Year recipients*
- *Croquet, Disc Golf, and Color Fun Run*
- *Kids Festival with inflatables and games*
- *Food Trucks*
- *Varsity Athletic Games*

Seek is a new six-month intentional discipleship program from **Mennonite Central Committee** which encourages young adults (18-20 years of age) to learn more deeply what it means to be an Anabaptist follower of Jesus. The program will include multiple discipleship and service opportunities with MCC partners in Palestine and Israel and Jordan. The Seek program begins in January 2022 and takes place in Palestine and Israel. To learn more and apply for the Seek program, visit mcc.org/seek.