

Week of October 4, 2020

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**Sunday, October 4**  
**10:00 a.m. Worship on Facebook Live and YouTube Live**, Guest Preacher Michael King will preach on 1 Corinthians 11:17-30; *Communion is for Saints and Sinners*

### For Your Prayers List

- **Glenn & Elizabeth Frederick**, Foulkeways
- **Ferne Alderfer**, Dock Woods Community
- **Mennonite Mission Network**

**Sunday, September 27**  
Offering \$8,343  
ACH Electronic Offering \$1,895  
Vanco Online Offering \$4,004  
**Total Budget Offering \$14,242**

### 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)

### Invitation to Fall Communion, October 4, 2020

Each October the Salford community comes together in the ritual of communion. Even as we continue with distanced worship, and maybe especially now, we want to practice this central sign of God's grace, the reality that the body of Christ continues to live and grow during this time apart from each other, and the certainty of Christ's presence and ongoing work in the world. We have every hope that this celebration will be a meaningful time for our community.

For those who would like to participate in communion this coming Sunday, some preparation will be needed.

- Gather the bread and juice, or substitutes you have on hand, to serve as bread and cup.
- You may want to devote a small table or bench as the place for the elements.
- Consider spreading a cloth, perhaps lighting a candle, as you create the space.

We encourage you to consider the following questions in prayer and reflection as you prepare:

- If you take communion, what are you celebrating? What are you committing to? What are you asking for?
- This meal is a symbol of Jesus' active love of the world. What does it mean for you to participate in this love at the communion table?
- Are you open to the possibility that Jesus might teach, challenge, inspire, or call you through this sacred ritual?

As we prepare for partaking together while apart from each other, may God's Spirit guide us in celebrating and receiving the gifts of grace and covenant community.

If you have questions or concerns, please be in touch with us as pastors.

Grace and peace to you, dear friends in Christ –

Beth, Maria, and Dorcas

### 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](http://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 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 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=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.

## **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.](#)

## **This Week at Salford**

**Monday, October 5**

7:00 p.m. Junior Youth Group Gathering (by Zoom)

**Tuesday, October 6**

7:00 p.m. Church Board Meeting (by Zoom)

**Wednesday, October 7**

7:00 p.m. Senior Youth Group Meeting (by Zoom)

**Sunday, October 11**

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

Preaching: John Ruth

## Our Church Family

### Prayer Concerns

- For **Marvin Anders, son Wendell Anders, daughter Cindy Godshall, sister Annie Musselman, and the whole Anders family** as they mourn the loss and honor the life of Grace Anders who passed away Thursday morning.
- For **the Moyer and Hershey families** for comfort and peace in these weeks of grieving loss and remembering the lives of Neva and Hiram.
- For **Gladys Nyce** as she recovers at home from minor surgery on her back to relieve pain in her leg. While healing will take time, she is grateful that she is already experiencing relief
- For **Carol Nase** who is at home and suffering from pneumonia; for clarity of diagnosis and treatment.
- For **Jim Parker** for renewed strength and continued adjustments to increased physical limitations.
- For **Sam and Sharon Godshall** for encouragement for them both, comfort for Sam, strength and rest for Sharon.
- For **Jerry Yoder** as he continues to recover from recent surgery for an extensive blood clot in his leg.
- For **Cindy Scheetz's mother Shirley Eyre** and the Scheetz and Snyder families as they care for her in Cindy's home; for improvement in her health and that a suitable long-term care setting can be found for her
- For **Marcia Stoesz**, mother of Becca Nagy, **and the Nagy family** as Marcia settles into the Nagy home and the Salford church community after moving in this past Monday

This week all congregations in Mosaic Conference are praying for **Iglesia Seguidores de Cristo (Followers of Christ) in Sarasota, Florida**. Please join others in the conference as we pray for the following:

- That the church will continue to be a community of support for immigrants without a host community.
- That the church will continue to grow in their mission of evangelism and discipleship.
- The Mosaic Conference Board is proposing Iglesia Seguidores de Cristo join Mosaic Conference at this fall's conference assembly. Please pray for this process and transition.

To learn more about Iglesia Seguidores de Cristo, [click here \(Leer en español\)](#).

### ***Birthday Blessings...***

To **Ferne Alderfer**, who celebrates her 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday on October 6, and to **Jean Anders**, who celebrates her 87<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 8.

### ***Anniversary Blessings...***

To **Ben & Carol Nase**, who celebrate their 61<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary on October 10.

**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.

If you can partner with me and eleven others to ease Michelle and Bill's financial hardship, please e-mail, text (610-209-6568) or message me on Facebook. Many thanks. **Mary Jane Lederach Hershey**

## **Faith Formation Spotlight**

**It's OCTOBER!** That means we have a new **Fruit of the Spirit: JOY!** Tune in for Children's Time this Sunday for a fruity introduction to JOY. Visit [salfordmc.org/church-at-home.html](http://salfordmc.org/church-at-home.html) for some fun ideas exploring JOY - how to find it, how to share it and more.

Activities and engagement throughout the month happens in our private Fruits of the Spirit Facebook group - contact Jenn for access!

Our weekly verse on JOY is from Romans 15:13a:

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing."

**SHOW US!** 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](mailto: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!

### **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.](#)

**Beatitudes Virtual Sunday School:** Week 5 "Blessed are the meek" 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 receive this upcoming week 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](http://salfordmc.org/sunday-school-for-families)

This week the junior high heard **Dave Moyer** speak about his experience with inmates at SCI Phoenix and started the process of deciding on their own service project as a youth group. The senior high will also be guiding their own hands-on project this year.

### **Service & Mission**

**Donation of the Month for October – Hot cereal and Gluten Free Products** for Keystone Opportunity Center (Please no tomato soup or chicken noodle soup, Keystone has an overabundance of these).

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.

Thanks to everyone for the generous recent donations of 125 school kits for Mennonite Central Committee and 9 bags of soup for Keystone Opportunity Center.

### **Garden Update, 10/1/20**

Greetings fellow gardeners, October has arrived with a cool fall breeze and a chill in the night air. Our fall veggies really love this weather. The cabbage is almost ready for harvest. I anticipate a big fall cabbage harvest this year. I have been checking the cauliflower and I see a few are forming heads. I will be closing up the leaves with rubber bands to keep the sun out and "BLEACH" the heads so they stay a nice white. The broccoli is starting to "head up" and we will be harvesting some this week. The veggie of the month is our green string beans both bush and pole beans. Last week we harvested over 150 lbs for the week. This week I have already harvested 40 lbs. They just love this cooler weather. The yellow string beans are just starting to show up with 10 lbs so far this week. Green peppers are still coming in and will continue until frost. Last Saturday was a wet and dreary morning with several showers all morning long. That did not deter our volunteers as we had 16 on site. With so many hands we were finished in no time but still had time for 10 o'clock break and Nancy's special snack!

This week we will pull more tomato plants and harvest whatever the garden has ready. We do have an abundance of ground cherries if anyone is interested. Plus salsa is available too.

We will continue to work the garden until clean up. We always try to be finished, with the garden cleaned up and put to sleep, by Thanksgiving.

Thank you to all the hardy volunteers who show up each week to help out with this mission. Not only working in the rain but also delivery and all the outside support the garden receives throughout the year. **Steve C** phone: 215-872-6616 Email: [rsblank@verizon.net](mailto:rsblank@verizon.net)

### **Racial Justice Spotlight**

*Updates on Salford justice initiatives as well as resources to help center a commitment to antiracism as individuals and as a congregation:*

The next meeting of the **Racial Justice Learning Group** takes place **this Sun., Oct 4** 7-8:30p.m. [Here is the Zoom link](#). (Password is Context). Sheldon will lead a discussion on Tobin Miller Shearer's article [White Mennonite Static](#). Please join us, even if you aren't able to read the article ahead of time.

Please join Salford's Justice & Peace Ministry Team in continuing to pray for **Carmela Apolonio Hernandez** and her family in Sanctuary in Germantown Mennonite Church especially on Wednesdays (her day of prayer and fasting for freedom). Recently Carmela had emergency surgery and is still in abdominal pain, and the whole family is still suffering the effects of COVID. Her oldest two children were granted an expedited process to review their U-visa applications (U-visas are given to victims of a crime in the U.S.), but due to the U.S Customs and Immigration Department's budget being slashed, there will be a backlog to review even these expedited applications. Please join us in calling our members of Congress to support the family's review of their cases. [Jenn Svetlik](#) or [Mary Miller](#) can give you a script and help you with your legislative contacts.

### **News & Notes**

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.

## Mosaic Mennonite Conference News

Mosaic Mennonite Conference is holding its **annual Conference Assembly** virtually, on November 7 and 8. The theme is "On Earth as it is in Heaven." [Click here for more information](#). In preparation for that weekend, Mosaic Conference is seeking voices from across the conference to join together in The Lord's Prayer by video. To learn more about this Lord's Prayer project and to submit your video by October 9, [click here](#).

## Mennonite Church USA News

**Last call for proposals for Equipping Seminars!** If you have an Equipping Seminar to offer at MennoCon21 (Cincinnati, Ohio, July 6-10, 2021), please submit a proposal by October 10, 2020. <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/equipping-seminars>

**Women in Leadership**, a ministry of Mennonite Church USA, is presenting "**What We Need Is Here**," a series of webinars engaging theological work born out of women's experiences. The next two webinars will address intersectionality (Oct. 11 @ 7 p.m. ET/6 p.m. CT/5 p.m. MT/4 p.m. PT) and navigating patriarchy (Oct. 22 @ 7 p.m. ET/6 p.m. CT/5 p.m. MT/4 p.m. PT). Register by Oct. 8 here: <https://forms.gle/kARRY9JLTcZv4duf9>

The **Mennonite Church USA Executive Board recently met** to report on its strategic plan, approve a budget and affirm a process for addressing polity concerns. Read about it here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/eb-meeting-sept-2020/>. The Executive Board also responded to the **report from the Membership Guidelines Advisory Group**: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/processes-advisory-group-report/>

Join Mennonites across the church who are reading **Stephanie Lobdell's "Signs of Life: Resurrecting Hope Out of Ordinary Losses,"** as part of a Common Read, a shared reading experience. Learn more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/common-read/>

## Beyond Salford

**The Mennonite Heritage Center** invites you to enjoy delicious, homemade Pa Dutch food in the **Harvest Food Festival** take-out event on Saturday, October 3 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Franconia Mennonite Church parking lot. Order apple dumplings, scrapple, vegetable soup and more online at [mhcp.org](http://mhcp.org). There will be individual foods available that day for purchasing. Proceeds will go the Mennonite Heritage Center with ten percent going to the Shalom Fund, Mosaic Mennonite Conference, and ten percent to Bean Bag Project, Souderton, for food insecurity needs.

Discover Dock Mennonite Academy's Grades 9-12 Open House on Saturday, October 10 12:30-3:00 pm. Dock integrates faith and learning at every grade level

and teaches essential life skills, such as, critical thinking, problem solving, inquisitiveness, teamwork, and leadership. Dock also offers over \$1 million in financial aid annually to families. Come learn more about us! **Location:** Grades 9-12 Campus, 1000 Forty Foot Rd. Lansdale, PA 19446. For more information, email [admissions@dock.org](mailto:admissions@dock.org). or visit [dock.org](http://dock.org).

Join **Frederick Mennonite Church** for an old-fashioned a cappella **hymn sing** on Sunday, October 11 from 2:30 to 4:00 pm. This event will be held at Bertolet's Meetinghouse across the road from the church, and additional song leaders are welcome. Please bring a mask – social distancing will be in effect. For additional information, contact Greg Law: 610.256.7878 or [gregbetty9604@verizon.net](mailto:gregbetty9604@verizon.net).

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](#)

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.

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.