

September 12, 2021

Sunday, September 12, 9:30 am Indoor Worship at Salford and on Facebook and YouTube Live, Lead Pastor Dave Greiser and Associate Pastor Beth Yoder will preach on 2 Timothy 1:6-14; Stewards of a Holy Calling

10:45 am Second Hour for all ages (see bulletin insert for class options and locations)

For Your Prayers List

- **Glenn & Elizabeth Frederick,** Foulkeways
- **Ferne Alderfer,** Dock Woods Community
- **Salford Mennonite Child Care Center**

Sunday, September 5

Offering
\$9,917
ACH Electronic
Offering
\$7,217
Vanco Online Offering
\$2,976
Total Budget Offering
\$20,110

Future Salford Events

- September 12 – New Second Hour Season Begins
- October 3 – Outdoor Worship & Second Hour, Fall Communion Sunday

An update from the pastors, Friday, September 10th

Dear Salford family,

About three weeks ago, Beth Yoder announced her decision to retire in November as associate pastor at Salford. It's a decision that saddens many people in our church, even as we are happy for Beth as she prepares to begin a new life chapter. Many of you congratulated Beth and told her of your love and appreciation for her.

At the same time, some of you shared with us your feelings about the ongoing transition that this change means for the congregation. Since Joe Hackman's leaving in December 2019, there have been numerous transitions on the team. Some may have hoped that with Dave Greiser's coming last May, this pattern of transition would be ending. Instead, Maria has concluded her service as youth minister (she will return at ¾ time as associate pastor when her maternity leave ends in November), and Beth will soon end her service as well.

We want the congregation to know that conversation and work is already beginning on identifying new pastoral leadership for the church. We will have money in the projected 2022 budget for at least one full time equivalent (FTE) pastor. The oversight for finding pastors is in the hands of the church board and its chair, Randy Nyce. Much of the work of searching and preliminary interviewing is part of Dave's job description as lead pastor.

In the weeks to come we ask for prayer as we do this important work. Salford Church has a long history of good pastoral leadership. Our heart's desire is that that pattern would continue!

-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.

Worship and Second Hour Start time for September 12, 2021

What you need to know:

- **This Sunday, 9/12/21, 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.**

On Sunday, September 12, we will begin our new Second Hour and Children's Sunday school season. On this date we will also begin our new start time for worship and Second hour/Sunday school. Worship will begin at 9:30 a.m. with an expected 65 minute worship service. Second Hour/Sunday School will begin at 10:45 am with 60 minutes of teaching and conversation time, to end at 11:45 am sharp. If worship time would exceed the 65 minute mark, we will shorten the transition time/teaching time appropriately to always end Second Hour/Children's Sunday school at 11:45 am. With children and some adult classes choosing to meet outside, not all will hear the second hour end time bell. Parents please plan to pick-up your children in the oak grove or downstairs classroom promptly at 11:45 am.

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

Infant Nursery Reopening for Worship

The infant nursery will again be available this Sunday for children 0 – 2 years old during worship. The nursery will be staffed by three vaccinated volunteers. Depending on volunteer availability, the nursery may also be open for Second Hour, or may need to close. Please check on Second Hour availability when dropping off your child. Children age 3 and up are welcome to take breaks in the foyer, library, or other areas, accompanied by an adult.

Exploring Church Membership

Beginning Sept. 12, we'll begin a second hour group for anyone exploring membership at Salford. What is Anabaptist Christianity? What does it mean to be a member at Salford? This is a time to bring your questions and to enrich our congregation from your own spiritual journey. We'll be reading and discussing the book *Anabaptist Essentials* by Palmer Becker. Meetings will be in Room # 207 on the second floor above the main foyer.

Reopening Task Force Update

Based on recent guidance from the CDC and Montgomery County released on Thursday, September 2, **we recommend that all participants wear a mask indoors and outdoors when participating at Salford.** After two month of rapid increase in the daily case counts for the Covid-19 Delta variant, we are hopeful that the average daily case count may now be on the decline. Increased vaccination and renewed emphasis on mask wearing appears to be slowing the spread of the virus. We are thankful for each person's willingness to care for others by getting vaccinated and wearing masks.

We continue to encourage each person and family to consider your own comfort level with risk associated with in person gatherings and will continue to attempt to accommodate the spiritual and fellowship needs of all. Please contact a Pastor if you would like to discuss any concerns or affirmations around this information.

This Week at Salford

Sunday, September 19

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 **Henry and Donna Derstine**, as they deal with significant damage and losses to their home and property due to flooding from tropical storm Ida, for others in the congregation also still assessing some losses or cleaning up after the storm, and for our community, as we practice mutual aid, and join in efforts beyond ourselves.
- For **our congregation**, as we enter the new rhythms of a different kind of Sunday school year, in the hope of flexible planning, lively interaction, and joyful learning made possible through creative planning of indoor and outdoor times.
- For **Anna Ruth and John Miller**, of Portland, Oregon, and their families, in the joy of their wedding celebration hosted locally this weekend.

- For **Bud and Carol Gross**, as Bud again returned to healthcare at Souderton Mennonite Home, for hope and strength as he continues healing.
- For **Gladys Yoder, and the families of Clyde and Gladys, including Brent Moyer, and Janet and Mike Bartholomew**, as they have said their final earthly good-byes to Clyde, and now enter a time of remembrance, gathering on Tuesday, September 14, for a funeral service.
- For **Rose and Glenn Martin**, for healing and strength, as Rose recovers at home and continues therapy after back surgery last week.
- For **Frank and Holly Moran**, for healing and strength, as Frank recovers at home after heart surgery last week.

Your prayers are requested...

for **Gladys Yoder, Brent Moyer, Janet & Mike Bartholomew** and the Yoder and Moyer families. Clyde Yoder, Age 91, entered into rest Wednesday evening, September 8 at his residence at Souderton Mennonite Homes. Please keep Gladys, Brent, Janet & Mike and the Yoder and Moyer families in your prayers this week as they mourn the loss and remember the life of Clyde.

A viewing will be held on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at Blooming Glen Mennonite Church, 713 Blooming Glen Road; P.O. Box 238, Blooming Glen, Pennsylvania 18911 from 10:00 am - 11:00 am, followed by a funeral service at 11:00 am.

Burial will take place at Blooming Glen Mennonite Cemetery.

Wedding Blessings...

To **Anna Ruth** and **John Miller**, who will be married this Saturday at 3:30 pm outdoors along the Branch Creek at Groff's Mill Park by the dam. All are invited to attend the wedding ceremony. Anna is the daughter of Jay and Jane Ruth. The newly married couple will reside in Portland OR:

4232 SE Cora St
Portland OR 97206

Blessings to Anna and John as they begin married life together.

Service & Mission

Donation of the Month for September – Campbell's Chunky & Progresso Soups: Basic flavors, some gluten free soups & broths. NO CAMPBELL'S CHICKEN NOODLE OR TOMATO SOUP, PLEASE Cereals: Any type, preferably low sugar and some gluten free, Oatmeal – packages or containers.

Donations can be placed on the donation of the month table by the infant nursery in the main foyer.

Garden update, 9/10/21: Greetings fellow gardeners, this week in the garden was fairly uneventful. After several big storms that dropped a lot of rain on the garden the rest of the week there was not a lot going on. The new string beans are in full flower but no pickable beans maybe next week. I was able to glean some more tomatoes from our plants but I throw out more than I keep. The rain really increased the splitting and cracking. Cracking allows mold and bacteria into the fruit and makes it rot really fast. This week we will be digging our sweet potatoes. It has been over 100 days since we planted these and they look really nice. Sweet potatoes are planted different than regular potatoes. Regular potatoes' you plant a seed potato or a piece of a seed potato. Sweet potato's you plant what is called a slip. This is a side shoot that grows off a sweet potato, you pull it off and place in water until roots form. Then you can plant it in the ground. Sweet potatoes are a tropical plant. They like high heat and moisture. We had planted these in June and kept the beds moist all summer. Last year we planted 1 raised bed, this year we planted 2 raised beds with sweet potatoes. After they are harvested sweet

potatoes need to be "CURED". This is when we let them sit for 2 weeks until the sugar content increases and they taste much sweeter. We will also be giving away the sweet potato leaves. Keystone Opportunity has clients that consider the leaves a delicacy and will take as many as we can give them. WOW one man's trash is another man's treasure!

Thank you to everyone who helps out in the garden, The flowers are blooming, the bees are buzzing, the butterflies are abundant, late summer is a time of change but the garden is still a great place to gather and work for a bigger cause than just plants and veggies. Helping others, who have little, is never out of season. Steve, 215-872-6616 rsblank@verizon.net

Faith Formation Spotlight

Parents, please check your email for important info regarding outdoor Sunday School, which begins this Sunday. Masks will now be worn, even outdoors, when kids are not spaced 6' apart. Read our covid safety guidelines [here](#). Contact Jenn with questions (jennifer.svetlik@gmail.com; 267-380-0273)

The nursery will open this Sunday, September 12 for children age 2 and under. All volunteers will be vaccinated. If you are able to volunteer in the nursery rotation, contact Sarah McInnes (smcinnnes@pa.gov). Children age 3 and up are welcome to take breaks in the foyer, library, or other areas, accompanied by an adult.

Mennonite Church USA News

The **MennoCon21** convention planning team has extended virtual content access until September 30! You can purchase access to all MennoCon21 virtual content for \$25, [here](https://mcusa.formstack.com/forms/mennocon21_virtual_content_access):
https://mcusa.formstack.com/forms/mennocon21_virtual_content_access.

The **South Central Mennonite Conference (SCMC)** resolutions to dissolve the conference and to terminate its membership with Mennonite Church USA (MC USA) both failed. While SCMC will remain an MC USA conference, they are still struggling with differences on LGBTQ inclusion and the benefits of affiliation with the denomination. Read more about the SCMC delegate assembly [here](https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/scmc-resolutions-fail/):
<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/scmc-resolutions-fail/>.

Join **Shana Peachey Boshart** and other pastors and leaders from across the denomination at the Faith Formation Roundtable this Tuesday, Sept. 14. This week's roundtable topic is "Intergenerational Summer Worship: How did it go?" Registration is required for this event, so please register [here](https://forms.gle/Q1cyAgPDWe9T6dVg8):
<https://forms.gle/Q1cyAgPDWe9T6dVg8>.

Since he was a teenager, **Duncan Smith** has been inspired by the Sermon on the Mount. Read about how the Matthew 5-7 have affected his faith journey [here](https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/be-transformed-by-the-sermon-on-the-mount/):
<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/be-transformed-by-the-sermon-on-the-mount/>.

Food can be a way that we care for others and ourselves. In her blog, "Food and nutrition advice," dietician Ingrid Friesen Moser shares how she came to love cooking and gives advice on how to prepare healthy meals. <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/food-and-nutrition-advice/>.

Is it healthy for Christians to get angry? What can we learn from Jesus' anger? Linda Gehman Peachey explores what it means for a Christian to express anger

and grief in healthy ways in her blog, "Tending my anger and grief." Read more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/tending-my-anger-and-grief/>.

Beyond Salford

You're invited to the following **events** in September, hosted by **Mennonite Historians of Eastern PA (MHEP)** :

- September 15, 7:00 pm – join them for an evening filled with rich local history as Mike Szilagyi presents stories and pictures of the railways that spanned Montgomery County.

Care & Share Thrift Shoppes in Souderton is ready to support those in need. Perhaps someone in your congregation or business needs items after Hurricane Ida. Perhaps your congregation is assisting with refugee resettlement. Care & Share relies on the community to help them help others. Contact them at 215-723-0315.