

Week of September 13, 2020

Sunday, September 13

9:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship

10:00 a.m. Worship on Facebook Live and YouTube Live, Acting Lead Pastor Beth Yoder will preach; *Jesus at the Center*

For Your Prayers List

- **Eva Alderfer**, Souderton Mennonite Homes
- **Marian Alderfer**, Souderton Mennonite Homes
- **Salford Mennonite Child Care Center**

Sunday, September 6

Offering

\$18,592

ACH Electronic

Offering

\$6,647

Vanco Online Offering

\$4,316

Total Budget Offering

\$29,555

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

A Note From the Church Office, September 11th

Dear Salford Family,

All it takes is a quick look at any news source, or a brief foray into facebook, to note the intensity of the times we are facing. We experience conflicting narratives as we remember past national tragedies and live through current ones, and the looming election raises the stakes for everyone. We in leadership at Salford are also hearing a wide variety of voices – concerned, courageous voices of faith. This is a community of diversity.

As Christians, one of our challenges is to find the way of Jesus in how we are with one another as well as beyond our faith community. Jesus took on flesh and dwelt with humanity in order to give us a glimpse of the Kingdom. How will each of us dwell with those we differ strongly from as we also seek that Kingdom? How will each of us speak the truth we know from Jesus while building bridges to Jesus' truth in others?

This is hard and holy work. It happens in inconspicuous places – these days, over phone calls and back porches and park benches. It can happen when we gather in the grove for worship or a picnic. May the Holy Spirit give us courage for it, so that little by little the Kingdom really is realized among us, here.

-Pastors Beth, Maria, and Dorcas

NOTE: Beth Yoder will be away on vacation from Sunday afternoon, Sept. 13, through Saturday, Sept. 19. For emergency concerns please contact Church Administrator Brad Alderfer at the Salford office at 215-256-0778 or alderferb@salfordmc.org, or one of the other pastors at the information below.

[Beth Yoder](mailto:alderferb@salfordmc.org): 215-859-3617

[Maria Hosler Byler](mailto:alderferb@salfordmc.org): 267-500-5679

[Dorcas Lehman](mailto:alderferb@salfordmc.org): 717-330-2620

[Brad Alderfer](mailto:alderferb@salfordmc.org), church administrator: 215-272-6724

Click each person's name to send them an email.

Fall Worship Series: HOLD FAST TO WHAT IS GOOD

Jesus is the center of our faith

Sept. 13	<i>We are called to follow Jesus in daily life</i>	Beth Yoder
Sept. 20	<i>The Bible is interpreted from a Christ-centered point of view</i>	Jared Byas
Sept. 27	<i>Jesus is accepted as both Savior and Lord</i>	Leonard Dow
Oct. 4	<i>Communion: Jesus – Community – the Holy Spirit</i>	Beth Yoder

Community is the center of our lives

Oct. 11	<i>Forgiveness is essential for community</i>	John Ruth
Oct. 18	<i>God's will is discerned in community</i>	Maria Hosler Byler
Oct. 25	<i>Community is experienced in face-to-face relationships</i>	

Reconciliation is the center of our work

Nov. 1	<i>We are to help reconcile people to God</i>	Dorcas Lehman
Nov. 8	<i>We are to help reconcile people to each other</i>	Beth Yoder
Nov. 15	<i>We are to be ambassadors of reconciliation in the world</i>	Sheldon Good

September 13 Option for Outdoor Worship

We are looking forward to an optional Outdoor Worship Service in the grove (weather permitting) this Sunday, September 13 at 9:30 a.m. for all who are interested. This will be in addition to, not instead of, the usual pre-recorded livestreamed service, which will take place at the regular time with preservice music at 9:50 a.m., worship at 10:00 a.m. on Facebook Live and YouTube.

You'll need to bring your own chairs or blankets - and masks! If there is poor weather, outdoor worship will be canceled. (We'll notify the congregation by email at 8:30 a.m. if outdoor worship will be canceled; call Church Administrator Brad Alderfer at 215-272-6724 if there are questions) If that happens we will try for a different date, to be announced later.

We did ask for RSVP for your attendance, but will be able to accommodate more persons, so please feel free to attend even if you were not able to reply.

Virtual Options for the Start of Fall Second Hour Season on September 13th

We are excited to make available virtual options for Adult Second Hour classes following worship this Sunday, September 13th and throughout the fall. Traditionally the Sunday after Labor Day weekend is the start of the fall Second hour season for children and adults. Information has been distributed to our families for children's Second Hour options. We also want to make you aware of some options for participating in adult Second hour. 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 via zoom each week following Zoom Worship, starting **September 20th**. Here is the link to join their conversation: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/332187357> **Rachelle Moes and Jared Byas** are 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=SDB1amlCWE9zSTVtQzJGR0lDYjlsdz09> **Jay Ruth** 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.

2020 Monthly Salford Finance Update, as of August 31, 2020

We are grateful for the congregation's strong, consistent financial support of the life

and mission of Salford Mennonite Church. We will keep you informed on where we stand in our finances for 2020 through this Monthly finance update (see below).

2020 Approved Budget:	\$857,248
2020 Offering and Income needed through 31 weeks:	\$511,052
2020 Offering and income received through 31 weeks:	\$459,204
Average Weekly Offering Received through 31 weeks:	\$14,813
Average Weekly Offering Needed, 21 weeks remaining:	\$18,954

For the 2020 budget year, we continue to see offerings and income trail 2019 offering and income. But we also see 2020 expenses are significantly less than 2019. So we are grateful for the continued support of the congregation during this strange year, and will continue to be good stewards by minimizing our expenses as much as possible.

This Week at Salford

Monday, September 14

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

Tuesday, September 15

7:00 p.m. Meeting for Youth Mentors, by Zoom

Wednesday, September 16

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

Sunday, September 20

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

Preaching: Jared Byas

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

- For ***Neva Moyer, and her family***, as she "hovers between heaven and earth," and remains unresponsive, since earlier this week. As they wait for God's perfect timing following Neva's major stroke last week, join her family in praise to God that she seems to be comfortable and pain free.
- For ***Grace and Marvin Anders and family*** as they settle into this time of hospice care for Grace
- For ***Sam and Sharon Godshall*** as hospice care continues for Sam.
- For ***Jim Parker*** as he recovers at GrandView Hospital from a recent COPD flare-up
- For ***students and families of students at colleges where outbreaks of COVID are taking place***: for wise decision-making on the part of administration and students, and for options as students make alternate arrangements.
- We grieve ***the devastation and suffering from forest fires and pray for the people of California, Oregon, and Washington*** as wildfires have already burned more acreage than in any prior year in recorded history, with four months still remaining in the fire season.

This week all congregations in Mosaic Conference are praying for **Peace Proclamation Ministries International (PPMI)**. Please join others in the conference as we pray for this ministry and for churches in southeast India to be nurtured and to grow. We also pray for PPMI pastors as they work to help provide food to their communities during these difficult economic times, due to COVID-19. To learn more about PPMI, [click here](#). See the information for an upcoming PPMI fundraiser in the Beyond Salford section of the newsletter.

Congratulations to **Dave Moyer** for being named the Pennsylvania Prison Society's volunteer of the year! Here is the announcement from the Pennsylvania Prison

Society recognizing this award:

We're thrilled to congratulate Dave Moyer as Pennsylvania Prison Society's Volunteer of the Year! We're so grateful for his tireless work that has spanned almost a decade in our Montgomery County chapter. Listen to his thoughts on what love above bars means to him. <https://bit.ly/3bciZBx>

Faith Formation Spotlight

Church activities and resources for families of all ages are updated weekly [here](#).

Do you struggle to engage with God in the same space you work, attend school, and do everything? Consider [creating a worship space in your home](#) in this video by Pastor Maria Hosler Byler.

Beatitudes Virtual Sunday School: Week 2 is posted for your family to watch together, along with suggestions for prayer, discussion and activities you can choose from and use throughout the week.

Sunday School webpage: salfordmc.org/sunday-school-for-families

Page is password protected; email jennifer.svetlik@gmail.com to receive the password (anyone in the congregation can use the materials at home if desired).

September's Fruit of the Spirit: Self Control

Check out Vince's video & activities at salfordmc.org/church-at-home.html. Activities & engagement throughout the month is happening in our private Fruits of the Spirit Facebook group - contact Jenn for access!

Service & Mission

Donation of the Month for September – Campbells Chunky soup & soup crackers 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.

9/10/20 Garden Update:

Greetings fellow gardeners, the summer is almost over and the tomatoes are following right behind. We will not have a long tomato season this year as a lot of the plants are done for the year. We will be pulling some of the old toms Saturday. In years gone by we have had tomatoes up until frost but not this year. Every year is different but this year has had it's own unique problems and challenges. We will be picking the first of our pole string beans on Saturday. They have exploded this past week and we should find a nice amount of 7 to 9 inch long pole beans. The regular bush string beans are about a week behind so next Saturday we could be harvesting 2 types of beans. The green peppers are still looking fine with both rows still producing nice peppers. We will be digging the sweet potatoes this week! This is the first time we planted sweet potatoes in 10 years. The vines are huge. I did feel around the bed and some of the potatoes are poking out of the ground. They will need to "CURE" for 2 weeks before we can distribute them. The Curing process helps sweeten the potatoes. The Cabbage, Broccoli and Cauliflower are on track for the end of September early October. Some of the broccoli was attacked by caterpillars and a fungus. I treated them so I hope they recover in time to form heads. Always something trying to eat our plants. We will be checking the butternut squash too, some may be ready to harvest. Lima beans are still showing up in bits and pieces. The main crop has not come in, waiting, waiting, waiting,.....

All in all the 2020 garden season has been a great experience. Good workers make

the jobs go fast, good produce to distribute to the people who need it most and great relationships with the volunteers, including members of Advent, Salford and from the local community, who give their valuable time to this mission. Thank you to all who support the garden. **Steve** rsblank@verizon.net Cell Phone 215-872-6616

News & Notes

Fall Rejoice devotionals and **Fall Adult Curriculum** have arrived in the church office. They have been placed on the table in the foyer by the Pastors entrance. Please come to the Pastors Entrance and you can gain access to pick up your copies. If you would like these mailed or delivered to you, please contact the church office.

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

Anti-racism training for congregations is more affordable, thanks to a new partnership between Mennonite Church USA and Widerstand Consulting. For more information on this research-based, field-tested online training, visit <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/anti-racism-training-accessible/>

Iglesia Menonita Hispana, a racial/ethnic group of Mennonite Church USA, has launched the **Grace Fund**. This mutual aid fund will **support the denomination's Hispanic congregations and ministries** directly impacted by COVID-19 and natural disasters, such as Hurricane Hanna. To learn more, <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/imh-gracefund>

What makes our Mennonite educational institutions unique? Read about how our **Anabaptist schools and colleges found hope** during the first few months of the pandemic. <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/mennonite-education-pandemic/>

Have you attended a MennoCon **Equipping Seminar** that made an impact on your faith journey? Do you have an Equipping Seminar to offer at MennoCon21 (Cincinnati, Ohio, July 6-10, 2021)? Mennonite Church USA convention planners invite you to **submit a proposal by October 10, 2020**. <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/equipping-seminars>

Beyond Salford

You are invited to attend [Peaceful Living's](#) **Celebration of Belonging** on Wednesday, September 16 from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. This free online viewing event unites community and ministry partners, friends, and family who believe in creating belonging for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Come learn about Peaceful Living and the individuals they serve, and bid on auction items. Learn more and register at tinyurl.com/2020COB.

Peace Proclamation Ministries International is hosting a drive-through fundraiser and we need your support! To raise funds, we are providing a choice of single-serve meals from Biryani Bowl in Lansdale or Jesse's BBQ in Souderton. You can pick up your order at the front entrance of Souderton Mennonite

Church between 3:30 – 6:00 pm on Saturday, October 3rd. **Please pre-order your food by clicking on the link here:** <https://forms.gle/XVfykyszAHeFQWPW6> Orders will be taken until Monday, September 27th. If you don't have internet access, but would like to participate or support with a donation, please contact Jim & Kendra Rittenhouse.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church's, **Souderton E-Meal program** has been able to serve over 200 meals a day since it opened its doors in late March They have been able to share over 32,000 meals during these long months. They are taking the E-Meal program to the **Annual Hope Festival** on the grounds of Franconia Mennonite Church Rte.113 on Friday 9/18 and Saturday 9/19. Volunteers are needed to package and hand out over 1000 meals. Please consider volunteering. [CLICK HERE](#) .

October 10 is the **Annual Woodcutting Day at Spruce Lake!** Join them 8:30 am to 4:00 pm to help cut winter firewood. Bring your chainsaws, splitters and gloves. Breakfast and lunch are provided; please call by October 7 to tell them you're coming – 570-595-7505.

Everence will host a series of webinars focusing on retirement-related issues this September and October. Specific topics will include Medicare and Social Security and will be presented by staff from the Everence office in Souderton. For more information, or to register, visit www.everence.com/souderton or contact Leah Ludwig at 215-703-0111 or leah.ludwig@everence.com.

Quakertown Christian School (K-12) is offering competitive daily rates to credentialed educators who are available and willing to serve as **substitute teachers**. For more information, contact Dr. J. Eric Bishop, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, at 215-536-6970, ext. 505.

Living Branches would like to thank you for your support of the Online Auction, Virtual Hymn Sing, and the Livestream Gospel Music Fest. Donations from these events amounted to over \$18,000 with net proceeds benefiting the Agape Fund, If you would like to see the Hymn Sing or Gospel Music Fest, you can watch them at livingbranches.org/blog-home. Donations to the Agape Fund are accepted online at livingbranches.org/donate or can be sent to Living Branches Foundation, 275 Dock Drive, Lansdale, PA 19446.

Don't let travel plans hold you back! This year we're going digital – which means you can attend **MEDA Convention 2020** from the comfort of your home, while saving on travel costs and added expenses. It's the same great convention you know and love in a two-day virtual setting, jam-packed with speakers, plenary sessions, fun events, and plenty of networking opportunities! You'll leave challenged, informed, and inspired. Plus, with four streams of programming, there's a place for everyone at [MEDA Convention 2020!](#)