

September 19, 2021

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**Sunday, September 19, 9:30 am Indoor Worship at Salford and on Facebook and YouTube Live,** Lead Pastor Dave Greiser will preach on Luke 2:41-52; Receptive to Learning

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

### For Your Prayers List

- **Marian Alderfer,**  
Souderton  
Mennonite Homes
- **Kass Landis,**  
Souderton  
Mennonite Homes
- **Elaine Moyer,**  
Mennonite World  
Conference

**Sunday, September 12**

Offering  
\$20,142  
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Offering  
\$1,965  
Vanco Online Offering  
\$1,542  
**Total Budget Offering  
\$23,649**

### Future Salford Events

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

If you have information or prayer requests for

## An update from the pastors, Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup>

Dear Salford family,

If you were at Salford this past Sunday, when second hour classes resumed, you could feel the excitement as teachers and 25 children found their new class locations outdoors. After their first lesson in the fall series, God's Good Creation, one child said, "I want to come back here every day!" And another child said, "It was really good to see my church friends again. I had a lot of fun."

Over the summer, Jenn Svetlik and a team of 12 teachers designed children's classes that were interactive and could meet outdoors for safety. When Sunday came, they were ready, and things flowed smoothly. Parents dropped off and picked up their kids in the oak grove. The kids started with singing, had their lesson and activity, snack, and a game or free play.

And the parents, who have waited a whole year and a half for this opportunity, felt glad. "This was the first time in months that my kids have spent time with others their age, and it was really good for them," one parent said. Another said, "I am so grateful for a safe and engaging space for my kids to learn about faith with peers this fall."

Across all age groups, many of us are glad to resume in-person classes. Yet, emotions are mixed, because we had hoped for a more normal kind of homecoming on that first Sunday. Instead, some of us feel able to attend one hour, but not both, and others are still waiting to return. Our circles are not yet complete.

Yet, we walk this path together, in trust, mindful that receptivity to learning is one of Salford's five core values. And this coming Sunday, the story of Jesus in the temple will help us think about genuine receptivity, and what that means for Salford in this time and place.

Like our children, we can open our senses to the delights of being a joyful learning community eager to live and share the peaceable way of Jesus.

-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 and Communion on October 3, 2021

On October 3, 2021 we will have worship outdoors in the oak grove at 9:30 am, followed by Second Hour and then a Bring Your Own Picnic. We will participate in communion on October 3, 2021 with prepackaged individual elements. There will not be foot washing with communion and we anticipate a standard length worship service. Please bring a blanket or chair to sit on, your picnic lunch, and your place settings.

We will also offer the livestream of a pre-recorded worship on Facebook and YouTube live. If we have bad weather, the service will be moved indoors, and those who are comfortable are invited to enjoy lunch together in the Fellowship Hall.

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)

## Worship and Second Hour Start time for September 19, 2021

What you need to know:

- **This Sunday, 9/19/21, 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.**

## 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.

## 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.

## This Week at Salford

### Tuesday, September 21

7:00 pm Church Board Meeting (Friendship Room)

### Sunday, September 26

9:30 am Salford Worship Indoors and Streamed on Facebook and YouTube Live

Preaching: Beth Yoder

10:45 am Second Hour for All Ages

## Our Church Family

### Prayer Concerns

- For **Nancy Alderfer and her daughter, Brenda Snyder**, who is receiving mental health care in hospital, since August 31, that she will receive the care and love she needs during this troubled time.
- For **Gladys Yoder, and the families of Clyde and Gladys**, for a sense of God's nearness and blessing in these early days of remembrance and grief, after the funeral on Tuesday.
- For **our congregation, as we continue to discern our vision and values** in this fall season and beyond.
- For **our households, and families around the world**, for well-being and strength, as we continue to need to make complicated decisions about daily living, after 18 months of life touched by the pandemic.
- With all churches in Mosaic Conference, on this Peace Sunday, **pray for peace in our homes, in our congregations, in our communities, in our country, and throughout the world.**

### ***Your prayers are requested...***

for **Deb & Jeff Landis** and the Landis family. Deb's mother Elizabeth Godshall, age 97, entered into rest September 13 at her residence at Living Branches, Souderton. Please keep Deb & Jeff and the Landis family in your prayers this week as they mourn the loss and remember the life of Elizabeth.

We will forward the memorial service information when it is available.

### ***Congratulations...***

To **Greg & Kristina Yoder** on the birth of **Hannah Jane Yoder** on Monday, September 13, 2021. Ephraim and Lydia are proud siblings and Jerry & Beth Yoder are grandparents.

### **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.

Thanks to all who generously donated 88 school kits and \$610.00 for the MCC school kit project. MCC MRC of Harleysville will use the cash to purchase 122 additional school kits.

Thanks to all who donated funds for the Indonesia Covid Relief project. To read the story from Mosaic Mennonite Conference about the campaign and how the funds are being used, [click here](#).

## **Faith Formation Spotlight**

**Children's Sunday School is Underway!** 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](mailto:jennifer.svetlik@gmail.com); 267-380-0273)

Kids age 2 to 5th grade can join us at any time. And for a hard copy of the Shine-at-Home curriculum, which follows the same story sequence, contact Jenn.

## **News & Notes**

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

The **Mennonite Church USA Executive Board** will be meeting in Dallas, Texas, Sept. 23-25. Pray for the Executive Board this weekend, as they make important decisions that affect the denomination.

This Tuesday, Sept. 21, Shana Peachy Boshart and other leaders from across the denomination will lead a Faith Formation Roundtable on the topic, “**Staying connected with your college students.**” Join this event for a time of time of community and collaboration. Register here: <https://forms.gle/Q1cyAgPDWe9T6dVg8>.

After six months of searching for a new executive director, the Mennonite Education Agency Board of Directors suspended the search and agreed to collaborate with the Mennonite Church USA Executive Board to share leadership staff. Learn more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/mea-suspends-executive-director-search-pursues-collaboration-with-mc-usa-executive-board/>.

When Bonnie Miller found out her firstborn child had a physical disability, she quickly realized that her church, which she once thought was accessible, had one major obstacle: the steps leading to the stage. Read about how the church came together to find a way to make the stage accessible to all and how it impacted the community, in Miller’s blog, “Accessibility benefits everybody.” <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/accessibility-benefits-everybody/>

## Beyond Salford

‘Help Build Hope’ Upcoming Opportunity in Delaware County Sat. Sept. 25, 2021 Help Build Hope constructs the "skeleton" of homes which are then taken to *Habitat for Humanity* and other projects to expedite the building of homes for those in need. On Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> in Lima, Delaware County, United Methodist Church (UMC) will be constructing the walls of a new home. There are non-building activities to participate in beyond constructing the framework. More information and registration link is attached. Cindy Sheetz is attending and participated in one last April and felt it to be a way to participate in service and for Salford to consider doing this in the future. She would like a few people to attend with her. When you register they will send you more info. <https://crossroadsmissions.breezechms.com/form/limaumc> <https://www.helpbuildhope.com/> Contact **Cindy Sheetz** for more information. [cindysheetz8083@gmail.com](mailto:cindysheetz8083@gmail.com)

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.

The September edition of **On the Level** is now available from **Mennonite Disaster Service**. In our current issue: A Virginia family now has a way home, thanks to MDS Volunteers, Canada farmers work together to battle drought conditions and clean up continues in the wake of Hurricane Ida. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3EjlO0M>

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