

Week of September 20, 2020

**Sunday, September 20**

**10:00 a.m. Worship on Facebook Live and YouTube Live**, Guest Preacher Jared Byas will preach on Romans 13:8-10; *Interpreting the Bible from a Christ-Centered Perspective*

### For Your Prayers List

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

**Sunday, September 13**

Offering  
\$2,720  
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Offering  
\$1,895  
Vanco Online Offering  
\$2,334  
**Total Budget Offering  
\$6,949**

### 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)

## A Note From the Church Office, September 18th

Dear Salford Family,

Last Sunday, members of the Salford community gathered onsite for the first time in months to worship together under the oak trees. Even with the masks and the distance we were able to truly be together in a beautiful way, sharing and worshipping as the Body of Christ. We want to take advantage of the beautiful fall weather to come together again in that way – so please see the below announcement about a second outdoor worship opportunity, on September 27<sup>th</sup>.

In other ways, too, this community is being the Body together. In the past weeks the junior and senior youth groups have each begun weekly meetings, alternating onsite and online. The youth are eager to be together and engage in conversation and activity. Adult “second hour” classes have begun as well. The newsletter has more information on the options, which are open to all. And we have completed our efforts to call through the entire congregation this week. At this point all households should have received a phone call from a member of the calling team. If you haven’t, please reach out to us – we want to hear from you!

-Pastors Maria and Dorcas

**NOTE: Beth Yoder will return from vacation and be available on Sept. 22. For emergency concerns please contact Church Administrator Brad Alderfer at the Salford office at 215-256-0778 or [alderferb@salfordmc.org](mailto: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

	<b>Jesus is the center of our faith</b>	
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
	<b>Community is the center of our lives</b>	
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>	
	<b>Reconciliation is the center of our work</b>	
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 and Jenn Svetlik
Nov. 22	<i>The Holy Spirit’s work is essential</i>	Steve Kriss

## September 27 Option for Outdoor Worship

We are looking forward to another optional Outdoor Worship Service in the grove (weather permitting) on **Sunday, September 27 at 10:00 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. Thanks to the excellent sound system provided by the AV Team, we will have options for sitting in the grass or on the parking lot. If uneven ground is a concern, please plan to join us and sit on the parking lot area.

The Outdoor Worship will be similar in content to that day's livestreamed service, though not all elements will be possible outdoors. In accordance with our best understandings of safety precautions, the outdoor service will involve distanced seating, all attenders and participants wearing masks, no group singing, and a reminder to maintain 6' distance when interacting with others before and after. There will NOT be a picnic following worship.

Those hoping to attend must RVSP ahead of time, be free of symptoms of COVID, and not have recently traveled to states with high rates of transmission. A more detailed checklist will be emailed before the service.

**In order to attend: please RSVP by Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at noon by [emailing](#) or calling the church office at (215) 256-0778.** This will help us prepare the space with clear indicators for distancing. 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 9:00 a.m. if outdoor worship will be canceled) If that happens we will try for a different date, to be announced later.

## 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 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/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.
- **#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.

## **This Week at Salford**

### **Monday, September 21**

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

### **Wednesday, September 23**

6:30 p.m. Justice & Peace Ministry Team, by Zoom

7:00 p.m. Senior Youth Group Meeting (at Salford)

### **Sunday, September 27**

10:00 a.m. Outdoor Worship in the Grove and Parking Lot

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

Preaching: Leonard Dow

## **Our Church Family**

### **Prayer Concerns**

- For the **family and friends of Neva Moyer**, as they grieve her death early Friday morning, and as they share memories and give thanks for her long life, that God's love and comfort will be near to them in these early days. Interment and services will be private.
- For **Mary Jane Hershey and the whole Hershey family** as they grieve the death of Hiram, who passed away peacefully on Sunday evening with Mary Jane by his side. Pray that this will be for their family a really good time for bonding, grieving, rejoicing, and remembering Hiram's remarkable life. There will be a private celebration of life for family, with hopes for a public memorial service at a later date.
- For **Sam and Sharon Godshall**, who greatly appreciate the constant prayers of the congregation on their behalf. The extra care of hospice during recent weeks has been a blessing, and Sam is feeling more comfortable now.
- For **Grace and Marvin Anders and family**, in their early weeks of providing hospice care for Grace at home, supported by caregivers. Pray for comfort and peace for Grace, and strength for Marvin and daughter Cindy, as son Devon returns home to Virginia this weekend.
- For improved health and relief from pain for **Jim Parker** as he recovers at home from a recent COPD flare-up and adjusts to job loss and new limitations due to his illness.
- For **Cindy Scheetz's mother Shirley Eyre** who is now at Bill and Cindy's home after a hospital stay. Pray that the home environment will speed her recovery and that a suitable long-term setting can be found for her.
- For **Jon, Becca, and Hudson Nagy** as they prepare their home for the arrival of Becca's mother **Marcia Stoesz** to live with them beginning in late September, and the arrival of a new baby in mid-November.

This week all congregations in Mosaic Conference are praying for **Homestead (FL) Mennonite Church**. Please join others in the conference as we pray for the following:

- For spiritual growth and faithfulness of the members of Homestead congregation.
- That the Homestead congregation can continue to find ways to work with the community to be a place of peace for Homestead and surrounding areas.
- The Homestead congregation as they continue to find ways to reach out to their neighborhood.
- Mosaic Conference anticipates the membership of Homestead Mennonite

Church with Mosaic Conference at this fall's assembly. Please pray for this process and transition.

To learn more about Homestead, [click here](#) ([Leer en español](#)).

**Note from Ken and Melody Byler.** By late November or early December we are relocating to central PA where both of us lived until our move to this area in 1986. We have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to purchase a brand new retirement cottage and downsize our space and lifestyle. While Melody will be retiring, Ken plans to keep working for the next few years. He will commute back and forth as needed for in-person client events and service most clients in this area virtually. Perhaps he will develop a few new clients in the "Big Valley" as well.

We will miss our many friends at Salford, especially the senior members we have come to love and respect in our former role as pastoral visitors and Ken's role as Sunday School teacher. We plan to stay in touch as best we can. Please visit us in our new home. It's a potential day trip or make arrangements to stay with us. We will have a guest bedroom and bath. Blessings to all of you! Warmly, **Ken & Melody**

## Faith Formation Spotlight

Church activities and resources for families of all ages are updated weekly [here](#). Monthly fruits of the Spirit are happening on a private Facebook page; contact [Jennifer.svetlik@gmail.com](mailto:Jennifer.svetlik@gmail.com) to join.

**Beatitudes Virtual Sunday School:** Week 3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit" 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](http://salfordmc.org/sunday-school-for-families)

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

Junior and senior youth groups have begun meeting, every other week on the church grounds and every other week over zoom. Please keep these important peer group connections, and the sponsor teams which lead them, in prayer throughout the school year.

## 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.

**The Justice & Peace Ministry Team** will zoom on Wednesday, Sept. 23rd at 6:30 pm. Please contact Mary Miller [marypmiller1@verizon.net](mailto:marypmiller1@verizon.net) if you would like to have the Zoom link and join us.

## Journeying together toward Racial Justice

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

The next meeting of the **Racial Justice Learning Group** takes place **this Sun., Sept. 20** 7-8:30p.m. [Here is the Zoom link](#). (Password is Context) The group will

continue to "reckon" with the idea of reparations, this week guided by Rev. Dr. Kelly Douglas Brown's July 2020 *Sojourners* article [A Christian Case for Reparations](#). Please join us, even if you aren't able to read the article ahead of time.

A recording of Joel Alderfer's presentation on Montgomery County's slaveholding practices and stories from the resistance and Underground Railroad movement is available upon request.

Roots of Justice, which grew out of Mennonite Central Committee U.S., has been hosting a series of deeply meaningful [Racism is Real dialogues](#) on various topics, including caucuses of white women & white men.

*Why and how is undoing racism important to your faith practice?* Share your story with Jenn at [jennifer.svetlik@gmail.com](mailto:jennifer.svetlik@gmail.com).

## News & Notes

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

The latest issue of *Reflect* - the new print newsletter of Mosaic Mennonite Conference - is now available online: [click here!](#)

## Mennonite Church USA News

Mennonite Church USA staff invites you to join them in supporting the **Mennonite World Conference Global Sharing Fund to provide COVID-19 relief** to congregations with less access to aid and resources, especially in parts of Africa, Latin America and Asia. For more information: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/word-conference-relief-fund>

Mennonite Church USA is offering **Justice Fund grants** to congregations that are actively addressing racial justice, poverty, police brutality/reimagining policing and immigration or are seeking start-up money to engage in these areas. For more information on how to apply or donate: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/applications-for-justice-fund/>

"FORGOTTEN." This is the word that Ana Alicia Hinojosa, an MCC immigration education coordinator, said has been on her mind since South Texas/Rio Grande Valley was hit with Hurricane Hanna in late July. Read her powerful call to action in her blog, "**Do something bold for immigration justice.**" <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/do-something-bold>

In his blog, "**Building stamina for anti-racism,**" Goshen student Cade Fisher talks about the need for young people to prepare for the long, hard work of anti-racism. Read it here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/building-stamina-for-anti-racism/>

## Beyond Salford

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

**Franconia Mennonite Church** is hosting a **Marriage Night** conference on September 26. Join thousands of couples around the country for a one-night livestream experience. Laugh and learn with your spouse as you hear from marriage experts and discover how to honor God in your marriage. Featured speakers include Matt and Lauren Chandler, Conway and Jada Edwards, and Drs. Les and Leslie Parrott. In-person attendance at Franconia will be limited to 85 couples (25% seating capacity of auditorium; physical distanced seating will be implemented). Cost is \$30/couple. Register at [events.righnowmedia.org/attendee/site/3455](https://events.righnowmedia.org/attendee/site/3455).

**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 [mhpc.org](http://mhpc.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.

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.

**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).

The September edition of **On the Level** is now available from **Mennonite Disaster Service**. In our current issue, you can read how MDS volunteers are exploring ways to assist with recovery from Hurricanes Laura and Sally and the deadly West Coast wildfires, volunteers in PA make plans to assist farmers facing drought, and we are now accepting volunteers for fall and winter projects. [Click on this link to read more:](https://conta.cc/33EJ34W) <https://conta.cc/33EJ34W>