

September 26, 2021

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**Sunday, September 26, 9:30 am Indoor Worship at Salford and on Facebook and YouTube Live,**  
Associate Pastor Beth Yoder will preach on Mark 2:1-12;  
*Supportive Presence*

**10:45 am Second Hour for all ages**  
Check with the Welcome Center for Second Hour Options

### For Your Prayers List

- **Lorraine Landis,**  
Souderton  
Mennonite Homes
- **Faith Detweiler,**  
Sunny Crest Home
- **Mennonite Mission Network**

**Sunday, September 19**  
Offering  
\$9,433  
ACH Electronic Offering  
\$1,965  
Vanco Online Offering  
\$1,384  
**Total Budget Offering \$12,782**

### Future Salford Events

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

If you have information or prayer requests for our newsletter, please

## An update from the pastors, Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup>

Dear Salford family,

Last week we heard about the enthusiasm of our children as they have begun having outdoor Sunday school classes. One student even said, "I want to come back here every day! I had a lot of fun."

While the excitement of the older folks may not quite have matched that of the children, it seems clear that youth and adults were also happy to be able to meet in person for second hour once again. Many have reconnected with "long-lost" friends in second hour. Some of the groups are meeting indoors in classrooms; there is also a gathering meeting under the carport roof. "Foundations" is the group meeting there, and they have hosted a good number of persons who are grateful not only for the input but also for the chance to have a class that meets outdoors. One or two other adult classes will likely be meeting outside, so long as the weather is favorable.

In addition to the regular adult groups, there is a group of ten persons meeting to explore church membership. "Membership class" may not have the most interesting feel to it; it sounds like talking about creeds and the rules of the church. But people who are new to a church often bring excellent questions. For example, why do churches have "membership" anyway? Where do you find "membership" in the New Testament? Isn't membership a ploy to get people to pledge money to the church? New members classes lead to conversations about unexamined traditions and stimulating conversations between people who come from a variety of denominational perspectives.

Last week in worship, we said that a mark of Salford Church is that people are "receptive to learning." As second hour returns, we have a weekly opportunity to indulge in that healthy passion!

-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 on October 3, 2021 and Fall Communion

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 also plan to participate in communion on October 3, 2021 with prepackaged individual elements. **There is a question if the elements will arrive in time for communion on 10/3/21. If the prepackaged elements do not arrive in time, we will not hold communion on October 3, but will hold it at a later date, and this later communion would be held indoors in the sanctuary.** We will notify the congregation by email if communion will be postponed. There will not be foot washing with communion and we anticipate a standard length worship service, about one hour long. 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 October 3 service will be moved indoors,

submit this to the church office by 4:00 p.m. Wednesday afternoon.

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and those who are comfortable are invited to enjoy lunch together in the Fellowship Hall.

As always, we encourage individuals and families to be in prayerful reflection and conversation in preparation for the communion service. Consider again what meaning this celebration holds for you; what further depth of relationship or transformation Christ may be inviting you to at this time. Parents are encouraged to be in conversation with their children to guide a meaningful decision about partaking or not partaking of the elements.

## Worship and Second Hour Start time for September 26, 2021

What you need to know:

- **This Sunday, 9/26/21, 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.**

## Reopening Task Force Update

Based on the 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.** We are thankful for each person's willingness to care for others by getting vaccinated and wearing masks.

## This Week at Salford

### Tuesday, September 28

7:00 pm Reopening Task Force Meeting (Zoom)

### Sunday, October 3

Fall Communion

9:30 am Salford Worship Outdoors and Streamed on Facebook and YouTube Live  
Preaching: Dave Greiser

10:45 am Second Hour for All Ages

## Our Church Family

### Prayer Concerns

- For **Deb and Jeff Landis and family** as they continue to grieve the loss and celebrate the life of Deb's mother, Elizabeth ("Sis") Godshall, who died Sept. 13. Services will be held on Saturday, Oct. 2, at the Huff and Lakjer Funeral Home in Lansdale.
- For **those not able to attend congregational gatherings in person**, due to health and other constraints, that as a community that values supportive presence, we will continue to find good ways to stay connected.
- For **adult second hour classes**, for continued receptivity to learning, as we reconfigure the best ways of being and learning together in these early months of returning to the building.
- For **Bud and Carol Gross**, as Bud continues the long road of regaining strength while being cared for in healthcare at Souderton Mennonite Home, and as Carol accompanies him.
- This week all congregations in Mosaic Conference are praying for **Mission Tijuana** in Tijuana, Mexico. Mission Tijuana is an outgrowth of the ministry of Centre de Alabanza in Philadelphia. Pray for this emerging ministry, just across the Mexican border from California, as new leaders are formed, people make

first commitments to follow Jesus, and the community finds ways to be a presence of peace in the midst of much violence.

***Birthday Blessings...***

To **Sanford Alderfer**, who celebrates his 98<sup>th</sup> birthday on September 25<sup>th</sup>.

***Anniversary Blessings...***

To **Lester & Louise Alderfer**, who celebrates their 61st wedding anniversary on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

***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.

Memorial service information for Elizabeth is as follows:

The family will receive friends starting 1 P.M., Saturday October 2, 2021, at Huff & Lakjer Funeral Home, 701 Derstine Ave., Lansdale, PA 19446, with Celebration of Life Service at 2:00 P.M. Burial will be private.

For those not able to attend at the Funeral Home, you are invited to watch the visitation and services for "Sis" live at: <https://youtu.be/uJhGqciB8gc>, starting 1:00 P.M.

Dear Salford Church Family, My family and I want to thank you all for your support of prayers, cards and the phone calls from the Pastoral visiting team. Thank you Dorcas for your calls and thank you Beth for your visits. You all have blessed me and Clyde and our family. Thank you. **Gladys Yoder** and family.

**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, 9/24/21:** Greetings fellow gardeners, This week we said goodbye to summer and welcomed in fall. The garden is in the last stage of the 2021 season, as we wind down to frost and the final harvests of the year. This past week our second planting of string beans arrived with over 80 lbs. picked so far. The pole beans have shot up over our 7 foot fence and are hanging thick with string beans. I hope the fence holds up the plants can get very heavy when they are this big. There are a few turnips and red beets that are ready for harvest. Green/Red bell peppers continue to be plentiful. The weather will be turning cooler the next few days and that will slow down the peppers, they like it warm to hot so we shall see how they grow from here on out. I am still gleaning a few tomatoes but they are smaller and fewer each time I pick. We will be pulling the plants soon. The cauliflower and cabbage are looking good and we may have a few cabbage ready by early October. They can mature fast when they start to form heads.

Thank you to everyone who helped out last week as I was in Virginia playing with my Grand kids. Because of the work of our great volunteers the garden continues to grow good food for those who need it most. Steve, 215-872-6616 [rsblank@verizon.net](mailto:rsblank@verizon.net)

**News & Notes**

**Sewing Circle** will be re-gathering on October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 for those comfortable attending. Sewing Circle will start at 8:30 a.m. in the Gathering Room and will meet on the first Wednesday of the month, conditions allowing. Based on CDC and Montgomery County guidance **we recommend that all participants wear a mask for indoor and outdoor activities at Salford.**

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

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**

In a collaborative effort with Mennonite Church USA (MC USA) Executive Board, the Mennonite Education Agency (MEA) Board of Directors has named Michael Danner the new executive director of MEA. Danner will continue to serve in his role as the associate executive director of Church Vitality, in addition to this new responsibility. Read more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/danner-named-mea-executive-director-in-collaborative-agreement-with-mc-usa/>.

Join the denomination-wide "CommonRead." Mennonite Church USA, Mennonite Church Canada and Herald Press are partnering to encourage every Mennonite to read carefully selected books to equip the church during this time. This fall, the CommonRead book is "Tongue-Tied: Learning the Lost Art of Talking About Faith" by Sara Wenger Shenk. Learn more here: <https://www.mennomedia.org/commonread/>.

The Faith Formation ministry of Mennonite Church USA, led by six youth and children's ministers, developed a card deck to encourage families to share their thoughts and feelings together, as well as grow in their faith. Learn more about this new resource and buy your own pack here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/mennonite-church-usa-faith-formation-ministry-releases-devotional-card-deck/>.

Jason Kauffman, in his blog, "Putting in the work to be transformed," shares about his journey toward a healthier lifestyle and how it relates to his faith. Read more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/putting-in-the-work-to-be-transformed/>.

Because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, some churches are still worshipping

virtually via Zoom, while others are taking precautions that limit traditional methods of worship. In her recent blog, "How can we worship without singing?" Anneli Loepp Thiessen shares several ideas for how congregations can worship without using their voices. Find her ideas here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/how-can-we-worship-without-singing/>.

## Beyond Salford

**Peace Proclamation Ministries** partners with pastors in rural communities in south-central India to share the love of Christ through network support and material aid. Extra funds have been sent regularly during the pandemic and shared with the needy in the villages. (See the video link in which pastors and their wives express the effects of these funds with gratitude: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xBlzaJ27yIq>)

To continue this ministry, we need your support! **Please join us by ordering meals from Jesse's BBQ or Biryani Bowl** to be picked up next Saturday at Souderton Mennonite Church from 3:30-6:00 pm by pre ordering through this link: <https://forms.gle/DxDun4hJgpaTNhmb9>

'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. [cindyscheetz8083@gmail.com](mailto:cindyscheetz8083@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.

**Montgomery County Residents** who have been impacted by Ida are encouraged to visit [www.montcopa.org/Ida](http://www.montcopa.org/Ida) for the latest disaster recovery information. The website provides updated information on applying for FEMA assistance and SBA loans, information about shelter and housing, free transportation options, and more. [Montgomery County, FEMA open Disaster Recovery Center in Blue Bell to further Ida relief efforts](#) provides information, assistance and help for those affected by the remnants of Hurricane Ida. Health Sciences Center, MCCC 6 days a week until further notice.

## Homecoming and Family Weekend – Dock Mennonite Academy

You are welcome to join the Dock community for fun and adventurous events on Friday, October 8 and Saturday, October 9 – visit [dock.org/alumni/homecoming2021](http://dock.org/alumni/homecoming2021) – for details.

- *Fall Concert – a special evening of music and recognition of Alumni of the Year recipients*

- *Croquet, Disc Golf, and Color Fun Run*
- *Kids Festival with inflatables and games*
- *Food Trucks*
- *Varsity Athletic Games*