



Week of September 27, 2020

Sunday, September 27

10:00 a.m. Outdoor Worship

10:00 a.m. Worship on Facebook Live and YouTube Live, Guest Preacher Leonard Dow will preach on Matthew 3:13-17 & 17:1-8; *Motivated By Love*

For Your Prayers List

- **Faith Detweiler**, Sunny Crest Home
- **Donald Alderfer**, The Community at Rockhill
- **Joy Sutter**, Moderator for MCUSA

Sunday, September 20

Offering
\$3,620
ACH Electronic Offering
\$1,895
Vanco Online Offering
\$3,006
Total Budget Offering \$8,521

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 25th

Dear Salford Family,

This week has held many good and powerful moments as we have reviewed the notes from the "calling through the congregation" initiative. We have gotten to learn more about how life and church are for you all. And we have been making additional contacts with individuals and small groups, either by phone or outdoors. We so value the conversations that took place during that initiative and we continue to identify themes that emerged there.

As we proceed into the fall we are keenly aware of the intensity of this election season, and as pastors we are regularly in prayer and conversation about what we can do, both in and beyond our church community, to build bridges instead of creating cut-offs. We are trying to understand more of what is and isn't helpful in our language and behavior as we interact with each other during this challenging time. We have much more to learn and do on this theme. This is hard and courageous work for all of us. But we have confidence that, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we can find a more honest and durable healing and hope together than any of us could alone. Wherever we find such healing and hope, we glimpse the Kingdom of God.

-Pastors Maria and Dorcas

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

Pastoral Search Committee Update

The Pastoral Search Committee continues to meet regularly in its work toward finding Salford's next lead pastor. We have begun interviews and are prayerfully discerning the appropriate next steps with each candidate. In our most recent meeting, we spent time learning from church leaders who have experienced the unique hiring process during the time of COVID-19 and were generous enough to share their wisdom with us. Thank you for continuing to share our search on social media (<http://www.salfordmc.org/congregational-information-form.html>). We are so grateful for your prayers and your patience as we do our best to navigate this search with care.

Fall Worship Series: HOLD FAST TO WHAT IS GOOD

Jesus is the center of our faith

Sept. 13 *We are called to follow Jesus in daily life* Beth Yoder

Sept. 20 *The Bible is interpreted from a Christ-centered point of view* Jared Byas

Sept. 27 *Jesus is accepted as both Savior and Lord* Leonard Dow

Oct. 4 *Communion: Jesus – Community – the Holy Spirit* Beth Yoder

Community is the center of our lives

Oct. 11 *Forgiveness is essential for community* John Ruth

Oct. 18 *God's will is discerned in community* 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 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) this **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.

We requested an RSVP for your attendance, but please come if you desire and were not able to let the office know! 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 at 9:00 a.m. each week prior to Zoom Worship. Here is the link to join their conversation: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/332187357> **Rachelle Moes** is 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=SDB1amICWE9zSTVtQzJGR0lDYjlsdz09> **Jay Ruth** is organizing this class.
- **#Sundayschool** 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/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 28

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

Wednesday, September 30

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

Sunday, October 4

Communion Sunday

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

Preaching: Beth Yoder

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

- For ***the Moyer and Hershey families*** as they continue to mourn the loss and honor the lives of Neva and Hiram. Pray that the bonds of love will continue to sustain them during these weeks.
- For ***Grace and Marvin Anders and family*** as they continue to provide hospice care for Grace at home; pray for comfort and assurance and strength as this difficult journey goes on.
- For ***Sam and Sharon Godshall*** as the weeks of hospice care for Sam continue in the Norriton facility; pray for Sam's continued comfort, for strength for Sharon, and a spirit of peace for both of them.
- For ***Jim Parker*** for renewed strength and better breathing, as he adjusts to a more restricted life at home following his recent hospitalization.
- For ***Jon, Becca, and Hudson Nagy and Becca's mother Marcia Stoesz*** as Marcia makes the move into the Nagy household this coming Monday.

This week all congregations in Mosaic Conference are praying for **Iglesia Evangélica Menonita Shalom (Shalom Evangelical Mennonite Church)** in Tampa, Florida. Please join others in the conference as we pray for the following:

- That the church will continue to grow as they live out their vision to "Share Jesus' love for others, serve, and evangelize."
- The Mosaic Conference Board is proposing Iglesia Evangélica Menonita Shalom join Mosaic Conference at this fall's conference assembly. Please pray for this process and transition.

To learn more about Iglesia Evangélica Menonita Shalom, [click here \(Leer en español\)](#).

Birthday Blessings...

To **Sanford Alderfer**, who celebrates his 97th birthday on September 25.

Anniversary Blessings...

To **Lester & Louise Alderfer**, who celebrate their 60 wedding anniversary on October 4th and to **Len & Esther Ruth**, who celebrate their 61st wedding anniversary on October 4.

Wedding Blessings...

To **Eli Detweiler** and **Tara Topakbashian**, who were married here at Salford on Saturday, September 26. **Willis Miller** officiated the wedding. Blessings to Eli and

Tara as they begin married life together. Eli and Tara's new address is:
8150 Shore Drive, Apt 214
Norfolk, VA 23518

Faith Formation Spotlight

Beatitudes Virtual Sunday School: Week 4 "Blessed are those who mourn" 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).

To hear Maria exploring creating a routine for children's Sunday school in her home, [click here](#).

How has your family been using the SS materials? What have you enjoyed? Is there anything that could be more helpful for you? Let Jenn know!

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.

Garden Update, 9/24/20

Greetings fellow gardeners, we say goodbye to summer and hello to fall as we wind down the garden season. The tomatoes, cucumbers and zucchini are on the way out but the fall veggies are right on course. The string beans have really exploded with over 60 lbs harvested this week. WOOHOO! That is only the green beans the yellow beans we planted are still not ready. The cabbage is starting to ball up and we may harvest a few broccoli heads soon. Last Saturday red beets and turnips were on the menu and butter nut squash will be harvested this week. Green peppers still are on the vine so we pick pick. We will be pulling tomato plants again this week and cleaning the cages as we go. Last week I was in Virginia visiting our Grandchildren and I woke up Sunday morning to FROST. When I got home Sunday evening I did check the garden and found no frost damage.

I am saddened by the loss of another big supporter of the garden as Hiram Hershey passed away the other week. Hiram was by my side from the moment I decided to take over the garden. He called me "Chief". What do you have for me today Chief was a familiar greeting from Hiram. We would often sit in the shade, on the bench next to Nancy's Alderfer' s barn and talk for hours about anything and everything. Hiram's first love was our tomatoes. How we plant tomatoes today, relates back to how Hiram wanted us to do it. Hiram and I did not always agree on how to the garden should be planted. But he always said, "Chief you're in charge" and let me go my own way. If things went wrong (as they have many times) Hiram would put his hand on my shoulder and say "Well Chief that is farming, we'll do better next season" But if we hit a home run and all went well he was the first to praise me for my work. I will miss Hiram. Blessings to Mary Jane and the Hershey family from the Garden Group. **Steve**

Please continue to **pray for Carmela Apolonio Hernandez** and her family in Sanctuary in Germantown Mennonite Church especially on Wednesdays (her day

of prayer and fasting for freedom). Recently Carmela had emergency surgery and is still in adnominal pain, and the whole family is still suffering the effects of COVID. Her oldest two children were granted an expedited process to review their U-visa applications (U-visas are given to victims of a crime in the U.S.), but due to the U.S Customs and Immigration Department's budget being slashed, there will be backlog to review even these expedited applications. **Please join us in calling our members of Congress** to support the family's review of their cases. Jenn Svetlik or Mary Miller can give you a script and help you with your legislative contacts.

[Read why Columbus Mennonite Church](#) sees their provision of Sanctuary as a way to honor the Anabaptist history of seeking sanctuary in the Netherlands, Russia and North America.

News & Notes

We anticipate that the new **Voices Together** hymnals will start to ship in early November. If you order copies of the hymnals for personal use, we will let you know when they arrive and when you may pick them up.

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

Mosaic Mennonite Conference is holding its **annual Conference Assembly** virtually, on November 7 and 8. The theme is "On Earth as it is in Heaven." [Click here for more information](#). In preparation for that weekend, Mosaic Conference is seeking voices from across the conference to join together in The Lord's Prayer by video. To learn more about this Lord's Prayer project and to submit your video by October 9, [click here](#).

Mennonite Church USA News

How has 2020 strengthened, challenged or reshaped your Anabaptist faith and the way you live your life? Share your stories, photos, videos and artwork at **Anabaptist History Today**, a collaborative, online, Anabaptist storytelling platform. <https://aht.libraryhost.com/s/archive/page/Welcome>

Joel Miller, pastor of Columbus Mennonite Church, a sanctuary church in Ohio, talks about putting a face on immigration and reminds us that we have choices to make that impact our own humanity. Read more in his blog, "**These are my people!**" <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/these-are-people/>

Writing as part of a **blog series on racial justice**, Goshen College sophomore Greta Lapp Kassen reminds us that, "Silence is violence, and as pacifists, it is our duty to promote peace." Read her blog, "Our faith must compel us to work for change": <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/our-faith-must-compel-us-for-change/>

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 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.

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 mhcp.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.

The **New Life Photo ID Clinic** is returning on Saturday, October 10, 10:00 am to 12 noon, for those in need of photo IDs, Social Security cards, PA birth certificates, and voter registration. The "open-air" clinic will meet on the parking lot next to the Hospitality Center, 530 Church Street, Norristown. Registration is required – call 610-277-1321 to sign up.

[River Spirit Music](#) and [Perkasie Patchwork Coffeehouse](#) have joined forces and invite you to a special **virtual concert** on Saturday, October 17 at 7:30 pm. This musical presentation on race entitled "Deeper than the Skin with [Reggie Harris](#) and [Greg Greenway](#), will be live in 360° in association with Musae and [Morningstar Studios](#). Purchase tickets for the virtual concert at <https://www.musae.me/riverspiritmusic/experiences/824/deeper>.

Mennonite Creation Care Network Cookbook Club Three online sessions, Mondays Oct. 5, Nov. 2 and Dec. 7, 7:30 pm EST. Conversations about eating for human and planetary health. We'll discuss MennoMedia's latest cookbook, [Sustainable Kitchen: Recipes and Inspiration for Plant-based, Planet-conscious Meals](#). A Kindle version is also available on Amazon. You'll meet the co-authors of the book and have a chance to swap stories with others who have tried recipes in the cookbook. [Sign up here](#).