

September 5, 2021

**Sunday, September 5**  
**10:00 a.m. Indoor**  
**Worship at Salford**  
**and on Facebook and**  
**YouTube Live,** Lead  
Pastor Dave Greiser  
will preach on Genesis  
49:29-33 and 50:15-26;  
Jacob and Joseph:  
Achieving and  
Receiving

### For Your Prayers List

- **Faith Detweiler,**  
Sunny Crest Home
- **Donald Alderfer,**  
The Community at  
Rockhill
- **Jacqueline**  
**Hoover,** Mennonite  
Mission Network,  
England

### Sunday, August 29

Offering  
\$6,107  
ACH Electronic  
Offering  
\$1,965  
Vanco Online Offering  
\$1,305  
**Total Budget Offering**  
**\$9,377**

### Future Salford Events

- September 12 –  
New Second Hour  
Season Begins

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

## An update from the pastors, Friday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>

Dear Salford family,

It's September! The new month arrived with a bang, with record rainfall, wind, and power outages. Reports of tornadoes in Montgomery County sounded more like Oklahoma than Pennsylvania. Nevertheless, fall is in the air.

With the coming of September, second hour gatherings for children, youth and adults are just around the corner. Children will be meeting outside so long as the weather is nice. Youth and adults can meet inside. Next week, you will get a listing of classes with room assignments with your worship bulletin. Just a couple of updates from the classes: the Hilltop class, led by Joe Landis, will not begin meeting until September 19. There will be no Hilltop class on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Also, several of the older adult classes are combining to create one class. Wise and Wonderful and Ambassadors classes had previously met together. This fall, they will be joining the Reaching Out class. The class will be coordinated by Rose Martin.

For the first four weeks of the fall, Dave Greiser will lead a class in Exploring Church Membership. This class will explore the roots and beliefs of Anabaptist Christianity, along with the story of Salford Mennonite Church and the meaning of church membership. We'll read and discuss material from Palmer Becker's book Anabaptist Essentials.

Are you looking forward to connecting with each other? We are! It feels like a new beginning.

-Pastors [Dave Greiser](#), [Beth Yoder](#), [Maria Hosler Byler](#), and [Dorcas Lehman](#)  
*Click each person's name to send them an email.*

## Exploring Church Membership

Beginning Sept. 12, we'll begin a second hour group for anyone exploring membership at Salford. What is Anabaptist Christianity? What does it mean to be a member at Salford? This is a time to bring your questions and to enrich our congregation from your own spiritual journey. We'll be reading and discussing the book Anabaptist Essentials by Palmer Becker. Meetings will be in the Seekers classroom Room # 206 on the second floor.

## Reopening Task Force Update

As we approach reopening of Second Hour activities at Salford on September 12, we wanted to remind you of some of the **positive factors** we are considering which minimize Covid-19 risk with indoor activities at Salford. The number one factor making us comfortable with the level of risk associated with in person meeting is **our community's high vaccination rate**, approaching or over 90% for eligible adults and youth. Data continues to show that severe cases of Covid requiring hospitalizations are 95+% among the unvaccinated, and death due to covid are 99+% among the unvaccinated. We also continue to see **lower Covid-19 case**

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**rates in Montgomery county** than we do in Pennsylvania as a whole, and Pennsylvania has lower case rates than the United states as a whole. This correlates directly to the percent vaccinated in each. We are also continuing to follow CDC guidance for **indoor masking** to protect the vulnerable. We continue to consider risk to children under 12 who cannot be vaccinated but feel comfortable with this because of the exceedingly low severe case rate among children, especially in our highly vaccinated, masked environment, **with children's Sunday school activities mostly occurring outside for the early fall**. For our indoor spaces, we will continue running the HVAC air handling system fans at all times when occupied, which input 10% of fresh outside air in the airflow.

We continue to encourage each person and family to consider your own comfort level with risk associated with in person gatherings and will continue to attempt to accommodate the spiritual and fellowship needs of all. Please contact a Pastor if you would like to discuss any concerns or affirmations around this information.

## **This Week at Salford**

### **Sunday, September 12**

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

Preaching: Dave Greiser

10:45 am Second Hour for All Ages

## **Our Church Family**

### **Prayer Concerns**

- For ***Maria, Philip, Mateo, and Luma Naomi Hosler Byler***, as they discover the rhythms, joy, and work of being a family of four.
- For ***teachers and coordinators of second hour classes for children, youth, and adults*** as they prepare for classes to begin on September 12.
- For ***the entire family of Eva Alderfer, including son Phillip, of Salford***, as they continue their journey of grief and remembrance of their mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, following the memorial service and burial at Salford on Friday, August 27.
- For ***Clyde and Gladys Yoder***, as Clyde is receiving comfort care with the support of hospice in their home at SMH, where they are surrounded by their family, that the deep peace of Christ will be with them.
- For ***Bud and Carol Gross***, for continued support, care, and prayer, as Bud was again admitted to Grand View Hospital on Wednesday, for further treatment.
- For ***Rose and Glenn Martin***, for endurance and well-being as Rose recovers from back surgery that went well on Thursday at Lehigh Valley Hospital and begins a weeks-long process of therapy and healing.
- For ***Frank and Holly Moran***, as Frank was expected to undergo heart surgery on Friday, September 3, at Doylestown Hospital, that God's blessing and presence will sustain them in this medical journey.
- For ***everyone affected by flooding, destruction, and loss of life caused by hurricane Ida***, locally, in the northeast, and in the southern states badly hit, especially Louisiana; for ***families and communities in harm's way due to wildfires in the western states***; and, for ***those who provide relief and rebuild*** and ***those who work on creation care and climate injustice***.
- This week all congregations in Mosaic Conference are praying for ***Crossroad Community Center*** in Philadelphia Community Center in Philadelphia, PA, a conference-related ministry. Please pray for the many people served through Crossroads; at-risk children and teens, the hungry, those in prison, and many others. Please also pray for the staff, especially Executive Director Juan Marrero and Chaplain Ron Muse.

### ***Anniversary Blessings....***

To **Glenn & Elizabeth Frederick**, who celebrates their 61<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary on September 10.

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

To **Maria & Phil Hosler Byler** on the birth of **Luma Naomi Hosler Byler** on August 22, 2021. Mateo is a proud big brother.

Dear Salford Family, We would like to thank everyone for the kindness, care, cards, prayers, phone calls and visitations and love you gave to our mother, Eva and also to us as we grieve her loss during these days. Salford had a special place in her heart and in her Life. We are so sad to have let her go but are so glad she is at rest in the arms of Jesus. Sincerely **Phil for Michael, David & Pat Alderfer, Connie & Feryl Souder**

### **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.

To read **Cesar Marin's** latest update from his work in Mexico City, [click here](#). Salford provides part of the support for Cesar's work as part of our global mission funding.

**Garden update, 9/3/21:** Greetings fellow gardeners he we go from high heat and humidity to a hurricane! Our rain gage at the garden tops off at 6 inches. It was overflowing when I arrived at the garden Thursday afternoon. Not a lot of wash out. Some of the rows in between our box beds were washed a little but overall the garden came through rather well. The new string beans are in full flower. we should be picking some string beans by next weekend. The pole beans have grown 3 feet in less than a week. Some plants have reached the 7 foot mark and are growing overtop of the trellis, amazing how fast these plants can grow. Lima beans are on the menu this week, we have harvested over 30 lbs. so far. Tomatoes have really slowed as the plants are reaching their end. A few Roma tomatoes and maybe a few of the regular will hang around until late September but overall the picking will be sparse. Green peppers and a few eggplant round out the summer veggies. Our Fall plants have taken a little bit of a beating with the weather, but overall it looks like we will have a very nice harvest as long as we keep the plants weeded and watered. Ground cherries have started to fall off the plants so Nancy has been busy going around the garden harvesting as many as she can find. If anyone is interested in Ground cherries contact me and I can arrange getting some to you.

This weekend with the holiday, the garden will be closed on Saturday. I am asking our volunteers to take this Saturday off and enjoy the nice weather. We will catch up next week. I will be working in the garden Monday sorting out the deliveries that will go out Tuesday.

Thank you to everyone who worked out in the high heat these past couple of weeks. Before the storm hit some days were really brutal to be out working in. Our volunteers are the best! Steve, 215-872-6616 [rsblank@verizon.net](mailto:rsblank@verizon.net)

### **Faith Formation Spotlight**

**Helpers Still Needed:** As we resume Sunday School for children on Sept 12, **we need at least 1 more helper** for Oct & Dec 3rd-5th grades. Contact Jenn to learn more ([jennifer.svetlik@gmail.com](mailto:jennifer.svetlik@gmail.com); 267-380-0273)

**The nursery plans to open September 12** for children ages 2 and under. All volunteers will be vaccinated. If you are able to volunteer in the nursery rotation, contact Sarah McInnes ([smcinnnes@pa.gov](mailto:smcinnnes@pa.gov)). Children ages 3 and up are welcome to take breaks from the service in the foyer, library, or other areas, accompanied by an adult.

## **Salford Mennonite Child Care Center**

**Current Job Opportunity**-Salford Mennonite Child Care Center is hiring: Full Time Infant Teacher & Full Time Substitute/Floater. Early Childhood Education degree is preferred, but not required. Salary compensatory to education and experience; benefits, paid time off, bonus. (EOE) If you are interested in hearing more about the available positions please contact Christina Lynch via email [lynchc@salfordmc.org](mailto:lynchc@salfordmc.org). You can also check out our website at [www.salfordmccc.org](http://www.salfordmccc.org) for more information.

## **Mennonite Church USA News**

During September and October, Mennonite Church USA invites you to learn about poverty considering the pandemic, by engaging its new “**Learn, Pray, Join**” initiative – **The Cost of Poverty**. We will include a special focus on housing insecurity and mutual aid. <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/ministry/peacebuilding/learn-pray-join/cost-of-poverty/>

**Luis Alvarado** is a chaplain at an immigration detention center in Texas, where he ministers to Christians and non-Christians alike. Through his work, he had met many immigrants, who have shared their stories and made him a better person. Read more about Alvarado’s encounters here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/luis-alvarado-chaplain-at-south-texas-detention-complex/>.

## **Beyond Salford**

You’re invited to the following **events** in September, hosted by **Mennonite Historians of Eastern PA (MHEP)** :

- September 7, 6:00 pm – an amazing story of God’s endless love and grace, A Rose in a Ditch, is a memoir written by Julie Henning who was raised as Pearl Buck’s daughter. Julie will be available for book signing after her speaking engagement.
- September 15, 7:00 pm – join them for an evening filled with rich local history as Mike Szilagyi presents stories and pictures of the railways that spanned Montgomery County.

**From the Montgomery County Department of Safety:** Our community is stronger when we’re all protected. The best way to protect yourself and others from COVID-19 is to get vaccinated. The COVID-19 vaccine is safe, effective, and widely available. The COVID-19 vaccine will protect you from severe illness, hospitalization, and death; and protects vulnerable people in your community who can’t get the vaccine. A healthier community starts with you. For more information on the COVID-19 vaccine, call the Montgomery County Office of Public Health at 610-278-5117 or visit <https://www.montcopa.org/3660/COVID-19-Vaccine>.

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