

Week of September 6, 2020

**Sunday, September 6**  
**10:00 a.m. Worship**  
**on Facebook Live, no**  
**Public Worship**  
Assistant Pastor  
Dorcas Lehman will  
preach on Romans  
13:8-14; *Do you know*  
*what time it is?*

### For Your Prayers List

- **Glenn & Elizabeth Frederick,**  
Foulkeways
- **Ferne Alderfer,**  
Dock Woods  
Community

**Sunday, August 30**  
Offering  
\$6,225  
ACH Electronic  
Offering  
\$1,895  
Vanco Online Offering  
\$1,408  
**Total Budget Offering**  
**\$9,528**

### 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)

## September 13 Option for Outdoor Worship

We hope to hold an optional Outdoor Worship Service in the grove (weather permitting) on September 13 at 9:30 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.

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 RSVP 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 10<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 8:30 a.m. if outdoor worship will be canceled; call Church Administrator Brad Alderfer at 215-272-6724 if there are questions) If that happens we will try for a different date, to be announced later.

## This Week at Salford

### Monday, September 7

Church and Child Care Offices Closed for Labor Day Holiday

### Tuesday, September 8

7:00 p.m. Child Care Ministry Team Meeting by Zoom

### Wednesday, September 9

7:00 p.m. Senior Youth Group Meeting onsite

### Sunday, September 13

9:30 a.m. Salford Worship in the grove by RSVP

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

Preaching: Beth Yoder

## Our Church Family

### Prayer Concerns

- For **Pat and Jennifer Gorman and family** as they continue the journey of grief and remembrance following the death of Pat's father, Francis Roger (Butch) Gorman on August 22.
- For **Grace and Marvin Anders and family** as Grace begins hospice care at home following recent hospitalization for infection and new awareness of the aggressive course of the lymphoma.

- For **Sam and Sharon Godshall** as they move toward hospice care for Sam and look for an appropriate facility for him to be moved to.
- For **Herb Moyer** who returned home on Wednesday and is receiving constant care from family members for now. The family expressed gratitude for the prayers and support of the congregation and requests ongoing prayer as Herb continues the journey of recovery.
- For **Lester and Louise Alderfer** in thanksgiving for Lester's return home and praying for strength and resilience as the journey of recovery continues following heart surgery.

This week all congregations in Mosaic Conference are praying for **Bethany Birches Camp**, located in Plymouth, Vermont. Please join others in the conference as we pray with the camp staff for the following:

- Help Bethany Birches Camp to utilize the experience they gained from running summer camp during this pandemic. Help them move forward to benefit and love their community this fall and winter.
- Lord, make yourself visible to the summer campers who shared the difficulties they are experiencing being stuck at home. Give them hope.
- Give strength, creativity, and peace to parents who are struggling to tend to their responsibilities while their children are learning from home.

To read more about Bethany Birches, [click here](#).

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

To **Glenn & Elizabeth Frederick**, who celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on September 10<sup>th</sup>.

Dear Salford family, we have traded the sweltering plains of the Sahel for what has already been a chilly August in the hills of Ithaca, NY. Amy is finishing up her second week at Cornell Law School. She was inspired by our experience in Burkina Faso and is looking forward to pursuing a potential career in women's and civil rights. While Amy meticulously works her way through the nation's torts and what not, Derek is manning the cash register at a local grocery coop and wiles away his free time playing pickleball in the park with a committed group of snowbirds who summer in Ithaca. Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated during this transition. Thank you, **Derek & Amy Godshall**

### **Contact Update for Derek & Amy Godshall**

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Phone: (607) 339-6993

August 31<sup>st</sup> was my last day with The Mennonite. In fact, August 31<sup>st</sup> was the last day of The Mennonite. For the past two and a half years I poured everything I had into the merger of The Mennonite (which began in 1885) and Mennonite World Review (which began in 1923) and the birthing of Anabaptist World (the new ministry which begins Sept. 1). As I wrote in my final editorial: "This merger is not just about combining resources and creating efficiencies. It's about the opportunity to create something new, something better. It's about seeking to provide the best possible forum for Mennonites and anyone interested in Anabaptism to explore faith and culture. It's about how to not just survive but to flourish." I am grateful to have led The Mennonite and helped create Anabaptist World.

On July 13 I transitioned to part-time executive director of The Mennonite and began a full-time job with the Montgomery County government's Office of Housing and Community Development, helping to coordinate programming to prevent and end homelessness in the county.

Meanwhile, Jenn has begun as part-time director of children's faith formation at Salford Mennonite Church, and together we've begun in the new role of co-directors of justice initiatives (5-7 hours/week). This new role grows out of the deepening interest Salford folks have to learn about and act for justice, particularly racial justice. We are aiming to provide support however and wherever we can. **Sheldon Good**

## Faith Formation Spotlight

Church activities and resources for families of all ages are updated weekly [here](#).

Do you struggle to engage with God in the same space you work, attend school, and do everything? Consider [creating a worship space in your home](#) in this video by Pastor Maria Hosler Byler.

**Beatitudes Virtual "Sunday School"** Starts this weekend! Families with children ages 2-10 should have received a packet that includes a weekly "family page" and coloring pages. Week 1's video is posted for your family to watch together, along with suggestions for prayer, discussion and activities you can choose from.

**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 is welcome to use the materials).

**September's Fruit of the Spirit:** Each month we are learning about and practicing a different Fruit of the Spirit from Galatians 5.

**Read together:** The story of Jesus in the desert ([Matthew 4:1-11](#) or *Shine On Bible* p. 181)

**Wonder together:** How do you think Jesus felt when the devil was near him? I wonder if it was hard to say no. I wonder how Jesus felt when the angels came and cared for him.

Check out Vince's [video and activities](#) about **Self-Control**. Engagement throughout the month will happen in our private **Fruits of the Spirit Facebook page** - contact Jenn for access!

## 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 fourth meeting of the **Racial Justice Learning Group** takes place 7-8:30p.m. **this Sun., Sept. 6.** [Here is the Zoom link](#). (Password is Context). Upcoming topics include life for Blacks in the 20th century, and reparations. Please join us!

**Follow Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) faith leaders on social media.** This can be a meaningful way to get out of our "echo chambers," listen to and lift up the perspectives of faith leaders of other racial and ethnic identities, and help to minimize our biases. (This list is a small start! These links are for Facebook though there is a lot more happening on Twitter and Instagram.)

**Anabaptists:** [Glen Guyton](#), [Drew Hart](#), [Felipe Hinojosa](#), [Sue Park-Hur](#), [Regina Shands Stoltzfus](#), [Isaac Villegas](#)

**Other Christians:** [Rev. Dr. William Barber II](#), [Austin Channing Brown](#), [Bishop Michael Curry](#), [Rev. Dr. Wil Gafney](#), [Lisa Sharon Harper](#), [Ally Henny](#), [Rev. Dr. Grace Ji-Sun Kim](#), [Rev. Mihee Kim-Kort](#), [Norma Pimentel](#), [Dr. Cornel West](#), [Randy Woodley](#)

Want to share a resource you have learned from or how you have been praying/acting for justice? Contact Jenn at [jennifer.svetlik@gmail.com](mailto:jennifer.svetlik@gmail.com).

### **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.

### **9/3/20 Garden Update:**

Greetings fellow gardeners, This week we say goodbye to August and hello to September and the countdown to autumn. Our fall veggies are right on course and will be ready in a few weeks for harvest. Our summer string beans are finished for the year. Saturday will be the last picking. We do have a small row of string beans planted for fall but they are a few weeks away from producing. Lima beans have finally shown up. I picked a few Wednesday and expect a few more Saturday. The row is thick with flowers and the plants are huge. I hope that translates into a lot of beans! Last Sunday Advent Lutheran had a drive through meet and greet at their church. We supplied a few baskets of produce to share with their members who attended. The next batch of salsa will be delivered Tuesday after Labor day. This will be a mild batch. I was not going to do two batches this year but the Roma tomatoes came in very heavy so the tomatoes made up my mind for me. Ground cherries continue to be abundant and are ready for anyone who wants some. I will include my E-mail and phone number at the end for anyone who wants to contact me about the ground cherries or the garden.

I continue to get the upper end ready for the leaves from our Oak grove when they start to fall. I was cleaning up my compost area and moved a tarp I was using to cover my compost. There, under the tarp, sat our resident toad. All fat and happy. He looked up at me a little annoyed that I interrupted his nap. But I moved him to another part of the garden so he could go back to eating our bugs. Can't have a lazy toad hanging around when there are so many bugs around waiting to eat our plants.

Thank you to everyone who volunteers in the garden. Your help has not gone unnoticed or unappreciated. The mornings will be a little cooler from now on and the sun may be a little less hot but the work continues all the way until frost and then cleanup by Thanksgiving. Thank you for your dedication. **Steve** [rsblank@verizon.net](mailto:rsblank@verizon.net) Cell Phone 215-872-6616

### **News & Notes**

Congratulations to **Jared Byas** on his new book, ***Love Matters More: How Fighting to Be Right Keeps us From Loving Like Jesus***, to be released on September 8<sup>th</sup>. Find out more here: <https://www.jaredbyas.com/book/>.

**Fall Rejoice devotionals** and **Fall Adult Curriculum** have arrived in the church office. They have been placed on the table in the foyer by the Pastors entrance. Please come to the Pastors Entrance and you can gain access to pick up your copies. If you would like these mailed or delivered to you, please contact the church office.

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.

## Mennonite Church USA News

In an open letter to the denomination, Michael Danner, Mennonite Church USA's associate executive director of Church Vitality, invites fellow white Christians to "engage in proactive, deliberate efforts to oppose and **dismantle racism in all of its forms.**" Read more: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/letter-danner>

During September, Mennonite Church USA invites you to focus your attention on what it means to offer hospitality to immigrants by engaging in its new "**Learn, Pray, Join**" initiative – **Immigration Justice: Radical Hospitality.** <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/immigration/>

Join Mennonites across Mennonite Church USA in a "**Common Read,**" a **shared reading experience** focused on specific books written to nurture Christian faith in this cultural moment. *Signs of Life: Resurrecting Hope Out of Ordinary Losses* by Stephanie Lobdell is the Common Read book chosen for September. Learn more: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/common-read/>

*MenoTicias* is a **new Spanish-language digital newsletter** of MC USA and Hispanic Ministries of Mennonite Education Agency, formerly *Meno Acontecer*, launching this month. Subscribe: <http://eepurl.com/hb2FGT>

Please pray for the **Executive Board of Mennonite Church USA** who are meeting virtually on September 11 and 12.

## Beyond Salford

Men, you are invited to experience a weekend of spiritual renewal and encouragement at **Men's Encounter**, September 25-27. For info and registration go to [www.mensencounterpa.org](http://www.mensencounterpa.org) or contact Charlie Ness at [mensencounterpa.org](http://mensencounterpa.org) or 215-896-8830.

What if school were at Camp? With schools going virtual, **Camp Men-O-Lan** wants to be here for you! They are offering School Care to students at Camp, as well as classroom rentals for groups you have already formed. With year round cabins, a gym, and outdoor fun this is a great place for your child's classroom! Details for School Care can be found online at [menolan.org](http://menolan.org). Contact the office at [general.menolan@gmail.com](mailto:general.menolan@gmail.com) or 215-679-5144.

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.