

December 4, 2022

Sunday, December 4, 9:30 am Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live, Guest Preacher Steve Godsall-Myers will preach on Isaiah 11:1–9; Matthew 3:1–10; *Connecting: Repentance and Restoration*

10:30 am Second Hour for all ages

November 27, 2022

Offering
\$14,385

ACH Electronic Offering
\$2,070

Vanco Online Offering
\$6,988

Total Budget Offering
\$23,443

Children's Offering
\$29

Future Salford Events

December 4 – Fall Congregational Business Meeting during Second Hour

December 10 – Christmas Peace Pilgrimage Walk

December 18 – Christmas Hymn Sing at Salford

December 18 – Children's Christmas Program

December 24 – Christmas Eve Candle-lighting Worship Service – 6:30 pm

December 25 – Christmas Morning Worship – 10:00 am,

Congregational Business Meeting, December 4, 2022

The Fall congregational business meeting will be held on December 4, 2022 during Second Hour. At this meeting we will approve the 2023 budget, which has some significant changes. We will also talk about important happenings in the congregation like our Mennonite Education mission with Dock Mennonite Academy and capital planning. All adults are requested to attend. A meeting packet was placed in your church mailbox last Sunday. Please bring this packet along with you to the meeting.

Update from Lead Pastors Dave Greiser

Hello, Church! Thanks for your prayers, cards, and texts/emails as I've been recovering at home. I'm doing pretty well, I think. Light stretching and PT exercises twice a day – "pain with a purpose." On Friday I'm supposed to get my staples out. One curveball has been Anita and I both getting COVID. So we've been quarantining at home. Our cases are mild.

I am taking to heart the admonition of my fellow Salford knee replacement veterans to "do the work." You are my inspiration! See you soon, Dave

Finance Update for Salford Mennonite Church

For the remainder of 2022, we will present a weekly update of our financial situation.

- We have advised our Staff team and Ministry teams to be conservative with spending for the remainder of the year. No new spending initiatives for this year.
- We will need **\$129,000** in offering and income for the last four weeks of 2022 to cover our expected expenses. We hope to receive **\$151,000** in offering and income to fund our "below the line" giving for MCUSA, Mosaic Mennonite Conference and larger Church agencies.
- We will need an average of **\$32,250** in weekly offering in December to cover our 2022 budget expenses. This is a **4%** increase from December giving last year. To fund our "below the line" giving for 2022, we will need a **22%** increase in giving for December.

Nursery will not be staffed on Dec. 11 and 25; Volunteers needed

The nursery will be without volunteers on December 11 and 25. Families are welcome to use the space for diaper changes and play on those Sundays; a volunteer will complete the required cleaning. All other Sundays volunteers will be present and ready to care for Salford's children age 2 and younger.

The nursery is essential for families with small children, and we need more volunteers to make sure it is available! How can you help?

- Volunteer in the nursery! Contact [Maria](#) if you are willing.
- Join the nursery ministry team for an easy way to make sure the nursery runs

no Second Hour

January 1 – New Year Day Morning Worship – 10:00 am, no Second Hour

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

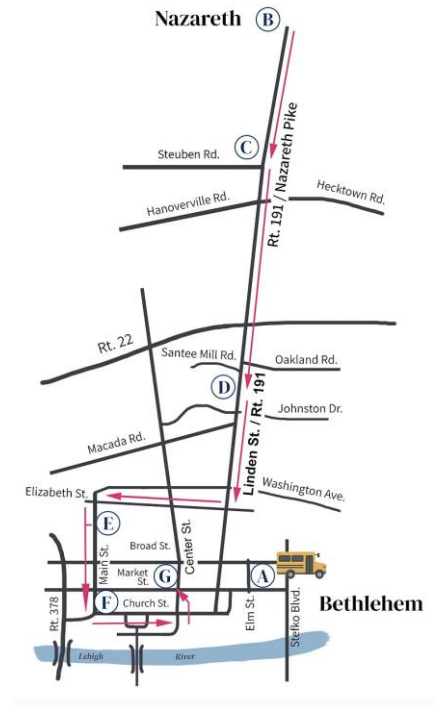
smoothly. Contact [Maria](#) if you are willing.

- Complete your child safety clearances so you can be a volunteer with children of any age. Reach out to [Brad](#) or stop by the church office.

If your clearances are still in process or have lapsed, now is the time to complete them! Schedule a time with Brad to stop by the church office and take care of all the details with Brad's help. They are not hard to do and clearances are required to volunteer with children.

Be a Witness for Christ's Peace!

All Salford congregants are invited to participate in the **63rd Annual Nazareth to Bethlehem Christmas Peace Pilgrimage** on **December 10th from 10:45 AM-6:30 PM**. This event grew out of local Quakers' and peace churches' conviction during the Cold War to accentuate Christ's message and call for peace during the time of year when we celebrate the arrival of the Prince of Peace. The importance of and need for this message are just as relevant for us today. You can register for the event using this [link](#) or let Pastor Andrew know if you will attend and he will register you as part of a Salford group. Additionally, we will put together a carpool for all who are interested. Pilgrims will walk 10 miles with periodic breaks, rain or shine. We hope Salford can be a strong, intergenerational presence at the event!



Advent Resources Available in the Foyer

This week a table will be set up in the foyer with Advent resources for you to take home and use or share. There are options for all ages, both simple and elaborate, for use as a family or individually. Stop by and pick up something to try.

This Week at Salford

Wednesday, December 7

8:30 am Sewing Circle (Gathering Room)

Sunday, December 11

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

Preaching: Andrew Zetts

10:30 am Second Hour for Children

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

- For **Maggie Klein** who is recovering from a fall and has several fractured ribs.
- For **Ada Swartley** who is in Rockhill Mennonite Community for rehabilitation.
- For **Pastor Dave** who is taking his first steps in Physical Therapy and recovering well. **Dave and Anita** are both recovering from a mild case of Covid.
- All Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for the residents of Indonesia, as **a deadly, 5.6-magnitude earthquake struck West Java, Indonesia** on November 22. At least 271 people have died and many more injured. Pray for

those who have lost their loved ones, homes, and sense of safety. Pray for those working to support and assist during this difficult time, especially those in Mosaic Conference who have family and friends living in Indonesia.

Birthday Blessings...

To **Rhoda Landis**, who celebrates her 87th birthday on December 10th.

Experiencing first handedly the wonder of genuine compassion, care and concern is an indescribable gift....a gift that's magnified even further when rooted within the context of a committed church family. We thank you all for your kind words, comforting notes and your promised thoughts & prayers-honoring our father, grandfather and great grandfather. Blessings in all, **the Sanford Alderfer family**.

Thank you for your cards and prayers as I grieve the passing of my dear friend Sanford Alderfer. Love **Marge Hendricks**.

Service & Mission

Donation of the Month Project for December - MCC Relief Kits

Relief kits provide valuable supplies to families traumatized by war and disasters. In recent years, kits have been sent to Haiti, Iraq, Gaza, Bosnia, Serbia, Nepal, Mozambique, Indonesia and Honduras.

Contents (NEW items only, in original packaging)

- 4 large bars bath soap (leave in wrapper)
- Shampoo (1 or 2 bottles, totaling more than 20 oz; place in **resealable plastic bag**)
- 4 large bars laundry soap (such as Fels Naptha ®, Sunlight® or Zote® brands). If you can't find this product MRC of Harleysville has it available and will be able to add this in.
- 4 adult-size toothbrushes (in manufacturer's packaging)
- 4 new bath towels (medium weight, **dark or bright colors**; approx. 29 in.x60 in.)
- 2 wide-tooth combs (6–8 in)
- 1 fingernail clipper (good quality)
- 1 box adhesive bandages (minimum 40 count, **assorted**)
- Sanitary pads (**THIN**; 1 or 2 packages, minimum 28 pads total)

Place contents in a box or bag. MCC will repack the kits into the buckets for shipping. Funds for relief kits can also be submitted via the offering with your envelopes marked for "MCC relief Kits."

Garden update, 12/1/22: Season's greetings fellow gardeners, I have been busy chopping up the leaves from the church grove and should finish by next week. These chopped up leaves will sit and break down for about 7 months. Then I will reuse them in a compost mix or spread around different areas of the garden. Good stuff! This Saturday , December 3rd, Advent Lutheran is having a fund raising youth pancake breakfast at Advent. 8 am to 10 am. All proceeds go to their youth fellowship. Please consider attending they do a great job. Saturday December 10th there will be a Garden Volunteer Brunch at Advent. 9:30 in the morning. If you have volunteered in the garden or just want to meet and greet our garden workers please come on out. Bring your favorite Brunchy food to share and let's enjoy one last time of fellowship before winter.

Do you stop at Starbucks for your morning coffee or a treat on your way home in the afternoon? Starbucks is offering FREE! Used coffee grounds for anyone who wants them. They even bag them for you. Coffee grounds are a great way to improve your soil. I use them in our composting and they are wonderful. If you stop

by a Starbucks consider picking up a bag or two for the garden. I will have a wooden pallet at the end of the Salford church parking lot next to the garden. Just drop them off there and I will take care of them. My goal is to have enough coffee grounds to use throughout the entire 2023 season. I have about 5 months to get that done. Your help would be appreciated. Do you still have a pumpkin or 2 that were used for your fall decorations hanging around? Don't throw them in the trash, bring them to the garden. I will work them into my compost pile. Pumpkins and gourds compost very well and it beats filling up our landfills! Just place them on the same pallet as the coffee grounds. Thank you, Thank You, Thank You!

I am very grateful for all the hard work that our volunteers put in this past season. The support we receive from Salford and Advent members plus individuals from outside our family circle is over the top. I am continually humbled by the funds donated, donations of equipment and continuous encouragement. All of this goes a long way to keep this mission going as we grow good food for those who need it most. I hope and pray everyone has a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year. Steve. 215-872-6616 rsblank@verizon.net

Faith Formation Spotlight

[The Seed and The Soil Project](#) creates music, art, and "Little Liturgies." CDs and text of the simple weekly prayers are available at Salford (Welcome Center) or can be streamed and downloaded [here](#). The Advent-Epiphany series runs from Nov. 27, 2022-Feb. 23, 2023. [Listen to all the albums on Soundcloud.](#)

Note for parents of elementary kids: until January 15 (with the exception if Dec. 11) Sunday School singing will take place in the Fellowship Hall, not up front in the sanctuary. Please drop off your kids downstairs!

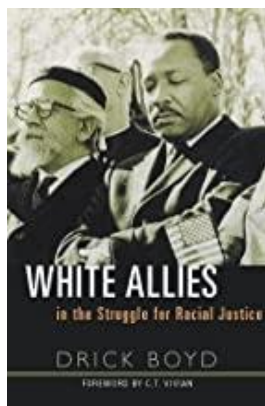
Wanted: more kids & youth to sign up to help with offering. Four needed each week; sign up for as many as you'd like!
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c45a4a62eaaf94-salfo>

Church Library Spotlight

The church library has purchased many new books in recent weeks. Stop by and speak with a librarian to see what's new, or review the library catalogue on the Salford church website <https://smck-ind.kari.opalsinfo.net/bin/home>

Here is a sampling of new materials:

White Allies in the Struggle for Racial Justice, by: Drick Boyd



This timely book offers the little-known stories of 18 white Americans from the 18th century to the present who broke with a racist culture to become allies in the struggle for racial justice. The point is not to portray these people as leaders or heroes of this ongoing struggle but to challenge the idea that racial justice is only a concern for people of color. Drick Boyd shows that there are and have been white people who took up this challenge, often at great risk--and that their example can offer instruction and inspiration to others.

At a time of renewed attention to the ongoing scourge of racial injustice in America, these stories are meant to motivate others to take action to oppose and dismantle racist practices and structures, on behalf of equality and human dignity.

Among those profiled are:

John Woolman, an eighteenth-century Quaker who set out on a personal mission to persuade his fellow Quakers to renounce complicity with slavery;

Angelina Grimke, a Southerner who left the South to join the abolitionist struggle;

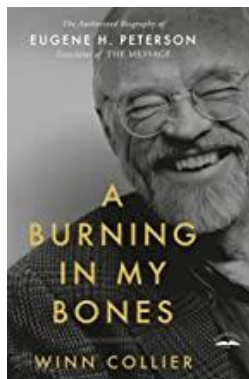
Clarence Jordan, a Baptist preacher who founded Koinonia Farm, an interracial community in Georgia, and faced the wrath of the KKK;

Viola Liuzzo, a mother and housewife from Detroit who was killed by the KKK while participating in the freedom march in Selma, Alabama in 1963;

Morris Dees, founder of the Southern Poverty Law Center, who has fought white supremacist groups in the courts.

Also included are study questions for reading clubs, college courses, and adult education and church groups making this a key resource for educators and activists. DONATED

A Burning in my Bones, by Winn Collier



“This hunger for something radical—something so true that it burned in his bones—was a constant in Eugene’s life. His longing for God ignited a ferocity in his soul.”

Encounter the multifaceted life of one of the most influential and creative pastors of the past half century with unforgettable stories of Eugene’s lifelong devotion to his craft and love of language, the influences and experiences that shaped his unquenchable faith, the inspiration for his decision to translate *The Message*, and his success and struggles as a pastor, husband, and father.

Author Winn Collier was given exclusive access to Eugene and his materials for the production of this landmark work. Drawing from his friendship and expansive view of Peterson’s life, Collier offers an intimate, beautiful, and earthy look into a remarkable life.

For Eugene, the gifts of life were inexhaustible: the glint of fading light over the lake; a kiss from his wife, Jan; a good joke; a bowl of butter pecan ice cream. As you enter into his story, you’ll find yourself doing the same—noticing how the most ordinary things shimmer with a new and unexpected beauty. DONATED

News & Notes

The Salford Church board has discerned **Mark Heise** and **Suzanne Heise** as potential new board members from the nominations submitted by the congregation. Mark and Suzanne have agreed to serve on the board if affirmed. Affirmation ballots will be in the bulletin this Sunday or you can affirm Mark and Suzanne by emailing your affirmation to Church Administrator Brad Alderfer at alderferb@salfordmc.org.

For all Salford friends at the Souderton Mennonite Home: please join us for our monthly gathering on **Monday, December 12th in the Friendship Room from 7-8**. We will sing some carols and share some Christmas thoughts together. Please call Karen with questions: 215.237.7367.

Salford friends at Peter Becker Community and Souderton Mennonite Home: the Salford Youth are coming to sing! Please join us **THIS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4TH** for a brief time of caroling at the following places and times:

- Souderton Mennonite Home Main Auditorium at **4:15pm**
- Peter Becker Maple Avenue in the Healthcare Hallway at **5pm**

Hope to see you there!!

Our **Christmas Eve Candle-lighting service** will be on Saturday, December 24th at 6:30 pm. Our **Christmas morning worship**, Sunday December 25th, will begin at 10:00 am, with no Second hour. Our New Years Day morning worship, Sunday, January 1, will also begin at 10:00 am, with no Second Hour. We will return to our regular schedule with Second Hour on January 8th.

Mosaic Conference Board has developed the next steps in moving forward on the [Pathway that was affirmed at fall Assembly](#). A steering team will be formed to direct the two-year strategic planning process, and consultants are being considered. All are invited to pray and watch for God's direction for the conference. Find more information [here](#).

We are receiving much appreciation for the **children and adult artwork featured on the covers of the bulletin**. We are seeking additional artwork to feature. Please send the artwork you are willing to share to Church Administrator Brad Alderfer.

We are preparing to print **updated copies of the Photo Directory for 2023**. Please send an updated photo of your family for the directory (a square photo works best). Please also send any updated contact information, address, phone, email, etc. Please send your updated information to the church office at alderferb@salfordmc.org by December 9th, 2022. If you would like to be added to the photo directory, or would like access, please also contact the church office.

Beyond Salford

Singing Light: A Walking Roots Band Christmas Concert to benefit MCC will be held Saturday, December 10 at 6:30 pm in the Clemens Theater at Longacre Center at the Dock Mennonite Academy High School Campus. The event is a partnership between the Walking Roots Band and the MCC PA Relief Sale to benefit the work of Mennonite Central Committee. Tickets are free, but there is limited space so please reserve your tickets ahead of time. Seating will be first come-first served. A free will offering will be taken. Coins can also be brought to drop into the Coin Vortex to go towards MCC's My Coins Count project. For those who are not able to attend (and even if you are able!), donations can also be made at www.pareliefsale.org/donate (please note "Singing Light" with your donation, whether you mail a check or donate online). There is a link to reserve tickets at: www.pareliefsale.org where you can also find out more information about the PA Relief Sale. More about the band: www.thewalkingrootsband.com

You are invited to an **A Cappella Christmas Song Service** on Sunday December 11th Franconia Mennonite Church at 6:30 pm in the Church upper fellowship hall.

Join **Camp Men-O-Lan** on a **Journey Through Bethlehem**, Saturday, December 17 – the first tour starts at 6:00 pm. This year's theme is 'The Heart of Christmas' and will include accounts from Bible characters such as the shepherd boy, Anna, the wisemen, and Mary. The tour will conclude at the auditorium where you will hear the Good News, enjoy caroling at the fireplace, snacks and hot chocolate! Register online at menolan.org or call 215-679-5144.