

October 30, 2022

**Sunday, October 30, 9:30 am Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live,** Guest Preacher Marta Castillo will preach on Deuteronomy 30:11-14, Matthew 28:1-10; *Willing and Able*

**10:30 am Second Hour for all ages**

All Adults, Senior and Junior Youth are requested to gather in the Fellowship Hall for a reception for Pastor Maria Hosler Byler.

### October 23, 2022

Offering \$9,347  
ACH Electronic Offering \$1,995  
Vanco Online Offering \$4,543  
**Total Budget Offering \$15,885**  
**Children's Offering \$57**

### Future Salford Events

**October 30** – Ordination of Maria Hosler Byler  
**November 6** – Welcoming New Members  
**November 9** – Family Night Kickoff  
**November 23** – Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service at Advent Lutheran Church, 7:00 pm  
**December 4** – Fall

## Ordination Service For Maria Hosler Byler and Reception

This Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> our worship service will be a celebration of **Maria Hosler Byler's ordination**. After years of discernment and testing her call, she is formally recognizing her lifelong call to ministry and committing to use her gifts in the service of the church. This is a joyful time for the community of faith. We as her congregation will witness her commitment, affirm her gifts, bless her, and celebrate with her. An informal reception will take place during our usual second hour time, all adults, senior and junior youth are invited to attend the reception in the Fellowship Hall. For children, Sunday school will take place as normal.

**We will not be calling for verbal prayer concerns during worship this Sunday. Please contact a Pastor directly with any prayer concerns you have by 9:00 am Sunday.**

## Path Forward Design Team Update; Additional Discernment Opportunity

This week we all take a well-earned break from our work of discernment during second hour. We will have two more meetings during the first two Sundays in November.

Not everyone who has wanted to be part of the conversation has been able to join us around the fellowship hall tables each week. For that reason, we're having a special session on Sunday at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. This session is for three types of people: 1.) those who have been teaching Sunday school during second hour, 2.) those who have had to be away, or to work, or for some reason have been unable to be present, and 3.) those who simply feel they would benefit by some more conversation and time for questions.

If you come on Sunday evening, take some time first to review the recordings of the sessions that are on our church website on the [Path Forward webpage](#).

Take notes if you feel that would help you remember content or frame questions. During the meeting, we will take a few minutes to review the content and note the scripture passages we've been studying. Following that, there will be open time for questions, observations about the texts and time for reflection.

Some of you have remarked that it has felt like we have moved through each week's material very quickly. Maybe this will help us slow down and take in more than we were able to receive the first time.

Thank you all for your presence, your work and attention so far. In peace, Dave

## Faith Formation Night on November 9, 2022

Join us for our **Faith Formation Night on November 9, 2022**, from 5:30-8:00 P.M.! This will include a time to connect over dinner with other families, sing together in worship, and learn and grow in our faith in age-specific settings. Our hope is to eventually host this event on the second Wednesday of each month, starting in January 2023.

Congregational  
Business Meeting  
**December 10** –  
Christmas Peace  
Pilgrimage Walk

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)

### Schedule

5:30-6:15 pm: Dinner  
6:15-6:30 pm: Worship  
6:30-8:00 pm: Age-specific programs

### Different Gathering Spaces

Kids Club: A space for 1st-5th graders to have a fun time exploring various themes and stories from Scripture through crafts, games, and a variety of activities.

Junior and Senior Mennonite Youth Fellowship: A gathering of 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders that connects for games, conversation, and contemplation to provide mutual support and foster spiritual growth

Adults: A time to meet with other parents and guardians to learn about and discuss a variety of topics. This month, Randy Nyce will be sharing strategies to talk to children and youth about money and finances and how to align faith values to our understanding of stewardship.

## 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 **\$234,000** in offering and income for the last nine weeks of 2022 to cover our expected expenses.
- We will need an average of **\$15,500** in weekly offering in October and November and an average of **\$36,000** in weekly offering in December. This is a **18%** increase from last year.
- **Average weekly offering needed for October and November: \$15,500**
- **Average weekly offering received so far for October and November (4 weeks): \$12,673**

## This Week at Salford

### Wednesday, November 2

8:30 am Sewing Circle (Gathering Room)

### Sunday, November 6

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

Preaching: Dave Greiser

10:30 am Second Hour for all Ages

## Our Church Family

### Prayer Concerns

- For the family of **Sanford Alderfer**, who passed away on Monday night. There will be a celebration of his 99 years of life later in November.
- For the family of **Ferne Alderfer**, who passed away on Tuesday morning. There will be a service and visiting hours with her family on Saturday, November 12.
- For **Naomi Landis** who is recovering at Grand View Hospital from a fall last week. She has no broken bones and is hoping to work with physical therapy to return to her apartment at Souderton Mennonite Home very soon.
- For **Ruth Nafziger** who had a partial hip replacement, following a fall, this week. Ruth also anticipates PT at Souderton Mennonite Home soon.
- For **Ray Yoder** that he would continue in God's grace each day.

- **For those who are leading, and for those who are delegates at Mosaic Conference Assembly** scheduled for Sat., Nov. 5 at Souderton Mennonite Church.
- All Mosaic Congregations are invited to pray for **Iglesia Evangélica Menonita de Oración y Adoración**, a congregation in West Philadelphia, PA. At the annual Assembly on November 5, Mosaic delegates vote to affirm their congregational membership in Mosaic Conference. Pray for the church and their pastor, Nicolas Sandoval, as they relate to their neighborhood and work to grow their church.

### **Birthday Blessings...**

To **Ruth Alderfer**, who turns 87 on November 4<sup>th</sup>, and to **Harold Moyer**, who turns 90 on November 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **Memorial Service Arrangements for Ferne Alderfer**

A visitation will be held on Saturday, November 12, 2022 at Salford Mennonite Church from 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm, followed by a memorial service at 2:00 pm. Inurnment will take place at Salford Mennonite Cemetery.

### **Congratulations...**

To **Wendy Joy Whitekettle & Josh Boren** on the birth of **Xavier Phoenix Boren Whitekettle** on October 22, 2022. Rich & Paulette Whitekettle are grandparents.

### **Service & Mission**

**Donation of the Month for October - SOAPS: laundry, dish, bar, body wash & hand soap** to benefit the clients of Keystone Opportunity Center.

Note: soap items are not covered by SNAP (previously known as food stamps). So having these items provided in other spaces is particularly important to people living below the poverty line.

Donations can be placed on the donation of the month table by the infant nursery in the main foyer.

### **Faith Formation Spotlight**

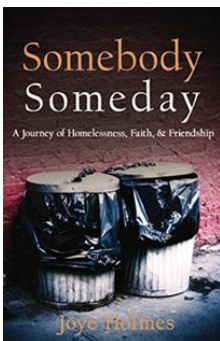
Wanted: more kids & youth to sign up to help with offering. Four needed each week; sign up for as many as you'd like!

<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>

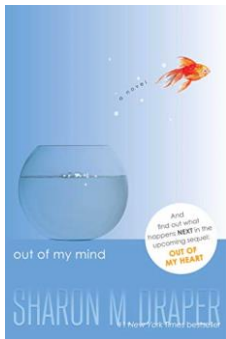
Here is a sampling of new materials:



#### **Somebody Someday: A Journey of Homelessness, Faith and Friendship, By Joye Holmes**

Deaf and homeless his entire adult life, Butch discovers a wallet in a dumpster. What he does next will lead to a chance encounter with a visitor from Texas. This is a true story of survival by eating out of dumpsters and trying to keep warm with restroom hand dryers. More, it is a story of an unlikely friendship that has lasted over twenty-five years. Share through Butch's own letters his sustaining faith and hope to be a somebody. *You*

*will cry. You will laugh. You will learn.*



### **Out of My Mind, By Sharon Draper. Young Reader/Junior Book**

Eleven-year-old Melody is not like most people. She can't walk. She can't talk. She can't write. All because she has cerebral palsy. But she also has a photographic memory; she can remember every detail of everything she has ever experienced. She's the smartest kid in her whole school, but NO ONE knows it. Most people—her teachers, her doctors, her classmates—dismiss her as mentally challenged because she can't tell them otherwise. But Melody refuses to be defined by her disability.

And she's determined to let everyone know it...somehow.

### **News & Notes**

**Calling all choir singers for Thanksgiving Eve:** This year the Salford and Advent Lutheran Thanksgiving Eve service will be at Advent Lutheran on November 23, with a combined choir. Would you like to sing with us? Please notify Maria Hosler Byler as soon as possible to receive music and recordings and to learn about rehearsal. Maria will need final commitments by November 14. A combined rehearsal with Advent Lutheran choir will take place on Thursday November 17<sup>th</sup>.

Check out the help wanted postings and information on an available apartment on the bulletin board in the coat closet off the main foyer. If you are considering work opportunities or new living arrangements, check out these opportunities.

### **Beyond Salford**

**Healthy Niños Honduras** is celebrating their 5-year Anniversary at their **Annual Banquet & Silent Auction** on Saturday, November 12, and you are invited! You can expect a hot dinner buffet, a chance at cool prizes, and a presentation discussing all that they have been able to accomplish this year. To register your attendance, [click here](#).