

April 24, 2022

Sunday, April 24, 9:30 am Indoor Worship at Salford and on Facebook and YouTube Live, Lead Pastor Dave Greiser will preach on John 20:19-31; *Resurrection Trust in a Season of Fear*

All adults are requested to attend a Congregational Informational Meeting in the Church Sanctuary during Second Hour. Children's Sunday School is occurring as normal.

Sunday, April 17
Offering
\$7,140
ACH Electronic
Offering
\$1,975
Vanco Online Offering
\$1,164
Total Budget Offering
\$10,279

Future Salford Events

- April 30 – Youth fundraiser Auction and Meal at Salford
- May 1 – Spring Communion
- May 15 – Cesar Garcia Preaching at Salford, all church potluck following Worship
- May 22 – Dock Mennonite Academy Touring Choir at Salford

Congregational Informational Meeting on April 24th, 2022

The Salford Church Board is calling all adults to attend a congregational informational meeting during Second Hour this Sunday so the church board can update on three ongoing processes occurring in and around the congregation. These three processes are related but not the same and are being guided by three different groups in our church community. The first is the support of Joe Mathew and Brent Anders as their wedding day approaches, and Beth Yoder as she prepares to officiate their wedding. The second is Board actions affirmed at the April 19, 2022, board meeting. The third is Mennonite Church USA's Special Session of the Delegate Assembly being held May 27-30, 2022 to consider important resolutions related to the MCUSA.

- 1) Information on the support of Joe, Brent, and Beth – David Greiser presenting
- 2) Information on Board actions at the April 19, 2022, meeting – Margaret Zook presenting
- 3) Information on the MCUSA Special Session of the Delegate Assembly, May 27-30, 2022 – Maria Hosler Byler presenting.

Additional information on the Special Session and Resolutions available at: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/special-delegate-session-22/>

For those unable to attend, DVD recordings of the meeting will be available at the Welcome Center following the meeting

A Service of Communion: May 1, 2022

We will hold a communion service on Sunday, May 1 during worship. Sunday school will follow.

We believe that communion is a transformational practice in the personal and shared lives of all who worship at Salford Mennonite Church. We come to the table together in this vital act of “congregational life” expectant and eager to know God, ourselves, and others as fellow seekers and followers of Christ. We welcome anyone to participate in communion who is eager to know transformation through Christ's grace, Christ's hospitality, and Christ's call to covenant community -- just as we welcome anyone who chooses, in their own journey of discernment, to defer or abstain from the table. To this end, parents will be receiving an email with information and support for children during this sacred act.

As you discern your own relationship to the communion table, we encourage you to consider these questions in prayer, reflection, and discussion with others in the Salford community:

- If you take communion, what are you celebrating? What are you committing to? What are you asking for?
- This meal is a symbol of Jesus' active love of the world. What does it mean for you to participate in this love at the communion table?
- Are you open to the possibility that Jesus might teach, challenge, inspire, or call you through this sacred ritual?

- June 18-19, weekend with Marshall King, author of "Disarmed: The Radical Life and Legacy of Michael "MJ" Sharp"

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

This Spring, communion will take place in the sanctuary, and it will look much the same as it did before the pandemic. Groups will be invited to the front of the sanctuary to receive communion together around a table. For covid safety, the communion elements will be covered as much as possible and only the servers will touch them. Servers will not wear masks, so that their instructions can be understood; all participants are welcome to wear a mask for added safety. For those who are not comfortable participating around the larger tables but still wish to join in communion, a separate small table will also be available where someone will offer you pre-packaged communion elements.

Youth Fundraiser Auction, Saturday, April 30th, 2022

Please plan to attend the Youth fundraiser meal and auction on Saturday, April 30, 2022. The dinner will be served from 4:15 – 5:30 pm and the auction will begin at 6:00 pm. The event is planned to be outside in the carport area but may move indoors if weather does not permit an outdoor event. For the meal, pulled pork will be provided as the main dish; please bring a salad/side dish or dessert to share. Please also bring your place setting for the meal. The funds raise will be used to support our senior and junior youth program activities and the senior youth summer service trip to Appalachia with SWAP (Service With Appalachian People).

This Week at Salford

Saturday, April 30

4:15 pm Youth Fundraiser Meal (Salford)
6:00 pm Youth Fundraiser Auction (Salford)

Sunday, May 1

Communion Sunday
9:30 am Salford Worship Indoors and Streamed on Facebook and YouTube Live
Preaching: Dave Greiser
10:30 am Second Hour for all ages

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

- For **Glenn Frederick** and **Ray Yoder** as they recover from Covid.
- For **Faith Detweiler** at Sunny Crest Home, who is having abdominal pain and difficulty eating and is waiting for a CT scan.
- For those around the world who are suffering from hunger, which has been worsened by the war in Ukraine.
- Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for the **Anabautistas del Camino (Anabaptists of the Way) church plant in Morelos, Mexico** with whom Mosaic Conference partners. Fernando Perez and Rebeca Gonzalez provide pastoral accompaniment to families of the disappeared, and they provide migrant support in the form of personal items and hotel stays for persons who are passing through. Pray for the salvation of persons in the community and for the emerging congregation. Pray for strength, provision, and grace for the leaders as they walk with their community and seek to meet the needs for the building of the Kingdom.

Wedding Blessings...

To **Brent Anders** and **Joe Mathew** who will be married on Friday, April 29th, in East Brunswick, NJ.

Blessings to Brent & Joe as they begin married life together.

We would like to express our heartfelt thank you for all the prayers and expressions of concern after our barn fire. For as devastating as the fire was we were blessed to have the house untouched. And we continue to find blessings as we move through this process. With much gratitude, **Anita & Jerry Kapusta**

Remembering the Life of Eva Alderfer



Eva Rittenhouse Alderfer was born on June 30, 1930, on a farm near Hatfield. Her family belonged to the Plains Mennonite congregation, where she was baptized. Eva went to school at Kulpville until 10th grade. She married Stanley Alderfer of the Salford congregation on September 9, 1950.

After that she worked at hosiery factories in Lansdale and Souderton. Stan worked for the meat plant called Grabrams, near the Meetinghouse property, and Eva made potato and macaroni salad for the customers there. Eva also worked in her home doing clothing alterations for Clemens Cleaners, and waitressed at banquets for the Franconia Heritage Restaurant.

In 1958 they moved to a new house on Woodlyn Avenue. Here their children Connie and Dave were joined by two siblings, Phil and Mike.

A lover of beauty, she made quilts for her children and their children, often bringing her mother and an aunt to help or quilt for a day at her quilting frame in the basement. Over the years, she also did many crafts, taking her products such as rag dolls to craft fairs. Stan would cut out wooden components for things such as towel dispensers, and she would decorate them.

Eva was as an excellent cook, who wanted things not only to be good but to look good. Her special meals and birthday cakes were truly special. From time to time she contributed to special meals at the Salford congregation. Her chow and pickled beets had a ready sale among customers who would even call for them after Eva and Stan retired to the Souderton Mennonite Home.

Eva was part of Salford's Sewing Circle after she and Stan moved to Souderton Mennonite Home. After the "Nine-Eleven" attack she helped to quilt Salford's two peace quilts to be jointly given to President George Bush and Saddam Hussein.

Eva passed on August 22, 2021, at the age of 91. Eva and Stanley's dust now rest only a few steps from their lifetime place on the earth. Written by John Ruth.



Service & Mission

Donation of the Month for April – Tuna, meals in a can (e.g. SpaghettiOs w/meatballs, ravioli, etc.) and miscellaneous gluten free products to benefit the food pantry of Keystone Opportunity Center.

Items can be placed at the donation of the month table by the infant nursery.

4/21/22 Garden Update,

Greetings fellow gardeners, last Saturday there was a whirlwind of activity in the garden. With the enthusiastic help of several young families we planted over 1,400 onion plants, 110 lbs. of seed potatoes and 12 raised beds were planted with seeds

of various veggies. This week we are going to lay down wood chips on the walking paths between the raised beds for weed control. When finished the upper end will really look nice. There are 3 more flower boxes that need to be set and filled with soil. The older flower boxes can be worked on too. Our Sugar Snap peas are popping out really nice. We will be building a trellis for these again this year. The colder nights we had last weekend did affect a few plants. We did lose a few but overall the garden came through with a shiver not a freeze. I have been busy getting the water lines set up in each of the raised beds but have been slowed down by the rain, cold and wind. BRRRRRRR.....That job needs to be finished before we start to work on the summer end of the garden. I hope to break ground the first week in May and start to plant our summer plants Saturday May 14th. A lot has to happen between now and then. As long as the weather holds out and we don't get too much rain we should be OK.

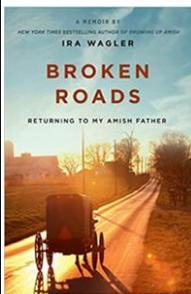
Thank you to everyone who helped out last weekend, young, old and in between it was a fun morning to be in the garden. Steve, rsblank@verizon.net 215-876-6616

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:

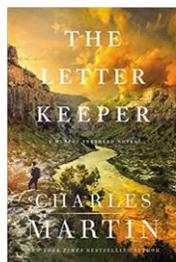
Broken Roads: Returning to my Amish Father by Ira Wagler



In *Broken Roads*, Ira Wagler uses his singular voice to unapologetically, but compassionately, illuminate the inner world of the Amish community through his story of life after leaving, what feels like his inevitable return to his Amish father, and how they might mend the relationship between them before it's too late.

Through difficult reunions, struggles confronted, and betrayals revisited, Wagler explores burning questions of faith and identity shared by millions, whether Amish or not. Readers may recognize themselves along these paths with Wagler, as he grapples with choices, faith, family, the past, and the future.

The Letter Keeper by Charles Martin



Murphy Shepherd has made a career of finding those no one else could—survivors of human trafficking. His life's mission is helping others find freedom . . . but then the nightmare strikes too close to home.

When his new wife, her daughter, and two other teenage girls are stolen, Murphy is left questioning all he has thought to be true. With more dead ends than leads, he has no idea how to find his loved ones. After everything is stripped away, love is what remains.

Hope feels lost, but Murphy is willing to expend his last breath trying to bring them home.

News & Notes

For all Salford people at the Souderton Mennonite Homes: we will gather on **May 2nd from 7-8 pm** in the **Friendship Room**. This month, we'll share communion together. Hope to see you there! Any questions, call Karen at 215.237.7367.

An **all Church Potluck Fellowship meal** is being planned for May 15, 2022, at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a main dish and salad/side dish or dessert to share. Please bring your place settings for the meal. The kitchen committee will not be providing a main dish or side dishes for the meal, so a variety of dishes are welcome. Your dishes can be brought to the kitchen prior to worship, and our Potluck Fellowship team will be there to assist you with refrigeration, heating, or serving instructions for your dish as needed. Please mark your dishes and serving utensils with your name.

Spring Workday has been scheduled for June 11, 2022, starting at 8:00 am. The primary task for workday will be spreading woodchips on the playground. Please bring a metal rake if you have one. If you are able to help, please let Facility Manager George Gaugler know your plan to help.

Starting on April 24th, **the online streaming options for worship will be simplified.** We will be streaming our services on YouTube only. Visit the church website for a direct link to the Salford YouTube page: <http://www.salfordmc.org/> We will not be including the words and music to songs on the stream. If anyone would like to order a Voices Together hymnal to follow along at home, please see this website: <http://voicestogetherhymnal.org/products/ordering-and-discounts/>

If you are interested in and willing to make a **donation to the 2022 Salford Youth Auction**, please [click this link](#) to fill out a form that will indicate what you intend to donate. If you would prefer to fill out a paper form, there will be copies of donation forms available at the welcome center in the church lobby next week. If you choose to fill out this form, please return it to Brad Alderfer in the church office. Regardless of format, please submit your form by April 10th.

Beyond Salford

Dock Mennonite Academy Grades 9 to 12 Theatre presents: *You Can't Take It With You!* *You Can't Take It With You!* is a wonderful comedy highlighting a family with a daughter in love. What happens when the young man she is after comes from a different world with quite a different family? This show is about the importance of living life to the fullest and love conquers all. *You Can't Take It With You* is a madcap, idealistic comedy that shows us how all families have their "stuff" but that's what makes life fun. Show dates/Times: April 28, 29 & 30 7:00 PM. Tickets on sale now! <https://our.show/youcanttakeit>

Try out **volunteering at Care & Share Thrift Shoppes** on Wednesday, April 27 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm at their "Volunteer Happy Hour"! Volunteers will be processing donations for the sales floor, and current volunteers are also welcome to join. No registration is necessary – just come to the Welcome Center between the Outlet and Variety Shoppes.

Blooming Glen Junior High Youth are hosting a [Pedals for Progress bike collection](#) on Saturday, May 7 from 9:00 am t 12:00 noon. They will be collecting adult & kids' bikes and sewing machines to send to Uganda, Albania, Tanzania, and Guatemala. Bikes should be rust free; no children's trikes, but bikes with flat tires in need of some repair are accepted. Portable sewing machines should be in working condition. [Find more info here.](#)

Camp Men-O-Lan will hold a **National Day of Prayer Breakfast and Prayer Walk**, Thursday, May 5 from 8:00 to 9:30 am. This event is Jesus centered, Holy Spirit empowered and includes worship, sharing, prayer and great food! Immediately afterward there will be a Prayer Walk that will be available throughout the day for

those who want to come, reflect, and pray. Contact Kim at 215-679-5144 x320 or [visit them on Facebook](#) to register.

Healthy Niños Honduras has a goal to **raise about \$1,000** to purchase sensory toys to help improve the fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination of the children they work with in Honduras. [Visit their website](#) to learn more and help them reach their goal.

The April edition of **On the Level** is now available from **Mennonite Disaster Service**. In our current issue: Learn how families can volunteer and serve together, read about MDS volunteers and how they've made long-term changes in Marianna, Florida, and find about volunteers heading to British Columbia to assist wildfire survivors in British Columbia. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3jXVYYw>