

April 3, 2022

Sunday, April 3, 9:30 am Indoor Worship at Salford and on Facebook and YouTube Live, Lead Pastor Dave Greiser will offer reflections on Leviticus 6:1-7; Luke 19:1-10; *Why Reparations?*

10:30 am Second Hour for all ages

Sunday, March 27

Offering

\$2,146

ACH Electronic

Offering

\$1,975

Vanco Online Offering

\$1,236

Total Budget Offering

\$5,357

MCC Ukraine

Response/Relief Kits

Donations:

\$2,870

Future Salford Events

- April 15 – Good Friday Tenebrae Service, 7:30 pm
- April 17 – Easter Sunday
- April 30 – Youth fundraiser Auction and Meal at Salford
- May 1 – Spring Communion
- May 15 – Cesar Garcia Preaching at Salford
- May 22 – Dock Mennonite Academy Touring Choir at Salford
- June 18-19,

Music & Justice Service, April 3, 2022

On Sunday, April 3 the Salford staff is planning a Service of Music and Justice. Within this service, we will recognize how our worship life benefits from the influence of many people and cultures over the generations; some from our own congregation's cultural heritage and many from other cultural traditions. Because of historical injustices, some musicians have benefited from copyright and royalties, while others, whose songs were a survival tool while facing enslavement and other trauma, have not.

God calls us to move from a sense of entitlement to this music we have unjustly received, to humble acknowledgement of (and fair compensation for) the hard work of others which has contributed to our worship. Joyfully honoring those whose songs which have so enriched our faith life and not previously been acknowledged is a faithful way to respond. Making amends for past injustices is also a faithful response.

This service will include Negro spirituals* and other music for which Salford will be offering royalties payments, as well as information on why we are doing this and how. This idea was borne out of conversations by members of the racial justice learning group, who learned of other predominantly-white churches who are making royalties payments for singing Negro spirituals.

**The term Negro Spirituals refers to the enormous body of folk songs created collectively by enslaved Africans in America and their descendants. In Black communities, that is the preferred term for this body of music.*

Therefore I Will Hope: Holy Weekend Vigil Practices for All Ages

"The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in God." (Lamentations 3:24)

Holy Week is a time of extremes: within one week, the deepest despair and the brightest hope. These extremes are also present within our world and within ourselves. Join us on Holy Weekend for practices to make space for these conflicting emotions as we hold vigil till Easter.

Self-guided vigil practices will be available outdoors from Maundy Thursday, April 14 at 6pm through Holy Saturday evening, April 16. In the carport you'll find a hands-on prayer practice and a prayer walk guide. A story walk featuring a children's book will be available in the grove. The labyrinth will also be available at any time.

On Saturday 10am-12pm tables will be set up in the carport with additional practices: seed planting, resurrection eggs and egg coloring, and a fire pit.

All of these practices are appropriate for all ages; the resurrection eggs are geared more toward children and the prayer walk is for those who prefer more contemplative engagement. Come at any time from Thursday at 6pm through Saturday evening, participating in whichever of these practices helps you hold vigil

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

until the Resurrection.

Getting to Know Ron & Debbie Freed

As we come through unusual times in the life of the church and society, we are once again getting to know each other as a community through Getting to Know you Articles. We will run information about one Salford household per week in the newsletter. This week we will get to know **Ron & Debbie Freed**.



1. Our family members and ages: Ron is 64; Debbie is 64. Two children, Andrew (42), wife Elise, sons Greg and Jeff live in NC. Amy (40), Josh Gulley (39), Cassidy, Sadie and Luke live in Harleystville.
2. Where we live: We live in Franconia Township, with the Souderton High School as one of our neighbors.
3. Where we work: Ron works at Clemens Food Group and is looking forward to retiring in January 2024 after 50 years of service there. Debbie volunteers at Care and Share in the Variety Workroom.
4. Where our children attend school: Andrew graduated from Penn State University with a Master's degree in 2003. Amy graduated from Gordon College in 2004 and Tufts University (Masters) in 2005.
5. How long have we attended Salford: Ron grew up attending Salford. Debbie grew up attending Indian Creek Church of the Brethren not far away. She joined Salford in 1990.
6. Places we have lived in the past: Our early married years were spent in Harleystville. We built our current home in Franconia Township in 1984
7. Favorite scripture: Ron's favorite verse is Psalm 23. Debbie's is Matthew 11:28
8. Where we went to school: Ron and Debbie went to schools in the Souderton School District. Ron went to Christopher Dock for grades 10-12. We like to tell the grandchildren that we met each other for the first time in Kindergarten at the former Lower Salford Elementary School, then later again in Homeroom D-29 at Indian Valley Junior High. We reconnected again while Debbie was attending Montgomery County Community College. Debbie graduated from MCCC in 1977.
9. When and where we were married: June 3, 1978 at Indian Creek Church of the Brethren
10. In two words, something/s you love about Salford: Ron—singing, fellowship; Debbie—singing
11. Pets: None currently. We enjoy the Freed/Gulley pets!
12. First car I/we owned: Ron—Duster; Debbie—Mustang
13. Favorite place to visit on vacation: Our "Blue House" at Ocean City, MD with the children and grandchildren.
14. One place we hope to visit: Ron—St. John, VI where we went on our honeymoon. Debbie—Lots to see out West!
15. Our hobbies: Ron—lawn/garden work; Debbie—jigsaw puzzles and lighthouses.
16. Favorite foods: Ron—Quesadillas; Debbie—Saturday night Reubens made by Ron with our own smoked brisket
17. Favorite type of music or musician: Ron—Mid 70's Rock and Roll; Debbie—Country Gospel
18. Favorite movies or tv shows: Ron—HGTV; Debbie—Sound of Music and HGTV
19. Favorite books or magazine: Ron—Mysteries
20. A favorite hymn or praise song: Ron—606/118; Debbie—My Hope is Built
21. Favorite childhood memory: Ron—playing outside and camping at Spruce Lake with the Family; Debbie—Growing up on the Family Farm with Grandpop Landis living with us.

22. One thing on my bucket list: Debbie—See the Golden Gate Bridge and put my feet in the Pacific Ocean

This Week at Salford

Wednesday, April 6

8:00 am Sewing Circle (Gathering Room)

7:30 pm Adult Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

Sunday, April 10

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

Preaching: Maria Hosler Byler

10:30 am Second Hour for All Ages

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

- For **Duane Gahman** who is recovering from surgery this past week at U of Penn
- For **Lucy Detwiler**, recovering in the Souderton Mennonite Home Rehab.
- For all in our Salford Family who have lost a loved one in the recent past, that they would have peace and find comfort within our community.
- For Salford youth and adults who are students or teachers and employees in the local public school districts - that they are able to be salt and light and agents of peace in these times.
- All Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for summer camp preparations at **Camp Men-O-Lan (Quakertown, PA)**, **Spruce Lake (Canadensis, PA)**, and **Bethany Birches Camp (Plymouth, VT)**. Pray for the camps as they hire summer staff and prepare the camps to be a welcoming place of God's love this summer.

Birthday Blessings...

To **Len Ruth**, who celebrates his 82nd birthday on April 5th.

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.

3/31/22 Garden Update,

Greetings fellow gardeners, Spring has sprung but you would not know it by the weather this week. Cold and then warm and then cold again. Looks like March is going out like a Lion! Oh well everyone talks about the weather but no one ever does anything about it. This past Saturday we had some activity in the garden. I was able to pull together a group of volunteers from where I work. Clemens Food Group. I also had a few of our regular volunteers there for crowd control. We built 20 new raised bed boxes and Dave Alderfer used his tractor to fill them with soil. Thank You Dave! That brings the total to 63 raised beds. I have been busy this week topping them off with peat moss and our own home made compost. I have 10 of the new beds, finished so far. I will finish the rest as soon as I can, Next week I plan on installing the watering system on the new beds and Saturday April the 9th we plant our first plants for 2022. The long range forecast looks OK. These spring plantings can take a little cold air. As long as it stays in the 30s and does drop into the 20s we are OK. Once the roots get established they can take even more cold weather.

This Saturday Advent Lutheran is having a youth sponsored pancake breakfast at

Advent 8 am to 10 am. If you can, come out and support their youth program. All proceeds will benefit Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing event to be held at Advent later this Spring.

Thank You to everyone who helped out in the garden and all who support this mission. Blessings to you. Steve

Family Faith Formation Spotlight

Palm Sunday Procession: On April 10, Palm Sunday, all kids are invited to participate in the procession with palms, which will happen toward the beginning of the service. Come to the library at 9:15am to receive your palm & prepare.

Peace Camp Registration is Now Open! Peace Camp 2022 takes place Sunday, June 19 to Thursday, June 23, 5-8 p.m. (dinner included). It is free and open to all kids who will have completed K-5th grades. Register now: <http://www.salfordmc.org/peace-camp.html> and invite your friends!

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:

Which is Worse? Crazy Questions to Ask Your Friends by Lee Taylor – Junior Book



Being a kid is full of what ifs, but the biggest and worst question remains: Which is Worse? Finally, here's a hilarious book chock-full of creative, daring, gross, and terrible questions that reveal you and your friends' innermost thoughts on just what would be the worst thing ever! From gross meals (eat a spider or eat a cockroach?) to fantastically horrifying worst case scenarios (trapped in a box with a scorpion or chained to a wild tiger?), this is an awfully perfect solution to the usual boring this or that questions. Do you think you know which is worse?

Lone Stars by Mike Lupica, Young Reader/Junior Book



An uplifting story about role models, football, and tackling fear set in the heart of Friday Night Lights country—from the bestselling author of *Heat*, *Travel Team*, and *Fantasy League*.

Clay is a quarterback's dream. When he zips across the field, arms outstretched, waiting for the ball to sail into his hands, there's no denying him the catch. Like most Texans, Clay is never more at home than when playing football. And his coach, a former star player for the Dallas Cowboys, is just like a second father.

But as the football season kicks off, Clay begins to notice some odd behavior from his coach--lapses in his memory and strange mood swings. The conclusion is painful, but obvious: Coach Cooper is showing side effects of the many concussions he sustained during his playing days. As Clay's season wears on, it becomes clear that the real victory will be to help his coach walk onto that famous star logo in the middle of Cowboys Field one last time--during a Thanksgiving day ceremony honoring him and his former Super Bowl-winning teammates.

News & Notes

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

Join us for our **Spring Workday at Men-O-Lan** on Saturday April 23rd. We need your help to get camp ready for the summer season. Join us ready to work outside and we will provide the coffee and a tasty lunch outside! We will provide coffee in the morning as well as lunch for the volunteers! Please let us know you are coming so we can plan accordingly. Email Steve Panning at steve@menolan.org or call him at 215-679-5144 ext 326.

Join **Camp Men-O-Lan** for their annual **Summerfest Open House and Spring Fundraising event** on Saturday, May 21 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. You can bid on auction items, enjoy great food, visit the open house, camp store & gift shop, and enjoy fun family activities. [Find more info here.](#)

A **Worm Walk** to benefit **The Worm Project** will be held Saturday, May 21 at 9:00 am at Franconia Community Park (meet at the pavilion). Come walk with your family and friends to show support for children suffering from parasitic worms. This event is for all ages, and donations are welcome.