

August 14, 2022

Sunday, August 14, 10:00 am Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live, Guest Preacher Dave Peters will preach on Mark 15:1-15 and John 18:33-40; *What Is Truth?*

No Second Hour for Children or Adults during Summer Schedule

Sunday, August 7, 2022

Offering
\$7,590

ACH Electronic
Offering
\$2,025

Vanco Online Offering
\$2,925

**Total Budget Offering
\$12,540**

Future Salford Events

August 21 - 4:30-6:30 pm New Second Hour Creation Event

August 28 – Blessing of Backpacks in Worship and Sunday School Teacher Orientation

August 28 – Youth Sharing from S.W.A.P. Service trip, Fellowship Hall after Worship

September 11 – Start of new Second Hour Year, Worship 9:30 am, Second Hour 10:45 am

September 24 – 25 – Gardening For Peace Event at Salford

October 30 – Ordination of Maria

An update from the Pastors, Thursday, August 12th

As you heard last week, we're gearing up for discernment this fall to define LGBTQIA inclusion more fully at Salford. This will involve Bible study and discussion as a whole church, along with a short sermon series. We know many of you like to read and learn, so here is a short list of resources to consider reading and watching in the coming weeks. These materials are from a variety of perspectives, both traditional and more inclusive, as well as important resources on how to do spiritual discernment, featuring a book the Path Forward team has found helpful.

Good Bible Study Resources:

- Walter Brueggemann, *Genesis: A Bible Commentary for Preaching and Teaching*. Genesis is an important book for any consideration of the meaning of sexuality and human nature.
- Carrie and Gerald Mast. *Human Sexuality in Biblical Perspective*. A new resource from two Mennonites. (Telford, PA: Cascadia Press).

Viewpoints from Queer Christians:

- Wesley Hill, *Washed and Waiting: Reflections on Christian Faithfulness and Sexuality* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan Press, 2010).
- Justin Lee. *Torn: Rescuing the Gospel from the Gays vs. Christians Debate*. (New York: Jericho Books, 2012).

Comparing Ways of Reading the Bible:

- Robert Gagnon and Dan Via. *Homosexuality and the Bible: Two Views*. (Atlanta: Fortress Press, 2003). Short and to the point, this one looks at oft-quoted texts.
- Ted Grimsrud and Mark Thiessen Nation. *Reasoning Together: a Conversation on Homosexuality*. (Scottsdale: Herald Press, 2008).

Spiritual Discernment:

- Ruth Haley Barton. *Pursuing God's Will Together*. Downer's Grove: InterVarsity, 2012. A great resource for learning to seek the guidance of God. Highly recommended!
- There is a podcast that goes along with this book, for those who like podcasts. See this link [sent separately]

With excitement for the days ahead, Dave, Maria, Andrew

Table Fellowship Groups for Fall

This fall we are offering an opportunity for all congregational members and participants to join a table fellowship group. Being "at the table" is a powerful way to meet God and each other. Around a table we share food and conversation, we can make simple time for praying together and encouraging and serving each other. Around a table we are able to *connect* more deeply with God and each other, *grow* in our relationships and in our faith, and *serve* together in very basic

Hosler Byler

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

ways. ***We are encouraging as many congregational members and participants as possible to Come to the Table.*** The hope is for these groups to meet 3 times between October and December. While we know some previous table fellowships are still meeting, our goal is to form new groups for a season as we embrace new members of the congregation and others who have started attending Salford since our last congregation-wide table fellowship groups met. You can sign up by filling out a bulletin insert and returning it to the church office, or you can complete an online form by clicking [here](#). ***Make sure to complete either option no later than September 4, 2022.***

Mosaic Conference MC USA Review and Listening Prayer

Mosaic Conference is beginning a [review](#) of its relationship with Mennonite Church USA. In this time of discernment all in Mosaic Conference are [called on to listen](#) to the Holy Spirit together. Sundays August 14 and 28 at 9am listening prayer will take place in various formats on the church grounds: group prayer will take place in the prayer room, and individual prayer with optional guidance at the Labyrinth. Please share about your experience with Maria Hosler Byler or Karen Bergey to share with conference leadership (sharing with the conference will be anonymous). More information and questions for guiding prayer are [available on the Salford website](#). Salford pastors are available for conversation with anyone who would like to talk more about the conference and denominational relationship or listening prayer.

New Second Hour Formation Event

This Sunday, August 14 is the last day to RSVP to the August 21 night of food and fellowship as we consider what new second hour options we would like to form. Second hour classes at Salford often fill an important role of small-group connection and support beyond Sunday mornings. The classes have a variety of formats that work for different people. Anyone who is interested in the formation of something new is invited to come, fellowship, and give input. Katie Alderfer and Chad Ehst are doing most of the cooking so you know it'll be good. Kids welcome, conversation loosely organized with space for eating and playing on the playground. This event will take place on August 21 at 4:30pm in the grove by the playground. **Please [email Maria](#) to RSVP by Sunday, August 14.**

This Week at Salford

Sunday, August 21

10:00 am Salford Worship Indoors and Streamed on YouTube Live

Preaching: Dave Peters

No Second Hour for July and August

4:30 am New Second Hour Formation Event Picnic (Oak Grove and Playground)

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

- **Harold Moyer** is recovering nicely in rehab at Peter Becker. Pray for him as he anticipates another week or so of rehab.
- **Ray Yoder** is recovering from having a rod placed in his femur (upper leg) to stabilize his movement. He was moved to Grand View Rehab on Thursday, anticipating several more days' stay while he grows stronger. Pray for Ray as he adjusts and anticipates further health decisions down the road.
- For **Faith Detweiler** who will be evaluated on August 17th for possible

gallbladder removal.

- All Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for the **Mosaic Board** as they lead the Conference community during this time, especially as they prepare for our Fall Assembly. Pray for God's wisdom, leading, peace, unity, and grace.

Birthday Blessings...

To **Marie Shisler**, who celebrates her 95th birthday on August 15, 2022.

Service & Mission

Donation of the Month for August - School Kits for Mennonite Central Committee.

Contents (NEW items only)

- 4 spiral or perforated-pages notebooks (8.5 in x 10.5 in and 70 sheets)
- 8 new unsharpened pencils
- 1 ruler (flat, good quality; must indicate 30 cm; inch markings optional)
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large eraser
- 2 new black or blue ballpoint pens
- 1 small (**metal only**) pencil sharpener (one or two holes). If you have trouble finding metal sharpeners, leave them out and MCC will provide them.

Pick up your drawstring bag in the foyer at the Pastors' Entrance (if you are not able to pick up bags, feel free to drop off the kit contents and we will bag them for you).

MCC advises that you can donate separate items for school kits (not complete kits).

If you wish to take advantage of the sales that local stores are offering, MCC can use these items to complete kits at the Material Resource Center.

If you prefer to donate money toward this project, MCC MRC of Harleysville will purchase and assemble kits on your behalf. Please make checks payable to "Salford Mennonite Church" and mark your donation for "MCC school kits"

Place your donations on the donation of the month table by the nursery in the main foyer. **Please help us reach our goal of collecting 300 kits!**

Justice. & Peace Ministry Team

Gardening for Peace

September 24, 2022

Salford Mennonite & Advent Lutheran Church



We need volunteers! Can you help us? Please sign-up at the table in the foyer this Sunday or call Joe Landis at: 484.798.0724

NEW WORKSHOP JUST ADDED

Are Christianity & Jesus Included In Islam? By **Saleem Ahmed, MD FCPS**

AT THE HEART OF ALL MAJOR RELIGIONS IS PEACE.

In reality both Islam and Christianity have the same root and it is an ultimate message of peace even though violence has made its way into both these faith traditions.

QUESTIONS TO BE ADDRESSED:

Is this true for two of the world's major religions whose followers constitute over half of the world population?

Are Jesus of Christianity and Muhammad of Islam asking their followers to live at

peace with each other?

Is the cardinal message of Islam and Christianity one of living peaceably with our neighbors and obeying the Ten Commandments?

How do People of the Book leave a history of violence behind and move to a peaceful core?

Are peace and living in harmony the foundational blocks of both Christianity and Islam?

What else do these two faith traditions have in common?

Come join us for dialogue on these questions and others as well. This will be a zoom session

About Saleem

Dr. Saleem Ahmed is a Pakistani physician and retired Director of Anatomy at the Virginia Tech Carilion Medical School. He also taught at the Jefferson College of Health Sciences' Physician Assistant Program in Roanoke, VA and at the Edward Via Osteopathic School of Medicine in Blacksburg, VA.

Church Garden Update from 8/4/22

Greetings fellow gardeners, last Saturday we planted our fall veggies 600 plants of cabbage, cauliflower and broccoli. Plus beet and turnip seed. The plants have had a rough week with 90+ temps but I have been watering as much as I can and it looks like they may be OK for now. The beets and turnips have sprouted along with the 230 foot row of string beans I planted, The first planting of string beans has finally arrived as we harvested over 70 lbs. of green and yellow string beans this week. Tomatoes are showing up more and more every day. There are a few that are splitting, The 2 inches of rain that fell last week had a lot to do with that. Eggplant is here along with our green peppers. So the garden is in full swing. I am harvesting zucchini from our new plants with more on the way. The cucumber beetles have taken their toll but we still have a good number of healthy plants giving fruit.

This week we will plant a few extra plants and harvest as much as the garden will give us. There are a few more onions that need to be trimmed. Hopefully, the thunder showers hold off until we are finished.

Thank you to all who help out in this very hot weather. We try to finish our work before the heavy heat shows up but it is still very warm out there even in the morning. A lot of sweat equity gets put into this mission. Steve, 221-872-6616, rsblank@verizon.net

Church Garden Update from 8/11/22

Greetings fellow gardeners this week was a mixture of heat and a little rain. The garden rain gauge registered almost 1 inch total of rain for the week. We also had temps in the upper 90s. We planted some more young seedlings last Saturday and I have been watering frantically trying to keep them alive in the heat We are harvesting tomatoes at a pretty good clip right now. They look so so. The high heat and then rain has increased the splitting and I have stopped watering some of the tomato rows to try and slow down the splits. Green peppers have come in and wow have they ever. Last Saturday we picked 189 lbs. from 1 row. WOO HOO! Eggplant also looking really nice. Our string beans are OK not as abundant as I would like. The row we planted them in has a wet spot in the middle and string beans do not like their feet wet. The plants in that wet area did not do so well. We continue to lose zucchini plants but the new ones are almost ready to produce. Some plants enjoy this hot weather. Our pole string bean grew almost 3 feet this week. At that pace they will be ready to harvest by early September. Veggies are not the only thing we grow in the garden. I reported earlier about our baby blue

birds. We also had barn swallows nesting in Nancy's barn, they fledged 2 young birds this week. I also found a song sparrow nest in one of our tomato plants while picking tomatoes. A family of King birds has been visiting the garden almost every day. Looks like a successful year for our local birds.

Thank you to all who support this mission. The food we grow goes to many who need a little help, a little kindness and a little love. Blessing to you all. Steve, 221-872-6616, rsblank@verizon.net

Salford to Sign the 2022-26 Treaty of Friendship with the Lenape Nation of Pennsylvania

Every four years since 2002 the Lenape Nation of Pennsylvania undertakes the Rising Nation River Journey which involves 3 weeks of paddling down the Len'ape Sippu (Delaware River). The journey is currently underway with treaty signing events taking place nearly every day in Pennsylvania over the next week. On Tuesday, August 16 at 11am at Haverford College, John Ruth and Joel Alderfer will sign the treaty on behalf of Salford Mennonite. The treaty states, in part:

In the spirit of Chief Tamanend, and in the spirit of William Penn, we the undersigned do openly recognize the Lenape tribe as the original inhabitants of eastern Pennsylvania. We acknowledge the Lenape people as the indigenous stewards of their homelands and also as the spiritual keepers of the Lenape Sippu...And we commit to actively supporting our Lenape sisters and brothers in whatever way we are able to, for a term of four years, helping to maintain the cultural identity of Pennsylvania.

We will support the Lenape people in one or more of the following ways: Hosting cultural/educational programs; Partnering as caretakers of the Lenape homeland and Delaware River; Assisting in Lenape language revival projects; Assisting in displays / exhibits of Lenape culture Helping the Lenape people to obtain and/or protect sacred land sites; Encouraging updated curriculum in public schools; Attending Lenape functions; Volunteer service and support; Distributing Information; Financial Assistance.

May these partnerships serve to heal the past, give direction for today, and brighten the future as we move forward, learning from the mistakes of some of our local forefathers, and may we together, bring to light the cultural and geographical significance of Pennsylvania, preserving this natural history for all of our children. May the creator of all things embrace us as we move ahead.

We will be forming a small team to help Salford be accountable to its commitments to the Lenape Nation of PA over the next four years. If interested in joining the team please contact Jenn Svetlik (jennifer.svetlik@gmail.com).

More information about the River Journey and the itinerary available here: <https://www.lenape-nation.org/1st-project>

All are welcome to attend any of the events.

Faith Formation Spotlight

Parents of Kids 2 years old to 5th grade: **Sunday School starts on Sept 11!** Please register your children for Sunday School here, by Aug 27 so we can collect important information about your child(ren): <https://forms.gle/ta3fqYE3HoTBsgsG7>

Ribbons in Worship Bags: Ribbons have been added to the worship bags available for children during worship (pick up at the Welcome Center), to allow full-

body participation during singing (and anytime!). Thank you to Mandy Martin for providing these.

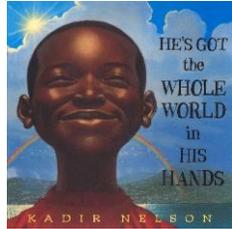
Church Library Spotlight

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:

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

By Kadir Nelson



What began as a spiritual has developed into one of America's best-known songs, and now for the first time it appears as a picture book, masterfully created by award-winning artist Kadir Nelson. Through sublime landscapes and warm images of a boy and his family, Kadir has created a dazzling, intimate interpretation, one that rejoices in the connectedness of people and nature.

Inspired by the song's simple message, Kadir sought to capture the joy of living in and engaging with the world. Most importantly, he wished to portray the world as a child might see it—vast and beautiful.

News & Notes

Salford's Peace Camp was featured in the Mosaic Conference News last week, with an article written by Jennifer Svetlik: <https://mosaicmennonites.org/2022/08/04/practicing-peace-with-children/>

Exploring Membership Class. This Sunday, Aug. 14 we will again have an afternoon class for those exploring membership. We'll meet soon after the service ends and go until about 3:30 p.m. to complete the whole class in an afternoon. Karen Bergey has offered to bring sandwiches for lunch. If you'd like to be included in this class, let Dave Greiser know by text or email, or speak to him personally! Be sure to ask him about getting copy of Palmer Becker's booklet, *What is an Anabaptist Christian?*

After the church service on August 28th, all are welcome to join **S.W.A.P. service team members** in the Fellowship Hall for coffee, treats, and conversations to hear about their service with S.W.A.P. and how they encountered God working in the world and in their lives.

Beyond Salford

Your church family is invited to enjoy a **Traditional Hymn sing** on Sunday, August 14th at 4:00 pm at Franconia Mennonite Church's Upper Fellowship Hall. Light refreshments will be served.

A **Grief Share Support Group** will be held at **Zion Mennonite Church** starting on September 8 and continuing every Thursday from 1:00 to 2:30 pm. This is a 13-week session for people who are grieving the death of someone close to them. For more information, please contact the church at 215-723-3592.