



August 21, 2022

**Sunday, August 21, 10:00 am Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live,** Associate Pastor Maria Hosler Byler will preach on Mark 14:53-72; *Jesus Alone*

**No Second Hour for Children or Adults during Summer Schedule**

**Sunday, August 14, 2022**

Offering  
\$4,745

ACH Electronic Offering  
\$1,915

Vanco Online Offering  
\$1,852

**Total Budget Offering \$8,512**

## 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 Hosler Byler

## **An Update from the Path Forward Design Team**

A new video update from the Path Forward Design Team is available, and you can access it on Salford's website [here](#). There is a written transcript also available for those who prefer to access the information that way. Additional resources about the fall discernment process, including the bibliography of resources, will be posted on this new page on Salford's website going forward.

## **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 basic 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.***

## **This Week at Salford**

### Thursday, August 25

7:00 pm Justice & Peace Ministry Team Meeting (Library)

### Sunday, August 28

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

Preaching: Dave Greiser

No Second Hour for July and August

Youth Sharing from SWAP Service Trip after Worship (Fellowship Hall)

## **Our Church Family**

### Prayer Concerns

- **Kass Landis** passed peacefully on Monday of this week at Souderton Mennonite Home. Pray for her family, for comfort and for joy in sharing memories. The service for Kass will be held at Salford on Sunday August 28th at 2pm.
- For **Beth Yoder** who will have her credential review conversation on Thursday August 25th at 9am. Pray for peace for Beth and wisdom for all who are taking part in this conversation.
- For **Andrew Zetts's father Bob Zetts** who had a heart procedure on

If you have information or prayer requests for our newsletter, please submit this to the church office by 4:00 p.m. Wednesday afternoon.

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Thursday and for Andrew as he traveled to be with him.

- For **Ray Yoder** who hopes to come home from Grandview Rehab early next week. Pray for strength to work through pain as he does rehab and that his hospital room would be a place of peace.
- Please remember **Sanford Alderfer** who is recovering from a UTI and experiencing some difficulty getting around.
- For **Harold Moyer** who has returned home from Peter Becker and is doing well. Pray for him as he prepares to move to Personal Care at Souderton Mennonite Home by September 1.
- For **Faith Detweiler** as she is getting a few tests done in preparation for gallbladder surgery and is also being evaluated for treatment for arthritis in her knee.
- With all Mosaic Conference congregations we pray for the newly formed **Mosaic Listening Task Force**, who will lead a listening process and review Mosaic's relationship with Mennonite Church USA in the coming months. **Maria Hosler Byler** is one of the [members of this task force](#). Please pray for insight, keen listening, and wisdom as this group works together to listen and process.

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

To **Gladys Yoder**, who celebrates her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on August 26, 2022.

### ***Your Prayers Requested...***

for the Landis family. **Sara Kathryn "Kass" Landis**, age 90, passed away Monday, August 15th at her residence at Souderton Mennonite Homes.

A memorial service for Kass will be held at 2:00 PM on Sunday, August 28, at Salford Mennonite Church. Visitation with the family will be held immediately following the service. A private family graveside service will take place at Salford Mennonite Church Cemetery.

### **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



**The Justice and Peace Committee needs support from volunteers.** There is significant set up, preparation and clean up for the GARDENING for PEACE event. Volunteers can sign up on Sunday. Simply, stop by the G4P table set up in the lobby.

**Cindy Sheetz** is the key contact for meal and kitchen clean up. Other times and functions include Friday and Saturday morning set-ups of workshop rooms, tables, and chairs for the outside events. Set-up work is September 23 evening and morning of September 24<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up at the G4P table as many hands make the work much easier and lighter.

**Shane Claiborne** will be our keynote speaker Saturday evening and Sunday morning sermon. The idea is for our community to begin conversations and actions regarding food insecurity and its correlation to gun violence.

More information can be found by visiting [www.salfordmc.org](http://www.salfordmc.org). Please consider registering for our workshops being offered in the afternoon briefly explained on Salford's webpage.

*Justice and Peace hopes that this event will plant seeds in fertile soil. It is our hope to ignite continuing conversations and ACTIONS to serve our community. Food insecurity in Montgomery County is real. It seems implausible but it is not. If you want to learn more sign up for **Sheldon Good's** workshop, September 24, 2022.*

### **Church Garden Update from 8/18/22**

Greetings fellow gardeners, this past week there was a real buzz of activity in the garden. Not only did we have a large group of volunteers working in the garden. We also had an Eagle Scout working on his project. Holden Finley built the garden 3 - 12 foot by 4 foot compost bins. Each bin has 3 compartments. This has been a project that was in planning since last fall. I needed a little more organization to my composting and Holden helped me out. This is the third Eagle Scout project for Salford. Tomatoes are riding a big wave right now, as we harvested over 1,200 lbs. this week. WOW that's a lotta BLTs!!!! Green peppers were plentiful too as we harvested another 182 lbs. We are losing a few tomato plants here and there but that happens each year. Our string beans have just about given up. Not sure what happened with the planting this year, just never took off and some of the plants never produced. I know part of the row was wet. String beans do not like to much water. We do have another 230 foot row plus 100 foot row of pole beans planted, so hopefully by September we will have green beans again. I am watching the lima beans every day; they are sneaking up on us and may be ready very soon. Almost all of the plants we planted the other week have come through the heat wave looking very good. Some have tripled in size since we planted them. I have been running water somewhere in the garden everyday keeping the soil moist but not soaking wet. This week besides harvesting we will try and mulch the cabbage row. This helps with weeds and keeps the soil moist and cool. The canna lilies that our peace campers planted have started to bloom. WOW really pretty.

Thank you to everyone who helps out in the garden. The success of the garden is not achieved without a little effort, our volunteers do a great job each and every week. Steve, 221-872-6616, [rsblank@verizon.net](mailto:rsblank@verizon.net)

## 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/ta3fqYE3HoTBsqsG7>

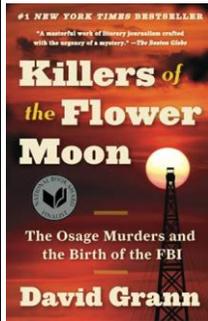
Lunchbox Blessings: If you'd like 30 notes (affirmations, jokes, and blessings) to include in your kid's lunchbox this year, let Jenn know! She'll put a copy in your mailbox. Copies will also be available at the Welcome Center.

## 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:

### **Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI** By David Grann

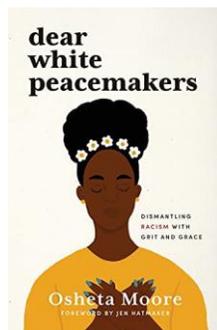


In the 1920s, the richest people per capita in the world were members of the Osage Nation in Oklahoma. After oil was discovered beneath their land, the Osage rode in chauffeured automobiles, built mansions, and sent their children to study in Europe.

Then, one by one, the Osage began to be killed off. The family of an Osage woman, Mollie Burkhart, became a prime target. One of her relatives was shot. Another was poisoned. And it was just the beginning, as more and more Osage were dying under mysterious circumstances, and many of those who dared to investigate the killings were themselves murdered.

As the death toll rose, the newly created FBI took up the case, and the young director, J. Edgar Hoover, turned to a former Texas Ranger named Tom White to try to unravel the mystery. White put together an undercover team, including a Native American agent who infiltrated the region, and together with the Osage began to expose one of the most chilling conspiracies in American history.

### **Dear White Peacemakers: Dismantling Racism with Grit and Grace** By: Osheta Moore



Race is one of the hardest topics to discuss in America. Many white Christians avoid talking about it altogether. But a commitment to peacemaking requires white people to step out of their comfort and privilege and into the work of anti-racism. *Dear White Peacemakers* is an invitation to white Christians to come to the table and join this hard work and holy calling. Rooted in the life, ministry, and teachings of Jesus, this book is a challenging call to transform white shame, fragility, saviorism, and privilege, in order to work together to build the Beloved Community as anti-racism peacemakers.

Written in the wake of George Floyd's death, *Dear White Peacemakers* draws on the Sermon on the Mount, Spirituals, and personal stories from author Osheta Moore's work as a pastor in St. Paul, Minnesota. Enter into this story of shalom and join in the urgent work of anti-racism peacemaking.

## News & Notes

### Address Update:

**Larry & Kathleen Groff**

Peter Becker Community

815 Maplewood Dr., Apt. #316

Harleysville, PA 19438

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.

**Joe Landis** will lead a book discussion on Shane Claiborne's book **Beating Guns: Hope for People Who Are Weary of Violence** in Gospel Herald on 9/11 and 9/28. All are invited. Books are available now at the welcome desk.

**Covid-19 Update:** We have made the decision to remove the distanced, masked only space in the sanctuary. We are observing less use of this space as our Sunday morning attendance continues to grow. We are grateful that everyone has now had the opportunity to be vaccinated against Covid-19. We will continue to monitor the local Covid-19 community levels and will recommend masking at Salford if those level reach High (presently medium level, with falling numbers). We encourage anyone to wear a quality N95 mask if personal preference or health conditions call for extra precaution. We are grateful for the care you have all shown towards each other over these past few years.

## Beyond Salford

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.

***The August edition of On the Level is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service.*** In our current issue: Learn about the urgent need for volunteers to clean up after the Kentucky flooding, see a tasty display of gratitude in Princeton, B.C., and enjoy the smiles of volunteers in the Family Program at Camp Amigo. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3CekCOO>