



August 28, 2022

Sunday, August 28, 10:00 am Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live, Lead Pastor Dave Greiser will preach on Mark 15:25-39; *The Great Darkness*

No Second Hour for Children or Adults during Summer Schedule

Following Worship, the SWAP Service Team Members invite you to the Fellowship Hall for Coffee, Treat and Conversation about Their Recent Service Experience

Sunday, August 21, 2022

Offering

\$8,262

ACH Electronic

Offering

\$1,915

Vanco Online Offering

\$4,629

Total Budget Offering \$14,806

Future Salford Events

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

An Update from the Path Forward Design Team, 8/26/22

The Path Forward Design Team met Monday evening to continue planning for the Fall. Having set the schedule for fall sermons and second hour conversations, we are working with the Board Governance Committee on a plan once the congregation seems prepared to take action one way or another. The congregation can anticipate hearing more about the coming discernment through the newsletter, through short videos on the church website, and in announcements in Sunday worship.

The Path Forward Design Team has prepared another video update on the process being developed. You can access it here: <http://www.salfordmc.org/path-forward.html>

Update from Rod Derstine

I wanted to let you all know that I will be winding down my time as music director at Salford over the next several weeks. As I celebrated my 70th birthday in June, I began to reflect on what life might look like in the next decade. This excerpt from Parker Palmer's book "*On the Brink of Everything*" spoke to me.

"Who will I be when I can no longer do the work that has been a primary source of identity for me for the past half century?"

I won't know the answer until I get there. But on my way to that day, I've found a question that's already brought me a new sense of meaning. I no longer ask, "What do I want to let go of, and what do I want to hang on to?" Instead, I ask, "What do I want to let go of, and what do I want to give myself to?"

The desire to "hang on" comes from a sense of scarcity and fear. The desire to "give myself" comes from a sense of abundance and generosity. That's the kind of truth I want to wither into."

I've decided that "hanging on" is probably not serving Salford or myself very well.

I'm eagerly anticipating what I can give myself to in this season of life. I will continue to be involved with music at Salford in an unofficial capacity. Having a schedule with less responsibility will give me the freedom to invest more time with my family and other interests.

Salford is blessed with an abundance of wonderful musicians. I am so grateful for those who have so freely shared their gifts with us, both live and on-line during the pandemic. My hope is that your gifts will continue to be called upon and will flourish.

Thank you for all the many ways you've shown your care, support and love along the way. Blessings to you all, Rod Derstine

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

September 24 – 25 – Gardening For Peace Event at Salford

October 30 – Ordination of Maria 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

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

Sunday, September 4

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

Preaching: Dave Greiser

No Second Hour for Labor Day Weekend Sunday

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

- For **Sanford Alderfer** who had a fall early in the week resulting in several fractured places in his hip. Pray for wisdom in finding ways to keep him comfortable as he recovers.
- For **Ray Yoder**, recovering from surgery in health care at Souderton Mennonite Home, and receiving a course of PT.
- For **Linnie and Rhoda Landis**; Linnie as he undergoes tests at St. Luke's - Allentown on Tuesday, and Rhoda as she makes good improvement on her shoulder. Rhoda is grateful for the ability to drive again.
- For **Bob Zetts, Andrew's father**, for continued good recovery from successful heart procedures.
- All Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for the staff and students of Mosaic's Conference-related school ministries: Quakertown (PA) Christian School, Dock Mennonite Academy (Lansdale, PA), and The City School (Philadelphia) as students return to the classroom. Pray for peace, positivity, safety, and joy in the educational process.

Birthday Blessings...

To **Curt Barthel**, who celebrates his 84th birthday on September 2, 2022, and to **Elizabeth Frederick**, who celebrates her 81st birthday on September 4, 2022.

Many of you expressed concern for me when I showed up on crutches last Sunday. Thank you! I thought I should bring everyone into the know. For some years now I have known that someday I'd need knee replacement surgery. That day is getting closer. On my vacation, my right knee swelled up, making it impossible to walk. After a visit to urgent care, Anita drove us home two days early so I could see my orthopedist. He drained fluid from the knee and set an appointment to consult with a surgeon. Since I recently had a cortisone shot, I'm not allowed to have surgery till at least the end of October. In the meantime, you may sometimes see me on crutches and other times walking gingerly as I try to nurse it along. So far, I can still drive and tend to ministry. And I'm encouraged by many of you who have had various forms of joint replacements. I will soon be among your number!

Thank you for your love, concern, and prayers. **Dave Greiser**

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.

For those of you that are sending out postcards to families here is a list of children's activities. These activities are planned and organized during the workshop hours. In short, if parents want to attend the workshops, we have organized fun activities for the children.

Activities planned for children entering 1st – 6th grade. Use the Gardening for Peace event registration form to sign up!

Fun games and activities planned, including:

Peace Catapult game, Pollinator Activity, Bees and Flowers game, Salsa making, Scarecrow making, Water relay game

Salford Enters Into Four-year Treaty of Friendship with Lenape Nation of Pennsylvania

On Tuesday, August 16 **Joel Alderfer, John Ruth, Dave Peters** and **Phil**

Alderfer had a meaningful visit to the Lenape Rising Nation River Journey Friendship Treaty event at Haverford College.

The ceremony/signing event was well attended and began with an opportunity for participants to be “smudged” – a cleansing ritual. There were speakers and drumming several times throughout the ceremony. During the treaty signing, the facilitator, Chief of Education and Language Shelley DePaul, named the organizations and asked the representatives to come up, sign the treaty, and give a greeting or a response. Representing Salford, Joel read this:

On this occasion of the Lenape Rising Nation River Journey we sign this Friendship Treaty representing the Salford Mennonite Church, a 305 year-old congregation based in Harleysville, Montgomery County, close to the Northeast Branch of the Perkiomen Creek, a tributary of the Schuylkill River. The founding families of our congregation were mainly Swiss-German immigrants seeking both religious freedom and economic opportunity, who “bought” the land of your ancestors in parcels from William Penn’s land commissioners and speculators.

We acknowledge that your ancestors were the original inhabitants of these beautiful, wooded valleys and rolling hills, and that our ancestors acquired tracts of this land at the expense of your people being pushed from it. We acknowledge you as the original stewards of this land in the Sippu (Delaware) Valley. We commit to advocating for our Lenape friends in ways that we are able.

For the Lenape Nation of PA Cultural Center in Easton, Joel also presented a 1992 commemorative print (artwork by Roma Ruth, print by Mennonite Heritage Center) with motifs, quotes, and local place names from Lenape culture, history and language.

Submitted by Joel Alderfer.

We are 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 Joel Alderfer (vernfield5@verizon.net) or Jenn Svetlik (jennifer.svetlik@gmail.com).

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, ideally by today, Friday, Aug. 26 so we can collect important information about your child(ren): <https://forms.gle/ta3fqYE3HoTBsqsG7>

Backpack Blessing: This Sunday, Aug. 28 during Children’s Time we’ll have our annual back-to-school blessing. Kids are invited to bring up their backpacks to the bench (and ALL are welcome to have them with you – backpacks, briefcases, diaper bags, etc!).

We’ll be giving out pins to remind kids of our community’s care for them (and anyone else is welcome to come up after worship and get a pin too!)

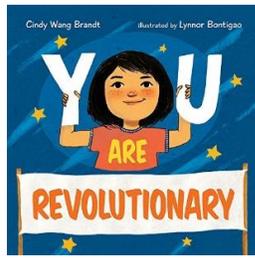
Lunchbox Blessings: If you’d like 30 notes (affirmations, jokes, and blessings) to include in your kid’s lunchbox this year, let Jenn know! She’ll put a copy in your mailbox. Copies are also available at the Welcome Center.

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:

You Are Revolutionary, By Cindy Wang Brandt

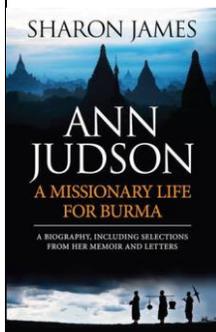


You have what it takes to change the world!

This is the empowering message parenting author and podcaster Cindy Wang Brandt wants every child to hear and embrace. In this inspiring picture book she speaks to every child who sees injustice in the world, revealing that they already have inside themselves everything they need to make big, transformative change in the world--just as they are. Every kid is a revolutionary! You don't need to wait until you grow up. You don't even need any special skills. Kids who are loud, kids who are quiet, kids who make art, kids who are good at math, kids with lots of energy, kids who are good listeners--all kids have what it takes to make a difference.

Lynnor Bontigao's vibrant illustrations feature a diverse group of children taking up a call to action and using their individual gifts to change the world.

Ann Judson: A Missionary Life for Burma, By Sharon James



Previously published as My Heart in His Hands, this book is fully revised and updated and is the best modern biography of Ann Judson available. If you only read one biography this year, read Ann Judson: a missionary life for Burma. If you're going through trials or suffering you need to read this book and find out that trials are always for a purpose rightly understood they glorify God and build us up in the faith. Sharon James uses the sources carefully to bring Ann (and Adoniram) Judson's piety and hard work for the Lord to our attention, not to venerate them but to challenge us to deeper commitment and service to the Lord.

News & Notes

One more chance to join together in Listening Prayer about Mosaic Conference: THIS Sunday at **9AM** either in the **Prayer Room** for guided group prayer or at the **Labyrinth** for a more informal outdoor prayer time. With the conference, we will be considering Psalm 116 and 117 and waiting to hear what the Spirit says to us. As we pray this week, please remember **Maria** who is currently serving on the Mosaic Listening Task Force as the Conference prepares to review the relationship with MCUSA. Pray for peace, wisdom, and the knowledge of when and how to speak.

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

You're invited to the **MEDA Global Farm Party** at Spring Creek Farm (near Peddler's Village) on October 9 from 12:00 to 5:00 pm rain or shine. This event is free, and will offer interactive, hands-on activities for all ages, live music – including The Brunners, local and international food, hayrides and much more. Learn more at meda.org/farmparty.

Music In The Park will be held at **Bally Community Park**, Saturday, September 17 from 2:00 to 7:00 pm (rain date: September 24) with music, vendors, food, and a foul shot contest at 4 pm. This event benefits Boyertown Area Multiservice, and is sponsored by Bally Mennonite Church & Butter Valley Community Church.

A **Pancake Breakfast fundraiser** will be held at **Bally Mennonite Church** on September 10, 7:00 to 10:30 am. Donations will support the Mennonite Disaster Service; if you have questions, call 610-845-7780 or see www.ballymc.org.

Have you thought about **volunteering at Care & Share** but don't know how to get started? Want to share your values about service to the next generation? You, your family, and friends age 8+ are invited to a night of volunteering on Tuesday, August 30, 5:00 to 8:00 pm at Care & Share Thrift Shoppes. These service nights are held on the final Tuesday of each month and are a great way to try out volunteering.

MCC Material Resource Center (MRC) currently has an urgent needs for **volunteers**. They are in need of people to knot comforters for refugees and others in need of warmth (this is a simple project that they can teach you!), as well as people to sew pad holders for MCC Dignity kits – some sewing experience is helpful – and volunteers to help with sorting in the warehouse. Call 267-203-8074 for more details.

Spruce Lake's Woodcutting Day is Saturday, October 8 from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. A hearty breakfast and lunch will be provided; bring a chainsaw and/or splitter if you have them. Please call by October 5 to tell them you are coming: 570-595-7505.