

August 7, 2022

Sunday, August 7, 10:00 am Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live, Lead Pastor Dave Greiser will preach on Mark 14:32-42; *The Cup*

No Second Hour for Children or Adults during Summer Schedule

Sunday, July 31, 2022

Offering

\$1,740

ACH Electronic

Offering

\$5,395

Vanco Online Offering

\$1,988

Total Budget Offering

\$9,123

Future Salford Events

August 21 - 4:30-

6:30pm New Second Hour Creation Event

August 28 - Youth

Sharing from S.W.A.P.

Service trip, Fellowship

Hall

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

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

An update from the pastors, Thursday, August 4th

We're coming to the last few weeks of our series in the Gospel of Mark. Salford, you are commended for hanging in there! It's been a long series, but it has told us a lot about Jesus, ourselves, and how the Bible can be read. We've made a deep dive into the life of Jesus, and we've come to know him as both Son of God and Son of man (humanity). We have seen ourselves as both broken sinners in need of grace, and disciples empowered by the Spirit of Jesus to join his work. And we've learned that while the Bible is not a simple and easy read, it is a book we can learn to understand for ourselves. Many of us felt empowered last winter when we read together through the whole Gospel of Mark in second hour and found ourselves grasping more than we thought we could of this ancient, inspired and brilliant narrative. We affirm with our Anabaptist forebears that we can read the Bible in community and grow!

As summer winds down, our staff team and the Path Forward group are gearing up for an important fall. In the coming weeks you'll be hearing more in church emails, the Newsletter, and in our worship services, about our fall series re-engaging our discernment on fully defining LGBTQIA inclusion at Salford. This will be a time in which we use the skills of Bible reading we've been practicing in the past year, while searching out the kind of church Salford is called to be in years to come.

Prayerfully, Dave, for the team

Mosaic Mennonite Conference Update

The Board of Mosaic Conference has begun a **review of the conference's relationship with Mennonite Church USA**. They are forming a task force to listen to perspectives from across the conference and to provide direction for further discernment at Conference Assembly on November 4-5. Read the full update [here](#). Salford's leadership has been actively engaged in conversations with other leaders across the conference, and we are available for conversation as this process takes place.

New Second Hour Formation Event

Salford's second hour system is loosely organized, with a variety of formats that work for different people. The classes fill an important role of small-group connection and support that often goes beyond Sunday mornings. Occasionally a new need emerges, either around a theme or an age group or both. Since the gradual ending of the #SundaySchool class we don't have an automatic landing spot for age 20-40-ish. In addition, there are others of other ages who also are without a place that feels like home during second hour. So we're going to get everyone together on **Sunday, August 21 at 4:30pm at the Salford playground** for fellowship and talking about what we want. Kids welcome, plenty of delicious food provided, the conversation will be loosely organized as we eat and play and enjoy time together. We may have some other avenues for feedback if you are interested but can't attend. Then when Sunday schools start up again on

afternoon.

If you would like to receive this newsletter by email, please submit your email address to alderferb@salfordmc.org

September 11th we will test some things out and refine our plan. **Are you in? Please RSVP to [Maria Hosler Byler](#) by Thursday, August 11.**

This Week at Salford

Monday, August 8

7:00 pm Child Care Ministry Team Meeting (Zoom)

7:00 pm Fellowship Gathering at Souderton Mennonite Homes, with Communion (Friendship Room)

Tuesday, August 9

6:30 pm Path Forward Design Team Meeting (Library)

Sunday, August 14

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

No Second Hour for July and August

11:30 am New Members Class (Room 203 above the Main Foyer)

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

- For **Harold Moyer**, who is having surgery to remove two toes at Grand View.
- For **Dave and Kathi Peters** as they continue to grieve the loss of Kathi's mother, Peggy Schwartz. There will be a memorial service at Penn Valley Church in Telford on Tuesday.
- For **Sanford Alderfer** as he continues to adjust to more and more physical limitations.
- All Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for **Blooming Glen (PA) Mennonite Church** as they anticipate their **Back to School Bash community event** on August 13. Pray that the church will be able to connect with persons in the community who desire to connect with God through this opportunity. Pray for children and teachers as they prepare to return to school this fall.

Birthday Blessings...

To **Carolyn Barthel**, who celebrates her 81st birthday on August 13, 2022.

Anniversary Blessing...

To **Gene & Diane Kropf**, who celebrate their 61st anniversary on August 14, 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!**

Thank you to everyone who helped to knot quilts on Wednesday. There were 27 adults and children and four quilts were completed. It was so good to hear all the chatter around the quilts and to enjoy a coffee break together. It is encouraging to us to know that people still care about the mission of Sewing Circle!

Justice. & Peace Ministry Team

Gardening for Peace

September 24, 2022

Salford Mennonite & Advent Lutheran Church



Gardening for peace is an event to address food insecurity and gun violence in our community. It will include a garden tour, workshops on food insecurity and gun violence, and the main event: a gun will be forged into a garden tool and Shane Claiborne and Michael Martin will share about their work. The mission is to "...disarm hearts, forge peace and cultivate justice" using Isaiah 2:1-4 and Micah 4:1-4 to turn Swords into Plowshares by turning guns into garden tools. Shane Claiborne is the best-selling activist and author behind [Red Letter Christians](#); Michael Martin is the Executive Director of [RAWtools](#). They have co-written the book [Beating Guns: Hope for People Who are Weary of Violence](#), which is available for \$20.00 at the Salford Welcome Center.

Event schedule:

Saturday, September 24, 2022

- Opening and Salford/Advent garden tour 12:30 pm-2pm
- Pre-event workshops and activities for children 1st-5th grade: 2-3, 3:15-4:15
- Dinner for workshop participants featuring vegetables from the garden: 4:30-5:30
- MAIN EVENT: Forging a gun into a garden tool with Shane Claiborne & Mike Martin 6-7:30

Sunday, September 25, 2022

- Sunday morning worship and second hour with Shane Claiborne – 9:30am

Please register [at this link](#) by September 6th. This will help us plan workshops, dinner, and children's activities for 1st-5th grade.

We need volunteers! Can you help us? Please sign up at the table in the foyer this Sunday.

Each week we are highlighting workshops which will take place at the event.

This week's highlighted workshops:

This week we feature our own brother and sister, Sheldon Good and Jenn Svetlik.

A North Penn Where No One is Hungry: Sheldon Good from Manna on Main Street will share about the ways Manna has adapted and expanded its programs to end hunger to meet the increased need in the community. He will share about

Manna's new, bold 10-year Campaign: *A North Penn Where No One Is Hungry*.

Reparative Hymn Royalties as Peacebuilding: Predominantly white churches across the country are recognizing how their worship has benefited from the evocative music of Negro spirituals and African American traditional music. Recognizing our indebtedness to the creators of that music, which was a tool for the survival of enslaved persons, is a matter of racial justice. Join Jenn Svetlik for a conversation on how congregations can reflect together on the act of singing this music and make reparations through financial contributions to BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) musicians and musical organizations.

More information about all workshops on Saturday afternoon can be found [here](#).

Support for the Indian Child Welfare Act. This week our congregation was invited by the Mennonite Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery coalition to sign on as a faith community to an amicus brief written by the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center.

The Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) is a federal law passed in 1978 to help keep Native children within Native communities. ICWA was passed in response to the alarmingly high number of Native children being removed from their homes by both public and private agencies. The ICWA has been labeled the "gold standard" in child welfare policy.

The ICWA will be challenged in the Supreme Court soon. This challenge presents a blow to Indigenous sovereignty in the US and could reverse years of struggle for Indigenous communities to pass on their own cultures and safeguard their communities.

The brief that Salford and multiple other faith communities have signed onto states, in part: *Declaring ICWA to be unconstitutional would significantly impede the ability of Tribal Nations to protect women and children and would result in increased levels of violence against the population whose safety Congress intended for ICWA to serve.*

This is a small but significant effort our congregation can make to support justice and sovereignty for Indigenous communities.

Faith Formation Spotlight

July 22: Sunday School (and second hour) will begin again on Sept. 11. This year we will have four classes: for 2s & 3s; 4s & 5s; 1st & 2nd grade; and 3rd-5th grade. We are very grateful that we already have 7 teachers/teaching pairs and 5 helpers committed to this area of children's faith formation for 2022-23!

To make Sunday School possible for our children this year, **we need at least one more teacher/teaching pair, for the 4s & 5s age group. We also need another singing leader for the elementary age group** (singing takes place for 10 minutes at the start of second hour, and two singing leaders alternate weeks). Helpers/aides are also still needed.

We attempt to have two pairs of adults for each age group, so that teachers have a month on, and then a month to engage in another second hour opportunity. The Shine curriculum is provided that teachers generally find accessible and easy to follow. No experience is necessary!

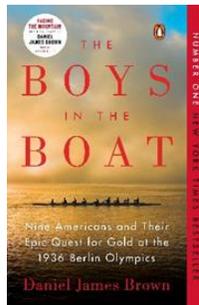
Contact Jenn Svetlik to learn more about how you can be a part of this vital ministry.

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:

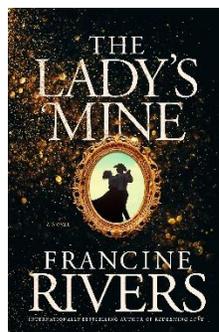
The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics By Daniel James Brown



For readers of *Unbroken*, out of the depths of the Depression comes an irresistible story about beating the odds and finding hope in the most desperate of times—the improbable, intimate account of how nine working-class boys from the American West showed the world at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin what true grit really meant.

It was an unlikely quest from the start. With a team composed of the sons of loggers, shipyard workers, and farmers, the University of Washington's eight-oar crew team was never expected to defeat the elite teams of the East Coast and Great Britain, yet they did, going on to shock the world by defeating the German team rowing for Adolf Hitler. The emotional heart of the tale lies with Joe Rantz, a teenager without family or prospects, who rows not only to regain his shattered self-regard but also to find a real place for himself in the world. Drawing on the boys' own journals and vivid memories of a once-in-a-lifetime shared dream, Brown has created an unforgettable portrait of an era, a celebration of a remarkable achievement, and a chronicle of one extraordinary young man's personal quest.

The Lady's Mine: A Lighthearted Christian Romance Novel set in the 1870's California Gold Rush By Francine Rivers



1875. When Kathryn Walsh arrives in tiny Calvada, a mining town nestled in the Sierra Nevadas, falling in love is the farthest thing from her mind. Banished from Boston by her wealthy stepfather, she has come to claim an inheritance from the uncle she never knew: a defunct newspaper office on a main street overflowing with brothels and saloons, and a seemingly worthless mine. Moved by the oppression of the local miners and their families, Kathryn decides to relaunch her uncle's newspaper—and then finds herself in the middle of a maelstrom, pitted against Calvada's most powerful men. But

Kathryn intends to continue to say—and publish—whatever she pleases, especially when she knows she's right.

Matthias Beck, owner of a local saloon and hotel, has a special interest in the new lady in town. He instantly recognizes C. T. Walsh's same tenacity in the beautiful and outspoken redhead—and knows all too well how dangerous that family trait can be. While Kathryn may be right about Calvada's problems, her righteousness could also get her killed. But when the handsome hotelier keeps finding himself on the same side of the issues as the opinionated Miss Walsh, Matthias's restless search for purpose becomes all about answering the call of his heart.

Everyone may be looking to strike it rich in this lawless boomtown, but it's a love more precious than gold that will ultimately save them all.

News & Notes

Staff Schedule: **Church Administrator Brad Alderfer** will be on vacation from August 5 – 10. The Church office will be closed on Friday, August 5 with Pastoral

Sabbath. George Gaugler and Child Care will be available in the building on August 5. Pastoral staff will be in the office August 8-10.

Exploring Membership Class. Next 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?*

Is a contemplative life — a life of loving attention to God — only available to folks who enjoy the luxury of expendable time? In [this article from Renovaré](#), Carolyn Arends asks this question as she seeks to connect with God through parenting, noise, and all the seasons of life.

For all Salford friends at Souderton Mennonite Homes, remember our monthly gathering **THIS Monday, August 8th at 7pm** in the Friendship Room. We will celebrate communion together. Hope to see you there. Call Karen with any questions: 215.237.7367.

After the church service on August 28th, all are welcome to join our **Senior Youth 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.

A Mosaic Conference Call to Listening Prayer: The theme for Mosaic Mennonite Conference's fall Assembly on November 4-5 is *Chesed* (חסד) God's loving kindness, based on Psalm 116 and 117. As the psalmist wrote, we too believe that God's unhesitating, constant love (*chesed*) will not be shaken. Over the next few months we will be [joining in listening prayer across the conference](#), asking to hear from God, Jesus, and Holy Spirit for wisdom. **Group prayer will take place in the prayer room July 31, August 14, and August 28 9-9:45am.** Instructions for self-guided prayer are also available at the labyrinth and on the [Salford website](#).

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.