

January 14, 2024

Sunday, January 14, 9:30 am Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live, Lead Pastor Dave Greiser will preach on Galatians 6:11-18; *Learning to Live in Grace*

10:30 am Second Hour for all ages

The Contemplative Practices Elective Second Hour Class is meeting in Room #206, led by Karen Bergey. Doors will close 10 minutes after class starts, please be prompt.

Emmaus Road Sermon Discussion Class will be meeting following worship in the Church Library. Interested in talking about the sermon? The Emmaus Road group welcomes all.

January 7, 2024

Offering

\$2,200

ACH Electronic

Offering

\$7,195

Vanco Online Offering

\$3,181

Total Budget Offering

\$12,576

Children's Offering

\$26

Future Salford Events

January 28 – All

Church Potluck

Communion in 2024

Beginning in March, we will observe Communion monthly, on the first Sunday of the month. There are several reasons for making communion a more regular experience. One is that communion can have the effect of reminding the congregation of the centrality of Jesus' cross and resurrection in our lives. In his death, Jesus seals our forgiveness; in his resurrection he transforms our hearts. Each time we "remember his death until he comes," we quite literally re-center ourselves in him.

As we observe more frequent communion, we hope to transform the experience from the somewhat somber experience our older members remember to a more celebrative time, experiencing God's grace as a part of this open-hearted and growing community.

Trying this more frequent celebration also comes out, in part, in response to a desire that has come from recent adult new members' classes. Some of our newer members come from backgrounds in which the Lord's Supper is celebrated weekly or at least monthly. They have wondered if it might be possible for our community to observe more often.

For all of these reasons, we will celebrate every month, beginning on March 3. We hope to see you all at the table that day.

Bible Reading Group

Last week, **Rick Kratz** invited congregants to join him in a daily Bible reading plan that will have participants **read the entire Bible in 2024**. A small group has formed to join him that is still open to more participants. If you would like to join, please contact Pastor Andrew at zetsa@salfordmc.org or 215-859-3446.

Annual Meeting with Dock Mennonite Academy

At the 2022 congregational meeting, Pastor Andrew Zetts and Cindy Moyer communicated that they planned to initiate an annual meeting with representatives from Dock Mennonite and the Salford congregation. We are happy to announce that we will have our first meeting **during Second Hour on Sunday, February 4**.

The hope is this will be a time for Dock to provide annual updates about things like new initiatives at the school, updates in curriculum, and ways for Salford to participate in the life of the Dock community. Additionally, congregants at Salford will have the opportunity to submit questions to the Dock representatives prior to the meeting so that they can be addressed during the meeting on February 4. You can submit your question using this [link](#) or submit it via bulletin insert over the next two weeks.

Please mark the date and plan to attend so we can have a strong turnout! If you have any questions, contact Pastor Andrew at zetsa@salfordmc.org or 215-859-3446.

following Second Hour
February 25 – Salford
Advent Garden
Fundraiser Luncheon
March 23 – Youth
Auction and Fundraiser
meal.

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

2024 Mennonite Youth Fellowship Auction

A date has been set for the 2023 MYF Auction: **Saturday, March 23**. Join the Salford community for a wonderful meal, fellowship, and the excitement of bidding on a host of terrific donations. The proceeds of the auction will help fund Salford's MYF. The Senior MYF is going on a service trip with Healthy Niños Honduras this summer, so we are hoping for a strong showing at the auction to help us reach our fundraising needs.

More details are soon to follow, but if you have any questions or donations to provide right away you can contact Pastor Andrew at zetsa@salfordmc.org or 215-859-3446.

This Week at Salford

Monday, January 15

8:30 pm Salford Church League Volleyball (Immanuel Leidy's Church, Souderton)

Tuesday, January 16

7:00 pm Church Board Meeting (Friendship Room)

Wednesday, January 17

6:30 pm Banned Book Club Meeting (Library)

Sunday, January 21

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

Preaching: Dave Greiser

10:30 am Second Hour for All Ages

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

- For **John Detweiler** who is considering further treatment options at this time.
- For **Mary Jane Hershey** who is experiencing intense lower back pain due to a fall. Pray for healing and pain control.
- For **Rick Kratz** and a team of volunteers currently serving with Healthy Niños. Pray for the health of the team and for all of those they serve.
- All Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for Mosaic staff member **Stacey Mansfield** this week. Stacey has recently joined the staff as the Administrative & Hospitality Collaborator. Pray for guidance for Stacey as she supports the work of credentialing leaders and Assembly planning.

Birthday Blessings...

To **DD Wolf**, who celebrates her 82nd birthday on January 16th.

Corrected Birthday Blessings...

To **John Ruth**, who celebrated his 94th birthday on January 8th, and to **Irene Frankenfield**, who celebrated her 97th birthday on January 13th.

Service & Mission

Donation of the Month for January – HAND WARMERS, WOOL SOCKS, \$10 WALMART, WAWA and MCDONALDS GIFT CARDS

Larger items like tents, sleeping bags, and backpacks are also very needed and can be purchased from the Street Outreach Wish List at amazon.com/registries/custom/RZ11V542EFSY/guest-view

Thank you for your donations which will benefit Access Services/Homeless Street Outreach, Fort Washington, PA

Mosaic Conference Spotlight

New Year's Board Update: Reflecting on Assembly, Pathway Process and Beyond

In this interview, **Angela Moyer Walter**, Conference Moderator, shares the Board's reflections on the past Assembly and the Pathway Process, as well as providing glimpses into what's ahead for the Conference. [Click here to watch the update.](#)

Pastor Jordan Luther's MLK Day Reflection for Mosaic Conference

"In a [2014 chapel sermon](#), Eastern Mennonite Seminary professor David Evans called the popular public narrative around Dr. King as a "domesticated King." Sometimes we memorialize prophets as a way to smooth out their rough edges that make the status quo feel uncomfortable. As a historian, Evans reminds us that up until his death, Dr. King had a knack for confronting oppressive powers and making enemies...

King's anger was no more apparent than with the White church and its leadership. Much of King's frustration with the White church came from its lack of support during the Birmingham boycotts. King had hoped the White church and its leadership would show moral outrage and speak out against the city's Jim Crow policies. King was hoping to receive love and solidarity from his fellow Christians. Instead, King and other organizers were met with rebuke and asked to "wait" for their freedom to come eventually... May King's holy discontentment invite us to challenge the status quo and seek transformation through Jesus Christ."

Read the full reflection here: <https://mosaicmennonites.org/2024/01/11/the-confrontational-fire-of-mlk/>

Justice & Peace Spotlight

Although we just marked the start of a new year, we must continue our peacemaking work for Palestine from last year. As people all around the world enjoyed fireworks on January 1st, bombs fell on Gaza. In the words of former Salford member, Michael George "The news in Gaza this week remains devastating. We are seeing suffering continue—and grow—on a mass scale. **Our work remains critical and we owe Gaza our perseverance.** " So what's next?

Mennonite Action is planning a major action in DC on Tuesday, January 16th to deliver a petition to our lawmakers demanding a ceasefire and to sing and pray for peace. Tori Jones Long is coordinating a van for roundtrip transportation to/from DC on January 16th. **Please contact Tori ASAP if you are interested in traveling to DC.**

You are invited to participate in the installation of a **Memorial to the Lost** (sponsored by Heeding God's Call to End Gun Violence) at Zion Mennonite Church on Sunday, January 21 at 1 PM. After the Memorial T-shirts and stands are installed, there will be a brief dedication service. Contact Cindy Scheetz with any questions.

Welcoming Path Learning Corner

Many people refrain from talking about sexual orientation and gender identity or expression because it feels taboo, or because they're afraid of saying the wrong thing. This weekly primer on terminology is to help give us the words and meanings to help make conversations easier and more comfortable.

The acronym LGBTQ+ (or LGBTQIA+) includes different **sexual orientations** and **gender identities**. How do we understand the difference between these categorizations?

Sexual Orientation: an inherent or immutable enduring emotional, romantic or sexual attraction to other people. Note: an individual's sexual orientation is independent of their gender identity.

Gender Identity: one's innermost concept of self as male, female, a blend of both or neither – how individuals perceive themselves and what they call themselves. One's gender identity can be the same or different from their sex assigned at birth.

These definitions are taken from the [Human Rights Campaign](#). For further reading, "The Savvy Ally" by Jeannie Gainsburg is an excellent resource.

Accessibility Spotlight

Nurturing Accessible Family Ministry for families of children with disabilities or neurodivergence: A Conference-Wide Training facilitated by Anabaptist Disabilities Network, Saturday, Jan. 27 9am-12pm ET, at the Mosaic Conference office and on Zoom. For those from Salford who do or would like to volunteer within children's or youth ministry, [learn more here](#) and talk to Jenn for more details.

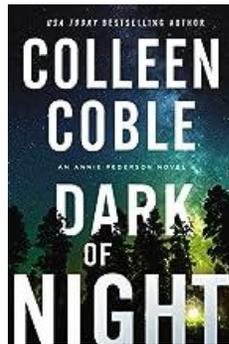
Faith Formation Spotlight

Peace Camp 2024 Save the Date: Peace Camp will take place the evenings of Sunday, June 16-Thurs, June 20 for kids entering 1-6th grades in Fall 2024. Registration will open in mid-March.

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>

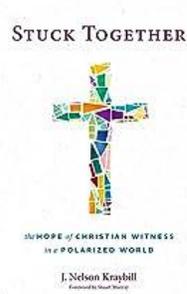
Dark of Night – An Annie Pederson Novel, Book 2 By: Colleen Coble



As if the last few months haven't been hard enough—complete with threats on her life and the return of her first love, Jon—Annie has to figure out whether or not to believe a woman who claims to be her sister, Sarah, who was abducted twenty-four years ago at age five. Annie's eight-year-old daughter, Kylie, has plenty of questions about what's going on in her mother's life—but there are some stories Annie doesn't want uncovered.

As Annie grapples with how to heal the gulf between her and her would-be sister and make room in her daughter's life for Jon, she's professionally distracted by the case of yet another missing hiker in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. A woman named Michelle Fraser has now been abducted, and though the woman's estranged husband is at the top of their suspect list, Annie and her colleagues will need to dig deeper to determine whether these recent mysteries are truly as unrelated as they seem.

Stuck Together: The Hope of Christian Witness in a Polarized World By: J. Nelson Kraybill



It can feel as if the world—and the church—has never been more polarized. But when we feel worn down by the chasms dividing us, we can take hope from the early Christian vision of God uniting all things in Christ, a hope that can lead us to act. *Stuck Together* explores Bible stories and narratives ancient and modern that inspire us to open hearts and minds to persons with whom we disagree as we gain confidence in our own convictions.

Drawing from Scripture, from his own life journey, and from the witness of others, author J. Nelson Kraybill demonstrates how even small steps of reconciliation by confessionally grounded Christians can have big effect and give loving Christian witness in a polarized church and society.

News & Notes

Salford Church league volleyball is back in season. This year Salford only has one team in the league, and they are off to a good start winning their first match against Keystone 4 games to 1. The team has benefited from having played together last year and the addition of Jeff Hackman from Souderton Mennonite. It's shaping up to be an exciting year.

If you are interested in coming out to support the team their next game is Monday night at 8:30pm at Immanuel Leidy's church in Souderton. Should be more exciting than watching the Eagles....

In the event of **inclement weather that may affect our Sunday morning worship service and Second Hour**, we will announce any changes or closures by all church email and on the front page of our website by 8:30 am. If there are any questions about inclement weather and you do not have computer access, feel free to call Church Administrator **Brad Alderfer** at (215) 272-6724.

The date has been set! The **Banned Book Club** will have its first meeting on Wednesday, January 17, at 6:30 in the library. We will be talking about the book "**Fahrenheit 451**" by Ray Bradbury. Everyone is welcome to join us as long as you are willing to read the book. Text/email/message Julie Wimmer if you are planning on participating.

Beyond Salford

Join the Mennonite Heritage Center (565 Yoder Rd., Harleysville) for a rousing evening of singing at our **Winter Hymn Sing**, January 25, 2024, from 7:00-8:30 p.m.! We'll gather in the Rosenberger Meetinghouse Room and sing together from the red Mennonite Hymnal (1969).

Women's Retreat on Saturday, February 17, 9am to 3pm. Ladies, we want to bless you and enrich your lives with a one-day retreat reflecting on our theme for this year, loving God "With All". Join us at **Camp Men-o-lan** with Elizabeth DeFrain, who has served as Director of PennDel Women. \$45 cost includes continental breakfast and lunch. Doors open at 8:30. We'll gather in the Auditorium for breakfast, worship, and sharing. Lunch will be in the Dining Hall. Find more information online at menolan.org, Camp Men-O-Lan's Facebook, email or call 215-679-5144 x320.

Interested in how you can be more engaged in the Mission of God? Mosaic Institute is offering an online zoom course this spring called **Community in**

Mission beginning January 20. More information and registration at <https://mosaicmennonites.org/institute/>

Are you a member or chair of a board and struggling to be 'diverse'? Mosaic Institute is hosting a hybrid workshop called The Drive for Diversity, Inclusion, Equity, and Belonging on Saturday, Jan 27 from 1-4:30 led by Leonard Dow. Register at <https://mosaicmennonites.org/institute/> Discounts available when 3 or more members of board or team attend together.

Join congregational leaders within **Mosaic** for a workshop facilitated by the **Anabaptist Disability Network** on welcoming families impacted by disability and neurodiversity. Topics will include how to proactively welcome families facing barriers to church participation, relating to families, care plans for children in Christian education, and nurturing community care.