



January 2, 2022

Sunday, January 2, 9:30 am Indoor Worship at Salford and on Facebook and YouTube Live, Lead Pastor Dave Greiser will preach on Matthew 2:1-12; *Following the Light that We Have*

10:45 am Second Hour for all ages (no class gathering for Senior High and Junior High Youth)

Sunday, December 26
Offering
\$47,126
ACH Electronic
Offering
\$1,965
Vanco Online Offering
\$13,315
Total Budget Offering
\$62,406
Christmas Eve
Offering
\$5,642
MCC Hygiene Kit
Offering
\$100

Future Salford Events

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

Year End Finance Update

On Sunday, December 12, 2021 Finance Ministry Team Chairperson Jim Rittenhouse encouraged the congregation to give \$100,000 in the final weeks of 2021. Over these last three weeks we have received \$107,342. We will be able to pay all budget expenses and all "below the line" budget item expenses for 2021. The Church Board and Finance Ministry team give thanks for your stewardship and faithfulness in tithing to God and the mission and community of Salford Mennonite Church.

A full accounting of 2021 offering and expenses will be shared in the coming weeks.

This Week at Salford

Sunday, January 9

9:30 am Salford Worship Indoors and Streamed on Facebook and YouTube Live
Preaching: TBD
10:30 am Second Hour for All Ages

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

- For **Bekah and Tyler Romasco**, in gratitude for the birth of **Brenden George Romasco**, who was born on Monday, December 26, as they settle into the joy and work of becoming a family of three.
- For **Marina Perez**, as she recovers well at home from surgery on Wednesday, December 29. Note that while cards or notes are welcome, she is not able to receive phone calls at this time.
- For family and friends of **Marian Alderfer**, who died on Friday, December 31, at Souderton Mennonite Homes, at age 96. As a longtime member at Salford, along with her husband Abe, she was known as a committed volunteer in a variety of ways, including custodial work.
- For our **Salford community and all who dare to imagine and join in God's dance**, in this Christmas season and into the new year.

Birthday Blessings...

To **Mark Kolb**, who turns 84 on January 8th, and to **John Ruth**, who turns 92 on January 8th.

Service & Mission

Donation of the Month for January – THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY STREET OUTREACH PROGRAM. The Street Outreach Program seeks to provide whole-person intervention toward improving stability for persons identifying as homeless in our county. Through the winter, our homeless neighbors need items to stay warm. Please bring **dark colored, wool blankets** in new/good condition to place on the church DOM shelves this month, or other winter items on the list below.

You can also use the church envelope system to make a donation designated to "Street Outreach Program"

If you prefer to order items online, have them shipped to ACCESS SERVICES/Street Outreach Program, 500 Office Center Drive, Suite 100, Fort Washington, PA 19034-3234. See their Amazon wishlist of winter items: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2QP019JANHVBBS?ref=wl_share

If you shop using the link please make sure your order message notes you are from Salford Mennonite Church.

Faith Formation Spotlight

Families of all ages can find practical, grounded resources each month at [Building Faith](#). Some of this year's topics have included [curiosity and wonder](#), [household soundtrack](#), and [remembering the Sabbath](#). Next year's theme is "Taste the Story." You can sign up to receive their monthly practices by email.

Racial Justice Spotlight

Shane Moes will lead a reflection for the Racial Justice Learning Group next Sunday, Jan. 9 (and again Jan. 23) at 7-8:30 pm, focused on collective lament. All are welcome to join!

MEETING LINK:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82526583885?pwd=dkxlbFFxMExRMW5oUUU2cWNsUEdQU09>

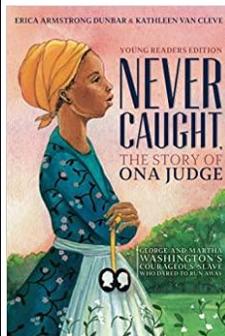
Church Library Spotlight

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:

Never Caught, the Story of Ona Judge: George & Martha Washington's Courageous Slave Who Dared to Run Away.

Young Reader/Junior Book



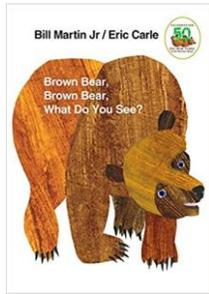
In this incredible narrative, Erica Armstrong Dunbar reveals a fascinating and heartbreaking behind-the-scenes look at the Washingtons when they were the First Family—and an in-depth look at their slave, Ona Judge, who dared to escape from one of the nation's Founding Fathers.

Born into a life of slavery, Ona Judge eventually grew up to be George and Martha Washington's "favored" dower slave. When she was told that she was going to be given as a wedding gift to Martha Washington's granddaughter, Ona made the bold and brave decision to flee to the north, where she would be a fugitive.

From her childhood, to her time with the Washingtons and living in the slave quarters, to her escape to New Hampshire, Erica Armstrong Dunbar, along with Kathleen Van Cleve, shares an intimate glimpse into the life of a little-known, but powerful figure in history, and her brave journey as she fled the most powerful couple in the country.

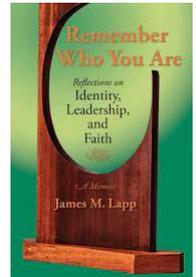
Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? By Bill Martin Jr. & Eric Carle

Children's Book



A big happy frog, a plump purple cat, a handsome blue horse, and a soft yellow duck--all parade across the pages of this delightful book. Children will immediately respond to Eric Carle's flat, boldly colored collages. Combined with Bill Martin's singsong text, they create unforgettable images of these endearing animals.

Remember Who You Are - Reflections on Leadership, Identity and Faith by James Lapp



News & Notes

Sewing Circle has been canceled for Wednesday January 5th, 2022. We will update next months if Sewing is planned be held or canceled again.

Sharing During Prayer Returns on January 2, 2022. We've heard from several of you that you miss the sharing at the mic that takes place during the prayer of the congregation, a special part of "Salford being Salford." Sharing during prayer will begin again this Sunday.

The meal schedule for the **Zehr family** has been extended as Karen's recovery continues. Sign up for meals over the next few weeks [here](#). Your continued support is so appreciated.

Life and Times of Isaiah and Susan Landes, Sunday, January 9, 2 p.m., Mennonite Heritage Center, 565 Yoder Rd., Harleysville The name "I.T. Landes" is familiar to long-time Salford members. When I was a teen-ager living in Lederach, if we had a plumbing or heating problem my dad would say "Call I.T." And later when Hiram and I lived in a farmhouse near Bergy, if we had similar problems, Hiram said, "Call I. T." -- which I did. The phone would be answered by office manager Anna, I. T and Susan's daughter-in-law...Anna, mother to our Hank, Larry and Joanne (and their brother Merrill), and sister in-law to our Willis Miller, was a woman ahead of her time smoothly running the I. T. office until her retirement years...On Sunday, January 9 at 2:00 at the Mennonite Heritage Center we will learn more about this deeply-rooted Salford family. Richard Leichty, joined by Landes family members, will provide commentary and conversation about religious, social and economic changes during the Landes' lifetime (1894-1990). *Mary Jane Lederach Hershey*