

July 10, 2022

**Sunday, July 10, 10:00 am Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live,** Lead Pastor Dave Greiser will preach on Mark 10:17-31; *The Trap*

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

**Sunday, June 26, 2022**

Offering  
\$5,076

ACH                      Electronic  
Offering  
\$2,025

Vanco Online Offering  
\$1,083

**Total Budget Offering  
\$8,184**

**Sunday, July 3, 2022**

Offering  
\$3,955

ACH                      Electronic  
Offering  
\$5,395

Vanco Online Offering  
\$3,122

**Total Budget Offering  
\$12,472**

## **Future Salford Events**

- July 31 – Outdoor Worship, Communion and Fellowship Picnic

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

## **Path Forward Design Team Update, 7/5/22**

The Path Forward Design Team met each of the past two Tuesday evenings. We worked on structuring an outline for a short series of September sermons on spiritual discernment and re-engaging in discernment on fully defining the inclusion of LGBTQIA persons as Salford. We're planning for a six-week second hour series for the church on the Bible, its interpretation, and sexuality. On July 19, we will present our plan for the fall to the Church Board at its regular meeting. We continue reading Ruth Barton's "Discerning God's Will Together," and listening carefully to Paul's practical words on church unity and maturity in Romans 12-15. Please pray for our work and for the congregation as we prepare for our fall conversations.

Dave, Maria, Ron, Andrew, Sally, Mandy, Kerry, and Joe.

## **Outdoor Worship, Communion & Fellowship Picnic, 7/31/22**

We are excited for outdoor worship on Sunday, July 31, 2022, in the Salford oak grove. We will also be participating in communion during outdoor worship Sunday. Bring your lawn chair or blanket if you have one, and meet us in the grove by the schoolhouse, with worship starting at 10:00 am. We will also have a potluck fellowship picnic following worship. The Potluck Fellowship committee will provide hotdogs as a main dish and drinks. Please bring a side dish/salad and dessert to share.

In the case of inclement weather, we will move the worship service indoors and the Fellowship hall for the potluck luncheon are invited to do so. We will notify the congregation by email by 9:00 am if weather threatens to cancel outdoor worship. We will not be streaming outdoor worship on YouTube but will if the worship service is moved indoors.

## **2022 Monthly Salford Finance Update, as of June 30, 2022**

We are grateful for the congregation's strong, consistent financial support of the life and mission of Salford Mennonite Church. We will keep you informed on where we stand in our finances for 2022 through this monthly finance update (see below).

2022 Budgeted expenses:	<b>\$878,043</b>
2022 Offering and Income needed through 26 weeks:	<b>\$439,021</b>
2022 Offering and Income received through 26 weeks:	<b>\$345,257</b>
Average Weekly Offering Received through 26 weeks:	<b>\$13,279</b>
Average Weekly Offering Needed, 26 weeks remaining:	<b>\$20,492</b>

## **This Week at Salford**

### **Monday, July 11**

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

### **Sunday, July 17**

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

If you would like to receive this newsletter by email, please submit your email address to [alderferb@salfordmc.org](mailto:alderferb@salfordmc.org)

Preaching: Dave Greiser  
No Second Hour for July and August

### **Tuesday, July 19**

7:00 pm Church Board Meeting (Friendship Room)

### **Sunday, July 24**

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

Preaching: Caleb Benner

No Second Hour for July and August

## **Our Church Family**

### **Prayer Concerns**

- For the **New Members' Class** which meets on July 10th and another class meeting on August 14 to explore membership at Salford together with the pastors.
- For **Curt Barthel** who has been a patient at St. Luke's in Quakertown this week with pneumonia and kidney issues.

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

To **Lucy Detwiler**, who celebrates her 84th birthday on July 23, 2022.

A "thinking of you" card shower is requested for **Denny & Sandy Wampole**, who were active Salford members for four decades. About a year ago Sandy had a stroke leaving her with memory and cognitive issues. More recently she fell and broke a bone in her leg. Currently Sandy is in rehab but will soon return home where Denny is her full time caregiver. He will appreciate your prayers. Please send cards to their home address at 265 Hill Road, Green Lane, PA 18054.

### **Service & Mission**

#### **Donation of the Month for July - Access Services Street Outreach:**

The Street Outreach team at the nonprofit Access Services provides outreach and support to persons experiencing homelessness in Montgomery County. **The county's only year-round emergency shelter for individuals is closing at the end of June**, and while there are plans to reopen it, it likely will not happen for at least another year. Meanwhile, the Street Outreach team is working to support persons living on the street and connect them with permanent housing and other critical resources. **NEEDS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS CLOSING ARE TENTS, SLEEPING BAGS, BUG SPRAY, \$10 WAWA and McDonald's food gift cards.**

You can purchase tents & sleeping bags using the Amazon & Wal\*Mart links below.

These sleeping bags are compact and good for people who move around a lot (**any color is fine except red or orange**).

[https://www.amazon.com/.../ref=cm\\_sw\\_r\\_sms\\_api\\_i\\_dl](https://www.amazon.com/.../ref=cm_sw_r_sms_api_i_dl)

These tents fold up small and are very portable. For folks moving around, they are ideal.

<https://www.walmart.com/.../Ozark-Trail-1.../355726519>

For folks setting up an encampment, tents where you can stand up and include a rain fly are important.

[https://www.amazon.com/.../dp/B07WDJN212/ref=mp\\_s\\_a\\_1\\_3...](https://www.amazon.com/.../dp/B07WDJN212/ref=mp_s_a_1_3...)

OR you can buy items like an OZARK 2-person hiker tent and Trail warm weather sleeping bag at Wal\*Mart. (no red or orange sleeping bags)

Donations can be mailed to:  
Access Street Outreach

4070 Butler Pike, Suite 900  
Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462

OR go to <https://www.accessservices.org/donate/> and select Homeless Street Outreach to designate your money gift.



Dear reader, you may have heard that Salford is designing, planning, and organizing a kick-off event titled Gardening for Peace for the weekend of Saturday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> and Sunday morning, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>. 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.

The Justice & Peace ministry team, chaired by Joe Landis, feels that we must begin to talk about gun safety and gun violence so that we all can communicate our fears, concerns, and guaranteed rights.

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.

*"A Loaded Conversation"* is one of the workshops offered by RAWTools, Michael Martin. The curriculum for this workshop was written by Michael Martin and others working for MCC. This beginning workshop is to provide some guidance towards talking about gun violence. It is titled "A Loaded Conversation" because so often we as a community cannot talk about guns without triggering anger and fear.

Next week we will describe other workshops and activities that will be part of Gardening for Peace.

#### **Church Garden Update from 6/24/22**

Greetings fellow gardeners this past week there was a buzz in the garden. We had peace campers!!! 3 different groups of campers came down to the garden and picked peas and planted flowers. Last week we also picked beets and a good amount of broccoli. The sugar snap peas are on the way out they will be pulled this week. We also planted some more zucchini and yellow squash as we try and extend the season. The last of the straw and cardboard has been put down, (Thank you Gary and Sharon Strayer and Steve GM) We still have a few flowers to plant at the end of our rows. The Zucchini we covered the other week, with insect netting, is starting to reach the netting. WOW did that grow fast. We may have to pull up the netting this week. Our spring veggies are looking really good. The cabbage is starting to form heads. This will be the peak week for broccoli, a lot of the heads are ready to pick. Beets are coming in real nice and carrots may be ready by next week. I will start to trim our tomatoes next week along with other odd jobs the garden keeps chugging along.

Thank you to everyone who helps out with this mission. Steve, 221-872-6616, [rsblank@verizon.net](mailto:rsblank@verizon.net)

#### **Church Garden Update from 6/30/22**

Greetings fellow gardeners this week the garden has started to really kick into gear. The peas are now all harvested and the plants are pulled. The spring broccoli is almost finished, we may pull those plants this week. The red beets have shifted into high gear and now we start to harvest some of our summer veggies. Zucchini has started to show up. WOO HOO 4 weeks late but here we go! I have started to trim some of the tomato plants. The other summer veggies are chugging right along. We will be harvesting our spring cabbage soon and our carrots. The beds where the broccoli and peas were will be replanted with fall pole string beans and maybe fall

cauliflower later in July. The high heat we will be getting is a challenge for some of our young plants, they still may not have their root system filled out so I will be watering a lot these next few days. The weather will be hot this weekend so wear a hat and sunscreen and drink plenty of water. Sitting in the shade is OK too....

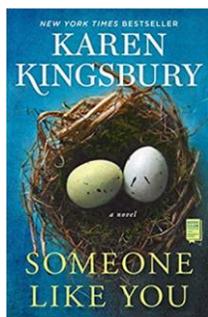
Thank you to everyone who helps out in the garden and a special thank you to William and Naomi Martin they brought their Mom (Brooke) out to the garden last Saturday and helped pick red beets and plant some more Lima beans. Always need more Lima beans. Steve, 221-872-6616, [rsblank@verizon.net](mailto:rsblank@verizon.net)

## 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:

### Someone Like You by Karen Kingsbury



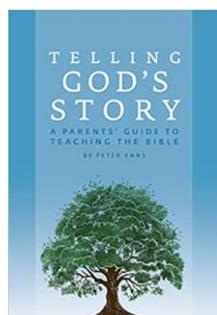
*One frozen embryo. Two families with life-long secrets. And a guy who never planned to fall in love again.*

Maddie Baxter West is shaken to the core when she finds out everything she believed about her life was a lie. Her parents had always planned to tell her the truth about her past: that she was adopted as an embryo. But somehow the right moment never happened. Then a total stranger confronts Maddie with the truth and tells her something else that rocks her world—Maddie had a sister she never knew about. Betrayed, angry, and confused, Maddie leaves her new job and fiancé, rejects her family's requests for forgiveness, and moves to Portland to find out who she really is.

Dawson Gage's life was destroyed when London Quinn, his best friend and the only girl he ever loved, is killed. In the hospital waiting room, London's mother reveals that London might have had a sibling. The frozen embryo she and her husband donated decades ago. When Dawson finds Maddie and brings her to Portland, the Quinns—her biological parents—welcome her into their lives and hearts. Maddie is comforted by the Quinns' love and intrigued by their memories of London, who was so much like her. Is this the family and the life she was really meant to have?

Now it will take the love of Dawson Gage to help Maddie know who she is...and to help her find her way home.

### Telling God's Story: A parent's guide to teaching the Bible by Peter Enns



In this accessible and engaging book, Peter Enns (author of the controversial and best-selling *Inspiration and Incarnation: Evangelicals and the Problem of the Old Testament*) provides parents and teachers with a straightforward and intelligent twelve-year plan for teaching the Bible. Written for lay readers but incorporating the best scholarly insights, *Telling God's Story* avoids sectarian agendas. Instead, Enns suggests beginning with the parables of the Gospels for the youngest students; continuing on with the more complex stories of the Old and New Testaments for middle grade students; and guiding high school students into an understanding of the history and culture of biblical times.

## News & Notes

Souderton Mennonite Home friends: our monthly gathering will take place on

**Monday, July 11th from 7-8 in the Friendship Room.** Hope to see you there!

A newsletter will not be produced for July 17, 2022, due to staff vacation. Church Administrator Brad Alderfer will be on vacation for the week of July 11th. Dave, Maria and Andrew will be in the church office Monday through Thursday. The Church office will be closed on Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup>. The office will reopen on July 18th. Please contact a Pastor by cell phone if there is a pastoral care emergency.

## **Beyond Salford**

**“Where Friends Gather” a Women’s Event** will be held Saturday, July 16, 9:00 am-12:30 pm at **Deep Run East Mennonite Church**. This event is for ages 12 through adult, and Christian Author and Founder of More of Him Ministries, Guest Speaker, Jessie Seneca will share on *Friendship: Sisters for a Journey*. Vendors, Ten Thousand Villages, MRC’s Darning Egg Gift Shop and Susan Rosetty Jewelry for Guatemala Missions will be there for shopping too! Tickets are \$10, include light breakfast, worship, program, door prizes and more, and can be purchased online at [www.deepruneast.org](http://www.deepruneast.org). For more information contact Lisa Stenger at [lstenger@deepruneast.org](mailto:lstenger@deepruneast.org) or 215-766-8380.

**Living U**, the lifelong learning institute of Living Branches, offers classes and field trips for residents, future residents, and seniors in the local community. Their fall 2022 semester includes courses on native plants; baseball life; drawing techniques; red-tailed hawks; music appreciation courses and more. For more information, go to [www.LivingBranches.org/LivingU](http://www.LivingBranches.org/LivingU) or contact Maribeth Benner, Living U Coordinator, at 215-368-4438, extension 44204. Registration is open July 6 to 20.