

July 24, 2022

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**Sunday, July 24, 10:00 am Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live,** Guest Preacher Caleb Benner will preach on Mark 11:12-14, 20-23; *Wrestling with the Messiah*

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

**Sunday, July 10, 2022**

Offering  
\$3,282  
ACH            Electronic  
Offering  
\$2,025  
Vanco Online Offering  
\$3,885  
**Total Budget Offering  
\$9,193**

**Sunday, July 17, 2022**

Offering  
\$21,784  
ACH            Electronic  
Offering  
\$2,025  
Vanco Online Offering  
\$1,583  
**Total Budget Offering  
\$25,392**

**Future Salford Events**

- July 31 – Outdoor Worship, Communion and Fellowship Picnic
- August

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

## **Pastor's Update for July 22, 2022**

After the twists and turns of the past few years, this summer has held yet another sense of newness: the sense that we have clarified what's most important to us, and we are ready to move forward together in a new way. Our experiences of this moment are diverse, but overall in the congregation there is a feeling of movement. This is joyful to see.

One expression of that is that folks want to fellowship together. We will be doing that this Sunday, with an informal picnic in Forrest Meadow Park in Telford following worship. All are invited: Bring your own lunch and a blanket or chairs to extend the fellowship to lunch and the playground.

Another expression of movement is that there are many who are looking for a clearer space of belonging, especially during second hour. Salford doesn't have a single small group structure – but for many, second hour classes function as spaces of support, fellowship, and spiritual growth. It's time to create some new such spaces. On August 21<sup>st</sup> in the late afternoon we will host a meal to begin imagining and planning for new second hour classes, including but not limited to those in their 20s and 30s. For now, save the date; you'll hear more about this in the coming weeks.

And of course there is the coming discernment process which will more clearly define the welcome of LGBTQ+ people within our midst. The Path Forward Design Team and the board have been hard at work and will be inviting the congregation in this important work of discernment beginning this fall.

Beyond these specific events, there is lots of other newness in the air. Andrew Zetts is beginning his work as pastor of youth and outreach. New members' classes are taking place. Planning is underway for nursery, children's Sunday school, and junior and senior youth sponsor teams. God is at work, let's join in!

-Maria Hosler Byler

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

On Sunday, July 31 will be Salford's annual outdoor service. In worship we will celebrate communion, and a fellowship meal will follow. In worship we will hear communion stories from within the congregation and we will participate in the Lord's Supper together. Together we will experience the many meanings of this meal Jesus offers us. For the fellowship meal, a main dish will be provided; please bring a side dish and dessert as well as your place settings and a lawn chair or blanket. The Potluck Fellowship Team requests that you bring your food items ready to serve, desserts cut to size and warm items in crockpots so no tending is required.

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.

p.m. Wednesday  
afternoon.

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

## **Church Board Update with Path Forward Design Team, 7/19/22**

The Salford Church Board meets monthly with prayer and discernment to support this spiritual community of Jesus followers. The Board is reading and discussing "Anabaptist Essentials" by Palmer Becker, a review of the core convictions and practices of Anabaptism that guide us as a joyful learning community eager to live and share the peaceable way of Jesus.

On Tuesday July 19, the Board received a report from the Path Forward Design Team, which has been commissioned by the board to design a process for congregational discernment about LGBTQ+ marriage, ministry within the congregation, and pastoral ministry. The Team reported on time spent together in listening and sharing and study and expressed gratitude for each member of the Team. They proposed an outline for the first stage of a process for congregational biblical study, focused discussion times and discernment work. The Board expressed gratitude and affirmed the Team and their work.

Minutes of board discussions, actions and reports are available via mailboxes and at the welcome center. Board members are also open to hearing from you. And we pray with you as we together follow Jesus, build community, and work at justice, peace and reconciliation. – Margaret Zook (interim board chair).

## **Greetings from New Pastor Andrew Zetts**

It is my joy to write to you in my new role as Associate Pastor of Youth and Outreach. While my time as a congregant at Salford over the last nine years included providing leadership for the Justice and Peace Team, serving as a youth sponsor for the junior and senior MYF programs, and playing music for church services, my pastoral role will have me in similar and new terrain. In my work with Salford's youth programs I look forward to journeying with Salford's young people as they investigate and find a faith of their own as well as nourishing and empowering our teams of youth sponsors. I am equally excited about my other pastoral responsibilities that will have me discerning and envisioning with you all what it means to "love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:39) and to "be doers of the word" (James 1:22), living out those convictions in our broader communities, and providing pastoral care to all who are in need.

As I begin my ministry at Salford, I would welcome your prayers of support for myself, as well as for my wife, Cassy, and son, Cal. We are entering a new way of life as we follow God's call, and we are excited to do that within the love and care of the Salford community.

If you need to contact me, my email address is [zettsa@salfordmc.org](mailto:zettsa@salfordmc.org), my phone number in the church office is 215-256-0778 x141, and my cell phone number is 215-859-3446. I will observe a sabbath on Fridays, during which time I will be away from church-related communications but I will respond to you as promptly as possible.

Peace and blessings, Andrew Zetts

## **This Week at Salford**

### **Sunday, July 31**

10:00 am Salford Worship Outdoors in the Oak Grove

11:30 am Fellowship Picnic

No Second Hour for July and August

## Our Church Family

### Prayer Concerns

- Peggy Schwartz, mother of **Kathi Peters** and mother-in-law of **Dave**, passed away this last Tuesday. She was 87. Dave and Kathi were glad they could be with her in her last days. Pray for the Peters' and for the family in their grieving and remembering. A service will take place on August 9th.
- For **Kass Landis** who is on Hospice care at Souderton Mennonite Homes, following a slow physical decline over the past few months.
- All Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for all the **Vacation Bible School programs** held this summer in Mosaic congregations. Pray for those students who have already experienced VBS, that the seeds planted will continue to grow. Pray for those VBS programs yet to happen that students will encounter God's love and that staff will have energy and enthusiasm to lead.

### Birthday Blessings...

To **Marvin Anders**, who celebrates his 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday on July 28, 2022, to **Ben Nase**, who celebrates his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on July 29, 2022 and to **Louise Alderfer**, who celebrates her 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday on July 30, 2022.

### 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/dp/B0756TV6XG/ref=cm\\_sw\\_r\\_sms\\_api\\_i\\_dl\\_C5GY97WXJNS94P8VHJR4](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0756TV6XG/ref=cm_sw_r_sms_api_i_dl_C5GY97WXJNS94P8VHJR4)

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

[https://www.walmart.com/ip/Ozark-Trail-1-Person-Backpacking-Tent-with-Large-Door-for-Easy-Entry/355726519?fbclid=IwAR0laqubzpgLXrqPZ1O9\\_gaZQmd8R6Bo2Ynn0esrXH74dFmUMb1ff2zzGQ](https://www.walmart.com/ip/Ozark-Trail-1-Person-Backpacking-Tent-with-Large-Door-for-Easy-Entry/355726519?fbclid=IwAR0laqubzpgLXrqPZ1O9_gaZQmd8R6Bo2Ynn0esrXH74dFmUMb1ff2zzGQ)

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

<https://www.amazon.com/Pacific-Pass-Person-Portable-Camping/dp/B07WDJN212/>

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.



## Justice & Peace Ministry Team: Gardening for Peace Event September 24, 2022

Salford Mennonite & Advent Lutheran Church

Please join us during any part of this weekend. We will open in the garden at 1 pm, with Steve Blank, John Ruth and children's activities. Workshops are from 2 pm to 4:15 pm/then dinner for those attending workshops. At 6 pm to 7:30 pm Michael Martin will forge a gun into a garden tool. Shane Claiborne (Red Letter Christians) will be our main speaker that evening and Sunday morning for our sermon.

Registration is open for our weekend event as we continue to raise awareness to the needs of those struggling with food Insecurity and growing violence. GO TO Salford Mennonite's website under Gardening for Peace for details. [www.salfordmc.org](http://www.salfordmc.org)

We have several workshops planned. "*A Loaded Conversation*," Michael Martin and Jess Stoltzfus Buller were highlighted last week. Another workshop offering by Michael Martin will be introducing us to the curriculum, "*Fear Not*". This curriculum was developed by MCC, RAWtools and other partners. Its' focus is to help us have a plan to de-escalate an intruder/active shooter.

Part of RAWtools 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**, turning guns into garden tools.

**War no more** – nonviolence training including de-escalation, mediation, bystander intervention, circle dialogues and restorative justice "*Fear Not*" Study guide, p. 3 We will be introduced to activities that will discuss "...creating safety when faced with intruders in our churches, community, our homes and workplaces. This is only a beginning introduction on that day. It will be a safe space to ask questions, just listen and discern as to "*How can our faith guide us as followers of Jesus Christ when we do not feel safe.*" Our outcome after our weekend event is to join with others and create community plans. Our intention is NOT to take away 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Rights. It is to promote Gun Safety. Next week we will highlight more workshops. Sheldon Good, Jennifer Svetlik, Mark Boorse, Bryan Miller, Megan Briggs and David Moyer, (Prison Reform.)

**Register soon** <http://www.salfordmc.org/> This will help us in providing dinner for those attending workshops. There will be a tent for shade and tables and chairs set up for Saturday's event. Feel free to bring your own food and seating for lunch or snacks for your family. **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS before** the event on Friday, **during the weekend** in many spaces and most likely Monday.

### Church Garden Update from 7/14/22

Greetings fellow gardeners, gardening is always a challenge with one adjustment after another. This spring we had a wet beginning of May and I could not get the lower end of the garden started. Now we have not had any significant amount of rain in a while. I am running water every day trying to keep our thirsty plants happy. So far So good. Our onions spoke to me this week and said it was time. This Saturday we will harvest our onions, always a fun time. Besides onions we have cabbage, red beets, carrots cucumbers and zucchini, all ready to pick. I am starting to see some toms turning red so that is encouraging. When the weather is this dry, plants are not the only thing looking for water. We have lost several tomatoes to birds as they beck open our green tomatoes looking for moisture. We

have also lost 12 zucchini plants to wilting disease. I am planting more plants trying to keep up with what was lost. You can never let your guard down in the garden there is always something that wants your plants too.

As the season goes on I would like to thank the many volunteers that use their heavy equipment to help the garden get set up and running. One person is Jamie Welby of the Freed Farm on Morwood road. When Bob Landis tragically passed away the other year. I not only lost someone who I could talk vegetable growing with, Bob also was the one who laid down our plastic mulch and drip tape on the lower end. I called Jamie asking if he would be able to help me out. He never hesitated and in fact came down that same evening and laid down the plastic for us. He has done this now for several years. Jamie refuses any pay and just enjoys helping out with our mission. Jamie and his wife Nancy run a small stand on their farm "FREED'S PRODUCE". Nancy has a nice cut flower field where you can create your own bouquet. If you are passing by please stop by there stand and thank them for the generous help they give to the garden.

The garden is a special place but it is the people that make it special.

Steve, 221-872-6616, [rsblank@verizon.net](mailto:rsblank@verizon.net)

### **Church Garden Update from 7/21/22**

Greeting fellow gardeners to say the weather is hot would be an understatement. Very warm in the garden this week. We harvested our onions, 1300 onions all looking really good. We will let them sit for 2 weeks to "SET" then trim the tops a little. This week we dig up our potatoes. We planted 3 kinds of potatoes this year a gold, a red and a white. The gold potatoes did not do well this year, the area they were planted in was very wet and a lot rotted in the ground. We planted pole string beans last week and they are sprouting already. Cabbage, red beets, carrots, cucumbers and zucchini continue to be on the menu as we begin to wrap up our spring plants, begin to prep the raised beds and upper end of the garden for our fall planting. We may replant the end of July or the first week in August. I am concerned that the high heat will continue into the end of the month. Young seedlings do not do very well in 95+ temps no matter how much water you give them. I did harvest a few tomatoes from our early early plants. The main crop is still several weeks away. String beans have started to flower that means about 10 days to harvest. Our Honeynut squash is starting to flower, this is the first year we planted this type of squash. We are watching these with a lot of anticipation. The extra zucchini we planted has sprouted and I am trying to keep the young plants from frying in the heat. Summer can be a real challenge in the garden. I am running our watering system everyday trying to keep our plants feet wet.

Thank you to everyone who helps out in the garden especially in this hot weather. If you plan on helping this Saturday morning maybe consider arriving earlier than normal (7AM) and try to beat the heat. Steve, 221-872-6616, [rsblank@verizon.net](mailto:rsblank@verizon.net)

### **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>

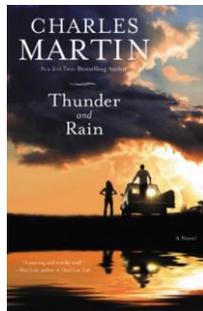
Here is a sampling of new materials:

### **Bond of Brothers: Connecting with other men beyond work, weather and sports by Wes Yoder**



The perfect conversation for men with little to say can be summed up in eight words: 'Can you believe the weather at that game?' Author Wes Yoder's words are humorous. Yet, beyond the sports and weather chatter and silence that characterize many male conversations, there is brokenness. Emptiness. Shame. That's not funny. For Yoder, addressing the problem is not about planting the flag for one's manhood by joining a mass movement for men, nor is it necessary for men to 'sire a herd or shoot a moose to authenticate their manhood.' Yoder calls disappointed, disenchanted, and lonely men to authenticity. To rediscover joy. To find satisfaction. In *Bond of Brothers*, men will discover: Why your career and performance at work are not your identity \* How to defeat the fears that come to a man in the 'Tough Years' \* What to do when you are too worried to forgive or too power-hungry to smile \* Why spiritual friendships are the central, life-giving core of all healthy relationships among men. Being present to comfort, to love, to listen, to take a step toward Jesus together in our brokenness ... that is the essence of friendship, Yoder writes. When we invite Jesus into our shared brokenness, he can do the work of remaking what is left of the mess we have made of ourselves. Begin a journey toward authenticity and your true identity here!

### **Thunder and Rain by Charles Martin**



As a result of his hard exterior and lonely tendencies, Tyler Steele finds himself a single father alone in the world - until a stranger and her daughter show up and change his life. Third generation Texas Ranger Tyler Steele is the last of a dying breed-- a modern day cowboy hero living in a world that doesn't quite understand his powerful sense of right and wrong and instinct to defend those who can't defend themselves. Despite his strong moral compass, Ty has trouble seeing his greatest weakness. His hard outer shell, the one essential to his work, made him incapable of forging the emotional connection his wife Andie so desperately needed.

Now retired, raising their son Brodie on his own, and at risk of losing his ranch, Ty does not know how to rebuild from the rubble of his life. The answer comes in the form of Samantha and her daughter Hope, on the run from a seemingly inescapable situation. They are in danger, desperate, and alone. Though they are strangers, Ty knows he can help-- protecting the innocent is what he does best. As his relationship with Sam and Hope unfolds, Ty realizes he must confront his true

weaknesses if he wants to become the man he needs to be.

## News & Notes

Sunday, July 24 after worship will be an informal picnic at Forrest Meadow Park in Telford (90 Forrest Rd). Bring your own lunch and blanket/lawn chairs for a chance to connect with other Salford folks over lunch at the playground. Everyone is welcome.

**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

The July edition of *On the Level* is now available from **Mennonite Disaster Service**. In our current issue: Executive Director Kevin King invites you to take a short quiz to see how much you know about MDS and you can read more about the latest work by volunteers in Paradise, California. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3oiFRqp>