

July 31, 2022

**Sunday, July 31,
10:00 am Outdoor
Worship with
Communion at
Salford, Stories of
Communion from the
Salford Community**

**11:30 am Fellowship
Picnic following
Worship**

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

Sunday, July 24, 2022

Offering

\$5,465

ACH Electronic

Offering

\$2,025

Vanco Online Offering

\$2,749

Total Budget Offering

\$10,239

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.

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

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

This 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 of hot dogs will be provided; please bring a side dish and dessert to share 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, cold items stored in a cooler or brought to the kitchen for refrigeration.

In the case of inclement weather, we will move the worship service indoors and the Fellowship hall for the potluck luncheon. 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.

Sewing Circle Needs Your Help!

Sewing Circle has several quilts ready to knot for Mennonite Central Committee. MCC can use all the quilts we can provide. We can use more volunteers to help complete these quilts. If you can tie a knot, you can help out. Please come out to Sewing Circle this Wednesday, August 3rd, starting at 8:30 am in the Gathering Room and stay as little or long as you wish.

This Week at Salford

Wednesday, August 3

8:30 am Sewing Circle (Gathering Room)

Sunday, August 7

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

Preaching: Dave Greiser

No Second Hour for July and August

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

- Continued prayer for **Curt Barthel** who is home recovering after a recent hospital stay for pneumonia and kidney issues. He is receiving physical and occupational therapy at home and is waiting on kidney test results.
- For **Ray Yoder** who will have hip surgery in the next few weeks to insert a pin. This will stabilize his hip and hopefully give some relief from pain.
- For the **Senior High group and leaders** leaving July 31st to serve with SWAP in West Virginia.
- For the **SMCCC Directors and Board** as they try to figure out new ways to attract qualified Early Childhood Edu-Caregivers, especially for the infant and

young toddler age groups.

Birthday Blessings...

To **Lester Alderfer**, who celebrates his 84th birthday on August 2, 2022.

Congratulations to Rick Kratz. We learned this week that Rick has joined the growing list of Dock honorees at Salford; he was given the Distinguished Service Award for his work with Healthy Ninos/Mama Project, as well as his work as a pediatrician. Rick and Suzanne have been attending Salford during this past year. Way to go, Rick!

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!**



**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.

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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 2nd 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 7/28/22

Greetings fellow gardeners this week the garden shifts into another gear as we finish off our spring veggies and start to plant our fall veggies. We will Harvest the last of our spring cabbage and start to harvest our peppers and eggplant. String beans are still on the way maybe a few but the main crop is still in the works. I was able to rototill the row we had onions in, add drip tape for watering and spread a little fertilizer. This is where our fall cabbage will be planted. Right next to that row will be another long row of string beans. The remaining fall plants, broccoli and cauliflower, will be planted in our raised beds. Red beets and turnips will also be planted. Last week we dug up our potatoes, not the best harvest, we dug up just over half as much as we did last year. This week zucchini and cucumbers were still coming in. The new zucchini plants are now producing but not as heavy as the original plants. I was able to pick a few tomatoes this week. They are slowly starting to show up. Each week should bring more and more as their ripening picks up. Pests are always a problem but this year we have had an overabundance. Deer are eating our sweet potato leaves right off the vine, we have a ground hog that likes his tomatoes green. Doesn’t even pick them first, just eats them right on the plant. Not sure how I can send him away but working on it. Our family of bluebirds has fledged. Five young ones are now flying around the garden looking for bugs, really neat!

Last Saturday was a scorcher, thank you to all the volunteers who worked in the heat to get the work done. One of the jobs was moving some mushroom soil to the new beds that will be replanted. One volunteer actually said they would rather haul dirt in the heat then pick string beans...go figure....The garden mission would never be as great as it is without the dedicated workers who show up each and every week. A lot of sweat last week but the garden looks wonderful. Steve, 221-872-6616, rsblank@verizon.net

Salford Mennonite Church recently supported **Marisol Arriaga Aranda**, member

of the Mexico Mennonite Church and Co-Coordinator Of Women In Action For Peace Mexico to attend Mennonite World Conference in Jakarta Indonesia through a **Foundation Fund grant** approved by the board. Here is a note of thanks from Marisol:

Grace and Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ for everyone.

In these lines I want to thank God for brothers and sisters with good hearts who were willing to share their blessings with me, thank you very much to each of the families and communities involved. There is a feeling of gratitude in my heart for not only making it possible for me to participate in Mennonite World Conference but also for learning more about the communities and how they work for the Lord. Thank you also for supporting me and my ministry with Mujeres en Acción por la Paz México (Women in Action for Peace) with your prayers.

I have to tell you that it was quite a challenge to travel to Indonesia, the first days of the trip were to reach the capital Jakarta, spend two days exploring the city and then travel to Semarang with the purpose of integrating myself into the activities of the dispersed Assembly (Objective not reached because God has his designs), it was there that my challenge began, since to participate in the activities we would be tested for COVID.

For me it was very surprising and of great impact to know that I tested positive and had to be taken to an isolation hotel and to think: How would my family take it, when they heard the news? Since we had been through a painful situation in 2020 with my COVID survivor husband.

The five days I spent in isolation were very hard, I was alone in a strange country and in a totally unknown world. But in the midst of the brokenness God gave me strength through my community, my family and the MWC support team, without that great help it would have been even more difficult. I thank God because after five days they tested me again and it came back negative. This result allowed me to be free from isolation to join the activities of the CMM. From that moment I was able to participate in the workshop that I was supposed to give, also be part of the assembled assembly, get involved in workshops on care between women and violence prevention, learn a little about the culture of the Indonesian brothers and participate in the love and affection with which they received us every day.

My loved ones, I have in my heart the certainty that GOD was weaving his miracles in me, I know that he will give me the tools to manage my fears. I firmly believe that nothing can separate us from his love, he gives us victory even in the midst of trial and brokenness. I give glory and honor to his name that is above all names and I thank him for his infinite love.

I wanted to briefly write to you about what I experienced during the 17-day trip to Indonesia, recognizing that we depend solely on the love and infinite grace of God and the accompaniment of the community of brothers and sisters who push us to follow him every day.

May God multiply you in health and great blessing, thank you very much for everything you did for this servant of god, also give thanks for the learning received, I hug you all.

Please share this gratitude with every sister and every pious community that made this dream possible

Fraternally Your Sister, Marisol Arriaga Aranda, Co-Coordinator Of Women In Action For Peace Mexico.

We also recently contributed **Fall College Scholarship** of \$1,500 each to four students attending Mennonite Colleges, with \$1,000 coming from the Foundation Fund. **Thanks to everyone who has contributed or plans to contribute to the**

Foundation Fund through your wills or estates. These funds allow the church to contribute to projects spreading God's kingdom in this world.

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!

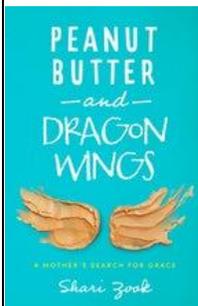
Contact Jenn Svetlik to learn more about how you can be a part of this vital ministry.

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:

Peanut Butter and Dragon Wings, By Shari Zook

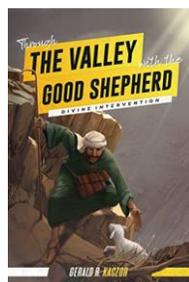


As good Christian moms, we're not supposed to ask for much. Jesus meets all our needs and we're the light of the world to everybody else, right? Wrong.

Shari Zook appeared to be an overachieving supermom who deftly supported her pastor-husband and their congregation, looked after their children, and cared for foster children through the ups and downs of placements. But inside, her world was growing increasingly desperate as she struggled with the grief of miscarriage, parenting a difficult child, and spiraling depression.

In her darkest hour, Zook let go of her need to appear super-human and reached out to receive God's unfolding grace. With humor and artistry, *Peanut Butter and Dragon Wings* gives us permission to step out from behind the appearance of rose-filtered perfection and embrace the authenticity...

Through the Valley with the Good Shepherd, By Gerald R. Kaczor



One day the author of this book was visiting with a patient in the hospital. He opened his Bible to Psalm 23. Reading until verse 4, he paused. The patient hearing his words was a very elderly debilitated man. How will he react when he hears the words, "Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death?" This pastor is warning me that my time on earth will be short?"

At that moment God said to me, "The Good Shepherd has been walking with you more than nine times through the valley of the

shadow of death, and now you can confirm to this old man that the Good Shepherd continues to take care of us in this life.” In that moment I felt obligated to share with the world everything that the Good Shepherd had done for me in dangerous situations. **Donated

News & Notes

For all Salford friends at Souderton Mennonite Homes, remember our monthly gathering on **Monday, August 8th at 7pm** in the Friendship Room. Hope to see you there. Questions? Call Karen at 215.237.7367.

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](#).