

June 26, 2022

Sunday, June 26, 9:30 am Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live, Associate Pastor Maria Hosler Byler will preach on Mark 8:27-9:1; *Step Two*

10:30 am Second Hour for all ages;

Sunday, June 19, 2022

Offering
\$14,382

ACH Electronic Offering
\$1,975

Vanco Online Offering
\$4,843

**Total Budget Offering
\$21,200**

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

Peace Camp 2022 Reflections

Thank you to our 2022 Peace Camp team! 58 campers joined us for a week of learning about the peaceable way of Jesus (over half from outside our congregation). We are very grateful for the many adults, Jr. and Sr. youth, and a stellar kitchen team who made this week of community-building, learning and fun possible. The team included: Lissette Gonzales, Sarah Stoeckle, Zach Bower, Laurie Snyder, Angela Benner, Marcia Stoez, Angela Benner, Sokun Derstine, Eric Hostetler, Gretchen McFarland, Brent Kissel, Meredith Ehst, Amanda Goldcamp, Bethany Schwendy, Brooke Martin, Steve and Jean Godsall-Myers, Julie and Dean Wimmer, Steve Blank, Karen Bergey. The kitchen team was led by Katie Alderfer, Donna Derstine, Becca Beels, Cindy Scheetz, with the support of Jane Ruth, Cindy Godshall and Cindy Moyer. Our youth helpers were: Renae, Cali, Isabella, Chase, Lydia, Aubrey, Tessa, Olivia, Siena, Ava, Ava, Avery, Morgan, Evan, and Audra.

Of particular note this year was the banner that the campers worked together to create, designed by Rachelle Moes and led by Brent Kissel and Audra Schwendy. You will see the banner hanging in the sanctuary this Sunday and it will also be displayed during the Gardening for Peace event in September. The banner features the words from Isaiah 2:4 along the border and shows the silhouette of a rifle amongst a field, with a tree growing from it, and shovels along the sides. A batik method was used to display the text and outlines. Campers also made tie-dyed, multilayered flowers that are growing on the tree.

We had a wonderful week of reflecting on and practicing peace and me, peace with others, peace with the Earth, and sharing peace in the world. Save the date! Peace Camp 2023 will take place June 18-22.

Summer Salford Worship Schedule Update

The **summer schedule for worship and Second Hour** will be the same as recent past summers; **our worship start time will be 10:00 am starting on July 3, 2022**, and we will not hold Second hour or Children's Sunday School in July and August. Second Hour classes are encouraged to plan fellowship activities over these months. Outdoor worship and a fellowship potluck picnic are being planned for July 31.

Covid-19 Community Level Update

Over the past three weeks, the CDC and Montgomery County guidance for Covid-19 community levels has decreased from high to medium on June 9, and from medium to low on June 16 and remaining in low on June 23. **With this update in guidance and Montgomery County being in low Covid-19 community level, the Reopening Task Force is comfortable changing the masking guidance from recommended to optional.** This follows CDC and county guidance on masking at the three levels. Anyone is encouraged to wear a mask based on your comfort level with exposure and personal health risk determination.

This Week at Salford

Wednesday, June 29

6:30 pm Path Forward Design Team Meeting (Library)

Sunday, July 3

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

Preaching: Maria Hosler Byler

No Second Hour for July and August

Monday, July 4

Church and Child Care offices closed for July 4th Holiday

Tuesday, July 5

6:30 pm Path Forward Design Team Meeting (Library)

Wednesday, July 6

8:30 am Sewing Circle (Gathering Room)

Sunday, July 10

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

- For **Rhoda Landis** who is recovering from a fall which left her with a broken shoulder.
- For **Joanna Kemp's father Ray Hunsberger** who is recovering from being hit in the eye with a softball - he had surgery on a bone fracture and has recovered 20/20 vision. Please continue to pray as **Ray** will undergo prostate surgery on June 28th.
- For **Ashley Miller and Whitney Clemens' mother** who is recovering from a mini stroke.
- For **Brent Kissel's mother** who is experiencing loss of vision in one eye.
- For **Heiki-Lara Nyce** who is beginning physical therapy for her hip.
- For **Anna Lacher** as she goes to Italy to be with her father who is in inpatient rehab following a stroke a few weeks ago.
- For **Frank and Carolyn Boyd** who brought their grandkids to Peace camp. Frank is suffering with cancer of the spleen.
- Praise for the **58 campers** who attended Peace Camp and all the teachers and various helpers who made it possible.
- All Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for the **Swamp Mennonite (Quakertown, PA) senior youth group**. They returned home this week from a week-long service trip in western Kentucky, where they worked in disaster relief and local outreach. Pray for those that they served as well as the youth, as they process the opportunity to serve others in Christ's name.

Birthday Blessings...

To **Mary Ann Harris**, who celebrates her 83rd birthday on July 3, 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/.../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...

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. You may also make donations to this project through your offering envelope, made out to Salford Mennonite Church with your envelope marked for "Donation of the Month for July"

Church Garden Update from 6/17/22

Greetings fellow gardeners this past week saw our spring plants really take a leap forward. Our cabbage is starting to ball up, we will harvest our first broccoli of the year along with red beets and more sugar snap peas. Last Saturday we planted Honey nut squash, String beans, Lima beans, a few hot pepper plants and a second round of tomatoes. Finally we are caught up with our summer planting. We still have a few squash plants to put in the ground and I have a few stray tomatoes that I need to find homes for, but overall we are set for the long haul! We are about 4 weeks behind. The plants will catch up but we will be harvesting later this year and I plan on trying to extend the season as long as I can. Usually around September we start to let the plants die off and slowly work to the end of the season. This year I am planting successive plantings trying to push that die off date back into October. We shall see....It is amazing how fast the seeds germinate in this warm weather. The seeds we planted last Saturday by Wednesday afternoon a few were already poking out of the soil. WOW! We still have a few more rows of Cardboard and straw to lay down. I have the ends of the rows doctored up and looking good so we can plant more flowers. Next week is Peace camp week at Salford. I have several groups of campers helping in the garden one day so stay tuned, always a lot of energy when Peace camp arrives!

Thank you to my wonderful volunteers who come out and help with this mission not only on Saturdays but also during the week, with delivery and other jobs that need to be done before our Saturday workday. Steve Blank

Family Faith Formation Spotlight

Thank you to our 2021-22 Sunday School teachers! Nearly 20 adults participated as teachers, helpers, singing leaders and substitutes this year. They've prayed with, played with, and shared the stories of Jesus to help the children of Salford grow in faith and community. We are so grateful for your creativity and faithfulness this year!

Trip Talks and Travel Games: Bring [this booklet](#) with you on vacation this summer! Use it in the car, at restaurants or wherever your family is together for faith-formation-oriented and connective conversations of all kinds.

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>

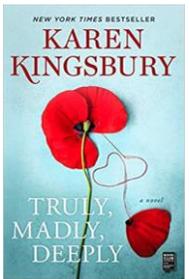
Here is a sampling of new materials:

A Rose In a Ditch by Julie Henning



From an alley in Korea to the green hills of Bucks County, this is an Amerasian girl's story of Divine Care through poverty to life in America. Post-war South Korea was a lonely place for Goo Sooni, a mixed-race girl determined to survive poverty, starvation and discrimination and make her loving mother proud of her. Sooni became Julie. And, although her birth mother, Jung Song Ja, never lived to see the beautiful rose Julie became, two other mothers – Nobel Prize-winning author Pearl S. Buck and Jean Price – raised Julie to stand tall where God planted her. This amazing story of God's endless love and grace, *A Rose in a Ditch*, is a memoir written by Julie Henning who was raised as Pearl Buck's daughter.

Truly, Madly, Deeply by Karen Kingsbury



When eighteen-year-old Tommy Baxter declares to his family that he wants to be a police officer after graduation, his mother, Reagan, won't hear of it. After all, she's still mourning the death of her own father on September 11 and she's determined to keep her son safe from danger. But Tommy's father, Luke, is proud of Tommy's decision. He would make a kind and compassionate cop.

Meanwhile, Tommy is in love for the first time. His sweet relationship with Annalee Miller is almost too good to be true. Tommy begins seriously thinking about the far off day when he can ask her to marry him but she hasn't been feeling well. Tests reveal the unthinkable.

While his girlfriend begins the fight of her life, Tommy is driven to learn more about the circumstances surrounding his birth and the grandfather he never knew. Secrets come to light that rock Tommy's world, and he becomes determined to spend his future fighting crime and bringing peace to the streets. Or is this just his way to fight a battle he cannot win—the one facing Annalee?

Blending romance and family drama, *Truly, Madly, Deeply* shows us that, in the shadow of great loss, the only way to live with passion is truly, madly, deeply.

News & Notes

A newsletter will not be produced for July 3, 2022 due to staff vacation. Church Administrator Brad Alderfer will be on vacation for the week of June 27. The church office will be closed on July 4, 2022 for the July 4th Holiday. The office will reopen on July 5. Please contact a Pastor by cell phone if there is a pastoral care emergency.

The church kitchen has been organized and there are serving dishes never claimed and other unneeded kitchen items. Please review the table in the main foyer for your items and/or items you can use and please take what you would like.

Unclaimed items will go to the thrift store after Sunday.

Summer **Rejoice Devotionals** are available for pick-up at the Welcome Center.

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. For more information contact Lisa Stenger at 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 or contact Maribeth Benner, Living U Coordinator, at 215-368-4438, extension 44204. Registration is open July 6 to 20.