

June 5, 2022

**Sunday, June 5, 9:30 am** Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live, Lead Pastor David Greiser will preach on Acts 2:1-13; *The Opposite of Division – is Pentecost*

**10:30 am** Second Hour for all ages; Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery class in the Fellowship Hall, Jr MYF Knotting Comforters in the Left Side of the Gathering Room, Reaching Out/Wise & Wonderful Class Meeting in the Right Side of the Gathering Room

**Sunday, May 29, 2022**  
Offering \$2,981  
ACH Electronic Offering \$1,975  
Vanco Online Offering \$1,120  
**Total Budget Offering \$6,076**

### Future Salford Events

- June 18-19, weekend with Marshall King, author of "Disarmed: The Radical Life and Legacy of Michael "MJ" Sharp"
- July 31 – Outdoor Worship, Communion and Fellowship Picnic

If you have information or prayer requests for

## **Some News from the Kansas City Special Delegate Assembly**

Some you have already heard news from last week's Special Assembly at which Melissa Heise, Maria Hosler Byler, Andrew Zetts and I were delegates. For those who have not heard, here are the outcomes of the votes on the major resolutions in Kansas City. On May 12, we delegates will offer a fuller report during the Sunday worship service.

The Accessibility Resolution, a resolution committing MCUSA churches to seek to remove barriers that prevent differently abled persons from fully participating in church life, passed unanimously. A study resolution called "For Justice in the U.S. Criminal Legal System" was adopted. A motion to retire the Membership Guidelines that had been created to facilitate the founding of MCUSA passed with an 83% majority vote. Finally, the "Resolution on Repentance and Transformation" confessing harm done to LGBTQ persons and committing the denomination to a variety of actions designed to more fully include queer persons at every level of denominational life, passed with a 55% majority vote.

Each of these four resolutions will change our broader denomination in significant ways as time goes on. They will also have an impact on the life and work of Mosaic Conference, and plans are already underway for discussion at our fall Mosaic Conference Assembly.

For those who want to read the resolutions, you can access them at [mennoniteusa.org](http://mennoniteusa.org). Look on the main page under the material on the Delegate Assembly.

In addition to the usual delegate interaction on the floor of convention, a feature of this year's convention included meeting in randomly arranged table groups of about 6. Many delegates remarked on how valuable it was to have times of talking face to face with folks from across the church.

Next week in worship we'll try to provide a fuller picture of the Assembly and what it might mean for Salford and Conference.

Here's the news page from the session, which has many articles:

[https://www.mennoniteusa.org/delegate22/?fbclid=IwAR0ELJ33emGG2gO1tssbdtSoLOjem4\\_fkOKxUEbTKemHLPB3BuJ1waANb9Q](https://www.mennoniteusa.org/delegate22/?fbclid=IwAR0ELJ33emGG2gO1tssbdtSoLOjem4_fkOKxUEbTKemHLPB3BuJ1waANb9Q)

Here's the MWR summary of the weekend:

<https://anabaptistworld.org/delegates-repeal-membership-guidelines-pass-lgbtq-affirming-resolution/>

Dave Greiser

## **Update from the Path Forward Design Team, 6/2/22**

The team designing a process for re-engaging in discernment on fully defining the inclusion of LGBTQIA persons at Salford met this past Tuesday. We chose a new name – the Path Forward Design Team. We spent some time with the questions, "What is Christian discernment? And how do we make discernment central in the

our newsletter, please submit this to the church office by 4:00 p.m. Wednesday afternoon.

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work we'll be doing together as a church this next year?" Dave shared some material from Ruth Haley Barton's book, Pursuing God's Will Together. We agree that "learning to discern" God's will needs to be at the forefront of our congregational process from the beginning. As a group, we also agree that we need to be engaging in individual prayer and common reading; together we'll be reading and talking about the scriptures on "transforming our minds" from Romans 12. - Dave, Mandy, Joe, Kerry, Sally, Ron, Andrew, and Maria

## Peace Camp Donations Needed

One important aspect of the upcoming Peace Camp is providing meals for the kids and adult participants. The kitchen team will be providing a main dish, fruit, vegetables and dessert each night. We are looking for donations of fruit, vegetables and desserts.

If you'd like to contribute to Peace Camp in this way, please sign up for what you'll bring. There are two ways to sign up. If you prefer pen and paper, look for a pink sign-up sheet located outside each exit from the sanctuary today and next Sunday the 12th. There will also be an all church email this week with a link to sign up electronically.

Donations can be brought to the church kitchen by 2 pm on Sunday, June 19. You're welcome to contact Katie Alderfer if you have questions. Many thanks in advance for supporting Peace Camp!

## This Week at Salford

### Sunday, June 12

9:30 am Salford Worship Indoors and Streamed on YouTube Live

Preaching: Maribeth Benner

10:30 am Second Hour for all ages

## Our Church Family

### Prayer Concerns

- For **Cathy Yoder** who suffered a mild stroke on Friday morning. She is doing well, being tested and monitored at Abington Lansdale hospital and expected home this weekend.
- For **Ray Yoder** who is recovering this week from a procedure to clear a bile duct in his liver.
- For **our denomination** as we begin to live into the implications of the resolutions passed at Kansas City.
- Be in prayer for the **Kansas City delegates** as they meet to communicate the outcomes of the convention with Mosaic Conference churches this coming week.
- All Mosaic Congregations are praying this week for **Bethany Birches Camp** in Vermont, a Conference-Related ministry, as they prepare to orient their summer staff and look ahead to a full summer of camps. Please pray that the staff and campers will experience God in loving and exciting ways this summer.

### Service & Mission

**Donation of the Month for June – featuring Keystone Opportunity Center:** Healthy snacks to supplement KOC summer meal bags of boxed lunches for children: juice boxes (real juice), applesauce cups, fruit cups (packs of 4 or 6) cereal bars or granola bars (that DO NOT contain peanuts and nuts because of allergies), boxes of raisins, snack bags of popcorn, pretzels, and goldfish (whole

grain if possible)

Items can be placed at the donation of the month table by the infant nursery.

### **6/3/22 Garden Update,**

Greetings fellow gardeners, this past week we had some good news and some bad news in the garden. THE GOOD NEWS is we were able to plant our first planting of tomatoes on Monday. We also planted Zucchini and Cucumbers. The bad news was the sun came out and baked the garden at over 90 degrees the next several days. Not a good situation for young seedlings. I was running drip line and watering by hand trying to hydrate the plants to keep them from frying. We were successful keeping most of the toms alive but we lost several zucchini plants. I will reseed these and we will be OK for the late summer. The other bad news is we still cannot use the bottom end of the garden as the soil is still too wet. The rain we had Thursday will only further delay work on that end of garden. We will be harvesting this Saturday as our lettuce has arrived and a few sugar snap peas will be ready. I planted a small row of radishes and they will be ready too. SALAD TIME! We will plant our sweet potato slips this Saturday and they should be ready to harvest by mid-September. We can also start to lay down cardboard and straw on the upper rows where we were able lay plastic down. The potatoes that are up will need to be hilled also. Never a dull moment in the garden.

Thank you to the hardy group who shown up on Monday to help plant. Using part of their holiday to help out in the garden was very much appreciated. As always the garden is a special place but it is the people that make it special. Steve, [rsblank@verizon.net](mailto:rsblank@verizon.net) 215-876-6616

### **Family Faith Formation Spotlight**

**Bulletin Artwork Needed!** Are your kids bringing home art that might be shared on our bulletins for Sunday worship? Take a photo and send to Brad in the church office.

**The Soil and The Seed Project** has released a new set of “Little Liturgies” and accompanying album for Ordinary Time (June 12-Sept 3). [Listen on Spotify.](#) [Download the “Little Liturgies”](#) - simple repeated scriptures to share at dinnertime or before bed. Hard copies are available at the Welcome Center.

**Building Faith practice for June:** [Milk and Honey](#)

This month's “Taste the Story” theme with Building Faith focuses on the idea of God's abundant provision in the promised land. Find a recipe for a “promise land” milkshake and activities related to summer garden produce, bees, and trusting in God's care.

### **Racial Justice Spotlight**

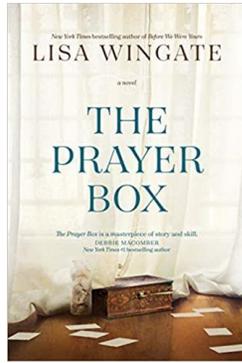
All are welcome to join the Racial Justice Learning Group on Sunday, June 5 at noon in the grove for a potluck before we break for the summer. Please bring a dish to share and place settings. Contact Jenn Svetlik for more information.

### **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:

## The Prayer Box by Lisa Wingate



When lola Anne Poole, an old-timer on Hatteras Island, passes away in her bed at ninety-one, the struggling young mother in her rental cottage, Tandi Jo Reese, finds herself charged with the task of cleaning out lola's rambling Victorian house.

Running from a messy, dangerous past, Tandi never expects to find more than a temporary hiding place within lola's walls, but everything changes with the discovery of eighty-one carefully decorated prayer boxes, one for each year, spanning from lola's youth to her last days. Hidden in the boxes is the story of a lifetime, written on random bits of paper--the hopes and wishes, fears and thoughts of an unassuming but complex woman passing through the seasons of an extraordinary, unsung life filled with journeys of faith, observations on love, and one final lesson that could change everything.

## Curious George Discovers Plants – Children's Book



George's friend Chef Pisghetti makes the most delicious vegetable soup! When the chef is running low on fresh vegetables, George wants to lend a hand in the rooftop garden--but he has a lot to learn about greenery. Come along as George discovers all about gardening, plants, what makes them grow, and why they're important. Based on the Emmy-winning PBS show, this story is filled to the brim with additional facts, real photos, experiments, activities, and more. Learning about science has never been so much fun!

## News & Notes

**Salford friends at Souderton Mennonite Homes** - plan to join us for our June gathering, Monday June 13th from 7-8 in the Friendship Room. Contact Karen (215) 237-7367 with any questions. Hope to see you there!

We continue to work on **finding a repair company to fix the elevator** at a reasonable price. But we are having difficulty making arrangements at a fair price. The elevator will not be available this week. We will update when it is back in working order.

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

### **Volunteer Opportunity | MWUSA Ambassadors**

Mennonite Women USA (<https://mennonitewomenusa.org>) brings together women sharing faith. Inspired by one another's testimonies we find grace, resilience and joy for the journey through a variety of media and gatherings. All women are welcome, and there is no membership boundary, but there is a new opportunity to help by connecting women through the resources MWUSA provides. Are you interested in serving as a link between women in your community and the ongoing resources and traditions MWUSA provides? Email Suzanne ([suzanneal@mennonite.org](mailto:suzanneal@mennonite.org)), MWUSA's East Coast Representative, to receive periodic eMail updates to forward along to your congregation and local networks as you are able.

The **summer schedule for worship and Second Hour** will be the same as recent past summers. We will not hold Second hour or Children's Sunday School in July and August and our worship start time will be 10:00 am. Second Hour classes are encouraged to plan fellowship activities over these months. Outdoor Worship and

and a fellowship potluck picnic are being planned for July 31.

**Mennonite World Conference Assembly** is taking place July 10-15 in Indonesia as a hybrid event. Would you like to participate online on behalf of Salford? See [the Indonesia 2022 website](#) for more information, and contact [Brad Alderfer](#) if you have interest or further questions.

This Sunday, June 5, the Foundations and Gospel Herald classes will continue a study on **Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery**. The classes will be combined and will meet in the Fellowship and engage in some small group and some large group conversation.

If you were not able to view the 43-min film, you can do so at <https://dofdmenno.org/movie/> in preparation for this study.

All are welcome to join for the discussion of this history, its basis in Christian theology, its effects on Indigenous Peoples in our communities today, and how we might start to undo it as followers of Jesus.

**Spring Workday** has been scheduled for June 11, 2022, starting at 8:00 am. The primary task for workday will be spreading woodchips on the playground. Please bring a metal rake if you have one. If you are able to help, please let Facility Manager George Gaugler know your plan to help.

## **Beyond Salford**

The **spring newsletter** from **Healthy Niños Honduras** is now available. Read about the USA Board and their impactful week serving in Honduras, as well as a moving story from a recent team's youngest member. In addition, find out what is going on with the HNH Food Relief program. [Download the newsletter here.](#)