

March 20, 2022

**Sunday, March 20,
9:30 am Indoor
Worship at Salford
and on Facebook and
YouTube Live,** Lead
Pastor Dave Greiser
will preach on Isaiah
55:1-9; *The Grace
Narrative*

**10:30 am Second
Hour for all ages**

Sunday, March 13

Offering

\$7,357

ACH Electronic

Offering

\$1,975

Vanco Online Offering

\$1,791

Total Budget Offering

\$11,123

MCC Ukraine

Response/Relief Kits

Donations:

\$13,588

Garden Fundraiser

Donations:

\$250

Future Salford Events

- April 15 – Good Friday Worship, 7:00 pm
- April 17 – Easter Sunday
- April 30 – Youth fundraiser Auction and Meal at Salford
- May 1 – Spring Communion
- May 15 – Cesar Garcia Preaching at Salford
- May 22 – Dock Mennonite Academy Touring Choir at

An update from the pastors, Friday, March 18

Dear Salford family,

Week three in Lent brings us to the heart of spiritual preparing for Holy Week, and to the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus. Last week Jared Byas offered a profound picture of Jesus as the God who suffers with us. The Messiah turned out to be nothing like the One that generations of people had been awaiting.

In this week's scripture, the prophet Isaiah comments indirectly on this stunning reversal with words that have become watchwords to many Christians: "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts."

Many conclusions have been drawn from these poetic phrases. Whatever their full implications, they must mean at least this: when it comes to understanding who God is, how God works, and how God saves, DON'T rely on standard thinking. Be ready to be surprised.

Jared correctly observed that standard reasoning in Jesus' day assumed that God always rewards good behavior and punishes evil behavior. But Jesus showed the limits of such thinking.

Isaiah seems to add that since no one is fully "good," then punishment should be everyone's lot. But God, who is higher than us, offers mercy and relationship to all who will receive it. "Return to the Lord, who will have mercy...and to God who will abundantly pardon." God offers more and better than we deserve. This is high, and welcome, Lenten news. See you Sunday!

-Pastors [Dave Greiser](#), [Maria Hosler Byler](#)

Click each person's name to send them an email.

Music & Justice Service, April 3, 2022

On Sunday, April 3 the Salford staff is planning a Service of Music and Justice. Within this service, we will recognize how our worship life benefits from the influence of many people and cultures over the generations; some from our own congregation's cultural heritage and many from other cultural traditions. Because of historical injustices, some musicians have benefited from copyright and royalties, while others, whose songs were a survival tool while facing enslavement and other trauma, have not.

God calls us to move from a sense of entitlement to this music we have unjustly received, to humble acknowledgement of (and fair compensation for) the hard work of others which has contributed to our worship. Joyfully honoring those whose songs which have so enriched our faith life and not previously been acknowledged is a faithful way to respond. Making amends for past injustices is also a faithful response.

This service will include Negro spirituals* and other music for which Salford will be offering royalties payments, as well as information on why we are doing this and

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• June 18-19, weekend with Marshall King, author of "Disarmed: The Radical Life and Legacy of Michael "MJ" Sharp"

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

how. This idea was borne out of conversations by members of the racial justice learning group, who learned of other predominantly-white churches who are making royalties payments for singing Negro spirituals.

**The term Negro Spirituals refers to the enormous body of folk songs created collectively by enslaved Africans in America and their descendants. In Black communities, that is the preferred term for this body of music.*

Getting to Know Mary Jane Hershey

As we come through unusual times in the life of the church and society, we are once again getting to know each other as a community through Getting to Know you Articles. We will run information about one Salford household per week in the newsletter. This week we will get to know **Mary Jane Hershey**. (Mary Jane answered the "Getting to Know You" questions in narrative form).



My elementary school years were spent in Trooper where our family of six lived. My parents, Willis Kulp and Mary Mensch Lederach were workers at the Norristown Mission. During my early years we attended services there, sometimes three a week. When I was 14 our family moved to my grandparent's house in Lederach. I was baptized at Salford by Bishop John Lapp and spent my Sunday teenage years here until leaving for Goshen College. After college I was asked to come to Methacton to be a teacher in the Sunday School. Hiram and I were married at Methacton in 1954. We and our four children (Peter, Tom, Jim, Beth) attended there until 1980 when we changed our membership to Salford.

After Goshen, I taught five years in local high schools and later received degrees from Drexel and Gwynedd Mercy. For 50 years I worked as a real estate broker in our family business.

During the growing years of our family, we took trips to the West coast and various parts of the USA and Europe. Favorite annual family vacations were at Ocean Grove, NJ and Sagamore Beach on Cape Cod. Our children continue to vacation at Cape Cod. Two years before Hiram's death (in 2020 from dementia) they took him there for a final visit.

The children loved animals and we had a series of dogs. My favorite was a schnauzer, Champ. After all these years I still miss Champ. Daughter Beth had cats, a dog and horses. Today she lives on a 14 acre farm and has a variety of dogs, cats, horses, goats, and all sorts of fowl -- chickens, guineas, turkeys and ducks.

I volunteer in the Kauffman Archives at the Mennonite Heritage Center three mornings each week. I also work at fund raising for the MHC's endowment. As one of the 1974 founders of the MHC I have a deep-seated need to be sure that the MHC continues its ministry of justice and peace in this community. Without a significant endowment, the future of this essential local ministry cannot be assured.

During college years I spent a summer in VS at Skillman New Jersey and a VS term at London, Ontario. Later in life I went with two Christian Peacemaker Team delegations to Haiti. Hiram and I spent a summer in China teaching English, and in 1976 I joined one of Hiram's choir tours to the Soviet Union.

Throughout life I have volunteered with numerous community and church related non-profits. Most recently every Monday morning during summer and autumn months I took Salford/Advent garden produce to the food pantry in Souderton.

Since 1980 I have been a faithful Salford attendee -- and have persisted through

these 40 years of significant changes in the congregation. It has been an up and down journey but encompasses a joyful faith ending to my life. My biblical directive has been to "Do justice, Love Mercy, Walk humbly with God." The Salford justice issues that we have diligently worked at, have surprisingly come to reality -- respect for women, women pastors, a welcoming atmosphere where all children of God are cherished, the Salford/Advent garden that feeds multitudes in the summer, the Donation of the Month which extends to year-round the summer food pantry, the annual Peace Camp, the Justice and Peace group and all their justice-seeking projects, and the emphasis of the congregation on doing and seeking justice. God is at work at Salford and I am content and at peace as I approach the end of my faith journey.

March 2022 at my home in Peter Becker Community, Franconia Township.

This Week at Salford

Wednesday, March 23

7:30 pm Adult Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

Sunday, March 27

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

Preaching: Dave Greiser

10:30 am Second Hour for All Ages

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

- For ***Jerry and Anita Kapusta***, for peace of mind and a smooth process of recovery and rebuilding following a devastating barn fire on March 10th.
- For ***Ray Yoder*** as he continues gaining strength after his recent liver procedure.
- For ***Karen Zehr*** as she is recovering at home from rotator cuff surgery on March 11th.
- For ***Gladys Nyce*** and ***Pam Miller*** as they adjust to Cindy's absence.
- For ***Roberta Kreider*** as she misses Harold.
- For the ***people of Ukraine and families of the victims of the violence in both Ukraine and Russia*** and for the relief work of MCC.
- All Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for ***Mennonite Central Committee's (MCC) Material Resource Center (MRC) in Souderton, PA***, a Conference Related Ministry. MCC and MRC are working closely to support Ukrainian refugees and persons in Ukraine during this difficult time. Pray for wisdom, resources, and discernment as they continue to supply humanitarian aid in war-torn areas.

Anniversary Blessings...

To **Sharon & Gladys Hunsberger**, who celebrate their 62nd wedding anniversary on March 26th.

Karen Zehr underwent shoulder surgery recently and will need to keep her arm immobilized for some time. the Zehr family would welcome meals to get through this time of recovery for Karen. If you are able to provide a meal, please see this [take them a meal schedule](#). There are two meal slots remaining on this schedule. Thanks for providing care for the Zehrs in this way.

Service & Mission

Donation of the Month for March – Relief Kits for Mennonite Central Committee for refugee relief. The MCC Material Resource Center in Harleysville is planning a relief kit blitz for this spring and requests relief kits as their most

needed item at this time. You may buy the kit contents listed below or make a monetary donation using offering envelopes marked for “Ukraine Emergency Response.”

Contents (NEW items only, in original packaging)

- 4 large bars bath soap
- 1 plastic bottle shampoo (13–24 oz; place in resealable plastic bag)
- 4 large bars laundry soap (Some stores carry Fels Naptha®, Sunlight® or Zote® brands)
- 4 adult-size toothbrushes
- 4 new bath towels (medium weight, dark or bright colors)
- 2 wide-tooth combs (6–8 in)
- 1 fingernail clipper(good quality)
- 1 box adhesive bandages(minimum 40 count, assorted)
- 1 package sanitary pads (18–24 count **thin** maxi)

Thank you for limiting your generosity to the items listed. Due to strict regulations some countries have on the expiration date of toothpaste, MCC no longer asks for toothpaste to be donated with the kits. Instead, we will provide toothpaste with the kits when they ship from our warehouse.

Place contents in a box or bag and drop them off at the collection table by the infant/toddler nursery in the main foyer. The kit will be re-packed in a new 5-gallon plastic pail with lid.

Everyone is invited to the **Justice and Peace Team ministry meeting** on Thursday, March 24 at 7:30PM. Here is the Zoom Link for the meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87212236222?pwd=NIFKN0xYL0dTVVUxZFYODRoNmNVQT09>

Passcode: **886649**

Faith Formation Spotlight

The Soil and the Seed Project for Lent/Easter/Pentecost: Are available in the foyer for your family to enjoy, along with “Little Liturgies” that use scripture each week of Lent for prayer & reflection. More info & digital download available here: <https://www.thesoilandtheseedproject.org/vol-2-lent-easter-pentecost>

Lent At Home: Together we will be doing an all-ages home practice for Lent. Each of the 40 days we will light a candle and read a scripture. The guide booklet also has Ash Wednesday and Good Friday ideas. [Download the booklet or the calendar/placemat here](#) or pick up copies in the foyer.

Racial Justice Learning Group Spotlight

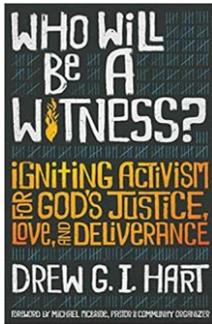
The next meeting of the Racial Justice Learning Group will take place on Sunday, March 27 after second hour, in person! All are welcome to join us for a conversation on our learnings around antiracist discipleship. We will be eating lunch as we talk - more info to come. Save the date!

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:

Who Will be a Witness: Igniting Activism for God's Justice, Love and Deliverance by Drew G.I. Hart



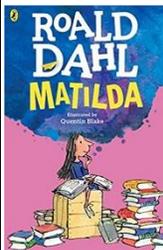
Who Will Be a Witness offers a vision for communities of faith to organize for deliverance and justice in their neighborhoods, states, and nation as an essential part of living out the call of Jesus.

Author Drew G. I. Hart provides incisive insights into Scripture and history, along with illuminating personal stories, to help us identify how the witness of the church has become mangled by Christendom, white supremacy, and religious nationalism. Hart provides a wide range of options for congregations seeking to give witness to Jesus' ethic of love for and solidarity with the

vulnerable.

At a time when many feel disillusioned and distressed, Hart calls the church to action, offering a way forward that is deeply rooted in the life and witness of Jesus. Dr. Hart's testimony is powerful, personal, and profound, serving as a compass that points the church to the future and offers us a path toward meaningful social change and a more faithful witness to the way of Jesus.

Matilda by Roald Dahl Young Reader/Junior Book



Matilda is a sweet, exceptional young girl, but her parents think she's just a nuisance. She expects school to be different but there she has to face Miss Trunchbull, a kid-hating terror of a headmistress. When Matilda is attacked by the Trunchbull she suddenly discovers she has a remarkable power with which to fight back. It'll take a superhuman genius to give Miss Trunchbull what she deserves and Matilda may be just the one to do it!

News & Notes

For All Salford people at the Souderton Mennonite Home: We are hoping to restart the monthly meetings with you! Please come meet with Karen in the **Friendship Room on Monday April 11th from 7-8**. Together, we'll decide what we'd like our monthly gatherings to be. Bring your ideas and suggestions. There will also be a time of sharing about the past two years of the pandemic. If you have questions or if you have ideas but are unable to attend, please contact Karen at 215.237.7367 or bkbergey@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!

If you are interested in and willing to make a **donation to the 2022 Salford Youth Auction**, please [click this link](#) to fill out a form that will indicate what you intend to donate. If you would prefer to fill out a paper form, there will be copies of donation forms available at the welcome center in the church lobby next week. If you choose to fill out this form, please return it to Brad Alderfer in the church office. Regardless of format, please submit your form by April 10th.

In the event of **inclement weather that may affect our Sunday morning worship service and Second Hour**, we will announce any changes or closures by all church email and on the front page of our website by 8:00 am. If there are any questions about inclement weather and you do not have computer access, feel free to call Church Administrator **Brad Alderfer** at (215) 272-6724.

Beyond Salford

The 66th annual **Mennonite Central Committee PA Relief Sale** will be held Friday and Saturday, April 1 and 2 at the Farm Show Building in Harrisburg, PA. All proceeds benefit MCC. The craft stand committee is looking for donations of new, quality items made from fabric, yarn, thread, wood, paper or your specialty medium. Drop-offs can be made any time at the Ephrata MCC Material Resources Center or bring them to the craft stand during the sale. For more info, contact Janet Runion Patton at 717-926-4008 or jcpatton99@gmail.com.

Dock Mennonite Academy is pleased to host the **MSC Choir Festival!** This festival is a one-day event and will feature the choirs from Dock Mennonite Academy, Lancaster Mennonite School, and Shalom Christian Academy. The public is invited to join the closing concert held on April 1 at 7:00 pm at the EC-Grade 8 campus.

The March edition of **On the Level** is now available from **Mennonite Disaster Service**. In our current issue: Learn about the partnership between Fraser Valley Church and MDS Canada in response to last years devastating flood, read about MDS volunteers making a difference for hurricane survivors in Louisiana, and find out how one volunteer went the extra mile to restore a banjo for a flood survivor. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3CM4P89>

Attention Graduate Students in Healthcare Disciplines and BSN students: Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship (MHF) encourages persons studying for healthcare professions at the master's level and above, or the rising junior/senior level in BSN programs, to learn and serve in underserved areas, especially cross-cultural mission/service settings. Apply for a Student Elective Term (SET) grant with MHF to help cover living and travel expenses. For more information, visit our [website](#) or email info@mennohealth.org.