

March 24, 2024

**Sunday, March 24, 9:30 am Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live,** Guest preacher Regina Wenger will preach on Luke 19:28-40; *The Lonesome Valley*

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

**The Contemplative Practices 2<sup>nd</sup> hour will meet in Room 206. We will practice Contemplative Prayer – dress warmly! We will meet in 206 to learn a bit about praying with the Labyrinth and then go OUTSIDE to walk the Labyrinth together. We'd love to see you with us!**

**Emmaus Road Sermon Discussion Class will be meeting following worship in the Church Library. Interested in talking about the sermon? The Emmaus Road group welcomes all.**

**March 17, 2024**

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\$6,205  
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\$1,704  
**Total Budget Offering \$9,989**  
Mennonite              Action  
Offering: \$370

## Holy Week is Here

Holy week begins this Sunday with the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. This Sunday is known both as Palm Sunday and Passion Sunday. This year, Regina Wenger, a Mennonite minister now on staff at MHEP, will bring the message at Salford. As always, our children will lead off the service processing with palm fronds.

In order for us to be fully prepared for the joy of Easter, it is important to become immersed in each of the services of Holy Week. Some years we've had a "Maundy Thursday" service at Salford. This year we will remember the death of Jesus on Good Friday at 7 p.m., through a simple service of scripture, songs and choir selections-the "Tenebrae" service. "Tenebrae" means "darkness" or "shadows." It is a quiet and reflective service which was created by monks to be used in monasteries; it is the most solemn service of the Christian year. You may not be drawn to attend a somber church service; but remembering the death of Jesus is a needed part of our spiritual experience, if we are to come to Easter rejoicing.

Our choir and pastoral team, along with many faithful volunteers, have prepared well for this week. Join us on Friday evening and again on Sunday as we go the last steps with Jesus toward his empty tomb! - Dave Greiser, lead pastor

## Easter Sunday Worship Service Schedule

Our Easter Sunday Worship Service on March 31<sup>st</sup> will begin at 9:30 am. We will not have children's Sunday school or adult Second hour on Easter Sunday so families can prepare for time together.

## Final MYF Auction Reminders

We cannot wait to see everyone this Saturday, March 23 for the MYF Auction! The meal begins at 4:00 P.M. and the auction will begin at 5:30 P.M. Make sure to give yourself plenty of time to browse the auction items before the auction begins!

Here are a few final reminders:

- You can view all of the items up for auction by clicking this [link](#).
- If you are unable to attend the auction, but would like to make bids, make sure you connect with someone beforehand to bid on your behalf.
- Attenders are invited to bring a dessert to share as part of the meal.
- Childcare is available starting at 5:15 P.M. Infants-kindergarteners will be in one of the children's Second Hour rooms and 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders will be in the schoolhouse.

We look forward to seeing everyone soon!

If you have any questions or concerns, contact Pastor Andrew at [zetsa@salfordmc.org](mailto:zetsa@salfordmc.org).

## This Week at Salford

### **Future Salford Events**

**March 23** – Youth Auction and Fundraiser meal.

**March 29** – Good Friday Worship Service, 7:00 pm

**March 31** – Easter Sunday Worship, 9:30 am, No Second Hour on Easter Sunday

**April 7** - Monthly Communion Service

**April 10** – Faith Formation Night with Anna Martin from Bethany Birches Camp

**April 21** – Brooke Martin Service of Ordination

**May 5** – Dock Academy Touring Choir Performance at Salford

**May 12** – Monthly Communion with Foot Washing

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](mailto:alderferb@salfordmc.org)

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### **Tuesday, March 26**

7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

### **Thursday, March 28**

7:30 pm Nursery Ministry Team Meeting (Library)

### **Friday, March 29**

7:00 pm Good Friday Worship Service (Sanctuary)

### **Sunday, March 31**

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

Preaching: Dave Greiser

No Second Hour on Easter Sunday

## **Our Church Family**

### **Prayer Concerns**

- For **Julie Wimmer** who is home recovering from hip surgery. Pray for a quick recovery.
- For **Monica Schroeder** who is home recovering from abdominal surgery. Pray for a quick recovery.
- For several in our community who are waiting on test results. Pray for peace as they wait and for a clear path to healing.
- For the **Frederick family**. Glenn passed on Thursday morning at Foulkeways. Pray for **Elizabeth, Lori, Darryl** and the rest of the family as they spend time together this weekend. A celebration of life will be held later this spring.
- The **Salford Mennonite Child Care Center Ministry Team** asks for prayers for all children who experience neglect, abuse, poverty, hunger, fear, loneliness and lack of purpose in life. May all adults and the Salford Mennonite Child Care Center be ambassadors of God's everlasting love for all children as it celebrates its 40th anniversary this year and prepares for the next years.
- All Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for the **MCC Material Resource Center in Harleysville, PA**, especially on March 25-27 for the MCC Meat Canner. The canned meat is shared with those around the world who experience war, weather disasters, poverty, famine, and other emergency situations. This year they plan to process 24,000 pounds of pork to send to Cuba and Ukraine.

### **Anniversary Blessings...**

To **Sharon & Gladys Hunsberger**, who celebrate their 63<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary on March 26th.

Dear Salford, We have begun the process of formally renewing our membership at Advent Lutheran Church. Our decision to return there has been a long time in the making, and we have prayed for the Holy Spirit to guide us through the discernment.

That being said, we would like to express our gratitude to the members of Salford Mennonite for the welcome, indeed embrace, within the many ministries undertaken by brothers and sisters in Christ. We participated in Second Hour Classes. Wednesday quilting, Small Group Dinner Meetings, the Racial Justice Group, Worship Planning and the Human Sexuality Discernment Process. Our spiritual journey was nurtured by faith-inspired worship and that food for thought was time and again in a context of sharing food in the Fellowship Hall or in the grove. We appreciated the congregational send-off before our seven-month stint in Wittenberg, as well as the welcome to our guests from Germany and other places when we returned to attend services again.

We continue to pray for Salford members, for this church board, and for the larger

denomination. We acknowledge, often in public, the impact of particularly the Racial Justice Group on our lives. Our hearts rejoice as we think that we will continue to see friends from Salford in our larger community, as well as on those occasions when we attend worship at Salford.

May God's love and blessing continue to abound among you all, **Jean & Steve Godsall-Myers.**

### **Service & Mission**

**Donation of the Month for March – MANNA ON MAIN STREET, ITEMS NEEDED: Long Pasta (spaghetti, linguine, etc.) Tomato Products (diced, crushed, puree, paste, etc.) Bean soups, Beef soups, 100% fruit juices.**

Manna on Main Street is committed to ending hunger in the North Penn region by providing food, fulfilling social service and education needs, and conducting community outreach. Through a food pantry and soup kitchen, emergency financial aid, counseling and referrals, and education opportunities, we serve those in need with the hope "that everyone might be fed."

Please place items in the basket at the donation of the month table or on the shelves in coat room.

## **Did You Know? Celebrating Salford Mennonite Child Care Center's Upcoming 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

On September 6, 1984 Salford Day Care officially opened its doors to children aged 6 months to 5 years old. The center was open year-round from 6:30 AM to 6:00 PM, closing only for major holidays and one week in June for Summer Bible School (now known as Peace Camp). The first director was Barbara Landis, and new E.M.U. graduate Donna Moyer and two M.C.C. trainees from Germany and Switzerland were the first teachers/teacher aides. By December, the enrollment was already 28 children.

Over the years the Day Care saw many exciting transformations. There were staffing changes as well as updates for facilities and programming. Responding to parents' needs "before and after" care hours were offered, a licensed full-day Kindergarten classroom was added, and summer camps for older siblings were launched. From the start there was a consistent priority of providing for staff salary needs as well as affordable care for families.

## **Faith Formation Spotlight**

All kids are invited to participate in the procession with palms this Sunday, which will happen toward the beginning of the service. Please send your kids to the library at 9:15 am to receive their palm and prepare. Jr. and Sr. MYF are also invited to help as leaders and guides for the younger kids.

**We need volunteers to make Peace Camp 2024 a success!** We've already had 30 kids register! There are many tasks to do before, during, and after camp. Prayerfully consider how you can support the children of this congregation and the local community.

We are in need of: 2 Small Group Leaders; Kitchen Cooking, Serving & Cleanup; Setup and Registration support.

Contact Jenn Svetlik at [salfordpeacecamp@gmail.com](mailto:salfordpeacecamp@gmail.com) to learn more about how you can be a part of this very memorable week!

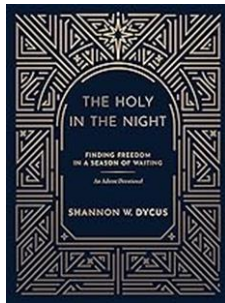
## Welcoming Path Learning Corner

March 26 marks the one year anniversary of Salford adopting our new Welcome Statement. For the past two months, we have provided a weekly primer on terminology to help give us the words and meanings to help make conversations easier and more comfortable. As we celebrate this milestone, we invite you to consider what you can do to become a more supportive and informed ally to LGBTQ+ people. The book [The Savvy Ally](#) is an excellent resource for those looking to grow in this area. The Trevor Project also offers a range of articles on topics such as [Understanding Bisexuality](#), [Understanding Gay & Lesbian Identities](#), and [Understanding Gender Identities](#). And beginning April 28, the Welcoming Path team will offer a short series of second hour elective classes so we can continue our learning together.

## 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>

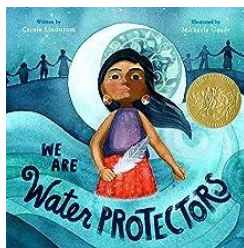
### The Holy In the Night – Finding Freedom in a Season of Waiting An Advent Devotional By: Shannon W. Dycus



If you approach this Advent season waiting for something--in your life, in your family or community, or in a fractured world--you are not alone. This season reminds us that our waiting is not wasted. Even in our longest nights, divine work endures. What if we were free enough to do the same?

Drawing on lectionary scripture readings from the Old and New Testaments and the voices of Black and Brown modern-day prophets, author Shannon Dycus offers reflections for each day of the season. Her meditations stretch open possibilities for faithfulness during silence, ambivalence, doubt, and unknowing. This Advent, accept the invitation to witness and know the presence of God amid waiting. Give voice to freedom, grace, struggle, and beauty--to see again the ways that God emerges in this inward season. DONATED

### We Are Water Protectors By: Carole Lindstrom



Inspired by the many Indigenous-led movements across North America, *We Are Water Protectors* issues an urgent rallying cry to safeguard the Earth's water from harm and corruption—a bold and lyrical picture book written by Carole Lindstrom and vibrantly illustrated by Michaela Goade.

*Water is the first medicine.  
It affects and connects us all . . .*

When a black snake threatens to destroy the Earth And poison her people's water, one young water protector takes a stand to defend Earth's most sacred resource. DONATED



### Lovely by: Jess Hong

Simple and clear. A book about accepting differences as what makes a person "lovely." All kinds of people are shown to put differences on equal footing. Nothing is better than anything else. And it's all "Lovely."

## News & Notes

**Adult Choir Members:** Please arrive at 8:40 am on Sunday morning, March 24<sup>th</sup> for practice before the worship service.

Parents and loved ones of LGBTQIA folks: we are forming an affirming circle to meet regularly, beginning in early April. Interested? Talk to **Pastor Karen**.

Your **Salford Volleyball team** pull out a gritty 5-0 win over Faith Community church last Monday despite missing our two star players Adam Messner and Jeff Hackman. The team was buoyed by huge games from Augustine Byas and Lela Martin. Lela's kill rate was a stunning 89%. With 2 weeks to go in the season Salford is in 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the league. Monday night's game is at 8:30pm at Calvary Church v. Cornerstone.

**Anabaptist World group subscriptions** are due for renewal. A renewal form has been placed in each church mailbox with extra copies at the Welcome Center. A subscription through the group subscription costs \$40.00; \$15.00 off the regular subscription price. Please return the form and your payment to the church office by March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024. All subscribers will need to indicate their intention to renew. There are some budget funds available for subscriptions for those who have difficulty covering the subscription cost.

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 8:30 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 March edition of **On the Level** is now available from **Mennonite Disaster Service**. In our current issue: Kevin King explores where we would see Jesus in disaster responses, get the latest on the damage left by the Midwest tornadoes, and learn how a remote electrician is adding a spark to an MDS project. Plus, check out the volunteer opportunities for this summer and fall. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/4adqxsS>