

March 27, 2022

**Sunday, March 27, 9:30 am Indoor Worship at Salford and on Facebook and YouTube Live,** Lead Pastor Dave Greiser will preach on 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; *A Whole New World*

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

**Sunday, March 20**

Offering  
\$12,471

ACH Electronic Offering  
\$1,975

Vanco Online Offering  
\$2,939

**Total Budget Offering \$17,395**

**MCC Ukraine Response/Relief Kits Donations:**

**\$1,145**

### 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 Salford
- June 18-19, weekend with Marshall

## **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 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.*

## **Therefore I Will Hope: Holy Weekend Vigil Practices for All Ages**

*"The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in God." (Lamentations 3:24)*

Holy Week is a time of extremes: within one week, the deepest despair and the brightest hope. These extremes are also present within our world and within ourselves. Join us on Holy Weekend for practices to make space for these conflicting emotions as we hold vigil till Easter.

Self-guided vigil practices will be available outdoors from Maundy Thursday, April 14 at 6pm through Holy Saturday evening, April 16. In the carport you'll find a hands-on prayer practice and a prayer walk guide. A story walk featuring a children's book will be available in the grove. The labyrinth will also be available at any time.

On Saturday 10am-12pm tables will be set up in the carport with additional practices: seed planting, resurrection eggs and egg coloring, and a fire pit.

All of these practices are appropriate for all ages; the resurrection eggs are geared more toward children and the prayer walk is for those who prefer more contemplative engagement. Come at any time from Thursday at 6pm through Saturday evening, participating in whichever of these practices helps you hold vigil

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](mailto:alderferb@salfordmc.org)

until the Resurrection.

## Getting to Know Steve Hackman

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 **Steve Hackman**.



1. Our family members and ages: Steve, 70, Lois, 65
2. Where we live: Allentown Road, Souderton
3. Where we work: One Village Coffee
4. How long have we attended Salford: 15 years
5. Places we have lived in the past: Lansdale, Bally, Pennsburg, Philadelphia, Harrisonburg & Charlottesville, VA.
6. Favorite scripture: Proverbs 3:5-7
7. Where we went to school: Eastern Mennonite University
8. When and where we were married: Bally Mennonite Church
9. In two words, something/s you love about Salford: Welcoming, friendly
10. First car I/we owned: 1964 Chevy Impala
11. Favorite place to visit on vacation: Bar Harbor, Maine
12. One place we hope to visit: Jerusalem
13. Our hobbies: Jogging, biking, golf
14. A unique ability or skill: I can break an apple in half by hand.
15. Favorite foods: Vietnamese, Chinese
16. Favorite type of music or musician: Christian Rock
17. Favorite movies or tv shows: Ben Hur
18. Favorite books or magazine: Consumer Reports
19. A favorite hymn or praise song: How Great Thou Art
20. Favorite childhood memory: Driving my homemade Go-cart
21. One thing I/we are known for: Coffee
22. One thing on my bucket list: Western USA to visit to the many National Parks
23. One goal I'd like to accomplish in my lifetime: Live healthy for the rest of my life

## This Week at Salford

### Wednesday, March 30

7:30 pm Adult Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

### Sunday, April 3

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

Preaching: Music Worship

10:30 am Second Hour for All Ages

## Our Church Family

### Prayer Concerns

- For **Lucy Detwiler** who was released on Wednesday from Grandview and will be recovering in the Souderton Mennonite Home Rehab.
- For **Ray Yoder** for strength and peace in his struggle with myeloma.
- For **Karen Zehr** as she continues to recover from rotator cuff surgery in March.
- For **Roberta Kreider** as she celebrates her birthday and wedding anniversary without Harold.
- For **Salford youth and all older high school students** as they navigate a busy

time of year and ponder future plans and life after high school.

- For **those who struggle with mental health issues and everyone grieving the losses** we've faced during the past two years of the pandemic.
- All Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for **Academia Menonita Betania, a bilingual, Christian, pre K-12 school in Puerto Rico**, that has hosted visiting work groups from Mosaic Conference. Please pray specifically for their need to hire more teachers and for financial support. To learn more, go to [www.ambetania.org](http://www.ambetania.org).

### **Birthday Blessings...**

To **Roberta Kreider**, who celebrate her 96<sup>th</sup> birthday on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Memories of Bud Gross by John Ruth**

(Adapted from tribute given at Salford Mennonite Church on October 30, 2021)



**Hiram "Bud" L. Gross** was born on August 9, 1937, in Sellersville, PA to the late Hiram L. and Mary (Clemens) Gross, of Souderton, PA. A graduate of Souderton High School class of 1955, he then continued his education at Wheaton College, where he served on the football team, and at Purdue University. He served in the US Army during the Vietnam conflict. Bud was offered a tech job in Anaheim, California. Attending a Presbyterian Church at Hollywood, he met and then married Evangeline "Vangie" Pearl Cranston, who was from Los Angeles. They had a son Brian. From 1966 to 1996 Bud was employed by Rockwell, working with advanced computer technology for the Aerospace Corporation in California.

In 1997, when Bud was 60 years old, his wife Evangeline died. Retiring from his work, Bud moved home to the community of his birth. Here Bud became fascinated with his spiritual and genealogical roots.

He met nurse Carol (Detweiler) Shisler of the Salford congregation, still living in the home across the road from the church where she and her deceased husband Paul Shisler had lived. Bud and Carol were married in 2000, and he joined her congregation and Second-hour Sunday School class. While enthusiastically sympathetic to an Evangelical point of view, here he rediscovered a positive relation to his Anabaptist historical roots.

Bud now combined his digital savvy with a passion for genealogy, producing an online platform enabling users to find the ancestry of almost anybody of local Mennonite derivation since the immigration of the 1700's. As a result, his email could brim improbably with inquiries to [wc.rootsweb.com/~budgross](http://wc.rootsweb.com/~budgross) from across the nation.

Bud's enthusiasm for fraktur made him extremely helpful in scanning and marketing Roma Ruth's work. He donated the originals of three examples now hanging in our entrance area of the Salford Meetinghouse.

He was active and generous with his time with the Mennonite Historians of Eastern PA, serving for a while on its Board.

For over two decades Bud was an appreciated and regular participant in the local so-called "Wisdom Table," consisting of six to ten men meeting weekly for breakfast at the Energy Station. Never shy to



disagree, Bud's intelligence and humor made him a very appreciated participant, even though he was the only member of the group to use a Macintosh.

Bud's last session with the Wisdom Table was on June 19, 2021, and he passed from this life on the following October 3 at the Souderton Mennonite Home.

Bud was a presence in our community spiritually, socially, and artistically, and that presence will be missed as we at Salford give thanks for it with Carol and his family.

### **Service & Mission**

Thanks to all for your generous donations of **\$15,000 to the Ukraine Emergency Response appeal**. A check for \$7,500 was sent to Mennonite Central Committee for emergency response needs for Ukraine, and an additional check for \$7,500 will be sent to the MCC Material Resource Center of Harleysville later this month along with the accumulated donated relief kits.

**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.

### **Racial Justice Learning Group Spotlight**

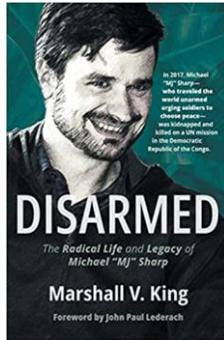
The next meeting of the Racial Justice Learning Group will take place on Sunday, March 27 after second hour, in person! All are welcome to join us. We will be having a conversation on joy and antiracist discipleship. Bring your own lunch - we'll eat in the Fellowship Hall as we talk.

### **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:

## Disarmed – The Radical Life and Legacy of Michael “MJ” Sharp By Marshall King



At 34 years old, Michael “MJ” Sharp was working for the United Nations Group of Experts in the Democratic Republic of the Congo—urging rebels to lay down their weapons—when he was murdered, likely assassinated alongside his colleague Zaida Catalán by those with government ties. This compelling account of MJ’s life, death, and legacy from longtime journalist Marshall V. King explores what compelled Sharp to travel the world working for peace and the ongoing impact of his life and death in the ongoing story of Christian peacemaking in a war-torn world.

MJ was a modern Mennonite armed with wit and intellect, but not a gun. The son of a Mennonite pastor, he demonstrated a gift for listening and persuading early in life. His efforts to approach others with acknowledgement rather than judgement gave him the ability to connect on a level very few managed. He also honed a deep commitment to peace, and after college he joined the Mennonite Mission Network and moved to Germany, where he persuaded soldiers to choose peace and free them of their violent systems.

## 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...

## News & Notes

**Cindy Moyer** and **Ron Souder** received very strong affirmation from the congregation as new Church Board members. They attended the March 15<sup>th</sup> church board meeting as new members.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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.