

March 3, 2024

Sunday, March 3, 9:30 am Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live, Lead Pastor Dave Greiser will preach on 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 and we will participate in communion

10:30 am Second Hour for all ages

The Accessibility Ministry Team will be leading the "My Body is Not a Prayer Request" Second Hour Elective in the Fellowship Hall.

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.

February 25, 2024

Offering
\$7,514
ACH Electronic

Offering
\$2,080
Vanco Online Offering
\$3,766

**Total Budget Offering
\$13,360**

**Children's Offering
\$50**

**Garden Fundraiser:
\$11,621**

Future Salford Events
March 3 – Monthly Communion Service

Celebrating the Garden

One of my favorite Sundays at Salford is the annual fundraiser-luncheon for the Advent-Salford Garden. Last Sunday was another great event!

I'm not sure which part of Garden Sunday is my favorite. The food is wonderful, of course. I came into the building soon after 6 a.m. Donna Barndt was already in the kitchen preparing the pork for roasting. By the time worship was ending four hours later, the whole building smelled of pork and sauerkraut.

After second hour, the fellowship hall filled with folks from Salford, Advent, and an array of community ministries that receive produce from the garden. It's moving to hear the speakers-some of them workers who provide groceries and meals, and others who are the recipients of the meals.

Each year "farmer" Steve Blank performs his greatest gift of love – bravely overcoming his fear of public speaking to thank volunteers and report on just how much food was raised during the summer. Close your eyes and try to picture thousands of pounds of vegetables.

This year, Steve was hoping to raise \$9,000.00 from the luncheon and other donations to put toward a storage shed and other supplies. By mid-week we had received \$11,600.00 toward the goal. Thanks to all who came, who ate, who gave, and thanks to every person who worked and encouraged this vital ministry! Dave Greiser, lead pastor

A Service of Grief and Hope for Palestine

On Sunday, March 17, Salford will join with four other Mosaic Conference Churches - Ambler Mennonite, Plains, Perkasio, and Methacton - for a service of prayer, lament, and hope for the people of Palestine and Israel. For months we have watched, cried, prayed and sought to raise our voices for a cease-fire in Gaza. Now we will gather to join our voices as one.

On the 17th, there will be no worship service at Salford. Instead, we will meet at 10:15 a.m. at Plains Mennonite. Following the service there will be a fellowship meal.

This service originated from conversations between Pastor Jacob Curtis at Ambler, and Sam Kuttab, a Palestinian Mennonite who lives in Wyncote and relates to Oxford Circle Mennonite Church in Philadelphia. The tentative plan is for singing, a children's time with storytelling from Gaza, and a service divided into prayers of lament and prayers of hope. Palestinians and Jews will talk about their griefs and hope for Palestine and give the congregation a chance to lay hands on them and pray for them. There will be a special offering taken for the work of Mennonite Action, the grassroots organization that has arisen as a response to the violence in Gaza.

This service will be a wonderful opportunity to deepen relationships with members of four other Mosaic Conference churches and to stand in solidarity with suffering people in Gaza. More information to come next week about the fellowship meal and offering.

March 10 – Families with Children and Youth Potluck

March 16 – Women's Event Dinner Yahtzee, Meeting at 4:30 pm at Salford

March 17 – Prayers for Palestine Worship Service at Plains Mennonite Church, 10:15 am

March 23 – Youth Auction and Fundraiser meal.

April 7 - Monthly Communion Service

April 21 – Brooke Martin Service of Ordination

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

"My Body Is Not a Prayer Request": Four Week Second Hour Elective

From Sunday, Feb. 11 to March 3, join Laura Alderfer and the Accessibility Ministry Team for a four-week Second Hour elective which will highlight parts of this powerful, humorous book which combines compelling storytelling, bible exegesis, and practical application. Kenny exposes unintentional ableism and casts a new vision for Christian communities to engage disability justice. The book [can be purchased here](#) or [on Audible](#), but it is not required reading to participate in the class. This class will be located in the Fellowship Hall, or on **Zoom: [Zoom Link](#)**

Passcode: 911123

Class outline:

Week 4: Disability "mosquitoes" and expired chocolate milk: How our language affects those with disabilities. Sharing our own stories and experiences

Zoom Gathering for Online Participants

Have you been engaging with Salford at a distance by watching our services online? If so, we would love to get to know you! On **Thursday, March 14, from 7:00-8:00 P.M.**, the pastoral staff and members of the church board will host a Zoom gathering to connect with people who are connecting with Salford from far away. We'll enjoy time in large and small groups as we work to get to know the community connecting with us outside the building.

To participate, complete [this form](#). The Zoom link will be sent to the email address you provide on the form. We hope to see you on the 14th!

Women's Event - Dinner Yahtzee

Who: Anyone who identifies as female, college age and up

What: Fun evening of dinner with 4 other women. Get to meet some new friends or get to know some old friends better.

When: **Saturday March 16, at 4:30**

Where: Meet in the church foyer and then go to an area restaurant of your choice.

How: When you arrive you will write your name on a slip of paper that will be put in a bowl. Once everyone arrives dinner groups will be formed by drawing 5 names from the bowl at random. The group of 5 will designate a driver and chose where they would like to go eat dinner together. ***This is a great event to bring someone new to Salford. If you bring a friend you may include them on your slip so you may be together in a group.*** There will be a chosen time to return to church so groups can report on their dining experiences.

No need to RSVP. Cindy Moyer is the point person if you have questions.

This Week at Salford

Tuesday, March 5

7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, March 6

8:30 am Sewing Circle (Gathering Room)

Sunday, March 10

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

Preaching: Dave Greiser
10:30 am Second Hour for All Ages
12:00 pm Potluck for Families with Children and Youth (Fellowship Hall)

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

- For **Gladys Nyce** who is recovering after a successful procedure on her eye,
- For **Beth Yoder**. Thursday March 7, at 10:00 will be her final conversation with the Review Committee regarding the status of her credentials as a pastor in Mosaic Conference. This committee will make a recommendation to the Ministerial Committee, who in turn reports to the conference board; action is not expected to be taken until nearer the end of the two-year probation period, November or December of this year. Beth is grateful to have Dave Greiser present representing Salford, and asks for prayer to speak with clarity, respect, and conviction - and from a peaceful heart.
- All Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for Mosaic's plans to celebrate Pentecost **together / juntos / bersama**. As we look forward to celebrating the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost this year, we will move from gathering virtually (which served us well during the covid pandemic) to a relationship-focused interchange of leaders and congregations across the Conference on Pentecost. Pray for the Holy Spirit to move each congregations to build meaningful relationships with each other.

Birthdays Blessings...

To **Carol Gross**, who celebrates her 80th birthday on March 4th.

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.

Salford/Advent Lutheran Garden Update, February 29th, 2024:

Greetings fellow gardeners. this past Sunday was our Annual fundraiser luncheon. We had a great turn out. Almost all of the organizations we donate to were able to attend. When you hear their stories, it is unbelievable the great need that is out there in our neighborhoods. This year I was asking for \$9,000 to help with the cost of a new shed. We smashed that number out of the ballpark. After all the counting we ended up with \$11,621. Wow that is incredible, I am overjoyed, humbled and speechless. After a very stressful week it all came together in a terrific way. Thank you to all of you who donated to this mission. An extra special thank you to Donna Derstine, Donna Barndt and Lory Blank for their extra effort on short notice. I will be sending updates on when we will start to work in the garden. I have a list of priorities we just need a few nice spring weekends and we are off and running/planting. Steve

Faith Formation Spotlight

Faith Formation Night—Wednesday, March 13, 5:30-8:00 P.M.

Join us for our monthly Faith Formation Night! This month the adults will be led by Josh Meyer, a financial consultant from Everence. Please RSVP to Pastor Andrew by March 11. We hope to see people of all ages on the 13th!

5:30-6:15 P.M.: Dinner

6:15-6:30 P.M.: Worship

6:30-8:00 P.M.: Age-specific programs

Kids Club: A space for 1st-5th graders to have a fun time exploring various themes and stories from Scripture through crafts, games, and a variety of activities.

Junior MYF, Senior MYF, and Adults: A gathering of 6th through 12th graders that connects for games, conversation, and contemplation to provide mutual support and foster spiritual growth. This month we will organize and do some preparation for the auction, connect with each other through games and conversation, and take time for reflection and contemplation.

Adults: No matter what phase of life we are in, we all have questions about how to be wise and loving with the resources available to us. Josh's workshop will help participants think through what areas of their financial life they should be prioritizing. The session will have people tending to their financial health as well as thinking about how good personal stewardship enables us to be more responsive to the needs in our communities.

Salford Youth in Upcoming Musicals

This March, there are quite a few Salford youth performing in their school musicals. As a community it would be great if we can get out and show them our support! Below is information about showtimes and links to purchase tickets.

- **Avery Goldcamp, Naomi Kaczor, and Jesse Ehst** are all taking part in Dock's middle school musical. Get your tickets now for our 2024 Musical, *Shrek, Jr!* There will be four shows in the EC-8 auditorium: Friday, March 1 at 7pm; Saturday, March 2 at 3pm; Saturday, March 2 at 7pm; and Sunday, March 3 at 3pm. Tickets are \$13 for adults, \$10 for senior citizens, and \$5 for students. [Click here](#) to buy tickets online & reserve your seat now!
- **Alexa Sefing** is the lead in the upcoming Upper Perkiomen High School musical, *Emma: A Pop Musical*. There are performance dates March 7-10. You can order tickets by clicking [here](#).
- **Aisling Shelly** and **Finn Shelly** will be in Indian Valley Middle School's musical *There's A Monster In My Closet*. The production runs from March 7-9 at 7pm for \$5. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the main office or at the door.
- Come see **Christian Schwendy's** theatre debut as Tsar Nicholas II in Pennridge Central Middle School's production of *Anastasia!* You'll also see and hear **Andrew Schwendy's** contributions in the tech booth. There are showings on March 1 and 2 at 7:00pm and March 2 at 3:00pm. Get your tickets from the following [link](#).
- Get your tickets for Dock Mennonite Academy's high school performance of *Matilda: The Musical* and see **Lela Martin** perform. The show runs from March 14-16, and you can get tickets [here](#). Please note that the performance is at Dock's EC-8 campus at 420 Godshall Road, Souderton, PA.

Potluck for Salford's Children and Youth Ministries on Sunday, March 10

After Second Hour on March 10, Andrew and Jenn will be hosting a potluck for everyone involved in children and youth ministries: children and youth (ages 2-18),

parents/guardians, Second Hour teacher and aides, and MYF sponsors. Bring a dish to share and please bring your own plates and cutlery to reduce the waste we generate.

Our primary goal is to provide a space of fellowship where families can interact with each other and the trusted adults who are participating in their youths' faith formation. Additionally, there will be 10-15 minutes of updates from Jenn and Andrew. Topics will include: content for the upcoming Sunday School spring quarter and Circle of Grace curricula, elementary school offering discernment project, Peace Camp, the MYF's spring service and event schedule, final needs for the MYF auction, and more.

We hope to have these potlucks twice a year, so join us for the first gathering!

Welcoming Path Learning Corner

Many people refrain from talking about sexual orientation and gender identity or expression because it feels taboo, or because they're afraid of saying the wrong thing. This weekly primer on terminology is to help give us the words and meanings to help make conversations easier and more comfortable. This week, we review a few additional terms related to sexual orientation and gender identity.

Transitioning: A series of processes that some transgender people may undergo in order to live more fully as their true gender. This typically includes social transition, such as changing name and pronouns, medical transition, which may include hormone therapy or gender affirming surgeries, and legal transition, which may include changing legal name and sex on government identity documents. Transgender people may choose to undergo some, all or none of these processes.

Questioning: A term used to describe people who are in the process of exploring their sexual orientation or gender identity.

Outing: Exposing someone's lesbian, gay, bisexual transgender or gender non-binary identity to others without their permission. Outing someone can have serious repercussions on employment, economic stability, personal safety or religious or family situations.

Accessibility Spotlight

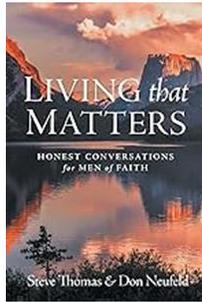
The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Souderton office, along with the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Montgomery County are hosting a free talk for parents and caregivers: "Anxiety in Children and Teens: Everyday techniques to calm anxiety, and medication mythbusters." Tuesday, March 12 at 6:30pm at the Indian Valley Public Library in Telford. [Register here.](#)

Indian Creek Foundation: Summer Therapeutic Activities Program *Our STAP program is an excellent clinical program for children and teens with Autism. Half days by age group, M-F July 8-August 16. Contact Anne Westrom soon to see if our program is right for your child! 267-203-1500, x139 or awestrom@indcreek.org*

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>

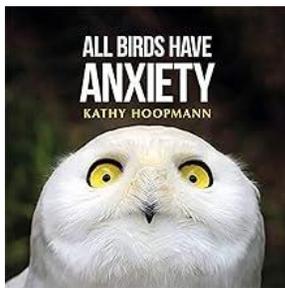
Living that Matters – Honest Conversations for Men of Faith By: Steve Thomas & Don Neufeld



Do you wonder what it means to be a man? Do you desire to grow? Want something more? Long for a life that matters? Seek to make a difference in the world? If so, Living That Matters may be for you or your group. This practical handbook is a guide to help individuals and groups engage in honest conversations on what matters most for men—with a focus on following Jesus, forming community, and building peace.

With over 60 years of combined experience in pastoral ministry and social work geared toward men, authors Steve Thomas and Don Neufeld offer many short reflections to help individuals and groups deepen relationships with one another, with ourselves, with our families and communities, and with God as we seek to live into God's shalom—a peaceable order with abundance, security, and justice for all and well-being throughout creation. DONATED

All Birds Have Anxiety By: Kathy Hoopman



Life as a bird can be stressful! From worrying about airplanes, windows, and getting enough worms to eat, it is clear that birds can be anxious beings. Through a light-touch, quizzical depiction of bird behaviour, *All Birds Have Anxiety* uses colourful images and astute explanations to explore with gentle humor what it means to live with anxiety day-to-day, and how to begin to deal with it.

Following the style of the best-selling *All Cats Have Asperger Syndrome* and *All Dogs Have ADHD*, wonderful color photographs express the complex and difficult ideas related to anxiety disorder in an easy-to-understand way. This simple yet profound book validates the deeper everyday experiences of anxiety, provides an empathic understanding of the many symptoms associated with anxiety, and offers compassionate suggestions for change.

The combination of understanding and gentle humor makes this the ideal introduction to anxiety disorder for those diagnosed with this condition, their family and friends and those generally interested in understanding anxiety. DONATED

News & Notes

Salford Friends at Souderton Mennonite Home - join us for our monthly gathering on March 11 from 7-8 in the Friendship Room. We will observe communion together. Questions – call Pastor Karen.

The **Salford Mailbox reorganization has been delayed for one week and will now be completed for March 10th**. Please remove all items from your mailboxes in the coming weeks. If your mailbox has a “hold mail” sticker and you would like to receive mail, please remove the sticker. If you would like a mailbox and do not have one or would like to check the status of your mailbox, please contact **Church Administrator Brad Alderfer**.

Address Update, effective March 4th:

Debbie Wilcox

41 W Summit Ave, Telford PA 18969

In **Salford volleyball news**; despite injuries and blood left on the court your Salford team has moved into 1st place beating Penn Valley 5-0. We lost one of our star players, Jeff Hackman, to an ankle injury in game two but stayed tough and

won out. This coming Monday's game is at Immanuel Leidy's at 8:30pm v. Crosspoint Baptist.

The next book for the **Banned/Challenged Book Club** is Burger's Daughter by Nadine Gordimer. A story that takes place during apartheid in South Africa. We will be meeting on March 20 at 6:30. All are welcome to join in the discussion!

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

Join us on **Tuesday, March 12 at 7:00 pm** when the Hesston College Bel Canto Singers will be at **Zion Mennonite Church in Souderton**. The 19-voice mixed chamber choir, under the direction of Dr. Russell Adrian and accompanied by Ken Rodgers, will present a program titled "Common Ground." The 2023-24 academic year marks the 40th season for the Bel Canto Singers, Hesston College's premier choral ensemble.