

May 15, 2022

**Sunday, May 15, 9:30 am** Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live, Guest Preacher Cesar Garcia, General Secretary of Mennonite World Conference will preach on Ephesians 2:11-22; *Breaking the Body of Christ?*

**10:30 am** Second Hour for all ages; Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery class in the Gathering Room, right side.

**Sunday, May 8, 2022**  
Offering \$4,711  
ACH Electronic Offering \$1,975  
Vanco Online Offering \$4,035  
**Total Budget Offering \$10,721**  
**Youth Auction and Fundraiser Meal \$1,070**

### Future Salford Events

- May 15 – Cesar Garcia Preaching at Salford, all church potluck following Worship
- May 22 – Dock Mennonite Academy Touring Choir at Salford
- June 18-19, weekend with Marshall King, author of “Disarmed: The Radical Life and Legacy of

## All Church Potluck on May 15, 2022

An all Church Potluck Fellowship meal is being planned for May 15, 2022, at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a main dish and salad/side dish or dessert to share. Please bring your place settings for the meal. The kitchen committee will not be providing a main dish or side dishes for the meal, so a variety of dishes are welcome. Your dishes can be brought to the kitchen prior to worship, and our Potluck Fellowship team will be there to assist you with refrigeration, heating, or serving instructions for your dish as needed. Please mark your dishes and serving utensils with your name.

## Cesar Garcia at Salford on May 15, 2022

Cesar Garcia, General Secretary of Mennonite World Conference will be with us at Salford on Sunday, May 15, 2022, to preach the morning sermon in worship and bring greetings from the global Mennonite Church. Cesar has been the General Secretary of Mennonite World Conference since 2011. He grew up in Bogota, Colombia, became a Christian there as a teenager, and responded to the call to be a pastor and church planter. He graduated from Colombia Biblical Seminary, then met and was influenced by Anabaptists and began reading Anabaptist writings. While planting and pastoring Strong Tower Mennonite Brethren Church in Bogota, Cesar was elected president of the Mennonite Brethren churches in Colombia. After completing an M.A. at Fresno Pacific Seminary in California, Cesar was chosen as General Secretary of MWC. He is married to Sandra Baez, also a Fresno Pacific grad, and they have two grown daughters.

## Salford Nursery update, May 2022

The Salford nursery is open during worship and second hour for children 2 and under. At this time several children are present there each Sunday, and families are saying it makes the difference for their being able to be present in worship. But our list of volunteer caregivers has shrunk from over 100 in 2019 to just 32 people currently, and **it is becoming difficult to keep the nursery open. Would you consider being a nursery volunteer a few times per year?**

Nursery volunteers serve about one Sunday every 3 months. Audio of the worship service is projected to the nursery, so you get to listen to the service while holding babies. This is an easy and fun job that many people in the church can share to make church possible for young families. The church office can help you with necessary child safety clearances; we also ask that you be up to date with your covid vaccine. To volunteer or for more information, contact current nursery chair [Sarah McInnes](#), [Brad Alderfer](#), or [Maria Hosler Byler](#).

## This Week at Salford

### Sunday, May 22

9:30 am Salford Worship Indoors and Streamed on YouTube Live  
Dock Mennonite Academy Choir Performance

Michael "MJ" Sharp"

10:30 am Second Hour for all ages

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)

## Our Church Family

### Prayer Concerns

- For **Lucy Detwiler** who is making the transition to Healthcare at Souderton Mennonite Homes, that the adjustment would be easy and the change a good one.
- For **Faith Detweiler** who will get a CT scan on May 23rd to determine the source of her abdominal pain. Please pray for her peace of mind as she waits for her test and tries to rest until then.
- For **Ruth Nafziger** who is experiencing continued, unexplained abdominal pain.
- For **Sanford A. Alderfer** as he adjusts to moving to Peter Becker Ridgeview Estates. He had lived in the Peter Becker Independent cottage area since 1991. This is a big adjustment for him.
- For the United States as we reach **one million COVID deaths** this month, with over 6 million deaths globally. We pray that those who remain would find healing, and we cry out to God in lament for the many ripple effects and losses of the pandemic.
- All Mosaic Congregations are invited to pray for **Dock Mennonite Academy, Quakertown Christian School, and The City School (Philadelphia, PA)** as they finish the school year. Pray for **students, teachers, and administrators** as they face the end-of-year excitement and challenges. Pray for those children who will miss the structure and guidance of school over the summer months especially.

### Birthday Blessings...

To **Ruth Nafziger**, who celebrates her 96<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

### Congratulations...

To **Jonathan & Gayle Bentley Moyer** on the birth of **Evelyn Anne Bentley Moyer** who was born on Easter Sunday morning in Denver, CO. She joins her big brother Elias. Dave & Elaine Moyer are grandparents.

### Congratulations...

To **Laurelyn Foderaro & Ashley Cote** on the birth of daughter **Rowan Lacey Cote-Foderaro** who was born on May 7, 2022. Chip & Jan Foderaro are grandparents.

### Service & Mission

**Donation of the Month for May** – featuring **Manna on Main Street**. Their current needs are: Individual size salty snacks, large chip bags, no salt canned tomatoes, ketchup, foil/plastic wrap, cooking oil, dry beans, juice, and dish soap.

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

### 5/12/22 Garden Update,

Greetings fellow gardeners, this past week there was a lot of sunshine after we received over 4 inches of rain. The garden was soaked in with mud and water. The sunny days and warm breeze helped to dry out the soil a little but there still are soft spots here and there. We will try to Rototill again Friday afternoon. If that goes OK I have the tiller machine scheduled for 9 am Saturday morning. If that goes OK we can start to plant our summer veggies. We can also plant some of our summer flowers. I have the wildflower bed tilled and ready for seed. I really don't know until I see how far the tractors sink in the garden. Not all news is gloom and wet. The spring veggies are cruising right along, all look really healthy and nice. The

potatoes are starting to pop through. The sugar snap peas have found the trellis and have started the 7 foot climb to the top. There is a family of bluebirds nesting in one of our bluebird houses. The last time I checked Mrs. Bluebird was sitting on 4 eggs. The pools of water at the end of the farmers field next to the garden are full of Toad tadpoles. There were migrating shore birds visiting the wet spots around the garden this week. The barn swallows are trying to nest in Nancy's garage again this year. A lot to keep track of around the garden....

We can only do what mother nature allows us to do. If the soil dries out we plant if it is still wet we wait.... Steve, [rsblank@verizon.net](mailto:rsblank@verizon.net) 215-876-6616

## Family Faith Formation Spotlight

Help us make the 2022 Peace Camp a Success!

We have 40 kids registered for Peace Camp, from Sunday, June 19 to Thursday, June 23. We are looking forward to a great year! Invite your friends and register here: <http://www.salfordmc.org/peace-camp.html>

### We are still in need of helpers for:

- Adults to accompany groups of kids
- Youth to accompany groups of kids & help out with special activities
- Teaching lessons (plans provided)
- Peacemaker storytellers

Please contact Jenn at [peacecamp@salfordmc.org](mailto:peacecamp@salfordmc.org) if you can help!

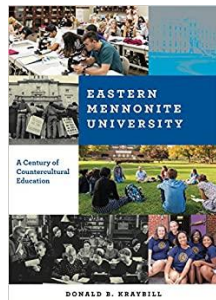
Faith formation happens in so many ways: Work and play. Reading the bible. Celebrating milestones. Trying new things. Telling stories from life. Giving. Worship. Service. Exploration. Suffering with. Prayer, alone and with others. Practice. Apologizing and forgiving. When these things happen, faith formation is happening.

## 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:

### Eastern Mennonite University: A Century of Countercultural Education by Donald B. Kraybill

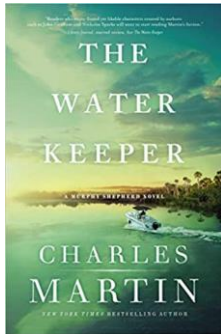


In this unique educational history, Donald B. Kraybill traces the sociocultural transformation of Eastern Mennonite University from a fledgling separatist school founded by white, rural, Germanic Mennonites into a world-engaged institution populated by many faith traditions, cultures, and nationalities.

The founding of Eastern Mennonite School, later Eastern Mennonite University, in 1917 came at a pivotal time for the Mennonite community. Industrialization and scientific discovery were rapidly changing the world, and the increasing availability of secular education offered tempting alternatives that threatened the Mennonite way of life. In response, the Eastern Mennonites founded a school that would “uphold the principles of plainness and simplicity,” where youth could learn the Bible and develop skills that would help advance the church. In the latter half of the twentieth century, the university's identity evolved from separatism to social engagement in the face of churning moral tides and accelerating technology. EMU now defines its mission in terms of service, peacebuilding, and community.

Comprehensive and well told by a leading scholar of Anabaptist and Pietist studies, this social history of Eastern Mennonite University reveals how the school has mediated modernity while remaining consistently Mennonite. A must-have for anyone affiliated with EMU, it will appeal especially to sociologists and historians of Anabaptist and Pietist studies and higher education.

### **The Water Keeper by Charles Martin**



Murphy Shepherd is a man with many secrets. He lives alone on an island, tending the grounds of a church with no parishioners, and he's dedicated his life to rescuing those in peril. But as he mourns the loss of his mentor and friend, Murph himself may be more lost than he realizes.

When he pulls a beautiful woman named Summer out of Florida's Intracoastal Waterway, Murph's mission to lay his mentor to rest at the end of the world takes a dangerous turn. Drawn to Summer, and desperate to find her missing daughter, Murph is pulled deeper and deeper into the dark and dangerous world of modern-day slavery.

With help from some unexpected new friends, including a faithful Labrador he plucks from the ocean and an ex-convict named Clay, Murph must race against the clock to locate the girl before he is consumed by the secrets of his past—and the ghosts who tried to bury them.

With Charles Martin's trademark lyricism and poignant prose, *The Water Keeper* is at once a tender love story and a heartrending search for freedom.

### **News & Notes**

#### **Address Update: Sanford Alderfer**

271 Ridgeview Estates, Harleysville, PA 19438

This Sunday, May 15, the Foundations and Gospel Herald classes will continue a study on **Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery**. The classes will be combined and will meet on the right side of the Gathering Room (Gospel Herald meeting room) and engage in some small group and some large group conversation.

If you were not able to view the 43-min film last week, 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.

Our **delegates to the Mennonite Church USA special assembly** will be available for conversation during Second Hour on May 22, 2022. **Dave Greiser, Maria Hosler Byler, Melissa Heise and Andrew Zetts** would appreciate hearing your feedback on the four resolutions they will consider at assembly. You can share your thoughts with our delegates in Room 211, the Foundations Second Hour classroom is at the top of the stairs by the elevator. You can view the resolutions that will be considered by the delegates here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/special-delegate-session-22/> Salford is also providing funds to assist two delegates from Centro De Alabanza to be able to attend the Special Assembly.

**Mennonite Education Plan Covenants** have been placed in church mailboxes. Extra copies have also been placed in the turnstile by the Welcome Center. As a congregation, we have chosen to participate in the Mennonite Education Plan

(MEP). The MEP is a covenant with a Mennonite congregation and conference-sponsored schools to pay tuition for each of its attending students. The MEP is based on the Biblical principle of mutual aid whereby the entire congregation shares in the cost of educating our students. If you have questions about the plan, or participating in the plan, please contact a member of the MEP ministry team, Ron Freed, Meredith Ehst or Jim Rittenhouse.

**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 following **summer camps** will be offered by **Souderton Mennonite Church** in 2022:

- CREATIVE MOVEMENT CAMPS – June 14-16, 9:00 – 11:00 am (ages 3 – through completed Kindergarten) and July 11-15, 9:00 – 12:00 pm (for children who have completed 1st – 5th grades)
- SPORTS CAMP – June 27-30, 6:00 – 8:00 pm (for children who have completed 1st – 5th grades)
- KID CONNECTIONS CAMP – August 2-4, 6-8pm

Contact Sarah Scorzetti at [sscorzetti@soudertonmennonite.org](mailto:sscorzetti@soudertonmennonite.org) to learn more.