

May 22, 2022

Sunday, May 22, 9:30 am Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live, Dock Mennonite Academy Touring Choir Performance in Worship

10:30 am Second Hour for all ages; Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery class in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, May 15, 2022

Offering

\$6,426

ACH Electronic

Offering

\$1,975

Vanco Online Offering

\$1,999

Total Budget Offering

\$10,400

Youth Auction and Fundraiser Meal

\$420

Future Salford Events

- 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 Michael “MJ” Sharp”

- July 31 – Outdoor Worship, Communion and Fellowship Picnic

If you have information or prayer requests for our newsletter, please

Church Board Update

At last Saturday’s Church Board Development Retreat, the Board was led in important conversation by presenter Betty Pries. We spent the morning talking about living more fully into our leadership role as a governing board. In the afternoon, together with the Spiritual Discernment Advisory Council and staff team members, we talked about good practices for having difficult conversations in the church-in anticipation of our re-engagement in discernment on fully defining the inclusion of LGBTQIA persons at Salford.

During a brief business session, the Board approved two important items. First, the board affirmed a discernment committee’s recommendation that Salford request Maria Hosler Byler’s ordination. This request will go to the Mosaic Conference Credentialing Committee.

Second, the board affirmed Dave Greiser’s recommendation to hire Andrew Zetts as associate pastor, to join the pastoral team in July. Andrew is working toward completing the necessary documents for licensing.

If you have questions about either of these affirmations, address them to Pastor Dave.

We ask you to continue in prayer for the congregation, our ministries, and our board and team.

Signed, Margaret Zook (Chair) and Randy Nyce (Vice-chair)

Dock Mennonite Academy Choir Performance, May 22, 2022

After a two year absence, we are excited to welcome the Dock Mennonite Academy Choir to perform at Salford this Sunday during worship.

Mennonite Church USA Call to Prayer and Fasting

Mennonite Church USA delegates will gather in Kansas City, MO May 27-30 for important discernment work of the church. **MC USA is calling on everyone to support the Special Session of the Delegate Assembly and our church leaders through prayer and fasting.** You can find more information about the call to prayer and fasting in [this video](#), and use [this prayer guide](#) as a resource. Mark your calendars, print the guide and put it in a visible place, join with others or pray alone: whatever you need to support the church in this way. Prayer support is an important aspect of discernment. <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/mc-usa-calls-the-denomination-to-prayer-and-fasting-for-the-delegate-assembly/>

Our prayer is “...that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.” Colossians 2:2-3

Salford Nursery Volunteers Needed

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

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](#).

Salford Potluck Fellowship Meal Reflections

This past Sunday approximately 45 persons participated in the Salford potluck fellowship meal following Second Hour in the Fellowship Hall. Food was plentiful and delicious and conversations around the table were rich. Our new Potluck Fellowship Team did a wonderful job organizing and cleaning up after the event. We plan to have approximately 6 potluck meals throughout the year and hope that all will join in. The next potluck meal will be the fellowship picnic meal following outdoor worship on July 31, 2022. Here is the recipe to one of the delicious dishes at the potluck, Jan Landis' baked beans:

Baked Bean Recipe, Lois Boaman - Adapted by Jan Landis

3 Cans Busch's Southern Pit BBQ beans
2 Cans Kidney Beans, drained
2 Cans Butter Lima Beans, drained
2 Cans Stewed Tomatoes
1/3 c. Grandma's Molasses
4 shakes Ketchup
2 Tbsp Mustard
4 Shakes Worcestershire Sauce
2 Dashes of Pepper
1 Large Onion, chopped

Bake in 4 qt casserole at 325 degrees for 1 ½ - 2 hours.

(I usually make this for large family gatherings but if you want a smaller amount, I use 2 cans of the BBQ beans and half of everything else.)

This Week at Salford

Sunday, May 29

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

Preaching: Kerry Hasler-Brooks

10:30 am Second Hour for all ages

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

- We rejoice as a community with **Maria Hosler Byler** who has completed the hard work in preparation and been officially recommended for Ordination! We will witness and celebrate with her this fall.
- For **Andrew Zetts** as he makes the transition from teaching at Dock to being officially on staff here at Salford this summer. We are thankful and joyful as we

welcome Andrew in this new role!

- All Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for the ***delegates who will be traveling to Kansas City*** this week to participate in Mennonite Church USA's Special Assembly (May 27-30). Pray specifically for Aldo Siahaan, Mosaic Leadership Minister, who will be one of the featured speakers, as well as the other delegates from Mosaic Conference and Mosaic congregations. We pray that the Holy Spirit will pour wisdom, peace, and compassion on all involved.

Birthday Blessings...

To **Janet Yoder**, who celebrates her 83rd birthday on May 25, and to **David Yoder**, who celebrates his 86th birthday on May 25.

Anniversary Blessings...

To **John & Roma Ruth**, who celebrate their 71st wedding anniversary on May 26, and to **Earl & Ruth Alderfer**, who celebrate their 66th wedding anniversary on May 26.

Congratulations to **Karen Bergey!** Our interim minister of pastoral care has reached a new milestone. Karen writes:

I have spent the past 2 years earning a Certificate In Spiritual Direction from Oasis Ministries. Here is a link to the description of the program from their website: <https://www.oasismin.org/sdsg>

It is the same place Marlene Frankenfield went for her certificate - she was one of my spiritual directors early on and helped me discern if this was the right path for me. A few conversations with Beth Yoder were also instrumental in helping me discern. I have enjoyed learning and practicing these things so very much. I plan to take the summer to build a website and then, in the fall, slowly begin taking clients, both online and in person. I plan to be open to all but especially want to provide a safe place for LGBTQIA people.

Congratulations to Karen, for reaching this new summit in lifelong learning!

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.

5/19/22 Garden Update,

Greetings fellow gardeners, this past week was another wet one for the garden. Over an inch Friday into Saturday and another inch last night. The garden just cannot dry out. I have all the plants but the soil needs to dry out enough for the tractors to work or you end up with a mess. So we wait. The plastic and drip tape will get laid out in nice straight rows, just not on my timetable. We will plant our plants but not on the schedule I had in mind. We will harvest produce but a little later than years past. This Saturday since the lower end is not ready we will take a day off. I have grandchildren visiting so I have to cook them breakfast and do all that granddad stuff when I can. I do visit the garden every day to water the plants, help Nancy pull weeds and mix my compost. The spring plants look outstanding. The cabbage is cabbaging, the broccoli is broccoling, the beets are beating and the peasare looking really nice.

Thank you to everyone who helped plant our flowers in the rain last Saturday. We will have a complete garden this year I just have to be patient and that can be really hard. Steve, rsblank@verizon.net 215-876-6616

Please witness the “**Table of the Fallen.**” The table is set up in the church foyer.

Salford Mennonite and other Mennonite churches bear witness to death and suffering of all those directly affected by war. Indeed, Joe Hackmen, Joe Landis, Andrew Zetts, Julie Wimmer, Mary Miller and Glen Miller have directly influenced outreach and ministry for those affected by the ravages of war.

The Table of the Fallen has a chair tilted up to symbolize that those killed will never have dinner with their friends or community again. A Bible on the table represents the strength gained through our faith that sustains us. The prophets, however, do not differentiate between East and West; we are all one in humanity.

The lament and symbols explanations were changed under Joe Hackmen’s leadership. The changes were made to include all humans that suffer the ravages of war. Indeed, Mennonites in our region are the leaders in establishing a ministry of peace that recognizes that all of us are affected by death, maiming, and immoral duplicity. Hence, the symbols and the words lift up the peacekeepers, conscientious objectors and military personnel that were compelled to do their best in times of war.

We seek to illustrate America’s Memorial Day as a time of remembrance of the inhumanity of war. We can all hope that the witnessing of war’s reality will turn our souls towards the Prince of Peace and our duty to seek peace among all.

Family Faith Formation Spotlight

Many of us have “heart songs” that we feel especially deeply and that express our faith. Whenever a “heart song” of yours is sung in worship, mark it in your bulletin and make a point to share it with someone later – sing it with a child or tell a friend. This is how we share our faith.

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 and youth to accompany groups of kids & help out with special activities.

Please contact Jenn at peacecamp@salfordmc.org if you can help!

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>

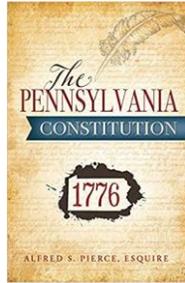
Here is a sampling of new materials:



Junkie: Madness to Ministry by Dawn Searock

Meet Dawn. A woman bound in the addiction of heroin and crack cocaine. Witness as she commits crime upon crime to obtain her fix which has led her to a prison term. It's there the real struggle begins. With all she faces, and all of the trials, will she come out of this alive. Could she be saved? Learn of a love so relentless, and a redemption so radical it changed the course of her life, and many others, for eternity.

The Pennsylvania Constitution by Alfred S. Pierce, Esquire



The Pennsylvania Constitution of 1776 represents an unusual amalgam of circumstances brought about by the American Revolution. The document is the result of four primary resources that were available to the Convention, which created the Constitution. This book discusses the resources available to the colonists, the political conditions of the time, the framework for the Constitution, the Constitutional Convention, as well as the text of the Constitution. That a group of untrained citizens could produce such an important document in such a short period of time reflects the broad knowledge and understanding that Pennsylvania's citizens had of the constitutional process and provides insight to the democratic nature of the final product. (230pp. Masthof Press, 2021.)

News & Notes

We will not be calling for prayer concerns from the congregation in worship on May 22. Please get any prayer concern updates to the Pastors by Saturday evening, or see a Pastor on Sunday morning before 9:15 am

This Sunday, May 22, the Foundations and Gospel Herald classes will continue a study on **Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery**. The classes will be combined and will meet in the Fellowship and engage in some small group and some large group conversation.

If you were not able to view the 43-min film, 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 this Sunday, 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 May edition of **On the Level** is now available from **Mennonite Disaster Service**. In our current issue: Executive Director Kevin King shares a story of angels among us, we celebrate the MDS career of Jerry Grosh, and an MDS volunteer is reframing the Psalms as Haiku. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3LulKia>