



May 29, 2022

Sunday, May 29, 9:30 am Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live, Guest Preacher Kerry Hasler-Brooks will preach on Psalm 46; *God is With Us*

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

Sunday, May 22, 2022

Offering
\$5,711

ACH Electronic Offering
\$1,975

Vanco Online Offering
\$3,408

**Total Budget Offering
\$11,094**

Future Salford Events

- 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 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

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

Peace Camp: June 19 – 23, 2022

One of the things that makes Salford Salford is our offering of a Peace Camp each summer, both for the children of our congregation and for the broader community. This year will be the 17th year of Peace Camp!

We have over 45 kids registered so far and over half of them come from outside of our congregation! If you know someone who has completed K through 5th grades, please invite them to come. Registration is available at <http://www.salfordmc.org/peace-camp.html>.

Peace Camp will take place from Sunday, June 19 to Thursday, June 23 from 5-8pm and we have an amazing kitchen team that will be serving dinner.

We also are still in need of adults and youth to help accompany groups of kids to the various stations and to lead special activities. You will receive what you need, like supplies or talking points, so very little prep is required. Even if you're not able to come each night we could still use your help.

Please be in touch with Jenn Svetlik if you or your youth is able to help. Starting on June 5, Katie Alderfer will have a sign-up sheet in the foyer so you can support camp through providing donations of fruit, vegetables, dessert and other items for our nightly dinner.

Thank you so much for your support of Peace Camp, a special and energizing time to explore what it means to follow Jesus through building peace.

Update from the Spiritual Discernment Group

Our group had its second meeting on Tuesday. In the interest of bonding and preparing to model vulnerability as we lead the church in re-engagement in discernment on fully defining the inclusion of LGBTQIA persons at Salford, we each shared stories of our journey of coming to awareness of difference in sexuality. There were moments of recognition and times of laughter as each person owned

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mistakes and ignorance, along with moments of compassion and awareness. Good discernment, we believe, will grow from a commitment to honesty, listening, and learning.

This Week at Salford

Monday, May 30

Church and Child Care Closed for Memorial Day Holiday

Wednesday, June 1

8:30 am Sewing Circle (Gathering Room)

Sunday, June 5

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

Preaching: Dave Greiser

10:30 am Second Hour for all ages

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

- For the families and communities of Buffalo, NY and Uvalde, TX which are reeling after recent gun violence, and for our whole country as we seek to channel our sadness and anger into productive solutions in the context of significant disagreements.
- For the Mennonite Church USA delegate assembly which is meeting this weekend, and for Salford's delegates: **Dave Greiser, Maria Hosler Byler, Melissa Heise, and Andrew Zetts**. A call to prayer is listed in the newsletter.
- For **Glen Guyton** and others in denominational leadership right now who are navigating cultural and justice issues and are the focal point of anger for some even in our congregations. We pray for safety and strength for Glen and other leaders, and we pray that the church may be a light for the world in how we handle our conflict.
- For **Lucy Detwiler** as she regains her strength and settles into Health Care at Souderton Mennonite Homes.
- All Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for the delegates attending the Special Assembly of Mennonite Church USA in Kansas City this weekend (May 27-30). Over 50 delegates from Mosaic Conference and congregations are present. Pray for wisdom, clarity, and a willingness to listen to each other.

Birthday Blessings...

To **Earl Alderfer**, who celebrates his 87th birthday on May 31.

Wedding Blessings...

To **Emma Ruth & Max Stein** who will be married in St Nikola church in Cavtat Croatia on May 28, 2022. Emma's grandfather, **John Ruth** will marry them, along with a Goshen College friend. After a honeymoon in Croatia and Bosnia, they will reside in Boise ID, They attend the Boise Mennonite congregation. Their Address in Boise: 2308 N 29th St, Boise ID 83703

Congratulations...

To **Miles & Katie Musselman** on the birth of **Margaret Elizabeth Musselman** born on Thursday, May 19th. She'll go by Maisie for short. Great-grandparents are Larry & Kathy Groff.

Remembering the Life of Cindy Nyce

Cynthia Gail Nyce was born on November 16, 1961, the daughter of Samuel and Gladys Nyce. She was the sister of Barry, Bonnie, Greg and Pamela.

Cindy had a caring, compassionate heart, was a friend to everyone, making you feel loved and welcomed into her life. Her family set a foundation for her successes early in life and continued to build upon it with great dedication and a lifetime of love and care.

Cindy enjoyed being around her family and all the many friendships she shared.

She graduated from Indian Crest Jr. High School, Special Education.

Cindy had a special gift of bringing joy to others. She loved doing puzzles, coloring, playing card games and listening to Gospel music. For many years she volunteered assembling and folding the weekly church bulletins. She also attended Salford's sewing circle where she worked on cloth bags for Mennonite Central Committee, and at the Care and Share Thrift Shoppes in Souderton.

She was baptized and a member of Salford, and a faithful member of the Hilltop Sunday school class. This class first met on Sunday mornings at the Indian Creek Farm located down the road from Salford. Later, this class moved to the house on Salford's church property and then finally met inside Salford church. This group of Special needs youth and adults continues to meet. Each week the class shares in meaningful times with singing, sharing, crafts and prayer time. Cindy always enjoyed using her gifts in leadership and music. For Cindy, the most enjoyable time was definitely singing together. Her songbook was well worn and memorized. She kept the class at a fast moving clip just to get in as many songs as possible. Each song had a special meaning and style, added with her perfect timing of the chime she accompanied each song. Her enthusiasm was contagious and brought much joy to each person there. When the bell rang signaling five minutes left of class, we stopped singing for a prayer time which Cindy lead each week. These prayers included everyone in class by name and those that were missing that Sunday. Each prayer also included each of Salford's pastors by name, and all of our families. Holy moments! Then, the last song would be God Be With Us Till We Meet Again. Cindy left this earth peacefully on March 3, 2022, and, having faith in Christ, she will be reunited with us again. *Written by Janet Bartholomew*

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.

5/26/22 Garden Update,

Greetings fellow gardeners, this past week we tried again to lay down our plastic mulch but with limited success. We were able to create 6 rows before the mud clogged up the plow too much and we had to stop. We have enough rows to plant our tomatoes and few other veggies. Hopefully the rain is not too bad so we can plant this Saturday. The lower end is just very very wet and it will take a lot of sun and low humidity to dry it out enough to work again. I am not sure at this point if our seedlings will last that long. Could be a very small harvest this year because of the wet conditions. We will do our best to try and get the plants in the ground. It looks like rain for part of the weekend. We need over a week of very dry weather to even think about trying the lower end again. Another issue with the wet ground is our potatoes. Over half of what we planted has rotted in the ground because of being too wet for too long. We will have potatoes but not nearly as many as years past.

Not all is gloom and doom, our spring veggies are looking great and our resident Blue birds have hatched out 4 eggs. I checked the box yesterday and there were 4 small pink babies wanting to be fed. We will be planting sweet potatoes in 4 of our raised bed boxes soon. This season not all is the way we want it to be. We really

want to have a successful garden but the wet conditions are just creating a real mess this year. As much as I try to control what goes on in the garden. I am being reminded of how much I do not have control of and pray for patience and understanding that we can only control what is given us.

We have been blessed with many seasons of great success and will try and pull as much out of this season as we can.

Thank you to all who help out in the garden. This year is looking quite different from years past but we still will strive to grow good food for those who need it most. 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

Deuteronomy 6:6-9 says “Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart... bind them on your hand... fix them on your forehead... write them on your doorposts.” What is a scripture or bible story that is especially meaningful for you or your family? You may wish to post the words or a picture somewhere visible in your home.

Bulletin Artwork Needed! Are your kids bringing home art that might be shared on our bulletins for Sunday worship? Take a photo and send to Brad in the church office.

The Soil and The Seed Project has released a new set of “Little Liturgies” and accompanying album for Ordinary Time (June 12-Sept 3). [Listen on Spotify.](#) [Download the “Little Liturgies”](#) - simple repeated scriptures to share at dinnertime or before bed.

Racial Justice Spotlight

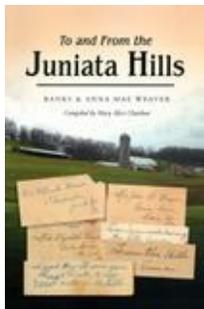
All are welcome to join the Racial Justice Learning Group on Sunday, June 5 at noon in the grove for a potluck before we break for the summer. Please bring a dish to share and place settings. Contact Jenn Svetlik for more information.

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:

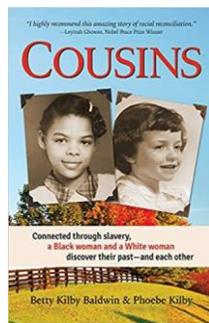
To and From the Juniata Hills: Banks and Anna Mae Weaver



1936. (638pp. illus. Author, 2021.)

Against the backdrop of the changes from horse and buggy to cars, Mennonites Banks Weaver (1891-1986) and Anna Weaver (1895-1986) start corresponding. Banks lives in Juniata County and Anna lives in Lancaster Co., Pa., with her parents Evangelist John W. Weaver and Anna Nolt Weaver. Getting to know each other is done mostly through letters. Their church and family activities comprise most of their social lives. God leads them to marriage in 1919. After beginning housekeeping, the letters "To and from the Juniata Hills" continue as Anna writes to her family. These letters are a glimpse into their lives from 1915-

Cousins: Connected through Slavery, a White Woman and a Black Woman – discover their past and each other by Betty Kilby Baldwin and Phoebe Kilby



What happens when a White woman, Phoebe, contacts a Black woman, Betty, saying she suspects they are connected through slavery? First surprise? Betty responds, "Hello, Cousin." Betty had fought for an education and won. She broke through the concrete ceiling in the workplace and succeeded. A documentary of her life was about to debut. Without thinking, she invites Phoebe to a family dinner and the premiere of the documentary. Second surprise? She forgot to tell her family who was coming to dinner. Betty finds an activist partner in Phoebe. Cousins indeed, they commit to a path of reconciliation. In alternating chapters, each tells her dramatic story—from Betty's experience as one of the first Black children to attend her desegregated school, to Phoebe's eventual question to Betty: "How do I begin to repair the harms?" Piercingly honest. Includes a working reparations project which the two women conceived together.

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An Honest and Industrious People: Life and Times of Isaiah Tyson Landes and Susan Moyer Alderfer by Richard J. Lichty

News & Notes

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The **summer schedule for worship and Second Hour** will be the same as recent past summers. We will not hold Second hour or Children's Sunday School in July and August and our worship start time will be 10:00 am. Second Hour classes are encouraged to plan fellowship activities over these months. Outdoor Worship and and a fellowship potluck picnic are being planned for July 31.

Mennonite World Conference Assembly is taking place July 10-15 in Indonesia as a hybrid event. Would you like to participate online on behalf of Salford? See [the Indonesia 2022 website](#) for more information, and contact [Brad Alderfer](#) if you have interest or further questions.

This Sunday, May 29, 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.

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 latest issue of **Reflect** - the print newsletter of **Mosaic Mennonite Conference** - is now available online: [click here!](#)

The **Mennonite Heritage Center** is looking for two-person teams to play in its 2022 **Whack and Roll Croquet Tournament** beginning at 7:30 am. on Saturday, June 4. Come play for the chance to win significant prize money for participating local nonprofits and have a blast. Participating sponsors have generously covered the registration costs for our remaining slots. Visit <http://mhpc.org/events/whack-roll-croquet/> to find out more. To register or for more information, contact Janelle Adams: adamsj@mhpc.org, (215) 256-3020 x112.

The 14th Annual **Golf Outing for Healthy Niños Honduras** will be held Friday, June 10 at Butter Valley Golf Port with a shotgun start at 7:30 am. Lunch and snacks will be provided, as well as a chance for various prizes. Registration is now available online at healthyninos.org/golf-outing, but the deadline to register is June 3.

Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) has **volunteer opportunities** available as they work on a house in Darby, PA. There are some daily opportunities to serve and the work varies. MDS is also working in Crisfield, MD which could allow volunteers to spend several days. Please contact Dale Mack, 215-534-8833 for additional information.