



May 8, 2022

Sunday, May 8, 9:30 am Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live, Lead Pastor Dave Greiser will preach on 2 Timothy 1:1-7; *Home Grown Leaders*

10:30 am Second Hour for all ages; Conversation with Pastoral Candidate Andrew Zetts in the Gathering Room, Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery class in the Fellowship Hall.

Sunday, May 1, 2022
Offering
\$8,927
ACH Electronic Offering
\$5,677
Vanco Online Offering
\$1,810
Total Budget Offering \$16,414
Youth Auction and Fundraiser Meal \$24,451

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

Worship and Second Hour with Andrew Zetts

This Sunday, Andrew Zetts, our candidate for the pastoral position in youth ministry, outreach, and etc. will talk about his journey and call to ministry during Sunday worship. During second hour, those who want to interact further with Andrew can meet with him for a time of Q and A in the Gathering Room above the main foyer. Andrew will spend the first part of second hour responding to your questions and the remainder of the time responding to anything else you'd like to talk about.

New Members Class

Attention all new (ish) attenders: we've been getting inquiries from folks interested in exploring church membership at Salford. If you've been attending for a while and want to know more about Anabaptism, baptism, Salford's life and history, and the meaning of church membership, I'm going to be offering a class soon. There will be light reading, some friendship building and plenty of time for Q and A. Talk to me or send me a text or an email! Dave Greiser, greiserd@salfordmc.org or, dgreiser55@yahoo.com

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.

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.

This Week at Salford

Monday, May 9

7:00 pm Child Care Ministry Team Meeting (Zoom)

Wednesday May 11

6:30 pm Salford Mennonite Child Care Center PA Senate Candidate conversation (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, May 15

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

Preaching: Cesar Garcia, General Secretary, Mennonite World Conference

10:30 am Second Hour for all ages

Life and Legacy of
Michael "MJ" Sharp"

12:00 pm All Church Potluck (Fellowship Hall)

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

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

- For **Linnie Landis** as he waits to have multiple tests and for **Rhoda** as she cares for him.
- For **Ruth Nafziger** as she waits on some test results and prepares for her son in law's memorial service on Saturday, May 14.
- For several **Salford people** at Souderton Mennonite Homes that are Covid positive. All have mild symptoms so far.
- Congratulations and best wishes to all the **college graduates**. Our prayers are with you as you celebrate and anticipate the future.
- **May is Mental Health Awareness month** and all Mosaic congregations are invited to pray this week for **those in our communities who struggle with mental illness**. Mental illness is one of the most significant health crises in the world, but it often exists in secret and is endured in isolation. Pray that the stigma of mental illness be released and those who suffer will be treated with dignity and respect.

Cesar Marin, who is supported by Salford Global Mission funds from the church budget for his pastoral work in Mexico City, Mexico, has sent a bi-monthly prayer update. You can read his updates here in the church website: <http://www.salfordmc.org/cesar-marin.html>

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.

5/5/22 Garden Update,

Greetings fellow gardeners, this past Saturday we had an overabundance of volunteers in the garden. We constructed trellises for our Sugar Snap peas. For the first time the peas were planted in our raised bed boxes. Instead of one solid fence for the peas to climb we had to build 10 separate, 7 foot tall trellises, 1 for each of the beds that the peas were growing in. It took us a few trial and errors until we worked out the right way to go. Galen Knechel from the farm down the road was able to cultivate the lower end on Saturday. I was all set to have the lower end rototilled this week and plastic mulch laid down BUT Sunday we had 1 1/2 inches of rain. That was enough to really soak the garden. We tried to rototill but the soil was just too wet and soft. We had another 1/2 inch of rain Wednesday and a large storm due on Friday and Saturday. That will really load up the garden with water and take some very warm and breezy days to dry out enough to work with the tractors. Hopefully by next Thursday or Friday we can finish the bottom end so we can plant our summer plants. I wanted to start laying down cardboard and straw in between the plastic rows but the weather put a stop to that. This Saturday will be a washout (according to the weather girl) so no work until we dry out the lower end. Oh well that's farming..... Thank you to everyone who helps out with this mission, Steve, rsblank@verizon.net 215-876-6616

Family Faith Formation Spotlight

Help us make the 2022 Peace Camp a Success!

We already have over 30 kids registered for Peace Camp, from Sunday, June 19 to Thursday, June 23. We are looking forward to a great year! 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 if you can help!

On May 1 and May 8 (May 1 only for 2s & 3s class), children's Sunday School will be utilizing the Circle of Grace curriculum to explore body autonomy and personal boundaries; listening to our feelings as a gift from God; and identifying trusted adults when we need to ask for help, as a way to actively participate in a safe environment for themselves and others. Parents received [this letter](#) after Sunday School last Sunday.

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>

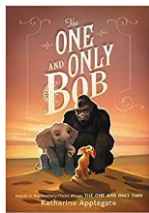
Here is a sampling of new materials:

This Very Ground, this Crooked Affair by John L. Ruth



This Very Ground, This Crooked Affair connects the centuries-old history of the author's Pennsylvania Mennonite homestead with that of the land's Indigenous Lenape inhabitants, interweaving documented Pennsylvania history with the national pursuit of a Doctrine of Discovery-and the story of Mennonites who had themselves fled suffering and landlessness with the fates of Native Americans continent-wide.

The One and Only Bob Young Reader/Junior Book



Bob sets out on a dangerous journey in search of his long-lost sister with the help of his two best friends, Ivan and Ruby. As a hurricane approaches and time is running out, Bob finds courage he never knew he had and learns the true meaning of friendship and family.

News & Notes

From May 8 through June 12, **Gospel Herald and Foundations classes** will each host second hour series on **Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery**. Under the Doctrine of Discovery, Christian European countries were allowed to colonize and claim superior rights over Indigenous nations. The second hour series will teach about this history, its basis in Christian theology, its effects on Indigenous Peoples today, and how we might start to undo it as followers of Jesus. It is created by the [Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery Coalition](#).

All are welcome to join either of these classes in their usual upstairs meeting

rooms. This Sunday, to introduce the series, these classes will be watching the 40-min film, [*The Doctrine of Discovery, in the Name of Christ*](#) in the **Fellowship Hall**. Coffee will be served in both the Fellowship Hall and in the café on the second floor this Sunday.

Salford Mennonite Child Care Center is honored to host a short one hour **PA State Senate candidate conversation event** before we vote in the May 17th primary. The event will be held in The Salford Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, May 11th from 6:30-7:30pm. Below you will find a Facebook event link along with a zoom registration for those who cannot attend in person. We hope to hear more about what each candidate thinks on jobs, the economy and childcare. Hope to see you there.

Facebook event link: <https://fb.me/e/1lu6LZkhp>

Zoom registration link for people who can't join in-person: [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwoceqvpjwpG9ZcNtpLWygrZ-lpohuBWETn? x zm_rtaid=dBA8-zjLSkWWI9CqxXpEJg.1651262606782.a92ad80ed5ecabc5881a3e8bba25c473& x zm_rhtaid=452&fbclid=IwAR2XGcHISb3dWF0uajHJqu82WZNbYBYyotK0GQoBHlr31NXWqKqP8sUfl5s](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwoceqvpjwpG9ZcNtpLWygrZ-lpohuBWETn?xzm_rtaid=dBA8-zjLSkWWI9CqxXpEJg.1651262606782.a92ad80ed5ecabc5881a3e8bba25c473&xzm_rhtaid=452&fbclid=IwAR2XGcHISb3dWF0uajHJqu82WZNbYBYyotK0GQoBHlr31NXWqKqP8sUfl5s)

Our **delegates to the Mennonite Church USA special assembly** will be available 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 view the resolutions that will be considered by the delegates here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/special-delegate-session-22/>

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

Dock Mennonite Academy's 61st Annual Country Fair and Auction will be held on Friday, May 13 from 5:00 to 9:00 pm. The event will include dinner & dessert with a delicious variety of food, live music, kids' games, Chicken Drive Thru at Franconia Mennonite Church from 4:00 to 7:00, and the live auction will start at 7:30 pm. There's also an online auction with many more items and experiences running from May 6-May 16. Shuttle parking available from Souderton High School. Visit www.dock.org for details.

CANCELLED - The [Philadelphia Bronze Handbell Choir](#) will hold a concert at **Plains Mennonite Church** on May 15, at 4:00 pm. Philadelphia Bronze plays a wide variety of music ranging from classical transcriptions to hymn arrangements to

jazz and ragtime selections as well as international pieces. A free will offering will be taken.

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 to learn more.