

September 18, 2022

Sunday, September 18, 9:30 am Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live, Lead Pastor Dave Greiser will preach on Colossians 3:8-17; *Why are we doing this again?*

10:30 am Second Hour for all ages

September 11, 2022

Offering

\$3,749

ACH Electronic

Offering

\$1,915

Vanco Online Offering

\$2,891

Total Budget Offering \$8,555

Future Salford Events

September 24 – 25 –

Gardening For Peace Event at Salford

October 30 –

Ordination of Maria Hosler Byler

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

Path Forward Design Team Update, September 13th

The Path Forward Design Team met last Tuesday. We spent a valuable hour with **Joy Sutter**. Joy has many years' experience working with diverse people and groups as a board member and then the moderator of MCUSA. She challenged us with some excellent questions, foremost among them: "WHY are you re-starting this conversation?" We have done well, she said, at outlining the process and helping the church to know what is going to happen; we need to be equally clear in explaining why it is necessary. We are re-starting this conversation "to discern our questions on marriage and ministry together, so we can be Christ's unified church and carry out his mission for Salford." Additionally, Joy reminded us of the importance of listening well to everyone, and of finding ways to share what we have heard so that people will know we have listened. Path Forward is grateful for the wisdom of experienced leaders in our church; thank you, Joy!

Passing the Baskets for Offering Beginning this Sunday

We are excited to share that this Sunday, Sept. 18 Salford will return to passing the baskets during offering. The youth and children will lead us by passing the baskets. **We are also excited to start something new in encouraging our children to contribute to a children's offering as part of the regular offering.** Any coins and one-dollar bills that are put in the offering will be dedicated to the children's offering (and this fall, the children will help decide where it will go).

Any youth or children can sign up to help receive the offering for as many Sundays as you wish here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c45a4a62eaaf94-salford>

Covid-19 Task Force Update

The Salford Covid-19 task force met on Thursday evening, September 8th to review the status of the pandemic and offer encouragement for our congregation. While the pandemic situation has thankfully improved over the past year, Covid-19 is still impacting health at a significant level. Even with the present improved conditions people are dying from Covid-19 at 3 times the rate of the worst flu season of the past ten years. We can continue to stay vigilant in the coming fall and winter months to protect ourselves from Covid-19 by following a few simple steps.

1. If Covid-19 community level were to increase and move to high level again (currently medium), we will recommend masking for all in our public gatherings.
2. If you experience any type of symptoms suspicious of Covid-19 you should not attend any church functions until you have tested negative.
3. If you are in a high risk group we recommend that you wear a N95 mask to any church function.
4. HVAC air handlers will be in constant use in all occupied rooms at Salford. You may notice increased draftiness and should dress accordingly.
5. Be sure you are up to date on any immunizations recommended by your primary care physician especially your annual flu shot.

We are fortunate that our local counties are faring better than the state of Pennsylvania and the US as whole due to better rates of vaccination. Staying up to date on the vaccinations is our best individual protection against severe cases, hospitalization and death from Covid-19. Recently released vaccinations are now available specifically to better protect against the Omicron strain of the virus. Click here for the [CDC's most up to date guidance on Covid-19 vaccinations](#)

Please feel free to talk to **Ron Souder**, **Johnny Stoeckle** or **Tom Nolan** if you have any specific questions on these guidance. **Ron Souder** will be available during second hour today in the Main Foyer for conversation and questions.

This Week at Salford

Tuesday, September 20

7:00 pm Church Board Meeting (Friendship Room)

Saturday, September 24

1:00 – 7:30 pm Gardening for Peace Events at Salford (See schedule below)

Sunday, September 25

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

Preaching: Shane Claiborne

10:45 am Second Hour for all Ages

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

- For **Linnie and Rhoda Landis** as Linnie begins hospice care at home. Pray for rest and peace in the coming days.
- For **Nathan and the Hasler-Brooks family and Nathan's father Rod** as Nathan travels to Illinois for his grandfather Delmar Hasler's memorial service. Delmar is Del's namesake and Del and Eve's great grandfather.
- For **Mary Miller: her mother, Marie Penrose** is 104 and began hospice this week after suffering a heart attack or stroke. Pray for Mary and her family as they visit with Marie during this time.
- All Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for the **Mosaic Listening Task Force** as they work diligently to listen, understand, and discern this week. We pray that God gives them ears to hear and listen, hearts to be open and understanding, and minds to be perceptive and receptive.

Birthday Blessings...

To **Sanford Alderfer**, who celebrates his 99th birthday on September 25, 2022.

Service & Mission

Donation of the Month for September - Campbell's Chunky & Progresso Soups: Basic flavors, some gluten free soups & broths. **NO CAMPBELL'S CHICKEN NOODLE OR TOMATO SOUP, PLEASE** Cereals: Any type, preferably low sugar and some gluten free, Oatmeal – packages or containers.

Donations can be placed on the donation of the month table by the infant nursery in the main foyer.

Justice & Peace Ministry Team

Gardening for Peace

September 24 & 25, 2022

Salford Mennonite & Advent Lutheran Church



Schedule of Events

Saturday, September 24, 2022

- Opening and garden tour 1-2pm
- Pre-event workshops and activities for children 1st-6th grade: 2-3, 3:15-4:15
- Dinner featuring vegetables from the garden: 4:30-5:30
- MAIN EVENT: Forging a gun into a garden tool with Shane Claiborne & Mike Martin 6-7:30

Sunday, September 25, 2022

- Sunday morning worship and second hour with Shane Claiborne – 9:30am

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- ADMISSION: 1 bag of non-perishable food to donate
- There will be peace activities & games offered during the workshops for children who are entering 1st through 6th grades. [Click here](#) to see what's planned for the children.
- Workshop participants and their children are invited to a meal after the workshops, 4:30-5:30 PM. Dishes will feature vegetables from the Salford/Advent Church Garden.

Registration for Pre-Event Workshops is closed

All are invited to attend the Saturday evening program or Sunday morning worship

Garden update, 9/8/22: Greetings fellow gardeners, this week has been a transition week in the garden. Some of our summer veggies have really slowed up while our fall veggies are kicking into high gear. The tomatoes suffered dearly from the 5 inches of rain last week and will not fully recover. There still are green tomatoes showing up but the amounts and quality will be way down. What has picked up are our second planting of string beans. This week we harvested over 90 lbs. WOO HOO. There will be more ready Saturday as both kinds of bush string beans and both kinds of pole beans are online and thick with beans. Red beets will need to be looked at as they are beginning to show up. It is time to dig up our sweet potatoes. Always a fun time. These were planted back in June. Even with the deer eating as many leaves off the plants as they can, we will still have a great sweet potato dig. Sweet potatoes need to be cured for about 2 weeks before they are ready for distribution. Green peppers, lima beans and eggplant round out the list for this week. We will pull the old string bean plants and start the slow cleanup for fall and the end of the season. As in years past we will try and have the garden put to bed by Thanksgiving. Still a lot to harvest until then but the end is near. I have missed the last 2 Saturdays. I was away trying to be a good Granddad.

Thank you to my wonderful volunteers who worked very hard, without me hovering over them. The garden looks great. I really had a great time off. Steve, 215-872-6616 rsblank@verizon.net

Garden Produce Recipes

We thought it would be fun to feature recipes using Salford/Advent garden produce. We will feature one recipe each week. Please submit your favorite recipe featuring garden produce grown in the Salford/Advent garden (past or present) to Church Administrator Brad Alderfer and we will publish as appropriate. We may assemble them for a Salford/Advent garden recipe collection at a later time.

Ginger Garlic Green Beans, submitted by Brad & Sondi Alderfer

- 1 lb. green beans, trimmed
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 Tbsp soy sauce
- 1 Tbsp grated peeled ginger

2 tsp rice vinegar
1 Tbsp olive oil
½ tsp Asian sesame oil
1 ½ tsp sesame seeds, toasted

- Cook beans in a 6-qt pot of boiling salted water, uncovered, until just tender, 6 to 7 minutes. Drain in a colander, then plunge into an ice bath to stop cooking. Drain beans and pat dry. (we also like them served warm as well.)
- While beans cook, mince and mash garlic to a paste with a pinch of salt, then stir together with soy sauce, ginger, vinegar and oils in a large bowl.
- Add beans and toss. Serve sprinkled with sesame seeds. (also fine without)

Faith Formation Spotlight

Important Announcement for Sunday School:

This year, students in 1st-5th grades will begin singing in the sanctuary, 10 minutes after the end of the service. Please make sure your kid gets safely to the front of the church. Kids ages 2-5 will begin singing downstairs. Toward the end of the second hour, there is a 5-minute warning bell. Parents are asked to begin wrapping up conversation so that they can arrive promptly at the second bell for pickup.

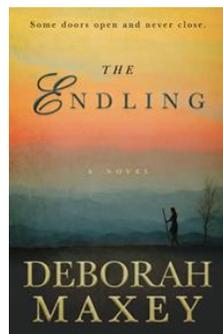
“Little Liturgies” and Music from The Soil and the Seed: "Ordinary Time 2" with CDs and simple repeatable prayers & rituals for each week is now available. The weekly prayers (simple! repeatable! based in scripture!) run from Sept. 4-Nov. 26. Hard copies are available at the Welcome Center. Listen to all four albums [here](#). Download the prayers [here](#).

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:

The Endling: A Novel, By Deborah Maxey

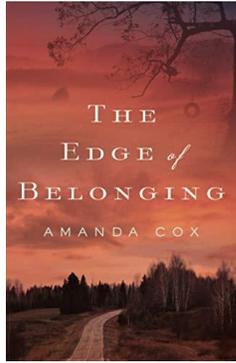


From the mountains of Virginia comes a spiritually enlightening and captivating tale of survival and trust.

Native American Emerson Coffee is the last surviving member of her tribe. An endling. After an internship in New York, she has returned to her chosen life of solitude in the stone cabin atop the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia, where her grandfather trained her to survive by seeking God's guidance in nature. When US Marshals inform her she's being hunted by a mob hit man, Emerson declines their offer of witness protection, believing she can best outwit a predator on her own turf. But when three innocent children living in the art colony below become caught in the crosshairs, Emerson must decide if she will risk it all—her mountains, her heritage . . . even her life—to secure their safety.

Can a lone and unarmed endling stop the most ruthless family of all or will everything her ancestors fought to preserve die with her?

The Edge of Belonging, By Amanda Cox



When Ivy Rose returns to her hometown to oversee an estate sale, she soon discovers that her grandmother left behind more than trinkets and photo frames--she provided a path to the truth behind Ivy's adoption. Shocked, Ivy seeks clues to her past, but a key piece to the mystery is missing.

Twenty-four years earlier, Harvey James finds an abandoned newborn who gives him a sense of human connection for the first time in his life. His desire to care for the baby runs up against the stark fact that he is homeless. When he becomes entwined with two people seeking to help him find his way, Harvey knows he must keep the baby a secret or risk losing the only person he's ever loved.

In this dual-time story from debut novelist Amanda Cox, the truth--both the search for it and the desire to keep it from others--takes center stage as Ivy and Harvey grapple with love, loss, and letting go.

News & Notes

The worship ministry team is in search of an old, worn blanket that you are willing to part with, for use in worship during Advent: an afghan with holes, a quilt that is tearing at the seams, etc. We will be repairing it and adding pieces to it throughout the season, so please only offer blankets you are willing to have altered. Contact Maria Hosler Byler if you have one to offer.

Address Updates:

Christian Tody

2100 North Line St., Apt C101, Lansdale, PA 19446

Sanford Alderfer

800 Maple Avenue, TT Room #59, Harleysville, PA 19438

Harold Moyer

207 W Summit St, Room #5044, Souderton, PA 18964

Brent & Whitney Kissel

525 Oaklyn Ave, Harleysville, PA 19438

One of this fall's new second hour classes will be using the book [Tongue Tied by Sara Wenger Shenk](#). The book is not required to participate in the class – but it is on sale right now! Use the code 40PERCENT at MennoMedia for 40% off *Tongue Tied* and all paperbacks for a limited time. We will also have copies available in class.

Hiring a new Music Director: Rod Derstine will be retiring from the Music Director position on September 25. As we search for a new music director, we would like to consider candidates from within the congregation. If you are interested in this position or have someone to recommend, please contact [Dave Greiser](#) by September 19.

We are in need of a **Nursery Ministry Team Chair** for a small amount of coordination to keep the nursery running. This is a simple position which is vital to our welcome of young families. **Would you be this person, or recommend someone?** Please contact [Maria Hosler Byler](#) as soon as possible. This position requires a couple hours per month of coordinating and does not include creating the nursery schedule.

Joe Landis will lead a book discussion on Shane Claiborne's book **Beating Guns: Hope for People Who Are Weary of Violence** in Gospel Herald on 9/11 and 9/18. All are invited. Books are available now at the welcome desk.

Beyond Salford

Quakertown Christian School's Chicken BBQ is Friday, September 30 from 4:00 to 8:00 pm. Chicken meals are \$15 and include 1/2 portion of chicken, and a single serving each of potato salad, cole slaw, applesauce and a roll. Pumpkin and apple pies are available whole (\$13) and by the slice (\$4). For more information and to pre-order, please visit gtownchristian.org/wp3/?page_id=14573. Drive-thru is also available!

The **Bethany Birches 20th annual benefit auction** is happening October 1, 2022 at the camp in Plymouth, VT. Come preview the items and enjoy a light breakfast and doughnuts and coffee, free of charge, starting at 9. The auction begins at 10 and a sponsored lunch (no charge to you) afterward. Call for items: Would you consider giving an item to be auctioned? Learn more about what sells well and let us know of your item here: <https://bethanybirches.org/benefit-auction> Need lodging to make it work? Check out these options: <https://bethanybirches.org/auction-weekend-lodging/#Atcamp> Hope to see you in October!

You're invited to the **MEDA Global Farm Party** at Spring Creek Farm (near Peddler's Village) on October 9 from 12:00 to 5:00 pm rain or shine. This event is free, and will offer interactive, hands-on activities for all ages, live music – including The Brunners, local and international food, hayrides and much more. Learn more at meda.org/farmparty.