

April 16, 2023

Sunday, April 16, 9:30 am Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live, Lead Pastor Dave Greiser will preach on Psalm 24, *Everything That We Care For*

10:30 am Second Hour for all ages

New Members Class meeting in Room 207

Connections Class with Maria Hosler Byler interviewing Andrew & Laura Alderfer meeting in Room 206

April 9, 2023

Offering
\$10,446
ACH Electronic
Offering
\$2,045
Vanco Online Offering
\$2,378
**Total Budget Offering
\$14,869**
**Children's Offering
\$79**

Future Salford Events

April 23 – Preaching, Rebecca Stoltzfus, President of Goshen College

April 26 - Faith Formation Night with dinner and interactive presentation by J.R. Briggs

May 7 – Spring Communion with Foot Washing

June 4 – Dock

Join Dr. Rebecca Stoltzfus During Second Hour on April 23, 2023

After preaching during the church service on April 23, Dr. Rebecca Stoltzfus, President of Goshen College, will participate in a time of sharing and a question-and-answer session during Second Hour. We strongly encourage Goshen alumni to join to hear updates about their alma mater as well as families with youth so they can hear about the impact Goshen makes on its students and the world. More details about this time together will be made available soon.

The Plague of Gun Violence

There are few things that make us feel more frightened and helpless than the mass shootings plaguing our country. We've been invited to join with other local churches in the area for a symbolic march and the creating of a visual symbol for those lost to gun violence in Montgomery County since the beginning of the year.

On Saturday, May 6 at 9:30, you are invited to come together at Salford to create a display of T-shirts with the names of persons killed by guns in Montco. We will provide materials to design the shirts, which will hang on Salford's lawn at the corner of Groff's Mill Road and Indian Creek Rd. We are calling this a Memorial to the Lost. We want to create 65-70 brightly colored T-shirts each memorializing one person lost to gun violence.

On Saturday May 20, we'll have a gathering at church to make signs for a march the following day on Broad and Market Streets in Lansdale.

Salford Church, Plains Mennonite, The Renew Community, Trinity Lutheran Church, the Islamic Mosque in Lansdale, Lansdale United Methodist, and more will participate in a **one-mile march** on **Gun Violence Awareness Day** in Lansdale, **on Sunday, May 21 at 3:30 pm**. In addition to this public witness there will be a **letter signing** for congresspersons and an **outdoor worship** service with a remembrance for the lost.

There will be more information coming soon. Stay tuned.

Dave Greiser for the planning group

Conversation with the Delaware Tribe of Indians

On the evening of April 12, over 100 people gathered in the barn at the Mennonite Heritage Center to hear from three representatives from the Delaware Tribe. Participants gathered for a meal and then heard from Chief Brad KillsCrow of the Delaware Tribe, Elder John Thomas, and Susan Bachor, Delaware Tribe Historic Preservation Officer, share stories, concerns, and requests. Many of their ancestors' graves in this area were desecrated, with the bodies exhumed. Recently, some of their ancestors' remains have been returned to them, but they do not currently have any land in this area in which they could properly bury them. At the event, the representatives expressed that they would like a few small plots of land so that they can properly inter their ancestors and perhaps build a small

Academy Choir performance at Salford

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

house where people can stay when they visit from out of state. With a clear request before us, one of the questions for the Salford community, whose history and ancestry is connected with those who were removed from this land, to consider is: how might we respond?

This Week at Salford

Monday, April 17

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

Tuesday, April 18

7:00 pm Church Board Meeting (Friendship Room)

Wednesday, April 19

7:00 pm Renewable Energy Exploration Team Meeting (Library)

Sunday, April 23

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

Preaching: Rebecca Stoltzfus, Goshen College

10:30 am Second Hour for all Ages

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

- For **Pat Gorman** who is recovering from thyroid removal surgery.
- All Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for Iglesia Evangelica Menonita Cristo Viene Pronto (Evangelical Mennonite Church Christ is Coming Soon), an emerging group that has begun meeting at the Providence Mennonite Church building. Pastor Nering Huete is helping the group get organized and focus it's ministry.

Birthday Blessings...

To **Glen Frederick**, who celebrates his 84th birthday on April 18.

Service & Mission

Donation of the Month for April – Tuna & Salmon Meals, (can & packet) SpaghettiOs with Meatballs, Beefaroni, Ravioli, Spaghetti Sauce, Laundry and Dish Soap.

Your donations will benefit Keystone Opportunity Center (KOC) food pantry in Souderton.

Salford Mennonite will be participating in a **Gun Violence Awareness Day** in Lansdale on May 21st, sponsored by Heeding God's Call to End Gun Violence. Many local churches are participating. A Witness Walk through Lansdale is a big part of this event. Please contact Cindy Scheetz with any questions (267-261-1815, cindyscheetz8083@gmail.com).

April 13, 2023 Salford/Advent Garden Update:

Greetings fellow gardeners, last Saturday the garden was flurry of activity as an energized group of volunteers planted some spring veggies. Cabbage, Broccoli, Carrots and Red Beets all made it in the ground. We built 3 new beds, for the lower end. I will use these to grow "TEST" tomatoes. We also added some soil/compost to the row that will be planted with onions and potatoes. We had a little frost Saturday night into Sunday morning and a few of our new plants were nipped. Most will make it but some will have to be replaced. I guess I should have waited a week. Look at all the sunshine. I will need extra sunscreen soon. WOW! The peas I planted in late March have popped up and are looking good. Bobby Landis would always tell me you can only work the soil when it is ready sometimes

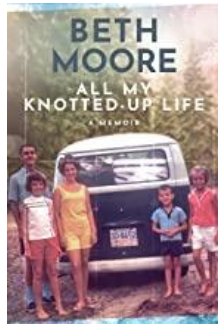
it is ready late in the spring sometimes it is ready early. Last year we had rain in late April that did not allow the garden to dry out and we waited 4-5 weeks until we could plant our summer plants. This year (if all goes OK) The lower end of the garden will be roto tilled and plastic laid down by the weekend. What a difference a year makes. All of the tractors we use were available and the weather has been dry, the soil is in great condition, we will be able to plant our summer plants on time this year. (Knock on wood) The first planting of our summer veggies is May 13. That is the earliest I will plant because of possible late frost. There will be plenty of work until then. This weekend we will plant 120 lbs. of seed potatoes and 1,300 onions, plus a few lettuce plants.

Thank You to everyone who helped out with our first workday of the year. We are off to a great start. Steve, 215-872-6616, rsblank@verizon.net

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:



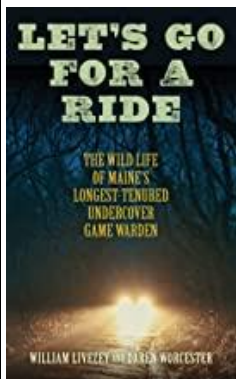
All My Knotted-Up Life – A Memoir By: Beth Moore

An incredibly thoughtful, disarmingly funny, and intensely vulnerable glimpse into the life and ministry of a woman familiar to many but known by few.

“It’s a peculiar thing, this having lived long enough to take a good look back. We go from knowing each other better than we know ourselves to barely sure if we know each other at all, to precisely sure that we don’t. All my knotted-up life I’ve longed for the sanity and simplicity of knowing who’s good and who’s bad. I’ve wanted to know this about myself as much as anyone.

This was not theological. It was strictly relational. God could do what he wanted with eternity. I was just trying to make it here in the meantime. As benevolent as he has been in a myriad of ways, God has remained aloof on this uncomplicated request.” – Beth Moore

All My Knotted-Up Life is told with surprising candor about some of the personal heartbreaks and behind-the-scenes challenges that have marked Beth’s life. But beyond that, it’s a beautifully crafted portrait of resilience and survival, a poignant reminder of God’s enduring faithfulness, and proof positive that if we ever truly took the time to hear people’s full stories . . . we’d all walk around slack-jawed.



Let’s Go For a Ride – The Wild Life of Maine’s Longest-Tenured Undercover Game Warden By: William Livezey

**** LOCAL INTEREST BOOK**

Let’s Go for a Ride is the story of William (Bill) Livezey’s thirty-year career in the Maine Warden Service. Heralded as “one of the best covert investigators in the country” by Maine Warden Service Lieutenant Dan Scott, Bill is the agency’s longest-tenured undercover operative, having spent twenty years in the Special Investigations Unit.

“Let’s go for a ride” is the universal bad-guy code for breaking the law. Among Maine’s most sinister wildlife offenders, its utterance is prone to incite alcohol-fueled night hunting, high-speed car chases on winding country roads, drug dealing, arson, and attempted murder. The worst of the worst were Bill

Livezey's bread and butter.

His success at putting the truly bad guys out of business was driven by his upbringing as one of them. Born and raised in Pennsylvania, Bill's father was a successful businessman whose blind ambition sent him down the dark path of drug trafficking. It wasn't long before young Bill was tagging along and doing drugs with his dad. The aftermath of witnessing his father perish in a fiery standoff with police sent Bill spiraling out of control. He lashed out at law enforcement by dealing drugs, and he numbed the pain and confusion by doing them. Deep down, Bill knew his life was broken. When a high school football teammate invited him to attend a Fellowship of Christian Athletes meeting, he discovered his faith and a new path.

Salford News & Notes

Henner Derstine has our thanks and appreciation for the many hours of weed whacking time he has volunteered in recent years in maintaining the church cemetery. Henner has decided it is time for a break from this role. So we are hopeful to find volunteers willing to give some time to maintaining the cemetery. If you are willing to help out, please contact Facility Manager George Gaugler to discuss.

Many people want to articulate a truer message about sin and salvation than the simplistic versions they were taught as a child. Jenny Wintermote writes: "At every stage of my daughter's faith formation, I've struggled with how to share about sin and salvation. I want her to understand that the world's brokenness is not God's plan and that Jesus offers healing and hope." Click [here to read her full article](#) and here for [the Peace Table children's bible which is forthcoming from MennoMedia](#).

Beyond Salford

Dock Theater presents "Clue on Stage – High School Edition". Show dates/times are April 27, 28 and 29 at 7:00 pm, and tickets are \$12.00 for adults and \$8.00 for students and senior citizens. Buy tickets online to reserve your seat at [our.show/dockclue](#).

Camp Men-O-Lan will hold a Women's Retreat, April 29 starting at 9:00 am. This special day is intended to refresh and renew your spirit as they look deeper into 'The Heart' based on Ezekiel 36:26 with guest speaker Dawn Mast. The cost is \$40; register online at [www.menolan.org](#), find them on [Facebook](#), call 215-679-5144, or email kim@menolan.org for more information.

Souderton Mennonite Church invites you to their **first Car Show**, Saturday, April 29 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. The rain date is April 30, 2:00-7:00 pm. There will be cars, trucks, motorcycles and big rigs and kids' activities in the gym. See their [Facebook page](#) for more information.