

April 21, 2024

Sunday, April 21, 9:30 am Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live, Guest Preacher Michele Hershberger will preach on Matthew 16:13-20

No Second Hour this Sunday for Children or Adults

Potluck Celebration Meal following Worship in the Fellowship Hall

April 7, 2024

Offering \$4,982
ACH Electronic Offering \$2,080
Vanco Online Offering \$3,518
Total Budget Offering \$10,580
Children's Offering: \$33

April 14, 2024

Offering \$8,359
ACH Electronic Offering \$1,980
Vanco Online Offering \$2,306
Total Budget Offering \$12,645
Children's Offering: \$29

Future Salford Events

April 21 – Brooke Martin Service of Ordination
May 5 – Dock

Brooke Martin Ordination Service, April 21, 2024

Join us on Sunday morning, April 21 to celebrate with Brooke Martin as she is ordained. Brooke serves as Youth and Community Formation Pastor for Mosaic Conference. We are thrilled to honor her. Join with us in the special service to witness her commitment to service, affirm her gifts, and bless her. Plan to stay for a celebratory potluck meal for everyone. Things you can do to honor Brooke: bring a main dish and a side dish for the potluck (desserts are covered), bring a card to encourage Brooke (there will be a basket at the potluck) Salford friends, **please be generous when planning for the Potluck! We will have many "guests" with us for this meal.** **There will be no 2nd hour on the 21st.*

Bless Brooke with pie: we could use a few more pies! If you get a chance, let Pastor Karen know you can bring one.

Our guest Preacher for the ordination service will be Michele Hershberger. Michele was Brooke's professor at Hesston College. Michele is a preacher, an author, a professor of Bible and co-campus pastor at Hesston.

Welcoming Path Second Hour Elective Series

The **Welcoming Path team** invites you to join us for three **second hour elective classes** on April 28, May 5, and May 12. In the first session, Johnny Stoeckle will lead an interactive session to build empathy and awareness. In subsequent sessions, the Welcoming Path team will lead us in learning more about sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, with time to reflect on how this understanding can deepen our compassion toward others, in line with Jesus' teachings on love and acceptance.

Finance Update for Salford Mennonite Church

For 2024, we will present a monthly update of our financial situation.

- We will need an average of **\$16,200** in weekly offering from January through November and an average of **\$31,000** in weekly offering in December to cover our budgeted expenses. Later in the year we can adjust our income need if expense budget savings or overages are recognized.
- **Average weekly offering needed for January through November: \$16,200**
- **Average weekly offering received so far for January through November (12 weeks): \$17,051**

This Week at Salford

Sunday, April 28

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

Preaching: Karen Bergey

10:30 am Second Hour for All Ages

Our Church Family

Academy Touring Choir
Performance at Salford
May 12 – Monthly
Communion with Foot
Washing

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

Prayer Concerns

- For **Keith Heavener** who is recovering from an ankle replacement on Wednesday. Pray for continued improvement.
- For **Rose Martin** who is in Lehigh rehab for a fractured spine and broken collarbone she suffered after a fall. Please pray for healing and a quick recovery.
- For **Vince Causerano** who will have surgery on Monday to alleviate issues caused by a kidney stone.
- For **Roma Ruth** who has been struggling with a cough for several weeks. Pray for relief and recovery.
- All Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for **Blooming Glen** as they begin the next steps in their pastoral search process for a lead pastor.

Your Prayers Requested...

For **Lowell Bishop** and the Bishop/Wismer family. Lois A. Wismer, age 86, died Sunday afternoon, April 7, 2024, at Phoebe Richland Health Care Center, Richlandtown, PA, where she was a recent resident. Prayers of comfort and strength for Lowell and family as they mourn the loss and remember the life of Lois.

A memorial service will be announced as soon as arrangements are complete.

We want to thank you for your prayers, cards, and meals over the past few weeks. Dean is now finished with his radiation treatments and Julie is continuing to heal from her surgery. We have felt loved and cared for and are so thankful to belong to this community! **Dean & Julie Wimmer.**

Service & Mission

Donation of the Month for April – KEYSTONE OPPORTUNITY CENTER, ITEMS NEEDED: Canned Fruits, Vegetables, Tuna, Chunky Soups, Beef Stew SpaghettiOs w/meatballs, Beefaroni, Ravioli, Pasta Sauce (with or without meat),

Please place items in the basket at the donation of the month table or on the shelves in coat room.

A generous thank you to our children (and adults) who contributed to the **Mennonite Central Committee My Coins Count coin collection** for water projects around the world. Salford contributed \$1,057 to the total of \$10,892 collected by 16 local Mennonite churches. This amount was also matched by a \$5,000 donation by an anonymous donor. So we have been part of raising \$15,892.08 for MCC water projects. These funds will build many wells in the Democratic Republic of Congo in Africa and other locations providing clean, safe, easily accessible drinking water. This will allow children and young adults to focus on their schoolwork instead of spending hours a day gathering water for family needs and will prevent many cases of illness in the community. Thank you for being the hand and feet of Jesus in providing this wonderful gift!

Salford/Advent Garden Update, April 11, 2024:

Greetings fellow gardeners, last week I was enjoying the nice spring weather, while setting up the gardens raised beds for this Saturday. Thank you Dean Shollenberger for the help this week. All the raised beds have had a mixture of soil/compost added to them and I was able to run my small rototiller through them. This Saturday we will plant cabbage, broccoli, red beets and carrots. Next week we will plant onions and potatoes. The last week in April we will plant whatever is left over from the first two weeks. The water has been turned on and the hoses set

up. The only thing I haven't done is test the water lines in the raised beds. Last Sunday we received 2 pickup truck loads of cardboard from the youth fellowship at Advent. They had built a BOX city over the weekend and slept outside to give attention to the homeless. The cardboard will be used in the garden for weed control and to cover our walking paths when we set up the lower end for summer planting. Working in the garden each week I get to see firsthand the changes that occur all around us that sometimes go unnoticed. I watched a female eastern toad emerge from my compost pile this week. She was sleeping deep inside the pile all winter waiting to come out to start laying her eggs for the next generation of toads. Eastern toads are extremely sensitive to chemicals and other irritants. When I see them in our garden, I know we are doing a good job of keeping the garden a safe place to grow food as well as a safe place for the toads.

Thank you to everyone who supports this mission. We've only just begun. 2024 will be a great year! Steve, rsblank@verizon.net 215-872-6616

Salford/Advent Garden Update, April 18, 2024:

Greetings fellow gardeners, last Saturday was the official first planting of the season. 4 flats of green cabbage, 3 flats of broccoli, 1 flat of red cabbage, 7 beds of red beets and 3 beds of carrots made their way into the garden. A hardy bunch of volunteers braved the cold breeze and finished in record time. This week we plant 100 lbs. of seed potatoes, 1,300 onion plants and 2 flats of lettuce. I also have 2 more flats of green cabbage that I started in my basement, ready to join the party. This second planting will be time consuming because we have to lay a row of plastic and drip line down for the onions. This is done by hand and takes a little time to do. The onions also get covered with insect netting. The potatoes will be planted in 10 raised bed boxes and a full 230-foot rototilled row. This past week my bird watching was put to use as I spied an Eastern Phoebe and a pair of Rough Winged Swallows flying around the garden. Both birds are early migrants that nest in Pennsylvania. I have to be careful. I find myself staring off at the top of a tree or off into the sky and forget what I am doing. Not good especially if you're working a rototiller!

Thank you to everyone who helps out with the garden. We've only just begun.....so song goes! Steve, rsblank@verizon.net 215-872-6616

Justice & Peace Spotlight

Members of Salford Mennonite Church are volunteers with **Heeding God's Call to End Gun Violence**. They helped us to create the Memorial to the Lost in 2023-acknowledging the number of homicides (81) in Montgomery County over the last five years. Their mission seeks to energize the American faith community and actively seek to end gun violence through public witness and policy advocacy.

Zion Mennonite Church is organizing a **'Witness Walk' through Souderton on Sunday, April 21st at 1 pm.**

Members of Salford Mennonite Church, the Salford J&P ministry team and other area churches will be joining Zion Mennonite Church to walk through Souderton. The walk is about a mile to the Uninvest parking lot, turn around and return to Zion to sign legislative letters, hear speakers ,share about gun violence and offer prayers.

Family Faith Formation

Invite your friends to Peace Camp! This week there are bulletin inserts available to share with friends and neighbors. Please consider inviting someone in elementary school to join us this year!

Volunteers to make Peace Camp 2024 a success! We've already had 35 kids register! We are in need of: Kitchen Cooking, Serving, & Cleanup Prayerfully consider how you can support the children of this congregation and the local community. Contact Jenn Svetlik at salfordpeacecamp@gmail.com to learn more about how you can be a part of this very memorable week!

Sunday School Teachers Needed for 2024-25! In the fall, a few of our amazing Sunday School teachers will no longer be with us, and ***we're in need of additional teachers and helpers for the 2-3 year old class and the 4s & K class.***

Teachers serve on a team so they can also be a part of a second hour class for half the weeks. If you're open to the possibility of teaching or serving as a helper, please let Jenn Svetlik know (jennifer.svetlik@gmail.com) and she can share more!

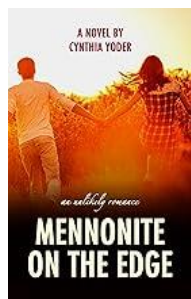
Church Library Spotlight

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>



Together in Love – Faith Stories of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Couples By: Roberta Kreider

DONATED



Mennonite on the Edge – An Unlikely Romance By: Cynthia Yoder

Though a country-girl at heart, MaryJo can't wait to have a life of adventure in Manhattan with Adam. But an old relationship haunts her and she begins to wonder if she'll repeat past mistakes. Meanwhile, Adam lands a high-profile job in the City. Can MaryJo make peace with her past and find serenity with the man she loves in the City that Never Sleeps? DONATED

News & Notes

Mandy & Luke Martin were looking into what to do with their **Solar Eclipse glasses** and found a program that collects them and then distributes them to lower income areas where the next full eclipse will be. This is the organization - <https://astronomerswithoutborders.org/programs/solar-glasses-distribution>

There will be a box at the welcome center for the next two week to collect any unwanted glasses.

Salford's volleyball season came to an end on Monday with a heartbreaking loss to Calvary 2 in the first round of the playoffs. Despite a heroic effort from the senior member of the team who turned 50 during the game, it just wasn't meant to be. Many thanks to everyone on the team this year and to all the people who filled

in when we needed them. Salford finished tied for 3rd place over all, two spots better than last year.

Beyond Salford

April 21, 2024, 1-2:30 pm, **Zion Mennonite Church**, Souderton, is hosting an **End Gun Violence 1.3 mile downtown march** which will conclude with letter writing to legislators to advocate for common sense gun laws. Any who want to end gun violence are welcome to join us. Event will be held rain or shine. For a one page info flyer on the event that you can use to tell others about it, email mikeford@zionmennonite.org.

The April edition of **On the Level** is now available from **Mennonite Disaster Service**. In our current issue: Kevin King shares a truly uplifting story of MDS work in Maryland, volunteers are transforming lives in Mississippi, and long-time project in Jennings, Louisiana comes to a close. Plus, check out the volunteer opportunities for this summer and fall. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3UjUriu>

We are happy to report the success of the 2024 Mennonite Central Committee Meat Canning Event. Upwards of 300 volunteers processed 24,000 pounds of pork into 16,010 cans. These cans will be shipped to the people of Ukraine in the coming year. Thank you to all who donated monetarily and of their time to make this event a success. Together we are sharing God's love and compassion by responding to basic human needs. Marlene Derstine, Coordinator