

April 23, 2023

Sunday, April 23, 9:30 am Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live, Guest Preacher Dr. Rebecca Stoltzfus will preach on Matthew 22:34-40; *Choices, Opportunities, and Resources: The Book of Ruth as a Stewardship Story*

10:30 am Second Hour for all ages

Dr. Rebecca Stoltzfus will present in the Fellowship hall

New Members Class meeting in Room 207

Connections Class will not be held this Sunday, we suggest class participants attend the Dr. Rebecca Stoltzfus presentation

April 16, 2023

Offering

\$6,606

ACH Electronic

Offering

\$2,045

Vanco Online Offering

\$1,998

Total Budget Offering \$10,649

Children's Offering \$56

Future Salford Events

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

Stewardship: What Do We Care For?

As I noted on Sunday, "stewardship" is a term that, in our minds, tends to be nearly synonymous with "giving" and "money." It is that, but it is so much more. In the coming weeks we're planning to talk about our care for Creation, for our own bodies, for our relationships, for our work, for our talents, and yes, for our money.

What do you "care for?" When we ask the question that way, stewardship becomes a very large subject. What (and who) do you care for? Are there parts of your life for which you are a steward that I did not name in the list above? I'd like to hear your thoughts and questions, as we move into this important series in the days ahead. Pastor Dave Greiser

Join Dr. Rebecca Stoltzfus for 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. The title for Second hour is What Mennonite Higher Ed Has to Offer Our World – Dr. Stoltzfus will speak to that theme and then take questions.

Family Faith Formation Night with JR Briggs

Join us on Wednesday, April 26th for Faith Formation Night featuring a session with J.R. Briggs. J.R. will lead an interactive time for adults to individually, in conversation with one another, name your guiding values that shape the way you live. This is a balcony-view opportunity that can bring intentionality to the rest of your life. [Email Andrew Zetts](#) to register. The night includes:

- 5:30-6:15 dinner
- 6:15-6:30 all-ages worship
- 6:30-8:00 kids' club, youth night, and session with J.R. Briggs

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.

May 7 – Spring Communion with Foot Washing

June 4 – Dock 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

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

This Week at Salford

Wednesday, April 26

5:30 pm Family Faith Formation Night Dinner (Fellowship Hall)

6:15 pm Worship

6:30 pm Kids' Club, Youth Night, and session with J.R. Briggs

Sunday, April 30

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

Preaching: Andrew Zetts

10:30 am Second Hour for all Ages

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

- Pray that God will help adults understand, especially here at Salford Mennonite Church and Child Care, how children learn and what to provide to equip them to become reflections of God. Give us the courage and the know-how to do this sacred work.
- All Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for our congregations – **Blooming Glen, Plains, Nueva Vida Norristown New Life, and Deep Run East** – as they search for pastoral leadership. Pray for wisdom, discernment, and unity for the search committees as they navigate this process.

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 20, 2023 Salford/Advent Garden Update:

Greetings fellow gardeners, Last Saturday was another big planting day. We planted 2 kinds of potatoes and 1300 onions. I am trying an experiment. I planted potatoes in 3 grow bags to see how they will produce. Maybe we change the way we plant potatoes maybe not. We also replaced a few cabbage that were nipped by the last frost. 2 flats of romaine lettuce were also planted. This past week I have been watering some parts of the garden everyday. DRY DRY DRY. What a

difference a year makes last year we were swimming in the garden this year not so much. This Saturday we will work on laying down cardboard and straw in the aisles of the lower end. The dry weather and high wind did pull up an entire row of plastic mulch this week, I spent most of an afternoon putting the plastic back in place. One of the reasons I want to have the cardboard and straw down. It helps to hold the plastic in place. The cabbage I started in my basement are now ready and they will go into the ground this week. The beets and carrots we planted are up and running. The peas suffered a little with the hot weather some new shoots withered a little. I watered them as much as I could but we may have lost a few young seedlings. All in all a really good start to our spring season. Thank you to all the volunteers who give of their valuable time to help out in the garden. The garden is a special place but it is the people that make it special. Steve, 215-872-6616, rsblank@verizon.net

Faith Formation Spotlight

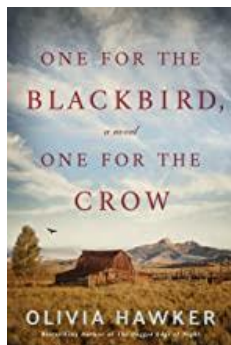
Sunday School Teachers Needed for Fall 2023! This fall we'll be opening another Sunday School classroom, and though our amazing teachers are all returning, ***we'll need additional teachers for the 2 year old class and the 3 & 4 year old class.*** Teachers serve on a team so they can also be a part of a second hour class for half the weeks. If you're open to the possibility of teaching, or serving as a helper/aide, 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>

Here is a sampling of new materials:

One for the Blackbird, One for the Crow, A Novel By: Olivia Hawker

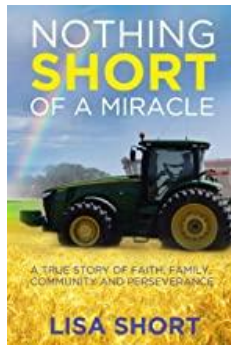


Wyoming, 1876. For as long as they have lived on the frontier, the Bemis and Webber families have relied on each other. With no other settlers for miles, it is a matter of survival. But when Ernest Bemis finds his wife, Cora, in a compromising situation with their neighbor, he doesn't think of survival. In one impulsive moment, a man is dead, Ernest is off to prison, and the women left behind are divided by rage and remorse.

Losing her husband to Cora's indiscretion is another hardship for stoic Nettie Mae. But as a brutal Wyoming winter bears down, Cora and Nettie Mae have no choice but to come together as one family—to share the duties of working the land and raising their children. There's Nettie Mae's son, Clyde—no longer a boy, but not yet a man—who must navigate the road to adulthood without a father to guide him, and Cora's daughter, Beulah, who is as wild and untamable as her prairie home.

Bound by the uncommon threads in their lives and the challenges that lie ahead, Cora and Nettie Mae begin to forge an unexpected sisterhood. But when a love blossoms between Clyde and Beulah, bonds are once again tested, and these two resilient women must finally decide whether they can learn to trust each other—or else risk losing everything they hold dear.

Nothing Short of A Miracle By: Lisa Short



Shortly after a young couple vow to love each other through sickness and health, their commitment is tested when a tragic farm accident destroys their world. Surviving the insurmountable damage seems impossible, but when a community comes together and profoundly demonstrates what can be done through prayer and support—and a Kansas farm family puts all their trust and faith in God—lives are inspired by results that are nothing short of miracle.

For some, farming is a calling more than an occupation, and to those who participate in the time-honored production of America's food supply, the challenge of staying solvent through the generations is a continual concern. And when tragedy strikes at the heart of a farming family, the repercussions demand the best of individuals and community, calling forth that spirit and resolve so essential to those who live and grow on the land. This mother's account of her adult son's shocking experience with loss and the subsequent struggle to maintain life as a husband and father, and regain his role within the rural landscape of the Kansas heartland, is a heartfelt tribute to the qualities that made and keep America's precious farm families doing what they do best.

Salford News & Notes

The Nursery has been updated! Stop by the nursery entryway to see all the info for parents and volunteers in one place. Volunteers and parents: if you have not received updated procedures and information from Erica Smith-Grasse, please [contact her](#). Interested in volunteering in the nursery occasionally? We could use 15 additional adult volunteers to each serve 3 times per year.

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.

From Maria: When it comes to artwork depicting scripture, I'm always on the lookout for different perspectives. Diego Velázquez's painting, "Kitchen Maid With the Supper At Emmaus" offers a gripping new perspective on the Emmaus Road story that has inspired two powerful poems. [See the painting and poems here](#) to meditate on this Easter Season.

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](#).

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.

If your schedule is empty on Tuesday, April 25 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm and you're over age 8, stop by and try out volunteering at **Care & Share Thrift Shoppes** in

Souderton! Learn more at careandshareshoppes.org.

Manna on Main Street's 12th annual Race to End Hunger is on Saturday, April 29th at Knapp Elementary School (698 Knapp Rd, Lansdale, PA 19446.) The event includes a 10K, 5K and Fun Run and all proceeds benefit Manna's core programs: our community kitchen, market pantry, emergency financial assistance and Common Ground Training Program. For the past 42 years, Manna has been dedicating to ending hunger in the North Penn region. The race is our biggest and only fundraiser of the year.

Supporters can partner with Manna by either registering for one of our race distances (all walker, stroller and dog on leash friendly) at <https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/Lansdale/MannaonMainStreetRacetoEndHunger> or by signing up to volunteer the day of the race. Volunteer shifts run from 6am and 10:30am and are varying lengths. Signup Genius link is available here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c45aeab2fabf8ce9-mannas#/>. This year we are in need of additional volunteers to act as course marshals.

Our Race to End Hunger is great family friendly community event and we hope to see you there. With questions or for more info. contact: developmentassistant@mannaonmain.org.