

April 2, 2023

Sunday, April 2, 9:30 am Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live, A shared sermon with DD Wolf, Nathaniel Martin, and Meredith Ehst will be preached on Matthew 21:1-11

10:30 am Second Hour for all ages

New Members Class meeting in Room 207

Connections Class with Juanita Nyce interviewing **Tori Jones** Long meeting in Room 206

March 19, 2023

Offering
\$6,182
ACH Electronic
Offering
\$2,045
Vanco Online Offering
\$4,060
Total Budget Offering
\$12,287
Children's Offering
\$41

Future Salford Events

April 7 – Good Friday
6:00 pm Soup and Bread Dinner

7:00 pm Good Friday Service

April 9 – Easter Sunday Worship, 9:30 am, no Second Hour

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

April 26 - Faith

Good Friday Meal and Worship Service: Friday April 7th

All are invited to a simple meal of soup and bread in the fellowship hall on Good Friday, April 7th at 6:00 p.m. After the meal we will celebrate communion together around tables. Please [RSVP to Maria Hosler Byler](#) for the meal and [see the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center](#) to contribute food to the meal.

At 7:00 p.m. a service of song, silence, and scripture will take place in the sanctuary. Together we will walk through the Good Friday story. We will lament the suffering of the world, we will confess and be forgiven, and we will offer our sorrows to God. The service will have an online option. For those joining from home, please have ready a candle, a small stone, and a bowl of water.

You are welcome to join for both the meal and the service, or for one or the other.

Easter Sunday Worship Service, April 9th

On Easter Sunday morning we will celebrate the Risen Christ with worship at 9:30 am. We will not hold Second Hour or Children's Sunday School on Easter morning.

Living Into Our Welcome

Last Sunday, Salford completed a nine-month process of discernment by adopting a new [Welcome Statement](#). This simple action concluded a long period of work. At the same time, it signals the beginning of a new chapter in Salford's mission as a congregation.

In the sermon I said that, like the disciples who rolled away the stone for Lazarus, and removed his graveclothes, we too are given a ministry of making space for wounded people. All around us, there are people – LGBTQIA people, and their families – looking for connection. They want to know they are truly welcome and are able to be themselves among us even as they are being claimed and healed by Jesus.

What steps does Salford need to take to highlight and build our welcome? How can we become stone rollers and graveclothes - unwrappers together? In the weeks to come we'll be looking for people to help us imagine our next steps together. Is God calling you to a next-step ministry?

Dave Greiser, lead pastor

Relationship Building with Dock Mennonite Academy

Later in the spring, we will formally invite representatives from Dock Mennonite Academy to visit and share updates and information with the Salford Mennonite congregation regarding how the school is helping to shape the faith and lives of our students. When we reach out to invite representatives from Dock, we would like to present them with specific topics of interest and questions that our community and congregants would like to hear about.

Formation Night with dinner and interactive presentation by J.R. Briggs

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

In an effort to get your insight and feedback that we can take to Dock, we will be hosting a lunch and time for conversation on April 16 after Second Hour. During the lunch, participants will be arranged around tables in discussion groups and be invited to respond to a series of reflection and conversation questions. Each table will have someone to take notes so we can look for themes across discussion groups and other matters that we feel would be important for Dock to hear and share more about with us.

We hope that initiating an ongoing dialogue with Dock will help build good faith between Salford and Dock by exchanging ideas and providing them with feedback; hearing about the direction, vision, and good works at Dock; and learning about ways we might support the school.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Pastor Andrew (at zetsa@salfordmc.org or 215-859-3446) by April 10. We will provide sandwiches for lunch and participants should bring a small side to share.

Sincerely, Andrew Zetts and Cindy Moyer

This Week at Salford

Wednesday, April 5

8:30 am Sewing Circle and Prayer Shawl Knitting (Gathering Room)

Friday, April 7

6:00 pm Good Friday Meal and Communion (Fellowship Hall)

7:00 pm Good Friday Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Sunday, April 9

9:30 am Easter Sunday Salford Worship Indoors and Streamed on YouTube Live
Preaching: Dave Greiser

No Second Hour on Easter Sunday

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

- All Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for members of the former Rocky Ridge congregation as they meet together on April 3 to discern what to do with their property. On Sunday, June 26, 2022, Rocky Ridge (Quakertown, PA) Mennonite Church gathered for its final worship service. Pray that God will fulfill their desires to see kingdom ministry continue on that property.

Congratulations...

To **Emma Ruth-Stein & Max Stein** on the birth of baby **Emil Jay Ruth-Stein** on Wednesday, March 29th. **Jay & Jane Ruth** are Grandparents.

Remembering the Life of Ferne (Hagey) Alderfer

Written by Willis Miller

Ferne Hagey grew up in the Franconia congregation. She married Harold Alderfer from Salford. They made Salford their home church and religiously supported the activities and programs of the church throughout their lives. Ferne was a friendly and caring woman of faith.

Sometime in the mid-1960's Ferne became convinced there should be a presence in the church building during the week when members could call the church with questions, request information, or to share concerns. At the time, the church was only occupied on Sunday and Wednesday night prayer meetings. She was so convinced that she volunteered to be that presence. There was no office and no telephone in the church at that time.

A telephone was installed and she was given a small room in the basement which was also used as a Sunday School supply room. It had an old roll-top desk with a very ordinary chair. There she became Salford's first unpaid church secretary.

After some time, Ferne was convinced that Salford should have a church bulletin for the Sunday service to contain an order of service and offer information and announcements. This was a new thing for Salford but she convinced others of the need and together, they made it happen.

Ferne served as Salford's church secretary into the 1980's when she resigned. She and her family continued to faithfully support the church leadership and mission.

Ferne was 94 and living at Dock Community. She went to be with the Lord on October 25 of last year and will be remembered and missed by this community she dearly loved.

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. A planning meeting will be held on March 30th at 7 PM at Lansdale United Methodist Church (3rd and Broad); all who are interested in helping are invited. Please contact Cindy Scheetz with any questions (267-261-1815, cindyscheetz8083@gmail.com).

March 30, 2023 Salford/Advent Garden Update:

Greetings fellow gardeners, this week I just could not hold back. I rototilled a 110 foot row in the garden and planted Sugar snap peas. The soil tilled up really nice and with the warmer days and a little rain on the horizon the peas should do fine. Sugar Snap peas grow very tall 6 to 8 feet. We will be building a trellis for the peas to grow on. The box beds are almost all weeded. Thank you Nancy and Janet L. Now the beds need to be topped off with our compost, the water lines checked for leaks, then they will be ready for planting on Saturday April 8th. A few beds need to be repaired; I will be working on that next week. The plants I have started in my basement may not be ready for the 8th. I may have misjudged by about 2 weeks. I thought 5 weeks was enough for these but 7 weeks would have been better. Each year I learn something new. Not a big deal we will have plenty of other plants and seeds to work with before my plants are ready for planting. Thank you to all who support this mission.

While going down life's weary road, I'll try to lift some travelers load, I'll try to turn the night to day, MAKE FLOWERS BLOOM ALONG THE WAY! Steve Blank, rsblank@verizon.net (215) 872-6616

Faith Formation Spotlight

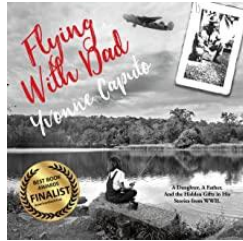
All kids are invited to participate in the **procession with palms** this Sunday, which will happen toward the beginning of the service. Please send your kids to the library at 9:15am to receive their palm and prepare. Jr. and Sr. MYF are also invited to help as leaders and guides for the younger kids

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:

Flying with Dad – By Yvonne Caputo



Written with vivid detail, this encouraging, life-giving audiobook is a tale of a World War II Veteran father and his daughter, who found the relationship with him she'd always longed for.

Do you have a family member who served in the military, who perhaps saw war, and wondered what their experience was really like? Do you suspect there are past traumas that might be affecting their ability to open up? Do you wish you could feel closer and more connected to your mom, dad, or other family members? If yes, *Flying with Dad* will pull you into a real-life story that shows you how.

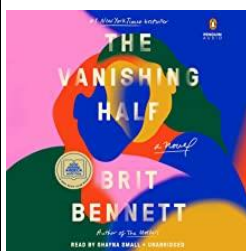
At age 10, author Yvonne Caputo vied for her dad's attention. At 20, they fought about race. At 60, she struggled to talk with him about what mattered.

In *Flying With Dad*, Caputo charts her journey to her father through the re-telling of why he went from repairing planes to being a B-24 navigator in WWII, how heavy German flak led to post-war nightmares, and why he suffered years of guilt after one particular bombing run over Unterschlaubersbach, Germany.

Over the years, Yvonne would ask her father questions about this past. She'd listen, pay attention, and found that he was paying attention to her as well. As she learned to meet him where he was, instead of where she wanted him to be, the result was an intimacy, a deep abiding respect, and a no-regrets final goodbye.

Flying with Dad is a heart-wrenching and heart-warming story of a daughter striving to understand her father and him opening up about the experiences that shapes so many soldiers and can get in the way of the rich relationships they and their children deserve. DONATED

The Vanishing Half – By Brit Bennett / Fiction



The Vignes twin sisters will always be identical. But after growing up together in a small, Southern Black community and running away at age 16, it's not just the shape of their daily lives that is different as adults, it's everything: their families, their communities, their racial identities. Many years later, one sister lives with her Black daughter in the same Southern town she once tried to escape. The other secretly passes for White, and her White husband knows nothing of her past. Still, even separated by so many miles and just as many lies, the fates of the twins remain intertwined. What will happen to the next generation, when their own daughters' storylines intersect?

Weaving together multiple strands and generations of this family, from the Deep South to California, from the 1950s to the 1990s, Brit Bennett produces a story that is at once a riveting, emotional family story and a brilliant exploration of the American history of passing. Looking well beyond issues of race, *The Vanishing Half* considers the lasting influence of the past as it shapes a person's decisions, desires, and expectations, and explores some of the multiple reasons and realms in which people sometimes feel pulled to live as something other than their

origins.

Salford News & Notes

Prayer Shawl folks are welcome to gather with everyone at Sewing Circle on **Wednesday, April 5th**. Bring your shawl or blanket in progress or come to pick up yarn and a pattern to begin a new one! We'll be meeting when you can, as long as you can between **8:30am and 1pm upstairs across from the cafe**. There will be coffee and tea and maybe a light snack but be free to bring your own to share!

Salford friends at Souderton Mennonite Home - don't miss our monthly gathering on **Monday, April 10th from 7-8 in the Friendship Room**. Call Karen if you have any questions.

Salford Volleyball Update - Salford 1, won their first playoff match last week and will play for the championship of the B bracket on Monday night at 7pm at Immanuel Leidy's. Many thanks to everyone who came to cheer us on last week.

Hearing from the Lenape—You're invited for an evening of listening and fellowship as we welcome the Lenape of Oklahoma to the Mennonite Heritage Center on Wednesday, April 12 at 6 p.m. It begins with a potluck meal followed by a presentation from our guests. The event is free, but registration is required here: <https://mhcp.org/events/event/hearing-from-the-lenape/> The Mennonite Heritage Center is located at 565 Yoder Rd., Harleysville, Pa. The Mennonite Heritage Center is **looking for volunteers who can provide a hearty main dish for the potluck, as well as who can help with setup and cleanup. If you're able to do this, please let Jenn Svetlik know at jennifer.svetlik@gmail.com.**

Beyond Salford

You are invited for a free afternoon of classical and sacred music on Sunday, April 16 at 3:00 pm at **Souderton Mennonite Church**, performed by professional musicians Isaac King (Viola), Brinson Moore (Violin) and Graeme Burgan (Piano). Isaac and Brinson are fourth year string performance students at Cairn University. Mr. Burgan is Adjunct Faculty at the Cairn University School of Music teaching Piano & Worship. For more information click [HERE](#).

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.

Peter Becker Community's annual Spirit Care Seminar will be held Tuesday, May 16. on the topic "Real Life Resilience Skills in an Age of Compassion Fatigue". This free seminar is open to clergy and healthcare workers; breakfast and certificates for CEU's will be available. Register online by [clicking here](#).