

April 9, 2023

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**Easter Sunday**  
**Sunday, April 9, 9:30**  
**am Worship at**  
**Salford and on**  
**YouTube Live,** Lead  
Pastor Dave Greiser  
will preach on Matthew  
28:1-10, *Fully Human,*  
*Fully Alive*

**No Second Hour or**  
**Children's Sunday**  
**School on Easter**

#### **April 2, 2023**

Offering  
\$20,106  
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Offering  
\$7,260  
Vanco Online Offering  
\$1,768  
**Total Budget Offering**  
**\$29,133**  
**Children's Offering**  
**\$42**

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

**May 7** – Spring  
Communion with Foot  
Washing

**June 4** – Dock

## **Good Friday Meal and Worship Service: Friday April 7<sup>th</sup>**

**At Salford we are observing Good Friday a little differently this year:** through a meal at 6pm and a service at 7pm.

At 6:00 we will gather in the fellowship hall for a simple meal and communion together around tables. It won't be the Passover meal that was the Last Supper, but in a way we will be doing what Jesus did often with his disciples: nourishing bodies through food and spirits through fellowship. Vegan and gluten free options will be available.

Then at 7:00 we will move to the worship space. This year the service, too, will be different: as we hear the crucifixion story, we will be invited to reflect on the sorrows and griefs of our world today. We will be bringing those sorrows and griefs to God. There will be plenty of silence, music, and an optional action. All are welcome to join at 7:00, whether you have been at the meal or not.

**Good Friday can be a challenge, especially for newer participants:** it's somber and often fraught with guilt-inducing language. But truly having space before God to name both our own pain and our complicity in harm can be a refreshingly honest experience. It is in doing so that we can be freed to join in God's liberating work of love. So come, bring your burdens to God.

## **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.

## **Finance Update for Salford Mennonite Church**

For 2023, we will present a monthly update of our financial situation.

- We have received \$208,854 in offering and income over the first three months of the year, with a 2023 expense budget of \$898,000. We have received 23% of the income needed for 2023 in these first three months (25%) of the year.
- We will need an average of **\$15,700** in weekly offering from January through November and an average of **\$36,000** 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: \$15,700**
- **Average weekly offering received so far for January through November, including youth auction income (13 weeks): \$16,066**

Other generous non-budget donations made by the congregation:

- \$6,350 divided between MCC Syria/Turkey Disaster response and Mosaic Conference urban churches economic needs.
- \$1,450 for Access Services and migrant bus winter clothes needs.
- \$497 dollar bills and a large jug of coins for the Children's Offering.

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](mailto:alderferb@salfordmc.org)

## Relationship Building with Dock Mennonite Academy

This is a reminder that we will be hosting a lunch and time for conversation about Dock Mennonite Academy after Second Hour on **April 16**. As congregants of a church like Salford that actively supports Dock, we are all stakeholders in the Dock community. This meeting is a terrific opportunity to speak into and shape our relationship building. Our main priority for this meeting is to hear your hopes for, concerns about, and topics of interest regarding Dock that you would like representatives to speak more about when they visit in the future. This might include: efforts Dock is taking to continue its commitment to Anabaptist values, new initiatives and changing structures, responses to the allegations of staff misconduct, changing tuition rates, and much more.

We hope that initiating an ongoing dialogue with Dock will help build good faith between Salford and Dock as we move together in the future. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Pastor Andrew (at [zetsa@salfordmc.org](mailto: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

## 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.

## This Week at Salford

### Monday, April 10

Church Office Closed for Easter

7:00 pm Fellowship Gathering at Souderton Mennonite Homes (Friendship Room)

### Sunday, April 16

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

Preaching: Dave Greiser

10:30 am Second Hour for all Ages

## Our Church Family

### Prayer Concerns

- For **Frank Moran** as he begins a course of chemo and radiation for a localized malignancy.
- For **Ray Yoder** as he recovers from a procedure on his liver. He is at St. Luke's in Bethlehem.
- All Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for the ministry of **Lakeview Mennonite Church (Susquehanna, PA)** who would like to hold a Bible School July 10 to 14. Pray that God will provide volunteers to make this possible. If there is a congregation, family, or group who would like to send 4-6 youth with accompanying adults, please contact [office@mosaicmennonites.org](mailto:office@mosaicmennonites.org). Lodging in a cabin by a lake and food would be provided.

### ***Birthday Blessings...***

To **Roberta Kreider**, who celebrated her 97<sup>th</sup> birthday on April 3, to **Len Ruth**, who celebrated his 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday on April 5, and to **Gladys Hunsberger**, who will celebrate her 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday on April 16.

### **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 21<sup>st</sup>, 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:cindyscheetz8083@gmail.com)).

### **April 6, 2023 Salford/Advent Garden Update:**

Greetings fellow gardeners this week Spring was in the air and almost summer. The temps were really up there, I even received a little sunburn. (a little lazy on the sunscreen) I was able to set up all the beds that will be planted this Saturday. Their soil has been loosened up and the beds were topped off with a mix of mushroom soil and our own homemade compost. The water lines are all hooked up and running fine. (Only a few leaks) I have the plants and seeds ready, we are set. All that remains to be done is hooking up the hoses and some other small details. The plants I have started will need a little more time to get big enough to transplant outside maybe next week. They did have a little bit of a setback. I had a mouse in my basement that liked cabbage seedlings. It took a little while but he is now in a better place. The first Tree swallow of the year flew by the other day and the Bluebirds are setting up shop in our Bluebird house. The garden is really coming alive.

Thank you to all who have supported this mission throughout the 16 years going into our 17th year. Happy Easter as we celebrate our risen Lord this Sunday. Steve Blank, [rsblank@verizon.net](mailto:rsblank@verizon.net) (215) 872-6616

## **Faith Formation Spotlight**

### **Help us make the 2023 Peace Camp a Success!**

We already have over 30 kids registered for Peace Camp, from Sunday, June 18 to Thursday, June 22. We are looking forward to a great year! Register here:

<http://www.salfordmc.org/peace-camp.html>

There are many tasks to do before, during, and after camp. Prayerfully consider how you can support the children of this congregation and the local community.

We are still in need of helpers for:

- 1-2 adults to serve as leader to a group of kids
- Youth to accompany groups of kids & help out with special activities
- Kitchen Cooking, Serving & Cleanup
- Setup and Registration support and Games leaders

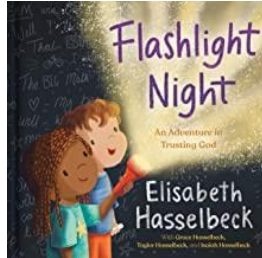
Please contact Jenn at [peacecamp@salfordmc.org](mailto:peacecamp@salfordmc.org) to learn more about how you can be a part of this very memorable week!

## 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:

### Flashlight Night – An Adventure in Trusting God By Elizabeth Hasselbeck



*Flashlight Night* is narrated by a boy whose parents have used chalkboard paint to create a wall where he and his siblings can write out all their fears, cares, and concerns: *Will I learn to blow a bubble? Tie my shoes? Stay out of trouble? Be the friend they choose?*

The boy shares the wall with a friend, who records her own prayers. Later, they visit the chalkboard wall at dusk with a flashlight. The boy's mom shines the light on some prayers and turns it off at other times, pointing out that their prayers (and the children's faith) are still there, even in the dark, and that God hears every request.

### Lonesome, Party of Six, A Novel By: A. Ainsworth



Six lonely diners on a day built for family. One stranger who notices. Their lives would be changed forever because of her one intentional act of kindness.

Austen Thomasan is surrounded by family but feeling the loneliness of a recent breakup. Her mother and the relentless attack of the calendar remind her she is no closer to marriage than she was when she left for college. She could feel comfortable in her own skin if... well, she doesn't exactly know the solution to her dilemma. When a Thanksgiving day at the movies with her family turns into dinner at The Log Cabin, an encounter with a high school classmate disrupts her pity party and turns her attention to six people from different walks of life eating their Thanksgiving dinners alone. Austen is so moved by the scene that she anonymously pays for their meals. Find yourself moved to laughter and tears at the narratives of Pops, One Month Sober, Mr. Important, Pastor Widower, Army Mom, and Inconvenient Heart Attack. Be encouraged as Austen battles her own insecurities and determines to connect to her Lonesome, Party of Six crew... even though they have never met her.

*Lonesome, Party of Six* is a hopeful work of Christian fiction. If you like fascinating characters, homespun Southern fiction, and moving stories, then you'll love A. Ainsworth's stories of loneliness, community, and—ultimately—faith

## 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 in maintaining the cemetery. If you are willing to help out, please contact Facility Manager George Gaugler to discuss.

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** - the season has come to a close. Salford 1 won their last match to finish 5th overall in the league. It was a great start and hopefully points to better things to come next season. Many thanks to everyone who showed up to watch our last game and a shout out to our most loyal fan, Marvin Anders, who cheered us on at more games than anyone else. Thanks to everyone for their support. See you next year!!

**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](mailto: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](#).

Discover **Dock Mennonite Academy** at their Early Childhood-Grade 8 campus open house, Tuesday, April 18 at 4:00 pm. Tour their campus, meet faculty and staff, learn about financial aid, curriculum, learning support, athletics, and co-curricular opportunities. Register at [www.dock.org](http://www.dock.org)

**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](http://www.menolan.org), find them on [Facebook](#), call 215-679-5144, or email [kim@menolan.org](mailto: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.

**Camp Men-O-Lan** invites you to their National Day of Prayer Breakfast, Thursday May 4 at 8:30 am. Join them to 'pray fervently in righteousness and avail much' (James 5:15b). This event is Jesus centered, Holy Spirit empowered and includes worship, sharing, prayer, and GREAT food! Everyone is welcome, and the cost is \$7. Register online at [www.menolan.org](http://www.menolan.org), find them on [Facebook](#), call 215-679-5144, or email [kim@menolan.org](mailto:kim@menolan.org) 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](#).

**Care & Share Thrift Shoppes** in Souderton is hiring a **Volunteer Manager**. Help them manage the heart of the organization – their volunteers! Searching for a self-starter with the ability to work independently, prioritize, and get things done. Find more info at [careandshareshoppes.org](http://careandshareshoppes.org).