

August 11, 2024

Sunday, August 11, 10:00 am Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live, Guest Preacher Mark Boorse will preach on John 6:1-15; Matt 4:18-22; 'Follow Me': Reflections for a Centered Set Church

No Second Hour during Summer Season

Healthy Ninos Service Team Sharing in the Fellowship Hall following worship

Emmaus Road Sermon Discussion Class will be meeting following worship in the Church Library. Interested in talking about the sermon? The Emmaus Road group welcomes all.

August 4, 2024

Offering

\$9,818

ACH Electronic

Offering

\$7,425

Vanco Online Offering

\$3,449

Total Budget Offering \$20,692

Children's Offering:

\$28

Future Salford Events

August 11 – Youth Reporting from Service Trip after Worship

September 1 – Outdoor Worship with

Finding Ourselves in God's Story: A Day with Michele Hershberger (September 21, 2024, 10:00 A.M.-6:30 P.M.)

Do you read the Bible? Have you set the Bible aside because it just creates too many questions? Does reading the Bible trigger painful memories of days in a conservative church? Is the Bible just too hard to understand?

This fall, Salford will be hosting **Michele Hershberger, Bible and Ministry Professor and Co-Campus Pastor at Hesston College** for a weekend. You may remember Michele preaching a dynamic sermon at Salford at Brooke Martin's ordination. Prior to preaching on Sunday, September 22, Michele will lead an all-day session on Saturday, September 21, about the story of the Bible and how we are invited to situate the story of our lives in it. The day will be a condensed version of her popular Biblical Literature course that she teaches at Goshen.

When Salford's pastoral staff met with Michele to plan the session, we asked her: Can you help Salford fall in love with the Bible? So if you want to better understand God's story, re-ignite your affection for scripture, or read the Bible from a new perspective, this event is for you!

Attendees should pack a lunch, but dinner will be provided at the conclusion of the event at 6:30 P.M. Additionally, child-care will be provided.

There are two rounds of registration for the event. The first round (**August 11-25**) is reserved exclusively for participants and members of Salford's congregation. The second round (**August 26-September 15**) will be open to people from Salford and anyone outside of our congregation. Register early to ensure your spot! **There is no cost for this event!**

Register by submitting the bulletin insert this Sunday or email Brad Alderfer at alderferb@salfordmc.org.

Location Change for the Healthy Niños Honduras Service Team Sharing

The youth and adults who served with Healthy Niños Honduras will be sharing on **Sunday, August 11, in the Fellowship Hall** after the service. We will have coffee and treats and the service team members will share their experiences in Honduras with small groups. The team hopes to see you there!

Women's Fall Retreat

October 4-6 at Kirkridge Retreat and Study Center! Join us for a weekend of relaxing, connecting, and growing together with our leader Samantha Lioi. The theme for the weekend is Peacemaking Within: Welcoming our Whole Selves, Psalm 139. Cost is \$120 for the weekend. Payment received in the church office reserves your spot. Call Pastor Karen with any questions. Cost will not be a barrier to participation: talk to Karen.

This Week at Salford

Monthly Communion

September 8 – Return to Regular Worship Schedule and Second hour

September 21-22 – Finding Ourselves in God's Story Weekend Event with Michelle Hershberger

October 4-6 – Women's Fall Retreat

October 12 – Red Cross Blood Drive 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

Monday, August 12

7:00 pm Fellowship Time at Souderton Mennonite Homes, All Welcome (Friendship Room)

Wednesday, August 14

5:30 pm Soil + Seed Outdoor Potluck (Linda & Vernon Martin's Home)

Saturday, August 17

1:00 pm History of Christian Spirituality Class (Library)

Sunday, August 18

10:00 am Salford Worship Indoors and Streamed on YouTube Live

Preaching: Dave Greiser

No Second Hour on Summer Schedule

Bring Your Own Lunch in the Grove

Coffee Talk with Board Members

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

- For **Jane Landes** who is recovering from her shoulder surgery. Pray for rest, and relief from some itching as she heals.
- For **Mary Miller** who will have hip replacement surgery on Tuesday, August 13th.
- For the family of **Herb Moyer** who passed earlier this week. Family will gather for a private service later this month.
- Mosaic: All Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for **Cheryn Yapcolin (Philadelphia Praise Center)** and **George Chile (LA Faith Chapel)** who have spent this summer participating in MCC Summer Service. Pray that the service workers will grow in faith, leadership, and their love of Jesus as they serve and learn.

Are you anxious about current events? Feeling like life is just too much some days? Finding very little peace in each day? **Join Pastor Karen for a weekly morning Centering Prayer.** This will be a time of quietly seeking God's presence together. We'll meet at the Labyrinth. Bring a blanket, chair or something to sit on if you like. We'll meet Thursday mornings at 8:30 for 15 minutes of silent group prayer. You may linger after to walk the labyrinth or enjoy the quiet of the morning. Our first meeting will be Thursday, August 29.

The Strader-Bergey Open House that had been scheduled for this Sunday is postponed. We hope to reschedule the celebration for later this fall when Lee and Josie can be here.

Birthday Blessings...

To **Carolyn Barthel**, who celebrates her 83rd birthday on August 13th, and to **Marie Shisler**, who celebrates her 97th birthday on August 15th.

Your Prayers Requested...

Your prayers are requested for the family of Herb Moyer. **Herb Moyer**, age 88, passed away yesterday morning at his home at Peter Becker. Prayers of comfort and strength for the family as they mourn the loss and remember the life of Herb.

Services for Herb will be private. There will be a time of visitation with family at Williams-Bergey-Koffel Funeral Home, 667 Harleysville Pike, Telford, PA 18969 on Saturday, August 24th from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon.

You may read Herb's [obituary here.](#)

Service & Mission

Donation of the Month for August – Mennonite Central Committee School Kits

NEW items only

- 4 spiral or perforated-pages notebooks (8.5 in x 10.5 in and 70 sheets)
- 8 new unsharpened pencils
- 1 ruler (flat, good quality; must indicate 30 cm; inch markings optional)
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large eraser
- 4 new black or blue ballpoint pens
- 1 small metal pencil sharpener (one or two holes)

Thank you for limiting your generosity to the items listed. School kits are *MCC's most requested item. They are given to refuge and displaced children, helping students and teachers add some normalcy to disrupted lives.

School kits are distributed in a usefully double drawstring cloth bag (11" x 16") **HOWEVER, you can bring your kit items in a plastic bag if there are no cloth bags available. MCC will provide cloth bags as needed at MCC MRC of Harleysville.**

Salford/Advent Garden Update, August 9:

Greetings fellow gardeners last Saturday was a hot and humid morning in the garden. That did not stop our volunteers from finishing one last big project. After we harvested all our potatoes and onions, we had 2 - 230-foot rows of weeds. I roto-tilled as much as I could but the bulk of the weeds had to be raked up and hauled out by the wheelbarrow full. After the weeds were removed I roto-tiled the 2 rows one more time, raked them smooth and planted 2 rows of string beans. What a surprise this Wednesday as I discovered almost all the beans had spouted or were pushing up dirt trying to get some sun. WOO HOO. We also planted turnips and red beets. Both are looking good. The biggest story of the week besides over 600 lbs. of tomatoes harvested, is our new shed arrived Thursday morning. After many years of planning the garden has its own place to store its equipment and supplies. There are a lot of people to thank for this. First all of the garden lovers who donated a record amount of funds at our annual fund raiser this year. That overwhelming response put us in position to start the process. Thank you to Salford Church Board for approving the remaining funds needed for purchase. Gene Kropf gets a big thank you for his patience in obtaining our work permit from the Township. Our new shed sits on a gravel pad that was installed by an outside company who specializes in this type of work. When I ordered the shed the price for the pad was added into the final cost. When the pad installer surveyed the site where the shed would go, they discovered the area had a small slope and that would increase the cost of installation. Money, I had not planned on spending. But to my surprise and with great gratitude I was told a donor, who shall remain anonymous, paid the extra cost. No questions asked. WOW! It will take a few weeks to sort out all our stuff maybe install some shelving. Thank you to everyone who had a hand in making our new garden shed a reality. There are housewarming parties maybe we should have a garden shed warming party. Steve 215-872-6616 rsblank@verizon.net

Salford Mennonite/Advent Lutheran Garden Picnic Lunch and Ecotheology Presentation

On Sunday, August 25, the Rev. Dr. Matt Lenahan will share his experience as pastor, theologian, and Wittel Farm director, with garden volunteers and church members. We will start around 11:15 a. m. at the garden with a picnic lunch (bring your own chair/blanket and sandwiches; beverages & dessert will be provided). After that, we will hear Pastor Matt speak about gardening as a response to God's

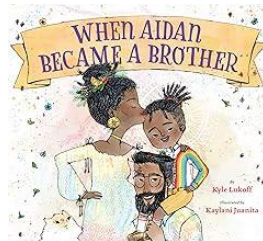
call to be good stewards of creation and to be providing food to the hungry in our communities. He will use the Bible as well as recent agricultural science developments, in his words “ecotheology”, to encourage the work we do in the garden. Some planning depends on the weather- stay tuned to learn if there is a change to move lunch into Salford’s upstairs Gathering Room. All are welcome to this event – please rsvp by August 21st to Jean Godsall-Myers wittigm@gmail.com or Brad Alderfer alderferb@salfordmc.org

The **Rev. Dr. Matthew Lenahan, Mdiv, DMin** is a pastor, farmer, and community organizer in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. He serves as lead pastor and mission developer of Zion Lutheran Church in Akron, PA. He is a congregational organizer with POWER Interfaith, a statewide organization dedicated to racial and economic justice on a liveable planet. And he is the director of the Wittel Farm Growing project, a ministry of the Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central PA. He started the project in 2016 and has welcomed hundreds of volunteers to plant, grow, and share fresh vegetables to end hunger in Lancaster County. To date they have harvested and distributed over 125,000 pounds of food through over a dozen partner agencies. The farm is chemical free and endeavors to practice regenerative agriculture to heal the earth. The farm’s mission is to educate and engage the Lancaster community in regenerative farming and food production, to create a sustainable, local food system, and to inspire others to care for the land beneath their feet. Pastor Lenahan is married to Cherie for 25 years. They have three teenage sons and a yellow labrador retriever. They live in Litz.

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>

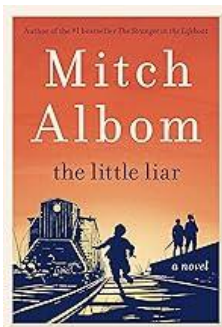
When Aidan Became a Brother By: Kyle Lukoff



When Aidan was born, everyone thought he was a girl. His parents gave him a pretty name, his room looked like a girl’s room, and he wore clothes that other girls liked wearing. After he realized he was a trans boy, Aidan and his parents fixed the parts of life that didn’t fit anymore, and he settled happily into his new life.

Then Mom and Dad announce that they’re going to have another baby, and Aidan wants to do everything he can to make things right for his new sibling from the beginning--from choosing the perfect name to creating a beautiful room to picking out the cutest onesie. But what does "making things right" actually mean? And what happens if he messes up? With a little help, Aidan comes to understand that mistakes can be fixed with honesty and communication, and that he already knows the most important thing about being a big brother: how to love with his whole self.

When Aidan Became a Brother is a heartwarming book that will resonate with transgender children, reassure any child concerned about becoming an older sibling, and celebrate the many transitions a family can experience. DONATED



The Little Liar: A novel By: Mitch Albom

Eleven-year-old Nico Krispis has never told a lie. His schoolmate, Fannie, loves him because of it. Nico’s older brother Sebastian resents him for both these facts. When their young lives are torn apart during the war, it will take them decades to find each other again.

Nico's innocence and goodness is used against his tightly knit community when a German officer barter's Nico's reputation for honesty into a promise to save his loved ones. When Nico realizes the consequences of the betrayal, he can never tell the truth again. He will spend the rest of this life changing names, changing locations and identities, desperate to find a way to forgiveness—for himself and from the people he loves most.

Albom's extraordinary storytelling is at its powerful best in his first novel to confront the destruction that lying can wreak both on the world stage as well as on the individual lives that get caught up in it. As *The Stranger in the Lifeboat* spoke to belief, *The Little Liar* speaks to hope, in a breathless page-turner that will break your heart open and fill it with the power of the human spirit and the goodness that lies within us all.

Narrated by the voice of Truth itself, *The Little Liar* is a timeless story about the power of love to ultimately redeem us, no matter how deeply we blame ourselves for our mistakes.

News & Notes

Roma Ruth has extra copies of the fraktur prepared for the Salford 1988 anniversary celebration entitled "A Special Love ". As they clear out their house, she is offering these, one per family, to anyone interested. They will be available on a table in the foyer on August 11.

Salford Friends at the Souderton Mennonite Homes: please join us for our monthly gathering on **Monday, August 12 from 7-8** in the Friendship Room. Hope to see you there!!

The next **Banned and Challenged Book Club** will be reading "Looking for Alaska" by John Green. We will meet in the church library on August 21 at 6:30. All who read the book are welcome!

August Summer Fellowship Opportunities for Everyone!

- Informal bring-your-own picnic lunch in the grove also on Aug. 18

Soil + Seed Wednesday outdoor potlucks 5:30-8pm

Aug 14: Linda & Vernon Martin's home

Aug 28: Julie & Dean Wimmer's home

We will gather for dinner, work through the weekly Soil and Seed liturgy, and enjoy fellowship as we play games and relax in each other's company. Please bring a chair or blanket to sit on and your own plates, cutlery, and water bottle.

5:30-6:30pm: Dinner

6:30-6:45: Soil and Seed Liturgy

6:45-8: Fellowship

Staff Vacations: There are a few staff vacations coming up:

- Andrew Zetts: August 14 - August 18
- Karen Bergey: August 17 – August 21

Please contact another staff member if there are needs during this time.

After the Sunday service on August 18th we will have the **second monthly Coffee Talk with church board members Ron Freed and Miles Musselman**. These Coffee Talks are an opportunity for church board members to receive feedback and dialogue about anything regarding congregational life. Typically these will be indoors and there will be coffee available (as the name implies!), but since there is a bring-your-own lunch in the grove on August 18, this time Ron and Miles will be available outside in the grove over the lunch hour--without coffee!
