

August 18, 2024

Sunday, August 18, 10:00 am Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live, Lead Pastor Dave Greiser will preach on ; 'Follow Me': Reflections for a Centered Set Church

No Second Hour during Summer Season

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 11, 2024

Offering

\$6,756

ACH Electronic

Offering

\$1,980

Vanco Online Offering

\$6,202

Total Budget Offering \$14,938

Children's Offering: \$65

Future Salford Events

September 1 –

Outdoor Worship with 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

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!**

You may **register here** using this [form](#).

Women's Fall Retreat

Sign up for the **Women's 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. **Deadline to register: Sunday, September 15!!**

40 for 40 Salford Mennonite Child Care Center Birthday and Playground Maintenance/Upkeep Fundraiser

As SMCCC prepares to celebrate its 40th Anniversary on September 15th, you can join in the celebration and help give a little love to our playground and 35 year old big blue shed. Please consider donating \$40 dollars for 40 years of service to the community, or pick up 40 sticks, 40 acorns, or pull 40 weeds on the playground. You may do this on your own schedule, or can contribute on Sunday morning, September 15th at the official celebration, or join a planned upcoming activity.

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

The big blue shed needs love and is undergoing renovations - repairing of rotten wood, re-painting of the entire shed, removal of a rotten awning, and refreshing of the shrubbery around the shed. The approximate cost of this work will be \$5,000.

The Child Care playground needs love too. The reading bench around the tree has been repaired, the fence and gate need repairs, two large dead trees need to be removed and others need to be trimmed. We also add woodchips annually for our children's safety. This upkeep will cost approximately \$8,000.

Watch for organized activities to assist with this work. Bring your extra offering on September 15th to the official celebration through cash, check or offering envelope marked "SMCCC 40 for 40". See you out at the playground!

Coffee Talk with Church Board Members this Sunday

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!

This Week at Salford

Wednesday, August 21

6:30 pm Banned Book Club Gathering (Church Library)

Saturday, August 17

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

Sunday, August 25

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

No Second Hour on Summer Schedule

11:15 am Children/Youth Volunteer Potluck Luncheon & Training (Fellowship Hall)

11:15 am Salford/Advent Garden Ecotheology Presentation (Gathering Room)

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

- For **Mary Miller** who is home recovering from her hip replacement on Tuesday. Pray for good pain management, rest, and healing.
- For **all the students** getting ready to attend college or training, whether for the first time or returning. Pray for growth in mind, friendship, experience, and faith as they go. Pray for their families as they navigate this transition time.
- All Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for **Indonesian Light Church** (Philadelphia, PA) and their pastor **Hendy Matahelemual**, as the congregation must find a place to worship by the end of August. The congregation seeks to buy Philadelphia Praise Center's former building; please pray for the funding and the process.

Anniversary Blessings...

To **Henry & Donna Derstine**, who celebrates their 50th wedding anniversary on August 25th.

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.

Strader-Bergey Open House is rescheduled to **Sunday, September 1 from 12-3** in the Fellowship Hall. Stop by to congratulate Lee and Josie, see some photos, and have light refreshments. All are welcome!

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 useful 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 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 Gathering Room with a picnic lunch (bring your own lunch; 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. 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 Lititz.

Justice & Peace Ministry Team Spotlight

The Justice & Peace Ministry Team invite you join their next meeting at 7:00 pm Thursday evening, August 27th. in the church library for a hybrid meeting.

And here is a link for those who want to zoom in:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83206736273?pwd=ZTBLalBOVWFYK25TQmc5aldDY0ZGQT09>

Faith Formation Spotlight

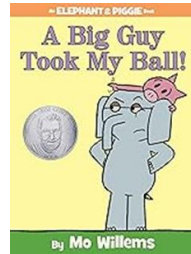
Lunchbox Blessings: If you'd like 30 notes (affirmations, jokes, and blessings) to include in your kid's lunchbox this year, let Jenn know! She'll put a copy in your mailbox.

Parents of Kids 2 years old to 5th grade: Sunday School starts on Sept 8! Please register your children for Sunday School here, ideally by Friday, Aug. 23 so we can collect important information about your child(ren): <https://forms.gle/yu3aPEMeG6ePCNbu9>

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>

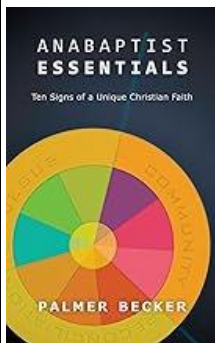
A Big Guy Took My Ball! By: Mo Willems



Gerald is careful. Piggie is not.
Piggie cannot help smiling. Gerald can.
Gerald worries so that Piggie does not have to.
Gerald and Piggie are best friends.

In A Big Guy Took My Ball! Piggie is devastated when a big guy takes her ball! Gerald is big, too...but is he big enough to help his best friend?

Anabaptist Essentials: Ten Signs of a Unique Christian Faith By: Palmer Becker



What is the essence of Anabaptism?

Jesus. Community. Reconciliation. These sum up the core values of Anabaptist faith and life, writes pastor Palmer Becker in this concise new resource. In Anabaptist Essentials, Becker introduces readers to the key convictions and practices of Anabaptism, the Christian tradition of the Amish, Mennonites, and Brethren in Christ. From the believers within a sixteenth-century movement to those today who try to follow Jesus, create community, and practice peace, Anabaptists have a rich witness to offer the wider world. Designed for study by small groups and

for use as a resource for Christian formation and conversation, this clear, readable guide to what makes Anabaptism unique will equip readers to live out a more radical commitment to Jesus. DONATED

News & Notes

Salford kids (and those young at heart): help us bring some of the outdoors in! We are inviting you to help create the table display up front in the sanctuary this week. Maybe you found a cool leaf or a rock as you were enjoying God's creation. Would you share it with your Salford family? Bring it on Sunday and place it carefully on the front table before the service. You can take it back home with you after church. **A few guidelines:** please make sure your contribution can stay in one place, is not too wet (or provide a clear container for it) and is something you are willing for others to see and carefully touch.

Mama Bird Coffee: is your nest a bit quiet these days? One or more flown? Come commiserate or celebrate with other mamas at the Broad Street Grind on Saturday, Sept. 6 from 9:30-11. No RSVP, just show up. Questions: call Pastor Karen.

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 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.

Beyond Salford

2024 Sporting Clay for Camp Men-O-Lan is on Saturday, September 14th 8am to 2pm. Build your team of 2-4 and register for a fun day of shooting at Lehigh Valley Sporting Clay! Register online at menolan.org or contact Brian Barr, call 484-916-8636 or email brian@menolan.org.