

August 20, 2023

Sunday, August 20, 10:00 am Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live, Lead Pastor Dave Greiser will preach on Psalm 8 and Psalm 14; *Why are People so Mean?*

No Second Hour for Children or Adults on Summer Schedule

Emmaus Road Sermon Discussion Class will be meeting following worship in the Church Library, All are welcome!

August 13, 2023

Offering

\$12,139

ACH Electronic

Offering

\$2,045

Vanco Online Offering

\$3,212

Total Budget Offering

\$17,396

Children's Offering

\$29

Future Salford Events

August 20 – Child Blessing

August 27 – Welcoming New Members

August 27 - Bring your bagged lunch; Children's games and Ultimate Frisbee after Worship

September 10 – Maria Hosler Byler & Family Last Sunday at Salford, with Potluck Fellowship Luncheon after Second

Introducing the Welcoming Path Team

A new ministry team is beginning to work on the next steps of living into welcome at Salford. We will be journeying with you to create a safe and welcoming space for LGBTQ+ people that celebrates the perspective they bring on life, love and faith, as well as the diversity of gifts they bring to our community, so that our hearts may be transformed as we grow in Christ's love together.

We are looking at questions such as: How can we make our church the welcoming community we really want it to be? What attitudes and practices do we need to embody? How can we make our church building and grounds a place that says welcome to all? What learning do we still need as a congregation in order to live out this vision?

The team is looking at Salford's strengths, as well as best practices from welcoming churches, non-profits, and members of the LGBTQ+ community. If you have input to offer the team, please contact one of us. And, please be in prayer for this important work. We will be commissioning the work of the Welcoming Path Ministry Team during worship this Sunday.

The Welcoming Path Team: **Phil Alderfer** (he/him), **Aaron Bishop** (he/him), **Vince Causerano** (he/him), **Liza Heavener** (she/her), **Tori Jones Long** (she/her), **Kyle Longacre** (he/him), and **Mandy Martin** (she/her, chair)

Last Sunday with Pastor Maria Hosler Byler & Family, 9/10/23

We are excited, with a touch of sadness, to celebrate the ministry of **Maria Hosler Byler** at Salford on the morning of September 10th. This will be the last Sunday Maria, Phil, Mateo and Luma will be with us. We look forward to remembering with Maria, and celebrating and blessing her in her new Pastoral role with Sunnyside Mennonite Church in Elkhart, IN.

Following worship and the start of the new Second Hour Season on September 10th, we will have a potluck lunch in the oak grove, weather permitting. Please bring a main dish and side dish to share. A special dessert treat will be provided for the picnic. Please bring your place settings and chairs or blankets to use in the oak grove. If weather does not permit, we will move into the Fellowship Hall for lunch. There will be plenty of time to greet Maria and Phil.

Meanwhile, drop a note of thanks, blessings, and memories in the basket on the front office hallway bench. These memories and blessings will go with the family as they travel and settle into a new community, bringing with them the love and care of their Salford family.

Also include a note to Mateo and Luma. You can also add a small token of remembrance or an item that will help them pass the time while traveling.

Peace Place Coming to Salford Basement Classroom

The Salford children's ministry program has plans to create a "Peace Place", a

Hour
September 10 –
Return to Regular
Schedule: 9:30 am
Worship, 10:30 am
Second Hour

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

space for children and youth to regulate, reset, or reflect. It will be used as a short-term calm down/emotional regulation space during the second hour and other times under supervision.

We are looking for some materials to help create the space. If you have any of these in good used condition, or are interested in making a purchase, please let Jenn Svetlik know (267-380-0273; jennifer.svetlik@gmail.com). Feel free to be in touch with questions or ideas, too!

Requested items:

- bean bag chairs
- mini trampoline
- weighted stuffed animal or blanket
- cozy items like rug, lighting, etc.
- low table or shelving
- sensory swing
- sensory floor tiles
- crash pads

Salford Yard Sale Recap

The Community Yard Sale went great! We had 14 tables total, and we raised \$340 for the Open Link. Everyone was excited to interact with community members they had never met before and bond over items. We had a good turn out, but everyone started to tear down around 12 when it started to get hot. I really enjoyed seeing old books get used to stock a neighborhood library and an old magnetic toy get used for dementia patient activities. We would love to do this again! Thank you to everyone who helped make this event possible! Sydney Sefing

This Week at Salford

Sunday, August 27

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

Preaching: Dave Greiser

No Second Hour on Summer Schedule

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

- For the **Rittenhouse family** who lost Lester, Jim's dad, early last Sunday morning. Pray as the family gathers this coming weekend to remember and celebrate Lester's life.
- All Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for the faculty, staff, and students of **Dock Mennonite Academy**, a Conference Related Ministry, in Lansdale, PA, as they prepare to start another school year. Pray for wisdom, strength, and for God's guiding in the teaching and learning.

Birthday Blessings...

To **Gladys Yoder**, who turns 91 on August 26th.

Wedding Blessings...

To **Kylie Shore** and **Daniel Crim** who will be married on Saturday, August 19th at 4:30 pm at La Massaria at Bella Vista Golf Course in Gilbertsville.

Blessings to Kylie and Daniel as they begin married life together.

Congratulations....

To **John & Anna (Ruth) Miller** of Portland OR, on the birth of **Ira John Miller** on August 11, 2023. Jay & Jane Ruth are parents and John & Roma Ruth are great grandparents.

Anniversary Blessings...

To **Steve & Jean Godsall Myers**, who celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on August 18th.

Your Prayers Requested...

Your prayers are requested for **Jim & Kendra Rittenhouse** and the Rittenhouse family. Jim's father, Lester Rittenhouse, age 90, went home to be with the Lord early Sunday morning, August 13, 2023 at Souderton Mennonite Homes.. Prayers for comfort and strength for Jim and family as they remember his life and mourn his passing.

Funeral service information for Lester is as follows: A viewing will be held on Friday, August 25, 2023 at Souderton Mennonite Church, 105 W. Chestnut St., Souderton, Pennsylvania 18964 from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm and on Saturday, August 26, 2023 from 9:00 am - 10:30 am. A funeral service will be held at 10:30 am following the viewing. The service will be livestreamed.

Burial will take place at Souderton Mennonite Church Cemetery. You may view Lester's [obituary here](#).

Service & Mission

Donation of the Month for August - School Kits for Mennonite Central Committee.

Contents (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
- 2 new black or blue ballpoint pens
- 1 small (**metal only**) pencil sharpener (one or two holes). If you have trouble finding metal sharpeners, leave them out and MCC will provide them.

We have some drawstring bags available on the collection of the month table by the infant nursery. You may also donate your kits in plastic shopping bags if the drawstring bags are not available.

MCC advises that you can donate separate items for school kits (not complete kits).

If you wish to take advantage of the sales that local stores are offering, MCC can use these items to complete kits at the Material Resource Center.

If you prefer to donate money toward this project, MCC MRC of Harleysville will purchase and assemble kits on your behalf. Please make checks payable to "Salford Mennonite Church" and mark your donation for "MCC school kits"

Place your donations on the donation of the month table by the nursery in the main foyer. **Please help us reach our goal of collecting 300 kits!**

Family Faith Formation Spotlight

Children's Ministry Inclusion Aides Needed! The newly formed Accessibility Ministry Team has been connecting with families of children who are

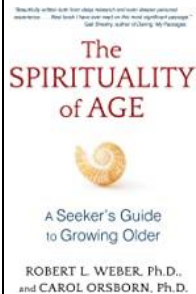
neurodivergent and an outcome of those conversations has been to identify a need for aides who would be willing to provide helper support in spaces like Sunday School and Kids' Club with a particular attention to kids who are neurodivergent. Training will be offered to aides to provide support to these creative and energetic kids! Are you curious to learn more about how you might be a part of this new ministry? Contact Jenn Svetlik at 267-380-0273 or jennifer.svetlik@gmail.com by Aug. 13.

Parents of Kids 2 years old to 5th grade: Sunday School starts on Sept 10! Please register your children for Sunday School here, ideally by Friday, Aug. 25 so we can collect important information about your child(ren): <https://forms.gle/sfpaAr4qHZ9opaKv8>

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>

The Spirituality of Age: A Seeker's Guide to Growing Old By: Robert L. Weber



As we enter the years beyond midlife, our quest for an approach to aging takes on added urgency and becomes even more relevant in our daily lives. Empowering a new generation of seekers to view aging as a spiritual path, authors Robert Weber and Carol Orsborn reveal that it is by engaging with the difficult questions about loss, meaning, and mortality--questions we can no longer put off or ignore--that we continue to grow. In fact, the realization of our full spiritual potential comes about not by avoiding the challenges aging brings our way but by working through them.

Addressing head-on how to make the transition from fears about aging into a fuller, richer appreciation of the next phase of our lives, the authors guide you through 25 key questions that can help you embrace the shadow side of aging as well as the spiritual opportunities inherent in growing older. Sharing their stories and wisdom to both teach and demonstrate what it means to feel energized about the possibilities of your later years, they explore how to find a constructive role for regret, shame, and guilt, realize your value to society, and embrace the freedom of your later years to become more fully yourself.

Coming from Catholic Jesuit and Jewish backgrounds respectively, as well as drawing from the latest research in psychological and religious theory, Weber and Orsborn provide their own conversational and candid answers to the 25 key questions, supporting their insightful and compassionate guidance with anecdotes, inspirational readings, and spiritual exercises. By engaging deeply with both the shadow and light sides of aging, our spirits not only learn to cope--but also to soar. DONATED

A Grace Disguised: How the Soul Grows Through Loss By: Gerald Sittser



Loss came suddenly for Gerald Sittser. In an instant, a tragic car accident claimed three generations of his family: his mother, his wife, and his young daughter. While most of us will not experience such a catastrophic loss in our lifetime, all of us will taste it. And we can, if we choose, know as well the grace that transforms it. This book plumbs the depths of our sorrows, whether due to illness, divorce, or the loss of someone we love. The circumstances are not important; what we do with those circumstances is. In coming to the end of ourselves, we can come to the beginning of a new life---one marked by spiritual depth, joy, compassion, and a deeper appreciation of simple blessings. DONATED

Beyond Salford

Zion Mennonite Church, Souderton Pa., will be hosting a **Grief Share Support Group** beginning on **September 7** at 1:00 pm. For more information contact Marcia Young at 215-723-9111 or the church office at 215-723-3592

Transition to Leadership program. This two-year program guides and nurtures new pastors during the crucial first years of ministry through one-on-one mentoring, biannual Learning Events, and specialized coaching sessions throughout the year. The Fall 2023 cohort starts Nov. 9; apply by Oct. 9. ams.edu/transition-to-leadership

Ministry Integrity Circles. Pastors, do you need help with ministry transitions or significant challenges? AMBS's Ministry Integrity Circles program provides the support of consultants within a community of peers. We will be beginning two cohorts this fall: one will be meeting once in person Sept. 25-26 then three more times on Zoom. An all in-person cohort begins Oct. 23. Apply for the hybrid cohort by Aug. 25 and the in-person cohort by Sept. 23. ams.edu/integrity-circles

Mark your calendars to join Camp Men-O-Lan on **Saturday, September 9, 8am to 2pm!** Build your team of 2-4 and register now to join us for a fun day of shooting at Lehigh Valley Sporting Clay! Come have a great time and support Camp!! Register online from menolan.org or contact Brian Barr, call 484-916-8636 or email brian@menolan.org

The August edition of On the Level is now available from **Mennonite Disaster Service**. In our current issue: We have the latest information from Maui on the devastating wildfires; learn about the power of family love; and learn about new ways to get involved with MDS by exploring Beyond the Project. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3E1RVV3>