

August 27, 2023

**Sunday, August 27, 10:00 am Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live,** Lead Pastor Dave Greiser will preach on Matthew 4:23-5:2, 5:17-20; *The Old Testament: the Jews, Jesus, and Us*

**No Second Hour for Children or Adults on Summer Schedule**

**Emmaus Road Sermon Discussion Class will not be meeting this Sunday.**

## August 20, 2023

Offering  
\$5,390  
ACH            Electronic  
Offering  
\$2,045  
Vanco Online Offering  
\$3,246  
**Total Budget Offering  
\$10,681**  
Children's Offering  
\$27

## Future Salford Events

**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 Hour

**September 10** –  
Return to Regular

## Some Healthy Signs

In the months during and after the COVID shutdown, many churches experienced a slow disappearance of members and a shrinking of the base of volunteers. A similar thing happened to a few of the ministry teams at Salford.

The past months have indicated a healthy turnaround, and some signs of new life. A couple of new ministry teams have sprung up and are moving ahead with energy. The Welcoming Path group is moving forward with a dream for Salford to live fully into its statement of welcome. In the months and years ahead, they hope to help us all experience a Salford in which LGBTQIA folk will find a home, friends, and faith in the living Jesus.

The second ministry team was introduced briefly by Maria in one of last month's newsletters. The Accessibility Team dreams of Salford as a loving home for children, youth and adults with a variety of abilities and disabilities. It appears that the Holy Spirit is drawing new people to Salford who have special training for accessibility ministry; and it looks like the Spirit is drawing the differently abled here, as well.

A third healthy sign at Salford is the addition of six new members this coming Sunday. We look forward to welcoming Mark and Brenda Boorse, Miles and Katie Musselman, and Don and Maggie Klein, as Salford members. These folks are already making their gifts and presence felt in worship, in the nursery, and on the new ministry teams. Make them feel welcome!

Where do you see the Holy Spirit at Salford? A church is most fully the church when it becomes, as Bonhoeffer said, "The church for others." That spirit is among us now. Pastor Dave.

## 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 10<sup>th</sup>. 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 10<sup>th</sup>, 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.

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](mailto:alderferb@salfordmc.org)

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 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](mailto: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

## This Week at Salford

### Thursday, August 31

7:00 pm Justice & Peace Meeting (Library)

### Sunday, September 3

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

Preaching: Andrew Zetts

No Second Hour on Summer Schedule

## Our Church Family

### Prayer Concerns

- For **John Detweiler** as he completes another round of chemo this week.
- For **Sharon and Marlin Metzler-Ruth** who are in the midst of a major move to Harrisonburg, VA this week and next. For **Wib Zook** as he captains the move!
- For **Scott Miller** who had a second eye surgery on Thursday to repair a detached retina. Scott was hit by a motorist while on the job in a work zone in May. Scott is the son-in-law of Gladys Nyce.
- For **all the students beginning classes** and their families as everyone adjusts to these transitions.
- All Mosaic congregations are invited to **pray for those suffering from the flooding, storms, and excessive rain in Vermont this summer**. Please also pray for Bethany Church and Bethany Birches Camp, part of our Mosaic community, who are helping to serve those who have lost their homes and belongings in the floods.

### Birthday Blessings...

To **Curt Barthel**, who turns 85 on September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### 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!**

### **August 24, 2023 Salford/Advent Garden Update:**

Greetings fellow gardeners, the garden continues on it journey through the growing season. The string beans we planted the other week are up and growing great. We have to keep after the weeds or they will take over, what else is new! The pole beans are climbing the trellis they are about 5 feet high and rising... This week we will start to harvest our winter butternut and honey nut squash. We planted a smaller version of the bigger squash. These will only be about 2-3 lbs. each, kind of a personal size squash. Zucchini, both yellow and green, are still hanging in there. Our summer planting of string beans had one last blast but they will be done after this week. Lima beans continue to be plentiful; I haven't checked the numbers but we could be on record pace with these this year. Green bell peppers continue their surprising year. I was not expecting a big harvest from our peppers but they just keep flowering and peppers appear out of nowhere. The Native American corn we planted has EARS! WOO HOO! They are not the biggest but I am thrilled with what I see. This corn will be dried and shelled. The string beans we planted in the Three Sisters garden are flowering and we should see beans develop soon. These will be used as dry beans also. The squash in the Three Sisters garden is really going to town both crooked neck and the patty pan look good so far. Tomatoes are on their last hurrah. This week was the last big harvest for the season, only a few more will be picked from here on until frost. Tomatoes just do not do well in that end of the garden. Monday we will be sending a batch of tomatoes, peppers and onions up to Bauman's Apple butter, in Sassamansville for our annual Salsa run. The tomatoes did not do as well as last year but I have enough for 1 batch of Salsa.

Thank you to everyone who helps out week in and week out through the entire season. The volunteers who give their valuable time to make this garden a success are a really special group. Their dedication and hard work are really appreciated. Steve, 215-872-6616, [rsblank@verizon.net](mailto:rsblank@verizon.net)

## Family Faith Formation Spotlight

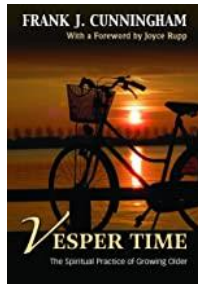
**Backpack Blessing:** This Sunday, Aug. 27 during Children's Time we'll have our annual back-to-school blessing. Kids are invited to bring their backpacks up front with them.

We'll be giving out friendship keychains to remind kids of our community's care for them, and magnets for households with students or educators in them - some will be available at the welcome center for anyone to pick up!

**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>

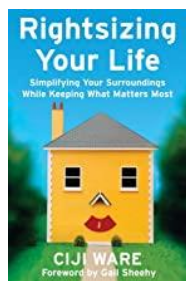


### **Vesper Time: The Spiritual Practice of Growing Older By: Frank J. Cunningham**

"Reading Vesper Time is like taking a long walk with a wise but down to earth friend. Relax with this book. It will nourish your tired soul." --Robert Wicks

Noted Catholic editor and publisher Frank Cunningham shows how growing old -- all by itself -- can be a spiritual exercise that brings joy, peace, insight, gratitude, and love. DONATED

### **Rightsizing Your Life: Simplifying Your Surroundings While Keeping What Matters Most By: Ciji Ware**



Whether it's going from the multi-bedroom suburban house to the city condo, or from a country and city house to one cozy cottage, millions of Americans in the coming years will face the task of planning a shift to smaller or more practical quarters, paring down a lifetime of possessions and furnishing their new lives with things that have meaning. This simplification of surroundings and "stuff" will liberate people in mid-life to pursue their passions such as travel or hobbies without the responsibilities of a big house weighing them down.

*Rightsizing* will be more than a handbook about the process of planning a new environment, jettisoning a lifetime's worth of surplus household items, and moving painlessly into a more suitable space. It will also be the first comprehensive guide to the emotional passage that this winnowing process entails, providing a prescription for the internal hurdles that can easily sabotage sensible decision making. 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

**Mennonite Central Committee** is looking for 18-20-year-olds for **Seek**, a 6-month intentional discipleship program. Participants will live with a group of 6-10 other young adults to learn and grow as a follower of Jesus, study Scripture, volunteer, and experience community. The cohort will run from **Jan. 15 – June 24, 2024** in Cambodia. Interested young adults should view the full description and apply [here](#). Applicants will be accepted until Oct. 1 or the cohort is filled.