



August 4, 2024

**Sunday, August 4, 10:00 am Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live.** Associate Pastor Karen Bergey will preach on John 6:24-35; *Do we know what we are asking?*

**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.**

**July 28, 2024**

Offering  
\$2,150  
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Offering  
\$1,980  
Vanco Online Offering  
\$799

**Total Budget Offering \$4,929**

**Children's Offering: \$28**

**Future Salford Events**

**August 4** - Monthly Communion

**August 11** - Youth Reporting from Service Trip after Worship

**September 1** - Outdoor Worship with Monthly Communion

**October 4-6** - Women's Fall Retreat

## August 4 Communion

August 4<sup>th</sup> we will observe communion. As you prepare your hearts and minds to receive, ask yourself or discuss with your family the following questions:

- If you take communion, what are you celebrating? What are you committing to? What are you asking for?
- This meal is a symbol of Jesus' active love of the world. What does it mean for you to participate in this love at the communion table?
- Are you open to the possibility that Jesus might teach, challenge, inspire, or call you through this sacred ritual?

## Date and Location Change for the Healthy Niños Honduras Service Team Sharing

The youth and adults who served with Healthy Niños Honduras will now be sharing on **Sunday, August 11, in the Gathering Room 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.

## Coming this Fall: Exploring Church Membership

From time to time, the pastors offer a short class for people "newish" to our church to learn more about Christian faith, Anabaptism, and what it means to commit to belonging at Salford Church. This fall (October) we'll offer this 4-week class on successive Sundays. If you've been attending for a while and want to learn more while getting to know others newer at Salford, let us know! Tell one of the pastors of your interest or contact Brad at the church office. These short classes are always stimulating and fun, too! Dave Greiser, Lead Pastor

## Finance Update for Salford Mennonite Church

For 2024, we will present a monthly update of our financial situation.

- We have received \$441,404 in offering and income over the first seven months of the year, with a 2024 expense budget of \$917,354. We have received 48.1% of the income needed for 2023 in these first seven months (58.3%) of the year.
- We will need an average of **\$16,200** in weekly offering from January through November and an average of **\$31,000** in weekly offering in

If you have information or prayer requests for our newsletter, please submit this to the church office by 4:00 p.m. Wednesday afternoon.

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December to cover our budgeted expenses. We are hopeful that we may be able to reduce actual expenses for 2024 by approximately \$50,000 from our approved budget.

- **Average weekly offering needed for January through November: \$16,200**
- **Average weekly offering received so far for January through November (30 weeks): \$14,713**

## **This Week at Salford**

### **Wednesday, August 7**

8:30 am Sewing Circle (Gathering Room)

### **Saturday, August 10**

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

### **Sunday, August 11**

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

Preaching: Mark Boorse

No Second Hour on Summer Schedule

Healthy Ninos Service Trip Presentation following Worship (Gathering Room)

## **Our Church Family**

### **Prayer Concerns**

- For **Jane Landes** who is home and recovering from shoulder surgery. Pray for a rest and a quick recovery.
- This week, all Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for **Ambler Mennonite**, and its pastors **Michelle and Jacob Curtis**. The Curtises have been on sabbatical from late June through late September and are engaging in missional experiences during this reflective time away.

**Newlyweds Lee and Josie Strader-Bergey** invite all to an open house in the fellowship hall on **August 11, 12-3pm**. Greet the couple, see some wedding photos, enjoy cake and 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 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.

#### **Sewing Circle Comforter Knotting Event August 7:**

Salford's Sewing Circle makes comforters and donates them to Mennonite Central

Committee (MCC), and MCC then distributes the finished comforters to refugees around the world. Sewing Circle will be meeting on Wednesday morning, August 7, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Gathering Room.

All are welcome to join in during all or part of this day to knot comforters, to cut squares, and to count and sort squares. Families are welcome to come and join in this service project. Kids ages 10 and older may help with knotting, and kids under 10 may help with the counting and sorting. Snack time is from 10:30 to 11:00 and will be provided by Sewing Circle. No RSVP needed, and no experience necessary!

### **Salford/Advent Garden Update, August 1:**

Greetings fellow gardeners, last Saturday we planted our fall plants. Cabbage, Cauliflower and Broccoli. Then this week it turned into a scorcher again. Young seedlings are very susceptible to heat. I have been watering as much as I can to keep the young plants from frying in the high heat. So far out of 630 plants we may have lost 3 so far. I will continue to water as much as I can until we get a little rain. The planting was a big job along with harvesting. We dug up the last of our potatoes, over 160 lbs. And they are really nice. We trimmed the onions and somehow fit all that into our small cooler shed. The onions got a little wet and we have been losing a few to spoilage. I will have to come up with better solution to dry them next year. Tomatoes are looking really nice. I have not watered them in a couple of weeks and along with no rain the splitting has all but stopped. I will eventually have to run the water at least to give their roots a wash. Even with a good group of volunteers we were unable to finish all of what I wanted done. Just too much work to go around. We did not plant our red beets, turnips or fall string beans. I am hoping to get that done this week. The summer string beans are in full flower again, hopefully that will lead to a second harvest from these plants. Eggplant, Lima beans, Green peppers and Zucchini round out the harvest menu. You may have noticed our new pad next to the garden. This is where our new shed will be placed next week.

Thank you to everyone who worked in the heat and humidity to get our fall planting done. August can be a hot one too, I am very thankful for the volunteers who are willing to put in the time when the heat is on! Steve 215-872-6616 [rsblank@verizon.net](mailto:rsblank@verizon.net)

## **Faith Formation Spotlight**

### **Summer 2024 Faith Formation Practices Bingo**

All are invited to use [this bingo card](#) to help spur some spiritual practices together as a family that help us draw closer to God, each other, creation, and our communities.

Paper copies available at the Welcome Center. Share your progress with others. Return your card at the end of the summer and we'll recognize all that we practiced together.

Families are encouraged to join the **Salford families WhatsApp group** to share their experiences (and photos) and also join in for parenting conversations. Contact Jenn Svetlik to get the invite link.

Sunday School will begin again on Sept. 8. We will have four classes: for 2s & 3s; 4s & K; 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> grade; and 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade. We have a strong team committed to this area of accessible children's faith formation for 2024-25! However, **we still need a few more helpers (no prep required!)**.

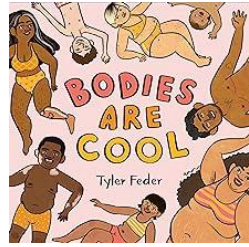
We have two pairs of adults for each age group, so that teachers have half the

weeks to engage in another second hour opportunity. No experience is necessary. Contact Jenn Svetlik to learn more about how you can be a part of this vital and growing ministry.

## Church Library Spotlight

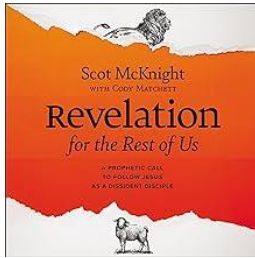
The church library has purchased many new books in recent weeks. Stop by and speak with a librarian to see what's new, or review the library catalogue on the Salford church website <https://smck-ind.kari.opalsinfo.net/bin/home>

### **Bodies Are Cool By: Tyler Feder**



From the acclaimed creator of *Dancing at the Pity Party* and *Roaring Softly*, this picture book is a pure celebration of all the different human bodies that exist in the world. Highlighting the various skin tones, body shapes, and hair types is just the beginning in this truly inclusive book. With its joyful illustrations and encouraging refrain, it will instill body acceptance and confidence in the youngest of readers. "My body, your body, every different kind of body! All of them are good bodies! BODIES ARE COOL!" DONATED

### **Revelation for the Rest of Us: A Prophetic call to Follow Jesus as a Dissident Disciple By: Scot McKnight**



The biblical Book of Revelation frustrates and fascinates many people with its imagery and apocalyptic tone. Most popular interpretations of the book rely on a perspective known as dispensationalism, popularized by the Scofield Bible and more recently the Left Behind series of novels. Yet there are many problems with this popular way of reading Revelation, and until now, few alternatives have been available that were easy to understand.

In *Revelation for the Rest of Us*, Scot McKnight with Cody Matchett explore the timeless message of Revelation and how it speaks to us today with a courageous challenge to be faithful witnesses to Jesus while standing against the ever-present reality of worldly authorities. The writer, John, stimulates the imagination to see the world differently, through the eyes of God, presenting a "divine politic" that subverts the anti-god patterns of governments, empires, and those in power. DONATED

## 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 4 and 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 Staff Team and Church Board are beginning work on the 2025 budget. If you have an idea or request for funding in the 2025 budget, please send your request to church administrator Brad Alderfer by Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup> for consideration in the budget development process.

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

**Extra Peace Camp Shirts!** Anyone who would like one of the yellow shirts from this year's Peace Camp can pick one up on the bench outside the pastors' offices. The sizes that remain are youth medium, youth large, and adult small.

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

- Brad Alderfer: August 3 – August 6
- Andrew Zetts: August 14 - August 18
- Karen Berger: August 17 – August 21

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

## **Beyond Salford**

**DEADLINE EXTENDED UNTIL AUGUST 9!** Did you know that Anabaptists lived in New Amsterdam and later New York? Join the Mennonite Heritage Center on August 31, 2024, for a full-day tour covering this history. Led by Daniel Ness, participants will travel to Manhattan and Germantown via coach. Lunch is on your own. A boxed meal will be provided for dinner. The cost is \$99 for members (\$125 non-members). To learn more and register visit [www.mhep.org/events/event/nyc-tour/](http://www.mhep.org/events/event/nyc-tour/).

Dock Mennonite Academy is hiring for several positions, including **High School Musical Director, Cafeteria employees, Custodian, and a Groundskeeper**. Learn more about each employment opportunity at [www.dock.org/about/employment-opportunities](http://www.dock.org/about/employment-opportunities).

Mennonite Central Committee is excited to extend an invitation for their upcoming Peace Camp. This event will take place from September 13-15 at Kenbrook Bible Camp & Retreat, 190 Pine Meadow Rd, Lebanon, PA 17046. This Peace Camp is designed specifically for young adults aged 18-26, focusing on themes of peace, justice, and migration through the lens of Biblical hospitality. It will cost \$50 (MCC will cover lodging, food, and other expenses). Register by September 2nd using this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/2GEAMAMimz>

**Sing-through of *Voices Together* Hymnal!** Join us September 6-8 to sing through the entire *Voices Together* hymnal. This exciting, and first-ever event, will take place in Martin Chapel on EMU's campus beginning at 7pm on Friday, Sept. 6, continuing all day Saturday, and finishing Sunday afternoon until completed. Check for updated times on the EMU events calendar and Facebook event prior to coming. Sponsored by EMU's Office of Faith and Spiritual Life and Chamber Singers, this event is also a fundraiser for the EMU Chamber Singers who will tour

Netherlands, Germany, and Switzerland in May 2025, ending at the 500 year Celebration of Anabaptism. The Chamber Singers were chosen as the performing choir from North America.