

August 6, 2023

Sunday, August 6, 10:00 am Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live, Lead Pastor Dave Greiser will preach on Galatians 3:28 and I Corinthians 15:1-11; *Shall We Keep Reading Paul?*

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!

July 30, 2023

Offering \$2,127
ACH Electronic Offering \$2,045
Vanco Online Offering \$2,203
Total Budget Offering \$6,375

Future Salford Events

August 12 – Community Garage Sale at Salford, 9:00 am

August 13 - Bring your bagged lunch; Children's games and Ultimate Frisbee after Worship

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

September 10 – Maria

“You Asked for It” Sermon Series

Many thanks to everyone who submitted a question or topic for the August series that we are calling “You Asked for It.” This series is named after an old 1960’s TV show. Most of you probably don’t remember the series, but by the nature of your requests, I’d say you got the idea!

We all harbor certain questions and difficult doubts about faith. Some of our questions are intellectual in nature, some are spiritual, and some are practical. During August (and possibly Sept. 3 when Andrew will be preaching) our sermons will be focused on topics you gave us. Since there were 22 submissions, we won’t be able to respond to them all. In one or two cases, questions of a similar nature can be combined in one sermon.

In an Anabaptist community of faith, we all share not only the interpretation of scripture but also the naming of questions we bring to scripture, as well. I look forward to this challenge, and I know the other pastors look forward to it as well!
Dave Greiser, lead pastor

Finance Update for Salford Mennonite Church

For 2023, we will present a monthly update of our financial situation.

- We have received \$449,951 in offering and income over the first seven months of the year, with a 2023 expense budget of \$898,000. We have received 50.1% of the income needed for 2023 in these first seven months (58.3%) of the year.
- We will need an average of **\$15,700** in weekly offering from January through November and an average of **\$36,000** in weekly offering in December to cover our budgeted expenses. Later in the year we can adjust our income need if expense budget savings or overages are recognized.
- **Average weekly offering needed for January through November: \$15,700**
- **Average weekly offering received so far for January through November, including youth auction income (31 weeks): \$14,514.**

Salford Accessibility Website and Other Updates

Salford’s Accessibility Ministry Team has been making plans to reduce barriers to access for people with disabilities. We have started with assessment: having conversations with Salford families and completing an assessment through the Anabaptist Disabilities Network. You can read updates and find lots of resources on **our new webpage:** www.salfordmc.org/accessibility. This page is for everyone! A large part of the work of our team is to resource the whole congregation in being a place of belonging for all abilities. You can find lots of educational resources there.

Through our assessment through the Anabaptist Disabilities Network, we earned emblems for Mobility and Hearing! There is a yellow sheet about this in mailboxes and at the Welcome Center. Find more info on [our webpage](http://www.salfordmc.org/accessibility) as well.

The Accessibility Ministry Team is made up of Laura Alderfer, Joe Landis, Don

Hosler Byler & Family
Last Sunday at Salford,
with Potluck Fellowship
Luncheon after Second
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
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Klein, and Jenn Svetlik. Dave Greiser is the pastoral contact.

Red Cross Blood Drive Thank You

We collected 33 greatly needed pints of blood at the Salford blood drive. Thanks to everyone who took the time to give of yourself for the good of others. The Red Cross is suggesting we hold another blood drive in mid-November. We will confirm with the congregation if we decide to proceed with this drive.

This Week at Salford

Saturday, August 12

9:00 am Salford Yard Sale (Church Parking Lot)

Sunday, August 13

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

Preaching: Maria Hosler Byler

No Second Hour on Summer Schedule

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

- For **Ada Swartley** who spent a few days in the hospital with heart failure symptoms but is now recovering in her apartment at the Souderton Home.
- For **Nelson Martin, Luke Martin's father**, who has been in the hospital this week with severe pain from gallstones and an infection. He is also experiencing A-Fib with his heart.
- For **Lester Rittenhouse, Jim's father** who has been hospitalized for over a week with an infection. He is improving. Pray for continued healing.
- This summer, **Mosaic Conference** is supporting **7 young adults in our Ambassadors summer internship program**. This week, all Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for the following 2 Ambassador participants and the congregations they are serving: Daniela Cortez at Centro de Alabanza (Philadelphia, PA) and Sydney Yoder at Whitehall (PA) Mennonite Church. Pray that the interns will grow in faith, leadership, and their love of Jesus as they serve and learn.

Birthday Blessings...

To **Carolyn Barthel**, who turns 82 on August 13th.

Take Time this Summer to Walk and Pray in the Grass Labyrinth

An information box has been added to the grass labyrinth near the cemetery. Inside are some handouts to support your walking prayer, and a guest book. We invite you to walk and journey with God here, as often as you'd like.

This labyrinth was created October 2021 as a place for everyone in the community to feel welcome to walk, meditate, pray, or simply experience the peacefulness that surrounds this sacred space.

Thank you Gene Kropf for making the box. If you have any questions, be in touch with Linda Martin.

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

Sunday School will begin again on Sept. 10. This year we will have four classes: for 2s & 3s; 4s & K; 1st-3rd grade; and 4th-5th grade. We are very grateful that we already have 8 teachers and 4 helpers committed to this area of children's faith formation for 2023-24!

To make Sunday School possible for our children this year, **we need a few more aides and subs.**

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.

Children's Ministry Inclusion Aides Needed! The newly-formed Accessibility Ministry Team has been connecting with families of children who are neurodivergent; 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, 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. 10.



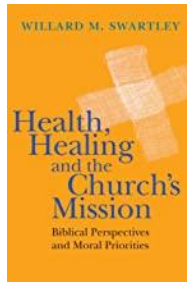
Church Library Spotlight

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>

Lizzie Anne of Groff's Mill Farm By: Mary Ann Harris

This book chronicles the life and stories of the author's beloved Golden Retriever, Lizzie Anne. It tells of her and other animals lives on the Groffs Mill farm and how they positively influenced the humans around them. DONATED

Health, Healing and the church's mission: Biblical Perspectives and Moral Priorities By: Willard Swartley



Does the Christian community have the resources to develop a coherent response to health care challenges today?

Accounting for biblical, theological and church-historical streams, Willard Swartley divulges a long tradition of healing and health care inherited by Christians today. Beginning with in-depth studies of Old and New Testament understandings of healing, the book surveys three millennia of biblical and theological teaching and practice in congregational life and mission. Along the way Swartley uncovers how Christians have understood the role of the church and other institutions in providing health and healing.

The book concludes with an attempt to synthesize these biblical, historical and moral perspectives to help all Christians, including those in health care professions, respond to our current health care challenges. DONATED

Salford News & Notes

Hello Friends at **Souderton Mennonite Home**. Please join us for the monthly gathering on Monday August 14th from 7-8 in the Friendship Room. Let Karen know if you have questions. Hope to see you there!

Church Administrator Brad Alderfer will be on vacation August 5 – 9. Brad will return to the office on Thursday, August 10. Pastors Dave, Maria and Andrew will be in the office normal schedule next week.

Change of Address: Glen & Mary Miller

The Community at Rockhill
3250 State Rd. Apt. 260, Sellersville, PA 18960

Six month donation receipts have been placed in church mailboxes. The Church Board is grateful for the congregation's consistent giving towards the mission of Salford.

Come out and join us for the **Community Yard Sale** on Saturday, August 12th from 9am-1pm in the church parking lot. People can sign up to participate or volunteer to help at the event either using the sign-up sheet by the Welcome Center or by using this [online sign up](#). The deadline to reserve a table is this Sunday! If you have already registered for a table or to volunteer, keep your eyes out for an email next week with further details!

Beyond Salford

Mark your calendars to join **Camp Men-O-Lan** on Saturday, September 9 at 8:15 am for a fun day of shooting at Lehigh Valley Sporting Clay, a benefit event. The goal is to help fund camp and also have a great time! Build your team in groups of 2 or 4. For more information contact Brian Barr at 215-679-5144 x325 or email brian@menolan.org. Watch for details online at <https://menolan.org>.