

February 12, 2023

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**Sunday, February 12, 9:30 am Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live,** Lead Pastor Dave Greiser will preach on Acts 8:26-40; *When God Shakes Things Up*

**10:30 am Second Hour for all ages, All Adults are requested to return to the Sanctuary for Second Hour for Path Forward Discernment Conversation**

**February 5, 2023**

Offering

\$7,721

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Offering

\$7,260

Vanco Online Offering

\$3,804

**Total Budget Offering**

**\$18,785**

**Children's Offering**

**\$33**

**Future Salford Events**

**February 17 – 19** – Senior Youth Winter Retreat

**February 19** – Salford/Advent Garden Fundraiser Luncheon

**March 18** – MYF Auction and fundraiser meal

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

## Children's Time Helps Kids Grow

Each week we devote part of our worship service to children's time. At children's time the kids get to stretch their legs, we all get to hear refreshingly simple language, and of course it's cute to see all the kids. But there is so much more to children's time than this! I believe children's time is important because it helps kids grow.

**Children's time helps KIDS grow.** Our community includes those who are extremely well-read, those who are just learning to read, and everything in between. At times our worship can be intellectually challenging. That's good. We also need our worship to speak to the preschoolers among us. Children's time is our commitment that every week our worship will include our youngest participants.

**Children's time helps kids GROW.** Like all of us, kids are on a journey of faith formation. What one person might find obvious, another one is just learning. Kids benefit from hearing concepts at their level, using metaphors and language they can understand. They need safe space to ask questions, without worrying about the laughter of others, and to feel free to make statements that others might find silly or cute as they explore faith. Those seemingly-random statements kids make are faith development in process!

**Children's time HELPS kids grow.** Faith development is a mysterious process where God is the primary actor, and we are not in control. But in children's time we practice meeting kids where they are, showing them we love them, and articulating our own faith. Kids, in turn, practice coming up close and taking part in the community conversation. My prayer is that as we practice children's time each week, God will continue to shape all of us.

-Maria Hosler Byler

## Mosaic Conference and Mennonite Church USA Updates

There have been a few updates of interest from Mosaic Conference and Mennonite Church USA.

**Mosaic Conference Moderators** met with MCUSA Executive Board on January 28th; **MCUSA Executive Board** responds with open letter. You may view the article from [Mosaic Conference here](#). You may view the article from [Mennonite Church USA here](#).

**Franconia Mennonite Congregation** has voted to disaffiliate from Mosaic Conference. You may view the article from [Mosaic Conference here](#).

## Finance Update for Salford Mennonite Church

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

- 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

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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 (5 weeks): \$14,409**

## **This Week at Salford**

### **Monday, February 13**

7:00 pm Child Care Ministry Team Meeting (Library)

7:00 pm Fellowship Time at Souderton Mennonite Homes (Friendship Room)

### **Tuesday, February 14**

6:30 pm Path Forward Discernment Team Meeting (Library)

### **Sunday, February 19**

9:30 am Salford Worship Indoors and Streamed on YouTube Live

Preaching: Jenny Fujita

10:30 am Second Hour for all ages

All Adults Return to the Sanctuary for Path Forward Discernment Conversations

12:00 pm Salford/Advent Lutheran Garden Fundraiser (Fellowship Hall)

## **Our Church Family**

### **Prayer Concerns**

- For ***Denny Wampole and the Wampole family*** - ***Sandy*** passed away on Monday afternoon.
- For the ***Salford Senior High youth and sponsors*** as they prepare for Winter Retreat on February 17-19.

### **Service & Mission**

**Donation of the Month for February** – Hygiene Kits for Mennonite Central Committee

New items only:

1 toothbrush (adult size; leave in wrapper)

1 bar soap (4-5 oz. in wrapper)

1 fingernail clipper

1 hand towel (larger than fingertip, dark color)

1 wide-toothed comb (6–8 in)

Our children and youth will be packing kits for the service portion of the March 8 faith formation night activities. Kits supplies do not need to be sorted or separated or bagged in any particular way. Supplies will be more helpful than cash donations, but cash donations for kits are gladly accepted if that is your option. Please have all supplies and donation to Salford by March 5<sup>th</sup>. We hope to donate 200 kits, so please help us reach our goal.

**Yarnfolks!** Do you create with yarn - either knitting or crocheting? Would you consider sharing your gifts? The ***Prayer Shawl Ministry*** is alive and well! Shawls and blankets are gifted to those who are going through a hard time or are recovering from illness or are brand new babies in our community. We provide the yarn and patterns if you need them. Please stop by the table in the lobby to pick up a copy of our updated guidelines and reach out to Becky Scheetz with any questions. And consider joining us **in person** for our crafting afternoon here at the church on **Tuesday, February 28 from 1-3 upstairs across from the cafe area**. Bring your shawl/blanket in progress or come to take a look at the yarn available to start a new one! Tea and Coffee will be available. If you plan to come, let Becky know at [Beckeelynn@yahoo.com](mailto:Beckeelynn@yahoo.com).

## Results of the Clothing Drive for the New Sanctuary Movement

Thank you to everyone who donated to the clothing drive, we were able to exceed our goals! In addition to the following clothing items, we were able to raise over \$1,000. Also, a special thanks to everyone who joined us at Faith Formation night to help sort, count, and package all of the donations.

93 coats and jackets  
60 sweatpants and jeans  
148 long sleeve shirts  
50 pairs of gloves  
59 hats  
149 pairs of socks  
9 pairs of shoes

## 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>

Here is a sampling of new materials:

### My Voice is a Trumpet, by Jimmie Allen

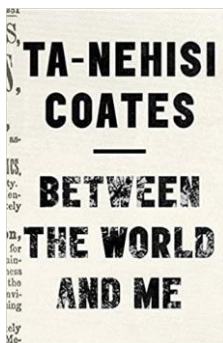


From voices tall as a tree, to voices small as a bee, all it takes is confidence and a belief in the goodness of others to change the world. Coming at a time when issues of social justice are at the forefront of our society, this is the perfect book to teach children in and out of the classroom that they're not too young to express what they believe in and that *all* voices are valuable.

The perfect companion for little readers going back to school!

DONATED

### Between the World and Me, by Ta-Nehisi Coates



In a profound work that pivots from the biggest questions about American history and ideals to the most intimate concerns of a father for his son, Ta-Nehisi Coates offers a powerful new framework for understanding our nation's history and current crisis. Americans have built an empire on the idea of "race," a falsehood that damages us all but falls most heavily on the bodies of black women and men—bodies exploited through slavery and segregation, and, today, threatened, locked up, and murdered out of all proportion. What is it like to inhabit a black body and find a way to live within it? And how can we all honestly reckon with this fraught history and free ourselves from

its burden?

*Between the World and Me* is Ta-Nehisi Coates's attempt to answer these questions in a letter to his adolescent son. Coates shares with his son—and readers—the story of his awakening to the truth about his place in the world through a series of revelatory experiences, from Howard University to Civil War battlefields, from the South Side of Chicago to Paris, from his childhood home to the living rooms of mothers whose children's lives were taken as American plunder. Beautifully woven from personal narrative, reimagined history, and fresh, emotionally charged reportage, *Between the World and Me* clearly illuminates the past, bravely confronts our present, and offers a transcendent vision for a way forward. DONATED

## News & Notes

**Anabaptist World** has notified us that it is time to update our annual group subscription. Fliers to indicate your interest in renewed, cancelled or new subscriptions have been placed in church mailboxes and at the Welcome Center. Please return the form to the church office by February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The group rate per subscription is \$35.00. For those who are able, please include payment with your form.

Salford Friends at Souderton Mennonite Home: Don't miss our monthly gathering: in the **Friendship Room on Monday February 13th from 7-8**. Call Karen with any questions! See you there.

As we approach the midway point of the season both our **volleyball teams** are showing improvement. Adam Messner summed it up best by saying, "This is a learning year." This past week Salford Bee's held their own, putting up a lot of points and Salford 1 fell 2-3 to Leidy's but were happy with the wins they got. This coming Monday is a great week to come watch our teams play. Both teams play at 8:30pm at Immanuel Leidy's in Souderton. Salford Bee's take on Leidy's and Salford 1 faces off against Renew. Hope to see you there.

We continue to enjoy the **donated artwork for the church bulletin cover** from our adults and children. Please send digital photos of your artwork to church administrator Brad Alderfer. Art featuring winter, spring, lent, easter, nature or just about anything is welcome!

In the event of **inclement weather that may affect our Sunday morning worship service and Second Hour**, we will announce any changes or closures by all church email and on the front page of our website by 8:00 am. If there are any questions about inclement weather and you do not have computer access, feel free to call Church Administrator Brad Alderfer at (215) 272-6724.

Greetings from the **meals ministry team**, the people that organize you to get food into the bellies of those in need of assistance. **Please complete this [sign-up sheet](#) to indicate your willingness to provide meals.** We would find it helpful to try to gather a list of names of those willing to provide meals. By signing your name it may mean we call or email you in the future. If you choose not to place your name on the list it does not mean we won't call, but maybe we won't call you first. Thank you for your willingness to help and especially for providing meals to fill those hungry bellies.

This year's **Mennonite Youth Fellowship Auction** will take place on **March 18th**. If you are interested in making a donation to the auction, please **[click this link](#)** to fill out a form that will indicate what you intend to donate. If you prefer to fill out a paper form, there are forms available at the welcome center in the church lobby. If you choose to fill out a paper form, please return it to the church office. Regardless of format, please submit your form by **February 26th**.

## Beyond Salford

**Perkasie Patchwork Coffeehouse** is thrilled to welcome Cornflower Jam and Ray Fifer to our next coffeehouse concert on Saturday, February 25 at 7:30 pm. Doors open at 7 pm. Masks are strongly recommended except when eating some of our delicious refreshments. Location: Perkasie Mennonite Church, 320 W Chestnut St., Perkasie, Pa. **Christy Gross is a member of Cornflower Jam.**

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