

February 25, 2024

Sunday, February 25, 9:30 am Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live, Lead Pastor Dave Greiser will preach on Mark 8:22–38; *Do You See Anything?*

10:30 am Second Hour for all ages

The Accessibility Ministry Team will be leading the “My Body is Not a Prayer Request” Second Hour Elective in the left side of the Gathering Room.

The Contemplative Practices 2nd hour will meet in Room 206. We will begin with a session of group *Centering Prayer*. We will also discuss the *Prayer of Examen*. Questions – talk to Pastor Karen.

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.

February 18, 2024

Offering

\$3,860

ACH Electronic

Offering

\$2,080

Vanco Online Offering

Lent 2024

How does living in faith shape our thoughts and actions? Faith asks that we ground our lives in what we cannot yet see and believe in what we cannot even begin to imagine. As we gather for the second Sunday of Lent, we can ask the Spirit to help us in the places we struggle to have faith.

Next Sunday, March 3rd, we will celebrate **Communion** together. Communion takes place in community. Relationships are the foundation of why we celebrate: relationships first between each of us and God through Jesus and the power of the Spirit. And relationships with each other as our chosen family of believers. Before we are invited to the Table, we are invited to pause and consider - how are things between ourselves and God? And then what is the Spirit saying to us about our relationships with others?

We encourage prayer - the prayer room is always open. The pastors are available to pray with you. And think of each other - is there a phone call or conversation that is needed? Trust the Spirit for healing and wholeness. And come join us at the Table.

If you have questions about Communion, there will be an insert in your bulletin this week or you can see our statement on communion on the website [here](#).

"My Body Is Not a Prayer Request": Four Week Second Hour Elective

From Sunday, Feb. 11 to March 3, join Laura Alderfer and the Accessibility Ministry Team for a four-week Second Hour elective which will highlight parts of this powerful, humorous book which combines compelling storytelling, bible exegesis, and practical application. Kenny exposes unintentional ableism and casts a new vision for Christian communities to engage disability justice. The book [can be purchased here](#) or [on Audible](#), but it is not required reading to participate in the class. This class will be located in the Fellowship Hall, or on

Zoom: [Zoom Link](#)

Passcode: 911123

Class outline:

Week 3: A Disabled God? Examining our views of God and Scripture

Week 4: Disability “mosquitoes” and expired chocolate milk: How our language affects those with disabilities. Sharing our own stories and experiences

Zoom Gathering for Online Participants

Have you been engaging with Salford at a distance by watching our services online? If so, we would love to get to know you! On **Thursday, March 14, from 7:00-8:00 P.M.**, the pastoral staff and members of the church board will host a Zoom gathering to connect with people who are connecting with Salford from far away. We'll enjoy time in large and small groups as we work to get to know the community connecting with us outside the building.

\$2,147

Total Budget Offering

\$8,087

Children's Offering

\$24

Future Salford Events

February 25 – Salford Advent Garden

Fundraiser Luncheon

March 3 – Monthly Communion Service

March 10 – Families with Children and Youth Potluck

March 16 – Women's Event Dinner Yahtzee, Meeting at 4:30 pm at Salford

March 23 – Youth Auction and Fundraiser meal.

April 7 - Monthly Communion Service

April 21 – Brooke Martin Service of Ordination

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

To participate, complete [this form](#). The Zoom link will be sent to the email address you provide on the form. We hope to see you on the 14th!

2024 Mennonite Youth Fellowship Auction

The Salford Mennonite Youth Fellowship is grateful for the 22 donations we have received for the upcoming auction on **March 23rd**. If you are interested in making a donation to the auction—an item, an act of service, a meal, an experience, or something else, 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 that can be returned to the church office. Regardless of format, please submit your form by **February 26th**.

We appreciate your support in whatever form or fashion it takes and look forward to seeing you at the auction!

This Week at Salford

Wednesday, February 28

7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

Sunday, March 3

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

Preaching: Dave Greiser

10:30 am Second Hour for All Ages

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

- For **Glenn Frederick** who is now on hospice care at Foulkeways. Please pray for peace and rest for Glenn and Elizabeth at this time.
- For **Mary Miller**. Her brother **Frank Penrose** passed on Thursday afternoon from cancer. Pray for the family at this difficult time.
- For **Gladys Nyce** who will have a procedure on her eye on Tuesday. Pray for peace and a quick recovery.
- For the family of **Nex Benedict**, a non-binary high school student in Oklahoma who died a day after being attacked in the restroom at school. Nex was the target of bullying for several months following state legislative policies that targeted the transgender community. We pray for safety for all LGBTQ+ people and for policymakers who will protect their rights.
- All Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for **the seven Indonesian worshipping communities in Mosaic Conference**, as they and their loved ones are impacted by the recent election in Indonesia. Please pray for a peaceful and just election and for the safety of the nation. They also invite prayers that the newly elected government officials have a fear and love of God, and may they be used as instruments of God to bring peace and reconciliation to Indonesia.

Birthday Blessings...

To **Herb Moyer**, who celebrates his 88 birthday on February 28th, and to **Roma Ruth**, who celebrates her 93 birthday on March 1.

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)

Kits can be donated in plastic grocery bags, or supplies can be donated in bulk. Full kits, supplies or cash donations are welcome. Offering envelopes can be marked for "MCC Hygiene Kits" Please have all supplies and donation to Salford by March 3rd. We hope to donate 200 kits, so please help us reach our goal.

Faith Formation Spotlight

We are very grateful to the **1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade Sunday School class** for leading worship this Sunday, Feb. 25. For the past two Sundays, they have been working with their teacher, Meredith Ehst, to reflect upon the parts of the worship service, and to select and prepare a welcome and prayers. Join us this Sunday to honor their leadership!

Salford Youth in Upcoming Musicals This March, there are quite a few Salford youth performing in their school musicals. As a community it would be great if we can get out and show them our support! Below is information about showtimes and links to purchase tickets.

- **Avery Goldcamp, Naomi Kaczor, and Jesse Ehst** are all taking part in Dock's middle school musical. Get your tickets now for our 2024 Musical, *Shrek, Jr!* There will be four shows in the EC-8 auditorium: **Friday, March 1 at 7pm; Saturday, March 2 at 3pm; Saturday, March 2 at 7pm; and Sunday, March 3 at 3pm.** Tickets are \$13 for adults, \$10 for senior citizens, and \$5 for students. [Click here](#) to buy tickets & reserve your seat now!
- **Alexa Sefing** is the lead in the upcoming Upper Perkiomen Valley High School musical, *Emma: A Pop Musical*. There is performance dates **March 7-10**. You can order tickets by clicking [here](#).
- Get your tickets for Dock Mennonite Academy's high school performance of *Matilda: The Musical* and see **Lela Martin** perform. The show runs from **March 14-16**, and you can get tickets [here](#). Please note that the performance is at Dock's EC-8 campus at 420 Godshall Road, Souderton.

Potluck for Salford's Children and Youth Ministries on Sunday, March 10

After Second Hour on March 10, Andrew and Jenn will be hosting a potluck for everyone involved in children and youth ministries: children and youth (ages 2-18), parents/guardians, Second Hour teacher and aides, and MYF sponsors. Bring a dish to share and please bring your own plates and cutlery to reduce the waste we generate.

Our primary goal is to provide a space of fellowship where families can interact with each other and the trusted adults who are participating in their youths' faith formation. Additionally, there will be 10-15 minutes of updates from Jenn and Andrew. Topics will include: content for the upcoming Sunday School spring quarter and Circle of Grace curricula, elementary school offering discernment project, Peace Camp, the MYF's spring service and event schedule, final needs for the MYF auction, and more.

We hope to have these potlucks twice a year, so join us for the first gathering!

Welcoming Path Learning Corner

For the past few weeks, we have been learning about terms related to **Gender**

Diversity. Historically, Indigenous societies have long recognized a wide variety of gender expressions. Of note, people of fluid gender expressions have often been given roles of spiritual leadership in these societies.

To learn more about identities such as **Two Spirit and Bissu**, we recommend the podcast How God Works, Season 5, Episode 3: [From Two Spirit to Bissu, Gender Diversity Has Deep Roots.](#)

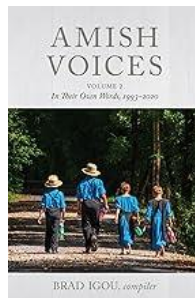
Accessibility Spotlight

The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Souderton office, along with the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Montgomery County are hosting a free talk for parents and caregivers: "**Anxiety in Children and Teens: Everyday techniques to calm anxiety, and medication myth busters.**" Tuesday, March 12 at 6:30pm at the Indian Valley Public Library in Telford. [Register here.](#)

Church Library Spotlight

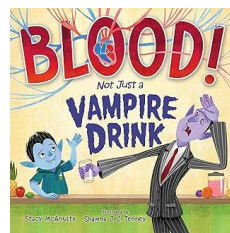
The church library has purchased many new books in recent weeks. Stop by and speak with a librarian to see what's new, or review the library catalogue on the Salford church website <https://smck-ind.kari.opalsinfo.net/bin/home>

Amish Voices, Volume 2 – In Their Own Words 1993-2020 Compiled by Brad Igou



Brad Igou offers a second volume of writings by Amish people across North America, compiled from the last three decades of *Family Life* (1993–2020), a monthly Amish magazine. He includes letters, articles, history lessons, parables, questions, challenges—a wide spectrum of human experience from an Amish point of view. Fourteen chapters cover fascinating topics such as shunning, nonresistance, clothing, youth activities, old age, conflicts with the modern world, work, church, humor, and lessons from life. DONATED

Blood! Not Just A Vampire Drink By: Stacy McAnulty



Welcome to I Don't Vant to Suck Your Blood Smoothie Shop, where all products are 100% blood-free!

That's good news for humans, but bad news for a thirsty vampire who just wants a pint of O-positive. With a little help from a friend, he'll realize that blood isn't a beverage. Humans need it! Blood delivers oxygen and nutrients, helps fight off infections, and so much more. So grab *Blood! Not Just a Vampire Drink* and a pineapple-spinach smoothie and find out why blood is such a fabulous fluid. DONATED

News & Notes

Following the recent false alarm that occurred during a worship service, an **emergency response planning** group has been formed to develop proper response procedures for fire alarms or other types of emergencies. Bill Scheetz, Dean Wimmer, Glen & Mary Miller and Brad Alderfer make up this team. This team will be developing evacuation procedures and other emergency response plans as needed and will have drills for these procedures in the coming months.

The **Salford Mailboxes** will be re-organized for March 3rd. Please remove all items from your mailboxes in the coming weeks. If your mailbox has a "hold mail" sticker

and you would like to receive mail, please remove the sticker. If you would like a mailbox and do not have one or would like to check the status of your mailbox, please contact **Church Administrator Brad Alderfer**.

Salford Choir! Justin Yoder will lead the choir to sing twice: for **Palm Sunday morning and Good Friday evening services**. Interested? Contact Justin at justin.n.yoder@gmail.com. Make **Salford Easter Choir** the subject of your email and please **include your full name and voice part** in your email! Rehearsals:

Wednesday February 28th, 7:00-8:45 pm

Tuesday March 5th, 7:00-8:45 pm

Thursday March 14th, 7:00-8:45 pm

Wednesday March 20th, 7:00-8:45 pm

Tuesday March 26th, 7:00-8:45 pm

In **Salford volleyball news** your team found out that volleyball is not always easy but managed to win the match three games to two. Jarad Byas sprouted wings in game for with an overtime kill to get us the match win. The game next Monday is at Immanuel Leidy's in Souderton at 7pm against Penn Valley who is only three wins behind us in the standings. Should be a great game, hope to see you there.

The next book for the **Banned/Challenged Book Club** is Burger's Daughter by Nadine Gordimer. A story that takes place during apartheid in South Africa. We will be meeting on March 20 at 6:30. All are welcome to join in the discussion!

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 8:30 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.

Beyond Salford

Join us on **Tuesday, March 12 at 7:00 pm** when the Hesston College Bel Canto Singers will be at **Zion Mennonite Church in Souderton**. The 19-voice mixed chamber choir, under the direction of Dr. Russell Adrian and accompanied by Ken Rodgers, will present a program titled "Common Ground." The 2023-24 academic year marks the 40th season for the Bel Canto Singers, Hesston College's premier choral ensemble.

Mosaic Institute is offering a board-equipping event on **Saturday, March 16, 1-4:30**. Come and join an interactive board session with seasoned board members designed to help attendees learn best practices and become familiar with board 'lingo' and expectations. Newcomers can bring their questions about how boards operate and chairs can bring their questions about how to on-board new members. Designed for both non-profit and church boards. Register [here](#). Discounts available when 3 or more members of board or team attend together.

The February edition of **On the Level** is now available from **Mennonite Disaster Service**. In our current issue: Kevin King shares his insights on Jesus passion for sharing meals, learn how MDS volunteers are finding additional work along the Texas border, and find out why one woman says MDS is the light of Canada. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/49pNHoc>