

February 5, 2023

Sunday, February 5, 9:30 am Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live, Associate Pastor Maria Hosler Byler will preach on Acts 15:1-12; *Following the Throughline*

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

January 29, 2023

Offering
\$6,763
ACH Electronic
Offering
\$2,045
Vanco Online Offering
\$1,352
Total Budget Offering \$10,160
Children's Offering \$31

Future Salford Events

February 8 – Family Faith Formation Night

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

The Path Forward Discernment Team Update

Last Sunday was our first Path Forward second hour meeting of the New Year. Church members Ron Freed, Juanita Nyce and Scott Benner formed a three-person panel, and shared their journeys to their current convictions concerning sexuality and church. Some folks noticed a kind of hush in the room as they spoke, followed by a time of animated conversation among people after the hour concluded. It was as though people had recognized the risk that each person took in sharing, followed by the relief they felt when they realized such a conversation could be had without fracturing relationships.

Their presentations were three distinct and diverse viewpoints, clearly expressed and followed by a time of conversation that reinforced the differences. Yet at the close of the hour, the panelists were clearly still friends.

In a time when people seem unable to tolerate differences of opinion in politics and sexuality, our Path Forward conversations are an opportunity to bear witness to the unity possible in Jesus. We still have work to do, as a Path Forward Committee and as a church, but it is work we can approach in the confidence that in Christ we can know a oneness that is radically different than the fractiousness of the culture around us.

Dave Greiser, For the Path Forward Team

February Faith Formation Night

Next Wednesday February 8th will be a Faith Formation Night for families of all ages and configurations. This week youth and adults will be doing service together: making meals for the Trinity Lutheran Code Blue shelter, sorting and packing donations for asylum seekers, and sewing bags which will be used for MCC hygiene kits.

Here's the schedule:

- 5:30-6:15 dinner is served
- 6:15-6:30 all-ages worship
- 6:30-8:00 Kids' Club for grades 1-5; service opportunities for junior and senior youth and adults

Please RSVP to [Andrew Zetts](#) by Monday so we know how much food to prepare. If you are coming and have sewing skills and/or a sewing machine, please let Maria Hosler Byler know.

And mark your calendars for future Faith Formation Nights: March 8, April 12, and May 10.

This Week at Salford

Wednesday, February 8

5:30 pm Faith Formation Dinner (Fellowship Hall)

6:15 pm Faith Formation Night Worship

6:30 pm Faith Formation Night Kids Club and Service Activities

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

Sunday, February 12

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

Preaching: Dave Greiser

10:30 am Second Hour for all ages

All Adults Return to the Sanctuary for Path Forward Discernment Conversations

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

- For **Pam Miller** who had rotator cuff surgery on Tuesday. Pray for relief from pain and healing over the next weeks and months.
- For **Glenn Frederick** who spent more time in the hospital this week and is still recovering from cellulitis in his feet.
- All Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for **Amahoro International** (a Mosaic Conference Related Ministry) and for Mukarabe Makinto as she travels to Uganda and Rwanda to minister and discern the next steps of ministry and growth for the extension of God's reign.

Birthday Blessings...

To **Ray Yoder**, who celebrates his 85th birthday on February 7th, and to **Esther Ruth**, who celebrates her 84th birthday on February 7th, and to **Paul Erhart**, who celebrates his 80th birthday on February 8th, and to **Willis Miller**, who celebrates his 91st birthday on February 9th.

Congratulations...

To **Dan & Vanessa Sigmans** on the birth of **Grant Michael Sigmans** on January 28th. **Ivan** is a proud big brother.

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 5th. We hope to donate 200 kits, so please help us reach our goal.

Volunteers Needed at the Trinity Lutheran Church Code Blue Shelter in Lansdale

The Cold Blue shelter at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lansdale is a facility that opens when temperatures drop below 30 degrees and offers men a warm bed and meal for the night during the dangerous temperatures. The shelter is operated completely by community volunteers. The directors of the shelter are anticipating temperatures to be consistently low in February, meaning the facility will likely be open more frequently with an increased need for volunteers. As a new volunteer, you would be paired with an experienced and trained volunteer.

The main volunteering roles and shifts at the shelter are:

- **7:30 P.M.-Midnight:** Checking in and registering arrivals
- **Midnight-6:00 A.M.:** Overnight presence to stay awake and meet needs as they arise
- **6:00 A.M.-8:00 A.M.:** Serving breakfast and clean up.

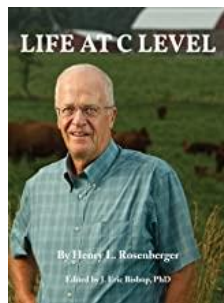
If you are interested in volunteering, there will be two representatives from the Cold Blue shelter in the church lobby with whom you can connect this Sunday (January 29) between the service and Second Hour. If you are unable to connect with them and would like to volunteer, you can sign up using this [link](#), contact Mark Lanan (mark@lanan.com) or Leslie Johnson (lesliej0728@gmail.com), or contact Pastor Andrew.

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>

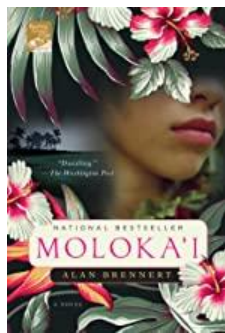
Here is a sampling of new materials:

Life at C Level, by: Henry L. Rosenberger



This is the story of Henry L. Rosenberger, a Baby Boomer era Mennonite entrepreneur who, by surrounding himself with loyal and hardworking people from his community, expanded his family's dairy business to include sprawling cold storage facilities that employed hundreds of people and generated revenue that enabled him to reward those employees, to serve his community pro bono, to engage in philanthropic pursuits, to save and preserve hundreds of acres of rich, Pennsylvania farmland from hungry land developers, and to retire and enjoy the life of a gentleman farmer.

Moloka'i, by Alan Brennert



This richly imagined novel, set in Hawai'i more than a century ago, is an extraordinary epic of a little-known time and place---and a deeply moving testament to the resiliency of the human spirit.

Rachel Kalama, a spirited seven-year-old Hawaiian girl, dreams of visiting far-off lands like her father, a merchant seaman. Then one day a rose-colored mark appears on her skin, and those dreams are stolen from her. Taken from her home and family, Rachel is sent to Kalaupapa, the quarantined leprosy settlement on the island of Moloka'i. Here her life is supposed to end---but instead she discovers it is only just beginning.

With a vibrant cast of vividly realized characters, *Moloka'i* is the true-to-life chronicle of a people who embraced life in the face of death. Such is the warmth, humor, and compassion of this novel that "few readers will remain unchanged by Rachel's story"

News & Notes

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.

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 Lead Pastor **Dave Greiser** at () 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.

Erica Smith-Grasse is now serving as the chair of the Nursery Ministry Team for a one-year term. Thank you, Erica! Erica has recently come to the Salford community but already has lots of experience in the nursery via her two young children. You may see her popping into the nursery as she is in process of learning about the role. Nursery volunteers, introduce yourselves to her when you see her and feel free to reach out to her with any questions or support.

For Salford folks who did not see the creation process video for **Mandy Martin's painting "The Spirit of God Hovering"** which is displayed on the front wall of the sanctuary, you can [watch the video here](#).

New **2023 Photo Directories** have been printed and placed at the Welcome Center. Please pick one up if interested. If you would like to access the photo directory online or by phone app, contact the church office for instructions to access. The phone app is a great way to contact Salford folks directly by phone, text or email directly from the app with one touch.

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.**