

January 15, 2023

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**Sunday, January 15, 9:30 am Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live,** Lead Pastor Dave Greiser will preach on Acts 1:1-14; *The Reason for It All*

**10:30 am Second Hour for all ages**

**January 8, 2023**

Offering

\$5,580

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Offering

\$2,070

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\$3,635

**Total Budget Offering**

**\$11,285**

**Children's Offering**

**\$35**

**Future Salford Events**

**January 20 – 22** – Junior Youth Winter Retreat

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

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

**March 18** – MYF Auction

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

## **A Sermon Series on Acts**

During the Sundays we have been talking about scripture and sexuality, we have addressed the topic mostly in second hour sessions. We felt that people coming to Salford as guests, and people not part of our local body who watch the services online, do not have the chance to be part of this ongoing conversation. It feels more welcoming to have sermon topics that are fully accessible to guests as well as regular attenders.

This coming Sunday, we are starting a Sunday series on the Book of Acts in our worship. Why Acts? There are several reasons, but perhaps the most important one goes like this. Through the years, God and the church have often been on different wavelengths, spiritually speaking. Very often, God is trying to call the Church to a great ministry of outreach and proclaiming the gospel to the world. The church, meanwhile, is preoccupied with smaller matters, often involving church rules and practices. In Acts, Jesus tells the disciples they are about to receive Holy Spirit power to proclaim the salvation and rule of Jesus. The disciples, on the other hand, wonder if Jesus will soon restore the old Jewish kingdom, which would reinstate Old Testament laws for everyone. The story of Acts is the account of how God empowered the church to the big mission of God.

As Salford re-enters the Path Forward process in two weeks, we will be tempted to keep our discussion about the rules of the church—and we need to address them. At the same time, God wants us to open heart and mind, to receive the Holy Spirit, and to proclaim and live out the Great News. Pray for an open ear and heart as we look into Acts together.

## **Mennonite Youth Fellowship Auction Save the Date**

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**.

## **This Week at Salford**

**Monday, January 16**

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

**Tuesday, January 17**

6:30 pm Church Board Meeting (Dean & Julie Wimmer's House)

**Sunday, January 22**

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

Preaching: Jacob Curtis

10:30 am Second Hour for all ages

## **Our Church Family**

your email address to [alderferb@salfordmc.org](mailto:alderferb@salfordmc.org)

### **Prayer Concerns**

- For **Janet Yoder and Donald Alderfer**: their brother Richard Alderfer passed on Monday after a short time on hospice. Prayer for the Alderfer family at this time.
- For **Mary Miller** who is suffering with vertigo and weakness after having a virus. She is ok after 2 falls and is recuperating at home. Pray for renewed strength
- For **Dave and Kathi Peters**, in Mexico at the Hope4Cancer Treatment Center. Pray for healing and renewal.
- All Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for **the new bilingual church project at Homestead (FL) Mennonite Church**. Starting on January 22, a bilingual worship service in Spanish and English will be held on Sundays at 4:30 pm. Pray for this new project, Pastor Marcos Acosta, and those who will be attending.

### **Birthday Blessings...**

To **DD Wolf**, who celebrates her 81<sup>st</sup> birthday on January 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **Service & Mission**

**Donation of the Month Project for January – Access Services Street Outreach:**

The Street Outreach team at the nonprofit Access Services provides support and connection to services/resources to persons experiencing homelessness in Montgomery County. Last year the **county's only year-round emergency shelter for individuals closed**, and while there are plans to reopen it, it will not happen for another year.

**This winter they need hand warmers, wool socks, and \$10 Walmart, Wawa and McDonald's gift cards.**

**Larger items like tents, sleeping bags, and backpacks are also very needed and can be purchased from the Street Outreach Wish List at <https://www.amazon.com/registries/custom/RZ11V542EFSY/guest-view>**

Alternatively, monetary donations can be made through Salford's donation system, at <https://www.accessservices.org/donate/> (designate Street Outreach), or can be mailed to:

Access Street Outreach, 4070 Butler Pike, Suite 900, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462

### **Faith Formation Spotlight**

**Peace Camp 2023 Save the Date:** Peace Camp will take place the evenings of Sunday, June 18-Thurs, June 22 for kids entering 1-6th grades. Registration will open in April.

**Building Faith:** The 2023 theme for this monthly faith formation resource for families is "A Closer Look." There are certain stories that come up frequently in worship. We hear them so often that we sometimes forget to listen - or we assume that we already know all there is to know! But the stories of the Bible, like faith, are meant to spiral; to take on new meaning and depth at the various points of our lives. **This year, Building Faith invites families to take a closer look at frequently told Bible stories.**

In January the focus is Mat. 5:13-16. Jesus said he is the salt of the earth and light of the world. To get a handle on this important teaching of Jesus, we can help

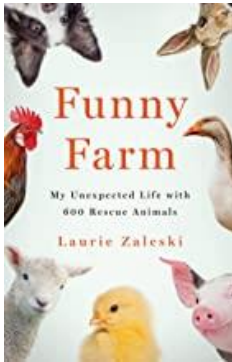
children start to wonder at the power of salt and light. Jesus gives us the power to bring change, just like salt and light can. *How can households discover and harness their saltiness, their light, to infiltrate the world with God's love?* **See the scripture, activities, and reflection questions here:** [buildingfaithfamily.com/salt-and-light.html](http://buildingfaithfamily.com/salt-and-light.html)

## 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>

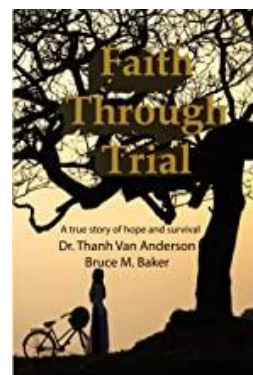
Here is a sampling of new materials:

### **Funny Farm: My Unexpected Life with 600 Rescue Animals, by: Laurie Zaleski**



Laurie Zaleski never aspired to run an animal rescue; that was her mother Annie's dream. But from girlhood, Laurie was determined to make the dream come true. Thirty years later as a successful businesswoman, she did it, buying a 15-acre farm deep in the Pinelands of South Jersey. She was planning to relocate Annie and her caravan of ragtag rescues—horses and goats, dogs and cats, chickens and pigs—when Annie died, just two weeks before moving day. In her heartbreak, Laurie resolved to make her mother's dream her own. In 2001, she established the Funny Farm Animal Rescue outside Mays Landing, New Jersey. Today, she carries on Annie's mission to save abused and neglected animals.

*Funny Farm* is Laurie's story: of promises kept, dreams fulfilled, and animals lost and found. It's the story of Annie McNulty, who fled a nightmarish marriage with few skills, no money and no resources, dragging three kids behind her, and accumulating hundreds of cast-off animals on the way. And lastly, it's the story of the brave, incredible, and adorable animals that were rescued. Although there are some sad parts (as life always is), there are lots of laughs.



### **Faith Through Trial: A True Story of Hope and Survival, by: Dr. Thanh Van**

This book is the life story of Thanh Van Anderson from her origins in North Vietnam at the end of the French occupation to her immigration to the United States where she became an outstanding educator and champion of LEP (limited English proficiency) students. After retirement, she fought, and won, two battles with cancer and became a mentor for fellow sufferers and their families before falling victim to cancer for a third time. This story tells of her life, her mission, and the hope she shares with all cancer victims and their families.

## News & Notes

Salford Friends at Souderton Mennonite Home: the January meeting has been **RESCHEDULED for Monday January 16th, 7-8** in the Friendship Room. Hope to see you there!

**Educational Opportunity:** Mosaic Conference is offering a series of classes on Congregational Care, one Saturday per month from January through April. These are an excellent chance to learn how to care for each other in community. Salford

will cover the cost of tuition for those interested. See the details here - scroll to the section labeled "Community Care": <https://mosaicmennonites.org/institute/> Interested? Contact Karen, [bkbergey@gmail.com](mailto:bkbergey@gmail.com) or 215.237.7367. **Deadline to register: Tuesday, January 24th.**

Week 1 for **Salford volleyball** is in the books and can best be described with a text message sent to the team after the game – THAT.WAS.FUN. Salford Bee's got off to a good start learning to play together and having fun. Salford 1 won their match against Calvary 1 three games to two. Next games are Monday night. Salford Bees v. Calvary 1 at 7pm at Calvary church of Souderton and Salford 1 v. Keystone at 8pm Leidy's Church.

**Exploring Membership at Salford.** If you're a new(ish) attender at Salford, you are invited to join a short term class on exploring church membership. Come together in a relaxed atmosphere with other newbies to learn about our church, our Anabaptist heritage, our vision and mission, and more. Send Dave Greiser an email, a text, or talk to him personally if you want to know more!

## Beyond Salford

**MennoPIN (Mennonite Palestine Israel Network)** invites you to a 1-hour Zoom conversation with Suheil Tarazi and Hani Farah of the Gaza YMCA on Saturday, January 14 at 10:00 am EST. Suheil and Hani will talk about the current humanitarian crisis in Gaza and the compelling work that the YMCA is doing to support families in the midst of these dire conditions caused by the ongoing Israeli blockade.

Please use the link below to join us on Saturday, January 14 at 10:00 am EST!

Time: Jan 14, 2023 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86324229910?pwd=emszSIJRQkprWnVJU0laQnZlekVpdz09>

Join us on **Dock's** EC8 campus on Friday, January 27 at 8:45 am to learn more about their caring community. Dock teachers provide a curriculum filled with wonder and intertwine an abundance of play-based outdoor learning into your child's experience. Generous financial scholarships are available for incoming Kindergarten students. Register today at [dock.org/admissions/open-house-visitation-day](http://dock.org/admissions/open-house-visitation-day).

**Living U**, the lifelong learning institute of **Living Branches**, offers classes and field trips for residents and seniors in the local community. Their spring semester includes courses on international water relief, gardening, fair trade, the history of Skippack and Branchville, climate change, caregiving and more. For information, go to [livingbranches.org/livingu](http://livingbranches.org/livingu) or contact Maribeth Benner, Living U Coordinator, at 215-368-4438 ext. 44204. Registration runs from January 17 to February 1.

Looking for something to do with your toddler during the blah days of winter? **My Toddler and Me** is an opportunity for parents and other caregivers of 2- and 3-year-olds to get out of the house, meet others and enjoy a story, crafts and fun. This free class is offered every Wednesday morning, 9:15-10:15 am at **Zion Mennonite Church**. For more information call 215-723-3592 or visit [zionmennonite.org](http://zionmennonite.org).