



January 21, 2024

Sunday, January 21, 9:30 am Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live, Lead Pastor Dave Greiser will preach on Galatians 5:16-26; *Spirit Fruit for Centered Christians*

10:30 am Second Hour for all ages

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.

January 14, 2024

Offering

\$22,377

ACH Electronic Offering

\$1,980

Vanco Online Offering

\$3,164

Total Budget Offering \$27,521

Children's Offering \$42

Future Salford Events

January 28 – All Church Potluck following Second Hour

February 25 – Salford Advent Garden Fundraiser Luncheon

March 23 – Youth Auction and Fundraiser meal.

If you have information or prayer requests for

All Church Potluck January 28th

We will be having an all church potluck on January 28th, following Second Hour in the Fellowship hall. Please bring a main dish and side dish/dessert to share. Please also bring your place settings for the meal. Please bring your dishes cut and prepared to serve to assist the potluck fellowship team in setup.

Annual Meeting with Dock Mennonite Academy

At the 2022 congregational meeting, Pastor Andrew Zetts and Cindy Moyer communicated that they planned to initiate an annual meeting with representatives from Dock Mennonite and the Salford congregation. We are happy to announce that we will have our first meeting **during Second Hour on Sunday, February 4.**

The hope is this will be a time for Dock to provide annual updates about things like new initiatives at the school, updates in curriculum, and ways for Salford to participate in the life of the Dock community. Additionally, congregants at Salford will have the opportunity to submit questions to the Dock representatives prior to the meeting so that they can be addressed during the meeting on February 4. You can submit your question using this [link](#) or submit it via bulletin insert over the next two weeks.

Please mark the date and plan to attend so we can have a strong turnout! If you have any questions, contact Pastor Andrew at zettsa@salfordmc.org or 215-859-3446.

2024 Mennonite Youth Fellowship Auction

A date has been set for the 2023 MYF Auction: **Saturday, March 23.** Join the Salford community for a wonderful meal, fellowship, and the excitement of bidding on a host of terrific donations. The proceeds of the auction will help fund Salford's MYF. The Senior MYF is going on a service trip with Healthy Niños Honduras this summer, so we are hoping for a strong showing at the auction to help us reach our fundraising needs.

More details are soon to follow, but if you have any questions or donations to provide right away you can contact Pastor Andrew at zettsa@salfordmc.org or 215-859-3446.

2023 Donation Receipts

2023 donation receipts have been placed in church mailboxes or mailed to those who don't have church mailboxes. Please review your receipt and let the church know if you have any questions about your receipt. If you would like a receipt or a church mailbox and do not have one, please contact the church office and we can review your options for receiving one. If you donated by a Qualified Charitable Distribution from a retirement account you should have already received a specific receipt for this donation.

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

This Week at Salford

Sunday, January 28

9:30 am Salford Worship Indoors and Streamed on YouTube Live
Preaching: Dave Greiser
10:30 am Second Hour for All Ages
12:00 pm All Church Potluck Meal (Fellowship Hall)

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

- For **Sharon Hunsberger** who is still in healthcare at Souderton Homes but is improving and hoping to return to their apartment.
- For **Kathy Groff** who is in Grand View Hospital recovering from a possible infection.
- For **Mary Jane Hershey** who is still recovering from lower back pain. Pray for a return to her usual activities.
- For **Andrew Zetts, the MYF Junior High and the Sponsors** who are at Spruce Lake for Winter Retreat this weekend.
- For **Jean Anders** who had a fall early this month with a brain bleed and is now in a rehab facility in Ephrata. Pray for healing, rest, and peace for **Jean and for Harlan** and her children as they make decisions regarding her ongoing care.
- For **Darwin Zehr, Karen Zehr, Laura Alderfer, and Karen Bergey** who are at the Laurelville Worship Leaders retreat this weekend.
- All Mosaic congregations are invited to pray this week for the Conference-Related Ministry **Healthy Niños Honduras**. Two mission teams will be visiting Honduras over the next two weeks, providing care through medical brigades, dental care, distribution of vitamins, and support to new mothers and families who are nutritionally in danger. Please pray for the teams providing services, those accompanying them, and all the work that Healthy Niños Honduras offers to meet basic nutrition and health needs to rural Honduran mountain communities.

Birthday Blessings...

To **Cathy Yoder**, who celebrates her 82nd birthday on January 28th.

Dear Salford friends, There aren't enough words to express what your support via prayers, cards, meals texts and visits have meant to Vernon and me during my heart surgery experience. Your care has and is making recovery easier. Warmly,
Linda Martin

Thank you and the members of your church for your generous donations of baby items and your cash donation. The items will be distributed to families in the North Penn area and the cash donation will be applied to our unrestricted giving fund. It is because of generous donations from your church that we can provide crucial services to families. Thank you for your support as Maternity Care Coalition continues to do its part to ensure families in Southeastern Pennsylvania can birth with dignity, parent with autonomy, and raise babies who are healthy, growing, and striving. Again, thank you! **Candy Hagamin**, Maternity Care Coalition.

Service & Mission

Donation of the Month for January – HAND WARMERS, WOOL SOCKS, \$10 WALMART, WAWA and MCDONALDS 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 amazon.com/registries/custom/RZ11V542EFSY/guest-view

Thank you for your donations which will benefit Access Services/Homeless Street Outreach, Fort Washington, PA

Mosaic Conference Spotlight

Join congregational leaders within Mosaic for a workshop facilitated by the Anabaptist Disability Network on welcoming families impacted by disability and neurodiversity. Topics will include how to proactively welcome families facing barriers to church participation, relating to families, care plans for children in Christian education, and nurturing community care.

Saturday, January 27 9am-12pm ET. In-person at the Mosaic Conference Office and on Zoom **Register here:** <https://forms.gle/9a7bbMi6A4Jz68Ls8>

Justice & Peace Spotlight

Date Change!

You are invited to participate in the installation of a **Memorial to the Lost** (sponsored by Heeding God's Call to End Gun Violence) at Zion Mennonite Church on **Sunday, January 28 at 1 PM**. After the Memorial T-shirts and stands are installed, there will be a brief dedication service. Contact Cindy Scheetz with any questions.

Welcoming Path Learning Corner

Many people refrain from talking about sexual orientation and gender identity or expression because it feels taboo, or because they're afraid of saying the wrong thing. This weekly primer on terminology is to help give us the words and meanings to help make conversations easier and more comfortable. For a few weeks, we are focusing on terms related to [sexual orientation](#).

Gay: A person who is emotionally, romantically or sexually attracted to members of the same gender. Men, women and non-binary people may use this term to describe themselves.

Lesbian: A woman who is emotionally, romantically or sexually attracted to other women. Women and non-binary people may use this term to describe themselves.

Straight: A person who is emotionally, romantically or sexually attracted to the opposite sex. Source:

All definitions are taken from the Human Rights Campaign's Glossary of Terms, except where noted otherwise. For a more complete list of terminology, please refer to the [Glossary of Terms](#).

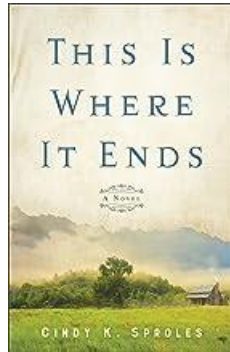
Accessibility Spotlight

Join the FAN Club! FAN Club is a monthly event to create social opportunities for adults with disabilities and a night of respite for those who care for them. Saturday, Jan. 27 5-8pm at Plains Mennonite Church. Join for food, music, games, crafts, and more. *A quiet space is available* \$20 to attend. For more info and to apply, contact office@PlainsMennoniteChurch.org.

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>

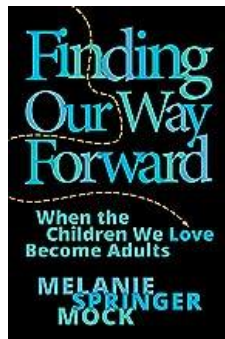
This is Where it Ends By: Cindy K. Sproles



When Minerva Jane Jenkins was just 14 years old, she married a man who moved her to the mountains. He carried with him a small box, which he told her was filled with gold. And when he died 50 years later, he made her promise to keep his secret. She is to tell no one about the box or the treasure it contains. Now 94, Minerva is nearing the end of what has sometimes been a lonely life. But she's kept that secret. Even so, rumors of hidden gold have a way of spreading, and Minerva is visited by a reporter, Del Rankin, who wants to know more of her story. His friend who joins him only wants to find the location of the gold. Neither of them knows quite who they're up against when it comes to the old woman on the mountain.

As an unlikely friendship develops, Minerva is tempted to reveal her secret to Del. After all, how long is one bound by a promise? But the truth of what's really buried in the box may be hidden even from her.

Finding Our Way Forward: When the Children We Love Become Adults By: Melanie Springer Mock



When our children turn 18, we hope to happily launch them into the world to become the adults we've been preparing them to be. Their pathway seems clear: most will go to college, find a vocation and then a true love, and settle into a comfortable life while we parents keep in touch through occasional phone calls, family gatherings, and surprise trips home for Christmas. But now more than ever, these expectations fail to acknowledge the significant challenges faced by many young people, from a pandemic to racial unrest to a climate crisis that is setting the world on fire, figuratively and literally.

While young people are consistently told they need to discern God's calling, in *Finding Our Way Forward*, Melanie Springer Mock draws on her decades as a college professor and mom to four adult children to explore how finding our way means developing a more expansive understanding of calling for ourselves and for the young adults we love, one that moves beyond vocation and capitalistic enterprises to what God really calls us to: Seeking justice. Loving mercy. Walking with humility. Loving others. Loving God. As we do so, our relationships can be transformed as together we find our way forward.

News & Notes

The next Banned/Challenged Book Club is Wednesday, February 21 at 6:30. We will be discussing the book "The Bluest Eye" by Toni Morrison. All are welcome as long as you read the book!

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 the Mennonite Heritage Center (565 Yoder Rd., Harleysville) for a rousing evening of singing at our **Winter Hymn Sing**, January 25, 2024, from 7:00-8:30 p.m.! We'll gather in the Rosenberger Meetinghouse Room and sing together from the red Mennonite Hymnal (1969).

Living U, the lifelong learning institute of Living Branches, offers **classes and field trips for residents and seniors** in the local community. The spring 2024 semester includes courses on the history of Care & Share, writing family stories, international agricultural development, presidential elections, the history of religion and school curriculum, the healing power of music, painting, floral design, growing hydrangeas, croquet, and more. For information, go to <https://livingbranches.org/livingu> or call Maribeth Benner, Living U Coordinator, at 215-368-4438 extension 44204. **Registration opens at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 24 and closes on Wednesday, February 7.**

Attend or invite a friend to Dock's upcoming open houses to learn more about our Early Childhood and Kindergarten programs! **Early Childhood & Kindergarten Open Houses:** Friday, January 26 and Thursday, February 8. Click [here](#) to register!

Souderton Mennonite is hosting a **free concert** scheduled for **February 4th at 3pm** featuring "Suite Brass Quintet." **Community Nights** are also being hosted **every Wednesday night** starting at 6pm with a free meal and activities for the whole family from 7-8pm. The last night is February 21st for our winter session. More at www.soudertonmennonite.org

Spread Smiles in Souderton while serving at **Care & Share Thrift Shoppes**. We have immediate volunteer openings as cashiers and restockers. Just 4 hours a week would be a tremendous help! Sign up for a volunteer orientation today: <https://careandshareshoppes.org/volunteer>

The January edition of On the Level is now available from **Mennonite Disaster Service**. In our current issue: Kevin King shares inspiration from the dentist's chair; learn about a huge boost coming to Crisfield, Maryland; and don't miss the February 8 deadline to register for our Annual Celebration in Fresno in February. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3u2BztK>