

January 22, 2023

Sunday, January 22, 9:30 am Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live, Guest Preacher Jacob Curtis will preach on Acts 2:43-47; *The Patient Ferment of Salford Mennonite Church*

10:30 am Second Hour for all ages

January 15, 2023

Offering

\$19,241

ACH Electronic

Offering

\$2,070

Vanco Online Offering

\$3,311

Total Budget Offering \$24,622

Children's Offering \$23

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

The Path Forward: Phase Two

Next week, we begin the second round of Path Forward conversations. There will be five sessions, the last of which will be Feb. 26. Path Forward Discernment Team chose the topics based on your requests in our last church survey. Here's the schedule:

1/29/23 - Panel* discussion 1: How I arrived at my viewpoint

2/5/23 - Panel discussion 2: How I arrived at my viewpoint

2/12/23 - Storytelling from LGBTQ individuals and families

2/19/23 - What do the letters mean? Teaching on gender identity and sexuality

2/26/23 - Salford and our relation to Mosaic Conference, with Steve Kriss

Following this round of conversation, there will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, March 26 to decide a possible change in our church welcome statement. Prior to that, we will have a Sunday service of prayer as well as special opportunities for prayer during March.

All Path Forward conversations as well as the final congregational meeting will take place in the sanctuary during second hour.

*"Panels" are Salford folks in conversation with each other.

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**.

Winter Clothes Collection for Arriving Asylum Seekers

New Sanctuary Movement (NSM) of Philadelphia is inviting congregations to "sponsor a bus" of migrants coming from Texas who are seeking asylum. As sponsors, we would provide winter clothing to those arriving to the city without weather-appropriate clothing.

We hope the Salford community can respond to this need by providing winter items for about 40 people (one bus). We will be collecting items until the first week of February.

We will collect the following items that are in new or gently used condition:

- Winter coats and jackets - adult sizes S-XL (not larger)
- Sweatpants and jeans - adult sizes S-XL (not larger)
- Long sleeve shirts - adult sizes S-XL (not larger)
- Adult socks, gloves, hats
- Adult sneakers and boots

by email, please submit your email address to alderferb@salfordmc.org

We will also accept monetary donations. All funds received will be used to purchase items from the above list at Care and Share.

Material donations can be placed in the labeled area next to the Donation of the Month table in the lobby. Monetary donations should be labeled "Winter Clothes Collection". For any questions, contact Andrew Zetts (zettsa@salfordmc.org).

This Week at Salford

Sunday, January 29

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 **Rhoda Landis** and family: Linnie passed on Sunday January 15th after being on hospice at home.
- For **Willis Miller** who is beginning 5 weeks of iron transfusions at Grand View, to combat an anemic blood count.
- For **Naomi Landis** who is recovering in Healthcare at the Souderton Home following a fall and hospitalization earlier this week.
- For **Salford's junior high and sponsors** who are at winter retreat at Spruce Lake this weekend.
- During the cold months of PA winters, all Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for **Ripple Community, Inc.**, a Conference Related Ministry, in Allentown, PA. Pray for their efforts to create new housing for our vulnerable neighbors. Pray for the staff and volunteers who foster community with those most traditionally marginalized.

Birthday Blessings...

To **Cathy Yoder**, who celebrates her 81st birthday on January 28th, and to **Larry Groff**, who celebrates his 82nd birthday on January 29th.

Prayers of Comfort and Strength...

For **Rhoda Landis** and the entire Landis family. Linnie Landis, age 85, passed away Sunday, January 15th at home. Prayers for comfort and strength for the Landis family as they remember Linnie's life and mourn his passing.

Here is the Memorial Service information for Linnie:

Relatives and friends may call between 10:00 and 11:15 a.m. January 28, 2023 at Salford Mennonite Church, followed by the Memorial Service at 11:30 a.m. Interment will be private. The memorial service will also be livestreamed on the Salford Live YouTube page.

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/RZI1V542EFSY/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.**

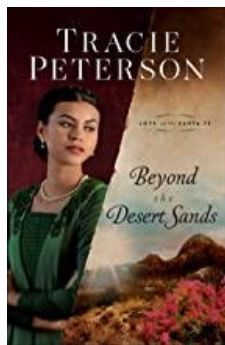
In January, the focus is Mat. 5:13-16. Jesus said he is the salt of the earth and light of the world. To get a handle on this important teaching of Jesus, we can help children start to wonder at the power of salt and light. Jesus gives us the power to bring change, just like salt and light can. *How 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

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:

Beyond the Desert Sands (Love of the Sante Fe) by: Tracie Peterson



Accustomed to an opulent life with her aunt, the last thing twenty-five-year-old Isabella Garcia wants is to celebrate Christmas in her parents' small silver-mining desert town, leaving her handsome beau, Diego Morales, behind in California. Adding insult to injury, she must bear the company of Aaron Bailey, the disapproving Santa Fe Railroad businessman her father has sent to escort her home, who clearly finds her spoiled.

But she is surprised to see how much the town of Silver Veil has grown and how fragile her father's health has become. Then a surprise visitor shows up with news that entirely upends the comfortable life she's been leading.

Faced with all these changes, Isabella struggles to sort through her future and who

she wants to be. But trouble is brewing, and there are those who hope she stays just as she is, even if it costs her everything.

A Hundred Crickets Singing by: Cathy Gohlke



In wars eighty years apart, two young women living on the same Appalachian estate determine to aid soldiers dear to them and fight for justice, no matter the cost.

1944. When a violent storm rips through the Belvidere attic in No Creek, North Carolina, exposing a hidden room and trunk long forgotten, secrets dating back to the Civil War are revealed. Celia Percy, whose family lives and works in the home, suspects the truth could transform the future for her friend Marshall, now fighting overseas, whose ancestors were once enslaved by the Belvidere family. When Marshall's Army friend, Joe, returns to No Creek with shocking news for Marshall's family, Celia determines to right a long-standing wrong, whether or not the town is ready for it.

1861. After her mother's death, Minnie Belvidere works desperately to keep her household running and her family together as North Carolina secedes. Her beloved older brother clings to his Union loyalties, despite grave danger, while her hotheaded younger brother entangles himself and the family's finances within the Confederacy. As the country and her own home are torn in two, Minnie risks her life and her future in a desperate fight to gain liberty and land for those her parents intended to free, before it's too late.

News & Notes

A donation receipt for your 2022 donations to Salford Mennonite Church have been placed in church mailboxes or mailed to your home. Please review your receipt and let the church office know if you have any questions or concerns. Donations made by Qualified Charitable Distribution from retirement accounts generate specific separate receipts and are not included on the general donation receipt. If you did not receive a receipt for your donation and would like one, please contact the church office.

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 or 215.237.7367. **Deadline to register: Tuesday, January 24th.**

Exploring Membership at Salford. If you're a new(ish) attendee 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!

This week's **Salford volleyball matches** showed marked improvement for the Salford Bees as they continue to come together as a team. Many thanks to the spectators who showed up to cheer them on. Salford 1 lost their match 4-1 but are happy they were able to compete with one of the best teams in the league. Two of the games lost were overtime nail biters. Next week's games are both at Immanuel Leidy's in Souderton. Salford Bees v. Keystone at 7pm and Salford 1 v. Penn Valley at 8:30.

