

January 28, 2024

Sunday, January 28, 9:30 am Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live, Lead Pastor Dave Greiser will preach on Mark 4:26-34; *Should Christians Spread the Word?*

10:30 am Second Hour for all ages

The Contemplative Practices Elective Second Hour Class is meeting in Room #206, led by Karen Bergey. This week will feature *Lectio Divina* – prayerful reading of scripture. Doors will close 10 minutes after class starts, please be prompt.

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.

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Offering
\$6,675
ACH Electronic
Offering
\$1,980
Vanco Online Offering
\$2,847
**Total Budget Offering
\$11,502**
**Children's Offering
\$22**

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

This is a final call to submit questions for the upcoming meeting with representatives from Dock Mennonite Academy **during Second Hour on Sunday, February 4.** On Monday, January 29, the questions will be submitted to the Dock representatives. The bulk of their sharing during their time at Salford will be responding to these questions, so make sure to submit your questions no later than **January 28.**

You can submit questions using this [link](#), or fill out a paper bulletin insert during the Sunday service this week. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Andrew at zetsa@salfordmc.org or 215-859-3446.

2024 Mennonite Youth Fellowship Auction

This year's **Mennonite Youth Fellowship Auction** will take place on **March 23rd.** 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.** Thank you for your support!

If you have any questions you can contact Pastor Andrew at zetsa@salfordmc.org or 215-859-3446.

Women's Event - Dinner Yahtzee, SAVE THE DATE!

Who: Anyone who identifies as female, college age and up

What: Fun evening of dinner with 4 other women. Get to meet some new friends or get to know some old friends better.

When: **Saturday March 16, at 4:30**

Where: Meet in the church foyer and then go to an area restaurant of your choice.

How: When you arrive you will write your name on a slip of paper that will be put in a bowl. Once everyone arrives dinner groups will be formed by drawing 5 names from the bowl at random. The group of 5 will designate a driver and chose where they would like to go eat dinner together. ***This is a great event to bring someone new to Salford. If you bring a friend you may include them on your slip so you may be together in a group.*** There will be a chosen time to return to church so groups can report on their dining experiences.

Future Salford Events

January 28 – All Church Potluck following Second Hour

February 25 – Salford Advent Garden Fundraiser Luncheon

March 3 – Monthly Communion Service

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

No need to RSVP. Cindy Moyer is the point person if you have questions.

This Week at Salford

Sunday, February 4

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 **John Detweiler** who will have weekly chemo treatments. He is experiencing joint pain and some neuropathy. John is grateful for our prayers.
- **Sharon Hunsberger** has improved and is back home in their apartment at Souderton Mennonite Homes.
- All Mosaic congregations are invited to pray this week for **Peace Proclamation Ministries, a Conference-Related Ministry. PPMI's leaders Paulus and Sumatha Thalathoti and Mosaic Leadership Minister Danilo Sanchez** are currently visiting the unreached communities in rural India that PPMI supports. Please pray for their visit to bring necessary supplies and accompany the pastors who are teaching and preaching the Gospel in difficult situations, so that many more may experience a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Jean Anders continues to receive care at Ephrata Manor. Confusion and pain are a daily occurrence but Jean's daughter says Jean enjoys receiving cards and asks almost everyday to see the cards. Cards can be sent to her at:

Jean Anders

c/o Ephrata Manor

99 Bethany Road, Room 107-A, Ephrata, PA 17522

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/quest-view

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

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](#).

Asexual: Often called “ace” for short, asexual refers to a complete or partial lack of sexual attraction or lack of interest in sexual activity with others. Asexuality exists on a spectrum, and asexual people may experience no, little or conditional sexual attraction.

Bisexual: A person emotionally, romantically or sexually attracted to more than one gender, though not necessarily simultaneously, in the same way or to the same degree. Sometimes used interchangeably with pansexual.

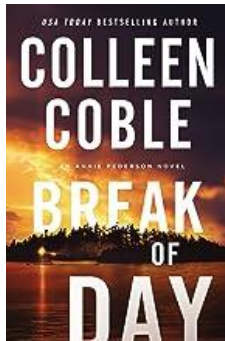
Pansexual: Describes someone who has the potential for emotional, romantic or sexual attraction to people of any gender though not necessarily simultaneously, in the same way or to the same degree. Sometimes used interchangeably with bisexual.

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](#).

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>

Break of Day (An Annie Pederson Novel – Book 3) By: Colleen Coble

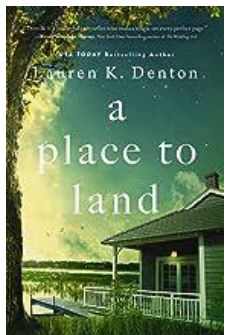


Law enforcement officer Annie Pederson's life has been rocked by tragedy, but things finally seem to be heading in the right direction. Her relationship with the love of her life—who's also the biological father of her precious daughter—has never been better, and it looks like an engagement ring is in Annie's future. She's also slowly building back trust with her sister, Sarah, after a separation that lasted for decades.

When a man escapes law enforcement custody and Sarah's safety is suddenly in question, Annie's personal and professional lives once again merge. Meanwhile, her investigation of hikers who have gone missing in the remote woods of Michigan's Upper Peninsula puts her in the crosshairs of a deadly game.

Now, Annie is the one being hunted. When she discovers the terrible truth about the men who are stalking her, she realizes that she's in for the fight of her life if she's going to redeem the sister she once lost, build the family she dreams of, and keep all those she loves safe.

A Place to Land By: Lauren K. Denton



Violet Figg and her sister Trudy have lived a quiet life in Sugar Bend, Alabama, since a night forty years ago that stole Trudy's voice and cemented Violet's role as her sister's fierce and loyal protector. Now Trudy spends her days making sculptures from found objects and speaking through notes written on scraps of paper, while Violet runs their art shop, monitors bird activity up and down the water, and tries not to think of the one great love she gave up to keep her sister safe.

Eighteen-year-old Maya knows where everyone else belongs, but she's been searching for her own place since her grandmother died seven years ago. Moving in and out of strangers' houses has

left her exhausted. After seeing a flyer on a gas station window for a place called Sugar Bend, Maya chooses to follow the strange pull she feels and finds herself on the doorstep of an art shop called Two Sisters.

When a boat rises to the surface of Little River in the middle of the night, the present and no-longer-buried past collide, and the future becomes uncertain for Maya, Violet, and Trudy. As history creeps continuously closer to the present and old secrets come to light, the sisters must decide to face the truth of what happened that night forty years ago, or risk losing each other and those they've come to love.

News & Notes

Contemplative Practices Class: We will meet on 1/28 for 2nd hour in Room 206. This week, we will practice *Lectio Divina* - prayerful reading of scripture. Please join us!!

"My Body Is Not a Prayer Request": Four Week Second Hour Elective "We, the disabled, bear prophetic witness about what is true about the fragile human condition. If only the church would listen to us." - Amy Kenny, author of *My Body Is Not a Prayer Request*

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.

In **Salford volleyball** news our team put up a solid performance on this week with a 5-0 win against Leidy's moving us into a tie for 1st place in the league. It was a great opportunity to work on our team cohesion and different line ups. Many thanks to our loyal fan who showed up to cheer us on!!

This week's game is Monday at 7pm at Calvary Church of Souderton verse Faith Bible Church. Please note, Calvary isn't a great place to come watch the games. There's not any good places to sit. If you want to come support our team it's best to come to games we play at Immanuel Liedy's in Souderton.

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

Souderton Mennonite Church is hosting a **free concert** scheduled for **February 4th at 3pm** featuring "Suite Brass Quintet." **Bob Maxwell** of Salford plays trumpet in this group. More at www.soudertonmennonite.org

How do we invite younger and more diverse voices into leadership? What stands

in our path from passing the work of the kingdom to future generations? Mosaic Institute is hosting a **hybrid workshop** called *Who will lead when I am gone?* on **Saturday, Feb 24 from 1-4:30**. Nathan Good will explain principles of succession planning, and facilitate group coaching. Register at <https://mosaicmennonites.org/institute/> **Discounts available when 3 or more members of board or team attend together.**