

January 29, 2023

Sunday, January 29, 9:30 am Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live, Lead Pastor Dave Greiser will preach on Acts 4:23-31; *Where Patience Comes From*

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 22, 2023

Offering
\$9,048

ACH Electronic

Offering
\$2,045

Vanco Online Offering
\$3,193

**Total Budget Offering
\$14,286**

**Children's Offering
\$36**

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

If you have information or prayer requests for our newsletter, please submit this to the church office by 4:00 p.m. Wednesday

The Path Forward: Phase Two

This 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.

The **Path Forward web page** has been updated and here's the link: <https://www.salfordmc.org/path-forward.html>

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

Mosaic Conference News

Reading the Mosaic News newsletter is the best way to keep up to date on what is happening in our Mosaic conference. You can sign up for the weekly email from conference on their website at this link <https://mosaicmennonites.org/newsletters/>. The lead article this week in [Mosaic News](#) is written by Salford Pastor Maria Hosler Byler.

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

afternoon.

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weather-appropriate clothing. We hope the Salford community can respond to this need by providing winter items for about 40 people (one bus).

Thank you all for a generous first week! In addition to the resources our congregation donates, Care and Share has offered to help us meet our donation goals. Due to the resources we have received and the assistance Care and Share is providing, the following are our items of greatest need:

- Winter coats and jackets - adult sizes S or M
- Sweatpants and jeans - adult sizes S or M
- Long sleeve shirts - adult sizes S or M
- Adult socks, gloves, hats
- Monetary donations that will be used to purchase new pairs of socks

All items should be in new or gently used condition.

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).

February Faith Formation Night

Mark your calendars! The next Faith Formation Night is on **February 8**, from **5:30 to 8:00 P.M.** There will be Kids' Club and the MYF and adults will work together on a variety of service projects.

This Week at Salford

Wednesday, February 1

8:30 am Sewing Circle (Gathering Room)

Sunday, February 5

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 **Rhoda Landis** and the whole family as they celebrate Linnie's life this Saturday at Salford.
- For **Pam Miller** who will have rotator cuff surgery on January 31st. Pray the doctor will be able to repair the damage and for a quick recovery.
- All Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for the **victims of gun violence** in our country. We pray for those affected by gun violence and their families and friends. We also pray for those who have inflicted this violence on others. May peace, comfort, and understanding be present, and may the Prince of Peace be made known in potentially violent situations. We pray especially with our Mosaic brothers and sisters in California, who are near the violent shootings this past week.

Birthday Blessings...

To **Jean Kolb**, who celebrates her 85th birthday on February 2nd.

Anniversary Blessings...

To **Mark & Jean Kolb**, who celebrate their 62nd wedding anniversary on February 4th.

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

Heeding God's Call To End Gun Violence (commonly known as Heeding God's Call)

As part of celebrating MLK Day, Lansdale United Methodist Church hosted Heeding God's Call and set up a Memorial to all those in Montgomery County who were killed by gun violence in the past five years. Sixty-one colorful t-shirts are displayed at the church on Broad Street in Lansdale between 3rd and 4th. The display is still there so please drive by if you can. Several churches participated including Salford.

A Ceremony was held honoring those who were killed and calling for an end to gun violence. Participants were given letters to sign on site and they were collected to send to legislators. Copies of these letters are available at the Welcome Center if you would like to send them. You can also send them electronically at <https://www.heedinggodscall.org/letters>. Information on letter writing can also be found on Salford's Gardening for Peace website.

An article about this event can be found at [Lansdale church remembers gun violence victims \(mainlinemedianews.com\)](https://www.mainlinemedianews.com)

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:

Long Way Home, by: Lynn Austin



Peggy Serrano couldn't wait for her best friend to come home from the war. But the Jimmy Barnett who returns is much different from the Jimmy who left, changed so drastically by his experience as a medic in Europe that he can barely function. When he attempts the unthinkable, his parents check him into the VA hospital. Peggy determines to help the Barnetts unravel what might have happened to send their son over the edge. She starts by contacting Jimmy's war buddies, trying to identify the mysterious woman in the photo they find in Jimmy's belongings.

Seven years earlier, sensing the rising tide against her people, Gisela Wolff and her family flee Germany aboard the passenger ship *St. Louis*, bound for Havana, Cuba. Gisela meets Sam Shapiro on board and the two fall quickly in love. But the ship is denied safe harbor and sent back to Europe. Thus begins Gisela's perilous journey of exile and survival, made possible only by the kindness and courage of a series of strangers she meets along the way, including one man who will change the course of her life.

The Record Keeper, by: Charles Martin



Murphy Shepherd's last rescue mission very nearly cost him his life. He'd like nothing more than to stay close to his wife and daughters for a while. But Bones's brother must be stopped, and there are so many who need to know that they are worth rescuing.

As the cat-and-mouse game moves into the open, Murphy is tested at every turn—both physically and mentally. And then the unthinkable happens: his beloved mentor and friend is taken. Without a trace.

Murphy lives by the mantra that love shows up. But how can he do that when he has no leads? With heart-stopping clarity, *The Record Keeper* explores the true cost of leaving the ninety-nine to find the one.

News & Notes

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.

Maria Hosler Byler and **Jenn Svetlik** have taken some time this week to reorganize and refresh our church website. Take a moment and review their work here: <https://www.salfordmc.org/>

Anabaptism at 500 Project: Contribute to the Anabaptist Community Bible In 2025 the Anabaptist movement will reach 500 years. To celebrate, MennoMedia is creating an [Anabaptist Community Bible](#). Groups of 4-6 people will study pre-selected scriptures together and submit notes on your reading which will appear as marginal notes in the Anabaptist Community Bible. If you want to be part of a Salford study group, or want to form a group of your own, notify Maria Hosler Byler by February 26. [Find more information here](#).

The **Salford volleyball** matches this week were exciting. Our Salford Bee's played their best games yet and almost stole one from Keystone 1. Salford 1 was down two of our best hitters, out with injuries, but managed to pull off a 3-2 match win with a game 5 comeback to win 21-19. Many thanks to our loyal spectators who were there to cheer us on. This coming Monday both team's games are at Immanuel Leidy's. Salford 1 v. Calvary Chapel at 7pm, and Salford Bee's v. Penn Valley at 8:30pm.

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.

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!

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.**