

July 14, 2024

Sunday, July 14, 10:00 am Worship and Communion at Salford and on YouTube **Live**, Associate Pastor Andrew Zetts will preach on Amos 7:7-15

No Second Hour during Summer Season

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.

July 7, 2024

Offering \$13,840
ACH Electronic

Offering \$1,980
Vanco Online Offering \$2,450

Total Budget Offering \$18,270

Children's Offering: \$33

Future Salford Events

July 20 – 27 – Youth Service Trip to Healthy Ninos Honduras

July 28 – Annual Outdoor Worship and Fellowship Picnic

August 4 – Youth Reporting from Service Trip after Worship

September 1 – Outdoor Worship

Coming this Fall: Exploring Church Membership

From time to time, the pastors offer a short class for people “newish” to our church to learn more about Christian faith, Anabaptism, and what it means to commit to belonging at Salford Church. This fall (October) we’ll offer this 4-week class on successive Sundays. If you’ve been attending for a while and want to learn more while getting to know others newer at Salford, let us know! Tell one of the pastors of your interest or contact Brad at the church office. These short classes are always stimulating and fun, too! Dave Greiser, Lead Pastor

July 28 Outdoor Worship and Fellowship Picnic in the Grove

Please plan to join us in the Grove for our outdoor worship service on July 28th at 10:00. It will have a wild church theme and elements. There will be options for participation for all. We will pay attention together to what God is saying to us outside.

For the fellowship meal, a main dish of hotdogs and drinks will be provided; please bring a side dish and dessert to share as well as your place settings and a lawn chair or blanket. The Potluck Fellowship Team requests that you bring your food items ready to serve, desserts cut to size and warm items in crockpots so no tending is required.

In the case of inclement weather, we will move the worship service indoors and the picnic luncheon will be in the Fellowship Hall. We will notify the congregation by email by 9:00 am if weather threatens to cancel outdoor worship. We will not be streaming outdoor worship on YouTube but will if the worship service is moved indoors.

Coffee Talk with Board Members, July 21

After the Sunday service on July 21 we will have the first monthly Coffee Talk with church board members Ron Souder and Mark Heise. These Coffee Talks are an opportunity for church board members to receive feedback and dialogue about anything regarding congregational life. Typically these will be indoors and there will be coffee available (as the name implies!), but since there is a bring-your-own lunch in the grove on July 21, this time Ron and Mark will be available outside in the grove over the lunch hour--without coffee!

Finance Update for Salford Mennonite Church

For 2024, we will present a monthly update of our financial situation.

- We have received \$377,794 in offering and income over the first six months of the year, with a 2024 expense budget of \$917,354. We have received 41.2% of the income needed for 2023 in these first six months (50%) of the year.
- We will need an average of **\$16,200** in weekly offering from January through November and an average of **\$31,000** in weekly offering in

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December to cover our budgeted expenses. We are hopeful that we may be able to reduce actual expenses for 2024 by approximately \$50,000 from our approved budget.

- **Average weekly offering needed for January through November: \$16,200**
- **Average weekly offering received so far for January through November (25 weeks): \$15,111**

Seminar on the History of Christian Spirituality & Devotion

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind...and your neighbor as yourself.” So we read in the gospels (Mark 12:30-31; Matthew 22:36-40) Over close to 2,000 years Christians in a multiplicity of places and cultures have sought how best to live out this text in the context of their own lives and historical situations. The result has been a rich heritage of Christian devotion, of which we are the heirs.

We are looking to see if there might be a few persons who would like to gather for a four-week seminar to look more deeply into this heritage, reading together a text that has found wide acceptance in seminary classes, schools of spiritual direction and companionship, and congregational study groups (Bradley Holt: *Thirsty for God: A Brief History of Christian Spirituality*, 3rd edition). The text has been seen as “comprehensive without being overwhelming” and treats of major figures in Western Christianity, such as Augustine, Bernard of Clairvaux, Francis of Assisi, Teresa of Avila, and the Protestant Reformers, as well as the traditions of Eastern Christianity, the Desert Fathers and Mothers, praying with icons, and the Jesus Prayer. Additional chapters introduce more recent writers, including those from Latin America, Asia, and Africa, and give attention to the current interest in the relationship between Christian spirituality and other world faiths and the place of environmental concern in Christian spirituality.

Time: Saturdays, August 3, 10, 17, 24 1:00-3:00 pm

Place: Salford Meetinghouse Library

Seminar leader: Ken Henke, retired Curator of Special Collections and Archivist, Princeton Theological Seminary

If you would like to take part in this seminar, please RSVP to the church office at alderferb@salfordmc.org and you will receive further information about the text and the reading to do in advance of the first session.

This Week at Salford

Wednesday, July 17

5:30 pm Outdoor Potluck Fellowship Meal (Dwight & Bev Alderfer's House)

Sunday, July 21

10:00 am Salford Worship Indoors and Streamed on YouTube Live

Preaching: Johnny Rashid

No Second Hour on Summer Schedule

Tuesday, July 23

7:00 pm Church Board Meeting (Friendship Room)

Sunday, July 28

Outdoor Worship in the Oak Grove

10:00 am Salford Worship Indoors and Streamed on YouTube Live

Preaching: Johnny Rashid

Fellowship Potluck Picnic Following Worship

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

- For **Maggie Klein** who will have knee replacement surgery this coming Thursday. Pray for a quick recovery.
- This week, all Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for the following **Ambassador participants** and the congregation they are serving: **Nicholas Wiyono** of Philadelphia Praise Center and **Victoria Lioe** of Indonesian Light (Philadelphia, PA). Pray that the Ambassadors will grow in faith, leadership, and their love of Jesus as they serve and learn.

Birthday Blessings...

To **Marvin Anders**, who celebrates his 85th birthday on July 28th.

Lee and Josie Strader-Bergey would like to invite all to stop by after church on **Sunday, August 11th** in the fellowship hall. The Strader-Bergeys were married on July 29th in Michigan. You can greet the couple, see wedding photos, and enjoy a piece of cake and other light refreshments.

Service & Mission

Donation of the Month for July – Benefitting MANNA ON MAIN STREET

Hygiene Products: Shampoo, Conditioner, Body wash, Bar Soap, Toilet paper and Period Products

Some items collected this month are not covered by SNAP, therefore, Manna on Main Street shoppers are always happy to find these items stocked in the Pantry.

Thank you for your donations to benefit MANNA ON MAIN STREET - Ending Hunger, Building Community, Transforming Lives

Manna on Main Street is committed to ending hunger in the North Penn region by providing food, fulfilling social service and education needs, and conducting community outreach. Through a food pantry and soup kitchen, emergency financial aid, counseling and referrals, and education opportunities, we serve those in need with the hope **“that everyone might be fed.”**

Support the MYF’s Service Trip in Honduras!

The Senior MYF is traveling to Central America with Healthy Niños Honduras from **July 20-27**. We would love the congregation’s support in three main ways.

1. Pray for us as we prepare for our trip and while we are away. Pray for our safety and the openness to experience the presence and movement of God in a new context.
2. Join us after the Sunday service on **August 4** in the Fellowship Hall for a time of sharing. We will have coffee and treats and the service team members will share their experiences in Honduras with small groups.
3. Donate items for us to take with us to the villages to give as gifts to the children and families we work with. Suggested items are listed below, can be dropped off at the welcome center, and should be donated no later than **July 15**.

Items Include:

- School supplies
 - Color pencils, crayons, markers
 - Coloring books
 - Pencils
 - Paper (Construction, drawings, lined)
 - Small backpacks or drawstring bags
- Deflated soccer balls (that we'll pump up once we arrive in Honduras)

*Any donated items we cannot transport to Honduras will be located to schools in our area this fall

Sewing Circle Comforter Knotting Event:

Salford's Sewing Circle makes comforters and donates them to Mennonite Central Committee (MCC), and MCC then distributes the finished comforters to refugees around the world. Sewing Circle will be meeting on Wednesday morning, August 7, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Gathering Room.

All are welcome to join in during all or part of these two days to knot comforters, to cut squares, and to count and sort squares. Families are welcome to come and join in this service project. Kids ages 10 and older may help with knotting, and kids under 10 may help with the counting and sorting. Snack time is from 10:30 to 11:00 and will be provided by Sewing Circle. No RSVP needed, and no experience necessary!

Salford/Advent Garden Update, July 5:

Greetings fellow gardeners, last Saturday I was not able to be at the garden. My son Micah and his fiancé Rachel were married. I had to jump into a suit and behave myself for a few hours. I had sent my volunteers a list of projects to accomplish, I was getting e-mails and texts telling me to relax they have it covered "We got this". Zucchini, cucumbers, red beets and cabbage all plentiful right now. This week we add string beans to the menu. Not really happy with the bean plants, at a very critical time we had a big 2 inch rain about 4 weeks ago. That soaked the area of the garden the beans are in. Beans do not like their feet wet and they sat in water for a while. The wet ground stunted their growth so about 3/4 of the green beans are short and not very bushy. We will harvest what they give us. We will dig up a bed of carrots this week too. Next week we start our potato harvest. The early red potato plants are almost all dead and getting ready for digging. Always a fun time. We will harvest our onions next week to. I was able to pull all the old broccoli plants this week. Those beds will be reworked and replanted later this month. Tomatoes are still green and do not want to ripen as fast as I would like. Always big anticipation waiting for that first ripe tomato!

Maybe it is looking through the fog of anxiety, uncertainty, day to day hustle and bustle that I fail to see just how blessed I am and I fail to count the many blessings that have been given me. Last Friday was one of those days. We arrived at the Venue ,where my son would be married, with several cars packed full of stuff for the weekend. How is this going to work? But to my surprise we had people come from everywhere to help. My sister in laws, extended family and My wife were outstanding in their prep and hard work to make this occasion a success. My garden volunteers pulled off a Saturday morning with no hitches. I cannot be more thankful. In Isaiah we read "But those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint" WOW was I lifted up. Thank you to everyone reading this e-mail who helped out last week (garden and wedding prep) or attended Micah and Rachel's wedding. I am truly blessed to have this support group that surrounds me. Steve 215-872-6616 rsblank@verizon.net

Salford/Advent Garden Update, July 11:

Greetings fellow gardeners and the end to another hot and humid week. I have been running water everyday somewhere in the garden hoping to drag our plants through the heat. Some veggies are doing ok others are struggling. Last week we harvested our first green beans of the year. But I am afraid the beans will be short lived this year. The plants were stunted by excess water early in the spring and the smaller plants do not have the root system to pull in enough water to hold off the 90+ degree days. We will be planting extra beans for fall, hopefully with better

results. This Saturday we start our potato harvest. We dig up our 90-day red potatoes. We planted 50 lbs. of Norland red seed potatoes in a 230-foot row and 25 feet in another row. Next week we dig up our Yukon gold. The last potatoes will be our Lehigh 110-day spuds. Our onions will be pulled this Saturday too. Eggplant is now on the menu as we wait for the tomatoes to decide to turn red. Red cabbage was harvested last week, we still have plenty of green cabbage waiting to be picked. We have about 2 weeks left of our spring veggies, then we redo the upper end and plant for fall. Usually, the last week in July or first week in August.

Thank you to everyone who helps out each week in the garden. Many hands make the work go fast even in 90-degree weather. Steve 215-872-6616 rsblank@verizon.net

Did You Know? Celebrating Salford Mennonite Child Care Center's Upcoming 40th Anniversary

The quote "a picture is worth a thousand words" aptly describes the photo collages that hang in the stairwell by the kitchen. They show the early years of the Child Care Center - both of children and staff, as well as some milestones we have written about like building the playground. So, the next time you use that stairway take a few moments to look at them. See if you recognize any familiar faces that you know from our congregation or community!

Another wonderful resource is "Let the Children Come; Salford Mennonite Child Care Centers" a video created by Jay Ruth in 2014 for the 30th Anniversary celebration. This visual account documents the establishment and continuing growth of the SMCCC. Chronicling many of the topics we've been highlighting it shows footage from the 1980s onward, interviews from key figures, and features congregational singing. It is truly worth *a thousand words*! You can search for it on YouTube or with the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=en-5MCjni-k&pp=ygUdU2FsZm9yZCBNZW5ub25pdGUgQ2hpbGQgQ2FyZSA%3D>

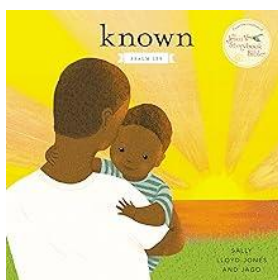
Accessibility Spotlight

So Much to Give Inclusive Café: July 12 and 26 is family Trivia Night! The first of 4 rounds begins at 6 pm. On July 25, our server Lauren will teach a Sign Language Workshop: Get your reservations in as this event does fill up! Call 484-854-3379 or visit <https://tableagent.com/.../so-much-to-gives-inclusive-cafe/>

Heart of Surfing: free special needs surfing lessons. Heartofsurfing.org to sign up at different NJ beaches.

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>

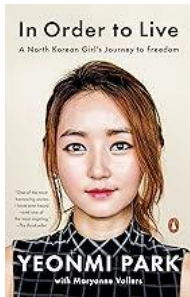


Known: Psalm 139 By: Sally Lloyd-Jones

Inspired by Psalm 139, *Known's* lyrical text reminds little ones that God sees them, knows them, and loves them more than they could ever imagine. Trust Sally Lloyd-Jones, the author of the bestselling *The Jesus Storybook Bible*, and Jago, award-winning illustrator, to encourage even the smallest believer and share God's love in this uplifting board book.

Known shows children God sees them, He knows them, and He loves them – with a Never Stopping, Never Giving Up, Unbreaking, Always and Forever Love. DONATED

In Order to Live: A North Korean Girl's Journey to Freedom By: Yeonmi Park



In *In Order to Live*, Yeonmi Park shines a light not just into the darkest corners of life in North Korea, describing the deprivation and deception she endured and which millions of North Korean people continue to endure to this day, but also onto her own most painful and difficult memories. She tells with bravery and dignity for the first time the story of how she and her mother were betrayed and sold into sexual slavery in China and forced to suffer terrible psychological and physical hardship before they finally made their way to Seoul, South Korea—and to freedom.

Park confronts her past with a startling resilience. In spite of everything, she has never stopped being proud of where she is from, and never stopped striving for a better life. Indeed, today she is a human rights activist working determinedly to bring attention to the oppression taking place in her home country. Park's testimony is heartbreaking and unimaginable, but never without hope. This is the human spirit at its most indomitable.

News & Notes

Staff Vacations: There are a few staff vacations coming up:

- Brad Alderfer: July 13 – 20, No newsletter produced for July 21.
- Dave Greiser: July 22 – July 30
- George Gaugler: July 26 – August 2

Please contact another staff member if there are needs during this time.

Beyond Salford

Everence has transitioned the **Toolkit flier** you had received in your church mailbox to an online product. You may access the latest edition of [Toolkit here](#).

Active retiree returning to the home area after 40+ years in Oregon is looking for a 2-bedroom place, preferably with patio/porch and garage space on or about August 1st. Please contact me at 503-349-3319 or reduzNreuz@yahoo.com with leads. Thank you, Linda Rush