

July 28, 2024

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**Sunday, July 28, 10:00 am Outdoor Worship at Salford,** Guest preacher Kerry Hasler-Brooks will preach on John 6:1-15; *Accept the Miracle*

**No Second Hour during Summer Season**

**Fellowship Picnic Worship Potluck following**

**July 14, 2024**

Offering  
\$9,472  
ACH            Electronic  
Offering  
\$1,980  
Vanco Online Offering  
\$3,442  
**Total Budget Offering \$14,894**  
**Children's Offering: \$45**

**July 21, 2024**

Offering  
\$4,545  
ACH            Electronic  
Offering  
\$1,980  
Vanco Online Offering  
\$4,044  
**Total Budget Offering \$10,569**  
**Children's Offering: \$31**

**Future Salford Events**

**July 28** – Annual Outdoor Worship and Fellowship Picnic  
**August 4** – Youth Reporting from Service Trip after Worship

## 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Wander and Wonder option for those not able to be physically present on 7/28:** Take 15 minutes for this practice. Go outside where you can be in or see some natural place. You may find a place to sit comfortably or take a slow walk in this place. Notice what you see, hear, smell, touch. Maybe take off your shoes or put your hands on the ground. See what you notice in the world God made. You can do this from indoors as well – find a sunny window where you can see the trees or a birdfeeder or maybe some of the landscape and take time to notice. You can journal your gratitude to God for what you notice.

## August 4 Communion and Youth Service Trip Presentation

August 4<sup>th</sup> we will observe communion. As you prepare your hearts and minds to receive, ask yourself or discuss with your family the following questions:

- If you take communion, what are you celebrating? What are you committing to? What are you asking for?
- This meal is a symbol of Jesus' active love of the world. What does it mean for you to participate in this love at the communion table?
- Are you open to the possibility that Jesus might teach, challenge, inspire, or call you through this sacred ritual?

Join us after church on August 4<sup>th</sup> in the **Fellowship Hall** to hear from the youth and sponsors who went on the Service Trip with Healthy Ninos to Honduras. All are welcome!

## 2025 Salford Church Budget Planning

The Staff Team and Church Board are beginning work on the 2025 budget. If you have an idea or request for funding in the 2025 budget, please send your request to church administrator Brad Alderfer by Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup> for consideration in the budget development process.

September 1 –  
Outdoor Worship

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](mailto:alderferb@salfordmc.org)

## 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

## This Week at Salford

### Wednesday, July 31

5:30 pm Outdoor Potluck Fellowship Meal (Dean & Julie Wimmer’s House)

### Saturday, August 3

1:00 pm History of Christian Spirituality Class (Library)

### Sunday, August 4

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

Preaching: Karen Bergey

No Second Hour on Summer Schedule

Youth Service Trip Presentation following Worship (Fellowship Hall)

## Our Church Family

### Prayer Concerns

- For **Jane Landes** who will have shoulder surgery on July 30.
- For **Maggie Klein** who continues in recovery from her knee replacement.
- This week, all Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for the following Ambassador participants and the congregation they are serving: **Ei Sari of Whitehall (PA) Mennonite and Heydi Casas Perez of Shalom Mennonite (Tampa, FL)**. Pray that the Ambassadors will grow in faith, leadership, and their love of Jesus as they serve and learn.

### Birthday Blessings...

To **Louise Alderfer**, who celebrates her 85<sup>th</sup> birthday on July 30<sup>th</sup>, and to **Lester Alderfer**, who celebrates his 86<sup>th</sup> birthday on August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### Meal Ministry Needs:

Greetings folks! We have two families in need of meals. If you'd like to make a meal please sign up! Thanks so much for taking your time and energy to help with recovery and sharing our love and appreciation for these people.

### **Don & Maggie Klein**

<https://takethemameal.com/XZOF8217>

### **Hank & Jane Landes**

<https://takethemameal.com/UEWJ3377>

**Lee and Josie Strader-Bergey** would like to invite all to stop by after church on **Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>** in the fellowship hall. The Strader-Bergeys were married on July 29<sup>th</sup> 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.”**

**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 this day 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 18:**

Greetings fellow gardeners, this week was a warm one, but it looks like it could be a little less hot the next few days. We had rain this week several t-storms dropped about 1 1/2 inches of rain on the garden. Last Saturday we had a large crowd of volunteers, I stopped counting at 26 WOOHOO! Our first potato dig was on the list, we dug up our red potatoes. Over 450 lbs WOW! That is amazing. We will dig up our Yukon golds this Saturday and the last potatoes will be the Lehigh. I am not getting too overconfident, but it looks like we could set a record with potatoes this year. This week will be the last harvest of cabbage and red beets. The beds will be reworked and next week we plant for fall. Tomatoes are just starting to turn. Harvested about 5 lbs this week. Starting to see a few splits already. Splitting happens when the tomato decides it is finished growing and is ready to turn. Then it rains and the plant sends water to the fruit and the skin splits open. Zucchini are still coming in along with eggplant. I took a walk down our Lima bean row looking for limas and there they were looking back at me. Not fully beaned out but they are well on their way. The red corn is now over 8 feet tall and has started to tassel. Soon it will push out ears. This has not been the best year for our string beans. Only picked them 4 times and they are really suffering. Each year we have our victories and our disappointments. Gardening is never 100 % but we will still have a great harvest. Thank you to everyone who worked in the heat and humidity to get the harvest in. Steve 215-872-6616 [rsblank@verizon.net](mailto:rsblank@verizon.net)

**Salford/Advent Garden Update, July 25:**

Greetings fellow gardeners, last week was another productive harvest in the garden. We harvested over 900 lbs of produce last Saturday. Leading the way was our Yukon Gold potatoes coming in at over 350 lbs. We also found another small patch of red potatoes at 30 lbs. This week we dig up the last of our potatoes, 120 day Lehigh. Saturday we also plant for fall. Cabbage, Cauliflower and Broccoli plants all go in the ground this week. Beets and turnips also are on the schedule. After the potatoes are dug up, I will rototill the 2 rows and plant our fall crop of string beans. We will be trimming our onions this week too. They have been laying out under a tarp for 2 weeks drying out a little. I laid them out under our big maple tree to help keep them out of direct sunlight. Tomatoes are finally showing some

life and turning red WOO HOO! Over 200 lbs harvested this week. But I am also seeing a lot of splitting. Not much you can do about that. I cannot give them away, a split tomato will usually rot before they are distributed. Thats gardening. Can only control so much. Mother nature has the upper hand sometimes. This week will be a heavy workload. Planting and harvesting the same day. If you are interested in the garden but have never been out on a Saturday morning, this week would be the week. Just about everything is on the menu this week. The more hands that help the faster the work goes. Thank you to everyone who faithfully shows up each Saturday to help make this mission run as smoothly as it does. We will continue to grow good food for those who need it most. Steve 215-872-6616 [rsblank@verizon.net](mailto:rsblank@verizon.net)

## **Did You Know? Celebrating Salford Mennonite Child Care Center's Upcoming 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

This week features Jan Landis and her daughter Suzanne Landis Kaczor, reflecting on similar experiences with the childcare center supporting our families and children when in need.

Jan Landis: In 1984 Joe and I were young parents of Zachary, age 6, and Suzanne, age 3. I had stayed at home to raise our children but was now ready to get back to work, and I had selected a well-recommended childcare center for Suzanne. But that year proved very discouraging because when I would pick her up in the afternoon, she was taking very long naps to avoid interacting with a few of the more aggressive children. About that time Salford established the childcare center with Miss Donna as the teacher. We switched Suzanne there and were very happy to have a kind and loving teacher who provided a safe and stimulating environment for growth.

Suzanne Landis Kaczor: While I do not remember much about my own time at daycare, Allen and I had a similar situation of using a well-recommended daycare for our oldest, Naomi, beginning at age 2. While there were caring staff, we had some challenges with another child and were frustrated that the daycare administration did not have the same value system that we had. We tried to manage for a while by placing her in another class, but still the situation was not resolved.

We moved her to Salford - she immediately warmed up to Ms. Caitlin and we felt supported by both staff and administration. When it came time to put Nayla in a daycare program, there was no second guessing where we would put her. We had great experiences with Ms. Haley, Ms. Debbie, and Mr. Brent. Allen now serves on the Board of SMCCC and we both value the vision and mission of the childcare center.

As parents, we have both been blessed by the gift of SMCCC.

## **Faith Formation Spotlight**

### **Summer 2024 Faith Formation Practices Bingo**

All are invited to use [this bingo card](#) to help spur some spiritual practices together as a family that help us draw closer to God, each other, creation, and our communities.

Paper copies available at the Welcome Center. Share your progress with others. Return your card at the end of the summer and we'll recognize all that we practiced together.

Families are encouraged to join the **Salford families WhatsApp group** to share

their experiences (and photos) and also join in for parenting conversations. Contact Jenn Svetlik to get the invite link.

Sunday School will begin again on Sept. 8. We will have four classes: for 2s & 3s; 4s & K; 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> grade; and 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade. We have a strong team committed to this area of accessible children's faith formation for 2024-25! However, **we still need a few more helpers (no prep required!)**.

We have two pairs of adults for each age group, so that teachers have half the weeks to engage in another second hour opportunity. No experience is necessary. Contact Jenn Svetlik to learn more about how you can be a part of this vital and growing ministry.

## Accessibility Spotlight

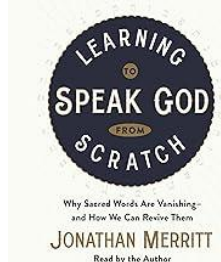
**Ask the Advocate about your child's IEP:** 1st (11:30 am-12:30 pm) and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays (7-8 pm) each month, via zoom. Held by the ARC of Philadelphia. [Register here.](#)

## 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>

### **Learning to Speak God from Scratch: Why sacred words are vanishing and how you can revive them By: Jonathan Merritt**

Discover a faith worth talking about.

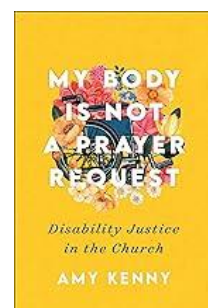


As America rapidly becomes a pluralistic, postmodern society, many of us struggle to talk about faith. We can no longer assume our friends understand words such as grace or gospel. Others, like lost and sin, have become so negative they are nearly conversation-enders.

Jonathan Merritt knows this frustration well. After Jonathan moved from the Bible Belt to New York City, he discovered that whenever conversations turned to spirituality, the words he'd used for decades didn't connect with listeners anymore. In a search for answers and understanding, Jonathan uncovered a spiritual crisis affecting tens of millions.

In this groundbreaking book, one of America's premier religion writers revives ancient expressions through cultural commentary, vulnerable personal narratives, and surprising biblical insights. Both provocative and liberating, *Learning to Speak God from Scratch* will breathe new life into your spiritual conversations and lure you into the embrace of the God who inhabits them. DONATED

### **My Body is Not a Prayer Request: Disability Justice in the Church By: Amy Kenny**



Much of the church has forgotten that we worship a disabled God whose wounds survived resurrection, says Amy Kenny. It is time for the church to start treating disabled people as full members of the body of Christ who have much more to offer than a miraculous cure narrative and to learn from their embodied experiences.

Written by a disabled Christian, this book shows that the church is missing out on the prophetic witness and blessing of disability.



Kenny reflects on her experiences inside the church to expose unintentional ableism and cast a new vision for Christian communities to engage disability justice. She shows that until we cultivate church spaces where people with disabilities can fully belong, flourish, and lead, we are not valuing the diverse members of the body of Christ.

Offering a unique blend of personal storytelling, fresh and compelling writing, biblical exegesis, and practical application, this book invites readers to participate in disability justice and create a more inclusive community in church and parachurch spaces. Engaging content such as reflection questions and top-ten lists are included. DONATED

## News & Notes

The next **Banned and Challenged Book Club** will be reading "Looking for Alaska" by John Green. We will meet in the church library on August 21 at 6:30. All who read the book are welcome!

### July/August Summer Fellowship Opportunities for Everyone!

- This Sunday, July 28 is a church picnic after outdoor worship, with hot dogs & drinks provided; please bring a side, dessert, chairs or blanket, and place settings.
- Informal bring-your-own picnic lunch in the grove also on Aug. 18

Soil + Seed Wednesday outdoor potlucks 5:30-8pm

July 31: Julie & Dean Wimmer's home

Aug 14: Linda & Vernon Martin's home

Aug 28: Julie & Dean Wimmer's home

We will gather for dinner, work through the weekly Soil and Seed liturgy, and enjoy fellowship as we play games and relax in each other's company. Please bring a chair or blanket to sit on and your own plates, cutlery, and water bottle.

5:30-6:30pm: Dinner

6:30-6:45: Soil and Seed Liturgy

6:45-8: Fellowship

**Extra Peace Camp Shirts!** Anyone who would like one of the yellow shirts from this year's Peace Camp can pick one up on the bench outside the pastors' offices. The sizes that remain are youth medium, youth large, and adult small.

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

- Dave Greiser: July 22 – July 30
- George Gaugler: July 26 – August 2
- Brad Alderfer: August 3 – August 6

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

## Beyond Salford

Plains Mennonite Church (Hatfield, PA) is looking for volunteers to help staff their Fun Activity Night (FAN) Club, alongside professional staff. FAN Club is a monthly event to create social opportunities for adults 18+ with disabilities and a night of respite for those who care for them. It meets the fourth Saturday each month from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Come play games, serve food, hang out, and have fun getting to know new people! Background checks and clearances needed. Contact [office@plainsmennonitechurch.org](mailto:office@plainsmennonitechurch.org) for more information.