

July 7, 2024

Sunday, July 7, 10:00 am Worship and Communion at Salford and on YouTube Live, Lead Pastor Dave Greiser will preach on Ezekiel 2:1-5; *Another Pentecost*

No Second Hour during Summer Season

June 30, 2024

Offering

\$7,811

ACH Electronic

Offering

\$7,575

Vanco Online Offering

\$3,692

Total Budget Offering

\$19,078

Children's Offering:

\$37

Future Salford Events

July 7 – Monthly Communion

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

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

Summer Worship Series: Wild Church

Nature invites our senses to notice. Whether the sun warms our faces, we hear a new birdsong, or we can smell the last of the honeysuckle – all the outside world seems to beckon for our attention. Could God be speaking to us in these ways? Can we stop long enough to notice? Throughout this summer, our worship will consider the “Second Book of God” – the natural world around us. We’ll hear each other’s stories of experiencing God’s presence in our world, try listening for ourselves, and have opportunities to immerse ourselves in the outdoors a few times this summer. Come curious and expecting to hear from God in new and unexpected ways! *“What a wildly wonderful world, God! You made it all, with Wisdom at your side, made earth overflow with your wonderful creations.” -Psalm 104:24*

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

Monday, July 8

If you would like to receive this newsletter by email, please submit your email address to alderferb@salfordmc.org

7:00 pm Fellowship Time at Souderton Mennonite Homes (Friendship Room)

7:00 pm Child Care Ministry Team Meeting (Church Library)

Thursday, July 11

6:30 pm Accessibility Ministry Team Meeting (Pastor's Conference Room)

Sunday, July 14

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

Preaching: Andrew Zetts

No Second Hour on Summer Schedule

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

Your Prayers Requested for the family of **Loretta Miller**. Loretta, age 89, passed away on Thursday, June 27, 2024 at Souderton Mennonite Homes. Loretta attended Salford for many years but attended Franconia Mennonite more recently.

Memorial Service information:

Family and friends may meet with the family on Saturday, July 20, 2024 at Franconia Mennonite Church, 613 Harleysville Pike, Telford, Pa 18969, from 10:00 am to 11:00 am, followed by a Celebration of Life Service at 11:00 am.

To the congregation at Salford - Thanks so much for your extension of support for our Ambassadors initiative this summer. Your gift of \$2,000 helps us to fund a program expansion of Ambassadors for next generation leadership development in diverse contexts across our Conference including Southern California, Philadelphia, Allentown, Montco, West Virginia and Florida. Mosaic is stronger and brighter when we invest together in the lives of our youth and young adults!

Thank you for noticing and caring, for extending your commitments to Mosaic sibling communities. I'm always grateful to Salford for your attention and generosity in these ways. We'd be glad to share more information with Salford as might be appreciated specifically in the next months. Profiles and updates from the program will be included in the next weeks in Mosaic News and also available on our Conference Facebook page.

Grace and peace, Steve Kriss, Executive Minister, Mosaic Mennonite Conference

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!

Mennonite Action Organizing Two Major Mobilizations for a Ceasefire in July

Mennonite Action is organizing two peaceful mobilizations this July for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza. Individuals and congregations are invited to join both.

From July 28-30, Mennonite Action will join a mass mobilization organized by a multiracial, interfaith coalition in Washington, DC.

Why: The coalition will gather to promote a theology of liberation and peace, in contrast to Christian United for Israel's theology of domination, hatred, and violence.

What: Activities throughout the weekend will include: interfaith services, civil disobedience, nonviolence training, a lobby day, and an all-inclusive rally.

Who: Mennonites and allies are invited to join.

From July 18-28, Mennonite Action is organizing an 11-day, 135-mile '**All God's Children March for a Ceasefire**' from Harrisonburg, VA to Washington DC.

Why: We are taking bold public action to use our bodies, our voices, and our beliefs to show our government that everyday people, including Mennonites, are unwavering in our conviction that we need a permanent ceasefire in Gaza immediately.

What: We will march to DC to bring our message of peace and liberation from Harrisonburg to the halls of power. This march seeks to continue our national

media intervention, showing that people of faith, Christians, Mennonites, and allies believe in a theology of peace and liberation, not genocide and occupation.

Who: Mennonites, people of faith, and allies are invited to join for this march for one day, one weekend, one week, or the full march.

Contact Tori Jones Long to sign-up for either event.

Accessibility Spotlight

As part of Salford's new **fire response emergency plan**, there will be 2-3 unannounced fire drills occurring throughout the remainder of this year. These drills are an important part of being prepared for an actual emergency. However, we realize that an unannounced fire drill may cause excessive distress to some members of our neurodiverse community. If this is the case for you or your family member, please reach out to our Accessibility Ministry Team leader, Laura Alderfer (Laura.alderfer@gmail.com or 215-353-8209), and we will make arrangements for you to be notified in advance of a fire drill.

Church Library Spotlight

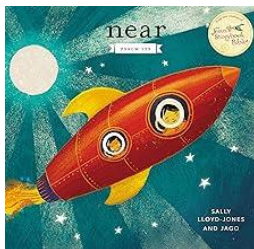
The church library has purchased many new books in recent weeks. Stop by and speak with a librarian to see what's new, or review the library catalogue on the Salford church website <https://smck-ind.kari.opalsinfo.net/bin/home>

Old Enough to Save the Planet By: Loll Kirby



The world is facing a climate crisis like we've never seen before. And kids around the world are stepping up to raise awareness and try to save the planet. As people saw in the youth climate strike in September 2019, kids will not stay silent about this subject—they're going to make a change. Meet 12 young activists from around the world who are speaking out and taking action against climate change. Learn about the work they do and the challenges they face, and discover how the future of our planet starts with each and every one of us. DONATED

Near: Psalm 139 By: Sally Lloyd-Jones



From the author of the bestselling The Jesus Storybook Bible, Sally Lloyd-Jones, comes an uplifting new message for children. Inspired by Psalm 139—which begins, “O Lord, you have searched me and you know me”—the lyrical text reminds little ones that God is with them anywhere they go in God's wide world.

God is my Father who made everything.

And I am a little explorer of the wide world.

He is near me

And he protects me.

He sees me

And he knows me.

He is strong

And he looks after me. He is with me—always! DONATED

News & Notes

Friends at Souderton Mennonite Homes: we will have our monthly gathering on

Monday July 8th from 7-8 in the Friendship Room. We hope you can join us. Please call Pastor Karen if you have questions.

2nd Hour Kids – Did YOU help to make the rainbow hearts for the windows?

Thank you!! They were so joyful and welcoming. Would you like to take your hearts home? There are a few baskets of them on the benches outside the pastors' offices – feel free to stop by after the service on Sunday and take a few home!!

Right Relationship Training Aug. 2-3: For several years, folks from Salford and beyond have sought to cultivate relationships with the Delaware Tribe of Indians (Lenape) of Bartlesville, OK. A local ecumenical group (of which John Ruth and Jenn Svetlik are participants), which calls itself "Friends of the Delaware Tribe" has invited organizers from the Mennonite Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery to facilitate an interactive Right Relationship training. It will help us be better allies to our indigenous neighbors, through cross-cultural servant-based relationship building and Christian solidarity.

[Advanced Registration Required:](#) \$50

In-person at the [Mennonite Heritage Center](#) (565 Yoder Rd., Harleysville, PA) or online.

Friday, August 2, 5 to 8:30pm (potluck dinner)

Saturday, August 3, 8:30am to 5pm (breakfast and lunch provided)

The cost of this training is greatly subsidized due to a generous charitable distribution from the Schowalter Foundation. Please contact Jenn Svetlik, one of the training organizers, if you have any questions.

Beyond Salford

Did you know that Anabaptists lived in New Amsterdam and later New York? Join the **Mennonite Heritage Center** on August 31, 2024, for a full-day tour that covers this history. Led by Daniel K. Ness, participants will travel to Manhattan and Germantown via coach. Lunch is on your own. A boxed meal will be provided for dinner. The cost is \$99 for members (\$125 non-members). To learn more and register visit www.mhep.org/events/event/nyc-tour/.