



June 23, 2024

**Sunday, June 123, 10:00 am Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live,** Associate Pastor Karen Bergey will preach on Mark 4:35-41 and Psalm 107:1-3 and 23-32 CEV; *Who is in your boat?*

**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.**

**June 23, 2024**

Offering  
\$4,804  
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Offering  
\$1,980  
Vanco Online Offering  
\$3,300

**Total Budget Offering \$10,120**

**Children's Offering: \$39**

**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

## New Salford Music Director

We are excited to be able to announce that we have a Music Director! Beginning in November, **Laura Alderfer** will be joining the Salford Staff as Music Director. Laura's position will encompass overseeing the Song Leading for the worship services, assisting with planning worship, resourcing special music from time to time, and developing creative approaches to music that make sharing in song more accessible to all. Laura Alderfer has had a lifelong passion for musical worship. She began to play piano at the age of 7, and by age 12 was regularly accompanying her congregation's singing at Rocky Ridge Mennonite Church. She served in that capacity for many (25+) years, and for 7 years as leader and coordinator of the worship team at Rocky Ridge. She has enjoyed leading singing and worship in a variety of communities and styles, from leading hymns in Memory Care at Frederick Living, to contemporary praise and worship in international communities with Mosaic Conference, to singing in choirs. Currently, she serves as a co-leader on the Mosaic Mennonite Conference worship cohort. She is passionate about facilitating opportunities for our congregation to connect with God and others through music. She hopes to encourage those in our community who are learning to sing or play music to share their gifts with us at Salford and looks forward to this new role!

## Summer Worship Series: Wild Church

Summertime arrived on the calendar on Thursday of this week and will find its way fully into our worship in July. Beginning on Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup> with communion, we will spend 2 months listening for God's voice in nature. We'll hear from each other the ways God speaks to us through creation, we will engage our bodies and minds in some practices to open our perspective to the moving of the Spirit, and we will participate together in 2 outdoor services following the contemplative practices of the Wild Church model. Plan to join us as we discover and practice together some new ways to hear from God. – Pastor Karen

## June/July Summer Outdoor Fellowship Opportunities

Throughout the summer we will have some informal fellowship and faith formation opportunities. **People of all ages are welcome to these gatherings!**

*Opportunity #1:* Informal bring-your-own picnic lunch after worship in the Grove at Salford—**July 7 & 21**

*Opportunity #2:* Wednesday outdoor potlucks with the [Soil and the Seed Project](#) Music & Liturgy from 5:30-8pm

**June 26:** Linda & Vernon Martin's Home

**July 17:** Bev & Dwight Alderfer's Home

**July 31:** Julie & Dean Wimmer's Home

After eating, we will share in the interactive Soil and Seed liturgy, followed by free time. Friends from outside Salford are more than welcome!

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.

If you would like to receive this newsletter by email, please submit your email address to [alderferb@salfordmc.org](mailto:alderferb@salfordmc.org)

Questions? Contact Jenn or Pastor Andrew.

## **This Week at Salford**

### **Saturday, June 29**

11:00 am Lois Wismer Memorial Service (Sanctuary)

### **Sunday, June 30**

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

Preaching: Dave Greiser

No Second Hour on Summer Schedule

## **Our Church Family**

### **Prayer Concerns**

- This week, all Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for the following Ambassador participants, who begin this week, and the congregation they are serving: **Aaron Walojo** of International Worship Center (San Gabriel, CA) and **Ivonne Hartano** of Jemaat Kristen Indonesian Anugerah (Sierra Madre, CA). Pray that the Ambassadors will grow in faith, leadership, and their love of Jesus as they serve and learn.

### **Memorial Service Information...**

For **Lois Wismer**. The family will greet guests Saturday, June 29, at Salford Mennonite Meetinghouse with visitation from 10-11:00 am. A Memorial Service will follow at 11:00 am.

You may read Lois' [obituary here](#).

### **Your Prayers Requested...**

For the family of **Laverne Musselman**. Laverne H. Musselman, 83, of Schwenksville, passed away on Saturday, June 15, 2024. He was the husband of the late Elsie Jean Musselman.

Memorial Service Information:

A funeral service will be held at 11:30 am on Tuesday, June 25, at Franconia Mennonite Church, 613 Harleysville Pike, Telford, 18969, where a viewing will be held from 10-11:15 AM. Interment will take place at Salford Mennonite Church Cemetery.

You may read Laverne's [obituary here](#).

### **Service & Mission**

**Donation of the Month for June – Kid Friendly Summer Food Bags for children facing food insecurity over the summer, to be distributed by Keystone Opportunity Center. In a large, reusable tote, please include...**

- Peanut Butter and Jelly
- Pudding or Fruit Cups
- 6 pack Applesauce
- 2 Chicken or Tuna Salad Kits
- 2 Hormel Ready to Eat Meals
- Goldfish Crackers or Popcorn
- Microwave Mac and Cheese
- Juice Box (6-8 pack)
- Breakfast Cereal
- 2 Cans of SpaghettiOs
- 1 box of Granola Bars

- **Box of Fruit Snacks**

Let's feed kids in need this Summer! Filled totes can be placed at the table by the infant nursery.

**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 Events:**

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 mornings, July 3 and 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, June 20,**

Greetings fellow gardeners there was a lot of heat this week, I have been running water everyday somewhere in the garden. So far so good. Thank you, Andy Alderfer, for helping out with water duty this week. Last week we had 25 volunteers on Saturday morning. A new record!! WOOHOO give yourselves a hand! To say the least we plowed through our work and were done in no time. We uncovered the last of our veggies, harvested Zucchini, Broccoli and red beets. This week we will add cabbage and cucumbers to the menu. Our late run Broccoli is now in full head too. But the big news is our String Beans are flowering. Usually, 10 days after full flower we have string beans to pick. I can hear the cheers from here! Wednesday evening there was a burst of energy in the garden. We were visited by two groups of Peace campers. After a brief tour both groups helped plant our Native American "Three Sisters Garden" Some of the seeds we used were sent to us all way from Oklahoma where our friends from the Lenape tribe live. The

campers also helped harvest a few carrots. Busy busy busy.... but fun! This Saturday looks to be very hot. I am looking to get out of the garden as soon as we can. Harvest and process what we can and get home before the high heat sets in. That means no extra work this week. Get in and get out. Thank you to all who help out in the garden. It really is true how many hands make the workload light and go by fast.

## Accessibility Spotlight

[So Much to Give Inspiration Studio](#) classes for ages 15 to adults. A variety of activities are facilitated by dedicated staff invested in helping differently-abled teens and adults to develop social skills, independence, and vocational skills in a fun and supportive environment within the community. Weekday workshops include art, music, movement, and task-oriented activities while accommodating the wide range of abilities of the individuals in attendance. Our evening social skills events include dancing, games, Karaoke, and more!

Inclusion in the community is further promoted through our dinner events at our nearby [So Much to Give Inclusive Cafe](#) where attendees get to play Bingo or Trivia with their peers instead of their parents!

Please complete the following required registration form so we may know how to best accommodate the participant's individual needs. [REGISTRATION FORM](#). [SEE SCHEDULE 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>

### The Good for Nothing Tree By: Amy-Jill Levine

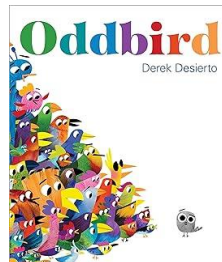


A tiny fig tree needs time to grow. But how much time? All four seasons go by . . . and there are no figs. The seasons pass again. Still no figs! Is the fig tree good for nothing?

Inspired by the parable of the Barren Fig Tree, *The Good for Nothing Tree* reminds us that the sweetest figs, like many other things, are worth waiting for. Not every tree—and not every child—grows at the same pace. Yet patience, care, and love can change everything, making what may appear "good for nothing" very good.

A note about the parable's New Testament origins and a recipe are included. DONATED

### Oddbird By: Derek Desierto



It's SO hot outside. All the fancy birds are gathered around the water, wishing they could cool off. But they don't want to get wet and ruin their fine feathers.

Oddbird isn't worried about his feathers; he wants to go for a refreshing dip. But he doesn't fit in. He's not fancy, or colorful. He's just...different. The other birds don't want him around. How can he join them?

Oddbird's story is one all readers will relate to, and ultimately celebrate. Donated

## News & Notes

**Address Updates: Rose Martin**

321 Oak Tree Ct., 2849 Big Rd., Zieglerville, PA 19492

**Beyond Salford**

The **Mennonite Heritage Center** welcomes Leah Makoyo, a longtime leader of the Kanisa la Mennonite Tanzania (KMT), to share stories about the church, the history of the KMT, and their understandings of Anabaptism. After Leah's presentation, there will be a time for questions. This in-person event will take place in the Lapp Art Gallery at the Mennonite Heritage Center on June 27, 2024, from 7:00-8:00 pm.

**The June edition of On the Level is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service.** In our current issue: The MDS Cabinet Shop celebrates a new warehouse, the Peace Academic Center gets an unexpected boost and a bridge opens access to more than 25 families. Sign up to volunteer this summer and fall. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3RuHArK>