

June 2, 2024

Sunday, June 2, 9:30 am Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live, Lead Pastor Dave Greiser will preach on 1 Samuel 3:1-10; *A Voice in the Night*

10:30 am Second Hour for all ages

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.

May 26, 2024

Offering \$8,012
ACH Electronic Offering \$1,980
Vanco Online Offering \$449.51

Total Budget Offering \$10,441.51

Children's Offering: \$27

Pavilion Project Donation: \$50,706.73

Future Salford Events

June 2 – Monthly Communion

June 16 – Summer Worship Schedule Begins, 10:00 am worship start time and no Second Hour

June 16 – 20 – Peace Camp at Salford

July 7 – Monthly

What is the Lectionary?

At the beginning of his sermon last Sunday, Andrew told us that the sermons this summer will be based on scripture readings from the lectionary.

What is a lectionary? Put simply, a lectionary is a schedule of scripture readings for each Sunday of the year. Each Sunday, the lectionary offers a text from the Old Testament, a text from the Psalms, a text from a Gospel, and a text from an Epistle (letter). The idea is that if a person follows the readings of the lectionary, they will read through much of the Bible in a three-year period.

For nearly two thousand years, most Christians around the world-Protestant, Catholic and Orthodox-have followed a lectionary for each Sunday's scripture. Preachers can base their sermons on one of the four texts or more than one. Most of the Protestant and Catholic churches around us will be using the same scriptures we will be using this summer.

At Salford, we typically follow the lectionary each year during the Sundays of Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter. The rest of the time we do some other theme or series.

This summer, the pastors have decided to take a break from series preaching and simply preach from the given texts of the lectionary. From experience, I can say that even though lectionary preaching doesn't follow a theme, it is amazing how often the text on a given Sunday speaks directly to a situation in the life of the church. Such are the ways of the Holy Spirit!

A good resource for learning more about the lectionary is a website produced by Vanderbilt Divinity School. Lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu will show you the table of readings, offer other readings, and display some wonderful art based on the texts. Check it out, and welcome to our summer journey. Dave Greiser

June Worship and Communion

For the month of June, worship will reflect both care and celebration for our LGBTQIA+ siblings. Our sanctuary space will contain some colorful visual elements, provided by our Flower Ministry Team. The children from the 2nd hour classes are helping create some window art. Our worship in June will contain prayers of blessing, confessions, and liturgies written by queer Christians. We'll begin the month with Communion – uniting us as a community at the Table, trusting the Holy Spirit to continue in us the work of healing and reconciliation. If you have questions about Communion at Salford, please [read more here](#). Please join us!

Food Donations Requested for Peace Camp

Peace Camp will take place June 16-20 and so far there are 60 kids registered, over half of whom are from the community outside our congregation. This memorable week is part of the heart of who the Salford community is.

Feeding 100 people for 5 nights is a significant undertaking, and we need lots of

Communion

July 28 – Annual Outdoor Worship and Fellowship Picnic

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

help to make it happen. We invite you to bring donations of fruits, vegetables, and desserts. There is a signup at the Welcome Center, and you can also use this Sign Up Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0A45ADAC2DA6FB6-49879053-peace#/>

Donations can be brought to the church kitchen by 2 pm on Sunday, June 16. Please contact Donna Derstine or Becca Beels if you have questions. Thank you for supporting Peace Camp!

Peace Camp Needs Your Small Glass Jars!

The peace camp art team is looking for 15 small glass jars (to hold a tea light candle). If you have any around, could you please bring them to benches outside the pastors' offices? Thank you!

***The Art of Neighboring* Small Group**

In response to Pastor Andrew's sermon on May 26, a small group is forming to study the book *The Art of Neighboring* and putting its ideas into practice. Our hope is to feel empowered and supported in being the kind of loving and present neighbors God calls us to be.

If you are interested in participating in the group, please contact Pastor Andrew by June 12.

Artwork for Bulletin Covers

Are your children cleaning out desks and lockers as the school year ends? Do you have a great piece of artwork hanging on your fridge from the past year? Now is a great time to submit artwork for bulletin covers. We get so much joy from the images provided. Please submit good quality digital photos of your children's artwork and we will feature as many as we can on bulletin covers in the coming week. Adults, we appreciate your artwork as well! Please submit your images to alderferb@salfordmc.org

Finance Update for Salford Mennonite Church

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

- 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 December to cover our budgeted expenses. Later in the year we can adjust our income need if expense budget savings or overages are recognized.
- **Average weekly offering needed for January through November: \$16,200**
- **Average weekly offering received so far for January through November (21 weeks): \$15,581**

This Week at Salford

Sunday, June 9

9:30 am Salford Worship Indoors and Streamed on YouTube Live

Preaching: Dave Greiser

10:30 am Second Hour for All Ages

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

- For **Carolyn Boyd** who will have a procedure on her back on June 4th. Pray for quick recovery and healing from pain.
- For **Suzanne Kratz** who had her right knee replacement done on Tuesday and is home recovering. Pray for relief from pain and a quick recovery.
- For **Dave Alderfer** who had a fall and was in Grandview Hospital earlier this week.
- For all **queer and trans children and youth** around the world. For the ones struggling with feelings of isolation or shame. For those who have no safe place or people to trust. May we see the way to be safe people, good neighbors, and loving community to them.
- Starting next week, Mosaic Conference is supporting 10 young adults in our **Ambassadors summer internship program**. This week, all Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for the following Ambassador participants and the organizations they are serving:
 - Brendan Sagastume (Mosaic and Perkiomenville congregation)
 - Calvin Wilder (Midian Leadership Project, Charleston, WV)
 Pray that the Ambassadors will grow in faith, leadership, and their love of Jesus as they serve and learn.

Olivia Moyer will be giving her Dock Mennonite Academy senior presentation on Tuesday evening, June 4th at 7:30 pm in the Dock Chapel.

Congratulations to **Lydia Ehst** who is part of the **Dock Mennonite Academy Softball team** who won Districts last week. The team will play in the state tournament starting on Monday, June 3rd. Contact Lydia or Meredith Ehst for specific details on time and location of the game.

Let's sustain **Rick and Suzanne Kratz** with a few meals while Suzanne heals from knee surgery. [Sign up today!](#) To take them a meal.

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.

Salford/Advent Garden Update, May 30,

Greetings fellow gardeners, Last week was another busy week in the garden. Saturday, we finished planting veggies for the summer. Yellow squash, extra cucumbers, a few fill in tomatoes and sweet potatoes, all made it into the garden. To the raised beds where we planted potatoes, we added a thick layer of mulch. This week we start the big job of caging our tomatoes and peppers. At last count

we have over 800 cages. The real job is making sure you place the cage carefully in the ground and not right through the drip tape. I am not the best at fixing leaks. We will finish up our flower planting this week. We used quite a bit of mulch on the potatoes. My mulch pile shrunk enough that we will be able to move one of the compost bins over to that area, so we have move room when our new storage shed arrives. This Saturday we will harvest our first veggies of the season. Our Romaine lettuce is huge and needs to be picked. WOO HOO here we go! Next on the list looks like broccoli will be ready within a week or so. Red Beets are not far behind. Thank you to everyone who helps out in the garden. The entire garden looks fabulous. Steve, rsblank@verizon.net 215-872-6616

Cards and posters to be available Sunday, June 9, to Support Students with Special Needs in Ukraine

On Transfiguration Sunday, Feb 11, 2024, Lisa Yoder, volunteer teacher and artist for the Hilltop second hour class designed an outline and Laura Stalter, Wendell Anders, David Fox, and volunteers, attached the tissue paper to the poster Lisa created. The "Be Transformed" art from this project has now been printed onto blank notecards and 18"x24" posters.

These cards and posters will be available of sale at Salford, Next Sunday, June 9:
- **8 printed notecards (blank inside) will be available for \$12/pack**
- **18"x24" posters will be available for \$20/each**

This is an initiative of the Justice & Peace and Accessibility Ministry Teams, and the Hilltop class as a fundraiser for the Prometheus special needs school for children in Zaporizhzhia, Ukraine. Read more the special needs school, the students and activities see the Justice and Peace web page:

[Be Transformed Hilltop Art Fundraiser](#)

Welcoming Path Spotlight

Lansdale Pride - Sunday, June 9th at Noon at the Lansdale Train Station - Salford, along with Zwingli UCC (Souderton) and Trinity Lutheran (Lansdale) will host a table of goodwill in the Lansdale Train Station Plaza on Main Street following the walk. If you come for the walk, be sure to stop by and say hello! We will be there 12-3 so even if you are a little late, you can come hang out with us for a bit and take in the vendor area. Our table will be a place where people can leave a hand tracing and/or a message of hope, love and encouragement. There is free parking in the massive parking garage next to the train station - very easy! We hope to see many of you there. -Pastor Karen

Faith Formation Spotlight

[The Seed and The Soil Project](#) creates music, art, and "Little Liturgies." CDs and text of the simple weekly prayers are available in the foyer at the Welcome Center or can be streamed and downloaded [here](#). The Ordinary Time series runs from May 26 through late November. [Listen to all the albums on Soundcloud.](#)

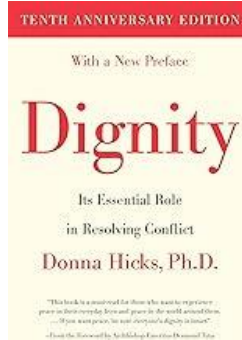
Families stay tuned for information about some summer potlucks that will involve enjoying the music and praying the little liturgies together!

Trip Talks and Travel Games: Bring [this booklet](#) with you on vacation this summer! Use it in the car, at restaurants or wherever your family is together for faith-formation-oriented and connective conversations of all kinds.

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>

Dignity – The Essential Role in Resolving Conflict By: Donna Hicks

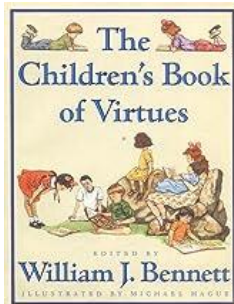


Drawing on her extensive experience in international conflict resolution and on insights from evolutionary biology, psychology, and neuroscience, Donna Hicks explains what the elements of dignity are, how to recognize dignity violations, how to respond when we are not treated with dignity, how dignity can restore a broken relationship, why leaders must understand the concept of dignity, and more. By choosing dignity as a way of life, Hicks shows, we open the way to greater peace within ourselves and to a safer and more humane world for all.

For the Tenth Anniversary Edition of *Dignity*, Hicks has written a new preface that reflects on her experience helping communities and individuals understand the power of dignity and how it can lead to a more peaceful world.

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The Children's Book of Virtues



With selections from *The Book of Virtues*, from Aesop and Robert Frost to George Washington's life as well as Native American and African folklore, *The Children's Book of Virtues* brings together timeless stories and poems from around the world.

The stories have been chosen especially for a young audience to help parents introduce to their children the essentials of good character: courage, perseverance, responsibility, work, self-discipline, compassion, faith, honesty, loyalty, and friendship.

Lavishly illustrated by the well-known artist Michael Hague, these wonderful stories and the virtues they illustrate come to life on these pages.

The Children's Book of Virtues is an enduring treasury of literature and art that will help lead young minds toward what is noble, gentle, and fine. DONATED

News & Notes

Facility Manager George Gaugler is holding a workday on Saturday morning, June 15 to spread new woodchips on the playground. Please let George know if you are able to help, he could use 4-5 volunteers. Please bring a metal rake for spreading woodchips.

Friends at the Souderton Mennonite Homes – please join us for our monthly gathering on Monday, June 10th, from 7-8 in the Friendship Room. We will sing, pray, and have communion together. Please contact Karen with any questions. Hope to see you there!

Young friends: thank you for helping to decorate our sanctuary with colorful scenes about Jesus and the people! It helped us to remember the scriptures and sermons. You can pick up your artwork on the bench outside of the Pastors' Offices. – Pastor Karen

Welcoming the Child! We will have a time for Welcoming our children on Sunday, June 16th. Contact Pastor Karen if your family would like to be a part of this time.