

June 30, 2024

Sunday, June 30, 10:00 am Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live, Lead Pastor Dave Greiser will preach on Lamentations 3:22-33; *A Pause in A Lament*

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

\$6,269

ACH Electronic Offering

\$1,980

Vanco Online Offering

\$3,729

Total Budget Offering \$11,978

Children's Offering: \$36

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 –

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 7th 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

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!

Questions? Contact Jenn or Pastor Andrew.

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

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

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 3

8:30 am Sewing Circle & Comforter Knotting (Gathering Room)

Thursday, July 4

Church and Child Care Office Closed for July 4th Holiday

Friday, July 5

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Sunday, July 7

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

Preaching: Dave Greiser

No Second Hour on Summer Schedule

11:30 am Bring Your Own Picnic Lunch (Outdoors)

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

- For John Detweiler, who returned home from Jefferson Hospital on Monday. Continue to pray that John's appetite returns as he heals from extensive surgery.
- All Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for **Deep Run East** (Perkasie, PA) as they host a candidating weekend this week and consider their candidate for a lead pastor.

Birthday Blessings...

To **Mary Ann Harris**, who celebrates her 85th birthday on July 3rd.

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 27,

Greetings fellow gardeners this week was another hot one in the garden. Monday was very windy; the wind really tore up some of the garden. I ran water everyday somewhere in the garden. Thank you, Jant L, for water duty this week. Last week we harvested over 130 lbs. of cabbage NICE! This was our early cabbage. Zucchini have really hit their stride with over 200 lbs. harvested so far. Cucumbers are picking up the pace and this week we add green peppers to the mix. Red beets are still plentiful. Our potatoes are starting to really die off now. The plants are telling us it will soon be time to dig them up. I think maybe 2 weeks. We may pull our onions at the same time. String beans are flowering, and I will be watching them closely waiting of the first stringers to show up. The seeds our peace campers planted last week have sprouted and I am watering them as much as needed to help keep them going in this heat. Every year we have volunteer plants that show up on their own somewhere in the garden. This year we have a huge pumpkin plant in my compost pile. A few sunflower plants and ground cherries have made their annual appearance. But the champion is our volunteer potatoes. Last year was the first year we planted potatoes on our boxed raised beds. In all the excitement of harvesting them a few were left behind. These sprouted this

spring and I have been digging them up as we harvest what was planted this year. So far, I have dug up over 20 lbs. of volunteer potatoes with more to come. WOW! Thank you to everyone who helps out in the garden. Steve, 215-872-6616, rsblank@verizon.net

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.

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

This week features Christina Lynch, reflecting on her journey as both teacher and Executive Director for the SMCCC.

I graduated from Penn State University in 2003 with a degree in Art Education and returned to the Harleysville area searching for a teaching position. There were no districts in the area looking to hire art educators, but a family friend recommended

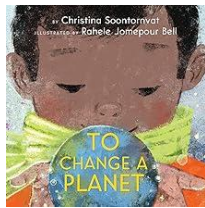
that I apply to Salford Mennonite Child Care Center. I was hired in August 2003 to teach in the three-year-old classroom at the Dock campus. Through lots of patience and persistence I found my teaching style with young children. After years of teaching in that room, and becoming pregnant with my first child, I knew I needed a change. Luckily at that time the Director position became available at the Dock campus, so I applied and took on the role in 2008. I remained the Director there until 2013 when I was appointed Executive Director of SMCCC, splitting my hours between the two campuses. It was a very sad day for me when the Dock campus closed its doors in March 2019 - it will always hold a special place in my heart.

Yet SMCCC remains my home away from home. I believe that this home-like atmosphere, the low child-to-teacher ratio, and the positive relationship that SMCCC shares with the church is why so many teachers and administrators stay employed here longer than most other child care centers. Being a part of SMCCC for 21 of its 40 years has come with many ups and downs, but thanks to the support of Salford the time here has been extraordinary. Through the child care center Salford has helped so many new families lay a successful foundation for their children's learning journey. I cannot imagine working for another organization that is so supportive, forward thinking, and community oriented. I feel honored to be here and look forward to the future of SMCCC.

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>

To Change A Planet By: Christina Soontornvat

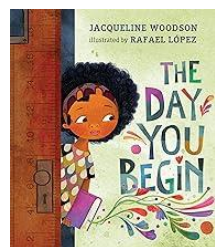


Spare, poetic text and breathtaking pictures invite readers on a stirring journey that gently illuminates the causes of climate change as well as how our individual and collective actions can make the world better.

With calm, truthfulness, and beauty, *To Change a Planet* demonstrates the importance of caring for our planet. Eye popping explosions of color on every page create a stunning visual narrative that invites readers to find and follow the same characters through their daily lives and ultimately to a climate march on Washington, where their storylines converge.

Clear endnotes vetted by a climate expert answer a myriad of questions in simple language. Meticulously researched and brimming with hope and hands-on solutions that will edify and empower even the youngest readers, *To Change a Planet* is a loving ode to our only home and vital for every child, classroom, and family. DONATED

The Day You Begin By: Jacqueline Woodson



There are many reasons to feel different. Maybe it's how you look or talk, or where you're from; maybe it's what you eat, or something just as random. It's not easy to take those first steps into a place where nobody really knows you yet, but somehow you do it.

Jacqueline Woodson's lyrical text and Rafael López's dazzling art reminds us that we all feel like outsiders sometimes-and how brave it is that we go forth anyway. And that sometimes, when we reach out and begin to share our stories, others will be happy to meet us halfway. 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.

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/.