

June 9, 2024

**Sunday, June 9, 9:30 am** Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live, Lead Pastor Dave Greiser will preach on 1 Samuel 8:4-18; *Reclaiming Christian Weirdness*

**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.

**June 2, 2024**

Offering  
\$8,626

ACH Electronic Offering  
\$7,575

Vanco Online Offering  
\$1,347

**Total Budget Offering  
\$17,548**

**Children's Offering:  
\$35**

**Renewable Energy Project Donation:  
\$500**

**Future Salford Events**

**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 Communion

## A Letter to Mosaic Conference

You will find a letter in your mailbox on Sunday addressed to the board of Mosaic Conference and coming from the Salford board and pastors. During these weeks when the conference's Pathways committee is finalizing a recommendation concerning Mosaic's affiliation with Mennonite Church USA, our church board thought it important to express its thoughts. The board expressed its desire that Mosaic Conference continue its membership in Mennonite Church USA.

In a recent article, Steve Kriss, our LEAD minister explained that there are three possible paths Mosaic Conference could take. One is to remain a fully participating member conference of Mennonite Church USA. Another is to withdraw from MC USA and seek affiliation elsewhere. A third possibility is to seek a looser "fraternal" affiliation with MC USA. That would allow us to pursue projects and ministries we are interested in, but without formal membership with the denomination.

The board encourages everyone to read the letter and come to the board and pastors with any questions. Be in prayer for our conference and its leadership during coming weeks of decision-making. Dave Greiser, Lead Pastor

## 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 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!

## Summer Schedule Begins June 16

Our summer schedule starts next Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. For summer schedule, worship will begin at 10:00 am and there will not be Second Hour for children or adults. We encourage Adult Second hour classes to plan Fellowship times during the summer months.

## Lansdale Pride

**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](mailto:alderferb@salfordmc.org)

Sunday, June 9th at Noon at the Lansdale Train Station - Salford, along with Zwingli UCC and Trinity Lutheran will host a table of goodwill in the Lansdale Train Station Plaza on Main Street following the walk. 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 you there. -Pastor Karen

### ***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 you 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](mailto:alderferb@salfordmc.org)

### **This Week at Salford**

#### **Monday, June 10**

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

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

#### **Sunday, June 16**

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

Preaching: Kerry Hasler-Brooks

No Second Hour on Summer Schedule

5:00 pm Peace Camp

### **Our Church Family**

#### **Prayer Concerns**

- For **John Detweiler** who will have surgery on June 14th. Pray for an effective procedure and quick recovery.
- For **Doug Derstine** as he recovers over the next few weeks from an unexpected medical procedure.
- For **Carolyn Boyd** who is home and recovering from a procedure on her back this week.
- For **Rob Yoder** who received a clear report from the MRI last week and is waiting to see if he can get a procedure to address AFIB.
- For all the **queer folks and allies who will attend local pride celebrations**. Pray the people from Salford who will be at Lansdale Pride on Sunday afternoon will have opportunities to show Jesus' love to all.
- This week, all Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for the following Ambassador participants, who begin this week, and the congregation they are

serving: **Joshua Delarosa and Isaac Ramirez, of Luz y Vida congregation (Tampa, FL)**. Pray that the Ambassadors will grow in faith, leadership, and their love of Jesus as they serve and learn.

***Anniversary Blessings...***

To **Larry & Kathy Groff**, who celebrate their 61<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary on June 16, 2024.

***Wedding Blessings...***

To **Lee Bergey** and **Josie Strader** who will marry on June 29<sup>th</sup> on Josie's family farm in Plainwell, MI. The couple will be living in Indiana and will go by Josie and Lee Strader-Bergey. You can see their wedding website here: <https://www.theknot.com/us/josie-strader-and-lee-bergey-jun-2024> Pastor Karen, Blaine, and Ciana will be traveling to Michigan for the wedding. Congratulations to Josie and Lee: prayers and all good wishes for the future! There will be a casual open-house gathering at Salford on **Sunday August 11** where you can stop in to say hello.

**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 Saturday we had a big turnout of volunteers. I stopped counting at 19 WOW! The big job was setting up 800+ tomato cages. Both tomatoes and green peppers were caged. Our volunteers were in rare form. They set 800+ tomato cages in under 2 hours. That comes to 1 cage set in the ground every 9 seconds. It was all I could do to keep up with them. We store the cages way back on the Alderfer property. As fast as I could load up Wib Zooks small pickup truck with cages and running them back to the garden our volunteers were setting them in place. We harvested 60 head of lettuce and distributed them on Monday. This week I harvested about 10 lbs. of broccoli. This is our early broccoli the heads do not get that big. We have a later broccoli that will get a larger head. We covered our sweet potatoes with netting. I am hoping this will deter our four-legged friends from making a meal of them. I also planted a small block of corn, using the seed sent to us by our friends the Lenape in Oklahoma. This week we will pull the insect netting off the Zucchini. The plants are busting out and have flowers, so it is time to turn them loose. The garden rain gage showed 1 1/2 inches of rain Wednesday night GREAT! Thank you to everyone who worked in the garden last week. Many hands make the work go fast and easy. Steve,

[rsblank@verizon.net](mailto: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, This 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](#)

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

This week features **Linda Martin**, reflecting on her journey as a teacher, director, and board member for the SMCCC.

During the years that housing a child care center was being presented to the Salford Congregation I was a stay-at-home mom. Therefore, I assumed I would not ever be connected to the program. Then six months after it opened, I was asked to be a substitute teacher; by December 1985 I was Lead Teacher; and in summer 1986 I was asked to be Director. I was Director/Executive Director for 18 years, later came back as an interim director for a year, and since have been part of the SMCCC Board/Ministry Team for the last 14-15 years. It became a real calling; SMCCC and being a child advocate is in my blood. My mission was - children are society's most prized commodity, let us treat them that way. "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me." - Mark 9:36

During my time as Director, I was pleased to be part of: adding infant and toddler programs with quality teacher-to-child ratios, expanding to include a kindergarten and an after-school program, becoming the first center in Montgomery County to be accredited by NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children), leading six years of fundraising to plan the existing playground and purchase equipment, and opening and operating an intergenerational child care center at Dock Woods/Living Branches along with the church campus for 15 years. Child care is a particularly challenging profession/business across the nation, and Salford's was no exception. Sharing space has not always been easy, especially for the first ten years. It can be easier to send money to support a child care center in Africa than share refrigerator shelves. I like to think we all have become better people because of working through these difficulties. It is truly a miracle and delight to know that the Salford building and campus have been used hard during the week as well as on Sundays year-round for the last 40 years. "The most important thing that adults can teach children is how to love someone else." – Maya Angelou

## **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.](#)

### **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.

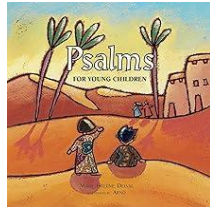
Printed copies were placed in mailboxes for families aged 5th grade and under. Contact Jenn for additional paper copies, or download a digital copy linked above. Share your progress with others. Return your card at the end of the summer and we'll recognize all that we practiced together.

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.

## **Church Library Spotlight**

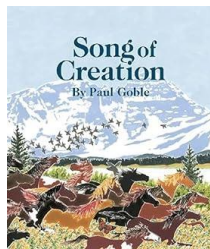
The church library has purchased many new books in recent weeks. Stop by and speak with a librarian to see what's new, or review the library catalogue on the Salford church website <https://smck-ind.kari.opalsinfo.net/bin/home>

### **Psalms for Young Children by: Marie-Helene Delval**



The Psalms describe a whole range of emotions, from joy and wonder to sadness and regret. This collection of Psalms, paraphrased for young readers, uses simple yet powerful imagery to help children express their feelings. DONATED

### **Song of Creation by: Paul Goble**



“Birds pray, trees pray, flowers pray, mountains pray, the winds and rain pray, rivers and the little insects pray as well. The whole earth is in constant prayer, and we can join with its great prayer,” says award-winning author and illustrator Paul Goble.

Every element of creation — from the magpie to the minnow — glorifies God in its own way in this bold and brightly illustrated work, adapted from The Book of Common Prayer. Goble invites readers to join with the land and the animals in singing praise to God. 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 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 16<sup>th</sup>. Contact Pastor Karen if your family would like to be a part of this time.

## **Beyond Salford**

The Bible has sustained Anabaptist faith for 500 years and continues to convict, encourage, and transform us as Anabaptists. The ***Anabaptist Community Bible*** invites you to read Scripture with fresh eyes and to discover how key Anabaptist themes are woven throughout the stories of the Bible and your own life. Expertly designed using the Common English Bible translation, the *Anabaptist Community Bible* will connect you more deeply to the biblical story, the Anabaptist story, and your own story. More than 7,200 marginal notes alongside the biblical text feature commentary from Anabaptist scholars, historical notes from the tradition, and the insights of nearly 600 Bible study groups. This pairing of notes and introductions alongside the biblical text commemorates the 500th anniversary of Anabaptism by modeling a community-based approach to reading Scripture and calling readers to follow Jesus in word and deed. Experience a renewed engagement with Scripture as you encounter the text in conversation with a larger community of believers, expecting God's Word to transform your life. Accessible to Christians from all faith traditions who want to read Scripture through a Jesus-centered lens. Preorders placed through **MennoMedia** will ship on or before January 2025. [Preorder with 20-30% off the cover price here.](#)

**Small Quiet 1 Bedroom and Office Apartment for Rent available now.** The address is Church Rd, Telford not far from Landis Market and the Indian Valley Library. Although the apartment is on a major thoroughfare, it is quiet at the back of the farmhouse and in a quiet neighborhood where friendly people frequently take walks. Best suited for a single person. Contact **Ray Hunsberger** at (215) 237-2680 for further information on the apartment.

The **youth group of Zion Mennonite Church, Souderton**, is holding a donation car wash at Zion on Saturday, June 29, from 9-11 a.m. All donations will go to support Zion's solar panel installation. All dirty cars are invited to drop by for fellowship with Zion's youth!

Join **Frederick Mennonite Church for an old fashioned accapella hymn sing** on Sunday, June 9th, from 2:30-4:00pm. There will be light refreshments following. The address is 526 Colonial Rd, Perkiomenville, PA 18074. Questions? Contact Greg Law, [gregbetty9604@verizon.net](mailto:gregbetty9604@verizon.net) or cell: 610.256.7878

**Healthy Niños Honduras** will be hosting its 16th Annual Golf Outing on Friday, June 14th starting at 7:30 AM at Butter Valley Golf Port. This is a great way to enjoy a morning of golf while supporting Healthy Niños in its efforts to eradicate malnutrition. Register online at [healthyninos.org/golf-outing](http://healthyninos.org/golf-outing) or by contacting [office@healthyninos.org](mailto:office@healthyninos.org).