

March 10, 2024

Sunday, March 10, 9:30 am Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live. Lead Pastor Dave Greiser will preach on Ephesians 2:1–10; *The Trauma of Grace*

10:30 am Second Hour for all ages

The Contemplative Practices 2nd hour will meet in Room 206. We will practice imaginative scripture reading. Questions – talk to Pastor Karen.

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.

March 3, 2024

Offering
\$12,376

ACH Electronic
Offering
\$7,645

Vanco Online Offering
\$3,267

**Total Budget Offering
\$23,288**

**Children's Offering
\$53**

**Garden Fundraiser:
\$1,430**

Future Salford Events

March 10 – Families with Children and Youth Potluck

A Service of Grief and Hope for Palestine

On Sunday, March 17, Salford will join with four other Mosaic Conference congregations - Ambler, Plains, Perkasio, and Methacton, for a service of prayer, lament, and hope for the people of Palestine and Israel. For months we have watched, cried, prayed, and sought to raise our voices for a cease-fire in Gaza. Now we will gather to join our voices as one.

On the 17th, there will be no worship service at Salford. Instead, we will meet at 10:15 a.m. at Plains on Orvilla Road in Hatfield. This service originated from conversations between Pastor Jacob Curtis at Ambler, and Sam Kuttub, a Palestinian Mennonite who relates to Oxford Circle Mennonite in Philadelphia.

The service will consist of singing, a children's time with storytelling from Gaza, and a service divided into prayers of lament and prayers of hope. Palestinians and Jews will talk about their griefs and hope for Palestine and give the congregation a chance to lay hands on them and pray for them. There will be a special offering collected that morning for the work of [Mennonite Action](#). Mark your special offering envelope for "Mennonite Action". **Please bring your regular Salford offering to Salford the week before or the week after this event, or mail or drop it off at the church office when you are able.**

There will be a nursery and children's activities offered during worship, as well as action/letter writing opportunities organized by Tori Jones Long.

This service will be a wonderful opportunity to deepen relationships with members of other Mosaic Conference churches and to stand in solidarity with suffering people in Gaza.

We encourage as many as can to plan to carpool over to Plains on Sunday. Meet in the Salford parking lot by 9:40 am to carpool.

Would you consider bringing a dozen cookies/donut holes/finger desserts to share for the after-service coffee time? (There will not be a meal as mentioned earlier) Thank you!

Women's Event - Dinner Yahtzee

Who: Anyone who identifies as female, college age and up

What: Fun evening of dinner with 4 other women. Get to meet some new friends or get to know some old friends better.

When: **Saturday March 16, at 4:30 pm**

Where: Meet in the church foyer and then go to an area restaurant of your choice.

How: When you arrive you will write your name on a slip of paper that will be put in a bowl. Once everyone arrives dinner groups will be formed by drawing 5 names from the bowl at random. The group of 5 will designate a driver and choose where they would like to go eat dinner together. ***This is a great event to bring someone new to Salford. If you bring a friend you may include them on your slip so you may be together in a group.*** There will be a chosen time to return to church

March 16 – Women's Event Dinner Yahtzee, Meeting at 4:30 pm at Salford

March 17 – Prayers for Palestine Worship Service at Plains Mennonite Church, 10:15 am

March 23 – Youth Auction and Fundraiser meal.

April 7 - Monthly Communion Service

April 21 – Brooke Martin Service of Ordination

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

so groups can report on their dining experiences.

No need to RSVP. Cindy Moyer is the point person if you have questions.

MYF Auction Update

The Salford MYF auction is just around the corner! We hope to see you on **Saturday, March 23, at 4:00 P.M.** for our meal and the **auction at 5:30 P.M.!** The proceeds of the auction go to support Salford's Mennonite Youth fellowship, providing affordable and varied faith formation opportunities to our youth.

Click this [link](#) to see the wonderful and generous auction items that have been donated so far. If you won't be able to attend the auction but want to bid on some items, make sure to make arrangements with someone who is attending to bid on your behalf!

This Sunday, we will have auction items on display in the lobby. Make sure to arrive a few minutes early to check them out!

If you are donating an item, please bring it with you to set on the display tables. Experiences, meals, and service donations will have certificates created on their behalf.

If you have something to donate, make sure to contact Pastor Andrew as soon as possible at zetsa@salfordmc.org.

Zoom Gathering for Online Participants

Have you been engaging with Salford at a distance by watching our services online? If so, we would love to get to know you! On **Thursday, March 14, from 7:00-8:00 P.M.**, the pastoral staff and members of the church board will host a Zoom gathering to connect with people who are connecting with Salford from far away. We'll enjoy time in large and small groups as we work to get to know the community connecting with us outside the building.

To participate, complete [this form](#). The Zoom link will be sent to the email address you provide on the form. We hope to see you on the 14th!

This Week at Salford

Monday, March 11

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

7:00 pm Childcare Ministry Team Meeting (Zoom)

Wednesday, March 13

5:30 pm Faith Formation night Meal (Fellowship Hall)

6:30 pm Kids Club (Gathering Hall)

Thursday, March 14

7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

Saturday, March 16

4:30 pm Women's Dinner Yahtzee (Meet at Salford)

Sunday, March 17

10:15 am Service of Grief and Hope at Plains Mennonite Church

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

- For **Willis Miller** who is in Lansdale Hospital being treated for an infection. **Willis** will have a procedure on one of his kidneys on March 12th. Pray for a

quick recovery.

- For **Marvin Anders** who is recovering from a fall when he was on vacation in Florida. He will have follow-up care when he gets home.
- All Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for continued growth of the **Encuentro de Renovación congregation in Miami, FL**, especially in consolidating a worship team. Encuentro has lost many members due to the strict immigration laws in Florida.

Anniversary Blessings...

To **Don & Jean Detweiler**, who celebrates their 65th wedding anniversary on March 15th.

Your Prayers Requested...

for **Harlan Anders** and the Anders family. Jean Anders, age 90, passed away Wednesday, March 6 at her home at Ephrata Manor. Prayers for comfort and strength for Harlan and the Anders family as they remember her life and mourn her passing.

Memorial Service Information:

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Jean's Memorial Service at Manheim Brethren in Christ Church, 54 North Penryn Road, Manheim, on Saturday, March 23, 2024 at 11:00 AM. There will be a time of visitation from 10:00 AM until the time of service.

You may view Jean's [obituary here](#).

Your prayers are also requested for **Albert Russo, Greta Russo and Bryanna Russo** and the Russo family. Jessie Russo, age 78, passed away Monday, March 4 at her home at Parkhouse Nursing in Royersford Pennsylvania . Prayers for comfort and strength for the Russo family as they remember her life and mourn her passing.

Memorial Service Information:

A memorial service for Jessie will be held at First Baptist Church of Wayne, 1012 Upper Gulph Road, Wayne PA on Saturday, March 16 at 10:00 am. A viewing for Jessie will be held from 9:00 - 10:00 am. There is also an option to view the service online at the obituary link below.

You may view Jessie's [obituary here](#).

Chip & Jan Foderaro are planning to attend the memorial service for Jessie. Please contact them if you would like to travel with them.

Service & Mission

Donation of the Month for March – MANNA ON MAIN STREET, ITEMS NEEDED: Long Pasta (spaghetti, linguine, etc.) Tomato Products (diced, crushed, puree, paste, etc.) Bean soups, Beef soups, 100% fruit juices.

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."

Please place items in the basket at the donation of the month table or on the shelves in coat room.

Faith Formation Spotlight

Faith Formation Night—Wednesday, March 13, 5:30-8:00 P.M.

Join us for our monthly Faith Formation Night! This month the adults will be led by Josh Meyer, a financial consultant from Everence. Please RSVP to Pastor Andrew by March 11. We hope to see people of all ages on the 13th!

5:30-6:15 P.M.: Dinner

6:15-6:30 P.M.: Worship

6:30-8:00 P.M.: Age-specific programs

Kids Club: A space for 1st-5th graders to have a fun time exploring various themes and stories from Scripture through crafts, games, and a variety of activities.

Junior MYF, Senior MYF, and Adults: A gathering of 6th through 12th graders that connects for games, conversation, and contemplation to provide mutual support and foster spiritual growth. This month we will organize and do some preparation for the auction, connect with each other through games and conversation, and take time for reflection and contemplation.

Adults: No matter what phase of life we are in, we all have questions about how to be wise and loving with the resources available to us. Josh's workshop will help participants think through what areas of their financial life they should be prioritizing. The session will have people tending to their financial health as well as thinking about how good personal stewardship enables us to be more responsive to the needs in our communities.

Potluck for Salford's Children and Youth Ministries on Sunday, March 10

After Second Hour on March 10, Andrew and Jenn will be hosting a potluck for everyone involved in children and youth ministries: children and youth (ages 2-18), parents/guardians, Second Hour teacher and aides, and MYF sponsors. Bring a dish to share and please bring your own plates and cutlery to reduce the waste we generate.

Our primary goal is to provide a space of fellowship where families can interact with each other and the trusted adults who are participating in their youths' faith formation. Additionally, there will be 10-15 minutes of updates from Jenn and Andrew. Topics will include: content for the upcoming Sunday School spring quarter and Circle of Grace curricula, elementary school offering discernment project, Peace Camp, the MYF's spring service and event schedule, final needs for the MYF auction, and more.

We hope to have these potlucks twice a year, so join us for the first gathering!

Welcoming Path Learning Corner

March 26 marks the one year anniversary of Salford adopting our new Welcome Statement. For the past two months, we have provided a weekly primer on terminology to help give us the words and meanings to help make conversations easier and more comfortable. As we celebrate this milestone, we invite you to consider what you can do to become a more supportive and informed ally to LGBTQ+ people. The book [The Savvy Ally](#) is an excellent resource for those looking to grow in this area. The Trevor Project also offers a range of articles on topics such as [Understanding Bisexuality](#), [Understanding Gay & Lesbian Identities](#), and [Understanding Gender Identities](#). And beginning April 28, the Welcoming Path team will offer a short series of second hour elective classes so we can continue our learning together.

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

This September will be the 40th Anniversary of the Child Care Center. To celebrate we will be sharing history and facts about it in upcoming months. In the early 80's the Peace & Social Concerns Committee of Women's Fellowship asked the Church Board to explore the possibility of beginning a day care center for children. The purpose was to "provide quality care for children whose parents need child care, usually because of work schedules." Mary Moyer, Susan Brenneman, and Susan Bergey, often referred to as "The Founding Mothers", and Willis Miller were appointed to study the feasibility of this proposal.

In early 1983 six other Salford members joined them, creating an Advisory Board. Their task included many hours of discussion and paperwork to establish the groundwork for the center. In addition, they made proposals for approval to the Salford congregation, Lower Salford Township and the state, sourced funding, and staff, and even built shelves for the children's toys.

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>

Thriving Families – A Trauma-Informed Guidebook for the Foster and Adoptive Journey By: Jenn Ranter Hook

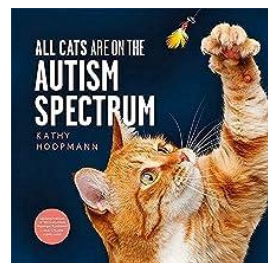


Caring for children is deeply important to the heart of God, and adoption and foster care are important callings that connect to God's heart for children and families. But this road isn't always easy. It's important that foster and adoptive parents prepare to address their children's history of trauma, separation, and disrupted placements, which can lead to mental health, emotional, and behavioral difficulties. It is also important to understand how this journey shapes and influences our children. We cannot ignore the deep feelings and questions that children experience as they try to understand their story. How

can we help them navigate their identity, and sit with them in the unknowns of their story or the grief and loss that comes up?

Drawing on the latest science and research on trauma, attachment, sensory processing difficulties, cultural competence, and grief and loss, authors Josh and Jenn Hook provide a trauma-informed approach to help adoptive and foster families—and the church called to care for the vulnerable in our midst—to help their children heal, grow, and thrive. DONATED

All Cats Are on the Autism Spectrum By: Kathy Hoopmann



This updated edition of the bestselling *All Cats Have Asperger Syndrome* provides an engaging, gentle introduction to autism.

All-new cats take a playful look at the world of autism, and these fun feline friends will strike a chord with all those who are familiar with typical autistic traits, bringing to life common characteristics such as sensory sensitivities, social issues and communication difficulties.

Touching, humorous and insightful, this book evokes all the joys and challenges of being on the autism spectrum, leaving the reader with a sense of the dignity, individuality and the potential of autistic people. DONATED

News & Notes

This Sunday, March 10th is **daylight savings time**. When you go to bed on Saturday night, move your clocks forward one hour.

Anabaptist World group subscriptions are due for renewal. A renewal form has been placed in each church mailbox with extra copies at the Welcome Center. A subscription through the group subscription costs \$40.00; \$15.00 off the regular subscription price. Please return the form and your payment to the church office by March 24th, 2024. All subscribers will need to indicate their intention to renew. There are some budget funds available for subscriptions for those who have difficulty covering the subscription cost.

Salford Friends at Souderton Mennonite Home - join us for our monthly gathering on March 11 from 7-8 in the Friendship Room. We will observe communion together. Questions – call Pastor Karen.

In this week's **Salford volleyball news**. Salford was able to pull off an ugly 5-0 win against one of the less competitive teams in the league. Salford was missing several key players but was able to get the job done. Alexa Sefing and Augustine Byas filled in the gaps with key contributions to help get the win. Salford currently sits in 1st place with a two game lead over Renew. This coming Monday's game is at Calvary Church of Souderton at 7pm.

The next book for the **Banned/Challenged Book Club** is Burger's Daughter by Nadine Gordimer. A story that takes place during apartheid in South Africa. We will be meeting on March 20 at 6:30. All are welcome to join in the discussion!

In the event of **inclement weather that may affect our Sunday morning worship service and Second Hour**, we will announce any changes or closures by all church email and on the front page of our website by 8:30 am. If there are any questions about inclement weather and you do not have computer access, feel free to call Church Administrator **Brad Alderfer** at (215) 272-6724.

Beyond Salford

Join us on **Tuesday, March 12 at 7:00 pm** when the Hesston College Bel Canto Singers will be at **Zion Mennonite Church in Souderton**. The 19-voice mixed chamber choir, under the direction of Dr. Russell Adrian and accompanied by Ken Rodgers, will present a program titled "Common Ground." The 2023-24 academic year marks the 40th season for the Bel Canto Singers, Hesston College's premier choral ensemble.

All women are invited to a **free Mosaic Women's Event: Unity / Bersama / Unidad** focused on John 17. Saturday, April 27, 9:30am-2:30pm at Ripple Church in Allentown, PA and on Zoom. Featured speaker: Sue Park-Hur, director of racial/ethnic engagement for Mennonite Church USA. Free event, lunch included. Spanish and Indonesian interpretation available. Register at <https://mosaicmennonites.org/women>

You are invited to the [Perkasie Mennonite Church's Patchwork Coffeehouse](#) live concert with [Janie Rothfield and Allan Carr](#) on March 23, 2024, 7:30 pm, at 320 W Chestnut St., Perkasie, PA. Come enjoy Scottish and American Old Time Music – Old and New! A portion of the proceeds supports Rampacks. Wheelchair accessible.