

March 31, 2024

Sunday, March 31, 9:30 am Easter Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live, Lead Pastor Dave Greiser will preach on John 20:1-18; *Easter and Secret Disciples*

No Second Hour for Children or Adults on Easter Sunday

March 24, 2024

Offering

\$41,451

ACH Electronic

Offering

\$2,080

Vanco Online Offering

\$3,848

Total Budget Offering

\$47,379

Children's Offering:

\$49

Future Salford Events

March 29 – Good

Friday Worship

Service, 7:00 pm

March 31 – Easter

Sunday Worship, 9:30

am, No Second Hour

on Easter Sunday

April 7 - Monthly

Communion Service

April 10 – Faith

Formation Night with

Anna Martin from

Bethany Birches Camp

April 21 – Brooke

Martin Service of

Ordination

May 5 – Dock

Academy Touring Choir

Performance at Salford

May 12 – Monthly

Communion with Foot

Washing

Centered-Set, Part 3 – Encounters with Jesus

Next week we return to the theme of Centered-Set Church for a few weeks. For those who may be tiring of the subject, this time around the sermons will be story-based. So far, we have learned what becoming a centered-set church means for Salford. What or who is the center? How is “centered set” different from church as we have known it?

One thing we haven’t asked yet is, “What does being centered on Jesus mean for me *personally*?” In the coming weeks, you will be asked to imagine yourself among of the disciples of Jesus. You’ll watch Jesus draw all kinds of people to himself, and you’ll be asked to consider, “What would it look like if our church began seeking people to join us in this way?”

We’ll be watching Jesus through the eyes of John the gospel writer. In the first week we’ll listen in as Jesus encounters a skeptical student with some tough questions. Listen to his questions; bring one of your own.

Good Friday and Easter Sunday Worship Service Schedule

Our Good Friday Service on March 29th will begin at 7:00 pm. Our Easter Sunday Worship Service on March 31st will begin at 9:30 am. We will not have children’s Sunday school or adult Second hour on Easter Sunday so families can prepare for time together. Both services will be streamed on the Salford YouTube channel, but we encourage all who able to attend in person to share in the sorrow and the joy as we worship together in community.

Monthly Communion at Salford

Next Sunday, April 7th, we will come together as a community for Communion. This is another opportunity to join with Jesus and with each other at the table - remembering and celebrating the mystery and miracle of the resurrection. Healing, restoration, reconciliation, and growth are ours through Christ. Do you want to read more? Visit our [website here](#) to learn more about the meaning of this sacrament to our Salford community and to the church around the world.

MYF Auction Recap

Thank you to everyone who made this year's MYF auction a success—the volunteers, donors, bidders, auctioneers, food preparers and so many more! It was a wonderful evening together, and we exceeded our fundraising goal with a total of about \$42,000. We look forward to partnering with Healthy Niños Honduras to see how we can most effectively support their non-medical efforts (concrete floors, water filtration systems, food distribution, and/or Bible distribution) with a 10% tithe from the auction's donations.

Thank you all for blessing our youth and families with your generosity and we hope to see you again next year!

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

This Week at Salford

Monday, April 1

Church Office Closed for Easter Holiday

Wednesday, April 3

8:30 am Sewing Circle (Gathering Room)

Thursday, April 4

7:00 pm Justice & Peace Ministry Team Meeting (Library)

Sunday, April 7

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

Preaching: Andrew Zetts

10:30 am Second Hour for All Ages

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

- For **Vince Causerano** who spent some time in Grand View Hospital this week with a kidney stone.
- For **Dave Alderfer** who is continuing rehab and recovery from a stroke. He is at Grand View Hospital
- For **Marvin Anders** who is home in PA recovering and waiting on results from the cardiologist.
- For **Lois Wismer** who is adjusting to her move to Phoebe Care home in Richlandtown. Please keep her and **Lowell** in your prayers in this time of transition.
- All Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for **Bally (PA) and Bethany (Bridgewater Corners, VT)** as they each search a pastor, and interim pastor, respectively, to help minister to the congregation and in the community.

Birthday Blessings...

To **Roberta Kreider**, who celebrate her 98th birthday on April 3rd.

Memorial Service Information for Glenn Frederick...

Your continued prayers are requested for Elizabeth Frederick, Lori Frederick - Imbroglio, Darryl Frederick and the Frederick family. Glenn Frederick, age 84, passed away Thursday morning, March 21st, 2024

A visitation will be held on Saturday, June 1, 2024 at Salford Mennonite Church, 480 Groff's Mill Road, Harleysville, PA 19438 from 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm, followed by a Celebration of Life Service for Glenn at 2:00 pm.

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

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.

Salford/Advent Garden Update, March 28, 2024:

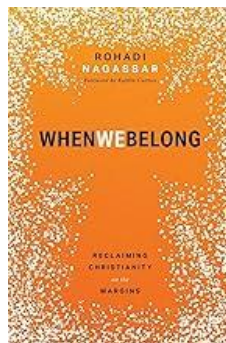
Greetings fellow gardeners and an official welcome to spring! The weather is still on the cold side, but that will change in the weeks ahead. I have not been as active in the garden as I would have liked, just too many other projects taking up my time. I will be at the garden Friday and Saturday. I would like to start to set up the beds for planting. Move the picnic tables around and just tidy things up a little. I do have some plants I may put in the ground Saturday in my experimental beds. But we shall see what we get done first. Next Saturday I will not be in the garden but will continue to work during the week to set up as many beds as I can for the 13th. Our first official planting day. I have 2 flats of cabbage in my basement started and I will be starting some tomatoes and zinnias this weekend.

The garden lost a friend this past week. Glenn Fredrick passed away after a long fight with ALS. Glenn often worked in the garden with Hiram Hershey during the week. Glenn would always help Hiram tend to our tomatoes. After he could no longer work in the garden, Glenn still kept in touch with me with encouraging e-mails and suggestions. I know he enjoyed these garden updates. When Lory and I moved into our house, Glenn's Dad still lived down the street. He always had a nice garden. Blessings and prayers to Glenn's family. Steve rsblank@verizon.net
215-872-6616

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>

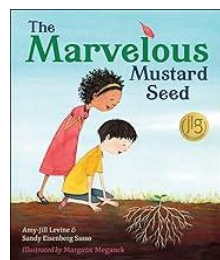
When We Belong – Reclaiming Christianity on the Margins By: Rohadi Nagassar



We need belonging to survive and thrive. For Christians who know the pain, isolation, and loss of identity that comes with the ongoing struggle to be seen in churches and institutions full of barriers to belonging, you are not alone. Sometimes it can feel easier to walk away from faith completely. But there is another way. When it feels as though there's no place left to belong, Jesus invites us into a love that knows no bounds and a community that truly liberates.

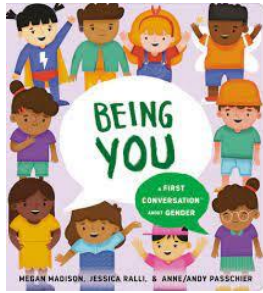
In this hope-filled book, author Rohadi Nagassar brings the margins to the center to help readers rediscover a reality of love, belonging, and beauty through the journey of deconstructing, decolonizing, and reclaiming faith. For those on the margins struggling to find belonging, for everyone who wants to join in building radically inclusive communities where all people can live fully in their own skin—now begins a journey to find this freedom. DONATED

The Marvelous Mustard Seed By: Amy-Jill Levine



Discover the surprising potential of one small seed in *The Marvelous Mustard Seed*. Based on Jesus' parable of the Mustard Seed, this inspiring children's book shows young readers that one tiny seed—just like one small child—carries a world of potential. *The Marvelous Mustard Seed* features ethnically diverse characters, and it is ideal for children ages 4-8. A special note for parents and teachers is included. DONATED

Being You: A First Conversation about Gender By: Megan Madison, Jessica Ralli, & Anne/Andy Passchier



No matter how a person feels about themselves, they deserve to have a world that is fair to them. The predominant message is fairness. Complete with an opening note and explanations in the back, this book is a well-done look at gender and the options that may be present in a child's mind. As children deal with varied preferences in toys and clothing, they may receive messages that are confusing. This book lays that all out explaining how we got it wrong and what things are unfair. Clarity in our use of body-part words is encouraged. Pronouns, feminism, and activism are all explained.

News & Notes

Salford friends at Souderton Mennonite Homes - we will have our monthly gathering on Monday night, April 8th from 7-8 in the Friendship Room. Please join us! Questions - call Pastor Karen.

Parents and loved ones of LGBTQIA folks: we are forming an affirming circle to meet regularly, beginning in early April. Interested? Talk to **Pastor Karen**.

Another week and another strong showing by the **Salford volleyball team**. With captain Luke Martin indisposed by a very severe case of "golf trip", other members of the team needed to step up to fill the void. Ben Sefing took on the role of setter and was masterful in orchestrating the offense. Adam Messner put on a dominant performance both offensive and defensive, which was almost assuredly fueled by his newly acquired "Menno Power" t-shirt. The team will be off this week, then will play the final game of their regular season the following week with the chance to cement a playoff berth.

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.

Beyond Salford

You're invited to a Medicare and Social Security Seminar on April 15 at 6:30 p.m. at Souderton Mennonite Church, 105 West Chestnut St. [RSVP HERE](#) or call 215-703-0111

The March edition of **On the Level** is now available from **Mennonite Disaster Service**. In our current issue: Kevin King explores where we would see Jesus in disaster responses, get the latest on the damage left by the Midwest tornadoes, and learn how a remote electrician is adding a spark to an MDS project. Plus, check out the volunteer opportunities for this summer and fall. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/4adqxsS>