

May 12, 2024

Sunday, May 12, 9:30 am Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live, Lead Pastor Dave Greiser will offer a reflection as part of the communion service

10:30 am Second Hour for all ages

The Welcoming Path Second Hour Elective Class will meet in the Fellowship Hall led by the Welcoming Path Team

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 5, 2024

Offering

\$12,104

ACH Electronic

Offering

\$7,575

Vanco Online Offering

\$3,972

Total Budget Offering

\$23,651

Children's Offering:

\$44

Future Salford Events

May 12 – Monthly Communion with Foot Washing

June 2 – Monthly Communion

June 16 – Summer

Communion and Foot Washing, May 12, 2024

Communion and Foot Washing: This Sunday we will observe monthly communion. There will also be an opportunity to participate in foot or hand washing with our community. You can read [Salford's Communion Statement here](#). You can also talk with any of the pastors if you have a question! Hope to see you at the table and basin. **We will have Second Hour on the 12th.**

Welcoming Path Second Hour Elective Series

The Welcoming Path team invites you to join us for our final second hour elective class this Sunday, May 12, where we will continue our discussion about terminology and pronouns. In the first session, we participated in an activity to build empathy and awareness. In the second session, we learned more about sexual orientation, gender identity and expression. This [video about terminology](#), which we watched together, is available as you continue your learning journey. The [Genderbread Person handout](#) is also available as a reference point.

Children's Offering 2023-2024

This year the children received an invitation to support Philadelphia Praise Center, also known as PPC, in South Philadelphia. Their youth go to Camp Men-O-Lan in the summer, and they are also planning to have a church-wide retreat there in the fall.

The children were invited to consider sharing this year's children's offering to help PPC cover their payment to Camp Men-O-Lan. They were introduced to PPC through some photos and [this video](#) that their youth sent.

The children affirmed this idea with a Y-E-S! and discussed the ways in which they'd like to send something back to PPC. They have decorated a card to send along with a photo.

Thank you, Salford family, for your support of the children's offering! \$2000 (collected since May 2023) will go toward PPC's payment to Camp Men-O-Lan, which covers around two-thirds of what they need to raise for their camp experiences.

Meeting the New Anabaptists (part one)

As most of you know, I was part of a Mosaic Conference-sponsored trip to England and France last week. Jeff Wright from Blooming Glen, Sonya Stauffer Kurtz and her husband Roger from Zion Mennonite, Aldo Siahaan from Philadelphia Praise Center, and our lead minister Steve Kriss were my traveling companions.

Our trip was divided into four parts: a weekend in the southwest England city of Yeovil with Yeovil Community Church; some time in London with Stuart and Sian Murray Williams and members of the Anabaptist Network; two days in Calais, France with a Mennonite Mission Network household and Christian ministries

Worship Schedule
Begins, 10:00 am
worship start time and
no Second Hour
June 16 – 20 – Peace
Camp at Salford

If you have information
or prayer requests for
our newsletter, please
submit this to the
church office by 4:00
p.m. Wednesday
afternoon.

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providing shelter and hospitality for asylum seekers; and a day of sightseeing in London.

Yeovil Community Church is a thriving church with a fascinating history and a wholistic ministry. Now and then I meet folks who are Anabaptist and do not know it; this church is like that. Yeovil Church was birthed from the “Christian Brethren”, or “Plymouth Brethren” in the 1920’s. Plymouth Brethren were a lay-led movement that stressed Bible study and evangelism. Lay leadership and friendship evangelism are still marks practiced the Yeovil Church, though it is no longer Plymouth Brethren. In the 1980’s and 90’s the Vineyard movement transformed church worship and left a charismatic trace that is evident today. Since then, the congregation has drawn from a broad array of spiritual streams. The current leader of the church, Adam Dyer, serves part time with Jesus Collective, an Anabaptist-inspired network started by Greg Boyd.

Yeovil Church retains the shared, lay leadership model of its Brethren roots. There is a ten-person leadership team (women and men); no one is financially supported full-time. The church has a strong spirit of volunteerism and carries on a lot of ministry for a 300-person church. It meets in a renovated former car dealership now called “The Gateway.” The Gateway is a hub for everything from ESOL classes to a youth drop-in center, to a coffee shop staffed by folks with various disabilities, to a space for hosting unhoused people. There were other ministries in the space, too, but I can’t remember them all.

Sunday worship is many-voiced. Mentoring young leaders is a high priority. Four people, aged 19-23, are ministry interns. When we visited the preacher was a 19-year-old woman. Following the sermon there was open-mike time in which people may offer a word from the Lord, a scripture, or a reflection on some part of the service. There was communion, which is open to all who would partake. I felt a strong sense of mutual love among the people.

After worship, we met with some of the leaders for lunch, and shared with them that a lot of what we experienced felt very Anabaptist. Some of the leaders were unfamiliar with the term “Anabaptist”. It led to an interesting discussion.

More reflections next week! – Dave Greiser

This Week at Salford

Monday, May 13

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

Wednesday, May 15

6:30 pm Banned Book Club Meeting (Library)

Sunday, May 19

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

Preaching: Beth Yoder

10:30 am Second Hour for All Ages

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

- For **Jolene Landis** who has begun treatment for lymphoma at The Cancer Center of Paoli Hospital, completing her first round of chemotherapy on May 7th while still an inpatient at Paoli Hospital. She welcomes cards but visits, phone calls and texts are difficult for her at this time.
- All Mosaic Conference congregations are invited to pray for **Resplandece Mennonite (Pembroke Pines, FL)** as they search for a meeting space for the in-person members of their hybrid congregation. Church leader Josué

Gonzalez currently hosts the offline congregants in his home and hopes for a greater presence in the local community that will attract more members. Please also pray for their efforts to raise funds to compensate their pastor more generously.

Birthday Blessings...

To **Ruth Nafziger**, who celebrates her 98th birthday on May 19th.

Service & Mission

Donation of the Month for May – Access Services: warm weather sleeping bags, small portable tents, bug spray, \$10 WAWA or McDonalds food card.

The Access Services Street Outreach Program provides **whole-person intervention** for those facing housing instability and homelessness in Montgomery County.

Links to purchase items from Amazon:

[Tent](#)

[Sleeping Bag](#)

[Sleeping Bag](#)

[Bug Spray](#)

Purchased items can be placed at the donation table by the infant nursery. Special donations can be made through offering envelopes or checks to Salford Mennonite Church marked for “Access Services”

The **Svetlik-Goods (Sheldon, Jenn, and family)** are opening the basement in their home in Lansdale as a guest room, with the goal of welcoming 1-2 immigrants at a time to reside in their home for short periods to assist with obtaining stability in the community. We are currently developing a partnership with a congregation in Mosaic Mennonite Conference.

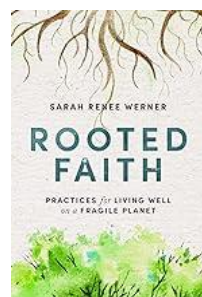
We will be sharing more about our vision soon, and inviting ways for you to get involved, but for now, [here is a document](#) that lists the furnishings and items we still need for accommodating our guests -- please be in touch with Jenn if you can donate any of these.

If you'd like to stay connected through email updates to these efforts and future opportunities to support, please [sign up via this form](#). Thank you! - **Sheldon and Jenn**

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>

Rooted in Faith – Practices for Living Well on a Fragile Planet By: Sarah Renee Werner

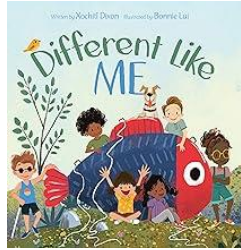


As temperatures rise, natural disasters wreak devastation, and precious species die off one by one, we know we must change how we live in the world. But how? What would it look like if we took seriously the biblical charge to live more peacefully and gently on our fragile planet, if we understood ourselves as neighbors in a community of creation? *Rooted Faith* explores the future of the church called to live differently--one of reinhabiting our particular landscapes and confronting the assumptions of

consumer culture head-on through our lives and actions.

Drawing on Scripture, Christian history, and practical theology, author Sarah Renee Werner invites readers into a new way of seeing ourselves in relationship with the rest of creation. She offers tangible practices for opening up our hearts to both the beauty and tragedy around us and guides us toward meaningful action to restore creation. There has never been a more crucial moment to reclaim this overlooked aspect of our faith as we seek to live differently--live *well*--on this fragile planet. DONATED

Different Like Me By: Xochiti Dixon



Adventure with a diverse group of children as they discover and celebrate that we all have more in common than we might think.

God made each of us unique, but sometimes these differences can leave us feeling like a fish out of water. In *Different Like Me*, follow a diverse group of children as they work together to help a giant fish balloon toward a surprising conclusion that will delight children. Celebrate our differences and uncover what we have in common on this whimsical journey that reminds readers that no matter how different, all of us are a part of God's wonderful creation. DONATED

News & Notes

Mennonite Education Plan covenants have been placed in all church mailboxes, with a few additional copies placed at the Welcome Center. For families planning to participate in the MEP, please return the covenant to the church office by May 26, 2024. Please contact the MEP team; Ron Freed, Meredith Ehst or Jim Rittenhouse if you have questions about MEP participation.

Salford Friends at Souderton Mennonite Homes: please join us for our monthly gathering on **Monday, May 13 at 7 in the Friendship Room**. Let Karen know if you have questions. Hope to see you there!

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.

The **Banned/Challenged Book Club** is reading "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" by Ken Kesey. We will be meeting in the church library on May 15 at 6:30. Everyone is invited to read the book and join us!

Beyond Salford

Dock Mennonite Academy's 63rd Annual Country Fair and Auction will be held on **Friday, May 17 from 5-9 PM**. The event promises good food, fun & entertainment for the entire family! Join us for BBQ Chicken Dinner onsite from 5-7 PM as well as a delicious variety of food truck fare throughout the evening. Our LIVE Auction will take place outdoors under the tent starting at 7:30 pm with auctioneer Sandy Alderfer. Our online auction contains many more items and experiences and runs from May 10-20, 2024. On the fly? Drive by our Chicken Drive Thru at Franconia Mennonite Church from 4:00 PM-6:30 PM. Strawberry Pies will be available onsite and at the Drive Thru! Don't miss Inflatables, Face Painting, Ben's Balloon Animals, and our Helicopter Cow & Candy Drop Friday evening at 7 PM. Bring the whole family and share in all the fun! Shuttle parking available from March Farms/Franconia Café. Visit www.dock.org for all the details.

Please join us at **9 am on Saturday, May 18**, as **Mosaic Mennonite Conference** holds a **Fun Walk** to benefit **The Worm Project** at **Franconia Community Park**. **No sign up**. Along the walking path will be a number of fun, interactive, and educational stations for all ages. Come and stroll with family and friends and learn about our mission to treat children suffering from parasitic worms in the poorest countries around the world. Every dollar you donate will help treat 40 children. <http://www.wormproject.org>