

May 14, 2023

Sunday, May 14, 9:30 am Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live, Guest preacher Laura Alderfer will preach on Acts 9:36-43; *Stitched with Love*

10:30 am Second Hour for all ages

Connections Class with Maria Hosler Byler interviewing Seth Malone & Sarah Funkhouser in Room 206

May 7, 2023

Offering \$11,491
ACH Electronic Offering \$2,045
Vanco Online Offering \$2,567
Total Budget Offering \$16,104
Children's Offering \$38

Future Salford Events

May 28 – Pentecost Celebration Worship

June 4 – Dock Academy Choir performance at Salford

June 11 – Mosaic Conference Pentecost Worship Service, 7:30 pm, Stream on Facebook/YouTube

July 30 – Outdoor Worship in the Grove with Fellowship Picnic

If you have information or prayer requests for

A Walk Against Gun Violence

You're invited to participate in a peaceful one mile walk against gun violence on **Sunday, May 21 at 3:30 on Main Street, Lansdale**. The half mile walk begins and ends at Trinity Lutheran Church, W. Main St. Lansdale. It concludes with worship and an opportunity to write letters to representatives. The walk will be led by "Heeding God's Call," and faith communities in the Lansdale area.

Prior to the march, there will be an additional activity you can participate in to prepare.

- on **Saturday, May 20 from 10-11:30 a.m.** we'll gather to **make signs** with positive messages to carry in the march. People from participating churches will also be participating in sign making at Salford, so it will be a good opportunity to fellowship and get to know other participants in other communities.

Reflections on May 7th Foot Washing and Communion

Last week we held a communion and foot washing service for the first time in four years. What was once a familiar practice in Salford's life we were able to learn anew. The scene was joyful and powerful!

Many people participated in foot washing or hand washing for the first time. I've heard a few of these stories this week. There were stories of learning the specifics of the ritual (no soap?) and so many warm feelings about the opportunity to offer love and service to one another through water and a towel. The same held true for communion: plenty of jokes about how loud the crackers were! And also gratitude that we all were able to eat and drink together as one body, as well as that an opportunity was given for each person to reflect on their participation.

Children's participation in foot washing was a particular joy. Children as young as two years old joined in. Two boys were instructed step by step by an adult as they learned this ritual for the first time. Children's engagement was sustained through the variety of ways to engage during worship, as well as keeping the service to a normal length and having Second Hour as usual. And I know the conversations have also continued throughout the week.

We say that rituals are both worship and formation. That was my experience as I participated in communion and foot washing with you all last week. May we continue to worship and seek to be shaped – and may God lend grace to these practices of our church body.

Mennonite Education Plan Covenants for 2023/2024

Mennonite Education Plan Covenants for the 2023/2024 school year have been placed in church mailboxes with extra copies at the Welcome Center. Any family with children participating at Dock Mennonite Academy through the Salford MEP will need to complete a new covenant and return it to the church office by May 28, 2023. Ron Freed, Meredith Ehst and Jim Rittenhouse form the MEP ministry team and are available for conversation or questions about the MEP.

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

Tuesday, May 16

7:00 pm Church Board Meeting (Friendship Room)

Sunday, May 21

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

Preaching: Dave Greiser

10:30 am Second Hour for all Ages

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

- For **Ben Nase**, spending two weeks at the Rehab Center in Horsham, PA, recovering from his treatment for congestive heart failure.
- We rejoice today with all the **mothers**, seasoned and new and ask for continued wisdom for the journey. May God give comfort to those for whom today brings pain, hard memories, or heavy loss. Mother God of all have mercy on us.
- All Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for the **Ark of Christ** congregation in Orange County, California. They are a mostly Indonesian congregation that is discerning affiliation with Mosaic Conference. Pray for their discernment and their congregational life.

Birthday Blessings...

To **Ruth Nafziger**, who turns 97 on May 19, 2023.

We welcomed **two new babies** into the Salford community last week. Thank you for considering and taking the time to make and deliver a meal to Katie and Dietrich Alderfer as they transition to being a family of four. Please use the link listed below to sign up.

[Meal Schedule for Katie and Dietrich Alderfer](#)

Thank you for considering and taking the time to make and deliver a meal to Cassy and Andrew Zetts as they transition to being a family of four. Please use the link listed below to sign up.

[Meal Schedule for Andrew and Cassy Zetts](#)

Please contact Meal Ministry Coordinator Becca Beels with any questions.

Service & Mission

Donation of the Month for May – Granola/Breakfast Bars, Fruit Cups and Applesauce Cups, Raisins and Dried Fruit, Bottled Water, Coffee (Keurig and Ground Coffee – please no whole bean)

Your donations will benefit Manna on Main Street food pantry in Lansdale. Items can be placed on the table by the infant/toddler room entrance OR on the donation shelves in the coat room.

May 11, 2023 Salford/Advent Garden Update:

Greetings fellow gardeners, last Saturday we had a nice crew of volunteers working hard to fix the rows of straw and cardboard that were washed out by the rain. The pea trellis was put up and we set up part of the lower end for possible dry corn planting. This week I was able to hook up the drip lines on all the lower rows. Only a few leaks. I dressed up the ends of each row. We can now plant flowers at both ends of the garden. I set up my test tomato beds and even planted a few of the specialty tomatoes. This Saturday may be a little drippy but we could get

through without much of anything. I would like to plant tomatoes, Zucchini, Cucumbers, Eggplant and a few flowers. If time permits we have string beans and Lima beans to plant also. The potatoes have rocketed out of the ground and look really nice. Red beets and carrots are now big enough where they can be thinned out a little. The rain we had the other week really soaked the lower end but with the cardboard and straw walking in the aisles is no problem. I have been watering a little but not much. The ground does seem to have a good amount of moisture right now.

Thank you to everyone who spent time working in the garden this past week. Big, little, short or tall our volunteers are great one and all! Steve, 215-872-6616, rsblank@verizon.net

Faith Formation Spotlight

Children's Offering Consensus Decision Made by Elementary Schoolers

In April, the elementary Sunday School classes spent several weeks learning about how to make decisions by consensus, and then deciding where to dedicate the children's offering that has been collected since last September.

We learned that consensus decision making differs from voting because instead of the majority winning, the desires and needs of the whole group are considered.

First, we practiced making a decision about what snack to have. It took almost the whole second hour, but it ended up being the most creative snack ever served during Sunday School!

Then we learned about three different conference-related ministries: Bike and Sol in East Greenville, Crossroads Community Center in Philadelphia, and Ripple Community Building Center in Allentown. We watched videos that showed the work that they do.

Then we talked about which organization we thought should receive the offering. There were many different opinions and in the end we decided to split the money three ways. This was hard for some people who felt like a particular group was doing the most important work, but it was a way to include everyone's interests.

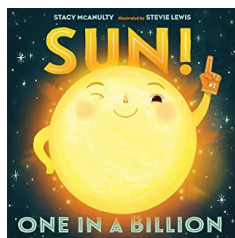
We also learned that consensus decision making takes a lot longer than voting! The whole process took two and a half classes.

"Making a decision by consensus felt good because everyone felt included," one participant shared. "Being able to be the ones to decide where this money goes felt really important," another person shared.

Thank you, Salford family, for your support of the children's offering! \$600 will go to each organization.

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>

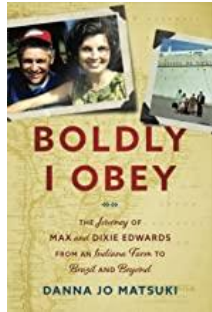


Sun! One in a Billion (Book 2 - Our Universe Book Series) By: Stacy McAnulty

Meet Sun: He's a star! And not just any star—he's one in a billion. He lights up our solar system and makes life possible. With characteristic humor and charm, Stacy McAnulty channels the voice of Sun in this next celestial "autobiography." Rich with kid-friendly facts and beautifully

illustrated, *Sun! One in a Billion* is an equally charming and irresistible companion to *Earth! My First 4.54 Billion Years*.

Boldly I Obey – The Journey of Max and Dixie Edwards from an Indiana Farm to Brazil and Beyond By: Danna Jo Matsuki



As one of Max Edwards' favorite sayings, these words depict Max's life, which was characterized by laying aside the things of mere earthly importance—a successful farming career, a comfortable home, closeness to friends and family—for pursuits of eternal significance instead.

From obedience in day-to-day decisions to uprooting his whole family, Max strove to accomplish whatever God would have him do. Following God's call, he, his wife, Dixie, and their children left all that they knew to go to Brazil as missionaries.

Through all the adventures and uncertainties, and with each new opportunity, Max and Dixie boldly followed God. As they obeyed, they saw his faithfulness in their lives, from developing camping ministries to bringing God's light to places crippled with spiritism.

Salford News & Notes

Kids' Club, for children in Grades 1-5, will have its final meeting on Wednesday, May 17 from 6:30 to 8:00 in the Gathering Room. We will be counting fabric squares for Sewing Circle, finishing our final craft, learning about Lydia in the New Testament, and playing one final round of Pictionary. There will also be a time of sharing our summer plans and hopes and dreams as well as sharing snacks. We hope to see you then! **Melissa & Mark Heise**

Henner Derstine has our thanks and appreciation for the many hours of weed whacking time he has volunteered in recent years in maintaining the church cemetery. Henner has decided it is time for a break from this role. So we are hopeful to find volunteers willing to give some time to maintaining the cemetery. If you are willing to help out, please contact Facility Manager George Gaugler to discuss.

Beyond Salford

Join us for the **Dock Country Fair & Auction** on **Friday, May 19** from 5-9 pm. In addition to our Chicken Drive Thru at Franconia Mennonite Church (4-7 pm), you can enjoy BBQ Chicken and Strawberry Pies onsite on our EC to Grade 8 campus at 420 Godshall Rd, Souderton, PA. We will also host a [LIVE auction](#) with auctioneer Sandy Alderfer at 7:30 PM and an [Online Auction](#) from May 12-22, 2023.

Stop by and enjoy delicious Food Trucks, Giant Inflatables, Monkey Motion Bungee Trampoline, Human Hungry Hippos, Selfie Photo Booth, Face Painting, Ben's Balloon Animals, Climb a Fire Truck, Helicopter Cow and Candy Drop, Music by Keith & Joey & much more! For all the details, visit our website at www.dock.org. Additional shuttle parking available at Marcho Farms/Franconia Café. Don't miss it!!

Link to Online Auction: <https://www.alderferrealestate.com/auctions/detail/dock-mennonite-academy-online-county-auction>

Link to Auction Catalog:

https://issuu.com/jaygordon1/docs/auction_catalog_web_23?fr=sOThiMzk4NDI4NW

Please join The **Worm Project** on Saturday, May 20 at 9:00 am when they hold a Fun Walk at Franconia Community Park. No sign up required – come and go for a stroll with family and friends and support their mission to treat children suffering from parasitic worms in the poorest countries around the world. Along the path, meet volunteers and Oakley, a certified therapy dog. Every dollar you donate will help treat 40 children. Learn more at www.wormproject.org.

Healthy Ninos Honduras is excited to host their 15th Annual Golf Outing on June 9 with a shotgun start at 7:30 am. Online registration is currently open at healthyninos.org/home#Golf and tickets are going fast. Be sure to claim your spot today, and help them fight malnutrition while practicing your swing.

The **MCC Material Resource Center** is in need of a weekly cleaner starting week of June 5. Call 267-203-8074 for more info.