

May 21, 2023

Sunday, May 21, 9:30 am Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live, Lead Pastor Dave Greiser will preach on Malachi 3:6-12, 2 Cor. 9:1-8; *What about Tithing?*

10:30 am Second Hour for all ages

Connections Class will meet in Room 206, Second Floor above the Main Foyer

May 14, 2023

Offering

\$5,921

ACH Electronic

Offering

\$2,045

Vanco Online Offering

\$2,724

Total Budget Offering

\$10,690

Children's Offering

\$31

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 our newsletter, please submit this to the

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.

Stewardship through Solar Panels

For years, church administrator Brad Alderfer, with the help of Facility Manager George Gaugler, has been tracking Salford's energy use and working to find and implement solutions to not only save Salford money, but reduce the amount of resources the church consumes for its operations. Some of the improvements over the years include upgrading to LED lighting, installing timers and programmable thermostats, replacing boilers and hot water heaters, and sourcing renewable electricity. As a result, over the past 13 years, Salford Mennonite Church has reduced its electricity usage by 46%, its fuel oil usage by 30% and saved approximately \$15,000/year in utility spending.

With all of these upgrades and savings, you may be wondering what more we can do. One option is to "go" solar! By installing solar panels on the roof, Salford will be able to generate its own renewable electricity and contribute any excess electricity generated by the panels back to the electric grid. This project is a demonstration of environmental and financial stewardship in action.

Following guidance prepared by Mennonite Creation Care Network, the Renewable Energy Team is working with the Church Board to determine the best way to bring roof-mounted solar panels to Salford. The team is currently reviewing quotes from three solar panel companies and brainstorming about project financing, including fundraising. There will be much more information to come and ultimately, the congregation will vote on whether to proceed with the project. If you have questions or comments, please reach out to any of the members of the team. We appreciate any feedback you may have!

- Renewable Energy Team: Mark Heise, Brad Alderfer, Joel Alderfer, Rich Whitekettle, Gene Kropf, Jim Styer, Gabe Elsner, Tori Jones Long

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

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

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.

This Week at Salford

Monday, May 22

7:00 pm Child Youth Safety Team Meeting (Maria Hosler Byler's Home)

Thursday, May 25

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

Sunday, May 28

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

Preaching: Pentecost Sunday, No Sermon

10:30 am Second Hour for all Ages

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

- For **Janet Yoder's brother Donald Alderfer** who is being treated for a UTI. He is at Rockhill. Pray that he is able to rest.
- For **Curt Barthel** who is recovering at home after some time in the hospital with an intestinal blockage.
- For **Sharon Hunsberger** who spent a few nights in the hospital last week with high blood pressure and TIA. Sharon is at home recovering and working with PT to regain his strength.
- All Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for **Mosaic's Executive Minister, Steve Kriss**, as he begins a 3-month sabbatical on May 22. Pray for Steve's growth, rest, learning, and ministry in a different context. May God bless him in this time. Pray, too, for **Marta Castillo, Associate Executive Minister**, who will be leading the Conference during Steve's sabbatical.

Birthday Blessings...

To **Janet Yoder**, who turns 84 on May 25th, and to **David Yoder**, who turns 87 on May 25th.

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.

Faith Formation Spotlight

Peace Camp Kitchen Help Needed! We are in need of a few more helping hands in the kitchen for June 18-22 during Peace Camp. Even if you are not able to be present each day, or if you would like to help with specific tasks like shopping beforehand or cleanup, please be in touch! The kitchen team is a really fun one and it is great to be able to see and interact with the Peace Campers. Contact Jenn at peacecamp@salfordmc.org to learn more.

We could also still use help with registration and one-evening stations like yoga and rock painting.

Thank you for being a part of this special event, part of what makes Salford Salford!

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>

Moon! Earth's Best Friend (Book 3 – Our Universe Book Series) By: Stacy McAnulty



Meet Moon! She's more than just a rock—she's Earth's rock, her best friend she can always count on. Moon never turns her back on her friend (literally: she's always facing Earth with the same side!). These two will stick together forever. With characteristic humor and charm, Stacy McAnulty channels the voice of Moon in this next celestial "autobiography" in the Our Universe series. Rich with kid-friendly facts and beautifully brought to life by Stevie Lewis, this is an equally charming and irresistible companion to *Earth! My First 4.54 Billion Years* and *Sun! One in a Billion*.

'Til I Want No More, A Novel By: Robin W. Pearson



When the man she loved years ago returns to town, one young woman's complicated past rises again, threatening to expose her well-kept secrets.

If Maxine could put her finger on the moment when her life went into a tailspin, she would point back twenty years to the day her daddy died. She tells herself he's the only person who ever really knew and loved her, and if he hadn't left her behind, her future would've taken a different path. No absentee mother, no stepfather, no rebellious ripping and running during her teenage years. And no JD, who gave her wandering young heart a home, at least for a time.

But that's over and done with. All grown-up now, Maxine has pledged her heart and ring finger to Theodore Charles, the man she'll promise to love, honor, and obey in front of God and everybody. At least that's what she's telling anybody who will listen. The only folks buying it are the dog and the readers of her column, however. Her best friend and family aren't having it—not even Celeste, the double bass-playing thirteen-year-old the community of Mount Laurel, North Carolina, believes is Maxine's adopted sister. And apparently, neither is the newly returned JD, who seems intent on toppling Maxine's reconstructed life. As her wedding day marches ever closer, Maxine confronts what it means to be really known and loved by examining what's buried in her own heart and exposing truth that has never seen the light of day.

Salford News & Notes

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.

Join **Camp Men-O-Lan for SummerFest** on Saturday, May 20 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. The event features an auction, food, fun, games, plus a Corn Hole Tournament (register ahead at menolan.org or come at 10:30 am to register in person).

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.