

**Sunday, Nov. 3 9:30 a.m. Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live, with Communion,** Seth Malone and Sarah Funkhouser will be offering a meditation.

## 10:45 am Second Hour

**Second Hour Elective with Seth Malone and Sarah Funkhouser in the Fellowship Hall on their work with MCC.**

**Emmaus Road Sermon Discussion Class** meets in the room behind the Welcome Center. The Emmaus Road group welcomes all.

## Oct. 20, 2024 Offering

\$4,475

ACH Offering \$2,030

Vanco Offering \$3,614

**Total Budget Offering**

**\$10,119**

**Children's Offering:**

\$37

**MDS Special Offering:**

\$500

## Future Salford Events

**Nov. 9** - Workday with the trustees 8am-12pm

**Nov. 17** – Fall

Congregational

Business Meeting

**Nov. 27** – Thanksgiving

Service at Advent Lutheran

**Dec. 15** – Children and

Youth Christmas Program

during worship

## Monthly Communion and Seth Malone and Sarah Funkhouser Visit

This Sunday, Nov. 3, we will come together as a community for Communion. This is an opportunity to join with Jesus and each other at the table - remembering and celebrating the mystery and miracle of the resurrection. Healing, restoration, reconciliation, and growth are ours through Christ. [Learn more](#) about the meaning of this sacrament to our Salford community and reflect on some questions prior to this celebration.

We are very excited to welcome Seth Malone and Sarah Funkhouser to worship. Seth attended at Salford during the 2010s, and Seth and Sarah are currently serving as the Mennonite Central Committee Representatives for Jordan, Palestine, and Israel and are leading MCC's humanitarian response in Gaza. Salford currently supports them spiritually and financially while they are answering God's call through their work.

You can read their writings [here](#). They will be offering a short sermon during worship and also offer a second hour elective to share stories and opportunities for advocacy and support.

## All-Church Workday with the Trustees Saturday, Nov. 9

Help maintain and beautify our grounds. Come and go as you can from 8am-12pm. **RSVP to George Gaugler** or one of the trustees: Allen Kaczor, Gene Kropf, Mike Bartholomew, Nathan Hassler-Brooks, Linda Martin, Luke Martin, and Zach Jones Long.

## Witting Tree Nov. 10: Journey Home From War

Glen Miller returned from war in 1970. Glen and Mary never felt completely at home and welcomed until they met some peacekeeper Mennonites. During second hour on November 10, Glen and Mary will describe their journey together and among veterans of war and their families. They have listened to veterans' stories (from Vietnam, our most recent wars, conscientious objectors, and medics that served) and told many of their own. They will share experiences with trauma, regret, depression, and atonement. They will share what they have learned and why they feel at home at Salford. After 2nd hour join with others to bear witness to veteran suicide. We will meet near the pastors' parking area to hang dog tags on "The Witting Tree".

## Our Church Family

## This Week at Salford

### Weds. Nov. 6

7-8pm Choir Practice  
in the Sanctuary

### Thurs. Nov. 7

Sewing Circle 8:30am-1pm  
in the Gathering Room

### Thur., Nov. 7

11:30-45 am Centering  
Prayer (labyrinth)

### Sun., Nov. 10

9:30 am Worship  
indoors and on  
YouTube Live.  
Preaching: Dave  
Greiser

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If you have information or prayer requests for our newsletter, please submit them to the church office by 10 am Thursday morning.

If you would like to receive this newsletter by email, please submit your email address to [alderferb@salfordmc.org](mailto:alderferb@salfordmc.org).

**Reminder: Daylight Savings Time ends Nov. 3** at 2am. Clocks should go back one hour on Saturday night.

**Pavilion possibility drawings** will be displayed in the foyer for the next couple weeks. Feel free to ask questions to Gene Kropf, Brad Alderfer, Dale Frankenfield, Margaret Zook, George Gaugler, or Linda Martin.

**Choir Rehearsals:** Thank you everyone who was able to come out for our first night this week to make music! For anyone who was unable to join, our next meeting time is on Weds, 11/6 from 7-8pm, in the sanctuary. Our Christmas Eve service rehearsals will take place Tues, 11/12; Weds 11/20; Thurs. 12/5; Thurs. 12/12 and Weds 12/18 from 7-8pm.

**Friends at Souderton Mennonite Home:** We will have our monthly gathering on Monday, November 11 from 7-8pm in the Friendship Room. Hope you can join us for a time of sharing, singing, and fellowship. Questions? Call Pastor Karen.

### **Contemplative Practices: 2nd Hour and Midweek Prayer**

Many of us have times when we feel anxious or unsettled. Join Pastor Karen every **Thursday at 11:30 am** at the Labyrinth (by the carport in inclement weather) for a 15-minute Centering Prayer practice. You are free to stay and walk the Labyrinth..

Join Pastor Karen also on **Sun., Nov. 10** for a time of contemplative group practice and prayer. We'll meet in room **207** 10 minutes after the service. Please be prompt. This class will continue every other week through Lent.

### **Faith Formation Night Weds. November 20 5:30-8pm**

- 5:30-6:30 PM: Dinner followed by worship
- 6:30-8 PM: Age-specific programs, including: Kids' Club; Jr & Sr. MYF; and for the adults, extended discussion on collective action as a faith community related to *The Anxious Generation*.

In October, we had a robust intergenerational conversation on parenting and technology. By request, we are continuing the conversation, specifically focused on collective action and the role of our faith community. Even if you couldn't make it in October, please come (and feel free to [review these resources](#) ahead of time).

Let Pastor Andrew know by Monday, Nov. 18 how many people from your household plan to attend; RSVPs are helpful for meal planning.

### ***The Bible Unwrapped: A 5-Week Elective Second Hour***

Many of us have an uncertain relationship to the Bible, and our faith. Perhaps we have left behind a childhood faith and are still reconstructing one that fits. Is there a "reconstructed view of the Bible?" Meghan Larissa Good's *The Bible Unwrapped: Making Sense of Scripture Today* guides our conversation. The next class will take place on Nov. 10 with Brad Alderfer teaching.

**Call for Bulletin Artwork:** We love your artwork! Painting, collage, drawing, photography, whatever the medium - send a photo of your work to Pastor Karen via email at [bergeyk@salfordmc.org](mailto:bergeyk@salfordmc.org)

### **Prayer Concerns**

- For all of **us and our families, friends, and communities during this election season**. May we act with humility, for justice for the marginalized and oppressed, and with grace for all.
- For our **Mosaic Conference, as we join together at Assembly this weekend**. Pray for all who attend and for wisdom and clarity for Salford's delegates: **Andrew Zetts, Dave Greiser, Joe Landis, John Ruth, Karen Bergey, Kerry Hasler-Brooks, and Ron Freed**.
- With all congregations in Mosaic Conference we pray for **Ark of Christ** (Anaheim, CA), who will be welcomed as a Mosaic member at Assembly. Ark of Christ offers a welcoming place for everyone to grow in faith and experience Christ's love, and many of its members come from Indonesian backgrounds. They ask for God's leading in their efforts to share the Gospel and make disciples.

### **Birthday Blessings...**

To **Ruth Alderfer** who celebrates her 86th on Nov. 4.

To **Margaret Zook** who celebrates her 80th on Nov. 5.

To **Harold Moyer** who celebrates his 92nd on Nov. 6.

### **Service & Mission**

The November Donation of the Month is for [Street Outreach](#) in Montgomery County through Access Services. We can support our unhoused neighbors by bringing in winter items like: Hats, Gloves, Coats, Boots Thermals, Socks, Hot Hands Hand warmers, Chapstick/Vaseline, Blankets, Backpacks, and Tarps. Bring items to the shelves in the coatroom, or use the links below to purchase items to have shipped to their offices. Thank you for your support!

A few links of most needed items (all found on Amazon):

Coleman North Rim Cold-Weather Mummy Sleeping Bag  
<https://a.co/d/0SC3vCG>

2-12 Person Tents for Camping Waterproof, Backpack Double Layer  
Camping Tents <https://a.co/d/8Fha2Dv>

36x Winter Gloves, Beanies, Neck Warmers Unisex Bulk Pack Donation  
Charity Care Bundle <https://a.co/d/7twAFp>

Hot Hand Warmers - 50 Count <https://a.co/d/gNNy8AC>

DMSKY 60 Pack Lip Balm <https://a.co/d/c8rT6Fs>

Items can be shipped directly to Access Services, 500 W Office Center Dr #100, Fort Washington, PA 19034 if ordering from online.

### **Garden Spotlight**

**From Steve Blank, Oct. 24:** Greeting fellow gardeners. The cleanup continues. Last Saturday we pulled all the string beans, lima beans, eggplant and half the pepper plants. This week I was able to pull the remaining tomato

and pepper plants. The tomato plants will go in the field away from the garden. All the other plants will be chopped up into compost to be used back in the garden.

We still have a few cabbages left to pick. Two more weeks and then all harvesting will be done. After we finish, I will total up the numbers and send out our final amounts for the season. Always a very anticipated email.

We will be cleaning and stacking all 800 tomato cages. When that is finished, we pull up the plastic mulch and drip tape. Then I will start to chop up leaves from the church grove. I already have 4 piles waiting for me to start. Cleanup is just as big a job if not bigger than setting up the garden in the spring and summer.

Thank you to all the volunteers who continue to come out and help each and every week. The jobs don't get done by themselves. It takes a dedicated crew to make this mission run.

All garden updates for the season can be found at [salfordmc.org/garden-updates](http://salfordmc.org/garden-updates)

## **Church Library Spotlight**

Stop by the church library and speak with a librarian to see what's new, or review the library catalog on the Salford church website: [smck-ind.kari.opalsinfo.net/bin/home](http://smck-ind.kari.opalsinfo.net/bin/home)

### ***Wild Life***

By: Cynthia DeFelice (junior book)

Erik is preparing for his first-ever hunting trip when he learns that his parents are being deployed to Iraq. A few days later, Erik is shipped off to North Dakota to live with Big Darrell and Oma, grandparents he barely knows. When Erik rescues a dog that's been stuck by a porcupine, Big Darrell says Erik can't keep him. But Erik has already named her Quill and can't bear to give her up. He decides to run away, taking the dog and a shotgun, certain that they can make it on their own out on the prairie.

It is a story of adventure and survival, in which Erik learns about the challenges and satisfactions of living off the land, the power of family secrets, and the pain of losing what you love. DONATED

### ***Hummingbird***

By: Natalie Lloyd (Junior Book)

Twelve-year-old homeschooled Olive is tired of being seen as "fragile" just because she has osteogenesis imperfecta (otherwise known as brittle bone disease) so she's thrilled when she finally convinces her parents to let her attend Macklemore Elementary. Olive can't wait to go to a traditional school and make the friends she's always longed for, until a disastrous first day dashes her hopes of ever fitting in.

Then Olive hears whispers about a magical, wish-granting hummingbird that supposedly lives near Macklemore. It'll be the solution to all her

problems! If she can find the bird and prove herself worthy, the creature will make her most desperate, secret wish come true.

When it becomes clear that she can't solve the mystery on her own, Olive teams up with some unlikely allies who help her learn the truth about the bird. And on the way, she just might learn that our fragile places lead us to the most wonderful magic of all. DONATED

## **Beyond Salford**

Zion Mennonite and other Souderton area churches invite you to attend an **Election Eve Holy Communion and Prayer Service** on Monday, Nov. 4 at 7 pm at Zion. Let's gather with our neighbors and pray for our nation.

**Hymn Sing to Benefit Mennonite Central Committee** at Blooming Glen Mennonite on Sunday, Nov. 10, 4-5 PM. Songs from Voices Together. Light refreshments to follow. A free-will offering will benefit MCC.

**Healthy Niños Honduras** is hosting their **Annual Banquet and Silent Auction** on **Saturday, November 9** starting at 5 pm! Enjoy a great evening with dinner and bidding on a wide variety of items to celebrate work done this year in Honduras and support the continued fight against malnutrition! Register at [healthyninos.org/banquet](http://healthyninos.org/banquet).

You are invited to the **Perkasie Mennonite Church's Patchwork Coffeehouse** live concert with Pyrenesia and opener Arianne Roxon November 16 7:30 pm, at 320 W Chestnut St., Perkasie, Pa. Come enjoy "*an old-timey sound that is just funky enough to make it relevant in today's hipster music scene.*" Wheelchair accessible.

Did you know there are several thrift shops in the Lancaster area that support MCC? Purchase a ticket now for our **MCC Thrift Bus Trip on Nov. 19** and spend the day shopping at four of them! [caresharethrift.org/fall-thrift-bus-trip/](http://caresharethrift.org/fall-thrift-bus-trip/)