

**Sunday, Nov. 10 9:30 a.m.**  
**Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live**, Dave Greiser preaching on Numbers 12:1-9, "Walking Humbly, Like Moses."

**10:45 am Second Hour**

**Second Hour Electives:**  
***The Bible Unwrapped in the Gathering Room.***  
*Cassy Zetts teaching.*

***Journey Home from War with Glen and Mary Miller in the Fellowship Hall.***

***Contemplative Practices with Pastor Karen in room 206.***

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

**Oct. 27, 2024 Offering**  
\$699  
ACH Offering \$2,030  
Vanco Offering \$667  
**Total Budget Offering**  
**\$3,396**  
**Children's Offering:**  
\$38

### **Future Salford Events**

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

**Nov. 17** – Fall Congregational

Business Meeting

**Nov. 27** – Thanksgiving

Service at Advent Lutheran

## **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**

**Support for Gaza:** Last Sunday we had the privilege of hearing from Seth Malone and Sarah Funkhouser as they shared during worship service and Second Hour. We wept with them as they recounted the horrors being experienced by the people of Gaza and Seth and Sarah's pain and frustration at being prevented from sending in lifesaving supplies by the blockades enacted by the Israeli government. When asked how we can best support them, they encouraged us to actively advocate for a total ceasefire, an arms embargo on Israel, release of all civilian hostages, humanitarian aid to be allowed in Gaza, and a just peace.

One opportunity for engagement is to join Mennonite Action's call on November 21 at 8pm, when we will gather to process our fear and our grief about the future for our own communities and for Palestine. Recommit yourself to a movement for peace, justice, and liberation for all God's children. [To sign up, visit mennoniteaction.org/call](https://mennoniteaction.org/call)

**Parents, Loved ones and Allies of LGBTQ+ folks:** Would you like a safe place to learn ways to support your loved one and your family in these challenging days? You are welcome to our group - call Pastor Karen at 215.237.7367 for details about our meetings.

**Dec. 15** – Children and Youth Christmas Program during worship

## **This Week at Salford**

### **Mon., Nov. 11**

7pm SMCCC board meeting in church library

### **Mon., Nov. 11**

7-8pm Souderton Menno Homes gathering

### **Tues. Nov. 12**

7-8pm Choir Practice in the Sanctuary

### **Thur., Nov. 14**

11:30-45 am Centering Prayer (labyrinth)

### **Sun., Nov. 17**

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).

**Please sign up to bring a meal to the Speigles** as they recover from their surgeries. Thanks for helping them on their journey to recovery!

Sign up here: <https://takethemameal.com/PYDU9199>

### **Do you have a Nativity Scene to share with the Salford community?**

During Advent, we will have Nativity scenes displayed on all 12 of the sanctuary window sills. We are still in need of 4 sets: please contact Linda Martin if you are willing to share. Each Nativity Scene needs to be placed on a window sill by 9am December 1.

**Congregational Meeting Packets** for the Nov. 17 meeting have been placed in church mailboxes, with extra copies at the Welcome Center for those who don't have a mailbox. Please review the packet in preparation for the meeting and bring the packet with you to the meeting to provide the requested affirmations.

One agenda item is to review and affirm the recently revised Salford Church bylaws. A summary of the revision can be found in the meeting packet. To review the revised bylaws in full, visit the [Salford bylaws Revision page](#). To receive a printed copy of the proposed Salford bylaws, email [alderferb@salfordmc.org](mailto:alderferb@salfordmc.org).

**Pavilion possibility drawings** are 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:** 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, Nov. 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 **206** 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 Cassy Zetts teaching.

### **Prayer Concerns**

- For **Nathan Hasler-Brooks** and his family. **Nathan’s mom, Beth** was placed on hospice this week. Please keep Beth and Nathan’s dad Rod in your prayers. Nathan spent this past week with them in Indiana.
- For **Joanne Speigle**, who had a hip replacement on Oct. 29 and **Wayne** who will have a knee replacement on November 11. Pray for healing and good recovery.
- For **Carol Gross** who will have outpatient surgery on her foot. Pray for a successful procedure and quick healing.
- With all congregations in Mosaic Conference we pray in gratitude for the nearly **350 people who gathered at Conference Assembly** last weekend. We thank God for the delegates' thoughtful engagement and feedback, and we ask for the Holy Spirit's wisdom to guide Mosaic as we begin to live into the new strategic plan.

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

To **Gladys Nyce** who celebrates her 91st on Nov. 13.

To **Valetta Kaczor** who celebrates her 82nd on Nov. 13.

### **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.

## Mosaic Conference Spotlight

At Mosaic Conference Assembly on Nov. 2, the delegate body voted with 71% affirmation *“to affirm, with gratitude, the work and recommendation of the Pathway Steering Team to establish a robust partnership with Mennonite Church USA, and to bring recommended bylaw amendments for delegate discernment at the 2025 Mosaic Conference Assembly.”*

Mark Heise will be sharing during worship on Nov. 10 about this, and more information is available in these articles:

Delegate session report:

[mosaicmennonites.org/2024/11/07/pathway-recommendation-receives-71-affirmation-at-2024-mosaic-assembly/](https://mosaicmennonites.org/2024/11/07/pathway-recommendation-receives-71-affirmation-at-2024-mosaic-assembly/)

Full report from Assembly:

[mosaicmennonites.org/2024/11/07/assembly-2024-walking-humbly-with-god-together/](https://mosaicmennonites.org/2024/11/07/assembly-2024-walking-humbly-with-god-together/)

From *Anabaptist World*: [anabaptistworld.org/mosaic-wants-to-be-a-partner/](https://anabaptistworld.org/mosaic-wants-to-be-a-partner/)

## Salford/Advent Garden Spotlight

**From Steve Blank, Nov. 7:** Greetings fellow gardeners, the last of the last was finished off last Saturday. The last 200 lbs of cabbage (our biggest head of cabbage was 13 lbs) was harvested, the plants were all pulled, the remaining tomato cages were cleaned and all 800 were stacked and stored for the winter. This Saturday we pull up the plastic mulch and drip tape. After that, the garden is officially closed for the season.

The only big job left is processing all the leaves and garden plants into a big pile of chopped up pre-compost ready for composting next summer. If the weather holds out, I should be done by December.

I have all the tally sheets from the season; I will be adding up all the totals and sending out an email before Thanksgiving.

Do you have any pumpkins that you used for decoration? Don't throw them in the trash; bring them to the garden and I will add them to the compost mix. I have a wooden pallet at the end of the church parking lot where you can drop off your pumpkins.

Last Saturday we stopped working early because we had a special lunch to attend. We enjoyed an 80th birthday party for Nancy Alderfer at the Souderton Home. Nancy has been a volunteer at the garden since day 1, over 18 years. WOOHOO Happy Birthday Nancy! Someday we will sit down and figure out how many pounds of weeds Nancy has pulled in 18 years. Too many to count!

Thank you to all the volunteers who took time out of their busy schedules this

season to make the 2024 garden a great success. 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)

### ***The Fort***

By: *Gordon Korman* (Junior Book)

From the bestselling author of *Restart*. The morning after Hurricane Leo rips through the town of Canaan, residents awaken to widespread destruction -- power outages, downed branches, uprooted trees, broken windows and damaged roofs. Four eighth-grade friends -- Evan, Jason, Mitchell, and CJ -- meet to explore the devastation. The tight-knit group is dismayed to find that Evan has brought along a stray -- Ricky, who is new to their town and school, and doesn't have any friends yet.

Ricky is the one to find the strange trap door that's appeared in the middle of the woods -- the door to an old bomb shelter, unearthed by the hurricane. Inside, the boys find a completely intact underground lair, complete with electricity, food, and entertainment (in the form of videocassettes). Things soon get tense. Some bad locals keep snooping around. And what started out as a fun place to escape soon becomes a serious refuge for one of the kids who is trying to avoid an abusive home situation. In order to save the shelter, the friends must keep its secret... and in order to save themselves, they're going to have to share their individual secrets, and build the safest place they can. DONATED.

### ***I Will Take a Nap!***

By: Mo Willems

Gerald is careful. Piggie is not. Piggie cannot help smiling. Gerald can. Gerald worries so that Piggie does not have to. Gerald and Piggie are best friends. Gerald is tired and cranky. Will Piggie be in his dreams? Or will she keep Gerald from dreaming at all?

## Beyond Salford

On Nov. 14, from 7-8:30 pm, the Mennonite Heritage Center will host Nancy Heisey—teacher, scholar, and former president of Mennonite World Conference—for a presentation on her latest book: *From Word to Book: Ten Questions about How We Got the Bible*. Copies will be available for sale and signing at this in-person event. No registration required.

Join Plains Mennonite Church for a free, **state-approved training on recognizing and reporting suspected child abuse and neglect** through the Victim Services Center of Montgomery County, Inc. The training is on Saturday, Nov. 16 from 9-11 a.m. at 50 W. Orvilla Road Hatfield, PA. The training is eligible for Act 31 and Act 126 credits. Registration is required and certificates will be provided afterwards. To register online, please use this [link](#) or email [office@plainsmennonitechurch.org](mailto:office@plainsmennonitechurch.org).

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/](https://caresharethrift.org/fall-thrift-bus-trip/)