

November 12, 2023

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**Sunday, November 12, 9:30 am** Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live, Round Table Leadership Team sharing on Centered-Set Church

**10:30 am** Second Hour for all ages

**Centered-Set Church Elective Second Hour Class will meet in the the Fellowship Hall with Gospel Herald, and Emmaus Road class. Dave Greiser will lead. All are welcome!**

**November 5, 2023**

Offering  
\$8,442  
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Offering  
\$7,175  
Vanco Online Offering  
\$2,614  
**Total Budget Offering \$18,230**  
**Children's Offering \$43**

**Future Salford Events**

**November 19** – Fall Congregational Business Meeting

**November 22** – Thanksgiving Eve Service, 7:00 pm

**December 9** – Red Cross Blood Drive at Salford

**December 13** – Family Faith Formation Night

If you have information or prayer requests for

## Centered-Set Second Hour Meeting in the Fellowship Hall

Last week our Second Hour elective had a lively (and unfinished) conversation about what it means to be centered in Jesus. We will continue the conversation this week. Bring your questions and thoughts as we begin to imagine what a centered-set church looks like in practice. Keep on reading the book of Galatians and, if possible, Mark Baker's thought-provoking book Centered-Set Church (InterVarsity Press). And keep dreaming God's future for Salford.

## Fall Congregational Business Meeting, November 19, 2023

The fall congregational business meeting has been scheduled for November 19, 2023 and will take place in the sanctuary during second hour. A meeting packet has been placed in church mailboxes for the meeting. Please review the information closely and bring the packet with you to the congregational meeting. Additional copies have been placed at the Welcome Center for those who do not have mailboxes. If you would like a mailbox, please contact the church office to assign you one.

## Finance Update for Salford Mennonite Church

For the remainder of 2023, we will present a weekly update of our financial situation. We can now project expected savings in our expense budget with Pastor Maria's departure and lower than expected Mennonite Education Plan expense. We project actual 2023 budget expenses to be approximately **\$870,000**. We are also hopeful that we can fully fund our below the line expenses for our larger church agencies and Mosaic Conference of \$21,844.

- We have received **\$652,506** in offering and income over the first 45 weeks of the year, with 2023 projected actual expenses of \$870,000. We have received 75% of the income needed for 2023 in these first 45 weeks (87%) of the year.
- We will need an average of **\$24,000** in weekly offering in November and an average of **\$35,000** in weekly offering in December to cover our projected actual expenses.
- **Average weekly offering received so far for November: \$18,230.**

## Joint Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service with Advent Lutheran

Please mark your calendars for Salford's annual Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service! This year we will be joining again with our friends from Advent Lutheran to celebrate all we have to be thankful for in our congregations. The service will be held at Salford Mennonite Church at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will be receiving a food offering for Keystone Opportunity Center and a money offering.

The food offering for Keystone Opportunity Center food pantry will help the 250 monthly clients who are food insecure. Keystone requests the following most

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](mailto:alderferb@salfordmc.org)

needed items: **Tuna Fish, Chunky soups, Jelly, pancake mix and syrup, cereal, oatmeal and toilet paper.**

The money offering received will be divided between Salford and Advent Lutheran designated projects. Salford funds will go to **Mennonite Disaster Service** and Advent Funds will go towards **Lutheran Disaster Response.**

## **This Week at Salford**

### **Monday, November 13**

7:00 pm Child Care Ministry Team Meeting (Zoom)

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

### **Sunday, November 19**

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 **Glenn Martin** who is at Lehigh Valley Hospital recovering from surgery for an abscess related to a case of cellulitis.
- For **John Detweiler**, as he recovers from the latest round of chemo and seeks wisdom for himself and doctors as they discern the best surgical option.
- For **Kathy Groff**, who is rehabbing her fractured back in skilled nursing at Peter Becker.
- For **Ben Nase**, who has begun to receive hospice care in his apartment at The Landing.
- For **Naomi Landis** who is now on hospice in healthcare at the Souderton Home.
- All Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for **Pastor Gwen Groff and Bethany Mennonite Church in Vermont** as Pastor Gwen ends her 24-year tenure as their pastor. Pray for a good transition for all and for blessings in the future.

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

To **Gladys Moyer**, who celebrates her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on November 13<sup>th</sup>, and to **Valetta Kaczor**, who celebrates her 81<sup>st</sup> birthday on November 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **Service & Mission**

**Donation of the Month for November - Laundry, dish, bar, hand soaps, body wash, Toilet paper, paper towels, and period products**

Some items collected this month are not covered by SNAP; therefore, Keystone community shoppers are always happy to find these items stocked in the Keystone Pantry. Thank you for your donations which will benefit Keystone Opportunity Center (KOC) Food Pantry in Souderton.

### **Salford/Advent Garden Update, 11/9/23:**

Greetings fellow gardeners, last Saturday we harvested the last of our veggies for 2023. Cabbage, broccoli and our black dried beans were the final veggies harvested. I have all the numbers I will crunch them together and send the totals before Thanksgiving. This Saturday will be the official last workday for 2023. There still are a few odds and ends to work out. We plan on pulling up the plastic and drip lines. If you missed out on working in the garden this year here is your opportunity to help. Pulling the plastic is a big job and the more hands there are

the easier it goes.

I will be working at the garden all next week. I will be chopping up the plants we pulled and mixing them into our compost pile. The other big job is moving all of our equipment and supplies out of the Alderfer barn. I promised we would be out by January as that is when the new owners want to move in. Not sure where we will go with everything. Some items may have to be left outside as we only have limited amount of space available to us.

Thank you to everyone who helped out in one way or another in the garden this year. My how the season flew by. I will be sending updates during the winter on our fund raiser usually in February. Have a blessed holiday season and a safe and wonderful winter. Steve, 215-872-6616, [rsblank@verizon.net](mailto:rsblank@verizon.net)

## Justice & Peace Spotlight

**Doylestown Gun Violence Awareness Day**, Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM.

This event will include:

- Witness Walk from St. Paul's Episcopal Church to Salem UCC – bring a sign
- Memorial to the Lost T-shirt display
- Remembrance moments
- An Advocacy Opportunity

LEARN—PRAY—ACT We come together as one community of faith to honor those lost to gun murders and to demand stronger and effective gun laws and regulations.

**MennoPIN Gaza Update, Saturday, November 11 at 10:00-11:00 a.m. EST**

Mennonite Palestine Israel Network (MennoPIN) will host a Zoom conversation with Tareq Abuhailima of Gaza City and current graduate assistant at Bluffton University's The Lion and Lamb Peace Arts Center. Before beginning his graduate education at Bluffton University in January 2023, Tareq previously worked at Youth Vision Society in Gaza City as a project manager and served as MennoPIN's "Twinning with Gaza" Initiative Coordinator. He recently presented a seminar at the Mennonite Church USA Convention in Kansas City and will share about his experience of growing up in Gaza and give an update on the disastrous human toll of the current war.

Topic: MennoPIN Gaza Update

Time: Nov 11, 2023 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85122092279?pwd=YXpUUE1tUk9KU2dHSUQybKVOZkMwZz09>

Meeting ID: 851 2209 2279

Passcode: 967361

## Family Faith Formation Spotlight

**Family Garden Workday Nov. 11:** The last Salford/Advent Lutheran Garden workday for the season is Saturday, Nov. 11. All families (children & youth) are invited to participate in taking down the garden for winter. Volunteers generally work 8am-11am but show up for whatever window of time that you can!

**Children's Christmas Program:** The children's Christmas program will take place on **Sunday, December 17**. Save the date! All children and youth are welcome to have a role (including singing, special music, speaking & non-speaking roles). We ask that you also save 9-10:30am on Saturday, Dec. 16 for a dress rehearsal. If

your kid has interest in a particular role please let Jenn know.

**Offering:** We always love having kids (with their grown-ups when desired) help with offering. If your kid is open to it, please let Jenn know (she sends out a weekly email asking for volunteers)

## Accessibility Spotlight

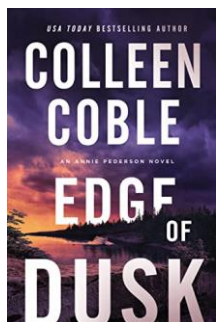
**Join the FAN Club!** FAN Club is a monthly event to create social opportunities for adults with disabilities and a night of respite for those who care for them. Saturday, Nov. 25 5-8pm at Plains Mennonite Church. Join for food, music, games, crafts, and more. \*A quiet space is available\* \$20 to attend. For more info and to apply, contact [office@PlainsMennoniteChurch.org](mailto:office@PlainsMennoniteChurch.org).

The [Indian Valley Public Library in Telford](#) has free passes to local museums for anyone to check out. They also have social stories, online books about special needs topics, sensory bags to use in the library, and [sensory items to check out](#) (e.g. wobble chairs, sensory brushes, and more)!

## 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>

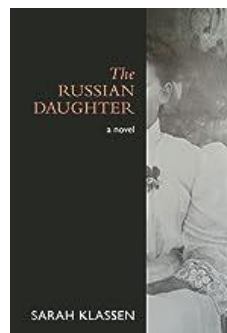
### Edge Of Dusk, An Annie Pederson Novel, Book 1 By: Colleen Coble



Nine-year-old Annie Pederson's life changed the night her sister was kidnapped. The two had been outside playing on a dock, and Annie never forgave herself for her role in her sister's disappearance. Twenty-four years later and now a law enforcement ranger, Annie is still searching for answers as she grieves a new loss: the death of her husband and parents in a boating accident.

But Annie and her eight-year-old daughter, Kylie, aren't the only people in the town of Rock Harbor whose lives have been marred by tragedy. While managing the property around the Tremolo Resort and Marina she inherited, Annie discovers a dead body floating in the cold Superior surf and begins to work with the sheriff's office to tie the death to a series of other mysterious reports in the area.

At the same time, her first love, Jon Dustan, returns after nine years away, reigniting the town's memory of a cold case he'd been suspiciously linked to before he left to pursue his orthopedic residency. For the sake of her investigation and her heart, Annie tries to stay away. But avoiding Jon becomes impossible once Annie realizes she is being targeted by someone desperate to keep secrets from the past hidden.



### The Russian Daughter By: Sarah Klassen

With the Czarist empire in turmoil, a young Mennonite couple in what is now Ukraine adopts a Russian baby. Over the next years their lives twist, alter, and face very unexpected challenges. Amalia and Isaak Albrecht's new family is not at all what they had dreamed of; nevertheless, it is a treasure essential for them to nourish and protect in the violent and unstable era of the Russian Revolution.

In plain, direct language, Sarah Klassen offers a story of

hardship, uncertain loyalty, and strange moments of gratitude. At the novel's center is the surprising and defiant Sofia, the adopted Russian daughter, so unlike everyone around her, yet still needing love. This quiet, delicately written novel explores themes of belonging, responsibility, and the places we call home.

## News & Notes

Friends at Souderton Mennonite Home, we will have our monthly gathering on **Monday, November 13 at 7 in the Friendship Room**. Come ready to share your thankfulness in this season. Questions? Call Karen.

**Christmas Decorations Donations** This year the Senior MYF will be decorating the schoolhouse for the Christmas season. If you have any Christmas decorations (artificial garland, lights, candles, etc.) that you would be willing to part with, please drop them off at the pastor's office by November 18. Thank you!

A North Penn Reporter article on the needs of the homeless population living along the Schuylkill Trail, and the work **Mark Boorse** is doing to address those needs, has been placed on the bulletin board in the main foyer.

We plan to print the new paper version of the **2024 photo directory** in the beginning of the year. If you have a contact update or would like to update your photo in the directory, please submit your updates to the church office before the end of the year. If you would like to be included in the photo directory, please contact the church office.

After 20 years, it is a good time to re-organize and re-alphabetize our **Church Mailboxes**. If a "hold mail" sticker has been placed in your mailbox and you would like to keep your mailbox, please remove the sticker by the end of the year. Please also contact the church office if you would like to be assigned a mailbox. We will work on re-organizing the mailboxes in February 2024.

Book Banning has been around for centuries. Unfortunately there has been a big resurgence in our area and around the country. What books have been banned and why? We are a people who are welcoming to all and need to hear different voices than just our own. **You are invited to join the Banned Book Club to read and learn more about the diversity that God has created.** A time to get together and discuss the books in a safe place. Every month we will read a book that has been banned, alternating between classic books and recent publications, and then discuss them together. The only requirement to attend is to read the book and come with an open mind to what you have read and what others are saying they understand from the book. The first book is Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury. The first get together will be in January...date to be announced later. Call/text/email/message **Julie Wimmer** with any questions. Hope you can join the group!

**CHRISTMAS CHOIR!!** Yes, you read that correctly! We will have a Christmas Choir, led by Justin Yoder to sing on Sunday morning on **December 10<sup>th</sup>**! Please join us – there will be two rehearsals: **Wednesday, 11/29 and Thursday 12/7 each from 7-8:30** and an early soundcheck rehearsal on December 10 at **8:30**. Please reach out to Karen at [bergeyk@salfordmc.org](mailto:bergeyk@salfordmc.org) or 215.237.7367 to join the choir.

**Pat Wilson-Schmid** is having an art show and sale at the Rockhill Mennonite Home from Sunday November 18<sup>th</sup> through the month of December. The opening reception on the 18<sup>th</sup> is from 2 to 4 PM. If you have any questions you may call

Pat at 215-703-4148.

## Beyond Salford

[Registration](#) is now open for four online workshops or webinars later this fall:

- Nov 2: *Becoming Resilient Leaders with Trauma-Aware Practices* with **Beverly Prestwood-Taylor**
- Nov 9: *Mobilizing the Church for Justice in the Wake of Christendom and White Supremacy\** with **Drew G. I. Hart**
- Nov 14: *Leading in an Age of Polarization* with **David Brubaker**
- Dec 12: *Migration Trauma: Displacement in the Bible and Today* with **Saulo Padilla** and **Elena Zook Barge**

Bundle discounts are available for attending multiple sessions. Find more info [here](#). You can also register now for this year's [Shalom Academy](#) (formerly the School for Leadership Training), to be held on campus January 8-10, 2024. More info at [emu.edu/seminary/shalom](http://emu.edu/seminary/shalom)

You are invited to the [Perkasie Mennonite Church's Patchwork Coffeehouse](#) live concert with [Low Lily](#) on November 18, 2023, 7:30 pm, at 320 W Chestnut St., Perkasie, Pa. With a vocal blend that has been dubbed "outstanding" and "meticulous," Low Lily has crafted a signature sound which they have shared with enthusiastic international audiences. A portion of the proceeds supports [Penridge FISH](#).

**Needed: Volunteer Co-Leader for MCC Meat Canning.** Help plan for and carry out annual meat canning at MCC Material Resource Center, 737 Hagey Center Dr., Unit C, Souderton.

Meat Canning is held for 3 days at the end of March, planning takes place in the fall before the event. Contact Rich Godshall at (215)284-9356 or email [rich@mcc-harleysville.org](mailto:rich@mcc-harleysville.org)