

Sunday, Nov. 17 9:30 a.m.
Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live, Dave Greiser preaching on Matt. 20:17-28, "Jesus: Humility Embodied."

10:45 am Second Hour

All adults and Sr. MYF are asked to be present in the Sanctuary for the annual Congregational Meeting

Nov. 3, 2024 Offering

\$10,460

ACH Offering \$7,575

Vanco Offering \$1,973

Total Budget Offering

\$20,008

Children's Offering:

\$60

Future Salford Events

Nov. 17 – Fall

Congregational

Business Meeting

Nov. 27 – Thanksgiving

Service at Advent Lutheran

Dec. 15 – Children and

Youth Christmas Program

during worship

This Week at Salford

Weds. Nov. 20

7-8pm Choir Practice
in the Sanctuary

Weds. Nov. 20

5:30-8pm Faith Formation
Night and Kids' Club

Thur., Nov. 21

Congregational Meeting this Sunday, Nov. 17

Please join us for the annual congregational meeting after Sunday's worship where we will discuss important matters in the life of our congregation and vote on three items: the annual budget, bylaw revisions, and the pavilion project. **Please bring your Congregational Meeting Packets** to provide the requested affirmations. Please review the packet ahead of time and bring your questions. Extra copies are at the Welcome Center for those who don't have a mailbox. To review the revised bylaws in full, visit the [Salford bylaws Revision page](#).

Pavilion possibility drawings are in the foyer. Feel free to ask questions to Gene Kropf, Brad Alderfer, Dale Frankenfield, Margaret Zook, George Gaugler, or Linda Martin.

Welcome Laura Alderfer, Music Director

We officially welcome **Laura Alderfer** as our Music Director! Laura comes to us with years of musicianship and leading communities in worship. Laura will work with the rest of staff to incorporate more of us into Salford's musical life and explore other creative ways to worship God in song. Our community musical future sounds sweet!

Our Church Family

Pastor Andrew's Reflection from Last Sunday

Some congregants requested the text to Pastor Andrew's sharing from last week. You can access it by clicking [here](#).

Support for Gaza: We had the privilege of hearing from Seth Malone and Sarah Funkhouser in person two weeks ago. 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 Nov. 21 at 8pm, when we will gather to process our fear and our grief about the future for our own communities and for Palestine. Sign up now to recommit yourself to our movement for peace, justice, and liberation for all God's children. [To sign up, visit mennoniteaction.org/call](#)

11:30-45 am Centering Prayer (labyrinth)

6:30-8pm Accessibility Ministry Team meeting in the library

Sun., Nov. 24

9:30 am Worship indoors and on YouTube Live.

Preaching: Andrew Zetts

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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.

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.

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.

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 9 am December 1.

The next **Banned and Challenged Book Club** meeting is on Dec. 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the Church Library. We will be discussing *The Catcher in the Rye* by J.D. Salinger. Contact Julie Wimmer with questions. All are welcome!

Choir Rehearsals: Christmas Eve service rehearsals will take place Weds 11/20; Thurs. 12/5; Thurs. 12/12 and Weds 12/18 from 7-8pm.

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. 24** 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.

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. 24 with Karen Bergey teaching.

Prayer Concerns

- For **Wayne Speigle** who is home recovering from his knee replacement on Monday.
- For **Anna Lisa Yoder** who is home recovering from knee replacement on Monday.
- For **Carol Gross** who will have outpatient surgery on her foot on Nov. 18.
- With all congregations in Mosaic Conference we pray for **North Tampa (FL) Fellowship and Iglesia Luz y Verdad (Lakeland, FL)** as they continue to seek funds through the Shalom Fund and other means for roof and flood-related repairs to their buildings. We ask God's provision and the Spirit's leading in their worship and outreach.

Birthday Blessings...

To **Nancy Alderfer** who celebrates her 80th on Nov. 18.

To **James Alderfer** who celebrates her 80th on Nov. 22.

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/7twsAFp>

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.

Solar Spotlight

Our solar energy system has now been producing power for over one month. In the first 31 days of operation, the system has produced 12,000 KWH of electricity, under ideal sunny conditions. The church during this period has used 7,760 KWH of this electricity and we have exported 4,420 KWH of electricity back to the electric grid. This 12,000 KWH of energy produced has a value of approximately \$1,200 at present electricity pricing and we will also receive some value from the SRECs we are producing and will be paid for. Our system has saved approximately 9 tons of CO2 emissions, the equivalent of planting 150 new trees.

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:

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Outside the Lines: How Embracing Queerness Will Transform Your Faith

By: Mihee Kim-Kort

Mihee Kim-Kort is a wife, a mom, and a Presbyterian minister. And she's queer. As she became aware of her queer sexuality, Mihee wondered what that meant for her spirituality. But instead of pushing her away from God, it brought her closer to Jesus and taught her how to love better. In *Outside the Lines*, Mihee shows us how God, in Jesus, is oriented toward us in a radical way. Through the life, work, and witness of Jesus, we see a God who loves us with a queer love, and our faith in that God becomes a queer spirituality--a spirituality that crashes through definitions and moves us outside of the categories of our making. Whenever we love ourselves and our neighbors with the boundary-breaking love of God, we live out this spirituality in the world. With a captivating mix of personal story and biblical analysis, *Outside the Lines* shows us how each of our bodies fits into the body of Christ. Outside the lines and without exceptions. DONATED

Refugee

By: Alan Gratz (Junior Book)

JOSEF is a Jewish boy living in 1930s Nazi Germany. With the threat of concentration camps looming, he and his family board a ship bound for the other side of the world...

ISABEL is a Cuban girl in 1994. With riots and unrest plaguing her country, she and her family set out on a raft, hoping to find safety in America...

MAHMOUD is a Syrian boy in 2015. With his homeland torn apart by violence and destruction, he and his family begin a long trek toward Europe...

All three kids go on harrowing journeys in search of refuge. All will face unimaginable dangers -- from drownings to bombings to betrayals. But there is always the hope of tomorrow. And although Josef, Isabel, and Mahmoud are separated by continents and decades, shocking connections will tie their stories together in the end.

As powerful and poignant as it is action-packed and page-turning, this highly acclaimed novel has been on the New York Times bestseller list for more than four years and continues to change readers' lives with its meaningful takes on survival, courage, and the quest for home. DONATED

Beyond Salford

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.

Transgender Day Of Remembrance Vigil on Wednesday, Nov. 20 at Zwingli UCC, 350 Wile Ave., Souderton: you are invited to join the community to remember those lives lost this past year. They will be honored by having their names read. Pastor Alan of Zwingli will have some thoughts followed by fellowship and light refreshments.

The **MCC Material Resources Center Darning Egg Gift Shop** will host the Annual Christmas Open House Dec. 5-7 and Dec. 9-14. More information at <https://www.facebook.com/repurposedgifts/>

Support Groups for Mental Health and Wellness (room 112) and **Family Members/Caregivers** (room 114) are offered at Souderton Mennonite on Thursdays from 7-8pm. Participants support each other by listening, caring, and sharing as we process our thoughts, feelings, and experiences. All are welcome! No formal diagnosis necessary. Use the entrance facing West St. and look for signs. Questions can be sent to Joshua jaj7337@gmail.com or Monica mamamonica7899@gmail.com.