

November 20, 2022

Sunday, November 20, 9:30 am Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live, Lead Pastor Dave Greiser will preach on Rom. 15:7-13; *Separation or Unity*

10:30 am Second Hour for all ages

November 13, 2022

Offering
\$7,421
ACH Electronic Offering
\$2,020
Vanco Online Offering
\$6,341
Total Budget Offering \$15,782
Children's Offering \$55

Future Salford Events

November 23 – Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service at Advent Lutheran Church, 7:00 pm
November 27 – Baptism Service, Andrew Zettis
December 4 – Fall Congregational Business Meeting during Second Hour
December 10 – Christmas Peace Pilgrimage Walk
December 11 – Christmas Hymn Sing at Salford

If you have information or prayer requests for our newsletter, please submit this to the

Salford Mennonite and Advent Lutheran Thanksgiving Eve service at Advent

Salford and Advent Lutheran Church will join together for a Thanksgiving Eve service at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, November 23 at Advent Lutheran Church. This will be a joyful time of music, scripture, and sharing from members of both congregations. The Thanksgiving offering will be divided between Lutheran Disaster Response and Mennonite Disaster Service. An offering of shelf-stable groceries will also be received for Keystone Opportunity Center's food pantry. A time of fellowship will follow. All interested in participating in the joint choir please contact [Maria Hosler Byler](#) by November 13.

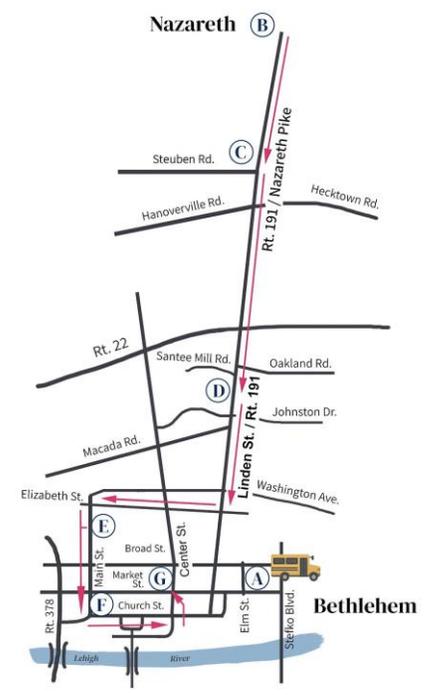
Finance Update for Salford Mennonite Church

For the remainder of 2022, we will present a weekly update of our financial situation.

- We have advised our Staff team and Ministry teams to be conservative with spending for the remainder of the year. No new spending initiatives for this year.
- We will need **\$162,000** in offering and income for the last six weeks of 2022 to cover our expected expenses.
- We will need an average of **\$15,500** in weekly offering in October and November and an average of **\$36,000** in weekly offering in December. This is a **18%** increase from last year.
- **Average weekly offering needed for October and November: \$15,500**
- **Average weekly offering received so far for October and November (7 weeks): \$17,088**

Be a Witness for Christ's Peace!

All Salford congregants are invited to participate in the **63rd Annual Nazareth to Bethlehem Christmas Peace Pilgrimage on December 10th from 10:45 AM-6:30 PM**. This event grew out of local Quakers' and peace churches' conviction during the Cold War to accentuate Christ's message and call for peace during the time of year when we celebrate the arrival of the Prince of Peace. The importance of and need for this message are just as relevant for us today. You can register for the event using this [link](#) or let Pastor Andrew know if you will attend and he will register you as part of a Salford group. Additionally, we will put together a carpool for all who are interested. Pilgrims will walk 10 miles with periodic breaks, rain or shine. We hope Salford can be a strong, intergenerational presence at the event!



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

Baptism Service, November 27, 2022

Andrew Zetts will be baptized on Sunday, November 27, at 3:30 pm in a brief service. Everyone is invited! The location is TBD. Andrew was baptized as an infant, became a member of Salford upon his confession of faith several years ago as many who were baptized as infants do, and has recently come to the conviction that adult baptism is an important step in his Anabaptist faith journey. Let's celebrate with him!

Advent Resources Available in the Foyer

This week and next week a table will be set up in the foyer with Advent resources for you to take home and use or share. There are options for all ages, both simple and elaborate, for use as a family or individually. Stop by and pick up something to try.

This Week at Salford

Monday, November 21

6:30 pm Path Forward Design Team Meeting (Library)

Wednesday, November 23

7:00 pm Thanksgiving Eve Service with Advent Lutheran (At Advent Lutheran)

Thursday, November 24

Church and Child Care Offices Closed for Thanksgiving

Friday, November 25

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Sunday, November 27

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

Preaching: Maria Hosler Byler

10:30 am Second Hour for all Ages

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

- For **Pastor Dave** who will have his knee surgery on Tuesday, November 22nd. Pray for no complications, quick recovery and delivery from pain.
- For the family of **Sanford Alderfer** who will gather with friends and loved ones for a memorial service to honor Sanford's life this Sunday November 20.
- For **Debbie Freed and the Landis family**, at the passing of her father, Paul Landis on Monday morning.
- For **Carol Nase** who is recovering from a lung infection in the Skilled Nursing section at Peter Becker.
- For the **children and staff at Salford Mennonite Child Care Center** for continued good health in the midst of increasing winter illnesses in the community.
- All Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for **Bill Barr, the new Executive Director of Camp Men-O-Lan**, a Mosaic Conference Related Ministry. Pray for wisdom, insight, and strength for Bill as he leads this important ministry.

Anniversary Blessings...

To **Linford & Rhoda Landis**, who celebrate their 67th wedding anniversary on November 24, 2022.

Celebration of Life Service Arrangements for Sanford Alderfer

A visitation will be held on Sunday, November 20, 2022 at Salford Mennonite

Church from 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm, followed by a memorial service at 3:30 pm. The service will be livestreamed on the Salford YouTube Live page. Private burial will take place at Salford Mennonite Cemetery.

Memorial Service information for Paul Landis

Family will receive friends for his viewing from 9-10:45 am on Saturday, November 19, 2022, at Indian Creek Church of the Brethren, 821 Main St., Harleysville, PA 19438, where the public funeral service will begin at 11 am. The service will be livestreamed on the Indian Creek Church of the Brethren Facebook page. Burial will follow in the adjoining church cemetery.

Service & Mission

Donation of the Month for November - ITEMS NEEDED TO HELP FILL WINTER FOOD BASKETS to Benefit Manna on Main street, Lansdale. French Fried Onions, Cream of Mushroom Soup, Canned Pumpkin, Evaporated Milk, Mashed Potatoes, Poultry Gravy.

Donations can be placed on the donation of the month table by the infant nursery in the main foyer.

A big thank you to the **children, parents and staff at Salford Mennonite Child Care Center** who donated over 125 food items to the donation of the month project this week to help make local resident's Thanksgiving special. Each class decorated a box and filled it with delicious goodies such as yams, mashed potatoes, gravy etc. SMCCC wishes all a blessed holiday season.



Garden update, 11/17/22: Greetings fellow gardeners, the time has arrived we will be closing up the garden this weekend. All that is left are a few cabbage plants and a couple of odd jobs. This season has been a real challenge from start to finish. This spring we installed 10 new raised beds just in time for spring planting. Then the rains came in May and we were unable to cultivate the bottom of the garden for our summer plants. (4 weeks late) The summer was a scorcher with many days over 95. Then fall arrived in a hurry. Through it all our volunteers planted, weeded, harvested and worked every week to insure we had veggies to distribute. As in years past I will be adding up the totals after this week and send out the results as soon as they are in.

This past month Salford lost two of its older members who were big supporters of this garden mission. Sanford Alderfer and his sister in law Fern Alderfer. Fern's daughter Sharon would drive Fern over to see the garden quite regularly. I would always see her van slowing pull up and I would stop to visit with them. One morning it was really cold when I saw the van pull into the church parking lot. When I got to the van window I saw Fern dressed very warm with the seat heaters on and a blanket. Sharon said Mother just had to see what was going on in the garden. Fern was a big fan of my weekly updates.

Sanford would always greet me at church with his big booming voice , "How is my favorite gardener doing" 9 times out of 10 after this greeting I would hear a story about his growing up on his family farm in Lower Salford. Usually it started like this "You know my dad would..." I never grew tired of hearing about his growing up on

the farm. Both Sanford and Fern will be missed.

Thank you to all who gave of their precious time to help out in the garden this season. Nothing gets done without dedicated volunteers willing to work each and every week for 8 months out of the year. Your efforts are really appreciated. Steve. 215-872-6616 rsblank@verizon.net

Salford 2022 Reparative Hymn Royalty Payment

On April 3, 2022 Salford hosted a Music and Justice worship service in which we recognized how our worship life benefits from the contributions of creators of Negro spirituals and African American traditional music.

We learned about how, because of historical injustices, some musicians have benefited from copyright and royalties, while others, particularly from BIPOC artists whose songs were a survival tool while facing enslavement and other traumas, have not.

Since that time, **Salford staff have met with Black pastoral leaders in our area who have advised us to direct our reparative hymn royalty payments this year to the [Reparative Act Fund](#) at Shalom Community Church.**

At the end of November, Salford will make a reparative hymn royalty payment to this fund. The budgeted amount for this year is \$250, half the amount that we pay to One License, for licensing of the copyrighted hymns that we sing. This will be an ongoing (annual) payment from the worship budget. **We hope to grow this amount from payments by participants in the congregation.**

To make a payment, please do one of the following by Nov. 27:
- Write a check or give electronically to Salford with "Hymn Royalties" in the memo. A check will be written at the end of the month.

- Give via PayPal at <https://shalomcc.org/repair/> (note that PayPal takes a 2% cut)

Please contact the church office with questions. Thank you for your participation in this opportunity to, in some small way, make amends.

Faith Formation Spotlight

Note for parents of elementary kids: until January 15 (with the exception of Dec. 11) Sunday School singing will take place in the Fellowship Hall, not up front in the sanctuary. Please drop off your kids downstairs!

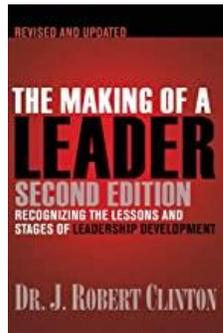
Wanted: more kids & youth to sign up to help with offering. Four needed each week; sign up for as many as you'd like!
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c45a4a62eaaf94-salfo>

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>

Here is a sampling of new materials:

The Making of a Leader: Recognizing the Lessons and Stages of Leadership Development, by: Dr. J. Robert Clinton

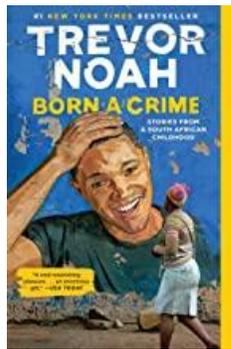


After examining the lives of hundreds of historical, biblical, and contemporary leaders, Dr. J. Robert Clinton gained perspective on how leaders develop over a lifetime. By studying the six distinct stages he identifies, you will learn to:

- Recognize and respond to God's providential shaping in your life
- Determine where you are in the leadership development process
- Identify others with leadership characteristics
- Direct the development of future leaders

This revised and updated edition includes several new appendixes and expanded endnotes, as well as an application section at the end of each chapter. DONATED

Born A Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood, by: Noah Trevor



Trevor Noah's unlikely path from apartheid South Africa to the desk of *The Daily Show* began with a criminal act: his birth. Trevor was born to a white Swiss father and a Black Xhosa mother at a time when such a union was punishable by five years in prison. Living proof of his parents' indiscretion, Trevor was kept mostly indoors for the earliest years of his life, bound by the extreme and often absurd measures his mother took to hide him from a government that could, at any moment, steal him away. Finally liberated by the end of South Africa's tyrannical white rule, Trevor and his mother set forth on a grand adventure, living openly and freely and embracing the

opportunities won by a centuries-long struggle.

Born a Crime is the story of a mischievous young boy who grows into a restless young man as he struggles to find himself in a world where he was never supposed to exist. It is also the story of that young man's relationship with his fearless, rebellious, and fervently religious mother—his teammate, a woman determined to save her son from the cycle of poverty, violence, and abuse that would ultimately threaten her own life.

The stories collected here are by turns hilarious, dramatic, and deeply affecting. Whether subsisting on caterpillars for dinner during hard times, being thrown from a moving car during an attempted kidnapping, or just trying to survive the life-and-death pitfalls of dating in high school, Trevor illuminates his curious world with an incisive wit and unflinching honesty. His stories weave together to form a moving and searingly funny portrait of a boy making his way through a damaged world in a dangerous time, armed only with a keen sense of humor and a mother's unconventional, unconditional love. DONATED

News & Notes

Staff Update: Facility Manager **George Gaugler** has decided to reduce his work hours and continue as a part-time Salford employee. George will continue to cover facility management responsibilities during the workweek (Tuesday – Friday) and will no longer cover weekend church responsibilities. **Joel Alderfer** has been hired as Weekend Facilities Assistant and will cover all facility needs on the weekend (Saturday to Sunday). Please thank George and Joel for offering their services to Salford in this way. Please contact the church office for any specific facilities needs and Church Administrator **Brad Alderfer** will direct the work to the proper employee.

This week we will honor Thanksgiving, an opportunity to give thanks to our Creator and (as it says in *Voices Together* 878) and "to those peoples who have stewarded this land for generations. We are grateful for the opportunity to live, work, and worship here, as we witness the reconciling movement of the Spirit and seek to live into right relations with our Indigenous neighbors and all of creation."

The Lenape people have lived on the land in what is now called NJ, southern NY, and eastern PA for 16,000 years. In fact, Perkiomen, the name of our local watershed, is the Lenape word for 'place where cranberries grow.' They currently have no tribal lands in the region to call their own; a call to lament.

A "[Thanksgiving At Home](#)" resource is available for your household to use this week, to guide you in honoring the indigenous peoples who once lived on this land and in giving thanks for all of the goodness we enjoy. Paper copies are also available at the Welcome Center.

In honor of the 500th anniversary of the Anabaptist Movement in 2025, MennoMedia is inviting Anabaptists across North America to contribute to a [community Bible project](#). Bible study groups will meet four times this winter and spring to reflect on assigned scripture passages and submit notes which will be published as marginal notes in the new Bible. Would you like to contribute to this project as part of a group from Salford? Let [Maria Hosler Byler](#) know by December 18th. We will form groups and begin study in the new year. This is part of the [Anabaptism at 500 Project](#).

Salford Mennonite Child Care Center

Special Thank you to our volunteers **Ron and Sue Souder** from Salford. The children and teachers at Salford Mennonite Child Care Center have enjoyed monthly visits from *Annie* and *Sophie* (Ron and Sue's therapy dogs) since April. It is a special time each month where the children get one on one time with well trained and kind animals. We are so blessed to have them join us month to month. Thank you so much Ron and Sue.



Beyond Salford

Join the fun on Tuesday, November 29, from 5:00 to 8:00 pm and help "stock-the-shoppes" at **Care & Share Thrift Shoppes** in Souderton. Dress in comfortable clothes, bring a friend, and meet in the Welcome Center. Learn more at careandshreshoppes.org.

The November edition of **On the Level** is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: Learn about the MDS long-term response to Hurricane Ian in Florida; Read about volunteers responding to Hurricane Fiona in Atlantic Canada; A new web page with volunteer opportunities closer to home; and we have information on the up-coming MDS Annual Celebration in Pennsylvania in February. Click on this link to read more: https://myemail.constantcontact.com/On-the-Level---MDS-November-2022.html?soid=1133208989833&aid=0yIpeEce_Q20