

November 27, 2022

**Sunday, November 27, 9:30 am Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live,**  
Associate Pastor Maria Hosler Byler will preach on Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14; *Reality and Hope*

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

**November 20, 2022**

Offering  
\$3,240  
ACH Electronic Offering  
\$2,070  
Vanco Online Offering  
\$3,549  
**Total Budget Offering \$8,859**  
**Children's Offering \$38**

### Future Salford Events

**November 27** – Baptism Service, Andrew Zetts  
**December 4** – Fall Congregational Business Meeting during Second Hour  
**December 10** – Christmas Peace Pilgrimage Walk  
**December 11** – Christmas Hymn Sing at Salford  
**December 18** – Children's Christmas Program

If you have information or prayer requests for our newsletter, please submit this to the church office by 4:00

## **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.

## **Update from Lead Pastors Dave Greiser**

Thanks so much for your expressions of care in the weeks leading up to my knee replacement surgery. The surgery was Tuesday morning (Nov. 22) in Doylestown. The surgery went well and I'm home and doing very well so far. It looks like I'll be recuperating at home for at least a week, and likely a little longer. I won't be driving for four weeks (it's my right knee) which will limit my travel ability for visiting and meetings.

Anita and I will be fine as far as meals and chores go. Since Anita has already had both knees replaced.

And of course, your prayers are valued!

Having knees replaced is familiar territory for us. One thing we don't have and will need in a week or two is a cane. If someone would be willing to loan us one, that would be great.

## **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 **\$152,000** in offering and income for the last five 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 (8 weeks): \$16,060**

## **Baptism Service, Saturday, November 26, 2022**

Andrew Zetts will be baptized on **Saturday, November 26, at 4:00 pm** in a brief service. Everyone is invited! The baptism will be at Groff's Mill Park, which is near the intersection of Groff's Mill Road and Salfordville Road, down Groff's Mill Road

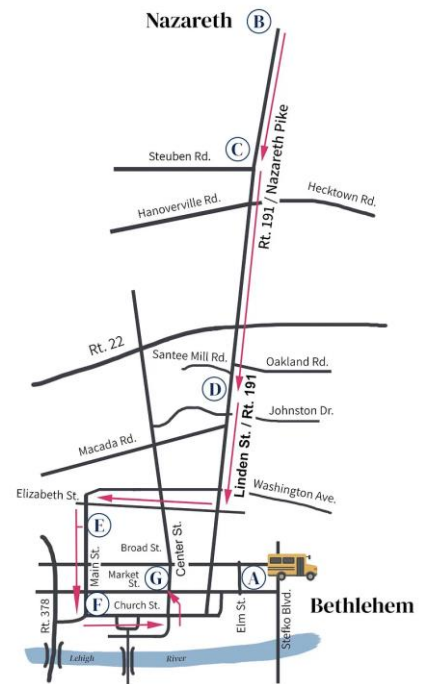
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afternoon.

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below the church building. Let's celebrate with him!

## Be a Witness for Christ's Peace!

All Salford congregants are invited to participate in the **63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Nazareth to Bethlehem Christmas Peace Pilgrimage** on **December 10<sup>th</sup> 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!



## Congregational Business Meeting, December 4, 2022

The Fall congregational business meeting will be held on December 4, 2022 during the Second Hour. All adults are requested to attend. A meeting packet was placed in your church mailbox last Sunday. Please bring this packet along with you to the meeting.

## Advent Resources Available in the Foyer

This 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

### Sunday, December 4

- 9:30 am Salford Worship Indoors and Streamed on YouTube Live  
Preaching: Steve Godsall Myers
- 10:30 am Second Hour for Children
- 10:30 am Congregational meeting for all Adults in the Sanctuary

## Our Church Family

### Prayer Concerns

- For **Pastor Dave** who is home recovering from his knee surgery. Pray for rest and a smooth recovery.
- For **Ada Swartley** who is in Peter Becker for rehab after having some complications from congestive heart failure.
- All Mosaic congregations are invited to join us in a prayer of Thanksgiving for our generous donors and for the congregations and organizations who support our ministry through their financial gifts. We give thanks to God for generosity and invite you to pray for all of us to have a generous spirit.

## **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.

**Garden update, 11/23/22:** Greetings fellow gardeners, here is the E-mail everyone has been waiting for. The numbers are in so here are the totals for the 2022 garden season.

**Zucchini** - 1,323 lbs. A new record! The plants just kept producing, we harvested Zucchini all the way until frost.

**Cucumbers** - 244 lbs. - Not our best year. Insects and heat took their toll on the plants.

**Green Peppers** - 1,351 lbs. - About average not a record but a good number considering we planted later than other years.

**Tomatoes** - 6,418 lbs. - Our best year in a while. The plants just kept on producing.

**Eggplant** - 182 lbs. Only 50 plants, they started off really nice but stopped soon into August

**Yellow String Beans** - 110 lbs. Not our best harvest. The plants never grew very big. That part of the garden was wet early and beans do not like their feet wet.

**Green String Beans** - 679 lbs. 2 plantings of green beans Plus pole beans - fall plants did much better than the summer plants.

**Honeynut Squash** - 191 lbs. - This was the first year we planted this kind. A smaller squash but very tasty.

**Potatoes** - 304 lbs. We planted 2 kinds of potatoes, Red and Golden. The Red did great but some of the Golden were in a very wet spot and they rotted in the ground. Oh well....

**Sweet Potatoes** - 170 lbs. we planned 3 different kinds of sweet potatoes this year. The deer really liked the leaves and we lost several plants to them.

**Peas** - 80 lbs. Our Sugar Snap peas did really well. Vines over 6 foot tall.

**Broccoli** - 230 lbs. Not a big number but almost every plant produced a nice head of broccoli. Not very big but nice anyway.

**Cabbage** - 2,433 lbs. ANOTHER RECORD. Well over a TON. Our cabbage was the star of the garden this year many heads over 15 lbs. and we lost very few.

**Red Beets** - 353 lbs. - We planted 6 different kinds of Red Beets this year, Spring and Fall.

**Carrots** - 118 lbs. - We only planted carrots in the spring but still a nice harvest.

**Onions** - 625 lbs. - 1,300 plants this year but their size was not as big as other years.

**Cherry Tomatoes** - 34 lbs. we planted 2 types of golden cherry toms this year. Will be planting more next year. Really tasty

**Hot Peppers** - 76 lbs.

**Lima Beans** - 81 lbs. - Some plants did well others struggled.

**Cauliflower** - 468 lbs. - Not a record but the nicest we have grown in many years. Very many large beautifully filled out heads. Some over 3 lbs.

**Romaine Lettuce** - 97 head @ 146 lbs., First year we grew this type very nice.

**Turnips** - 48 lbs. - A new record. Always a nice treat.

**Radishes** - 18 lbs. - 2 different kinds. A nice fill in.

OK after all this is added up we have a total of 15,679 lbs. WOO HOO!! Better than last year by a few pounds. The mystery pickers took a few veggies here and there, the deer danced around all summer, but over all a great Harvest.

Thank You to everyone who helped out in 2022. Enjoy the holidays and I hope to see you in the Spring of 2023. Steve. 215-872-6616 [rsblank@verizon.net](mailto:rsblank@verizon.net)

## Faith Formation Spotlight

[The Seed and The Soil Project](#) creates music, art, and “Little Liturgies.” CDs and text of the simple weekly prayers are available at Salford (Welcome Center) or can be streamed and downloaded [here](#). The Advent-Epiphany series runs from Nov. 27, 2022-Feb. 23, 2023. [Listen to all the albums on Soundcloud.](#)

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

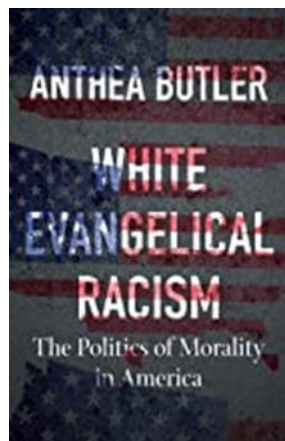
**Wanted: more kids & youth to sign up to help with offering.** Four needed each week; sign up for as many as you'd like!  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c45a4a62eaaf94-salfo>

## 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>

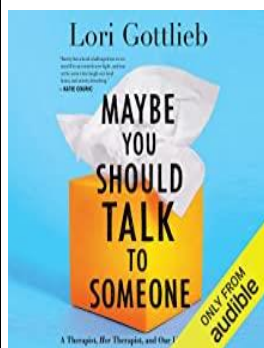
Here is a sampling of new materials:

**White Evangelical Racism: The Politics of Morality in America, by: Anthea D. Butler**



The American political scene today is poisonously divided, and the vast majority of white evangelicals play a strikingly unified, powerful role in the disunion. These evangelicals raise a starkly consequential question for electoral politics: Why do they claim morality while supporting politicians who act immorally by most Christian measures? In this clear-eyed, hard-hitting chronicle of American religion and politics, Anthea Butler answers that racism is at the core of conservative evangelical activism and power.

Butler reveals how evangelical racism, propelled by the benefits of whiteness, has since the nation's founding played a provocative role in severely fracturing the electorate. During the buildup to the Civil War, white evangelicals used scripture to defend slavery and nurture the Confederacy. During Reconstruction, they used it to deny the vote to newly emancipated Black people. In the twentieth century, they sided with segregationists in avidly opposing movements for racial equality and civil rights. Most recently, evangelicals supported the Tea Party, a Muslim ban, and border policies allowing family separation. White evangelicals today, cloaked in a vision of Christian patriarchy and nationhood, form a staunch voting bloc in support of white leadership. Evangelicalism's racial history festers, splits America, and needs a reckoning now. **DONATED**



**Maybe You Should Talk to Someone: A Therapist, Her Therapist, and our Lives Revealed, by Lori Gottlieb**

From a *New York Times* best-selling author, psychotherapist, and national advice columnist, a hilarious, thought-provoking,

and surprising new book that takes us behind the scenes of a therapist's world - where her patients are looking for answers (and so is she).

One day, Lori Gottlieb is a therapist who helps patients in her Los Angeles practice. The next, a crisis causes her world to come crashing down. Enter Wendell, the quirky but seasoned therapist in whose office she suddenly lands. With his balding head, cardigan, and khakis, he seems to have come straight from Therapist Central Casting. Yet he will turn out to be anything but.

As Gottlieb explores the inner chambers of her patients' lives - a self-absorbed Hollywood producer, a young newlywed diagnosed with a terminal illness, a senior citizen threatening to end her life on her birthday if nothing gets better, and a 20-something who can't stop hooking up with the wrong guys - she finds that the questions they are struggling with are the very ones she is now bringing to Wendell.

With startling wisdom and humor, Gottlieb invites us into her world as both clinician and patient, examining the truths and fictions we tell ourselves and others as we teeter on the tightrope between love and desire, meaning and mortality, guilt and redemption, terror and courage, hope and change.

*Maybe You Should Talk to Someone* is revolutionary in its candor, offering a deeply personal yet universal tour of our hearts and minds and providing the rarest of gifts: a boldly revealing portrait of what it means to be human and a disarmingly funny and illuminating account of our own mysterious lives and our power to transform them. DONATED

## News & Notes

We are receiving much appreciation for the **children and adult artwork featured on the covers of the bulletin**. We are seeking additional artwork to feature. Please send the artwork you are willing to share to Church Administrator Brad Alderfer.

We are preparing to print **updated copies of the Photo Directory for 2023**. Please send an updated photo of your family for the directory (a square photo works best). Please also send any updated contact information, address, phone, email, etc. Please send your updated information to the church office at [alderferb@salfordmc.org](mailto:alderferb@salfordmc.org) by December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022. If you would like to be added to the photo directory, or would like access, please also contact the church office.

**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.

In honor of the 500<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup>. We will form groups and begin study in the new year. This is part of the

[Anabaptism at 500 Project.](#)

## **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 [careandshareshoppes.org](http://careandshareshoppes.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=0yIpEce\\_Q20](https://myemail.constantcontact.com/On-the-Level---MDS-November-2022.html?soid=1133208989833&aid=0yIpEce_Q20)

Join us for our **Dock EC to Grade 8 annual Christmas Benefit Concert** on Friday, December 2, 2022, at 7:00 PM at Franconia Mennonite Church. The concert will feature our Kindergarten students reciting Luke 2, the Elementary (Grades 1 to 4) Choir, Middle School Choir, Middle School Orchestra, Middle School Band, & our Advanced Handbells! The offering at the Christmas Benefit Concert will be matched dollar for dollar by several supportive families.

**Singing Light: A Walking Roots Band Christmas Concert to benefit MCC** will be held Saturday, December 10 at 6:30 pm in the Clemens Theater at Longacre Center at the Dock Mennonite Academy High School Campus. The event is a partnership between the Walking Roots Band and the MCC PA Relief Sale to benefit the work of Mennonite Central Committee. Tickets are free, but there is limited space so please reserve your tickets ahead of time. Seating will be first come-first served. A free will offering will be taken. Coins can also be brought to drop into the Coin Vortex to go towards MCC's My Coins Count project. For those who are not able to attend (and even if you are able!), donations can also be made at [www.pareliefsale.org/donate](http://www.pareliefsale.org/donate) (please note "Singing Light" with your donation, whether you mail a check or donate online). There is a link to reserve tickets at: [www.pareliefsale.org](http://www.pareliefsale.org) where you can also find out more information about the PA Relief Sale. More about the band: [www.thewalkingrootsband.com](http://www.thewalkingrootsband.com)