

November 5, 2023

**Sunday, November 5,
9:30 am Worship at
Salford and on
YouTube Live,** Lead
Pastor Dave Greiser
will preach on
Galatians 3:23-4:7;
*The Experience of
Adoption*

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

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

October 29, 2023

Offering
\$8,142
ACH Electronic
Offering
\$1,960
Vanco Online Offering
\$1,798
**Total Budget Offering
\$11,900**
Children's Offering
\$34

Future Salford Events

November 5 – Witting
Tree Ceremony
following Second Hour

November 8 - Family
Faith Formation Night

November 19 – Fall
Congregational

Business Meeting
November 22 –

Thanksgiving Eve
Service, 7:00 pm

December 9 – Red

Centered-Set Church Second Hours

During Second Hour this Sunday, the Gospel Herald and Foundations class will host a brief new elective taking us deeper into our current sermon theme, "Centered-Set Church." We'll learn more about Salford's history as a bounded-set church, where we are at present, and what it might look like to live into an identity that is deeply and fully centered in Jesus.

If you want to go deeper in this study, please find a copy of Mark D. Baker's Centered-Set Church, published by InterVarsity Press and available from Amazon and many other booksellers. It would also be good to read through the book of Galatians, which has formed the scripture basis of the fall sermon series.

The class will meet in the Gathering Room on the second floor.

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 **\$634,275** in offering and income over the first ten months of the year, with 2023 projected actual expenses of \$870,000. We have received 73% of the income needed for 2023 in these first 10 months (83%) 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 January through October, including youth auction income (44 weeks): \$14,415.**

Witting Tree Ceremony, November 5

You are invited to bear witness of the epidemic of suicide within America's military and veteran population. The ending of the Afghanistan War has not changed the rate of suicide in our nation. Please join us after second hour on November 5, 2023. We will bear witness by praying and hanging dog tags on a tree in the church's front lawn by the main entrance.

Daylight Saving Time Ends Sunday, November 5

Daylight saving time ends this Sunday, November 5. Before going to bed Saturday evening, set back any manual clocks by one hour.

Joint Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service with Advent Lutheran

Cross Blood Drive at Salford

If you have information or prayer requests for 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

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 22nd. 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 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.**

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.

This Week at Salford

Wednesday, November 8

5:30 pm Family Faith Formation Night Meal (Fellowship Hall)

6:30 pm Kids Club (Gathering Room)

6:30 pm Youth & Adult Gatherings

Sunday, November 12

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

Preaching: Panel Discussion

10:30 am Second Hour for All Ages

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

- For **Salma Soueidan**, as she grieves the loss of her husband **Bachir Soueidan**. Bachir died following surgery at U. of Penn. Hospital this week. He was 84. Burial was in the Salford cemetery on Wednesday.
- For **Ruth Maxwell** who will not need further surgery. She will have testing over the next 2 weeks to determine treatment needed. Please pray for peace during this time and for healing.
- For the **Mosaic Conference Assembly** meeting this Saturday and for the Salford delegates who will attend: **Kerry Hasler-Brooks, Joe Landis, John Ruth, Ron Freed, Andrew Zetts and Dave Greiser.**
- All Mosaic congregations are invited to join **Nueva Vida Norristown (PA) New Life** in praying for the Holy Spirit to reveal their new pastoral team.

Birthday Blessings...

To **Harold Moyer**, who celebrates his 91st birthday on November 6th.

Memorial Service Information...

A service of remembrance for **Gerald Kaczor** will be held at Souderton Mennonite Homes on Sunday November 5th beginning at 2:30 pm with a time of visitation to follow. You may [participate remotely at this link](#) (updated from earlier link sent by email)

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, 11/2/23:

Greetings fellow gardeners. the past couple of Saturdays I have been away from the garden. Trying to be a good granddad and camping (in a motel) with friends. The garden was in good hands. Our dedicated volunteers made short work of the lists I gave them. All the tomato cages have been pulled, stacked and stored away for the winter. Most of the plants have been pulled, only a few cabbage and broccoli are left. Next week we pull up the plastic and the garden will be closed until spring. The week of Thanksgiving I will add up all the numbers and send out an e-mail with all the totals. Always a much anticipated letter. I am not a great book reader but when I do read a good book it can be hard for me to put it down. As I read through all the twists and turns and anticipate what may come next, it can be addicting. But when that final chapter is finished and you turn the last page it is a little sad to know it's over no matter how enjoyable it may have been. That is a little how it is with the garden, Each week we turn a page with something new, exciting or disappointing happening. At the end of a long season we look back on all we grew, harvested and donated but are a little sad that we are done for the year. I may not see some of our volunteers for months. I will plan for another season but that is 5 months from now. May all of you enjoy the holiday season with family and friends. Thank you to everyone who came out to work in the garden the past 2 weeks when I was away. Your dedication does not go unnoticed or unappreciated.

Do you have pumpkins or gourds that you used for carving or decoration? When you are finished with them bring them to the garden, They compost very well. I will add them to my compost pile and they can returned back to the earth. Much better then filling a land fill. Steve, 215-872-6616, rsblank@verizon.net

Justice & Peace Spotlight

Doylestown Gun Violence Awareness Day, Sunday, November 19th 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.

Family Faith Formation Spotlight

Faith Formation Night on November 8, 2023

We will resume our Faith Formation Nights for this school year on **November 8, 2023**, from **5:30 to 8:00 P.M.** Please see below for the evening's schedule and let Pastor Andrew (zetsa@salfordmc.org) know by **November 6** how many people from your household plan to attend; RSVPs are very helpful for meal planning.

- 5:30-5:45 P.M.: Dinner
- 5:45-6:30 P.M.: Worship
- 6:30-8:00 P.M.: Age-specific programs

The different programs include:

Kids Club: A space for 1st-5th graders to have a fun time exploring various themes and stories from Scripture through crafts, games, and a variety of activities.

Junior and Senior MYF: A gathering of 6th through 12th graders that connects for games, conversation, and contemplation to provide mutual support and foster spiritual growth. This month we will continue investigating the question: *How can we be a community that supports each other?* as well as practice a time of rest and reflection.

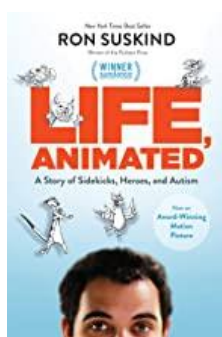
Adults: What Do You Say When You Don't Know What to Say?

Have you ever been lost for words when talking about faith with the youth in your life? Have the difficulties and pain you've experienced on your own faith journey made it difficult for you to discuss faith and invite your youth into a faith journey of their own?

At this month's Faith Formation Night, Marlene Frankenfield will discuss the complexities she faced while striving to pass on the faith to the youth in her life. She will talk about the ways processing her own journey while parenting and serving in youth ministry at Salford Mennonite and Franconia Conference impacted her approach to youth faith formation. Marlene will be joined by her daughter, Meredith Ehst, as they share how they have tried to navigate youth faith formation in different contexts and invite participants to reflect on their own experiences. This session is meant as a time for families to connect with each other as we work as a community to invite our youth into a life of discipleship.

Also, please mark the following dates for the future Faith Formation Nights this school year; they are the second Wednesday of each month. December 13, January 10, February 14, March 13, April 10, May 8

Church Library Spotlight

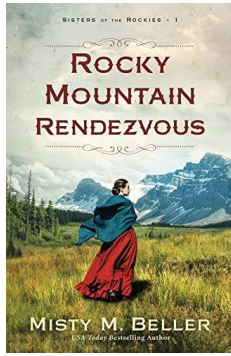


The church library has purchased many new books in recent weeks. Stop by and speak with a librarian to see what's new, or review the library catalogue on the Salford church website <https://smck-ind.kari.opalsinfo.net/bin/home>

Life, Animated: A Story of Sidekicks, Heroes, and Autism By: Ron Suskind

Pulitzer Prize-winning author Ron Suskind tells the story of how his autistic son was able to regain the ability to speak through the medium of Disney animated films. DONATED

Rocky Mountain Rendezvous By: Misty M. Beller



In 1837, Juniper Collins and her sisters are shocked by their father's deathbed request for them to return a special set of beads to a Piegan Blackfoot woman he credits with saving his life during his travels West. Together, the sisters set out for the trapper rendezvous to find the woman, but their mission turns more daunting when they come upon the mass of men and lodges spread out in the Green River Valley.

Riley Turner came West to find peace and quiet and live off the land, but when four unprotected women arrive at the rendezvous, he feels compelled to help them and is more fascinated by Juniper than any other woman he's known.

As their search brings only empty leads and dead ends, the sisters must decide whether to return East or stay in the mountains to continue looking--and that's if the mystery woman is even still alive. Is the risk to honor their father's last request worth the danger they find at every turn?

News & Notes

Have Questions??? On Sunday November 12th the Staff will have a **conversation about Centered-Set Church** in the morning service. Do you have a question about it? Email Karen with your questions and we'll answer what we can! bergeyk@salfordmc.org

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.

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 10th**! 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 or 215.237.7367 to join the choir.

Beyond Salford

Bakers needed for the Souderton Mennonite Homes Auxiliary Holiday Bazaar, Friday, November 10 and Saturday, November 11. Baked Goods can be dropped off Friday or Saturday in the Fellowship Room. For more information, contact Alta Yoder at Ext. 42229. All proceeds benefit the Agape Fund.

The October edition of On the Level is now available from **Mennonite Disaster Service**. In our current issue: Kevin King shares the health benefits of being a volunteer; an old grocery store is transformed near Red Lake, Minnesota; and if you enjoy quilting, knitting or crocheting you'll want to learn more about the MDS Housewarmer Project. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3FnVTrJ>