

November 6, 2022

Sunday, November 6, 9:30 am Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live, Lead Pastor Dave Greiser will preach on Romans 15:1-6; *Loving People We Don't Understand*

10:30 am Second Hour for all ages

All Adults and Senior MYF are requested to gather in the Fellowship Hall for Second Hour.

October 30, 2022

Offering
\$5,760

ACH Electronic

Offering
\$1,995

Vanco Online Offering
\$2,433

**Total Budget Offering
\$10,188**

**Children's Offering
\$43**

Future Salford Events

November 6 –
Welcoming New
Members

November 9 – Family
Night Kickoff

November 23 –
Thanksgiving Eve
Worship Service at
Advent Lutheran

Church, 7:00 pm
December 4 – Fall
Congregational
Business Meeting

December 10 –
Christmas Peace
Pilgrimage Walk

Thank You from Maria Hosler Byler

I am deeply grateful for your supportive witness at my service of ordination last week – and for everything surrounding and leading up to it. You have been there for me as a congregation through so much of my growth as a pastor, offering support and coming alongside me in ministry. Last Sunday was a beautiful example of that care: through your surrounding me in prayer, your words of affirmation and congratulations, the beautiful and bountiful celebration in the fellowship hall, and best of all your ongoing journey with me as we seek to be church together. Let's keep seeking, wondering, and responding together. - Maria Hosler Byler

Mosaic Conference Assembly this Saturday: all invited to 9:30am worship

Conference Assembly worship is something I look forward to all year. Worshiping in five languages, and hearing stories of God at work in other contexts, we get a taste of God's reign that is far broader than our experience. Some members of our conference are coming by plane or driving for hours to reach conference assembly this year. We have the benefit of meeting right here in our community! **You are invited to join us for worship at 9:30 a.m. this Saturday, November 5 at Souderton Mennonite Church.**

This time of worship will begin our day-long annual conference assembly meetings. We will approve the conference board nominations and budget, here reports from the year, and discuss the direction of the conference over the next few years. We will also hear stories of God's work throughout the conference and welcome a new congregation and a new conference-related ministry into our fellowship. Salford's delegates to Conference Assembly are Ron Freed, Melissa Heise, Kerry Hasler-Brooks, Joe Landis and John Ruth along with the pastors. This Sunday in worship we will share a brief report of the day.

Faith Formation Night on November 9, 2022

Join us for our **Faith Formation Night on November 9, 2022**, from 5:30-8:00 P.M.! This will include a time to connect over dinner with other families, sing together in worship, and learn and grow in our faith in age-specific settings. Our hope is to eventually host this event on the second Wednesday of each month, starting in January 2023.

Schedule

5:30-6:15 pm: Dinner

6:15-6:30 pm: Worship

6:30-8:00 pm: Age-specific programs

Different Gathering Spaces

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 Mennonite Youth Fellowship: A gathering of 6th through 12th

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graders that connects for games, conversation, and contemplation to provide mutual support and foster spiritual growth

Adults: A time to meet with other parents and guardians to learn about and discuss a variety of topics. This month, Randy Nyce will be sharing strategies to talk to children and youth about money and finances and how to align faith values to our understanding of stewardship.

Salford Mennonite and Advent Lutheran Thanksgiving Eve service at Advent

Salford and Advent Lutheran Church will join together for a Thanksgiving Eve service at 7pm 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](mailto:maria.hosler@adventlutheran.org) 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 **\$220,000** in offering and income for the last eight 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 (5 weeks): \$12,176**

This Week at Salford

Wednesday, November 9

5:30 pm Family Night (Fellowship Hall)

6:30 pm Kid's Club (Gathering Room)

Sunday, November 13

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 **Carol Nase** who is in Grandview Hospital recovering from a respiratory virus
- For **Naomi Landis** and **Ruth Nafziger** who are recovering in Healthcare at the Souderton Mennonite Home.
- For **Marvin Anders** who will have back surgery this week. Pray for healing and relief from pain.
- For **Cindy Scheetz** and her family as they grieve the death of her cousin's

stepson Larry, who died from complications related to PTSD and alcohol abuse.

- For **Cesar Marin's family** in Mexico. His 3 youngest children are very ill with a flu and pray for recovery.
- We pray for **native American families and children in foster care**. The Anabaptist Dismantling the Doctrine of the Discovery group asked Salford to sign an amicus (friend of the court) briefing this summer in support of the **Indian Child Welfare Act, landmark legislation which for 50 years has protected Indigenous children** and nations. This Wednesday begins the Supreme Court hearing on this case.
- All Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for **Amahoro International**, a non-profit organization in Los Angeles, CA. Amahoro is a global collaborative for peace and justice and participates in the social, spiritual, and economic development of Africa and African people throughout the world. Mosaic delegates will be voting to affirm Amahoro as a Conference Related Ministry (CRM) with Mosaic Conference at our fall Assembly.

Birthday Blessings...

To **Gladys Nyce**, who turns 89 on November 13th.

Memorial Service Arrangements for Ferne Alderfer

A visitation will be held on Saturday, November 12, 2022 at Salford Mennonite Church from 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm, followed by a memorial service at 2:00 pm. Inurnment will take place at Salford Mennonite Cemetery.

Memorial 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. Private burial will take place at Salford Mennonite Cemetery.

Wedding Blessings...

To **Emily Derstine and Tyler Buckley** who were married on October 21, 2022 at The Loft at Landis Creek in Limerick, PA.

Emily and Tyler's new home address is: 209 Zieglerville Rd, Schwenksville PA 19473.

Blessings to Emily and Tyler as they begin life together as a married couple.

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.

Cesar Marin sends his prayer update from his ministry in Mexico. Salford supports Cesar & Mimi in this work with our global missions budget. You can read [Cesar's update here.](#)

Garden update, 11/3/22: Greetings fellow gardeners, the season just keeps chugging along. Last Saturday morning the ground was a solid white with frost when I arrived at the garden. Our fall veggies did not seem to mind. In fact I am being told that the cabbage and turnips turn sweeter and tastier after a frost. If that is true our veggies will be the best ever because it was COLD last Saturday. Cauliflower, red beets and a few Broccoli are still coming in bit by bit. Saturday

November 19 will be the official last day for the garden. I may have a few extra plants still hanging around but we should be cleaned up and ready for winter. Last Saturday we stacked and stored 800 tomato cages. Thank you to Stan Wilhemson for the use of his pickup truck to haul all these cages back to the Alderfer property. This week is the start of the big leaf pickup. George Gaugler has our leaf collector set up and is gathering leaves from all over the church property. They will be placed around the garden and I will chop them up preparing them for composting. If the weather holds out I should be able to finish by December. I already have almost all the plants from our summer plants chopped and composting. After the garden is closed up I will tally up the totals and send out the results for the 2022 garden season.

Thank you to all who helped out this past week, it was chilly! I already have plans started for next season but I am looking forward to a few months off. 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.

On that day we made the following Commitment to Justice in Music:

We at Salford Mennonite Church acknowledge the history and significance of the spirituals sung in today's worship service. With respect and deep gratitude for the extraordinary musical contributions made to U.S. American music by Black people, we offer our thanks and praise to God for the creators of the Negro Spirituals and their descendants. Each time we sing the spiritual songs of enslaved Black people in our worship together, we commit to:

Singing and hearing them with reverence and open hearts;

Honoring the unnamed musicians who created them;

And paying royalties to organizations promoting the advancement of Black artists in the U.S.

We understand that the harm done to Black musicians and artists can never be fully addressed through payment, and that this payment is a narrow part of the healing process.

Through our prayers, our gifts and our actions, we will strive to do all that we can to end systemic racism in America.

We are grateful to the United Parish in Brookline, MA from which this commitment is adapted.

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.**

This allows us to give up full control of where the funds are going, because there is a Disbursement Committee (comprised of Black Mennonite leaders) who will determine where the funds should go.

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.

In the spring several Salford second hour classes participated in a study on Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery which included a call to address the extinction, enslavement, and extraction done in the name of Christ on Indigenous lands.

The Anabaptist group that wrote the study invited Salford to sign an amicus (friend of the court) briefing this summer in support of the **Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA)**, landmark legislation which for 50 years has protected Indigenous children and nations. This Wednesday begins the hearing on this case at the Supreme Court. Please join the DDOD coalition in praying this prayer:

Prayer for ICWA - *Written by Carol Rose, co-pastor at Shalom Mennonite Fellowship*

We thank God for all those who fought for the rights of Indigenous people and who, in the 1970s won the struggle to protect Indigenous children and nations through the Indian Child Welfare Act.

We pray for an end to all abuse and neglect of children, including that structural abuse that has willfully separated them from their Indigenous nations.

We pray for the children who have been separated from their people.

We pray for adults who grew up without the protective support of their wider community and culture.

We pray for the Indigenous nations, communities and families who have lost their children.

We pray that there will be abundant and supported foster and adoptive families to safely hold children within the embrace of their tribal communities.

We pray for the foster families of every race and culture who stand in for the moment, who love the children in their care and do their best to support children's cultural connections, and who willingly release those children back to their communities.

We pray for the lawyers and witnesses who will be defending ICWA in the supreme court in the coming days. Give them clear voices to speak the truth.

We pray for the judges. May they see and do justice by upholding ICWA as the law of the land.

Everyone in this story is yours, from the children to the tribes to the Supreme Court to us. Your will be done. Amen.

Faith Formation Spotlight

Wanted: more kids & youth to sign up to help with offering. Four needed each week; sign up for as many as you'd like!
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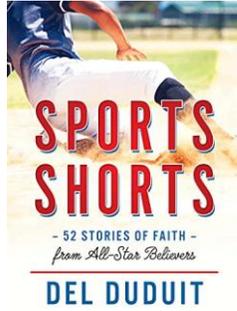
MYF Material Resource Center Project Salford's Mennonite Youth Fellowship is collecting used t-shirts so they can repurpose them into rags. These rags will be donated to the MCC Material Resource Center who will then sell them to businesses and use the profits for their continued work and mission. *The shirts must be 100% cotton* and donations can be made from now until November 10th. You can place your shirt donations at the church welcome center or the church office. Contact Pastor Andrew (zetsa@salfordmc.org) if you have any questions.

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:

Sports Shorts: 52 Stories of Faith from All-Star Believers by Del Duduit

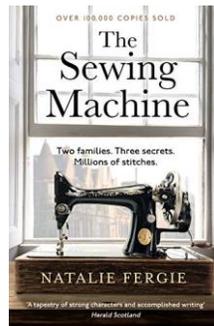


Kids and sports fans of all ages always look up to their favorite player. It doesn't matter if they can throw a ball 100 mph, hit a grand slam, or catch a winning touchdown pass—athletes have a big impact on their fans. But what's more important than a players' stats and likeability is that they show a godly example both on and off the playing field.

In *Sports Shorts*, you'll get an inside look at what motivates a Christian all-star player. You will find out that they have problems just like you. But they also know where to find strength when they are tested. Professional athletes can serve God and be happy even when life throws them a curveball and so can you.

Sports Shorts will show you wonderful examples of all-star, major league Christian football and baseball players at their best so you can be inspired to be your best.

The Sewing Machine by Natalie Fergie



It is 1911, and Jean is about to join the mass strike at the Singer factory. For her, nothing will be the same again. Decades later, in Edinburgh, Connie sews coded moments of her life into a notebook, as her mother did before her.

More than a hundred years after his grandmother's sewing machine was made, Fred discovers a treasure trove of documents. His family history is laid out before him in a patchwork of unfamiliar handwriting and colorful seams. He starts to unpick the secrets of four generations, one stitch at a time.

News & Notes

There will be one additional opportunity to sign the **ordination gift quilt** that will be given to **Maria Hosler Byler**. It will be available in the main foyer on Sunday before worship and between worship and Second Hour.

All Salford friends at the Souderton Mennonite Home please join us for our monthly gathering on **Monday November 14 from 7-8** in the Friendship Room. Call Karen at 215.237.7367 if you have a question. See you there!

On Wednesday, November 9, **Kids' Club** will meet in the Gathering Room from 6:30-8:00. We will be learning more about Women in the Bible, and there will be games, crafts, stories, and snacks. All kids in grades 1-5 are welcome! Please email Melissa Heise at mheise@eastern.edu if you have any questions.

We are thankful for the **children who are coming to Salford Mennonite Child Care Center**. May they feel welcome and cared for as they spend their days surrounded by friends and teachers.

We are aware that **political campaign fliers** were placed on some car windshields in the church parking lot this past Sunday. Staff or Church Board was not asked permission for this activity and we are not aware where these fliers came from. Church Leadership does not endorse any candidate, public campaigning on church property, or the placing of campaign materials on church property for any candidate.

Calling all choir singers for Thanksgiving Eve: This year the Salford and Advent Lutheran Thanksgiving Eve service will be at Advent Lutheran on November 23, with a combined choir. Would you like to sing with us? Please notify Maria Hosler Byler as soon as possible to receive music and recordings and to learn about rehearsal. Maria will need final commitments by November 14. A combined rehearsal with Advent Lutheran choir will take place on Thursday November 17th.

Beyond Salford

Healthy Niños Honduras is celebrating their 5-year Anniversary at their **Annual Banquet & Silent Auction** on Saturday, November 12, and you are invited! You can expect a hot dinner buffet, a chance at cool prizes, and a presentation discussing all that they have been able to accomplish this year. To register your attendance, [click here](#).

You are invited to the [Perkasie Mennonite Church's Patchwork Coffeehouse](#) concert with Piper's Request on November 19 at 7:30 pm. A portion of the proceeds supports [MDS Southwest Florida relief](#). Masks are required.