

October 15, 2023

Sunday, October 15, 9:30 am Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live, Lead Pastor Dave Greiser will preach on Galatians 1:13-24; *Paul as Centered-Set Christian*

All adults are requested to return to the church sanctuary for Second Hour for a **Congregational Meeting**

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Offering
\$4,959
ACH Electronic
Offering
\$2,125
Vanco Online Offering
\$3,402
Total Budget Offering
\$10,486
Children's Offering
\$25

Future Salford Events

October 15 – Congregational Informational Meeting during Second Hour
November 4 – Mosaic Conference Fall Assembly
November 5 – Witting Tree Ceremony
November 8 - Family Faith Formation Night
November 19 – Fall Congregational Business Meeting
November 22 – Thanksgiving Service, 7:00 pm Eve
December 9 – Red

Congregational Informational Meeting

The Salford Church Board requests that all adults attend a congregational informational meeting this Sunday, October 15, 2023. The purpose of this meeting is to present information on two proposed capital projects that are under consideration. There will be time for question & answer and feedback. The meeting packet has been placed in church mailboxes with additional copies at the Welcome Center. **Please bring your meeting packet with you to the meeting.** The meeting will be held in the sanctuary during Second Hour.

Acknowledging the Original Inhabitants of This Land Increasing Consciousness of the Lenape People

A large stone in our cemetery serves as an explanatory monument to tell the story of the first people who made Salford a congregation - those who donated the land, the first pastor, schoolteacher, and founding families. It was installed as part of an Eagle Scout project by Kevin McCoach in 2015, with support from John Ruth as historian.

As John Ruth's and our congregation's consciousness of the Lenape people as the original stewards of this land has grown in recent years, John suggested that this monument be modified to include the words "Built on Lenapehoking" at the top. Lenapehoking can be translated as "homelands of the Lenape people."

The monument was updated last month as a sign of our continued efforts to learn from history and listen well to the first inhabitants of this land. **Please join us this Sunday, October 15, directly after the second hour congregational meeting, for a brief time of prayer in the cemetery.**

Children, youth, and adults of all ages are invited to join us in song, scripture and sharing in the initial harvest from the new Three Sisters garden. The Three Sisters garden is a new section of the Salford-Advent garden featuring traditional native foods like sunchokes, beans, corn and squash.

A Foundation Fund grant written in partnership with the Mennonite Heritage Center for support of Lenape-related initiatives locally covered the cost of the monument's update.

Update from Seth Malone and Sarah Funkhouser, MCC Representatives for Jordan, Palestine, and Israel

We have recently been in contact with Seth Malone and Sarah Funkhouser, the MCC Representatives for Jordan, Palestine, and Israel, whom Salford supports. They have sent the following update:

"Sarah and Seth, as well as all MCC staff, are accounted for and safe. We are shocked at these recent events that took pretty much everyone by surprise.

We are deeply concerned about the rising death tolls in Israel and Palestine, both in the West Bank and Gaza in particular. We are very concerned for our partner

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

organizations in Gaza who are experiencing an unprecedented level of bombing with nowhere safe to go. We need prayer for the families of those who lost loved ones and we need prayer for the safety and well-being of our partners.

Once the situation improves, MCC hopes to respond as quickly as possible to the immediate and long-term humanitarian needs in Gaza. With many countries deciding to suspend aid to Palestine, the need for financial support in order to respond effectively will be great.

We are deeply grateful for such a caring and loving sending congregation. Thank you always for the support and love you have given us."

For more information about MCC's humanitarian efforts in this situation and how to support them, please use this link to get to their website: <https://mcc.org/what-we-do/initiatives/disaster-response/palestine-and-israel>

Salford will designate our Christmas Eve offering collection to the MCC work in humanitarian response in Israel and Palestine.

A prayer for Israel & Palestine, from MCC

O God of life and love and peace,
We witness the violence and injustice in your Holy Land
And our hearts break.

Our hearts break for the people of Israel—
For the victims of violent attacks by Hamas
For those who live with fear and insecurity
For those who suffer from the inter-generational trauma of violence.

Our hearts break for Palestinians—
For the victims of violent attacks by the Israeli military
For those being denied water, electricity and medical care
For those who are refugees, long displaced from their homes.

We especially pray—
That weapons of war be laid down
That walls of separation be dismantled
That prisoners be released
That demonizing of "the other" cease
That political leaders seek the good of all people in Palestine and Israel.

O God, whose heart breaks for the world,
May your justice dwell in the land
May your righteousness abide in fruitful fields
May the effect of righteousness be quietness and trust forever
May the effect of justice be peace—enduring peace.

Amen

An Anabaptist Response to the Palestine-Israel Conflict

"As a denomination, we mourn the loss of life and ongoing suffering and long for an end to violence and oppression. We continue to support the work of the Palestinians and Jews who work for peace and justice for all, especially during this complex time of conflict and war." Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz, Denominational Minister of Peace & Justice.

MCUSA Resolution:

[Seeking Peace in Israel and Palestine - 2017](#)

[MennoPIN Monthly Update: October 10, 2023](#)

This Week at Salford

Tuesday, October 17

7:00 pm Church Board Meeting (Gathering Room)

Sunday, October 22

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 **Ada Swartley** who was taken to Grandview Hospital early this week with complications from heart failure. Pray for her as she recovers.
- For **Gerald Kaczor** who is in Grandview recovering from complications from Covid. Please also pray for **Valetta** who remains in their apartment at the Souderton Home and is concerned about Gerald.
- For **Frank Moran** who continues to gain strength following surgery. Frank had a procedure to stretch his esophagus to help his food intake.
- For **Ruth Maxwell** as she prepares for breast cancer surgery this Thursday.
- For **Larry Groff** as he heals from injuries following a bicycle accident.
- For **John Detweiler**, who has completed chemotherapy and is awaiting the results from his doctors.
- For **Linda Martin** as she consults with a team of doctors this next week to decide on further treatment for heart arrhythmia, and valve disease.
- Thank God for adults who have responded to the call to nurture children in early childhood settings. Pray that God may grant them insight, patience, endurance, gentleness, and understanding as they reflect the love of God. May adults create an environment in which peaceful living, guided by the Prince of Peace, may thrive in spite of conflicts, differences and while learning self-control.
- All Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for **Hyacinth Stevens, Executive Director of MCC East Coast**, this week. Hyacinth is the keynote speaker at the Mosaic Conference Annual Assembly on November 4. Pray for wisdom, insight, and peace for Hyacinth as she prepares to speak to our gathered Assembly.

Wedding Blessings...

For **John August Ruth** and **Brittany Marie Carpenter** who will be married on October 14th on the Branch Creek in Harleysville.

Blessings to John & Brittany as they begin married life together.

Service & Mission

Donation of the Month for October - MANNA ON MAIN STREET; ITEMS NEEDED TO HELP FILL THANKSGIVING BASKETS Canned corn, Canned green beans, Cream of mushroom soup, Crispy onion, Canned pumpkin, Canned yams, Stuffing, Poultry gravy, Instant mashed potatoes, Boxed quick bread/muffin mixes

Manna on Main Street is committed to ending hunger in the North Penn region by providing food, fulfilling social service and education needs, and conducting community outreach. Through a food pantry and soup kitchen, emergency financial aid, counseling and referrals, and education opportunities, we serve those in need with the hope **“that everyone might be fed.”**

Please place them in the basket below or on the shelves in coat room.

Upcoming Training for the Code Blue Shelter at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lansdale

The Cold Blue shelter at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lansdale is a facility that opens when temperatures drop below 30 degrees and offers men a warm bed and meal for the night during the dangerous temperatures. The shelter is a vital resource in our local community and provides direct and immediate relief; please consider participating as a volunteer this winter!

In anticipation for the upcoming winter, Code Blue is hosting training sessions for volunteers so they can be prepared to help at the shelter. They are at this time and date at Luther Hall, Trinity Lutheran Church, 1000 W. Main St., Lansdale, 19446:

- Wednesday, October 25, 2023 at 6:00pm
- Saturday, October 28, 2023 at 9:00am
- Sunday, October 29, 2023 at 3:00pm

If you are interested in volunteering at the Code Blue Shelter this year, please contact Pastor Andrew (zetsa@salfordmc.org or 215-859-3446) so he can get a contact list that he can send to the leaders of Code Blue.

October 12, 2023 Salford/Advent Garden Update:

Greetings fellow gardeners, this past week I started the cleanup for the season. I was able to pull 2 rows of tomatoes. I will finish that job next week. After all the plants are pulled the tomato cages need to be cleaned, stacked and stored away for the winter. The Cauliflower arrived all at the same time. I had a hard time keeping up with it. All the plants have been harvested. Not the biggest of heads but still a nice harvest. Thank You to Janet L for pulling all the Cauliflower stems left over after we cut the heads out. Broccoli is slowly showing up. Next is cabbage. Our string beans have finally run out of gas. The plants will be pulled and composted. There still are a few more winter squash waiting to be picked but soon all will be ready for pulling and the garden will be done for 2023. My how time fly's. After all the plants are pulled and plastic/drip line is pulled up. Cages are all stacked and put away. I will add up the totals and see how we did this year, always a much anticipated E-Mail.

This Saturday looks like a stormy rainy day. I was able to harvest enough produce during the week to cover next Monday deliveries, so let's sleep in. I will be at the garden, during the day, next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. I will get caught up on all the extra work those days.

Thank You to everyone who takes time out of their busy lives to help out in the garden. Steve, 215-872-6616, rsblank@verizon.net

Justice & Peace Ministry Team

Join us for our next J & P meeting October 26 in person or Hybrid 7pm in Salford's Library. Email Joe Landis jglandis@gmail.com to join us.

Resources from the Accessibility Ministry Team

Plains Mennonite has built a new inclusive playground that is open to the public! Join the **Playground for All Celebration on Sunday, Oct. 29 at 3-4:30pm.**

All ages are also welcome to wear a non-spooky Halloween Costume and enjoy sensory friendly trick or treat through our park! There will be tables with candy or non-food goodies to pick up (without having to talk to strangers).

Check out the new playground and enjoy some hot chocolate, cider and donuts under the park pavilion.

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>

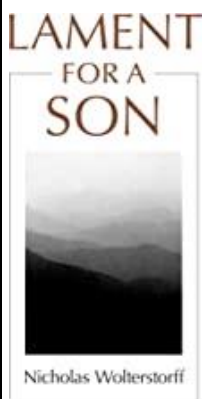
Grace Can Lead Us Home: A Christian Call to End Homelessness By: Kevin Nye



On any given night, more than half a million Americans and Canadians find themselves sleeping on the streets, in shelters, cars, and other places not meant for human habitation.

Yet as this crisis continues to grow, it remains one of the least talked about—especially in churches. Even where compassion and empathy exist, the complexities around homelessness can make us feel stuck, overwhelmed, or numb to the existence of unhoused people in our cities and neighborhoods.

Reporting back from his work in homeless services, minister and advocate Kevin Nye introduces listeners to the Christ he's met in tents, shelters, and drop-in centers. He demystifies homelessness by journeying into complex issues like affordable housing, mental illness, addiction, and more, while reimagining our theological approach to these matters and educating us on how they intersect with homelessness.



This thorough and intimate book shows us that from the margins, Jesus has something to teach us all about grace—something that could change the landscape of homelessness entirely if we're ready to hear it. DONATED

Lament For A Son By: Nicholas Wolterstorff

The author describes the progress of his grief from the shock of learning of his son's accidental death to his final resignation a year later. DONATED

News & Notes

Address Update: Marlin & Sharon Metzler-Ruth

260 Grandview Dr., Rockingham, VA 22802
No landline. Cells and emails remain the same

We are looking for singers for a joint choir with Advent – one night only! **Thanksgiving Eve**. There will be two brief rehearsals on **Thursday Nov 9 and Thursday Nov 16 both at 7 pm** held at Advent Lutheran directed by Vince Ryan, Minister of Music at Advent. Please let Pastor Karen know this week if you are interested in singing with this choir.

Beyond Salford

Free Benefit Banquet for The Worm Project to be held Saturday, October 21, at 6 pm at the Franconia Heritage Restaurant. Hear inspiring stories from our keynote speaker, Howard Schiffer, founder and President of Vitamin Angels. The meal is free but reservations are required by no later than October 15. Leave your name and number of attendees email to info@wormproject.org or by phone at 267-932-6050 Ext. 201.

Harvestfest at Camp Men-O-Lan. Saturday, October 28th 10am to 3pm Come enjoy family fun activities, food court, hayrides, guessing games, crafts, lawn games, petting zoo, paddle boats, campfire, live music, and our annual car show! Apple Dumpling pre-orders have started, order now for pick-up the day of Harvestfest. Find us at menolan.org, follow us on Facebook, or call 215-679-5144 for more information.

Fall Workday at Camp Men-O-Lan. Saturday, November 4th 8:30am to 3pm Come ready to work outside; wear work clothes and gloves, bring your favorite chain saw, log splitter, or other woodcutting tools if you have them. We will provide the coffee, donuts, and a tasty lunch!

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.