

October 16, 2022

Sunday, October 16, 9:30 am Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live, Lead Pastor Dave Greiser will preach on Romans 13:1-10; *How To Be (a) Subject*

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 9, 2022

Offering

\$4,751

ACH Electronic

Offering

\$1,995

Vanco Online Offering

\$6,288

Total Budget Offering

\$13,034

Children's Offering

\$99

Future Salford Events

October 16 –
Licensing service for Andrew Zetts

October 23 –
Welcoming New Members

October 30 –
Ordination of Maria Hosler Byler

November 6 –
Welcoming New Members

November 9 – Family Night Kickoff

December 4 – Fall Congregational Business Meeting

Path Forward Design Team Update; Thoughts From Last Sunday

Starting this week, we're going to have short reflections on some of the notecard questions people have asked at the end of second hour. Here are two quick questions with responses.

Someone asked: **How do we hold scripture as authoritative in light of constantly having to interpret it?** Many think the only "authoritative" document is one that does not need to be interpreted. The idea is that if God speaks, what God says should somehow be understood apart from cultural filters or historical development. In the Bible, however, Jesus, the incarnate Son of God, is born into a family, a religion, a culture, and a particular time in history. None of these specifics make him any less the incarnate Son. In the same way, the Bible is the Word incarnate. One of my long-ago teachers said, "The Bible is the word of God written in human words in history." God, in wisdom, communicates to us in the only form we can understand; time and culture-bound language. Our task is to prayerfully and patiently discern the meaning of the old text for our contemporary milieu. It is difficult work, yes; and it is work the church has undertaken every generation since there was scripture.

How does the Creation story inform our discernment, including the range of sexualities in LGBTQIA+? The Creation story (s) stand as foundational to much of what we believe about human nature, theologically speaking. In itself, I don't think the story speaks specifically to a range of sexualities. However, it says a great deal about God's intention in creating humanity. God created beings who have mind, creativity, emotion, intuition, sensation, passion, community, and many other expressions of the divine self. God clearly delights in these traits and seeks for humanity to embody them in much diversity. As we study this story, we gradually see more and more in it that reflects the nature of the God who created; and we increasingly see the kind of world God intended. Personally, I believe that as we listen to scripture, we will continue to discover more of God's purposes and intentions for many parts of human life. – Dave Greiser

Clarification of Timing for Second Hour

Second hour ends one hour after worship ends. From now until November 13, as the adults participate in second hour discernment meetings, second hour will always end one hour after worship ends, even when the worship service is longer. When worship ends we will have ten minutes of transition time and 50 minutes for discernment. Beginning November 20, we will return to our usual pattern of ending second hour after one hour or by 11:45, so when worship extends beyond 10:45 classes will be shortened. But during our discernment meetings, even when worship ends after 10:45 we will still go the full hour.

The bells that end second hour cannot be heard well in the fellowship hall. Parents, please pick your children up from Sunday school promptly at the end of second hour. We are ending the discernment meetings promptly to relieve Children's Sunday School teachers.

December 10 –
 Christmas Peace
 Pilgrimage Walk

Finance Update for Salford Mennonite Church

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

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 **\$285,000** in offering and income for the last quarter 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 (2 weeks): \$13,254**

2022 Income	
Actual Income 9/30/22	\$ 519,261.00
Actual Income 10/1-12/31/21	\$ 240,131.00
2022 Projected Income	\$ 759,392.00

2022 Expenses	
2022 Budgeted Expenses	\$ 878,043.00
2022 Projected Expense Deviation	
Members in Mission	\$ (2,400.00)
MCC Projects	\$ (400.00)
Pastoral Team New Initiatives	\$ (4,000.00)
Adult Christian Ed	\$ (2,300.00)
Children's Christian Ed	\$ (1,400.00)
Peace Camp	\$ 600.00
Anabaptist World	\$ 200.00
Family Faith Formation	\$ (900.00)
Young Adults	\$ (300.00)
Pastoral Care	\$ (10,000.00)
Worship	\$ (1,000.00)
Fellowship	\$ (1,500.00)
Grounds	\$ 1,000.00
Electric	\$ (2,500.00)
Fuel Oil	\$ 6,700.00
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ (3,000.00)
Telephone	\$ (500.00)
Sound & Video Recording	\$ (3,000.00)
Mennonite Education Plan	\$ (7,700.00)
Congregational Staff	\$ (41,000.00)
Communication	\$ (1,500.00)
Miscellaneous Expense	\$ (500.00)
Office Expense	\$ 2,000.00
Administrative	\$ (750.00)
2022 Projected Expenses	\$ 803,893.00

Mosaic Conference update meeting: zoom recording available

On Wednesday Maria Hosler Byler hosted a zoom meeting to update the congregation on happenings in Mosaic Conference. What was presented was helpful context for anyone at Salford to know, regardless of your prior knowledge of the conference. Our connections with the conference reflect hundreds of years of shared history, shared local mission, and connection with diversity across culture and geography. The recording is available [here](#) (password: b?0Bv2uV)

This Week at Salford

Tuesday, October 18

7:00 pm Church Board Meeting (Friendship Room)

Sunday, October 23

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 **Sanford Alderfer** who continues on Hospice at Peter Becker Community.
- We rejoice with **Andrew Zetts** who will be licensed for ministry on Sunday. Pray for Andrew, Cassie and Cal as they serve and care for our community.
- All Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for the [Assembly Scattered sessions](#) that are continuing throughout the Conference this week, in preparation for our annual Assembly. Pray for open minds, listening skills, wisdom, and the Spirit's presence as we work together for a path forward.

Mennonite Mission Network received the following prayer request from Oleksandr Geychenko, president of [Odesa Theological Seminary](#) on October 10, 2022. The seminary is a Mission Network education partner.

"In addition to the regular shelling, this morning Ukraine was subjected to massive missile and drone attacks. By noon (Kyiv time), at least 83 missiles were launched, attacking critical infrastructure and civilian objects throughout Ukraine. Forty-three missiles were shot down. We do not yet know how many civilians were killed and how many were wounded. I am afraid the numbers will be high.

"Odesa was also targeted, but five missiles and three drones were downed. The part of the city where the seminary is located is relatively safe. We have taken all the precautions that we can, and we have prepared a shelter in the basement. We continue to offer courses. This morning, we started a week-long session on campus and next week we expect another group to join.

Please continue keeping us and people in Ukraine in your prayers."

Remembering my friend Lucy Detwiler

Lucy and I first became acquainted when she worked as an LPN at Grand View Hospital. Later we got to know each other better as we both attended Salford.

For many years Lucy, Sandy Wampole and I met for breakfast every Tuesday morning at the Energy Station and later at the Apple Orchard Café until Covid-19 put an end to that. We shared our joys and challenges and prayed for each other.

Lucy was a very private person who did not like to be the center of attention. She kept a low profile often sharing the back bench at Salford with Sandy.

Though unable to attend services at Salford in recent months, she always wanted to know the latest news from church and read the newsletter faithfully.

She enjoyed relating to customers as a greeter at Care & Share Thrift Shop.

She was a good friend and neighbor to other residents at Valley Vista offering to drive them to Doctors appointments and grocery shopping.

She has a wide variety of friends from the several Bible Study groups in which she participated.

For a number of years she was a volunteer with Grand View Hospice, she sat with persons nearing the end of their lives, reading scripture and praying with them.

In these last months as she endured a chronic cough, inability to eat, weight loss and weakness, life was no longer enjoyable for Lucy. She requested to be placed on hospice.

It was my privilege to hold her hand as she drew her last breath and was welcomed into her heavenly home. **Written by Carol Gross.**

Service & Mission

Donation of the Month for October - SOAPS: laundry, dish, bar, body wash & hand soap to benefit the clients of Keystone Opportunity Center.

Note: soap items are not covered by SNAP (previously known as food stamps). So having these items provided in other spaces is particularly important to people living below the poverty line.

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

Garden update, 10/13/22: Greetings fellow gardeners, many times we run into situations in the garden you just don't expect. Well that happened this week. I was expecting great warm weather but Saturday night and again a little Sunday night we had frost! Not a killer frost but enough to tweak a lot of our summer plants. The last of the string beans were hit as was the zucchini. There were other small patches around the garden that got nipped but overall not a total freeze. I was able to pull all the tomato plants this week. I chopped up the string bean and Lima bean plants we pulled last week. The chopped up plants were added to our compost pile and will be worked back into the soil next season. The last of the string bean plants will be pulled Saturday. Half of the pole beans are finished the other half still have a few beans left but this week should be the last. We harvested a few cauliflower. The cauliflower is coming in slow. Almost all of our fall broccoli has been harvested, we should harvest our first cabbage for the fall Saturday. Our pepper plants survived the frost but this week or next will be their last hurrah. In the weeks to come, we will slowly start to clean up the garden. Clean, stack and store all 800 tomato cages. The last job will be to pull up the plastic mulch and drip line. All done hopefully by Thanksgiving. Garden totals to follow always a high light of the year.

This week I saw something I have never seen in the garden in all these years I have worked there. A snake! A small garter snake around 18 to 20 inches long, was sunny itself in one of our raised beds, WOO HOO I know there are a few of you who do not like snakes but they do a great service to the garden and are an indicator of a healthy environment so I was glad to see one.

Thank you to everyone who helps out in the garden. Life can get complicated and spare time can be small. The valuable time and tremendous effort that our

volunteers put into this mission is much appreciated. The garden is a great place but it is the people that make it great. Steve. 215-872-6616 rsblank@verizon.net

Faith Formation Spotlight

Kids & youth can continue to sign up for helping with the offering here: we need four each week; sign up for as many as you'd like!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c45a4a62eaaf94-salfo>

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 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.

Franconia Mennonite Church invites you to **Navigate Your Teen's Contrary Culture; A Day with Mark Gregston for Parents of Teens**. This event will be held on Sunday, November 6th, 2022 at 9:00 am and 4-8 pm at Franconia Mennonite Church. See their website, www.franconiamennoite.org for more information.

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:

Mazie, By Regina Felty



A burdened elderly widow. A reclusive young bachelor. A lonely neighbor girl. A collision of fates that transform their lives forever.

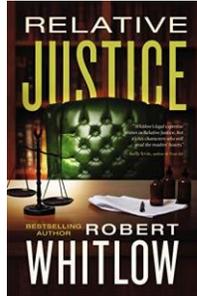
After tragically losing her only child when he was just a boy, then facing her husband's death two years ago from Alzheimer's, 72-year-old Mazie questions why God doesn't take her too. Her grief leaves her aching to escape her lonely existence and join her husband and son in the grave.

When Brian, a reserved young bachelor, moves next door, Mazie takes a special interest in him--attempting to set him up with her young friend, Claire. Then, there's the odd little girl across the street who is

determined to be his friend. Brian doesn't know what to make of the spunky old woman or the persistent young girl who both nudge their way into his life when he just wants to be left alone.

When a sudden tragedy leaves Mazie battling for her life, Brian steps in to help the old widow, and both discover that life's purpose is often revealed in the unexpected.

Relative Justice, By Robert Whitlow



David Cobb is not a typical lawyer—he's more interested in dispensing God's wisdom than pertinent legal advice. High-stakes litigation is way outside his comfort zone.

For many years Zeke Caldwell has been concocting home remedies made from natural ingredients found in the coastal marshes near Wilmington, North Carolina. One of his remedies proved so effective that he patented it with the help of David's father. Now he suspects a big drug company has stolen his formula. What he doesn't know is that the theft has deeper, more evil roots. When Zeke asks David to help fight the drug company, David knows the suit is beyond his expertise and experience. But his sister-in-law, Katelyn Cobb, is a rising star attorney in a prestigious Washington, DC, law firm. The courtroom is her second home. Could she help? Would she even consider it?

Life's circumstances compel the lawyers to face, not only patent piracy, but personal obstacles and struggles that threaten to rip apart the fabric of the family. The fight for Zeke requires all the relatives to unite for justice.

News & Notes

If recent Second Hour conversations have made you interested to learn more about Anabaptist approaches to scripture, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary has a follow-up: their online short course called [Understanding Anabaptist Approaches to Scripture](#). Short courses are four to six weeks long, discussion-based with no papers and no tests. Learn more about all their short courses [here](#).

Mennonite Church USA's Executive Director Glen Guyton has written a letter to the denomination: "[Please stop tokenizing immigrants and people of color in MC USA: We are not your political pawns.](#)" Guyton is the first person of color to serve in this role. Click the title to read Guyton's call to the white majority to a more nuanced understanding of race and culture in the church and more radical power sharing.

This Sunday, Andrew Zetts will be licensed for ministry here at Salford! Licensing is a three-year journey that introduces new pastors to the world of congregational ministry and serves as a time of spiritual and professional growth and a period of testing and refining their call. Steve Kriss, Mosaic Executive Minister, will be with us to lead the service of licensing. Pray for Andrew and send him good thoughts for this big day!

Attention volleyball players – We are trying to put together a Salford volleyball team to join the Indian Valley Church Volleyball league. The league starts in January and runs through playoffs in April. Games are Monday nights at either 7pm or 8:30pm. It is a co-ed league. We need at least 6 people to field a team but it would be nice to have some alternates as well. This is a competitive league and lots of fun. If you are interested details please talk to Luke Martin.

In January of 2021 David & Kathi Peters released their documentary film **Postcards from Babylon - Evangelicals in the Shadow of Christian Nationalism**. The film is a prophetic critique of the continued rise of Christian nationalism in America. David has donated several DVD's of the film to the library for anyone one to take home for free. The DVD contains the film, a 90 minute zoom discussion amongst participants in the film, and bonus interviews with some of the participants of the film including Brian Zahnd, Walter Brueggemann, John Fea, and Kistin Du Mez. Please pick up a copy in the library.

Check out the help wanted postings and information on an available apartment on the bulletin board in the coat closet off the main foyer. If you are considering work opportunities or new living arrangements, check out these opportunities.

Beyond Salford

You're invited to join in on the "**Comforter Blitz**", Monday, October 17, 9:00 am to 7:00 pm at **MCC Material Resource Center**. Many comforters (blankets) are needed to share with people who have lost their homes because of war or other disasters. Refreshments will be provided; if you have questions, call 267-203-8074.

The Worm Project is holding a free benefit **banquet** on Saturday, October 22, 6:00 pm at the Franconia Heritage Restaurant. Hear inspiring stories from their partners, including Dr. Herman Sagastume of Healthy Ninos Honduras. Reservations are required by October 16 and can be made by leaving your name and number of attendees by phone at 267-932-6050 ext. 201 or go to wormproject.org.

An **Oyster and Brisket Fundraising Dinner** to benefit the work of **Mennonite Central Committee** will be held Saturday, October 29, 6:00 pm at the Heritage Restaurant banquet center. You're invited to come, support and learn more about the work of MCC Material Resource Center. Call 267-203-8074 for reservations by October 20.

Save the date for the annual **Harvestfest Open House** event at **Camp Men-O-Lan** on Saturday, October 29 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Enjoy family fun activities, a food court, hayrides, guessing games, crafts, lawn games, petting zoo, paddle boats, campfire, live music, and the annual car show! The pre-order for apple dumplings is already open and can be found on their Facebook page at Facebook.com/CampMenOLan or call 215-679-5144.

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](#).