

Sunday, Oct. 20 9:30 a.m.
Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live, Lead Pastor Dave Greiser will preach on Luke 15:1-2, 8-10; The Lost Coin.

10:45 am Second Hour for all ages: this week, all adults will meet together in the sanctuary

Oct. 6, 2024 Offering

\$27,082

ACH Offering \$7,575

Vanco Offering \$3,500

Total Budget Offering

\$38,157

Children's Offering: \$32

Future Salford Events

Nov. 17 – Fall

Congregational

Business Meeting

Nov. 27 – Thanksgiving

Service at Advent Lutheran

Dec. 15 – Children and

Youth Christmas Program

during worship

This Week at Salford

Weds., Oct. 23

7-8pm Choir Singalong
(sanctuary)

Thur., Oct. 24

8:30-45 am Centering
Prayer (labyrinth)

Sun., Oct. 27

9:30 am Worship
indoors and on
YouTube Live
Preaching: Michelle

New Church Administrator Announcement

Tori Jones Long has accepted the invitation to become the next church administrator at Salford! Tori is a member at Salford, is married to Zach Jones Long, and has been involved in multiple significant church-related ministries during her years in our congregation.

Most recently, Tori has been a local organizer for Mennonite Action, the advocacy group that has done grassroots organizing and nonviolent direct action in response to the violence in Gaza and the Middle East.

From 2016-2020, Tori wrote a grant application for a Salford ministry called the Zoe Project which was funded by the Lilly Endowment, providing funding for an experimental young adult initiative.

Tori is originally from Maryland and is a graduate of St. Mary's College, where she concentrated in biology and environmental studies. Since 2020, Tori has worked as an erosion and sediment control technician with the Bucks County Conservation District, centered in Doylestown. Prior to that, she worked for RT Environmental Services in King of Prussia, doing environmental site assessments for residential and commercial farmland in southeastern PA and New Jersey.

Tori will begin her work at Salford on November 25. Congratulations, and welcome to the team, Tori!

Special Second Hour This Sunday

During the first 20 minutes of Second Hour this Sunday, Oct. 20, we will have a service of dedication for our new solar installation! This is the realization of a long-time dream of a faithful group of people. Mark Heise, who helped lead the project, will lead this time of thanks and commitment. During the remainder of the second hour, we will have an abbreviated meeting concerning the upcoming Mosaic Assembly. Conference leaders have decided to postpone a vote on denominational affiliation until 2025. We will talk about what went into this decision, and review other matters that will be discussed at the Nov. 2 Assembly. Click this [link](#) to read a Frequently Asked Question document prepared by Mosaic Conference with regard to November's Assembly. We recommend reading it prior to Sunday's meeting.

Enjoy Singing? Join the Choir Gathering

Join our first choir gathering of the fall, from **7-8pm, on Weds., Oct. 23**, in the sanctuary! All are welcome. Come prepared for joyful music-making.

Contemplative Practices: 2nd Hour and Mid-week Prayer

Curtis (last preacher swap in the “Prodigal God” series)

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If you have information or prayer requests for our newsletter, please submit them to the church office by 4 p.m. Wednesday afternoon.

If you would like to receive this newsletter by email, please submit your email address to alderferb@salfordmc.org.

Are you at peace? Can you find your center in Jesus in these chaotic and noisy days? Many of us have times when we feel anxious or unsettled. Join Pastor Karen on **Sunday, Oct. 27** for a time of contemplative group practice and prayer. We’ll meet in room **207** 10 minutes after the service. Please be prompt. This class will continue, roughly every other week through Lent.

Every **Thursday at 8:30 am** you are welcome to join Pastor Karen at the Labyrinth (by the carport in inclement weather) for a 15-minute Centering Prayer practice. You are free to stay and walk the Labyrinth. Questions? Call Pastor Karen.

The Bible Unwrapped: A 5-Week Elective Second Hour

Many of us have an uncertain relationship to the Bible, and our faith. Perhaps we have left behind a childhood faith and are still reconstructing one that fits. Is there a “reconstructed view of the Bible?” A good resource guide is Meghan Larissa Good’s *The Bible Unwrapped: Making Sense of Scripture Today*. Each week a different person will lead the class in Room 211, across from the Prayer Room. The next class will take place on Oct. 27.

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

- With all congregations in Mosaic Conference we pray for **Resplandece Mennonite**, a hybrid congregation who gather in person in Pembroke Pines, FL; whose pastor is located in Barranquilla, Colombia; and who join on Zoom from many locations. They invite prayers for the growth of the spreading of the Gospel in the many distant corners that their church reaches, and for the mental and emotional wellbeing for all who gather. Resplandece will be welcomed as a member congregation at Mosaic’s Annual Assembly in November.

Service & Mission

October Donation of the Month is for **items to fill holiday baskets for client families**: canned/jar turkey gravy, canned pumpkin, cranberry sauce, yams, green beans, corn, crispy fried onions, cream of mushroom soup, boxed stuffing and boxed quick bread mix.

Thank you for your donations to benefit MANNA ON MAIN STREET: Ending Hunger, Building Community, Transforming Lives. 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 items in the basket below or on the shelves in the coat room.

Church Library Spotlight

Stop by the church library and speak with a librarian to see what’s new, or review the library catalog on the Salford church website

<https://smck-ind.kari.opalsinfo.net/bin/home>

The Cost of Truth: Stories of Mennonites and Brethren Leaders and Those who Might Have Been

By: Roberta Showalter Kreider

The Cost Of Truth is a collection of 32 powerful and personal faith stories of Mennonite and Brethren who have been denied leadership in the church relating in some way to their sexual orientation or acceptance of other LGBTQ people. This third book in a series of faith stories follows *From Wounded Hearts* and *Together in Love*. Editor Roberta Showalter Kreider has, once again, compiled a collection of stories that calls the church to honest, faithful, and open dialogue on this divisive issue. The final chapter is not a single story, but a collection of eighty-four responses and one hundred eleven signatures answering the question: *Why I believe that gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people should be included in the church on an equal basis with everyone else.* DONATED

My Friend is Sad

By: Mo Willems

Gerald is careful. Piggie is not. Piggie cannot help smiling. Gerald can. Gerald worries so that Piggie does not have to. Gerald and Piggie are best friends. In *My Friend is Sad*, Gerald is sad. How can Piggie be happy if Gerald is sad?

Beyond Salford

MCC Material Resource Center Harleysville Annual Brisket & Oyster Fundraising Dinner. Saturday, Oct. 19, 6PM. Franconia Heritage Banquet and Conference Center, 508 Harleysville Pike, Telford, PA 18969

Together, we **Carry on The Legacy.** . . Join us for this enjoyable evening that brings us together to support our shared mission of spreading God's love and compassion. MCC continues to respond to urgent needs in many places. In recent months, relief kits, comforters and canned meat have been sent to assist people in Cuba, Burundi, Ethiopia, Gaza, Malawi, Puerto Rico, South Sudan, Ukraine and Zambia. An offering will be collected after the meal. Funds raised will go towards Relief Kits. Kindly call 267-203-8704 by **October 4** to register.

You are invited to **Perkasie Mennonite Church's Patchwork Coffeehouse** live concert with Mark Cosgrove and Good Medicine on October 19, 7:30 pm, at 320 W Chestnut St., Perkasie, Pa. National Flatpick Champion Mark Cosgrove, with Nate Grower (fiddle), Larry Cohen (bass), and Peter Lorch (rhythm guitar) have chops & experience to deliver Bluegrass, Roots, & New Acoustic magic!

Free Benefit Banquet for The Worm Project is being held Saturday, October 26, 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 Oct. 20. Leave your name and number of attendees email to

info@wormproject.org or by phone at 267-932-6050 Ext. 201.

All are invited to participate in the [Soil + Seed Festival](#) Oct 25-27, at the Highland Retreat Center outside of Harrisonburg, VA; a weekend-long, intergenerational retreat featuring rest, worship, play, and lots of singing, hosted by The Soil and the Seed Project. RV and tent camping and cabins are available, as well as some accessible hotel rooms. Registration is required for this pay-what you-can weekend!

Healthy Niños Honduras is hosting their **Annual Banquet and Silent Auction** on **Saturday, November 9** starting at 5 pm! Enjoy a great evening with dinner and bidding on a wide variety of items to celebrate work done this year in Honduras and support the continued fight against malnutrition! Register at healthyninos.org/banquet

Harvestfest at Camp Men-O-Lan will take place on Sat., Oct. 26th 10am to 3pm. Enjoy family fun activities, food court, hayrides, guessing games, crafts, lawn games, petting zoo, paddle boats, campfire, live music, and our all-new *Vendor Court*! [Apple Dumpling pre-orders](#) benefit Camp, order now for pick-up the day of Harvestfest. Find us at menolan.org or call 215-679-5144 for more information.