



October 22, 2023

Sunday, October 22, 9:30 am Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live, Lead Pastor Dave Greiser will preach on Galatians 2:11-21; *Centered-Set Church: Basics*

10:30 am Second Hour for all ages

Stories of Service Elective Second Class will meet in the Fellowship Hall, Dave Greiser will interview Sheldon Good & Jenn Svetlik, All are welcome!

Emmaus Road Sermon Discussion Class will be meeting following worship in the Church Library. Interested in talking about the sermon? The Emmaus Road group welcomes all.

October 15, 2023

Offering

\$15,847

ACH Electronic

Offering

\$2,125

Vanco Online Offering

\$1,807

Total Budget Offering

\$19,779

Children's Offering

\$38

Future Salford Events

November 4 – Mosaic

Conference Fall

Assembly

Second Hour Stories of Service Elective Update

There's been good energy and strong interest in our elective second hour class on Peace and Voluntary Service.

This Sunday, **Sheldon Good & Jenn Svetlik**, will share their story of volunteering with Mennonite Central Committee in Iraq. All welcome!

This Sunday we will continue to meet in the **Fellowship Hall** in the basement to have sufficient space for both youth and adults.

Centered-Set Church Second Hours

Beginning on October 29th, there will be a **short elective second hour class on the Centered-Set Church**. This class is an opportunity to go deeper in talking about how Salford can center its corporate life around Jesus, rather than rules. We'll think about the kind of church Salford has been in the past, and what we want to be in the future. Most churches either obsess over boundaries or try hard to erase all boundaries. Is there another way to be church?

If you want to get a head start on the conversation, order a copy of Mark D. Baker's book, *Centered-Set Church*, published on InterVarsity Press, and begin reading. You'll discover many of the ideas from Dave's recent sermons, and a whole new way of conceiving of church and discipleship. Dave Greiser

10/19/23 Update from Seth Malone & Sarah Funkhouser, MCC Reps. for Jordan, Palestine and Israel

"Seth and Sarah and all MCC staff are safe. We are traveling to Jordan on Sunday to work on some paperwork and get set up with the bank and government ministries. Please pray for wisdom as we make decisions regarding the safety and well-being of our staff. Pray for our MCC partners in Gaza, who are courageously facing indiscriminate bombardment. Please follow MCC's advocacy action alerts which provide helpful and easy ways for people to advocate for peace.

Thank you so much for thinking and praying for us, we are grateful for all of Salford."

Michael George Lament for Gaza

Michael George attended Salford for many years while working at Dock Mennonite Academy. Michael states: Please pass on the link of my "Lament for Gaza" blog on the MC USA website to the Salford congregation. I've gotten to know several people in Gaza during the past few years and it's unimaginable what's happening to them. It would mean a lot to me for the people of Salford to read it. Thanks, Michael

Read [Michael's Lament for Gaza](#).

This Week at Salford

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 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

Thursday, October 26

7:00 pm Justice & Peace Ministry Team Meeting (Library)

Sunday, October 29

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

Preaching: Andrew Zetts

10:30 am Second Hour for All Ages

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

- For **Ruth Maxwell** who is recovering at home from a lumpectomy. Pray for quick healing and a good prognosis.
- For **Gerald Kaczor** who has had some improvement but remains at Grand View with complications from Covid.
- For **Roy Musselman** who was taken to Jefferson Hospital in Lansdale on Thursday morning with chest pain.
- **Mosaic Conference leadership** is calling all churches to pray and fast in preparation for our November 4 Fall Assembly at Souderton Mennonite Church. Choose a day and time when you can pray for our conference as we focus on our core values and our common mission as God's people.

Birthday Blessings...

To **Pat Wilson-Schmid**, who celebrates her 85th birthday on October 29th.

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 (zettsa@salfordmc.org or 215-859-3446) so he can get a

contact list that he can send to the leaders of Code Blue.

Justice & Peace Ministry Team

Join us for our next Justice & Peace meeting October 26 in person or Hybrid 7pm in Salford's Library. Email Joe Landis iglandis@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.**

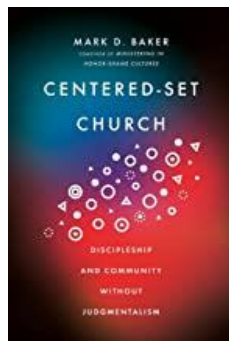
All ages are also welcome to wear a non-spooky Halloween Costume and enjoy sensory friendly trick or treat through our park! There will be tables with candy or non-food goodies to pick up (without having to talk to strangers).

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>

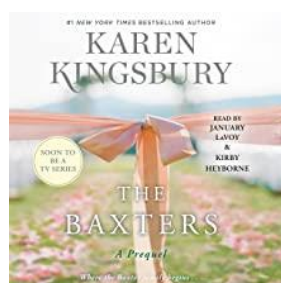
Centered-Set Church: Discipleship and Community Without Judgementalism
By: **Mark D. Baker**



Christians can be adept at drawing lines, determining what it means to be "a good Christian" and judging those who stray out of bounds. Other times they erase all the lines in favor of a vague and inoffensive faith. Both impulses can come from positive intentions, but either can lead to stunted spiritual life and harmful relationships. Is there another option?

The late missionary anthropologist Paul Hiebert famously drew on mathematical theory to deploy the concepts of "bounded," "fuzzy," and "centered" sets to shed light on the nature of Christian community. Now, with *Centered-Set Church*, Mark D. Baker provides a unique manual for understanding and applying Hiebert's vision. Drawing on his extensive experience in church, mission, parachurch, and higher education settings, along with interviews and stories gleaned from scores of firsthand interviews, Baker delivers practical guidance for any group that seeks to be truly *centered* on Jesus.

Baker shows how Scripture presents an alternative to either obsessing over boundaries or simply erasing them. Centered churches are able to affirm their beliefs and live out their values without such bitter fruit as gracelessness, shame, and self-righteousness on the one hand, or aimless "whateverism" on the other. While addressing possible concerns and barriers to the centered approach, Baker invites leaders to imagine centered alternatives in such practical areas of ministry as discipleship, church membership, leadership requirements, and evangelism. *Centered-Set Church* charts new paths to grow in authentic freedom and dynamic movement toward the true center: Jesus himself.



The Baxters: A Prequel By: Karen Kingsbury

A terrible storm builds in the early morning sky over Bloomington, Indiana, as Elizabeth Baxter prepares to

celebrate her daughter Kari's wedding to Tim Jacobs. It's supposed to be the happiest of days, but Elizabeth can't shake a growing sense of dread. Is the storm a sign? Something bad is about to happen. Elizabeth knows it.

Indeed, there are dark currents of conflict and doubt coursing through the Baxter family. In the midst of them, Kari Baxter is starting to panic. Is marrying Tim a mistake? And what about her family? Her brother Luke is angry and resentful of their sister Ashley, who has recently returned from Paris, a single mom with a son she too often leaves with their parents. At the same time, Ashley and their sister Brooke have lost the faith that is the family's glue. Against all this, Kari sees Ashley rejecting her longtime love, Landon Blake, who clearly cares for her, no matter what happened in Paris.

When the storm reaches a terrifying crescendo, a shocking moment of danger brings important truths to light. At the end of the long day, can the Baxters remain a family, tested but stronger? DONATED

News & Notes

Do you collect unique nativity sets? They may depict images of persons around the world or be intricately carved or very simple – we'd love to borrow it! We'd like to display a set on each windowsill during Advent. If you have a set you are willing to loan for that time, please let Deanie Frankenfield know at deaniefrank50@gmail.com You can bring your set to Deanie at the Welcome Desk anytime, beginning this Sunday. Thank you for sharing!

Want to read **Centered-Set Church** for yourself? The library now has a few more copies in the New section – check it out!!

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

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.

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>