

October 23, 2022

Sunday, October 23, 9:30 am Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live, Associate Pastor Andrew Zetts will preach on Romans 14:1-20; Unity: A Beautiful Mess

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 16, 2022

Offering
\$5,041
ACH Electronic
Offering
\$1,995
Vanco Online Offering
\$1,264
Total Budget Offering \$8,300
Children's Offering \$31

Future Salford Events

October 23 - Welcoming New Members
October 30 - Ordination of Maria Hosler Byler
November 6 - Welcoming New Members
November 9 - Family Night Kickoff
November 23 - Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service at Advent Lutheran Church, 7:00 pm

Path Forward Design Team Update; Thoughts From Last Sunday

We continue to get good questions and reflections from you each week. Here are a couple of questions you asked last week, with my reflections.

People continue to ask, "Why are we doing this process?" One form of this question seems to ask, "If we already have a welcome statement, why do we still need to talk about it?" Our current welcome statement states that we welcome people of all sexualities into membership. However, we do not have a policy on whether members of the same sex can be married in and by the Church. A church with queer members requires such a policy on marriage. Nor do we presently have a policy on whether LGBTQIA persons can serve in leadership or ministry. ONE outcome of this process is to establish Salford's stance on these questions.

Another outcome we are hoping for is a fuller understanding of how to read and interpret the Bible, not only regarding sexuality, but regarding any topic. Salford views the Bible as scripture, written in distant times and places. As such It requires interpretation. We do NOT view the Bible as a book we can dispense with in favor of our own preferences. We need to engage in the hard work of Bible study.

Some of you have said, "It feels like our study is going fast. We're having trouble taking it all in and following it." On behalf of Path Forward Team, I say, "Our apologies!" We have been trying to include as much as we can each week, so that the process does not need to go beyond the weeks allotted. We know this will require you to continue your own study outside of second hour; we strongly encourage you to spend time on your own or in small groups to further your understanding. However, we could benefit from more time for Q and A and for processing. The next time Path Forward Team meets, perhaps we can talk about some ways to keep our sessions from feeling rushed or overfull of information.

Remember that you have other resources you can engage to assist your listening and learning. This Sunday we have a lunch scheduled after second hour; this is a good time for conversation and further exploration. Next Sunday evening is an interactive session for more processing. Also, don't forget the resource list of books and readings on the church website, on the Path Forward page.

May the Spirit guide our steps in these weeks and open our hearts as we study the Word together. Dave Greiser

Bring-Your-Own Lunch This Sunday October 23rd

This Sunday after second hour all are invited to a paper bag lunch to fellowship together and continue the conversation about scripture interpretation in the community. Questions will be provided to guide your conversation if you wish to use them. This is a good opportunity to dig deeper into the second hour teaching, ask questions of one another, and practice the work of interpretation. You are also welcome to come just to enjoy the company of others at Salford. **Please bring your Bible to Second Hour.**

On October 30th, 6:30-8:30 will be another opportunity to continue the

December 4 – Fall
Congregational
Business Meeting
December 10 –
Christmas Peace
Pilgrimage Walk

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

conversation. This is for those who have been unable to attend the second hour sessions for any reason, or who simply would like more of an opportunity to process the themes of second hour in community. Please come already having watched the videos of the teaching times on the [Path Forward webpage](#).

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 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.

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 **\$250,000** in offering and income for the last ten 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 (3 weeks): \$11,602**

This Week at Salford

Tuesday, October 25

6:30 pm Path Forward Design Team Meeting (Library)

Thursday, October 27

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

Sunday, October 30

Ordination Sunday for Pastor Maria Hosler Byler

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

Preaching: Marta Castillo

10:30 am Ordination Reception; Children's Sunday School will take place

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

- For **Ray Yoder** who is hoping to be released back to his from Acute Rehab at Grandview this week. Pray for wisdom in treatment and for pain management each day.
- We celebrate with **Bekah Romasco** that her mother **Sarah Lyle** entered remission after over a year of treatment for breast cancer.
- All Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for the **building campaign for Ripple Church** in Allentown, PA. As the church works to collect more funds in order to purchase their building, we give thanks for the donations and gifts received to date. For more information, [click here](#).

Birthday Blessings...

To **Carol Nase**, who turns 86 on October 29th, and to **Pat Wilson-Schmid**, who turns 84 on October 29th.

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, 10/20/22: Greetings fellow gardeners BRRRRRR! This week the temperature dropped and a killer frost stopped by to show us fall has officially arrived. All the summer plants and a lot of our flowers were frozen by the frost this week. Last Saturday we pulled the eggplant and a few left over string bean plants. This week we will finish pulling the remainder of our summer plants. Our fall plants were not affected by the frost. The Broccoli, Cauliflower and Cabbage are very frost resistant and do not mind a little crisp in the air. We will continue to harvest these as they come in. Turnips and beets round out the veggies for the rest of the season. Steve GM has started to clean up and stack our tomato cages. This is always a big job. After the cages are done we pull up the plastic mulch and drip line. I have been chopping up the plants that were pulled, mixing them with the leaves I chopped up last fall and piling the mixture up. This will compost down to usable organic material that will be placed back into the garden next season. I will be chopping leaves again this fall. Last year I finished in December, hopefully the weather holds out and I can have a good leaf chopping season again. This Saturday we will harvest whatever veggies are ready and continue the cage and garden cleanup. The garden has its own refrigerator! The old refrigerator in the church kitchen was replaced by a new one. The old refrigerator was moved to the garage for the garden to use ! THANK YOU to George Gaugler and Wib Zook for their expertise figuring out how to move the old fridge out of the church and into the garage, not an easy task. A lot of close calls and tight squeezes.

Thank You to all who come out to work in the garden. There may be a chill in the air but the cooler weather does not slow down our dedicated volunteers. The work always seems to get done. Steve. 215-872-6616 rsblank@verizon.net

Faith Formation Spotlight

Franconia Mennonite Church invites you to **Navigate Your Teen's Contrary**

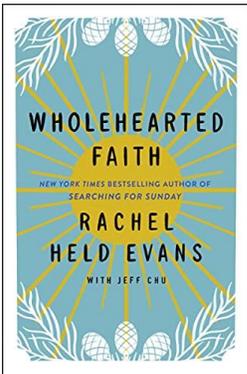
Culture; A Day with Mark Gregston for Parents of Teens. This event will be held on Sunday, November 6th, 2022 at 9:00 am and 4-8 pm at Franconia Mennonite Church. See their website, www.franconiamennoite.org for more information.

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:

Wholehearted Faith, By Rachel Held Evans

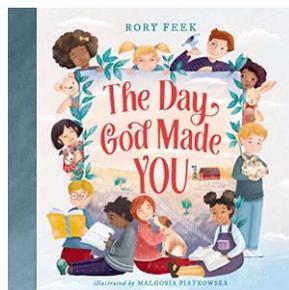


Rachel Held Evans is widely recognized for her theologically astute, profoundly honest, and beautifully personal books, which have guided, instructed, edified, and shaped Christians as they seek to live out a just and loving faith.

At the time of her tragic death in 2019, Rachel was working on a new book about wholeheartedness. With the help of her close friend and author Jeff Chu, that work-in-progress has been woven together with some of her other unpublished writings into a rich collection of essays that ask candid questions about the stories we've been told—and the stories we tell—about our faith, our selves, and our world.

This book is for the doubter and the dreamer, the seeker and the sojourner, those who long for a sense of spiritual wholeness as well as those who have been hurt by the Church but can't seem to let go of the story of Jesus. Through theological reflection and personal recollection, Rachel wrestles with God's grace and love, looks unsparingly at what the Church is and does, and explores universal human questions about becoming and belonging. An unforgettable, moving, and intimate book.

The Day God Made You, By Rory Feek



Your children or grandchildren will love cuddling up with you to discover how God delighted over each and every detail of their lives and personalities as He created them--from the shape of their eyes to the sound of their laughter. *The Day God Made You* also reminds preschoolers and elementary-aged children that God knew their families, their friends, their tears, their gifts, and even their dreams and hopes from the very beginning.

This beautiful and affirming story for 4 to 8-year-olds

- celebrates the diverse and wonderful features God created in each of His children with Rory Feek's moving lyrical rhymes
- reminds all children--including all races, different abilities, and those with special needs--that God created them with purpose and love
- encourages positive self-concept and self-esteem as children learn to be happy with themselves because God delights in who He created them to be
- is a comforting and inspiring read to share at story times or to send children to bed with peaceful hearts

This colorful picture book with vivid illustrations from artist Malgosia Piatkowska is

a great gift for Christmas, birthdays, baptisms, confirmations, adoption parties, and end-of-school-year celebrations. Delightful rhymes and a powerful message of love make this the perfect parent-child read for families of all shapes and sizes, including nuclear families, single-parent homes, foster families, and adoptive families.

News & Notes

Maria Hosler Byler's Ordination on October 30th. Next Sunday October 30th our worship service will be a celebration of Maria Hosler Byler's ordination. After years of discernment and testing her call, she is formally recognizing her lifelong call to ministry and committing to use her gifts in the service of the church. This is a joyful time for the community of faith. We as her congregation will witness her commitment, affirm her gifts, bless her, and celebrate with her. A reception will take place during our usual second hour time. For children, Sunday school will take place as normal.

Justice and Peace Ministry Team will be having a hybrid meeting on Thursday, October 27, at 7 PM. We will meet in the Gospel Herald classroom, right side of the Gathering Room (which is on the second floor above the main foyer). The primary item on the agenda is to review the results and feedback from our Gardening For Peace event and plan the next steps forward. Joe Landis

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](#).

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.

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

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](https://www.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](#).

Healthy Niños Honduras has released its Fall 2022 newsletter. With their 5-year anniversary of ministry coming up, this newsletter focuses on celebrating everything they have been able to accomplish, as well as showing gratitude for all the support they have been blessed with. [Check out the newsletter here](#).

*The September edition of On the Level is now available from **Mennonite Disaster Service**.* In our current issue: Learn about the MDS response to Hurricane Ian in Florida: Volunteers replant trees after the Colorado wildfires; and we have information on the up-coming MDS Annual Celebration in Pennsylvania in February. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3se4Lta>