

Sunday, Oct. 27 9:30 a.m. Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live, Michelle Curtis will preach on Luke 15:1-2, 11-32; “Will you join the celebration?”

10:45 am Second Hour

***The Bible Unwrapped* Second Hour Elective** will meet in Room 211 on the second floor above the main foyer. Cassy Zetts will lead the class this Sunday.

Emmaus Road Sermon Discussion Class meets in the room behind the Welcome Center. The Emmaus Road group welcomes all.

Oct. 13, 2024 Offering

\$10,198

ACH Offering \$2,030

Vanco Offering \$1,809

Total Budget Offering

\$14,037

Children’s Offering:

\$47

Mennonite Disaster

Service Special Offering

\$9,049

Future Salford Events

Nov. 9 - Workday with the trustees

Nov. 17 – Fall

Congregational

Business Meeting

Nov. 27 – Thanksgiving

Service at Advent Lutheran

Dec. 15 – Children and

Youth Christmas Program

during worship

Guest Preacher this Sunday: Welcome Michelle Curtis!

Michelle came to love Jesus and the Bible growing up at Covenant Community Fellowship and attending Spruce Lake, Penn View, and Christopher Dock. She met her husband Jacob at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (Elkhart, IN), where both graduated with M.Div. degrees. Michelle and Jacob now split their time between pastoring Ambler Mennonite Church and watching the trucks and trains of Ambler with their two-year-old son, Raphael. Michelle enjoys anything she can do with a friend including reading aloud, backpacking, drinking coffee, playing board games, cooking, and eating ice cream. *Michelle will preach the 3rd (and last) sermon in the series “Our Prodigal God”.*

Contemplative Practices: 2nd Hour and Midweek Prayer

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 11:30 am (note the time change!)** 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.

November 3: Monthly Communion and Seth Malone and Sarah Funkhouser Visit

Next Sunday, Nov. 3, we will come together as a community for Communion. This is an opportunity to join with Jesus and each other at the table - remembering and celebrating the mystery and miracle of the resurrection. Healing, restoration, reconciliation, and growth are ours through Christ. Do you want to read more? [Learn more](#) about the meaning of this sacrament to

This Week at Salford

Thur., Oct. 31

11:30-45 am Centering Prayer (labyrinth)

Sun., Nov. 3

9:30 am Worship indoors and on YouTube Live, with Communion. Preaching: Seth Malone and Sarah Funkhouser

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If you have information or prayer requests for our newsletter, please submit them to the church office by 10 am Thursday morning.

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our Salford community and reflect on some questions prior to this celebration.

We are also very excited to welcome Seth Malone and Sarah Funkhouser to worship on Nov. 3. Seth attended at Salford during the 2010s, and Seth and Sarah are currently serving as the Mennonite Central Committee Representatives for Jordan, Palestine, and Israel and are leading MCC's humanitarian response in Gaza. You can read their writings [here](#). They will be offering a short sermon during worship and also offer a second hour elective to share stories and opportunities for advocacy and support.

Our Church Family

Please Save the Date! The Trustees will be having a workday on Saturday, Nov. 9. Help maintain and beautify our grounds.

Call for Bulletin Artwork: We love your artwork! Painting, collage, drawing, photography, whatever the medium - send a photo of your work to Pastor Karen via email at bergeyk@salfordmc.org

\$9,049 Raised for Hurricane Relief: Thank you for your generosity on Oct. 6 during the special collection to help Mennonite Disaster Services provide help to those affected by the recent hurricanes.

Prayer Concerns

- For **Jolene Landis** who is receiving another round of treatment in her new home in VA. Please pray for effective treatment, strength and rest between treatments, and for the family members with her in these next few weeks. Nancy Gaugler will be traveling to be with Jolene soon.
- With all congregations in Mosaic Conference we pray for **Bethel Worship and Teaching Center** (Levittown, PA), who will be welcomed as a Mosaic member at Assembly. Bethel is a growing Haitian immigrant congregation that seeks to purchase the building they currently occupy. They ask for prayers for the spiritual well being of their congregation, God's wisdom for their leaders, and for their hoped-for building acquisition.

Birthday Blessings...

To Pat Wilson-Schmidt, who celebrates her 86th birthday on Oct. 29

Anniversary Blessings...

To Dave & Bev Musselman, who celebrate 50 years of marriage on Nov. 2.

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.

Garden Spotlight

From Steve Blank, Oct. 17: Greetings fellow gardeners, well all good things must come to an end. Wednesday morning Mother nature teased us with a slight frost. Thursday morning, she hit hard with a killer. All the summer plants were hit by the frost. I was able to glean as many peppers as I could, but the remaining string beans and lima beans are done for the year. Eggplant also was killed back. Cabbage is still good. Cabbage can withstand even a heavy freeze. From here on until Thanksgiving we clean up the garden and put it to sleep for the winter. Plants need to be pulled, tomato cages stacked and cleaned and last the plastic and drip lines pulled up. When that is all done. I will start my compost chopping. Chopping up all the pulled plants into compost. Then I will chop up the leaves from the church grove to be used all next summer for more composting. Still a lot of work to do until closing.

Thank you to all of our volunteers who show up each Saturday to help make this mission as successful as it is.

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>

Candle Walk: A Bedtime Prayer to God

By: Karin Holsinger Sherman

This beautifully illustrated picture book invites families to enter into a calm, contemplative quieting-down based on a centuries-old practice of evening prayer from the Christian liturgical tradition. Like the beloved Office of Compline, the book helps children “complete” their day and prepare for sleep, fulfilling a hunger for a bedtime prayer that is not simply intercessory, but offers an opportunity to practice listening and contemplation. Appropriate for toddlers and school children alike, Candle Walk is a wonderful way to prepare children for sleep, assured of the nearness of God. DONATED

Peak

By: Roland Smith (Junior Book)

After Peak Marcello is arrested for scaling a New York City skyscraper, he's left with two choices: wither away in juvenile detention or go live with his long-lost father, who runs an overseas climbing company.

But Peak quickly learns that his father's renewed interest in him has

strings attached. Big strings. As owner of Peak Expeditions, he wants his son to be the youngest person to reach the Everest summit—and his motives are selfish at best. Even so, for a climbing addict like Peak, tackling Everest is the challenge of a lifetime. It's also one that could cost him his life.

Beyond Salford

Zion Mennonite and other Souderton area churches invite you to attend an **Election Eve Holy Communion and Prayer Service** on Monday, Nov. 4 at 7 pm at Zion. Let's gather with our neighbors and pray for our nation.

Harvestfest at Camp Men-O-Lan will take place on Sat., Oct. 26 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

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 267-932-6050x201.

Hymn Sing to Benefit Mennonite Central Committee at Blooming Glen Mennonite on Sunday, Nov. 10, 4-5 PM. Songs from Voices Together. Light refreshments to follow. A free-will offering will be collected to benefit MCC.

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.