

October 2, 2022

**Sunday, October 2, 9:30 am Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live.** Associate Pastor Maria Hosler Byler will preach on Romans 12:1-8; *The Fabric of Christ's Church*

**10:30 am Second Hour for all ages**

**All Adults and Senior MYF are requested to gather in the Fellowship Hall for Second Hour.**

**September 25, 2022**

Offering

\$9,050

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Offering

\$1,915

Vanco Online Offering

\$4,148

**Total Budget Offering**

**\$15,113**

**Children's Offering**

**\$112**

**Gardening for Peace Donations and Offering**

**\$1,483**

**Future Salford Events**

**October 2** – Fall Communion

**October 16** – Licensing service for Andrew Zetts

**October 23** – Welcoming New Members

**October 30** – Ordination of Maria Hosler Byler

**November 6** –

## Fall Communion: Sunday, October 2nd

This week October 2nd is World Communion Sunday. Salford will be celebrating the Lord's Supper that day along with Christians all over the world. This ritual is a chance to practice being the community of Christ together. All are welcome to worship, whether to participate in communion or to observe. As you discern your own relationship to the communion table, we encourage you to consider these questions in prayer, reflection, and discussion with others in the Salford community:

- If you take communion, what are you celebrating? What are you committing to? What are you asking for?
- This meal is a symbol of Jesus' active love of the world. What does it mean for you to participate in this love at the communion table?
- Are you open to the possibility that Jesus might teach, challenge, inspire, or call you through this sacred ritual?

This week and into the future, our worship time will be for worship: for honoring God and being formed as a community of Jesus followers together. We will be reading Romans 12-16 and exploring what it means to be a community in Christ. We will not be directly engaging our discernment process during worship.

## Gardening For Peace Note of Appreciation

On behalf of the Church Board, thank you to each person who created, supported, and attended the Gardening for Peace event last weekend. Together, the Salford Mennonite Church community - the Peace and Justice Committee, Kitchen Ministry Team, Garden Ministry Team, Pastoral Team, artists, volunteers, and participants - made this event a great success!

The vision, leadership, and forethought sown produced good fruit. We welcomed community members, workshop presenters, authors, speakers, and blacksmiths, even transforming a gun into a garden tool. This transformative event demonstrated Salford's commitment to being "a joyful, learning community eager to live and share the peaceable way of Jesus." May we continue to cultivate peace, so justice grows in the garden.

With hope and gratitude, Margaret Zook, Board Chair

## Discernment Begins During Adult Second Hour This Sunday

Second Hour this Sunday begins six weeks of congregation-wide study to understand and interpret scripture as it relates to sexuality and the church. Children and Jr. Youth will continue with their regular Sunday School Shine curriculum in their regular locations; all adults and high school youth are asked to participate in second hour in the fellowship hall. Your participation is important; this is what it means to discern God's will as a community. For those who are unable to be present during second hour, teaching portions will be recorded and an interactive catch-up time will be available on October 30, 6:30-8:30pm. We appreciate your prayers for guidance of the Holy Spirit as we seek to move forward

Welcoming Members  
**November 9** – Family Night Kickoff  
**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](mailto:alderferb@salfordmc.org)

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## This Week at Salford

### Wednesday, October 5

8:30 am Sewing Circle (Gathering Room)

### Sunday, October 9

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

Preaching: Dave Greiser

10:45 am Second Hour for all Ages

## Our Church Family

### Prayer Concerns

- For **Faith Detwiler** as she recovers from her successful gallbladder surgery.
- For all of us at Salford as we begin our Second Hour discernment on Sunday.
- For all those in the Southeastern US who will need to rebuild after Hurricane Ian this week.
- For **Academia Menonita Betania**, an MC USA-affiliated school in Puerto Rico, which is reopening Monday, after sustaining damage from Hurricane Fiona. Please pray for the students, the staff and residents across Puerto Rico, as they cope with the hurricane's aftermath.
- Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for **those affected by Hurricane Fiona in the Caribbean region**. Specifically pray for the Convencion de Iglesias Menonita de Puerto Rico where Mosaic is cultivating a Partner in Ministry relationship. Pray also for the ministry work of credentialed leader Franco Salvatori and his family as they minister in the Dominican Republic.

### Birthday Blessings...

To **Ferne Alderfer**, who celebrates her 94<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and to **Jean Anders**, who celebrates her 89<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

### Anniversary Blessings...

To **Len & Esther Ruth**, who celebrates their 63<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary on October 4, 2022.

### 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, 9/29/22:** Greetings fellow gardeners, this past week was like no other in the garden. The garden hosted the "Garden for Peace" opening ceremony. During the ceremony I was given some Tuckahoes (Jerusalem Artichokes) I made a promise to build some new beds at the garden and cultivate some plants that the Native Americans grew before the Europeans arrived. This small garden will be our reminder of the people who farmed this area for

thousands of years. This Native American garden idea was first suggested to me by Hiram Hershey many years ago. When John Ruth started his campaign to educate us on how the Natives were treated I thought this would be a good time to fulfill Hiram's dream. We also witnessed a gun barrel being turned into a garden tool. What a powerful evening. I am glad the garden was able to play a small part in the weekend events.

The strings beans are still coming in at a record pace, over 100 lbs. harvested again this week. I started to wrap up a few cauliflower plants to keep the growing heads nice and white. Our fall broccoli has arrived, I picked a few heads every day this week. Clean up has officially begun. I started to pull the tomato plants. I will be gleaning the nicer green tomatoes and offering them to anyone who is interested. Turnips were on the menu last Saturday and they look to be the nicest we ever grew. It took me a few years to get the knack on how to grow turnips. They never really liked me and never did very well. This year I guess I must smell different. This coming weekend the weather looks a little damp and cool. We could be fighting the remains of Hurricane Ian. We shall see what the morning brings. I do not like working in the rain. Fishing in the rain is great...picking string beans in the rain can be a wet mess.

Thank you to everyone who helped out last week. We worked as fast as we could in the morning so we were finished in time for Garden for peace. Our volunteers are the best! Steve. 215-872-6616 [rsblank@verizon.net](mailto:rsblank@verizon.net)

### **Garden Produce Recipes**

We thought it would be fun to feature recipes using Salford/Advent garden produce. We will feature one recipe each week. Please submit your favorite recipe featuring garden produce grown in the Salford/Advent garden (past or present) to Church Administrator Brad Alderfer and we will publish as appropriate. We may assemble them for a Salford/Advent garden recipe collection at a later time.

### **Faith Formation Spotlight**

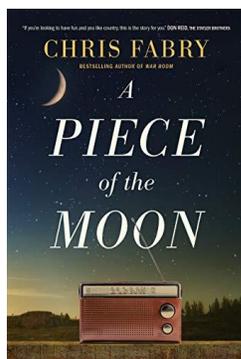
Kids & youth can continue to sign up for helping with the offering here: we need four each week; sign up for as many as you'd like!  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c45a4a62eaaf94-salford>

### **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:

### **A Piece of the Moon, by Chris Fabry**



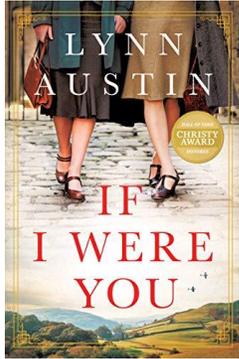
When eccentric millionaire Gideon Quidley receives a divine revelation to hide his earthly treasure somewhere in the hills, he sets out to find a fitting hiding spot, choosing only a few Bible verses as clues leading to untold riches of gold, silver, cash . . . and one very unexpected—and very costly—item.

Treasure hunters descend upon the hills of West Virginia, including those surrounding the small town of Emmaus, where TD Lovett and Waite Evers provide the latest updates and the beating heart of the community on radio station Country 16. Neither man is much interested in a wild-goose chase for Quidley's treasure, though. Waite is busy keeping

the station afloat and caring for the bruised souls who have landed there. Meanwhile, TD's more intent on winning over local junkyard owner Pidge Bledsoe, who has taken in a shy, wounded boy to raise.

But after an estranged friend goes missing searching for the treasure, TD is unexpectedly drawn into the hunt. As TD joins the race to find Quidley's wealth, he discovers where his own real treasure lies, and he begins to suspect there's a hidden piece to Gideon Quidley's treasure that no one could've expected.

### **If I Were You, by Lynn Austin**



**1950.** In the wake of the war, Audrey Clarkson leaves her manor house in England for a fresh start in America with her young son. As a widowed war bride, Audrey needs the support of her American in-laws, whom she has never met. But she arrives to find that her longtime friend Eve Dawson has been impersonating her for the past four years. Unraveling this deception will force Audrey and Eve's secrets—and the complicated history of their friendship—to the surface.

**1940.** Eve and Audrey have been as different as two friends can be since the day they met at Wellingford Hall, where Eve's mother served as a lady's maid for Audrey's mother. As young women, those differences become a polarizing force . . . until a greater threat—Nazi invasion—reunites them. With London facing relentless bombardment, Audrey and Eve join the fight as ambulance drivers, battling constant danger together. An American stationed in England brings dreams of a brighter future for Audrey, and the collapse of the class system gives Eve hope for a future with Audrey's brother. But in the wake of devastating loss, both women must make life-altering decisions that will set in motion a web of lies and push them both to the breaking point long after the last bomb has fallen.

This sweeping story transports readers to one of the most challenging eras of history to explore the deep, abiding power of faith and friendship to overcome more than we ever thought possible.

### **News & Notes**

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.

#### **Phone # Update**

Willis Miller  
(484) 929-3845

The worship ministry team is in search of an old, worn blanket that you are willing to part with, for use in worship during Advent: an afghan with holes, a quilt that is tearing at the seams, etc. We will be repairing it and adding pieces to it throughout the season, so please only offer blankets you are willing to have altered. Contact Maria Hosler Byler if you have one to offer.

We are in need of a **Nursery Ministry Team Chair** for a small amount of coordination to keep the nursery running. This is a simple position which is vital to our welcome of young families. **Would you be this person, or recommend someone?** Please contact [Maria Hosler Byler](#) as soon as possible. This position requires a couple hours per month of coordinating and does not include creating

the nursery schedule.

## **Beyond Salford**

You're invited to the **MEDA Global Farm Party** at Spring Creek Farm (near Peddler's Village) on October 9 from 12:00 to 5:00 pm rain or shine. This event is free, and will offer interactive, hands-on activities for all ages, live music – including The Brunners, local and international food, hayrides and much more. Learn more at [meda.org/farmparty](http://meda.org/farmparty).

**Dock Mennonite Academy** (9-12) invites you to their **Homecoming weekend festivities**, including a Fall Concert, Friday, October 14 at 7:00 pm, and a full day of free activities on Saturday, October 15 – including games, athletic events, a kids festival, and the Willow Run Band in concert. Learn more at [dock.org/alumni](http://dock.org/alumni). Saturday will also feature an open house on the 9-12 campus from 12:30 to 2:30 pm.

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://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](#).

**PA Relief Sale Craft Stand** coordinators remind you to be creating for the 67th annual sale, being March 31 & April 1, 2023. They are seeking new quality items made from fabric, yarn, thread, wood, paper or your specialty medium, including fancy soaps, candles, etc. Items can be dropped off at the Ephrata MCC Material Resources Center or bring them to the craft stand during the sale. For more info, contact Janet Runion Patton: 717-926-4008 or [jcpatton99@gmail.com](mailto:jcpatton99@gmail.com).