

October 6, 2024

Sunday, October 6, 9:30 am Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live, Lead Pastor Dave Greiser will preach on Micah 6:8; Philippians 2:5-11; Walk Humbly with God

10:30 am Second Hour for all ages

The Bible Unwrapped Second Hour Elective Class will meet in Room 211 on the Second floor above the main foyer. Dave Greiser will lead the class this Sunday.

Emmaus Road Sermon Discussion Class will be meeting following worship in the Meeting Room behind the Welcome Center. Interested in talking about the sermon? The Emmaus Road group welcomes all.

September 29, 2024

Offering
\$1,226
ACH Electronic
Offering
\$2,030
Vanco Online Offering
\$1,464
**Total Budget Offering
\$4,720**
**Children's Offering:
\$45**

Future Salford Events

October 12 – Red Cross Blood Drive at

Monthly Communion at Salford

This Sunday, October 6th, we will come together as a community for Communion. This is another opportunity to join with Jesus and with 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? Visit our [website here](#) to learn more about the meaning of this sacrament to our Salford community and to the church around the world.

Church Administrator Position Update

Church Administrator Brad Alderfer's last day as full time Church Administrator is October 11th (his last day in the office will be October 10th). Multiple persons have expressed interest in considering the role and interviews were held this week. Brad will continue 8 hours per week in a part time role until a new person or persons are hired and training occurs. In the coming weeks other church staff will be picking up parts of the role. Please note the following information during transition.

Please email the following staff with information/questions/requests:

General Info: Dave Greiser

Child Safety: Andrew Zetts

Rental/church calendar/meeting reservations: Andrew Zetts

Worship & Pastoral Care: Karen Bergey

Bookkeeping/check requests/donations/financial matters: Brad Alderfer

Please call church staff members directly on their cell phones for inquiries, emergencies or pastoral care needs. The church phone system will not be monitored regularly during transition. Please do not leave messages on the church phone system.

Two Responses to Hurricane Helene

We are deeply saddened by the loss of life, homes and infrastructure from the recent Hurricane Helene disaster in the Southeastern US, and the ongoing concerns and humanitarian needs of water, food, fuel, connecting with loved ones and locating the missing. There are two ways you can consider helping with these needs here at Salford.

First, **Mennonite Disaster Service** is now on the ground in Western North Carolina and other locations for the initial response of clearing downed trees and providing emergency response and will be in the region long term rebuilding and repairing homes for our most vulnerable citizens.

Salford will hold a **special offering** on October 13th to benefit the work of Mennonite Disaster Service. Please bring your special offering check or cash donation made out to Salford Mennonite Church, with offering envelope or memo line marked for "Mennonite Disaster Service", with you to worship on 10/13 and there will be a special time to bring your offering forward for this important recovery work.

Salford
October 20 –
Congregational
meeting during Second
Hour to Discuss
Pathways Process
Recommendation
November 17 – Fall
Congregational
Business Meeting

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

Second, Salford has a **Red Cross Blood Drive** scheduled for Saturday, October 12th from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The Red Cross is reporting that many regularly scheduled blood collection events have been disrupted throughout the Southeast region and critical blood supplies are being depleted. It is critical that other regularly scheduled drives generate as many donor as possible to fill this important need across our area and beyond. Please consider signing up for a time of blood donation at this link:

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=0224209>

Our prayers go out to all who are impacted by this devastating event, and may we be the hands and feet of Jesus in providing for those in need.

The Bible Unwrapped: A 5-Week Elective Second Hour Class

Two weeks ago, Michele Hershberger took us the entire way through the Bible in a day! Then she did it again in the Sunday sermon! The Bible is a story, yet it is in many ways a strange book.

Many of us have an uncertain relationship to the Bible, and our faith. Perhaps we have left behind a childhood faith and are still re-constructing one that fits. Is there a “reconstructed view of the Bible?”

On Sunday we begin a 5-week elective class for people who want to re-acquaint with 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, starting with Dave Greiser. Come to Room 211 just across from the Prayer Room.

Beyond Sunday Morning Event on October 13, 10:45 A.M.-12:15 P.M.

During Second Hour on October 13, all of Salford’s ministries and ongoing projects will have tables set up in the carport to share the faith-filled work they are doing. Additionally, they will communicate ways you can support or participate in that work. The hope is that whoever attends, whether they are from Salford or the local community, will be able to better connect, grow, and serve with us.

There will also be refreshments, outdoor firepits, and tractor rides for participants to enjoy. We hope every Salford congregant can invite at least one person to come and get to know our congregation better. There are new copies of the flyer at the Welcome Center that anyone can take to distribute.

Faith Formation Night, Wednesday, October 16, 5:30P.M.-8:00 P.M.

At this month’s gathering, Jenn Svetlik will lead a discussion about the new book, *Anxious Generation*. The book explores new social and technological trends that are causing harmful impacts in childhood and adolescent development. Our discussion will explore the author’s ideas and ways that we, as a faith community, can respond to these trends and tend to the well-being of our young people. If you cannot read the book ahead of time, click this [link](#) which will lead you to resources that share the book’s main ideas in a shorter format.

You do not need to be a parent to attend this event. If you have a young person in your life, this is a discussion you will want to be a part of!

Dinner Yahtzee on Saturday, October 19th!! Last Reminder

- Who: Anyone who identifies as female, 18 and up
- What: Fun evening of dinner with 4 other women. Get to meet some new friends or get to know some old friends better.
- When: Saturday October 19, at 4:30 pm
- Where: Meet in the church foyer and then go to an area restaurant of your choice.
- How: When you arrive you will write your name on a slip of paper that will be put in a bowl. Once everyone arrives dinner groups will be formed by drawing 5 names from the bowl at random. The group of 5 will designate a driver and chose where they would like to go eat dinner together. This is a great event to bring someone new to Salford. If you bring a friend you may include them on your slip so you may be together in a group. There will be a chosen time to return to church so groups can report on their dining experiences.

No need to RSVP. Cindy Moyer is the point person if you have questions.

Finance Update for Salford Mennonite Church

For 2024, we will present a monthly update of our financial situation.

- We have received \$559,540 in offering and income over the first nine months of the year, with a 2024 expense budget of \$917,354. We have received 61.0% of the income needed for 2024 in these first nine months (75%) of the year.
- We expect actual expenses to trend to \$855,000 for 2024. If this is the case, we have received \$559,540 in offering and income over the first nine months of the year, with 2024 expected expenses of \$855,000. We have received 65.4% of the income needed for 2024 in these first nine months (75%) of the year.
- We will need an average of **\$14,900** in weekly offering from January through November and an average of **\$31,000** in weekly offering in December to cover our expected expenses.
- **Average weekly offering needed for January through November: \$14,900**
- **Average weekly offering received so far for January through November (39 weeks): \$14,347**

This Week at Salford

Wednesday, October 9

6:30 pm Banned Book Club Gathering (Library)

Saturday, October 12

9:00 am Red Cross Blood Drive (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, October 13

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

Preaching: Nathan Good

10:30 am Beyond Sunday Morning Event

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

- For **Naomi Martin** who had tonsil and adenoid surgery on Tuesday. Pray for relief from her sore throat.
- For **Nancy Alderfer** who had a knee replacement at Grandview on

Wednesday. Pray for a quick recovery and good rest.

- For the ongoing war in Gaza: that there would be a ceasefire and that everyone, **especially the children** could be safe.
- All Mosaic Conference congregations are invited to pray for **The Worm Project**, as it is in the process of transitioning to becoming a Conference-Related Ministry. We give thanks to God for their faithful work to seek to eradicate parasitic worms in children around the world.

Birthday Blessings...

To **Larry Landes**, who celebrates his 84th birthday on October 12..

Welcome to...

- **Nash Holden Grim**, born August 23rd to Rachael and Joe Grim, and grandparents Brenda and Mark Boorse.
- **Charles Roy Dunnigan**, born September 18th to Rachel Speigle Dunnigan and Michael Dunnigan, and grandparents Joanne and Wayne Speigle
- **Sage Sue Ruth-Schroeder**, born September 28th to Katie Ruth and Ryan Schroeder, and grandparents Monica and Dave Schroeder.

Congratulations, all!

Are you anxious about current events? Feeling like life is just too much some days? Finding little peace in each day? **Join Pastor Karen for a weekly morning Centering Prayer.** This will be a time of quietly seeking God's presence together. We'll meet at the Labyrinth. Bring a blanket, chair or something to sit on if you like. We'll meet Thursday mornings at 8:30 for 15 minutes of silent group prayer. You may linger after to walk the labyrinth or enjoy the quiet of the morning. Our next meeting will be Thursday, October 10.

Service & Mission

October Donation Of The Month - ITEMS NEEDED TO HELP 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 coat room.

Mosaic Mennonite Conference Spotlight

Mosaic Mennonite Conference Board has released the resolution that will be considered this fall assembly. You may read the [press release here](#).

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>

Tethered to Other Stars Junior Book By: Elisa Stone Leahy

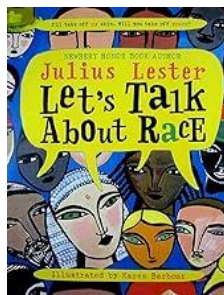


Seventh grader Wendy Toledo knows that black holes and immigration police have one thing in common: they can both make things disappear without a trace. When her family moves to a new all-American neighborhood, Wendy knows the plan: keep her head down, build a telescope that will win the science fair, and stay on her family's safe orbit.

But that's easier said than done when there's a woman hiding out from ICE agents in the church across the alley—and making Wendy's parents nervous.

As bullying at school threatens Wendy's friendships and her hopes for the science fair, and her family's secrets start to unravel, Wendy finds herself caught in the middle of far too many gravitational pulls. When someone she loves is detained by ICE, Wendy must find the courage to set her own orbit—and maybe shift the paths of everyone around her.

Let's Talk About Race By: Julius Lester



In this acclaimed book, the author of the Newbery Honor Book *To Be a Slave* shares his own story as he explores what makes each of us special. A strong choice for sharing at home or in the classroom.

Karen Barbour's dramatic, vibrant paintings speak to the heart of Lester's unique vision, truly a celebration of all of us. "This stunning picture book introduces race as just one of many chapters in a person's story" (*School Library Journal*). "Lester's poignant picture book helps children learn, grow, discuss, and begin to create a future that resolves differences" (*Children's Literature*).

Julius Lester said: "I write because our lives are stories. If enough of these stories are told, then perhaps we will begin to see that our lives are the same story. The differences are merely in the details."

I am a story. So are you. So is everyone. DONATED

News & Notes

Salford Friends at Souderton Mennonite Homes: Please join us for our monthly gathering on **Monday, October 14th from 7-8** in the Friendship Room. Call Karen with any questions. Hope to see you there!

Thank you, Brad – This coming Thursday October 10th is Brad's last official day in the office. Join us immediately following the service on Sunday in the Fellowship Hall for cake and to express your appreciation for Brad. There will be a basket for any cards or well-wishes.

Mennonite Education Plan Survey. It has been 6 years since we last surveyed the congregation on interest and attitudes towards the Mennonite Education Plan (MEP). The MEP Ministry Team has prepared an updated survey and has placed copies in each mailbox, with extra copies at the Welcome Center. Please return completed surveys to the church office by October 13, 2024.

In 2023 we did not have enough offering and income to cover all expenses in our church budget, and we may face similar challenges for 2024 and beyond. In preparing for the 2025 budget, the church board is considering all expenses, and the fact that we may not be able to present a balanced budget with present staffing levels while paying 100% of MEP costs and other missional and operational costs. The church board desires feedback on the perceived value of Mennonite

Education in the congregation, and its perceived value compared to other funding priorities. It is important that we hear from all members and participants of the congregation.

Beyond Salford

MCC Material Resource Center Harleysville Annual (Brisket & Oyster) Fundraising Dinner. Saturday, Oct. 19, 2024, 6:00 PM. 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.

We look forward to seeing you there!

You are invited to **Perkasie Mennonite Church's Patchwork Coffeehouse** live concert with Mark Cosgrove and Good Medicine on October 19, 2024, 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 October 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, 2024 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 9th** starting at 5:00 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! Find more info and register at <http://healthyninos.org/banquet>