

October 8, 2023

Sunday, October 8, 9:30 am Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live, Guest Presenter Jacqueline Hoover will preach on Mark 5: 21-43; *Desperate Courage: Jairus and the Hemorrhaging Women*

10:30 am Second Hour for all ages

Elective Second Hour Class will meet in the Fellowship Hall, Jacqueline Hoover presenting on The joys and challenges of teaching in different contexts, 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 1, 2023

Offering

\$4,928

ACH Electronic

Offering

\$7,340

Vanco Online Offering

\$1,263

Total Budget Offering

\$13,531

Children's Offering

\$37

Future Salford Events

October 11 – Family

Faith Formation Night on October 11, 2023

We will resume our Faith Formation Nights for this school year on **October 11, 2023**, from **5:30 to 8:00 P.M.** Please see below for the evening's schedule and let Pastor Andrew (zettsa@salfordmc.org) know by **October 8** how many people from your household plan to attend; RSVPs are very helpful for meal planning.

- 5:30-5:45 P.M.: Dinner
- 5:45-6:30 P.M.: Worship
- 6:30-8:00 P.M.: Age-specific programs

The different programs include:

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 MYF: A gathering of 6th through 12th graders that connects for games, conversation, and contemplation to provide mutual support and foster spiritual growth. This month we will investigate the question: *How can we be a community that supports each other?*

Adults: Our time together this month will be facilitated by Jenn Svetlik, Salford's Director of Children's Ministry. Jenn, with the help of Linda Martin, will facilitate a discussion and gathering of ideas about the kind of counter-cultural, Jesus-centered values we want our youth and families to live out and how we can support each other in doing this. This is a time for dreaming and brainstorming and is open to any adults of any age, with children or not.

Also, please mark the following dates for the future Faith Formation Nights this school year; they are the second Wednesday of each month. November 8, December 13, January 10, February 14, March 13, April 10, May 8

Congregational Informational Meeting

The Salford Church Board requests that all adults attend a congregational informational meeting on October 15, 2023. The purpose of this meeting is to present information on two proposed capital projects that are under consideration. There will be time for question & answer and feedback. The meeting packet has been placed in church mailboxes with additional copies at the Welcome Center. The meeting will be held in the sanctuary during Second Hour.

Acknowledging the Original Inhabitants of This Land Increasing Consciousness of the Lenape People

A large stone in our cemetery serves as an explanatory monument to tell the story of the first people who made Salford a congregation - those who donated the land, the first pastor, schoolteacher, and founding families. It was installed as part of an Eagle Scout project by Kevin McCoach in 2015, with support from John Ruth as historian.

As John Ruth's and our congregation's consciousness of the Lenape people as the original stewards of this land has grown in recent years, John suggested that

Faith Formation Night
October 15 –
Congregational
Informational Meeting
during Second Hour
November 4 – Mosaic
Conference Fall
Assembly
November 5 – Witting
Tree Ceremony
November 8 - Family
Faith Formation Night
November 19 – Fall
Congregational
Business Meeting
November 22 –
Thanksgiving Eve
Service, 7:00 pm

If you have information
or prayer requests for
our newsletter, please
submit this to the
church office by 4:00
p.m. Wednesday
afternoon.

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this monument be modified to include the words "Built on Lenapehoking" at the top. Lenapehoking can be translated as "homelands of the Lenape people."

The monument was updated last month as a sign of our continued efforts to learn from history and listen well to the first inhabitants of this land. **Please join us next Sunday, October 15, directly after the second hour congregational meeting, for a brief time of prayer in the cemetery.**

Children, youth, and adults of all ages are invited to join us in song, scripture and sharing in the initial harvest from the new Three Sisters garden. The Three Sisters garden is a new section of the Salford-Advent garden featuring traditional native foods like sunchokes, beans, corn and squash.

A Foundation Fund grant written in partnership with the Mennonite Heritage Center for support of Lenape-related initiatives locally covered the cost of the monument's update.

This Week at Salford

Monday, October 9

7:00 pm Child Care Ministry Team Meeting (Library)

7:00 pm Fellowship Gathering at Souderton Mennonite Homes, with Communion (Friendship Room)

Wednesday, October 11

5:30 pm Family Faith Formation Night Meal (Fellowship Hall)

6:30 pm Kids Club (Gathering Room)

Sunday, October 15

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

Preaching: Dave Greiser

10:30 am Congregational Informational Meeting for all Adults (Sanctuary)

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

- For **Mark and Heiki-Lara Nyce** and the Nyce family. Mark's sister **Cynthia Nyce Kauffman** passed away on Sunday October 1.
- For **Naomi Landis** as she tries to understand recent spells leading to falls and tiredness; for comfort, strength and peace of mind in her waning days.
- All Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for the **West Swamp congregation** (Quakertown, PA) as their ministry team works at redefining the mission and vision of the congregation. Pray for clarity and discernment as they look to the future.

Birthday Blessings...

To **Larry Landes**, who celebrates his 83rd birthday on October 12th.

Congratulations...

to **Carleigh & Joel Rittenhouse** on the birth of **Robin Virginia Rittenhouse** on October 4 in Harrisonburg, VA. Congratulations also to big brother Ryan and Grandparents Kendra & Jim Rittenhouse.

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.

October 5, 2023 Salford/Advent Garden Update:

Greetings fellow gardeners, the season has flown by. The past two weeks have been a little bit of everything going on in the garden. The tropical storm we had dropped over 2 1/2 inches of rain on the garden. The real problem was the wind. The high winds knocked over our pole bean trellis. Snapped the stakes in half or pulled them out of the ground. I spent an entire afternoon hammering more stakes into the ground and lifting the fence back up off the ground. The plants did not seem to mind the fall over. We have picked well over 100 lbs. since then. The trellis did fall on our bush beans and they were not happy about that. Smashed them pretty good. We harvested our first cauliflower and broccoli of the fall. WOO HOO! looking good. The cauliflower came in so fast I ran out of rubber bands. I use rubber bands to tie up the leaves around the heads so they stay nice and white. Cabbage should be on the menu soon. Last week we had a celebration for Nancy moving into SMH. Gary and Sharon Strayer brought their portable wood fired pizza oven to the garden. A good time was had by all. Nancy surprised us by making a ground cherry pie. After all that I had a hard time getting back to work in the garden. We are slowly getting to the end of our season. Soon cleanup will be in full swing. As in years past I would like to have the garden put to sleep by Thanksgiving.

Thank You to everyone who helps out with this mission, both on Saturday mornings and during the week. The time our volunteers put in is what keeps the garden producing as much as it does. Steve, 215-872-6616, rsblank@verizon.net

Justice & Peace Ministry Team

From PeaceMail - **Webinar October 12th – 7:00 pm Anabaptism and U.S Gun Violence. Registration Required. Link below.**

Exploring the issues of gun violence in our lives and how our Anabaptist faith informs our response. A possible follow-up to our (Memorial to the Lost.)

<https://mennoniteusa.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=97f16d9c230780d6354d01572&id=238a7f6459&e=125824541e>

Join us for our next J & P meeting October 26 in person or Hybrid 7pm in Salford's Library. Email Joe Landis jglandis@gmail.com to join us.

Resources from the Accessibility Ministry Team

Buddy Group: “are you looking for a place where your son/daughter can socialize with peers that they can connect and bond with? Buddy Group has classes for kids, tweens, teens, and young adults in their twenties. There are two levels of classes for all age groups, so no matter where your child’s abilities lie, there’s a class that’s the right fit for them. We offer virtual and in person classes in the **Collegeville**, PA area. All classes are taught by ASHA certified speech language pathologists who are personally trained in the Buddy Group curriculum. Learn more: buddygrouprocks.com

ART-REACH, Access Philly allows [PA & Art-Reach ACCESS Cardholders](#) to attend dozens of **cultural sites & theaters for just \$2!**

Family Faith Formation

Peace Place (calm down/regulation space) Now Open!

The Peace Place is located in a classroom in the basement and can be used as a short-term calm down/emotional regulation space during Sunday School and other times *under adult supervision*.

There are guidelines on the door and inside to explain how it is to be used, but one key thing is for the user to turn over the hourglass timer to take 5 minutes to be able to get the sensory input or self-regulation they need to rejoin participation in worship or Sunday School.

[Please watch the video](#) explaining more of the guidelines and the tools to understand this new space at Salford. It is intended for elementary age and up. Parents can take one child at a time to use the space during worship, too.

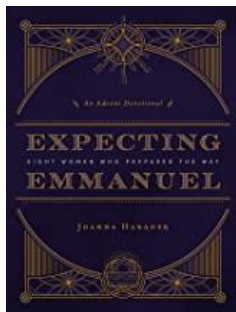
There were six people who offered donations of tools to the space. Thank you so very much!

We will be introducing the elementary Sunday School classes to it so they can understand how it is to be used, with the guidance of an adult aide.

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>

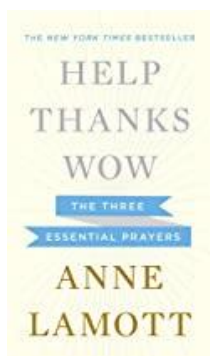
Expecting Emmanuel: Eight Women Who Prepared the Way By: Joanna Harader



Christmas is about so much more than twinkling lights, sugar cookies, and perfect family photos. It's about the world-changing, transforming, and sometimes messy reality of "God with us." As we dive deep into the biblical accounts of Jesus' female ancestors and reflect on God's presence in their complicated lives, we can begin to release our expectations of a "perfect Christmas" and instead seek the experience of a holy season.

Through invitational spiritual practices and reflections, this daily devotional centers the stories of five women in Jesus' genealogy--Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, and Mary--plus three additional female figures connected to Jesus' early life in the days leading up to Epiphany. You will also find resources for exploring the lives of these women in worship, small group, and retreat settings. This Advent and Christmas season, step into the true power of the

Incarnation as we journey together to the manger and encounter the omnipotent God who has come to us in the vulnerable Christ-child. DONATED



Help, Thanks, Wow: The Three Essential Prayers By: Anne Lamott

Readers of all ages have followed and cherished Anne Lamott's funny and perceptive writing about her own faith through decades of trial and error. And in her new audiobook, *Help, Thanks, Wow*, she has coalesced everything she knows about prayer to these fundamentals.

It is these three prayers - asking for assistance from a higher power, appreciating what we have that is good, and feeling awe at the world around us - that can get us through the day and can show us the way forward. In *Help, Thanks, Wow*, Lamott recounts how she came to these insights, explains what they mean to her and how they have helped, and explores how others have embraced these same ideas.

Insightful and honest as only Anne Lamott can be. DONATED

News & Notes

SMH service: Hello Friends at Souderton Mennonite Home!! Please join us on **Monday, October 9th at 7pm in the Friendship Room** to celebrate communion together. We hope you can join us! Call Pastor Karen with any questions.

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

Quakertown Christian School will be holding its **annual Chicken BBQ** on Saturday, October 14 from 4-7 p.m. This year we're bringing back the dine in option so you can come eat with friends or use the drive-thru option to pick up meals and eat at home! Meals include 1/2 chicken, potato salad, cole slaw, chips, a roll and a drink; the cost is \$15.00. We will also have QCS-made pumpkin pie and Landis apple crumb pie available by the slice or by the pie. Questions can be directed to Erica Talese at 215.536.6970 x 501.

Camp Men-O-Lan' Fall woodcutting/workday is on October 14th The day will start at 8:30 AM at the Dining Hall. We will work till about 3:30 PM and provide a lunch for the participants. Jobs will include cutting and splitting wood and other projects. If you are interested in helping please contact Steve Panning at 215-679-5144 ext 326 or steve@menolan.org Please bring chainsaws and woods splitters. Free wood is available from what we cut during the day.

Free Benefit Banquet for The Worm Project to be held Saturday, October 21, 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 15. Leave your name and number of attendees email to info@wormproject.org or by phone at 267-932-6050 Ext. 201.