

September 10, 2023

Sunday, September 10, 9:30 am Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live, Guest Preacher Steve Kriss will preach on 1 John 4:7-18; *To Know is to Love*

10:30 am Second Hour for all ages

Stories of Service Elective Second Class will meet in the Right side of the Gathering Room, Second Floor above the Foyer, led by Dave Greiser, All are welcome!

Emmaus Road Sermon Discussion Class will be meeting following worship in the Church Library, All are welcome!

September 3, 2023

Offering

\$16,302

ACH Electronic

Offering

\$7,260

Vanco Online Offering

\$3,281

Total Budget Offering

\$26,843

Children's Offering

\$30

Future Salford Events

September 10 – Maria Hosler Byler & Family Last Sunday at Salford, with Potluck Fellowship Luncheon after Second Hour

Last Sunday with Pastor Maria Hosler Byler & Family

We are excited, with a touch of sadness, to celebrate the ministry of **Maria Hosler Byler** at Salford on the morning of September 10th. This will be the last Sunday Maria, Phil, Mateo and Luma will be with us. We look forward to remembering with Maria, and celebrating and blessing her in her new Pastoral role with Sunnyside Mennonite Church in Elkhart, IN.

Following worship and the start of the new Second Hour Season on September 10th, we will have a potluck lunch in the oak grove, weather permitting. Please bring a main dish and side dish to share. A special dessert treat will be provided for the picnic. Please bring your place settings and chairs or blankets to use in the oak grove. If weather does not permit, we will move into the Fellowship Hall for lunch. There will be plenty of time to greet Maria and Phil.

Meanwhile, **drop a note of thanks, blessings, and memories in the basket on the front office hallway bench.** These memories and blessings will go with the family as they travel and settle into a new community, bringing with them the love and care of their Salford family.

Also include a note to Mateo and Luma. You can also add a small token of remembrance or an item that will help them pass the time while traveling.

Return to Regular Schedule September 10, 2023

We will be returning to our regular worship and Second Hour schedule this Sunday, September 10th. Worship will begin at 9:30 am and Second Hour will begin at approximately 10:30 am. Second hour will end 60 minutes after the worship service is dismissed but will end no later than 11:45 a.m. Listen for the 5 minute warning bell and dismissal bell. Parents, please pick up your children promptly after the second bell rings.

Stories of Service Elective Second Hour Class

A couple of months ago, the Souderton Mennonite Home had an afternoon program that featured the alternative service stories of some of its residents.

Since World War, 2, the U.S. government has made provision for persons of conscience to serve in ways other than military service during times when there has been a military draft. Civilian Public Service, 1-W, voluntary service, and PAX were some of the forms of alternative service chosen by Mennonite church members.

More recently, Christians have chosen forms of service as a positive witness to their belief in peace, apart from the prospect of a draft. Mennonite Central Committee is just one church agency whose volunteers see their service as a witness to Jesus' gospel of peace.

For several weeks this fall, we want to highlight some of the stories of Salford participants who served in light of their peace convictions. Their stories will be told during second hour, hosted by the Gospel Herald Second Hour Class.

September 10 –
Return to Regular
Schedule: 9:30 am
Worship, 10:30 am
Second Hour

September 24 – Peace
Sunday, Peace Fraktur
to 6th Graders

October 1 – Fall
Communion

November 4 – Mosaic
Conference Fall
Assembly

November 5 – Witting
Tree Ceremony

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
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This Week at Salford

Monday, September 11

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

7:00 pm Fellowship Time at Souderton Mennonite Homes (Friendship Room)

Sunday, September 17

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

Preaching: Dave Greiser

10:30 am Second Hour for All Ages

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

- For **Monica Schroeder** who is home recovering from her surgery. Pray she continues to recover quickly.
- For **Luke Martin and the Martin family** - Luke's father, Nelson passed early Wednesday morning, after his recent illness.
- For **children, parents, teachers/caregivers** as they leave the leisurely summer vacation days and enter the fall season with a more prescribed routine of a new school year. Pray that adults recognize the blessing of guiding young children while also seeing each child's own unique gifts. May adults encourage children to extend those gifts to others
- All Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for **Quakertown Christian School**, a Conference Related Ministry, as the school year begins. Pray for the faculty, staff, students, and families. May God's peace, wisdom, knowledge, and grace be present in the school and surrounding community.

Birthday Blessings...

To **Carolyn Nolan**, who turns 80 on September 16th.

Your Prayers Requested...

for **Luke & Mandy Martin** and the Martin family. Luke's father, Nelson Martin, passed away Wednesday morning, September 6, 2023. Prayers for comfort and strength for Luke and family as they remember his life and mourn his passing.

Memorial service information for Nelson is as follows:

A memorial service will be held on Saturday Sept 16th at Reformed Baptist Church of Franconia, 644 Allentown Rd, Telford, PA 18969. There will be a visitation with family at 10:00 am followed by the service at 11:00 am.

Service & Mission

Donation of the Month for September - Campbell's Chunky & Progresso Soups, some gluten free soups & broths. NO TOMATO SOUP, PLEASE. Cereals: Any type, preferably low sugar and some gluten free, oatmeal – packages or containers. To benefit the Keystone Opportunity Center Food Pantry.

Donations can be placed on the donation of the month table by the infant nursery in the main foyer.

Resources from the Accessibility Ministry Team

The **FAN Club** is a monthly event to create social opportunities for adults with disabilities and provide respite for those who care for them. It is hosted at **Plains Mennonite Church** and September's club will take place on September 23, 2023 5-8pm. The theme is "See You at the Carnival: Join us for food, music, games,

crafts and more.” \$20 to attend. A quiet space is available. For more information and to apply contact office@plainsmennonitechurch.org

The [So Much To Give Inclusive Cafe](#) is a family-friendly restaurant in Skippack that employs teens and adults with disabilities. Across from the cafe is the [So Much to Give Studio](#) which hosts a variety of classes facilitated by dedicated staff invested in helping differently-abled teens and adults to learn, socialize, play games, dance, sing, and much more, in a fun and supportive environment. Learn more at: <https://somuchtogivestudio.org/schedule>
On Sunday, Sept. 17, they are hosting a Cornhole Tournament and Fundraiser from 2-5pm. [Registration fee](#) of \$25 per player includes BBQ.

Faith Formation Spotlight

Important Announcement for Sunday School:

Students in 1st-5th grades will begin singing in the Fellowship Hall, 10 minutes after the end of the service. Please make sure your kid gets safely to the basement. Kids ages 2-5 will begin singing downstairs in the hallway. Toward the end of the second hour, there is a 5-minute warning bell. Parents are asked to begin wrapping up conversation so that they can arrive promptly at the second bell for pickup.

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>

Don't Toss My Memories in the Trash: A Step-by-Step Guide to Helping Seniors Downsize, Organize and Move By: Vickie Dellaquila



Vickie Dellaquila draws on her experience as a professional organizer and senior move manager to share her most valuable tips on downsizing and moving. Here is a book that will help you downsize, organize, and move in an organized, efficient, and caring manner. With her background in healthcare and social services, Vickie brings expertise and warmth to helping seniors face the physical and emotional aspects of moving to a new home. Whether you are a senior embarking on this new chapter of your life or are helping family members or friends downsize and move, this book is your roadmap.

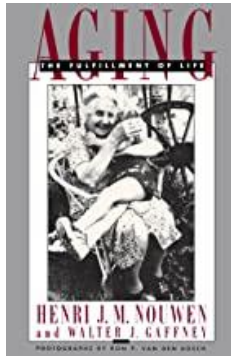
The first part of this book will guide you through the decision to downsize. Relatable anecdotes from Vickie's clients help you confront difficult questions like, "What happens if I fall?" or "How will it feel to leave my house?" Vickie touches on all aspects of the downsizing conversation, including topics such as moving versus aging in place, different types of retirement living, and health and financial considerations.

If you decide to move forward, parts two and three of the book will guide you through the downsizing and moving process. Vickie shares strategies for paring down possessions to fit a new space and/or lifestyle, advice for navigating the emotional challenges and changed familial relationships, and tips for when to call in a professional. She tackles subjects like, "When should I start?" "How do you sell antiques?" and "What should I donate versus throw away?"

When it comes to moving, Vickie will walk you through every step of your move from interviewing movers to tackling the logistics of your moving day. She even covers steps you can take to keep clutter from accumulating in your life again. This

second edition includes updated information on organizing with new technology and updated resources for professional help, charities, and more. DONATED

Aging: The Fulfillment of Life By: Henri J.M. Nouwen



We are all aging. We are each a spoke on the great wheel of life, part of the ongoing cycle of growth. In *Aging*, Henri J.M. Nouwen and Walter J. Gaffney share some moving and inspirational thoughts on what aging means (and *can* mean) to all of us, whether we're in our youth, middle age, or later years.

Enhanced by some eighty-five photographs depicting various scenes from life and nature, this book shows how to make the later years a source of hope rather than a time of loneliness -- a way out of darkness into the light. "Aging," the authors write, "is not a reason for despair, but a basis of hope, not a slow decaying, but a gradual maturing, not a fate to be undergone but a chance to be embraced." And they remind us of our responsibility to incorporate the aged into the fabric of our own lives -- helping them become teachers again so they may help *us* repair the fragmented connections between generations.

Aging shows us all how to start fulfilling our lives by giving to others, "so that when we leave this world, we can be what we have given." It is a warm, beautiful, and caring book: a simple reaffirmation of the promise of Him, who by His aging and death brought new life to this world. DONATED

News and Notes

Hello friends at the Souderton Mennonite Home - please join us for our gathering on **Monday, September 11 from 7-8 in the Friendship Room**. We'll enjoy a time of singing, sharing and hearing a bit about the new Fall Series at Salford. Call Karen with questions. Hope to see you there!

Salford Community: Do you have a picture of Jesus that is meaningful to your family? Maybe it hangs on your wall or is somehow displayed in your home. Can we borrow it for a season? In our fall series, we are talking about our center and will be using visual images of Christ, particularly non-traditional ones. If you are willing to share, contact **Karen** to make arrangements: **215.237.7367**. Thank you!!

Contact Update:

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Beyond Salford

50th Apple Butter Frolic— Enjoy farming, food, and fun at the 50th Annual Apple Butter Frolic at the Mennonite Heritage Center, Saturday, October 7, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Farming demonstrations, traditional foods, children's activities, and time-honored crafts are all part of the day. This rain or shine community event helps support the Mennonite Heritage Center's mission. The Mennonite Heritage Center is located at 565 Yoder Rd., Harleysville Pa.