

September 15, 2024

**Sunday, September 15, 9:30 am Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live.** Our Sunday Worship will be a celebration of the 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the Salford Mennonite Child Care Center

**NOTE for Sunday:** There will be cake and coffee in the Fellowship Hall for everyone following the SMCCC Celebration service. You are invited to take a quick tour of the Child Care rooms on your way to refreshments. *2<sup>nd</sup> hour as usual will follow this time in the Fellowship Hall.*

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

**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 8, 2024**

Offering  
\$5,417  
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Offering  
\$1,980  
Vanco Online Offering  
\$2,784

## **40 for 40 Salford Mennonite Child Care Center Birthday and Playground Maintenance/Upkeep Fundraiser**

SMCCC is celebrating its 40th Anniversary this Sunday, September 15th. You can join in the celebration and help give a little love to our playground and 35 year old big blue shed. Please consider donating \$40 dollars for 40 years of service to the community. The big blue shed & surrounding areas had its necessary repairs completed in the last month. The approximate cost of this work will be 8 to 10 thousand dollars.

Please bring your 40 for 40 special offering for Child Care playground maintenance and upkeep with you to worship on Sunday, September 15. There will be a time to contribute your special offering. You can bring cash, a check or an offering envelope marked "SMCCC 40 for 40". See you at the playground!

## **Baptisms at Branchwood Park!**

The Sunday service on September 29 will be at Branchwood Park, 984 Camp Road, Telford, PA 18969. This outdoor service will start at 9:30 (our usual start time). Five of Salford's youth will offer their testimonies and then each person will be baptized by immersion in the creek. There will be light refreshments (coffee and donuts) following the service, and there will be no second hour for either adults or children. The ground at Branchwood is quite flat, offering fairly easy walking. Bring lawn chairs or a blanket to sit on. We will be moving from the area near the pavilions over to the water when the baptisms begin. There is plenty of parking available.

## **We Are Hiring!**

We are seeking interested individuals and resumes immediately for a **Church Administrator/Bookkeeper**. This could be a full-time position as it is now OR could become part-time roles: one Office Administration/Communications/Facilities Coordinator Role and one Bookkeeping Role (this averages about 6-8 hours a week, most worked on a Wednesday). Interested? Curious? Send a resume to Dave at [greiserd@salfordmc.org](mailto:greiserd@salfordmc.org).

## **Finding Ourselves in God's Story: A Day with Michele Hershberger (September 21, 2024, 10:00 A.M.-6:30 P.M.)**

Here is the agenda for our day with Michele Hershberger:

### **Outline for Bib Lit at Salford Mennonite Church**

Saturday 10:00 am

- Introduction to our "why"
- Problem defined: Creation and Fall stories
- Solution Promised: Matriarchs and Patriarchs
- Solution Begun: Exodus and Mt. Sinai

11:05-11:15 break

**Total Budget Offering**  
**\$10,181**

**Children's Offering:**  
**\$37**

### **Future Salford Events**

**September 15** –

Salford Mennonite  
Child Care Center 40<sup>th</sup>  
Birthday Celebration

**September 21-22** –

Finding Ourselves in  
God's Story Weekend  
Event with Michelle  
Hershberger

**September 29** –

Outdoor Worship with  
Baptism at  
Branchwood Park,  
Franconia Township

**October 4-6** –

Women's Fall Retreat

**October 12** – Red  
Cross Blood Drive at  
Salford

**October 20** –

Congregational  
meeting during Second  
Hour to Discuss  
Pathways Process  
Recommendation

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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- Wilderness Wanderings
- Into the Promised Land
- United Monarchy and the Prophets

Lunch from 12:10-1:00 PM

- Division of the Kingdom
- Israel and its fall to Assyria
- Judah and its fall to Babylonia

2:00-2:15 PM break

- Exile
- Return
- Intertestamental Times

3:10-3:25 Break

- Jesus: life teachings, death, resurrection
- Pentecost

4:50-5:00 PM break

- Acts 10 story
- Acts 15: Jerusalem Conference
- Paul

6:00 Supper

There are still a few registrations left for this exciting day of learning about the Bible and our story. Please join us!

You may **register here** using this [form](#).

## **Women's Fall Retreat**

**Women's Retreat - there is still room for YOU** - join us! Call Pastor Karen if you can't bring your payment by this Sunday - we'll work it out to get you there.

## **Women's Dinner Yahtzee**

Who: Anyone who identifies as female, college age 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.

## **This Week at Salford**

### **Sunday, September 22**

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

Sermon: Michele Hershberger

10:30 am Second Hour for All Ages

## **Our Church Family**

### **Prayer Concerns**

- For **Darin Benner, and his family, Maribeth, Laura, and Renae** as Darin is undergoing treatment for Hodgkin's lymphoma.
- For **Charlene Rauch** who has been placed on hospice care at Souderton Mennonite Homes. Pray for peace for Charlene and for her husband, **Terry**.
- For **Michelle McCoach** who is on IV antibiotics as she recovers from a MRSA infection. Pray for quick healing.
- All congregations in Mosaic Conference are invited to pray for **the delegate assembly preparation meetings**, which begin this week. Pray for wisdom and discernment for the delegates as they learn about their role and the issues to be discussed, and offer questions and feedback, in advance of the November Conference Assembly.

### **Birthday Blessings...**

To **Carolyn Nolan**, who turns 81 on September 16<sup>th</sup>.

Are you anxious about current events? Feeling like life is just too much some days? Finding very 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, September 19.

### **Service & Mission**

#### **September Donation Of The Month - Shampoos, Conditioners, Laundry & Dish soaps, Toilet paper, Paper towels, and Period products**

Some items collected this month are not covered by SNAP, therefore, Keystone community shoppers are always happy to find these items stocked in the Keystone Pantry. *Thank you* for your donations which will benefit Keystone Opportunity Center (KOC) Food Pantry in Souderton.

Items may be placed on the Donation of the Month table by the infant nursery.

### **Mosaic Conference Spotlight**

Additional Information has been provided by Mosaic Conference and Mennonite Church USA regarding the Pathways Process recommendation. Mosaic Conference Executive Minister Steve Kriss presented additional thoughts in his article [Where Do We Go From Here?](#) Mennonite Church USA provided a [response to Mosaic's recommendation to withdraw from the Denomination.](#)

### **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>

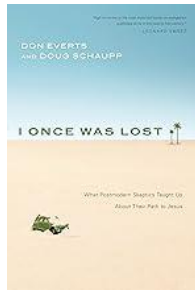


#### **The One and Only Family By: Katherine Applegate Junior Book**

Ivan has been happily living in a wildlife sanctuary, with his friend Ruby next door in the elephant enclosure, frequent visits from his canine friend Bob, and his mate Kinyani by his side. And in the happiest turn of all, Ivan and Kinyani have welcomed a set of twins to their family!

Ivan loves being a papa, even though it can be hard sometimes. But as he navigates the joys and challenges of parenthood, he can't help but recall his life before the glass walls of the mall circus, his own childhood in the jungle—and his own twin.

### **I Once Was Lost: What Postmodern Skeptics Taught Up About Their Path to Jesus By: Don Everts and Doug Schaupp**



How do people come to Jesus in today's postmodern culture? Not by a mechanical, linear process of cookie cutter conversions. Nor by a nebulous spiritual wandering that never culminates in decision and commitment. Over the last decade, Don Everts and Doug Schaupp have listened to the stories of two thousand postmodern people who have come to follow Jesus. While their stories are diverse and varied, certain common themes emerge. Postmodern evangelism is a mysterious and organic process that nevertheless goes through discernible phases, as people cross thresholds from distrust to trust, from complacency to curiosity and from meandering to seeking. Everts and Schaupp describe the factors that influence how people shift in their perspectives and become open to the Gospel. They provide practical tools to help people enter the kingdom, as well as guidelines for how new believers can live out their Christian faith. DONATED

## **News & Notes**

**The date for the next Banned and Challenged Book club meeting has been changed. The next meeting will now be October 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the church lib.** Banned and Challenged Book Club is now reading "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" by Mark Twain. All who read the book are welcome! Contact Julie Wimmer with any questions.

**Help fill our windowsills!** What helps you stay grounded? Is it artwork - viewing it, making it? Yarn? Wood crafting? A song or hymn? A certain color? Maybe even a special person? Would you lend us a physical representation of this? (a photo, piece of artwork, photocopy of your hymn or poem, etc.) Help encourage others in our community - bring your item with your name attached somehow to the benches near the pastor offices. There are no limits on this, so long as it can safely fit on a window sill for the fall season. Questions - call Pastor Karen.

## **Beyond Salford**

All are invited to a **Mosaic Fellowship Meal hosted by the intercultural team.** Bring a favorite dish to share, connect with others within Mosaic Conference, and enjoy improv games. Saturday, Sept. 28 at 11am at Salford Mennonite (480 Groff Mill Rd. Harleysville, PA). [RSVP here.](#)

**Dock Homecoming and Family Saturday** will be happening on Saturday, October 5th. There is something for everyone as there will be food trucks from 4-8pm and varsity sports games occurring all day long including girls volleyball, field hockey, and boys and girls soccer. If it is a reunion year for you, there will be a dinner catered by Scratch Kitchen. To learn more about everything available and to register, click this link: [https://www.dock.org/alumni/homecoming-2024?blm\\_aid=42081](https://www.dock.org/alumni/homecoming-2024?blm_aid=42081)