



September 17, 2023

**Sunday, September 17, 9:30 am Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live,** Lead Pastor David Greiser will preach on Galatians 3:23-29; *Introducing the Centered-Set Church*

**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, Dave Greiser will interview Ron & Joanne Hostetter, All are welcome!**

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

## **September 10, 2023**

Offering

\$8,408

ACH Electronic

Offering

\$2,045

Vanco Online Offering

\$2,541

**Total Budget Offering**

**\$12,994**

**Children's Offering**

**\$41**

## **Future Salford Events**

**September 24 – Peace**

Sunday, Peace Fraktur

to 6<sup>th</sup> Graders

## **Pastor's Notes about Transition**

There have been several times since I came here when I reflected, after the service: "This was a Sunday that showed Salford at its best." Last week was one of those. You showed Maria, our visitors and our livestreaming public your generous and open-handed love. You gave your love to a gifted young pastor, while readily sending her off to bless the rest of Christ's church through her ministry. Well done!

Through the years, Salford has received into leadership young and untested pastors, embraced them, disciplined them, then sent them to the four winds to bless others. An incomplete list might include Loren Swartzentruber, John Sharp, Craig Morton, Ben Wideman, Joe Hackman, and now Maria Hosler Byler. As time goes on, may this body continue to be a seedbed for leaders; where gifts are seen, recognized, called out and multiplied. Church at its best!

As Maria transitions to Sunnyside Church, and we dry our eyes and move forward, it is good to review some of the guidelines for relating to former pastors.

First, our Conference guidelines tell us that churches are discouraged from asking former pastors to return in a public capacity for at least a year after leaving. As a rule, they do not return to former churches to officiate at weddings or funerals, except in very rare cases and with the consent of current pastors.

Likewise, church members are discouraged from contacting former pastors about pastoral matters – issues from previous counseling relationships or congregational business.

This is an important time for Maria to tend to her family and the new relationships in a new community. For those of you who have been good friends to Maria, texts and friendly email greetings are most appropriate at this time.

Thanks be to God for Maria's presence and growth among us! We wish her and her family the wind of the Spirit in their new life. **Dave Greiser**

I begin this week in a bundle of emotions: excitement to serve in a new way, nervousness as I learn these new things, thankfulness for excellent coworkers, awe at the responsibility of helping our community reach out to God together in worship, and peace in trusting the Holy Spirit to lead us all. Thank you for your affirmation and for encouraging me to test a Call. I am open to what God has in my life and for all of us here at Salford! - **Karen Bergey** *Please note the updated contact information for Karen: Effective immediately, please use her new church email: [bergeyk@salfordmc.org](mailto:bergeyk@salfordmc.org) Please replace the old gmail contact in your contacts with this one! Karen's preferred phone number is the same - 215.237.7367. Thank you!!*

## **Church Board Note of Thanks**

With grateful hearts, we said a Salford farewell to the Hosler Byler family last Sunday.

It takes many minds, hands and feet to bring together a meaningful event. Thanks

**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](mailto:alderferb@salfordmc.org)

to all who participated. A special note of gratitude for the Board's creative thinking, the staff and worship team's planning, the Miller's flowers, the potluck team's (Donna, Karen and Stephanie) ready willingness, the generous brownie bakers (all 10 of you), the Heise family card preparers, Roma Ruth for the beautiful Fraktur gift for Maria, all you lavish food preparers and faithful servers and especially all who showed up to worship, fellowship and the meal. It was good to be together. Margaret Zook, Board Chair

## **This Week at Salford**

### **Tuesday, September 19**

5:00 pm Church Board Retreat and Meeting (Friendship Room)

### **Sunday, September 24**

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 the ***Martin family*** as they celebrate the life of Nelson at services this Saturday. Nelson was Luke Martin's father and the brother of Glenn Martin.

For ***Ruth Nafziger*** who is recovering from a fall and is staying in Healthcare at the Souderton Home. Pray for rest and a quick recovery.

For ***Sharon Hunsberger*** who is recovering from eye surgery to repair some damage to his cornea.

For ***John Detweiler*** as he continues chemo; pray that the tumor would shrink so that surgery is possible.

For ***Frank Moran*** as he continues to recover from his surgery in July. Pray for renewed strength.

For ***Rhoda Gaugler*** who has had another stroke and is now on hospice at Peter Becker community. Rhoda is George's mother. Pray for peace and rest for Rhoda.

For the ***Salford Church Board*** as they meet on Tuesday to pray, listen, discuss and discern Salford's calling - *To be a joyful learning community eager to live and share the peaceable way of Jesus*

### **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.

**Thanks to the congregation for the generous donation of 100 school kits and \$270 for school kits in August to be distributed by Mennonite Central Committee.**

### **Salford Advent Garden Update, 9/14/23:**

Greetings fellow gardeners this past week was a real contrast in weather. 90 degree plus heat one week to cool mornings and a bit of rain thrown in. The garden is still chugging along but at a much slower pace. The tomatoes will be giving their last harvest as plants are not producing any more fruit. I will start to pull the older plants next week. Clean up is starting. But not all is finished for the season. Our fall string beans have arrived WOO HOO! 27 lbs. picked this week with more on the way. We have started to harvest our winter squash. Small

Butternut and Honey nut squash are showing up in great numbers. The cauliflower, cabbage and broccoli we planted in July are looking fine. I would expect them to be ready by mid-October, maybe sooner if the weather turns cooler. I was able to harvest our Native American corn from our Three Sisters Garden and from another bed of corn in the main garden. I picked 40 large ears and about 20 smaller ears. Each has its own color combination. Some dark red, others a blue, white or orange mix. Very nice. We will dry these ears and then shell them. The corn seed can be ground into corn meal. This type of corn is very high in protein. I also plan on saving some to replant next year. We are only 30 days away from our annual frost date. The time does go by fast. When frost hits cleanup really kicks into high gear as plants are pulled and chopped up for compost. The last of the veggies are harvested and Steve gets to sleep for a couple of months!

Thank you to all who help out each week in the garden. There is a lot happening right now too much to write about here. You are always welcome to stop by and see the garden mission up close. No tickets needed admission is free. Steve, 215-872-6616 [rsblank@verizon.net](mailto:rsblank@verizon.net)

## 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](mailto:office@plainsmennonitechurch.org)

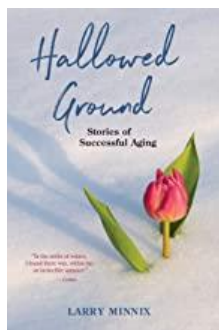
The [So Much To Give Inclusive Cafe](#) is a family-friendly restaurant in Skippack that employs teens and adults with disabilities. Across from the cafe is the [So Much to Give Studio](#) which hosts a variety of classes facilitated by dedicated staff invested in helping differently-abled teens and 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.

## 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>

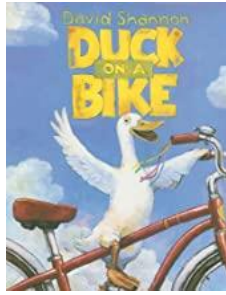
### Hallowed Ground: Stories of Successful Aging By: Larry Minnix



There are nearly fifty million Americans who are sixty-five years or older, according to the US Census Bureau. However, the reality of caring for your aging parents or yourself is becoming increasingly complicated. How do you or your loved ones navigate the future and stay happy, active, and engaged in society? Author Larry Minnix spent his entire career in mental health and aging care professions. In *Hallowed Ground: Stories of Successful Aging*, he offers prescriptive advice and insightful anecdotes about aging that everyone can use as we look toward the twilight years. Drawing from personal experience and more than four decades in a career in aging services, he covers the critical topics related to aging such as intimacy, retirement, and senior communities, among others. *Hallowed Ground* is a story collection of people who have a legacy of

lessons to teach us so we -- and our loved ones -- can live the best of our last days. DONATED

### **Duck on a Bike By: David Shannon**



One day down on the farm, Duck got a wild idea. "I bet I could ride a bike," he thought. He waddled over to where the boy parked his bike, climbed on, and began to ride. At first he rode slowly and he wobbled a lot, but it was fun! Duck rode past Cow and waved to her. "Hello, Cow!" said Duck. "Moo," said Cow. But what she thought was, "A duck on a bike? That's the silliest thing I've ever seen!"

And so Duck rides past Sheep, Horse, and all the other barnyard animals. Suddenly, a group of kids ride by on their bikes and run into the farmhouse, leaving the bikes outside. Now ALL the animals can ride bikes, just like Duck! DONATED

### **News and Notes**

During Second Hour this Sunday **Dave Greiser** will lead a conversation with **Ron and Joanne Hostetter**. Ron and Joanne will reflect on their years in Voluntary Service in Los Angeles during the years of unrest in the late 1960's. What did they learn in their experience of alternative peace service, and how were they changed? Come and hear their story.

**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!!

### **Beyond Salford**

**50<sup>th</sup> 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.

The **Mennonite Heritage Center** is looking for volunteers to help prepare Apple Dumplings for their Apple Butter Frolic at Plains Mennonite Church. Opportunities are available the morning of Thursday, October 5 and on Friday, October 6, beginning at 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Regina Wenger at [wengerr@mhep.org](mailto:wengerr@mhep.org) or 215.256.3020 ext. 112.

**Quakertown Christian School**, in partnership with **Richter Mobile Shredding**, will be holding a Shredding Event on Thursday, Sept. 21 from 3:30- 6:00 p.m. This is open to the public and we welcome anyone who has a need for this service! For further information, call 215.536.6970.

**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.

We are only a little under a month away from our **2023 Crop Hunger Walk** on Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>! **Manna on Main Street** is excited to share that our new walking course will be highlighting the future location of Manna's Online Market Hub at corner of Main St and North Cannon Avenue! Information about this exciting initiative is attached. This Hub will not be replacing Manna's current location, but instead will be an extension of Manna's Market online ordering services. You can find information about Manna's Market and online orders here under Manna's Market: <https://mannaonmain.org/current-program-information/>

The festivities starts at 2pm at Manna on Main Street with the walk starting shortly after. You are welcome to start gathering after 1:30pm. The event is rain or shine. You can register here: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/event/lansdalepa>