

September 25, 2022

**Sunday, September 25, 9:30 am Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live,** Guest Preacher Shane Claiborne will preach on Matthew 5:3-12; *Blessed Are the Peacemakers*

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

**Shane Claiborne will be presenting in the Fellowship Hall during Second Hour. Interested adults are invited to attend.**

### September 18, 2022

Offering  
\$6,613  
ACH Electronic  
Offering  
\$1,915  
Vanco Online Offering  
\$3,396  
**Total Budget Offering \$11,924**  
**Children's Offering \$91**

### Future Salford Events

**September 24 – 25 – Gardening For Peace Event at Salford**

**October 2 – Fall Communion**

**October 16 – Licensing service for Andrew Zetts**

**October 23 – Welcoming New Members**

**October 30 – Ordination of Maria Hosler Byler**

**November 6 –**

## **Gardening For Peace Event, September 24 – 25, 2022**

We eagerly anticipate all the activities and worship planned this weekend for Gardening for Peace. Thanks to all who spent many hours planning these events and volunteering this weekend. May God's justice reign in plentiful food for all and a lessening of violence from guns through our efforts. Here is what to expect this weekend:

### **Schedule of Events**

Saturday, September 24, 2022

- Opening and garden tour 1-2 pm
- Pre-event workshops and activities for children 1st-6th grade: 2-3, 3:15-4:15
- Dinner featuring vegetables from the garden: 4:30-5:30
- MAIN EVENT: Forging a gun into a garden tool with Shane Claiborne & Mike Martin 6-7:30

Sunday, September 25, 2022

- Sunday morning worship and second hour with Shane Claiborne – 9:30 am

### **IMPORTANT NOTES:**

- ADMISSION: 1 bag of non-perishable food to donate
- There will be peace activities & games offered during the workshops for children who are entering 1st through 6th grades. [Click here](#) to see what's planned for the children.
- Workshop participants and their children are invited to a meal after the workshops, 4:30-5:30 PM. Dishes will feature vegetables from the Salford/Advent Church Garden.

Registration for Pre-Event Workshops and dinner is closed

**All are invited to attend the Saturday evening program or Sunday morning worship**

## **Path Forward Design Team Update, September 22<sup>nd</sup>**

This past Sunday, Pastor Dave shared why we at Salford are revisiting the topic of LGBTQIA+ inclusion again.

*We are discerning our questions on LGBTQIA+ inclusion in marriage and ministry as a congregation, so we can be Christ's unified church and carry out his mission for Salford.*

### **Fall 2022**

As a first step, this fall we will be considering the scriptures that we hold as God's Word. What does the Bible say, what does it not say, and how does this indicate our path forward?

What are we asking?

- We are asking you to pray faithfully.
- We are asking you to attend as many of the Second Hour meetings as you

Welcoming New  
Members  
**November 9** – Family  
Night Kickoff  
**December 10** –  
Christmas Peace  
Pilgrimage Walk

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)

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- Sessions will also be recorded for those who miss a week or want to listen a second time.

We invite you to visit the [Path Forward](#) page of our website. There you will find introductory videos, a Bibliography of resources for study, and the Outline of Sermons and Second Hours for the fall.

After the fall process concludes, the Path Forward Design Team will gather feedback from the congregation on what the entire body is hearing from God's spirit.

### **January and Following Months**

In mid-January we anticipate beginning another period of intentional prayer, learning, listening, and conversation, likely including testimony and storytelling from a range of participants in our community. It is our hope that we will conclude this process of intentional discernment in the spring.

Who gets to weigh in on the conclusion of all this?

- All are welcome to participate in second hour, prayer, and study, and all will be able to provide feedback in various ways leading up to the conclusion.
- At the conclusion, members of Salford who affirm they have been active participants in the discernment process will weigh in on the final discernment.

We recognize this will not be an easy time. It will be a disciplined time together, and we realize there is some sacrifice involved in asking people to step away from second hour groups and commit to this.

We believe God wants us to come together to be one church, so we might be able to do Christ's mission together.

The Path Forward Design Team

*Sally Derstine, Ron Freed, Dave Greiser, Kerry Hasler-Brooks, Maria Hosler-Byler, Joe Landis, Mandy Martin, Andrew Zetts*

## **Rod Derstine's last Sunday as Music Director, Sept. 25**

Rod Derstine's last Sunday as Salford's music director is this Sunday September 25. He has served two different times as music director and has led music and Salford's choir faithfully for many years. In retirement he will be returning occasionally to lead music, after a few months away. We are grateful for his faithful service, his sense of humor, and his wisdom in leading music that stems from his deep knowledge of this community.

This Sunday we want to celebrate him and send him off into retirement. Please join us in worship for singing, led by Rod. After worship we will have a sweet treat to celebrate Rod as we proceed to our usual second hour time. You can greet Rod and wish him well after worship. If you would like to send a note of thanks and well wishes, you can mail a card to his home address:

### **Rod Derstine**

1900 John F. Kennedy Blvd., Unit #1714  
Philadelphia, PA 19103

## **Children's Offering with Adult Offering to Continue**

Last Sunday we returned to passing the offering baskets during worship, led by our youth. **We started something new in encouraging our children to contribute to a children's offering as part of the regular offering. We received**

**\$91.00 from the children's offering and will continue this effort for the foreseeable future.** Any coins and one-dollar bills that are put in the offering will be dedicated to the children's offering (and this fall, the children will help decide where it will go). We are excited for our children to participate in this way, learning to develop the important faith practice of tithing.

Any youth or children can sign up to help receive the offering for as many Sundays as you wish here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c45a4a62eaaf94-salford>

## **Fall Communion: Sunday, October 2nd**

October 2<sup>nd</sup> is World Communion Sunday. Salford will be celebrating the Lord's Supper that day along with Christians all over the world. This ritual is a chance to practice being the community of Christ together. All are welcome to worship, whether to participate in communion or to observe.

For the ritual of communion itself: we welcome anyone to participate in communion who is eager to know transformation through Christ's grace, Christ's hospitality, and Christ's call to covenant community just as we welcome anyone who chooses, in their own journey of discernment, to defer or abstain from the table. As you discern your own relationship to the communion table, we encourage you to consider these questions in prayer, reflection, and discussion with others in the

Salford community:

If you take communion, what are you celebrating? What are you committing to? What are you asking for?

This meal is a symbol of Jesus' active love of the world. What does it mean for you to participate in this love at the communion table?

Are you open to the possibility that Jesus might teach, challenge, inspire, or call you through this sacred ritual?

## **This Week at Salford**

### **Sunday, October 2**

Fall Communion Sunday

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

Preaching: Maria Hosler Byler

10:45 am Second Hour for all Ages

## **Our Church Family**

### **Prayer Concerns**

- For the family of **Lucy Detwiler** who passed away on Monday at Souderton Mennonite Home.
- For **Faith Detweiler** who will have gallbladder surgery on Monday.
- For **Donald Alderfer**, brother of Janet Yoder, who fell and broke his hip last week. He is in rehab at Souderton Mennonite Homes.
- For **Linnie and Rhoda Landis**. Linnie is on hospice at home and is feeling weaker. Pray for peace and good time with family.
- All Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for **Healthy Niños Honduras**, a Conference-Related Ministry, as they lead a team from **Dock Academy** from September 23 to 30. May they create smiles, friendships, and wellness that make a difference now and for a lifetime.

### **Memorial Service Arrangements for Lucy Detwiler.**

A Memorial Service will be held on Wednesday, September 28, 2022 at 11:00 am at Salford Mennonite Church, 480 Groff's Mill Road, Harleysville, PA. 19438.

Family will receive guests from 10:30 am to time of service.

You can view Lucy's [obituary here](#).

### ***Anniversary Blessings...***

To **Lester & Louise Alderfer**, who celebrates their 62<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary on October 1, 2022.

### **Service & Mission**

**Donation of the Month for September** - Campbell's Chunky & Progresso Soups: Basic flavors, some gluten free soups & broths. **NO CAMPBELL'S CHICKEN NOODLE OR TOMATO SOUP, PLEASE** Cereals: Any type, preferably low sugar and some gluten free, Oatmeal – packages or containers.

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

**Garden update, 9/22/22:** Greetings fellow gardeners, Well goodbye summer and hello autumn. We are in the last part of our garden season as fall is here. We still have few veggies to harvest. This week the new string bean plants really kicked it into high gear. Well over 100 lbs. picked for the week, wow are fingers sore. We dug up our sweet potatoes. Over 170 lbs. harvested. Not bad,,,,sweet potatoes need to cure for about 2 weeks before we can start to give them away. We can say goodbye to our tomatoes as most of the plants have stopped producing new fruit and the fruit that is there is not very big and turns bad very quickly. Without the longer days the older plants just cannot keep going. All good things must come to an end. We still have a few zucchini, eggplant and Lima beans showing up. Our fall planting of red beets and turnips are just starting to produce, The broccoli have a few plants with heads forming. The cauliflower and cabbage will be a few weeks before they are ready.

This weekend is the "Gardening for Peace" program at Salford. We get to see a gun made into a garden tool. WOW!

Thank you to everyone who helped out this past weekend. We were a little short help but the work still was finished and in good time. Steve, 215-872-6616 [rsblank@verizon.net](mailto:rsblank@verizon.net)

### **Garden Produce Recipes**

We thought it would be fun to feature recipes using Salford/Advent garden produce. We will feature one recipe each week. Please submit your favorite recipe featuring garden produce grown in the Salford/Advent garden (past or present) to Church Administrator Brad Alderfer and we will publish as appropriate. We may assemble them for a Salford/Advent garden recipe collection at a later time.

#### **Colcannon, submitted by Brad & Sondi Alderfer**

4 large potatoes (about 2 pounds), peeled and cut into quarters

3 tablespoons butter

6 slices of bacon, cut into small pieces

1 medium head green cabbage (about 2 pounds), outer leaves discarded, cored and sliced fine or coarse shredded

½ cup chicken broth

1 lb. boneless ham, cubed

Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

- Place the potatoes in a medium saucepan with enough water to cover. Bring to a boil, reduce the heat to low, cover and cook until potatoes are very tender, 20 – 25 minutes. Drain, mash in a large mixing bowl and set aside.
- Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F. Butter a large, shallow baking dish.

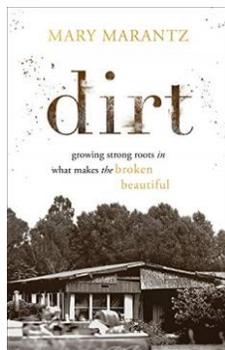
- In a large skillet over medium heat, add the bacon and fry until slightly browned. With a slotted spoon, transfer the bacon to a plate, add the cabbage to the bacon grease in the skillet, and toss well (remove some of the bacon grease from the skillet before adding if bacon is overly fatty). Cover the skillet, steam the cabbage for five minutes, add the broth, cover again and simmer till the cabbage is very tender, about 15 minutes.
- Combine the cabbage, ham cubes and mashed potatoes in the mixing bowl, add salt and pepper and stir till well blended. Scrape the mixture into the prepared baking dish, leave surface of the mixture in rough peaks to brown, dot the top with butter cut into piece, and bake until crusty brown, 20 - 25 minutes. Sprinkle bacon on top before serving or save for another use. Serve hot.
- I normally double this recipe, using a large head of cabbage.

## 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>

Here is a sampling of new materials:

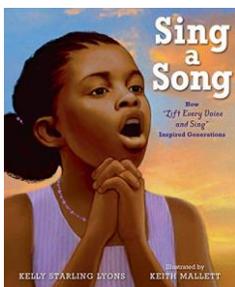
### **Dirt: Growing Strong Roots in What Makes the Broken Beautiful, By Mary Mantz**



*Dirt* is a story about the places where we *start*. From a single-wide trailer in the mountains of rural West Virginia to the halls of Yale Law School, Mary Marantz's story is one of remembering our roots while turning our faces to the sky. From growing up in that trailer, where it rained just as hard inside as out and the smell of mildew hung thick in the air, Mary has known what it is to feel broken and disqualified because of the muddy scars leaving smudged fingerprints across our lives. Generations of her family lived and logged in those hauntingly treacherous woods, risking life and limb just to barely scrape by. And yet that very struggle became the redemption song God used to write a life she never dreamed of.

Mixed with warmth, wit, and the bittersweet, sometimes achingly heartbreaking places we go when we dig in instead of give up, *Dirt* is a story of healing. With gut-wrenching honesty and hard-won wisdom, Mary shares her story for anyone who has ever walked into the world and felt like their scars were still on display, showing that you are braver, better, and more empathetic for what you have survived. Because God does his best work in the muddy, messy, and broken--if we'll only learn to dig in.

### **Sing a Song, By Kelly Starling Lyons**



*Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us. Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.*

In Jacksonville, Florida, two brothers, one of them the principal of a segregated, all-black school, wrote the song "Lift Every Voice and Sing" so his students could sing it for a tribute to Abraham Lincoln's birthday in 1900. From that moment on, the song has provided inspiration and solace for generations of Black families. Mothers and fathers passed it on to their children who sang it to their children and grandchildren. It has been sung during major moments of the Civil Rights Movement and at family gatherings and college graduations.

Inspired by this song's enduring significance, Kelly Starling Lyons and Keith Mallett tell a story about the generations of families who gained hope and strength from the song's inspiring words.

## News & Notes

**David Peters's documentary film, Cuba - Grace in the Shadows is showing at the Broad Theater in Souderton on Oct. 2, at 7pm.** Our film explores the struggles and joys of following Jesus in the current repressive regime in Cuba. The film, produced in 2015, could not be released because of the story's potential to cause reprisals from the Cuban government against the pastors featured in the story. My wife, Kathi and I spent almost two weeks embedded with a local pastor and his family, giving the viewer a firsthand glimpse into Cuban Christians' struggle to survive while living out the gospel in dire circumstances.

Covid-era supply chain issues have left most Cubans with no ability to buy simple things like cooking oil (they haven't had access to any since December of last year). The government ration eggs to 5 per person, per month. Through our friends in Cuba we found a way to get needed supplies to them that works extremely well. We received special permission to have this private showing of the film as a way to help raise money and awareness of the dire conditions in Cuba.

All the ticket price donations will go to help get food and cooking supplies to one of the pastors, his family, and his church new Mantanzas, Cuba. (Broad Theater donated the room for the showing.)

Please make a donation for your tickets and join us at Broad Theater. I think you'll find the film quite fascinating. Link for tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cuba-grace-in-the-shadows-tickets-422235777577>

The worship ministry team is in search of an old, worn blanket that you are willing to part with, for use in worship during Advent: an afghan with holes, a quilt that is tearing at the seams, etc. We will be repairing it and adding pieces to it throughout the season, so please only offer blankets you are willing to have altered. Contact Maria Hosler Byler if you have one to offer.

We are in need of a **Nursery Ministry Team Chair** for a small amount of coordination to keep the nursery running. This is a simple position which is vital to our welcome of young families. **Would you be this person, or recommend someone?** Please contact [Maria Hosler Byler](#) as soon as possible. This position requires a couple hours per month of coordinating and does not include creating the nursery schedule.

## Beyond Salford

**Quakertown Christian School's Chicken BBQ** is Friday, September 30 from 4:00 to 8:00 pm. Chicken meals are \$15 and include 1/2 portion of chicken, and a single serving each of potato salad, cole slaw, applesauce and a roll. Pumpkin and apple pies are available whole (\$13) and by the slice (\$4). For more information and to pre-order, please visit [qtownchristian.org/wp3/?page\\_id=14573](http://qtownchristian.org/wp3/?page_id=14573). Drive-thru is also available!

**Experienced Quilters** are invited to **West Swamp Mennonite Church** on Tuesdays, October 4 & 11 between 9:00 am and 8:00 pm to quilt a special wall hanging for the Mosaic Conference office. Come for as long as you want; snacks will be provided and those staying for the day should bring a bagged meal. Contact Lynne at [westswamp1@verizon.net](mailto:westswamp1@verizon.net) for more info or to sign up.

You're invited to the **MEDA Global Farm Party** at Spring Creek Farm (near Peddler's Village) on October 9 from 12:00 to 5:00 pm rain or shine. This event is free, and will offer interactive, hands-on activities for all ages, live music – including The Brunners, local and international food, hayrides and much more. Learn more at [meda.org/farmparty](https://meda.org/farmparty).

Save the date for the annual **Harvestfest Open House** event at **Camp Men-O-Lan** on Saturday, October 29 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Enjoy family fun activities, a food court, hayrides, guessing games, crafts, lawn games, petting zoo, paddle boats, campfire, live music, and the annual car show! The pre-order for apple dumplings is already open and can be found on their Facebook page at [Facebook.com/CampMenOLan](https://Facebook.com/CampMenOLan) or call 215-679-5144.

*The September edition of **On the Level** is now available from **Mennonite Disaster Service**. In our current issue: Executive Director Kevin King shares lessons learned while hiking, learn about the need for volunteers this fall plus details of a new MDS warehouse in California. *Click on this link to read more:* <https://conta.cc/3xCpfz4>*

Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship (MHF) invites healthcare providers in all disciplines, including allied health, and all interested in the intersection of health and faith to our Annual Gathering at MCC's Welcoming Place in Akron, PA, October 14th-16th, 2022. The theme is: Coming Together at the Well - Renewal Through Exploring the Five Life Standards. Participants will have the opportunity to explore and discuss the Five Life Standards from More-With-Less and how they apply to health and healing as well as hear from keynote speaker Malinda Elizabeth Berry, PhD, professor at AMBS. Commuter registration is available for local participants. Registration information at [mennohealth.org/annual-gathering-2022/](https://mennohealth.org/annual-gathering-2022/).