

September 29, 2024

Sunday, September 29, 9:30 am Outdoor Worship at Branchwood Park, Featuring testimonies and baptism of five Salford youth

Light refreshments following worship (no Second Hour)

September 22, 2024

Offering

\$5,005

ACH Electronic

Offering

\$1,980

Vanco Online Offering

\$3,181

Total Budget Offering

\$10,166

40 for 40 Offering:

\$1,282

Children's Offering:

\$39

Future Salford Events

September 29 –

Outdoor Worship with Baptism at

Branchwood Park, Franconia Township

October 5 – Women's Fall Retreat

October 12 – Red Cross Blood Drive at Salford

October 20 – Congregational

meeting during Second Hour to Discuss

Pathways Process Recommendation

November 17 – Fall Congregational

Business Meeting

If you have information

Baptisms at Branchwood Park!

In January of 2024, a small group of Salford youth committed to participating in an exploring baptism group. Since then, these youth have devoted themselves to a season of discernment in which they studied, heard the testimonies of Salford members, engaged in spiritual practices, and much more. A portion of the group has discerned that they are ready to be baptized and commit to a life of Christian discipleship.

On **Sunday, September 29**, we will have our Sunday service at **Branchwood Park**, 984 Camp Road, Telford, PA 18969, at **9:30 A.M.** (our usual start time). During the service, five of Salford's youth will offer their testimonies and then each person will be baptized by immersion in the creek. We want the congregation to hear their professions of faith, witness their baptisms, and warmly welcome them in as members of our congregation, so please join us for the service!

There will be light refreshments (coffee and donuts) following the service, and there will be no Second Hour for either adults or children. Instead, it will be a time to connect with our new Salford members and their families. 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 (you will see them at the left-hand side of the road as you enter the park) over to the water when the baptisms begin. There is plenty of parking available. **We are planning for outdoor baptism rain or shine, so dress appropriately and bring umbrellas as needed.**

Monthly Communion at Salford

Next Sunday, October 6th, we will come together as a community for Communion. This is another opportunity to join with Jesus and with each other at the table - remembering and celebrating the mystery and miracle of the resurrection. Healing, restoration, reconciliation, and growth are ours through Christ. Do you want to read more? Visit our [website here](#) to learn more about the meaning of this sacrament to our Salford community and to the church around the world.

Mennonite Education Plan Survey

It has been 6 years since we last surveyed the congregation on interest and attitudes towards the Mennonite Education Plan (MEP). The MEP Ministry Team has prepared an updated survey and has placed copies in each mailbox, with extra copies at the Welcome Center. Please return completed surveys to the church office by October 6, 2024.

In 2023 we did not have enough offering and income to cover all expenses in our church budget, and we may face similar challenges for 2024 and beyond. In preparing for the 2025 budget, the church board is considering all expenses, and the fact that we may not be able to present a balanced budget with present staffing levels while paying 100% of MEP costs and other missional and operational costs. The church board desires feedback on the perceived value of Mennonite

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

Education in the congregation, and its perceived value compared to other funding priorities. It is important that we hear from all members and participants of the congregation.

Red Cross Blood Drive at Salford on Saturday October 12

Blood supplies are low and blood donors are always needed to keep blood supplies available for emergency needs at our hospital and treatment centers. Salford will be hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on Saturday, October 12 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Donors in October will receive a \$10.00 gift card by email for your service to the community! Please help save a life. [You can make an appointment to give blood here.](#)

This Week at Salford

Tuesday, October 1

7:00 pm Renewable Energy Team Meeting (Zoom)

Sunday, October 6

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 **Naomi Martin** who will have tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy surgery on Tuesday, October 1st.
- For **Lydia Ehst, Aubrey Gehman, Morgan Goldcamp, Ella Longacre, and Chase Snyder** who will be baptized and will join the Salford congregation as members on Sunday.
- All Mosaic Congregations are invited to pray for the **Mosaic Board**, as they lead the Conference community in this time, especially as they meet on September 30th for their final meeting prior to the November conference assembly. Pray that they sense God's wisdom and the Spirit's leading.

Anniversary Blessings...

To **Lester & Louise Alderfer**, who celebrate their 63rd wedding anniversary on October 1st.

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, October 3.

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.

Salford/Advent Garden Update, September 26:

Greetings fellow gardeners, welcome to fall! We are on the home stretch. How many string beans can a string bean picker pick when a string bean picker picks string beans? Good question! This week our second planting of green string beans came online. Saturday, we picked 80 lbs., not to out done on Tuesday we picked 83 lbs. Thank you Melisa H and Janet L for your help. That is a lot of ham, beans and potatoes! We would have harvested more later in the week, but the rains came. Where was this rain in July, a perfect rain not heavy all at once but slow and steady. This Saturday we will be picking beans again, bush string beans and our pole beans. Cauliflower, broccoli and red beets will be picked also. I have been checking our cabbage and there are a few that may make the menu. Green peppers continue to show up and Lima beans, maybe our best year for these. I will be harvesting our dried corn soon. I will let it sit in the garage until it is completely dry then shell the corn off the cobs. If anyone is interested in Ground Cherries, we have a few ready to distribute.

Thank you to the crew of dedicated volunteers that worked to pick all those string beans and the other veggies, it is looking like our fall veggie harvest will be a biggie! Steve, 215-872-6616 rsblank@verizon.net

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>

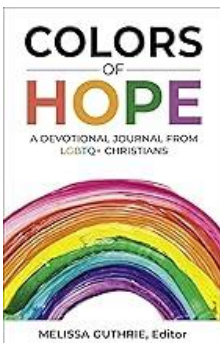


My New Friend is So Fun! By: Mo Willems

Gerald is careful. Piggie is not.
Piggie cannot help smiling. Gerald can.
Gerald worries so that Piggie does not have to.
Gerald and Piggie are best friends.

In *My New Friend Is So Fun!*, Piggie has found a new friend! But is Gerald ready to share?

Colors of Hope: A Devotional Journal from LGBTQ+ Christians By: Melissa Guthrie, Editor



"Colors of Hope draws upon the iconic Pride flag and raises a call to embody our beliefs. Using Gilbert Baker's original flag and its eight colors and themes--sexuality, life, healing, sunlight, nature, art and magic, harmony and serenity, and spirit--readers are invited to reflect, engage, and apply discoveries. The devotions present a range of views, all full of hope, paired with thematic journal prompts and calls to action. The book includes an invocation, introduction, weekly reading, daily reflections, benediction, and list of resources. Colors of Hope is an expansive resource for personal growth and collective change. "Hoping in color" brings the joy, beauty, and power of the

rainbow to life. DONATED

News & Notes

The date for the next Banned and Challenged Book club meeting has been changed. The next meeting will now be October 9th 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

51st Apple Butter Frolic— Enjoy farming, food, and fun at the 51st Annual Apple Butter Frolic at the Mennonite Heritage Center, Saturday, October 5, 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.

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

MCC Material Resource Center Harleysville Annual (Brisket & Oyster) Fundraising Dinner. Saturday, Oct. 19, 2024, 6:00 PM. Franconia Heritage Banquet and Conference Center, 508 Harleysville Pike, Telford, PA 18969

Together, we **Carry on The Legacy.**

Join us for this enjoyable evening that brings us together to support our shared mission of spreading God’s love and compassion. MCC continues to respond to urgent needs in many places. In recent months, relief kits, comforters and canned meat have been sent to assist people in Cuba, Burundi, Ethiopia, Gaza, Malawi, Puerto Rico, South Sudan, Ukraine and Zambia.

An offering will be collected after the meal. Funds raised will go towards Relief Kits. Kindly call 267-203-8704 by **October 4** to register.

We look forward to seeing you there!

You are invited to **Perkasie Mennonite Church’s Patchwork Coffeehouse** live concert with Mark Cosgrove and Good Medicine on October 19, 2024, 7:30 pm, at 320 W Chestnut St., Perkasie, Pa. National Flatpick Champion Mark Cosgrove, with Nate Grower (fiddle), Larry Cohen (bass), and Peter Lorch (rhythm guitar) have chops & experience to deliver Bluegrass, Roots, & New Acoustic magic!

Healthy Niños Honduras is hosting their **Annual Banquet and Silent Auction** on **Saturday, November 9th** starting at 5:00 pm! Enjoy a great evening with dinner and bidding on a wide variety of items to celebrate work done this year in Honduras and support the continued fight against malnutrition! Find more info and register at <http://healthyninos.org/banquet>

