

September 3, 2023

**Sunday, September 3, 10:00 am Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live, Associate Pastor Andrew Zetts will preach on Collected Texts; Seeking a Kingdom Economy**

**No Second Hour for Children or Adults on Summer Schedule**

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

**August 27, 2023**

Offering  
\$7,415  
ACH Electronic  
Offering  
\$2,045  
Vanco Online Offering  
\$1,827  
**Total Budget Offering \$11,287**  
**Children's Offering \$48**

**Future Salford Events**

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

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

If you have information or prayer requests for

## **Last Sunday with Pastor Maria Hosler Byler & Family, 9/10/23**

We are excited, with a touch of sadness, to celebrate the ministry of **Maria Hosler Byler** at Salford on the morning of September 10<sup>th</sup>. 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 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 next Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## **“Becoming a Centered-Set Church” – a Series for Fall**

Lots of churches (Salford among them!) say they are centered on Jesus. Surprise! But what does that mean?

In the coming weeks, our worship, sermons, and eventually some second hour meetings will take up this question and hopefully offer some specific responses. In the past several months, the pastoral staff team and the Church Board have been reading the book Centered-Set Church, by Mark Baker. Baker asserts that there are three kinds of churches. One common type is the “bounded church,” which has a clear sense of who is in and who is out, based on the beliefs and behaviors of members. Its opposite is the “fuzzy church,” which erases all boundary lines, and often all beliefs. Fuzzy churches can have fuzzy identities.

But there is another possible type, the “centered-set church.” This church asks the question of its participants, “Which direction is your life pointed? Are you moving toward Jesus? Whether you’re a beginner in faith or a long-time disciple, is your

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heart and life being drawn by the person and teaching of Jesus?"

We'll be listening to the book of Galatians as our scripture guide during the sermon time each week. Galatians is Paul's master work that argues that the Christian life is our heart's response to the love of Jesus, rather than an attempt to live out some rules.

Stay tuned in the coming weeks as we get closer to the beginning of this important series. - Dave Greiser

## Stories of Service

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 one of our second hour classes. We'll have more detail on these special second hours soon.

## Finance Update for Salford Mennonite Church

For 2023, we will present a monthly update of our financial situation. Next month at the end of the third quarter we will take a close look at our actual expected expenses for 2023 and may be able to make an adjustment to our actual income need for 2023.

- We have received \$512,648 in offering and income over the first eight months of the year, with a 2023 expense budget of \$898,000. We have received 57.1% of the income needed for 2023 in these first eight months (66.7%) of the year.
- We will need an average of **\$15,700** in weekly offering from January through November and an average of **\$36,000** in weekly offering in December to cover our budgeted expenses. Later in the year we can adjust our income need if expense budget savings or overages are recognized.
- **Average weekly offering needed for January through November: \$15,700**
- **Average weekly offering received so far for January through November, including youth auction income (35 weeks): \$14,647.**

## This Week at Salford

### Monday, September 4

Church and Child Care Office Closed for Labor Day Holiday

### Tuesday, September 5

7:00 pm Renewable Energy Task Force Meeting (Library)

### Wednesday, September 6

8:30 am Sewing Circle (Gathering Room)

### Sunday, September 10

9:30 am Salford Worship Indoors and Streamed on YouTube Live  
Preaching: Steve Kriss  
10:30 am Second Hour for All Ages  
11:45 am Fellowship Potluck in the Oak Grove

## Our Church Family

### Prayer Concerns

- For **Monica Schroeder** who will have surgery on September 6, for a successful surgery and a quick recovery.
- All Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for **The City School in Philadelphia, PA**, a Conference Related Ministry, as they begin their school year. Pray for the faculty, staff, students, and families as they study and work together. May wisdom, peace, knowledge, joy, and God's Spirit be present in the school and community.

### Birthday Blessings...

To **Elizabeth Frederick**, who turns 82 on September 4<sup>th</sup>, and to **Gerald Kaczor**, who turns 82 on September 4<sup>th</sup>.

### Anniversary Blessings...

To **Glenn & Elizabeth Frederick**, who celebrate their 63<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary on September 10<sup>th</sup>.

### Service & Mission

**Donation of the Month for September** - Campbell's Chunky & Progresso Soups, 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. 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.

### **August 31, 2023 Salford/Advent Garden Update:**

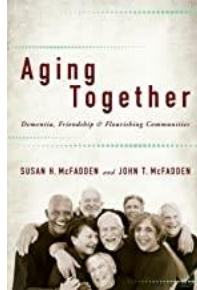
Greeting fellow gardeners, Hello September! This past week was not a very eventful week in the garden. Pull weeds, pick Zucchini and harvest the last of our summer string beans. Tomatoes are slowly disappearing; the plants are at the end of their summer run. We are about 40 days from our average frost date. My how time flies. Until then I am trying to keep the bugs off our plants and the weeds out of our rows. Both are a real challenge this season. Lima beans are still showing up in good numbers, so are our green peppers with many peppers turning a beautiful bright red. Our fall plants are looking good. I did treat them for caterpillars so that should get us through until we start to harvest. If anyone is looking for a new hobby there are a lot of ground cherries that need to be picked up and we just haven't taken the time to do so. Just stop by the garden and I will point you in the right direction. We sent up a batch of toms, peppers and onions to Bauman's apple butter for our annual Salsa. I will have labels made and then the 2023 batch will be ready for distribution. Our fall string beans are about 2 weeks away from showing up and we have sweet potatoes to dig up. I am hoping to pull our sweets potatoes up on Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup>. The deer have been feasting on our sweet potato leaves all summer but I hope the plants were still able to form tubers anyway. We shall see. We really dig sweet potatoes!

Thank You to everyone who helps out in the garden. Have a safe and happy holiday weekend. Steve, 215-872-6616, [rsblank@verizon.net](mailto:rsblank@verizon.net)

## Church Library Spotlight

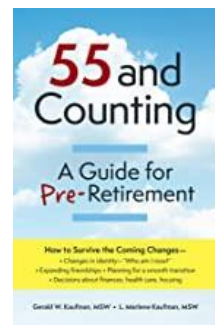
The church library has purchased many new books in recent weeks. Stop by and speak with a librarian to see what's new, or review the library catalogue on the Salford church website <https://smck-ind.kari.opalsinfo.net/bin/home>

### **Aging Together: Dementia, Friendship, and flourishing Communities By: Susan McFadden**



Never in human history have there been so many people entering old age—roughly one-third of whom will experience some form of neurodegeneration as they age. This seismic demographic shift will force us all to rethink how we live and deal with our aging population. Susan H. McFadden and John T. McFadden propose a radical reconstruction of our societal understanding of old age. Rather than categorizing elders based on their cognitive consciousness, the McFaddens contend that the only humanistic, supportive, and realistic approach is to find new ways to honor and recognize the dignity, worth, and personhood of those journeying into dementia. Doing so, they argue, counters the common view of dementia as a personal tragedy shared only by close family members and replaces it with the understanding that we are all living with dementia as the baby boomers age, particularly as early screening becomes more common and as a cure remains elusive. The McFaddens' inclusive vision calls for social institutions, especially faith communities, to build supportive, ongoing friendships that offer hospitality to all persons, regardless of cognitive status. Drawing on medicine, social science, philosophy, and religion to provide a broad perspective on aging, *Aging Together* offers a vision of relationships filled with love, joy, and hope in the face of a condition that all too often elicits anxiety, hopelessness, and despair. DONATED

### **55 and Counting: A Guide for Pre-Retirement By: Gerald W. Kaufman**



*55 and Counting* gently but pointedly looks deeper and wider at the many parts of life that will be affected by retirement: Identity (who am I now?). Sharing the house and days on end with a now-present spouse. Discovering new purpose. Finding true community. Deciding where to live. Exploring family stories and history to dispel any clouds or mysteries. Preparing for losses. This book is a guide for Pre-Retirement, adjusting and putting things right before the last day of work. *55 and Counting* also addresses those who are often overlooked by experts in retirement planning—singles, women, and persons who need to continue working well past the expected start of retirement. True stories and examples fill these pages. Each chapter ends with “Questions for Reflecting” and “Next Steps,” as a way to structure Pre-Retirement planning so it does not become overwhelming. 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!

### **Address & Phone Update:**

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## Beyond Salford

**Zion Mennonite Church**, Souderton Pa., will be hosting a **Grief Share Support Group** beginning on **September 7** at 1:00 pm. For more information contact Marcia Young at 215-723-9111 or the church office at 215-723-3592

**Your path to Medicare and Social Security.** Gain confidence and clarity about moving to Medicare and maximizing Social Security benefits with guidance from Everence®, a faith-based organization that partners with our church. Attend an upcoming workshop: **Thursday, September 7, 6:30 p.m., at Zion Mennonite Church, 149 East Cherry Lane, Souderton PA.** Learn key steps to getting Medicare, how to move from current coverage, planning for healthcare costs in retirement and more. RSVP at [everence.com/souderton](http://everence.com/souderton), by emailing [souderton@everence.com](mailto:souderton@everence.com) or calling 215-703-0111.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST** at Bally Mennonite Church, Route 100, Bally, PA, Sept. 16th, 7:00 to 10:30am. Pancakes & French Toast, Scrapple & Sausage and Eggs. All are welcome. Cost: Donation **Proceeds benefit Mennonite Disaster Service.** Questions? 610-845-7780 or see website [www.ballymc.org](http://www.ballymc.org).

**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.