

September 8, 2024

Sunday, September 8, 9:30 am Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live, Lead Pastor Dave Greiser will preach on Mark 2:13-17; Luke 19:1-10; *On Being a 'Political' Christian*

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 1, 2024

Offering
\$2,427
ACH Electronic
Offering
\$7,425
Vanco Online Offering
\$1,977
**Total Budget Offering
\$11,829**
**Children's Offering:
\$30**

Future Salford Events

September 8 – Return to Regular Worship Schedule and Second hour

September 15 – Salford Mennonite Child Care Center 40th Birthday Celebration

September 21-22 – Finding Ourselves in

September 8 Return To Regular Schedule

On September 8th, we will return to our regular schedule. The Worship service will begin at 9:30 am, followed by Second Hour for all ages at 10:30 am. Second Hour options will be available on an insert in the church bulletin.

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.

New Choir Director Emily Buckley

Our new Choir Director, Emily Buckley will host a **get-together/sing-along** with some favorite hymns and well-known songs on **Wednesday, October 23rd**. Anyone interested in joining the choir is welcome to come. The purpose is to get to know Emily (as a director) and for her to know you (as choir members) better. We will start creating musical experiences together. Exact time TBA - Emily will provide more information and some song selections to prepare to sing within the next several weeks. Interested? Questions? Contact Emily at emilyfaye63@gmail.com.

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

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 separately from the regular offering.

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

This fall, Salford will be hosting **Michele Hershberger, Bible and Ministry Professor and Co-Campus Pastor at Hesston College** for a weekend. Prior to preaching on Sunday, September 22, Michele will lead an all-day session on Saturday, September 21, about the story of the Bible and how we are invited to situate the story of our lives in it. The day will be a condensed version of her popular Biblical Literature course that she teaches at Hesston.

Attendees should pack a lunch, but dinner will be provided at the conclusion of the event at 6:30 P.M. Additionally, child-care will be provided.

The registration for this event is now open to Salford folks and people outside of

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

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

Salford. Please register today, registration will be limited to 100.

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

Women's Fall Retreat

Last week to register for the Women's Retreat, October 4-6 at Kirkridge Retreat and Study Center! **We must have your payment in the church office to reserve your spot.** This retreat will have lots of space for you to rest and renew your minds and hearts with us. Call Pastor Karen with questions.

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

Monday, September 9

7:00 pm Child Care Ministry Team Meeting (Library)

7:00 pm Fellowship Time at Souderton Mennonite Homes, All Welcome (Friendship Room)

Tuesday, September 10

7:00 pm Church Board Meeting (Friendship Room)

Thursday, September 11

8:30 am Weekly Morning Centering Prayer (Labyrinth)

Sunday, September 15

40th Birthday Celebration of Salford Mennonite Child Care Center

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

Pastoral Reflection: Andrew Zetts

10:30 am Second Hour for All Ages

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

- For **Holly Moran and the Moran family**. Frank Moran, age 77, passed away today at his home after a time on hospice. Prayers of comfort and strength for the family as they mourn the loss and remember the life of Frank.
- For **Dave Peters** who is gathering information and considering integrative treatment options. **Dave and Kathi** will travel to New York City to meet with a doctor this week. Pray for discernment, peace, and a sense of God's presence as they go through each day.
- For the **families who mourn and the whole community** affected by the mass shooting in Winder,, GA. May we have courage to work for change in

the face of these absurdly regular acts of violence.

- For new Mosaic staff members **Jaye Lindo**, Hospitality Coordinator, who began on August 5, and **Paulus Thalathoti**, who will begin as Director of Finance on September 9. We give thanks to God for their calling and pray for wisdom and a sense of the Spirit's leading in their work.

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 12.

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 5:

Greetings fellow gardeners and welcome to September. The season has flown by. We still have veggies on the menu just a little less, but our fall produce is chugging right along. Tomatoes are still producing but at a much lower rate. The last of our Roma tomatoes will be picked this week. Green peppers are still coming in some are turning red. Our fall planting of string beans is in full flower WOO HOO even with the deer nipping off the tops of the plants, in about 10 to 12 days we will have string beans. Our pole string beans are about 5 feet up the trellis on their way to 7-8 feet. Eggplant and Zucchini are still showing up. I noticed our cabbage, broccoli and cauliflower had a few cabbage moth loppers, so I took care of those pests. Sunday August 25th the garden sponsored Rev. Dr. Matt Lenahan from Lancaster the director and coordinator of the Wittle farm. Matt talked about how man was created by God from the land. We have become separated from the land and do not know where our food comes from or how to grow our own food. Afterwards I took Matt on a tour of our garden. It was great to talk "SHOP" with someone who does what we do. We discovered we both know someone who works at a farm dedicated to donating their produce. Small world! This week we will be doing a lot of the same, pick, weed and repeat. Our Sweet potatoes are almost due I think next week we will dig them up. Last year the deer chewed them down so much they never produced. This year I covered the beds with netting keeping Bambie at bay. Last weekend Lory and I were able to visit our grandkids down in Virginia. Thank you to all the volunteers who showed up and kept the produce flowing while I was away. Steve 215-872-6616 rsblank@verizon.net

Faith Formation Spotlight

Attention Parents and Children in Grades 1-5: All kids in grades 1-5 are invited to participate in Kids' Club, which will be held on the third Wednesday of each month from October through May. We will be holding our first Kids' Club on Wednesday, October 16. Mark your calendars for the evening of **Wednesday, October 16, from 6:30-8:00.** We will meet upstairs in **The Gathering Room.** Come for a time of learning about "The Early Church" from the New Testament

Days. Enjoy games, crafts, snacks, and stories as we learn together. Our service project this year will be to count fabric squares for Salford's Sewing Circle to make into comforters. These comforters will be donated to Mennonite Central Committee to give to refugees all around the world.

Melissa & Mark Heise will be leading Kids' Club with the help of another adult helper each session. If you have any questions, please contact Melissa at mheise@eastern.edu or at 484-624-1199. See you soon!

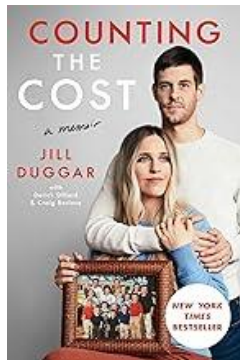
Important Announcements for Sunday School, which begins Sept. 8: Students in 1st-5th grades will begin singing in the Fellowship Hall, 10 minutes after the end of the service. Please make sure your kid gets safely to the basement. Kids ages 2-5 will begin singing downstairs in the hallway. Toward the end of the second hour, there is a 5-minute warning bell. Parents are asked to begin wrapping up conversation so that they can arrive promptly at the second bell for pickup.

On Sept. 8, families of children and youth will gather for a potluck after second hour, to receive important info about the year. Please plan to attend.

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>

Counting the Cost: A Memoir By: Jill Duggar

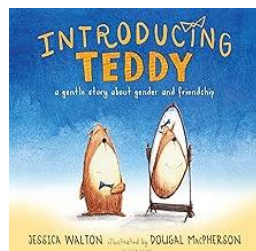


Jill and Derick knew a normal life wasn't possible for them. As a star on the popular TLC reality show *19 Kids and Counting*, Jill grew up in front of viewers who were fascinated by her family's way of life. She was the responsible, second daughter of Jim Bob and Michelle's nineteen kids; always with a baby on her hip and happy to wear the modest ankle-length dresses with throat-high necklines. She didn't protest the strict model of patriarchy that her family followed, which declares that men are superior, that women are expected to be wives and mothers and are discouraged from attaining a higher education, and that parental authority over their children continues well into adulthood, even once they are married.

But as Jill got older, married Derick, and they embarked on their own lives, the red flags became too obvious to ignore.

For as long as they could, Jill and Derick tried to be obedient family members—but now they're raising a family of their own, and they're done with the secrets. Thanks to time, tears, therapy, and blessings from God, they have the strength to share their journey. Theirs is a "complicated, remarkably relatable story of faith and family loyalty" (*Salon*) and a moving example of how to find healing through honesty.

Introducing Teddy: A Gentle Story About Gender and Friendship By: Jessica Walton



Errol and his teddy, Thomas, are best friends who do everything together. Whether it's riding a bike, playing in the tree house, having a tea party, or all of the above, every day holds something fun to do.

One sunny day, Errol finds that Thomas is sad, even when

they are playing in their favorite ways. Errol can't figure out why, until Thomas finally tells Errol what the teddy has been afraid to say: "In my heart, I've always known that I'm a girl teddy, not a boy teddy. I wish my name was Tilly, not Thomas." And Errol says, "I don't care if you're a girl teddy or a boy teddy! What matters is that you are my friend." DONATED

News & Notes

The **Banned and Challenged Book Club** is now reading "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" by Mark Twain. We will meet in the church library on September 18 at 6:30 to discuss the book. All who read the book are welcome! Contact Julie Wimmer with any questions.

Address Update (Corrected):

John & Roma Ruth

118 Dock Drive, Lansdale, PA 19446

New Landline Phone #: (215) 393-6831

Dreamers and Creators: our theme this fall is Grounded and Centered in Jesus. What is grounding YOU to the Center these days? Would you share it in word or image? Maybe you have or are inspired to create:

- A piece of artwork in any medium
- A poem
- A Photograph
- Favorite hymn lyrics
- A Prayer
- A favorite verse or passage

We will display these inspirations around our worship space until Advent. Please bring your creative piece to the basket on the bench by the church offices or call Pastor Karen. Include your name on or with your piece, please.

Souderton Mennonite Homes friends: Join us for our monthly gathering at **7:00 on September 9 in the Friendship Room**. Call Pastor Karen with questions. Hope to see you there!

Mama Bird Coffee: is your nest a bit quiet these days? One or more flown? Come commiserate or celebrate with other mamas at the Broad Street Grind on Saturday, Sept. 7 from 9:30-11. No RSVP, just show up. 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

The **North Penn/Lansdale CROP Hunger Walk** is a fundraiser that returns 25 percent of the funds it raises to **Manna on Main Street**, a Lansdale-based food pantry, soup kitchen, and job training program, and the rest of the funds go towards fighting food insecurity on a global scale. Manna is proud to partner with you and Church World Service in hopes that “everyone might be fed.”

Sunday, October 13, 2024 – 2:00 pm

Manna on Main Street (606 E. Main St in Lansdale)

Registration and donation information can be found here:

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks/event/lansdalepa>

Harvestfest Vendor Court at Camp Menolan! Saturday, October 26 from 10am-3pm. New this year at Harvestfest – we are inviting vendors to come display, demonstrate, and sell their products! The cost is \$30/space to bring your own table(s), chair(s) and 10 x 10 easy up tent canopy. Double spaces can be arranged if you’re bringing a truck or trailer. You are welcome to bring a quiet generator if you want to run electric to prepare and/or do demonstrations. Register online at menolan.org or contact Kim at 215-679-5144 x320 or kim@menolan.org.