

April 28, 2024

Sunday, April 28, 9:30 am Worship at Salford and on YouTube **Live**, Associate Pastor Karen Bergey will preach on John 11:1-44; *Can we just skip to the good part?*

10:30 am Second Hour for all ages

The Welcoming Path Second Hour Elective Class will meet in the Fellowship Hall led by Johnny Stoeckle this week.

Emmaus Road Sermon Discussion Class will be meeting following worship in the Church Library. Interested in talking about the sermon? The Emmaus Road group welcomes all.

April 21, 2024

Offering

\$7,295

ACH Electronic

Offering

\$1,980

Vanco Online Offering

\$3,181

Total Budget Offering

\$12,456

Children's Offering:

\$43

Future Salford Events

May 5 – Dock Academy Touring Choir Performance at Salford
May 8 – Final Faith Formation Night of the

Dave Greiser Learning Trip with Mosaic Mennonite Conference

This coming Sunday, I won't be in church. Several months ago, Steve Kriss invited the lead pastors from my Mosaic pastor's cluster to join him on a journey to Britain. Sonya Stauffer Kurtz and her husband Roger (Zion), Jeff Wright (Blooming Glen), Aldo Siahaan (Phila. Praise Center) and I will join Steve to explore some creative church ministries in "post-Christendom." We'll be away for eight days.

We'll worship at Yeovil Community Church, in Somerset, England, then spend several days in London with Stuart Murray Williams (author of *The Naked Anabaptist*) and folks from Urban Expressions and the Anabaptist Mennonite Network. We'll conclude our trip in Calais, France, with Peaceful Borders, a ministry that partners with MCC providing support to asylum seekers, refugees and migrants.

What does the Anabaptist Vision look like in post-Christendom? Salford lives in that world. I hope to come home with a fresh perspective. Pray for me and for our group. Dave Greiser

Welcoming Path Second Hour Elective Series

The **Welcoming Path team** invites you to join us for three **second hour elective classes** on April 28, May 5, and May 12. In the first session, Johnny Stoeckle will lead an interactive session to build empathy and awareness. In subsequent sessions, the Welcoming Path team will lead us in learning more about sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, with time to reflect on how this understanding can deepen our compassion toward others, in line with Jesus' teachings on love and acceptance.

Dock Mennonite Academy Choir Performance, May 5, 2024

We are excited for the annual Dock Mennonite Academy Choir performance as they lead worship on May 5, 2024.

Final Faith Formation Night of the School Year, Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Join us on Wednesday, May 8 from 5:30-8:00 P.M. for our monthly Faith Formation Night. Kids Club and Junior and Senior MYF will meet. The adults session will include the following:

Feel like you're stuck in a spiritual rut? Have you sensed you need to nourish or reinvigorate your faith? Are you looking for new spiritual practices to incorporate into your daily life? Then join Pastor Karen Bergey, who will be leading this month's adult session during Faith Formation Night. Pastor Karen will lead the group in exploring a variety of spiritual practices for attendees to experiment with and add to their regular routine.

School Year

May 12 – Monthly Communion with Foot Washing

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

Communion and Foot Washing, May 12, 2024

Communion and Foot Washing: On Sunday May 12th we will observe monthly communion. There will also be an opportunity to participate in foot or hand washing with our community. You can read [Salford's Communion Statement here](#). You can also talk with any of the pastors if you have a question! Hope to see you at the table and basin. **We will have Second Hour on the 12th.**

This Week at Salford

Wednesday, May 1

8:30 am Sewing Circle (Gathering Room)

Sunday, May 5

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

Preaching: Dock Mennonite Academy Touring Choir Performance

10:30 am Second Hour for All Ages

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

- For **Keith Heavener** who is home recovering from an ankle replacement. Pray for patience for the long healing process ahead.
- For **Vince Causerano** who had surgery on his kidney this week. Pray for relief from pain and for a resolution to the issues when he gets the stent removed on Wednesday this coming week.
- For **Dave Greiser who will travel with Steve Kriss and several other Mosaic lead pastors** to join with Anabaptist leaders in the UK and in France. Pray for easy travel, productive meeting time, and new perspectives for Centered-Set ministry.

Memorial Service Information...

Lois A. Wismer, age 86, died Sunday afternoon, April 7, 2024. Prayers of comfort and strength for Lowell Bishop and family as they mourn the loss and remember the life of Lois.

A memorial service for Lois will be held at Salford on June 29, 2024 at 11:00 am. The memorial service will be preceded by visitation with family from 10:00 – 11:00 am. Burial will be private

Congratulations...

To **Eli & Tara Detweiler** of Chesapeake, VA, on the birth of Eli Miller Detweiler, Jr. on April 16th, 2024. John & Kathy Detweiler are grandparents and Willis Miller is a great grandparent.

Service & Mission

Donation of the Month for April – KEYSTONE OPPORTUNITY CENTER, ITEMS NEEDED: Canned Fruits, Vegetables, Tuna, Chunky Soups, Beef Stew SpaghettiOs w/meatballs, Beefaroni, Ravioli, Pasta Sauce (with or without meat),

Please place items in the basket at the donation of the month table or on the shelves in coat room.

Salford/Advent Garden Update, April 25, 2024:

Greetings fellow gardeners, If you wondered if spring was here, last week and this

week was classic spring weather. Hot one day only to have a freeze the next day, with a little rain thrown in there too. So far most of our plants have made through the changes. Most not all. A few have passed on but that is gardening. Last Saturday we planted 50 lbs. of Yukon Gold seed potatoes and 50 lbs. of Norland Red seed potatoes. We found room for 1,300 onion plants. These were planted in plastic that we laid down by hand. 120 lettuce plants and 2 more flats of cabbage. The cabbage was what I started in my basement. These did not fare so well this past week. This Saturday we will plant another 30 lbs. of seed potatoes. This brand is Lehigh, developed by the University of Lehigh right here in PA. They are 110 to 120 days to harvest. The other 2 types are 90 and 100 days to harvest. We will cover our red beets with netting. I am hoping this will discourage the deer. The deer really like our red beets, we shall see if this works. Our resident bluebird house has a nest with 3 eggs so far. The female Bluebird will lay 1 egg a day from 3 to 5 total before she sits down and starts to incubate them. Then it is 12 to 14 days before they hatch. Really nice to see them around the garden. Thank you to everyone who helped out this past week. Steve, rsblank@verizon.net 215-872-6616

Did You Know? Celebrating Salford Mennonite Child Care Center's Upcoming 40th Anniversary

Over the years the growing number of classes, evolving health and safety requirements, and various licenses' & accreditations' criteria meant that alterations were made to the shared spaces in our building by the Child Care staff and board. Many of these changes benefited not only the Child Care Center but the congregation as well.

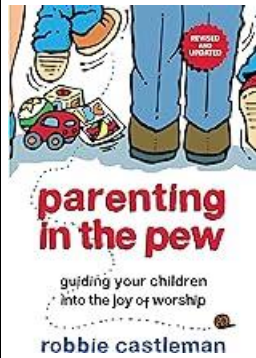
- The basement Sunday School rooms got fresh paint, updated flooring or carpeting, and walls were replaced with sliding partitions to enlarge classrooms. Child-size restrooms were installed, and furniture was added for both teachers and children. The walls began to be decorated with children's artwork.
- A major cooperative venture for the Child Care and Salford was the remodeling of the pre-school playground. The installation of a playground for the infants and young toddlers—climbing equipment, safe playing surfaces—along with picnic tables, storage sheds for bikes and other equipment, an outdoor restroom, and many trees rounded out the project. It is a wonderful place for children from the church and community to play and enjoy themselves.
- Other additions to our building, supported by the Child Care, have been the air conditioning, the welcoming foyer, spacious nursery rooms, enlarged kitchen, and fellowship hall renovations. Mandated fire alarms and security systems further add to the safety of the building.

Five days a week Salford is offered to families to use as a safe place for their children. Our church provides a safe and wonderful space where children can move from room to room and from inside to outside with ease. The foyer rings with sounds of laughter, feet scamper in the fellowship hall, and bikes rumble across the parking lot. Our building is a gift used for all God's children.

Church Library Spotlight

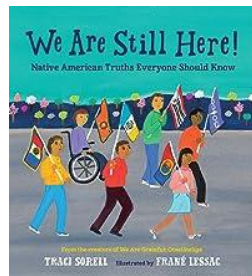
The church library has purchased many new books in recent weeks. Stop by and speak with a librarian to see what's new, or review the library catalogue on the Salford church website <https://smck-ind.kari.opalsinfo.net/bin/home>

Parenting in the Pew – Guiding Your Children into the Joy of Worship By: Robbie Castleman



"Daddy, I'd like you to meet my children." That's Robbie Castleman's attitude about taking her children to church. She believes that Sunday morning isn't a success if she has only managed to keep the kids quiet. And she knows there's more to church for kids than trying out their new coloring books. Children are at church for the same reason as their parents: for the privilege of worshipping God. Worship, Castleman writes, is "the most important thing you can ever train your child to do." So with infectious passion, nitty-gritty advice and a touch of humor, she shows you how to help your children (from toddlers to teenagers) enter into worship. In this significantly revised and updated edition Castleman includes a new preface and two new appendices that provide new perspectives on children's sermon and intergenerational community. She also provides a study guide for personal reflection or group discussion. More than ever, Parenting in the Pew is essential reading for parents and worship leaders who want to help children make joyful noises unto the Lord. DONATED

We Are Still Here – Native American Truths Everyone Should Know By: Traci Sorell



Too often, Native American history is treated as a finished chapter instead of relevant and ongoing. This companion book to the award-winning *We Are Grateful: Otsaliheliga* offers readers everything they never learned in school about Native American people's past, present, and future. Precise, lyrical writing presents topics including: forced assimilation (such as boarding schools), land allotment and Native tribal reorganization, termination (the US government not recognizing tribes as nations), Native urban relocation (from reservations), self-determination (tribal self-empowerment), Native civil rights, the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA), religious freedom, economic development (including casino development), Native language revival efforts, cultural persistence, and nationhood. DONATED

News & Notes

Welcoming the Child! We will have a time for Welcoming our children on Sunday, June 16th. Contact Pastor Karen if your family would like to be a part of this time.

We need help with maintaining the Salford Cemetery. **Could you volunteer an hour or two a month to help weed whack the cemetery?** Our alternative to volunteer help with this need is to hire a landscaping company to accomplish this task at \$600 per month. If you are available to help, please contact George Gaugler for details.

The **Banned/Challenged Book Club** is reading "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" by Ken Kesey. We will be meeting in the church library on May 15 at 6:30. Everyone is invited to read the book and join us!

Mandy & Luke Martin were looking into what to do with their **Solar Eclipse glasses** and found a program that collects them and then distributes them to lower income areas where the next full eclipse will be. This is the organization - <https://astronomerswithoutborders.org/programs/solar-glasses-distribution>

There will be a box at the welcome center for the next two week to collect any unwanted glasses.

Beyond Salford

A free annual Spirit Care Seminar for pastors, chaplains and lay ministers is offered at Peter Becker Community the morning of Tuesday May 14, starting with breakfast at 8 a.m. This year's topic is "Effective Ministry to Those Experiencing Depression and Loneliness" featuring presenters Dr. Karen L. Rosenberger and Rev. Dr. Paul Auckland. Contact PBC chaplain Merlin Hedrick for more information at mhedrick@peterbeckercommunity.com

Ten Thousand Villages of Souderton, with fair trade rug company **Bunyaad**, hosts a special **Fair Trade Rug Event** May 1-4, featuring over 300 hand-knotted rugs, from intricate florals to hand-spun wool natural dye tribals, from 2'x3's to 10'x14's. Bunyaad works with over 850 families throughout Pakistan, paying a living wage, increasing employment opportunities for women, fueling artisan's creativity and preserving cultural heritage. The result: high-quality, exquisite rugs that will last for generations. Location and hours: 781 Route 113, Souderton; 10am-5pm.

Are there teens and young adults in your life that you hope will grow and learn in faith-filled communities? A summer at camp helps the young people in your life spend intentional time with God, develop skills for their future, learn more about themselves and their abilities, and is a great resume builder. Check out [this link](#) to see positions available or email camp@bethanybirches.org for more info.