

May 5, 2024

Sunday, May 5, 9:30 am Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live, The Dock Mennonite Academy Choir will lead our worship.

10:30 am Second Hour for all ages

The Welcoming Path Second Hour Elective Class will meet in the Fellowship Hall led by Aaron Bishop and Tori Jones Long 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 28, 2024

Offering

\$8,455

ACH Electronic

Offering

\$1,980

Vanco Online Offering

\$792

Total Budget Offering

\$11,227

Children's Offering:

\$34

Future Salford Events

May 5 – Dock Academy Touring Choir Performance at Salford

May 8 – Final Faith Formation Night of the School Year



Dock Mennonite Academy Choir Performance, May 5, 2024

This week, we welcome the Dock Mennonite Academy Touring Choir under the direction of Michelle Sensenig. **Olivia Moyer** and **Seth Alderfer** from Salford are participants in the choir. Their theme is **Lead with Love**. We will not be taking prayer requests during the service, please contact the pastors or the church office with any prayer requests.

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.

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.

Communion and Foot Washing, May 12, 2024

Communion and Foot Washing: On Sunday May 12th we will observe monthly

May 12 – Monthly Communion with Foot Washing

June 2 – Monthly Communion

June 16 – Summer Worship Schedule Begins, 10:00 am worship start time and no Second Hour

June 16 – 20 – Peace Camp 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

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.**

Finance Update for Salford Mennonite Church

For 2024, we will present a monthly update of our financial situation.

- We will need an average of **\$16,200** in weekly offering from January through November and an average of **\$31,000** 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: \$16,200**
- **Average weekly offering received so far for January through November (17 weeks): \$15,818**

Children's Offering 2023-2024

This year the children received an invitation to support Philadelphia Praise Center, also known as PPC, in South Philadelphia. Their youth go to Camp Men-O-Lan in the summer, and they are also planning to have a church-wide retreat there in the fall.

The children were invited to consider sharing this year's children's offering to help PPC cover their payment to Camp Men-O-Lan. They were introduced to PPC through some photos and [this video](#) that their youth sent.

The children affirmed this idea with a Y-E-S! and discussed the ways in which they'd like to send something back to PPC. They have decorated a card to send along with a photo.

Thank you, Salford family, for your support of the children's offering! Nearly \$2000 (collected since May 2023) will go toward PPC's payment to Camp Men-O-Lan, which covers around two-thirds of what they need to raise for their camp experiences.

This Week at Salford

Monday, May 6

7:00 pm Church Bylaw Review Committee Meeting (Zoom)

Wednesday, May 8

5:30 pm Faith Formation Meal (Fellowship Hall)

6:30 pm Kids Club (Gathering Room)

Sunday, May 12

Communion Sunday with Foot Washing

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 **Dave Alderfer** who has transitioned to rehab at Gwynedd Healthcare for physical therapy.
- For **Jolene Landis** who is home from Lehigh valley Hospital and waiting on test results.

- For **Lester Alderfer and Louise** as Lester has follow-up appointments and therapy following a Parkinson's diagnosis.
- For **Phil Alderfer** who is recovering from an ablation procedure on Thursday. Pray for quick healing.
- For **Bob Maxwell** who has Bell's Palsy after a virus. Pray for a full recovery and a return to being able to play his horns.
- For **Paulette and Rich Whitekettle** as they say goodbye to PA and relocate close to family in Portland, OR.
- All Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for **those who struggle with mental health** and for those who experience discrimination due to mental illness. We offer gratitude for the organizations providing comfort and healing for those facing mental health challenges and helping to reduce stigma around seeking support. We pray that our congregations will be places of welcome and support.

Birthday Blessings...

To **Mary Jane Hershey**, who celebrates her 94th birthday on May 5th.

This Sunday is the last week **Paulette & Rich Whitekettle** will be with us. They will be relocating to Portland, OR to be close to their family. We will miss them! Here are a few thoughts for the Salford Community:

We have attended Salford since Covid, drawn by the rich sense of community and concerned for justice issues, which seem so true to God's intended Kingdom. Now we are moving away. We want to thank you all for how you have welcomed us in. We will miss the fellowship, the music, and the inspiring preaching which points us to Christ as our center. Our redeemer, our Lord and our Savior. May God bless you all. We will miss you. Rich & Paulette Whitekettle

The Whitekettle's new address is 575 SW Sheridan St., Portland, OR 97201
Emails are the same: rich@whitekettle.ocm and paulette@whitekettle.com

Service & Mission

Donation of the Month for May – Access Services: warm weather sleeping bags, small portable tents, bug spray, \$10 WAWA or McDonalds food card.

The Access Services Street Outreach Program provides **whole-person intervention** for those facing housing instability and homelessness in Montgomery County.

Links to purchase items from Amazon:

[Tent](#)

[Sleeping Bag](#)

[Sleeping Bag](#)

[Bug Spray](#)

Purchased items can be placed at the donation table by the infant nursery. Special donations can be made through offering envelopes or checks to Salford Mennonite Church marked for "Access Services"

Salford/Advent Garden Update, May 2, 2024:

Greetings fellow gardeners. Last Saturday we planted our 110 day potatoes and some more small cabbage. The Salford MYF was there to help out. They cleaned up the clumps of grass from the lower end so as not to clog up our equipment. We also propped 3 flower beds. Sometimes events in the garden take a long time. Beets and Broccoli take 55 to 60 days to harvest while cabbage and carrots are 70 days to harvest. Other times in the garden things happen really quickly. This week

was a quick one. I was texting my tractor volunteers and realized they were all ready to help out. Last Friday Galen Knechel from the farm down the road, cultivated the lower end of the garden. Monday Vernon Martin used Sandy Alderfer's tractor with a 5 foot rototiller to rototill the lower end. This Thursday Jamie Welby from the Freed farm in Morwood, helped me lay down the plastic mulch and drip tape with his tractor and mulch plow. WOW thank you to all 3 for their help. This Saturday I hope to start covering the rows in between the plastic, with cardboard and straw. After that is laid down, next week May 13th we plant our first summer veggies. 5 rows of tomatoes, eggplant, cucumbers, zucchini and string beans. Flowers will slowly start to be added to the mix as the garden comes alive for the season.

Thank you to all the volunteers who help out with this mission. I very much appreciate all the extra effort our volunteers give to make this garden grow. Steve, rsblank@verizon.net 215-872-6616

Accessibility Spotlight

You may have noticed the new all-gender sign at the single restrooms in the foyer and on the second floor by the cafe, which includes braille lettering. The Accessibility Ministry Team is very grateful to the Anabaptist Disabilities Network (ADN) for providing a Barrier-Free Grant for \$500 to help cover the cost of braille printing. The Barrier-Free grants are a way that ADN partners with congregations to create barrier-free community life for all persons. Thank you, ADN!

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>

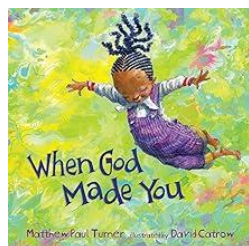
So We & Our Children May Live – Following Jesus in Confronting the Climate Crisis By: Sarah Augustine & Sheri Hostetler



Everywhere we look, we see signs that all is not right with our earth—extreme temperatures and weather patterns wreak havoc, pollutants sour soils and waterways, and fires and floods ravage land and communities. Climate change is just a symptom of a larger ecological crisis. If we want change, we must realize that the solutions to the problems we face can't come through the same systems that created those problems in the first place.

Ecological justice requires that we challenge our assumptions about creation and our relationship to it. It requires decolonization. We must turn to the leadership of Indigenous communities who struggle for all life as land and water protectors and must call on people of faith to join them.

This book offers hope for a better future alongside concrete actions for joining with Indigenous Peoples to protect life and negotiate with decision-makers for sustainable change that follows Jesus. In these pages, readers are called to confront climate change and choose life for our children and the future of our planet. DONATED



When God Made You By: Matthew Paul Turner

From early on, children are looking to discover their place in the world and longing to understand how their personalities, traits, and talents fit in. The assurance that they are deeply

loved and a unique creation in our big universe is certain to help them spread their wings and fly.

Through playful, charming rhyme and vivid, fantastical illustrations, *When God Made You* inspires young readers to learn about their own special gifts and how they fit into God's divine plan as they grow, explore, and begin to create for themselves.

'Cause when God made YOU,
somehow God knew
That the world needed someone exactly like you! DONATED

News & Notes

Mennonite Education Plan covenants have been placed in all church mailboxes, with a few additional copies placed at the Welcome Center. For families planning to participate in the MEP, please return the covenant to the church office by May 26, 2024. Please contact the MEP team; Ron Freed, Meredith Ehst or Jim Rittenhouse if you have questions about MEP participation.

Salford Friends at Souderton Mennonite Homes: please join us for our monthly gathering on **Monday, May 13 at 7 in the Friendship Room**. Let Karen know if you have questions. Hope to see you there!

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!

Beyond Salford

Dock Mennonite Academy's 63rd Annual Country Fair and Auction will be held on **Friday, May 17 from 5-9 PM**. The event promises good food, fun & entertainment for the entire family! Join us for BBQ Chicken Dinner onsite from 5-7 PM as well as a delicious variety of food truck fare throughout the evening. Our LIVE Auction will take place outdoors under the tent starting at 7:30 pm with auctioneer Sandy Alderfer. Our online auction contains many more items and experiences and runs from May 10-20, 2024. On the fly? Drive by our Chicken Drive Thru at Franconia Mennonite Church from 4:00 PM-6:30 PM. Strawberry Pies will be available onsite and at the Drive Thru! Don't miss Inflatables, Face Painting, Ben's Balloon Animals, and our Helicopter Cow & Candy Drop Friday evening at 7 PM. Bring the whole family and share in all the fun! Shuttle parking available from March Farms/Franconia Café. Visit www.dock.org for all the details.

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.

[Perkasie Patchwork Coffeehouse](#) invites you to PatchFest (Free Concert) on Saturday, May 11, 2024, from 12-7 pm at Perkasie Mennonite Church, 320 W Chestnut St., Perkasie, Pa. Eight individuals/bands will perform. Come and join us when you can throughout the afternoon/early evening.

Please join us at **9 am on Saturday, May 18**, as **Mosaic Mennonite Conference** holds a **Fun Walk** to benefit **The Worm Project** at **Franconia Community Park**. **No sign up**. Along the walking path will be a number of fun, interactive, and educational stations for all ages. Come and stroll with family and friends and learn about our mission to treat children suffering from parasitic worms in the poorest countries around the world. Every dollar you donate will help treat 40 children. <http://www.wormproject.org>