



February 1, 2026

Sunday, Feb. 1, 2026

9:30 a.m. Communion, Laura Alderfer and Karen Bergey preaching on Psalm 27

10:45 am Second Hour

Emmaus Road Sermon Discussion Class meets in the room behind the Welcome Center. All are welcome.

January 25 Offering

Offering - \$2,705
ACH - \$2,030
Vanco - \$885

Total Budget Offering
\$5,620

This Week at Salford

Wed., Feb. 4

8:30-1, Sewing Circle, Gathering Room

Fri., Feb. 6

6:30 P.M., Resistance Hymn Sign, Sanctuary

Next Week at Salford

Sun., Feb. 8

12:30 P.M., Garden Fundraiser, Fellowship Hall

Mon., Jan. 9

7:00 PM, SMCCC Ministry Team Meeting, Library

Wed., Feb. 11

6:30 P.M., Banned & Challenged Book Club, Library

7:00 P.M. Trustee Meeting, Fellowship Hall

We are excited to announce that Salford has been selected to participate in the All In: Immersive Worship for Everybody project with Anabaptist Disabilities Network and MHS Association. The project is funded through Lilly Endowment's Nurturing Children Through Worship and Prayer Initiative. Over the next five years, we will join 18 other Anabaptist congregations in reimagining worship so that people of all ages and all abilities can fully participate, lead, and share their gifts.

This Sunday, we will reflect on Psalm 27 and consider what it means to worship in community as we go "All In" on this project together! We will also celebrate Communion. Communion is a sacramental worship practice that engages us body, mind, and soul with both our Creator God and each other. Our table is open to all. As you consider coming to the table next week, open your heart to God and to others. Is there prayer or a conversation you feel called to? A few things to consider:

- If you take communion, what are you celebrating? What are you committing to? What are you asking for?
- This meal is a symbol of Jesus' active love of the world. What does it mean for you to participate in this love at the communion table?
- Are you open to the possibility that Jesus might teach, challenge, inspire, or call you through this sacred ritual?

Next Sunday: Seven Shared Convictions Through Story and Song

This week we welcome Joel Horst Nofziger to Salford to lead us in a service of scripture, storytelling, and song around [Mennonite World Conference's Seven Shared Convictions](#). Joel is the executive director of the Mennonite Heritage Center (Harleysville, Pa.) and a postgraduate researcher with the Centre for Anabaptist Studies. He is a member of Methacton Mennonite Church and also attends Keystone Friends Monthly Meeting with his wife, Eileen Kinch. Joel will lead, encourage, and educate us in an interactive morning featuring many Salford voices.

Salford-Advent Garden Fundraiser on February 8th

The annual garden fundraiser is **February 8th at 12:30 at Salford Mennonite Church**. The fundraising goal for 2026 is \$6,000. Call or e-mail Steve Blank or the Church Office (joneslongt@salfordmc.org) if you wish to attend. As in years past we will be inviting the organizations we donate to, as our special guests.

Next Week at Salford cont'd.

Thurs., Feb. 12

7:00 PM, Justice & Peace Ministry Team Meeting, Library and Zoom

Future Salford Events

Feb. 21-22 – Drew Strait Weekend

Feb. 22 – Prayer Pal Potluck

Mar. 21 – MYF Auction

Apr. 12 – Dock Touring Choir

If you have information or prayer requests for our newsletter, please submit them to the church office by 10 am Thursdays. If you would like to receive this newsletter by email, please submit your email address to joneslongt@salfordmc.org

They will give an update on what they are doing and how our produce helps them throughout the growing season. Thank you for all the support these past 19, soon to be 20 years.

And check out our 2026 YouTube Video! – [2026 Salford Advent Garden](#)

Register Today! – A Faithful Response to Christian Nationalism Event led by Dr. Drew Strait

Join Salford's Justice and Peace Team **February 21-22, 2026** for a weekend with Dr. Drew Strait, Associate Professor of New Testament and Public Faith at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana. You can view the full details [HERE](#).

We hope this time together can foster unity among Christians and churches in our area who are committed to faith-rooted justice and embolden us to challenge all that opposes the peaceable ways of Jesus. This event is open to people outside of Salford, so please invite all whom you think would be interested in participating.

You can register [HERE](#). If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Andrew at zettza@salfordmc.org. We hope to see you at the event!

Building Our Courage in 2026

Over the next three Sundays (**2/1, 2/8, and 2/15**), Tori Jones Long and Cassy Zetts will be facilitating a Second Hour class in Room 211 (upstairs, near the elevator) using Mennonite Action resources. Together, we will work through asset mapping and risk analysis exercises and discern our individual and collective roles and responsibilities in addressing rising authoritarianism and injustice as people of faith. These classes will be geared toward folks who participated in Mennonite Action's virtual Courage School ([see the curriculum here](#)) or December Build Our Courage event, but all are welcome to attend. While class content will build somewhat from week to week, any level of participation is welcome. Feel free to join for one, two, or all three sessions. Contact Tori with any questions.

2026 Mennonite Youth Fellowship Auction

A date has been set for the 2026 MYF Auction: Saturday, March 21, 2026. Join the Salford community for a wonderful meal, fellowship, and the excitement of bidding on a host of terrific donations. The proceeds of the auction will help fund Salford's MYF, Salford's annual Peace Camp, and our ongoing collaborative faith formation opportunities with our fellow Mosaic Mennonite congregations, so we are hoping for a strong showing at the auction.

More details are soon to follow, but you can already sign up to make donations to the auction by clicking [this link](#) (or getting a paper registration form from the Welcome Center). If you have any questions or donations to provide right

away, you can contact Pastor Andrew at zettsa@salfordmc.org or 215-859-3446.

2025 Donation Receipts

Donation receipts for 2025 have been placed in church mailboxes or mailed to those who don't have church mailboxes. Please review your receipt and let the church office know if you have any questions. If you would like a receipt or a church mailbox, please contact the church office. If you donated by a Qualified Charitable Distribution from a retirement account, you should have already received a specific receipt for this donation.

Our Church Family

Singing Resistance at Salford – Inspired by a recent event at Canadian Mennonite University, Laura Zickefoose and Gretchen McFarland are hosting a hymn sing in Salford's sanctuary on **Friday, February 6th at 6:30 p.m.** This is an opportunity for people of all ages to gather and sing protest songs in solidarity with our Minnesotan neighbors and others impacted by the violent forces sweeping the nation. Contact Laura or Gretchen with questions or to let them know you'll be joining.

Friends at Souderton Mennonite Homes – Please join us for a time of singing, scripture, and sharing on **Monday, February 9th from 7-8 p.m.** in the Friendship Room. Call Pastor Karen with questions.

Help wanted! Too much winter??? Let's think of Easter Flowers! Get in touch with Karen or Tori if you can help with picking up and arranging our Easter flowers in the sanctuary - help make this Salford tradition happen again this year!

Prayer Concerns

- For **Hope Greiser Graber** who is home recovering from successful gall bladder removal surgery on Wednesday. Pray for a quick recovery.
- For **Louise Alderfer** who will have a procedure on her spine on February 3rd. Pray for pain relief and increased strength and mobility.
- We are thankful for the A/V team lead by **Steve Schwendy** and **Darwin Zehr**. They are involved in every aspect of helping us hear, record, and stream every service at Salford!

News & Notes

Sewing Circle will meet on **Wednesday, February 4th from 8:30-1:00** in the Gathering Room. Stop in for as long as you want! All are welcome.

Banned and Challenged Book Group – The Banned and Challenged Book will meet on **Wednesday, February 11th at 6:30 P.M.** in the church library. We

are reading “The 1619 Project “ edited by Nicole Hannah-Jones. CallCarolynn Boyd at 610-489-9084 with any questions.

Sunday Morning Prayer Time: Is your head swirling and heart heavy with *All The Things*? Bring it to God – meet Pastor Karen in the prayer room before church on Sunday. Karen will be there at 8:45 to begin prayer. All are welcome to join in. There are also prayer books, journals, hymnals and guided prayer ideas available for you anytime.

Service & Mission

The Donation of the Month for February is **Hygiene Kits for Mennonite Central Committee.**

New items only:

- 1 toothbrush (adult size; leave in wrapper)
- 1 bar soap (4-5 oz. in wrapper)
- 1 fingernail clipper
- 1 hand towel (larger than fingertip, dark color)
- 1 wide-toothed comb (6–8 in)

Kits can be donated in plastic grocery bags, or supplies can be donated in bulk. Full kits, supplies or cash donations are welcome. Donations can be placed on the Donation of the Month shelf in the coat room or table near the nursery for delivery at the end of the month.

Monetary donations are also welcome. You can label your offering envelope or check memo line for “Donation of the Month”, check made payable to Salford Mennonite Church. Please have all supplies and donations to Salford by March 1st. We hope to donate 200 kits, so please help us reach our goal.

Accessibility Spotlight

The Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services and Southeast Regional Mental Health Services Coordination Office is offering multiple sessions of mental health first aid classes this winter and spring.

The skills-based training course will teach you how to help someone who is experiencing a mental health challenge or crisis.

What it covers:

- Common signs and symptoms of mental health challenges.
- Common signs and symptoms of substance use challenges.
- How to interact with a person in crisis.
- How to connect a person with help.
- Expanded content on trauma, substance use and self-care.

The curriculum also reviews risk factors and warning signs of mental illnesses, builds understanding of their impact, and overviews common professional and

self-help supports. The curriculum also does address suicide and non-suicidal self-injury and how to help a person who may be showing signs of suicidal thinking. You can learn more and register [HERE](#).

Justice & Peace Spotlight

Code Blue Shelter Volunteers Needed – The Cold Blue shelters in Lansdale and Upper Perk are facilities that open when temperatures drop below 30 degrees and offer people a warm bed and meal for the night during the dangerous temperatures. The shelters are primarily operated by community volunteers and are in need of more volunteers. You can learn more information about the specific volunteer needs and how to register as a volunteer by clicking [here](#). If you have any other questions, please contact Pastor Andrew at zettas@salfordmc.org.

Church Library Spotlight

Stop by the church library and speak with a librarian to see what's new, or review the library catalog on the Salford church website: <https://smck-ind.kari.opalsinfo.net/bin/home#0>



Reawakened: Activate your Congregation to Spark Lasting Change
By: Glen Guyton

More and more people are moving away from the church—not because they lack faith in God but because the church is no longer relevant to their lives. The church, not God, is the problem. In *Reawakened*, Glen Guyton explores eight keys to developing the abilities of congregations to bring healing and hope to their communities. These eight keys give voice to the most urgent needs of a community and offer practical suggestions for how churches can spark holistic and lasting differences in their communities.

Built on a solid biblical framework, *Reawakened* positions churches as catalysts for transformative mission and change. Filled with stories from successful ministries that are actively engaging their communities, *Reawakened* helps Christians ask the big questions about God's ongoing work in the world.

Beyond Salford

Enjoy a cozy evening of fellowship with family and friends at the Mennonite Heritage Center's Menno (Game) Nite on **February 20, 2026, from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.** MHC will provide some games, but participants are invited to bring their own games. We will offer hot drinks and water at the event. You're welcome to BYOS (Bring-Your-Own-Snacks). MHC's exhibits will also be open. Come for fun, fellowship, and a side of Mennonite history.

Save the Date! Dock Mennonite Academy is hosting a multi-church Hymn Sing at Dock on **March 22, 2026**. This will be a joyful, unifying event. Stay tuned for more information.