

April 20, 2025

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**Sunday, April 20, 2025**  
**9:30 a.m. Worship at**  
**Salford and on YouTube**  
**Live**, Easter Sunday,  
Pastor Dave Greiser  
preaching on Luke 24:1-12

**No Second Hour this**  
**week.**

**April 13 Offering**  
Offering - \$4,185  
ACH - \$1,930  
Vanco – 2,387

**Total Budget Offering**  
**\$8,502**

**Children's Offering: \$49**

## **This Week at Salford**

### **Mon., April 21**

5:30 PM, Salford Wood  
Carving Club, Fellowship  
Hall

### **Thurs., April 24**

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

7:00 PM, Trustees  
Meeting, Friendship Room

## **New Life!**

To no one's surprise, this coming Sunday will feature a sermon about the resurrection of Jesus, from Luke 24. We'll be singing resurrection songs that many of us love and look forward to singing every year.

In addition, we will celebrate more signs of new life and growth in our congregation. We will be receiving into membership six persons: **Joanne and Wayne Speigle, Laura Zickefoose, Monica Schroeder, and Kris Williamson and Cecelia Osowski**. We look forward to brief sharing from each of them as we receive them more fully into church life. In the coming weeks several more persons will be received into membership.

Additionally, we will commission a new ministry team for a role as church leaders. A month ago, the Church Board approved a proposal to create a Spiritual Leadership Team to work alongside the pastors in matters of spiritual and theological discernment and congregational life and health. Four people are now meeting monthly with the pastors to become oriented to this new role: **Zach Bower, Kerry Hasler-Brooks, Joan King and Mark Boorse** have prayerfully agreed to join this new ministry. I'm enjoying working with them; they are people of spiritual maturity and intuition. Pray for them and for the pastors as we work at creating this broader ministry team and as we "make the road by walking."

***There will be no Second Hour this Sunday. Additionally, the church office will be closed on Easter Monday (April 21<sup>st</sup>).***

## **Easter Sunday – Flowering the Cross**

On Easter Sunday, please plan to bring a few cut flowers with you so you and your family can help us "flower the cross". The flowering of the cross is a Western Christian tradition where worshippers place flowers on the cross, which is traditionally bare during Lent and Good Friday, to symbolize the new life and resurrection of Christ on Easter Sunday. As a community, we will bring life and beauty to the cross, symbolizing the beauty of new birth that comes to all of us with the resurrection!



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](mailto:joneslongt@salfordmc.org).

## 2025 Mennonite Central Committee My Coins Count Update

Thank you to our children (and adults) who contributed to the Mennonite Central Committee My Coins Count coin collection for water projects around the world. Salford contributed \$802 to the total of \$6,934 collected by 15 Mennonite churches. These funds helped repair vital water infrastructure at schools in Ethiopia and students now have access to clean safe water at their schools. Thank you for being the hand and feet of Jesus in providing this wonderful gift!

## Pavilion Update

After submitting the Building Permit application in February, Lower Salford Township requested two additional applications for the project. The first application is for a Waiver of Formal Subdivision and Land Development. The second application is a Conditional Use application which is required for any building with non-residential accessory use. Each application has a \$1,000 application fee and requires \$5,000 in escrow for professional services (third party municipal engineering reviews and solicitor fees for developing agreements). The applications were submitted on March 19th. The applications will require review by the township Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors. The team is hopeful that the project can be on the agenda for the township meeting at the end of April. The team is working to control costs and strategize additional fundraising.

## Peace Camp 2025

**Registration is now open for Peace Camp 2025, Sunday, June 15-Thurs, June 19:** <https://forms.gle/mNS7pLYQE92sBS6D7> Register at this link (Jr. & Sr. Youth helpers please register here too!) and invite a friend! Feel free to pick up Peace Camp fliers at the Welcome Center to share with others or post at your school, library, or coffee shop.

## Sunday School Teachers Needed for 2025-26!

In the fall, a few of our amazing Sunday School volunteers will no longer be with us, and ***we're in need of additional teachers and/or helpers for almost all age groups.*** Teachers serve on a team so they can also be a part of a second hour class for half the weeks. If you're open to the possibility of teaching or serving as a helper, please let Jenn Svetlik know ([jennifer.svetlik@gmail.com](mailto:jennifer.svetlik@gmail.com)) and she can share more!

## Our Church Family

For those of us who parent or love and support people who are trans or LGBTQIA, these are rough days. Was there ever really a great time??? Pastor Karen leads a monthly gathering called Journeys where we come together to

share, pray, and strategize good ways to support our loved ones today and always. Interested? Call Karen for details.

### **Prayer Concerns**

- For Julie Wimmer's ***Aunt Fernie Detweiler and her wife of 40 years Diane Shivers***. Diane was recently diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia. The couple is wintering in Florida and making some difficult decisions quickly about where Diane should be treated because she is so weak.
- For ***Lowell Bishop*** who is still waiting on surgery and may need to spend some time in rehab first.
- All Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for all credentialed leaders, delegates, and other guests joining together for the Mosaic Spring Assemblies this month. As the Mosaic community gathers, may these relationships centered in Christ and joined in community be spurred to encourage and sharpen one another.

### **News & Notes**

**Salford Wood Carving Club:** We will meet again on **April 21<sup>st</sup> from 5:30 to 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall**. If you are interested in learning more, please email [chad.gehman@gmail.com](mailto:chad.gehman@gmail.com) All are welcome - no experience needed! Thank you & Safe Carving!

**Salford Women and Friends:** Perki Trail and Pizza. **Friday April 25<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM–1 PM** - meet at the **Spring Mount Trail parking** for a walk followed by a pizza lunch! No need to RSVP, just come. Call Pastor Karen with questions. The Perkiomen Trail Spring Mount Trailhead is at Station Ave, Perkiomenville, PA 18074 and shares the parking lot with our lunch venue: Johnny's Italiano Pizza and Pasta <http://m.johnnysitaliano.com/>

**Save the Date! The Trustees will be having a workday on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM.** The workday will include both *outside and inside projects*. Please come help maintain and beautify our building and grounds.

The next **Banned and Challenged Book Group** meeting is on **May 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM** in the church library. We are reading "Liar, Temptress, Soldier, Spy" by Karen Abbott. All are welcome! CallCarolynn Boyd at 610-489-9084 with any questions.

### **Service & Mission**

Donation of the Month for April – **Keystone Opportunity Center (KOC)**

**ITEMS NEEDED: Canned Fruits and Vegetables, Tuna, Chunky Soups, Beef Stew, SpaghettiOs w/ meatballs, Beefaroni, Ravioli, Pasta Sauce (with or without meat), etc.**

You can also purchase items from KOC's "Immediate Needs" list. Items can be purchased for KOC through their [Amazon Wishlist](#). KOC is updating

this list weekly.

Please consider purchasing items through KOC's Amazon Wishlist. Donations can also be placed at the Donation of the Month 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.

## **Salford-Advent Garden Spotlight**

Greetings fellow gardeners – Just when you think you think you have everything ready to go, garden beds are prepped, plants and seeds are bought, then Mother nature shows up and says well maybe not this week. I was fully prepared to plant our cabbage, broccoli, beets and carrots last Saturday. While driving to the garden, Saturday morning, it started to snow and when I arrived the beds had a coating of snow, and it was miserable. Not the best conditions to plant young seedlings in the ground. I decided to wait for better conditions. Fortunately, this week the weather improved. We were able to plant the cabbage, broccoli and seed the beet beds. Carrots will have to wait a few more days. Thank you, Sharon Strayer and Steve GM, for your help. This coming Saturday I have high hopes again. Potatoes, onions and lettuce are on the list to be planted. I will be rototilling the upper 2 rows where the onions and half of our potatoes will go. Plastic will be laid down for the onions to be planted in. After this week we start to look forward to our summer season. I am planning to have the lower end ready for planting by the end of the first week in May. The bottom end of the garden has historically been very wet and soggy; this year is no exception. We need a short dry spell to dry out the swamp. Gardening is very rewarding but can be very challenging too. This weekend we go from the sorrow of Jesus suffering and death on the cross to the joy of an empty tomb on Easter Sunday and Christ's victory over death. The Lord is Risen - The Lord is Risen indeed! Thank you to everyone who supports this mission. Have a Blessed Easter.

If you're interested in getting involved, join us at the garden on **Saturday mornings from 8 AM–12 PM**. We take a break at 10 AM and don't work past noon. All are welcome!

## **Accessibility Spotlight**

**Nurturing Accessible Family Ministry** – Join congregational leaders within Mosaic Conference for a workshop on supporting young people with autism and ADHD in congregational life. We will explore practical tools for creating safe and inclusive spaces, led by Morgan Shull (Plains), Board Certified Behavior Analyst.

When: Saturday, May 10, 9-11AM ET

Where: In-person at the Mosaic Conference Office and on Zoom

Register here: <https://forms.gle/9a7bbMi6A4Jz68Ls8>

Salford's children's ministry can cover the registration fee of anyone interested in attending from Salford. Please contact Jenn at [jennifer.svetlik@gmail.com](mailto:jennifer.svetlik@gmail.com) with any questions.

## **Anabaptism at 500 Spotlight**

In this 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Anabaptism, we're passing along resources for learning about our roots.

- The Mennonite Heritage Center will host a panel discussion regarding alternative service options and military service. Anabaptists may choose alternative service in times of peace or war. Without a draft in the United States, such service has become a choice for all Americans. The panel, co-moderated by **Glen Miller** and Scott Hutchinson, will include Salford's **Joel Alderfer**, **Joe Landis**, and **Eldon Miller**. You are invited to hear their stories at **Zion Mennonite Church** (149 E. Cherry Ln, Souderton, Pa.) on **May 17, 2025 from 2:30 – 4:00 PM**.

## **Beyond Salford**

You are invited to celebrate the opening of the Mennonite Heritage Center's new exhibit: *A Coat of Many Colors: Commemorating 500 Years of Anabaptist Faith and Practice* on Saturday, April 12, 2025 from 2:00 – 4:00 PM. Light refreshments will be served. You can learn more about the exhibit [HERE](#).