

April 26, 2026

Sunday, Apr. 26, 2026
9:30 a.m. Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live Pastor Karen Bergey shares a meditation on Psalm 148 and Wild Church Wander & Wonder

10:45 am Second Hour

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

April 19 Offering
Offering - \$6,612
ACH - \$2,030
Vanco - \$5,716

Total Budget Offering
\$14,358

Children's Offering: \$39

Future Salford Events

May 2 – Spring Church Workday

May 3 – Communion

May 31 – Installation Service for Pastor Mark Boorse

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 ioneslongt@salfordmc.org

How do we praise God? Who and what praises God? Join us on Sunday to consider Psalm 148. We'll meet **IN the Meetinghouse sanctuary** to begin and listen as we wander and wonder during the outdoor portion of the service. May our hearts and minds be open to God and ready to respond creatively in praise to our Creator!

Spring Church Workday – Saturday, May 2 |8am-12pm

Come lend a hand as we spruce up the grounds and tackle some spring cleaning projects around the church. All are welcome! We'll have a variety of tasks for every ability. Whether you can come for the whole morning or just an hour, every helping hand makes a difference.

Come ready to work, laugh, and enjoy some good fellowship—we'll have coffee and snacks to keep us going. Contact Kyle Longacre or Tori Jones Long with questions or to let us know you're coming! Thanks for helping make our meetinghouse shine!

Curiosity Project Second Hour This Sunday, April 26 – Person of Peace

This week Pastor Andrew will lead the Curiosity Project Second Hour class. The group will discuss People of Peace in our community. These are people who are hospitable and share our convictions. For example, is there a librarian with whom you share connections and would be happy to host a meeting at the library? Is there a local coach who might be willing to help us organize youth events? There are people in our community with whom we have things in common and who are for us, not against us. Who are they and where are they?

See [HERE](#) for more information about the practice. Even if you haven't completed the practice, you are invited to join the conversation and offer your experiences or learn about ways to start engaging with the project.

Special Second Hour Opportunity This Sunday, April 26

Salford's LGBTQ+ Inclusion team would like to invite the congregation to a special second hour class on April 26th in the Gathering Room (across from the cafe upstairs). During this time, we want to hear your thoughts on how Salford can best live into our commitment to fully include queer people in our congregation and community life. Members of the Conference Affiliation Working Group will also be in attendance, so this will also be a great space to

share any thoughts around the intersection of our church's call to queer inclusion and our affiliation with Mosaic Conference. If you have any questions, please contact Laura Zickefoose (laura.zickefoose@gmail.com) or Vince Causerano (vcauserano@vgcsolutions.org).

Volunteers Needed for Sunday School 2026-27

In the fall, a few of our amazing Sunday School leaders will no longer be with us, and ***we're in need of 4 additional teachers and 4 additional helpers (all ages needed from 3-12 years old) and one elementary singing leader.*** Teachers serve on a team so they can also be a part of a second hour class for half the weeks of the year. If you're open to the possibility of teaching or serving as a helper, please let Jenn know (svetliki@salfordmc.org) and she can share more about what is involved.

Searching for Parade Walkers

This year, we would like to participate in the annual Harleysville Country Fair Days Parade on **Saturday, May 23**, from 9:45 A.M.-12:30 P.M. This is a great way to participate in community life and be more visible in our neighborhood. If you are interested in helping to prepare our signs and banners or simply walk in the parade, please let Pastor Andrew know (zetsa@salfordmc.org).

Inclusive Mosaic Update

Over the past few years, Salford's pastors have participated in a conference-wide group of Mosaic leaders called Inclusive Mosaic. It is a group of over 30 leaders, from a dozen Mosaic congregations and Conference staff, that has met since 2023 to advocate for LGBTQIA+ inclusion and affirmation in the full life of the church. Since Fall 2025, there has been quite a bit of activity in Inclusive Mosaic that our congregation could benefit from being updated on. If you use the following links, you can access the resources that provide a fuller picture of all the work Inclusive Mosaic has done over the past few months.

- **["Is there a place in Mosaic for me?"](#)** (*Anabaptist World* Article) – Inclusive Mosaic member, Christian Manero, wrote this article to share her experience as a queer pastor in Mosaic and let queer people know there is a group within Mosaic rooting and advocating for their inclusion.
- **["When We Belong: Bringing Our Full Selves"](#)** (Youtube recording) – In March, Mosaic's Intercultural Committee hosted this panel discussion. Leadership Minister, Danilo Sanchez, moderated the conversation where participants shared their experiences of feeling a sense of belonging and rejection within Mosaic. Inclusive Mosaic member, Pastor Samantha Lioi, was one of the three participants and she had the opportunity to share what it is like to be a queer leader in Mosaic. Pastor Wayne Nitsche wrote a reflection that was published in *Mosaic News* that you can find [here](#).

- ["Listening, Learning, and Leading Together at the March Board Retreat"](#) (*Mosaic News Article*) – In October 2025, Inclusive Mosaic sent the Mosaic Board a letter inviting them to meet to build relationships and discuss some of the group's requests to make the Conference more welcoming and officially inclusive. In response, one of the board members, Maati Yvonne, invited a group from Inclusive Mosaic to join the Board for part of its in-person retreat. The Inclusive Mosaic representatives were able to connect with the Board for about two hours. During this time they built relationships and participated in a restorative circle where the Inclusive Mosaic representatives were able to share stories of life and ministry with queer people. You can see the conversation mentioned in the article published about the retreat.

2026 Family Promise Volunteer Signup is Open!

[Family Promise Montco PA](#) is a non-profit organization in Montgomery County working to end homelessness and hunger. It provides emergency shelter, transitional housing, food pantry services, and case management to help families become independent.

Together Salford Mennonite Church and Advent Lutheran Church are partnering with Family Promise to host a 2-week shelter this summer from **July 5th to July 19th**. Families will be housed at Salford. We are recruiting volunteers from both churches to make dinner, serve and clean up dinner, stay overnight, coordinate dinner menus, wash linens, and shop for groceries as needed.

Background checks (<https://epatch.pa.gov/home>) and child abuse clearances (<https://www.compass.state.pa.us/CWIS/Public/Home>) are required for volunteers who will have contact with guests (i.e., serving and cleaning up after dinner and staying overnight). A training session will also be offered in June (date TBD) and attendance is highly recommended.

If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Scheetz (away from 5/2-5/18), Beth Styer or Carolyn Boyd. Thank you for joining us in this wonderful ministry!

This year signups will be done using Sign Up Genius. Please use this link: [SIGN UP HERE to Volunteer at Salford's Family Promise Shelter](#)

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

- For **Kathy Detweiler** and **Beverly and Ian Birky**. Willis Miller passed peacefully on Monday, April 20th after a few days on hospice. Please pray for comfort and strength for the entire family as they mourn and remember the life of Willis.
- For the vulnerable among us who live in fear of being abducted by ICE agents and for the individuals who have been taken from our local community in the last several days. Pray for the release and healing of our neighbors who have been detained and for protection and

comfort for their families and all our immigrant neighbors.

- All Mosaic Conference congregations are invited to pray for the ***Vibrant Identity class*** that meets for an intensive in-person class this week in southeastern PA. Please pray for deepened relationship building and understanding of history, polity, and identity for the second cohort of Vibrant Mosaic congregations.

News & Notes

Banned and Challenged Book Group – The Banned and Challenged Book Group will meet on **Wednesday, May 13th at 6:30 P.M.** in the church library. We are reading “Animal Farm” by George Orwell. Call Carolyn 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 March – **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 place items in the basket at the donation of the month table or on the shelves in the coat room. 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 May 1st.

Justice & Peace Spotlight

Heeding God’s Call to End Gun Violence – Please join us for the Souderton End Gun Violence Walk on **April 26th at 1 PM until about 2:30 PM**. The walk is sponsored by Zion Mennonite Church, Zwingli United Church of Christ and [Heeding God's Call to End Gun Violence](#). After a brief service, we will walk from Zion to the Community Park on Main Street. There you will be invited to sign legislative letters to state and federal senators and representatives. Contact Cindy Scheetz with any questions.

Salford-Advent Garden Spotlight

Greetings fellow gardeners – Again you turn your back and the weather changes. Monday and Tuesday we had frost. I was able to cover the lettuce but not the other plants. Some of the cabbage was hit really hard and we may have to replant. Also, the red beets were just starting to pop out when they got zapped. I am waiting to see if any more sprout before I know how much to reseed. On Saturday we had a great crew planting our red and yellow potatoes and over 1,400 onion plants. I stress out at times wondering if all the work will be done. But no worry, all planting was done by 10 am. All we had to do was cover the onions with netting and all was good to go. Galen Knechel from down the road sent his tractor and cultivator up after everyone had left and plowed up the lower end for us. Now all we do is rototill and lay down our plastic mulch and drip tape. Then we plant for summer. I am hoping to have the lower end ready for Saturday May 9.

It looks to be a wet rainy Saturday and with no major jobs hanging over us, I am asking that everyone take this Saturday off. I am planning to lay cardboard and straw in between the plastic rows, on the first Saturday in May. Last Saturday afternoon I was invited to Emmanuel Lutheran in Souderton for a celebration. Emmanuel has served 1 million meals in 6 years. WOW amazing. The world can be a crazy place but all you have to do is look around and you will see a lot of good being accomplished by a lot of really dedicated, good people. Thank you to everyone who helps keep our mission on track. Frost, heat, rain or shine because of our great volunteers the garden keeps chugging along!

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>

Beyond Salford

The **Worm Project Family Fun Fair** is **Saturday, April 25 from 9 A.M. – 1 P.M.** at the Dock Mennonite Academy E-8 Campus (420 Godshall Road, Souderton, PA). The event is indoors, rain or shine and includes games and fun learning stations. A BBQ lunch is available for purchase from 11-1. You can learn more about the Worm Project [here](#).