

April 27, 2025

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**Sunday, April 27, 2025**  
**9:30 a.m. Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live**, Guest Preacher Jim Smucker preaching on I Corinthians 12:12-20 and Galatians 6:14-15.

**10:45 am Second Hour**

**Emmaus Road Sermon Discussion Class** meets in the room behind the Welcome Center. The Emmaus Road group welcomes all.

**April 20 Offering**  
Offering - \$9,460  
ACH - \$1,930  
Vanco - \$3,450

**Total Budget Offering**  
**\$14,840**

**Children's Offering: \$66**

## Guest Preacher This Sunday

Our guest preacher this Sunday is Jim Smucker from Berlin, Ohio. A native of Lancaster County, Jim grew up around his family business started by his father, Bird-in-Hand Corporation (Restaurant and Motels). After working with his brothers in the family business for more than 25 years, Jim was called to leadership at Eastern Mennonite University where he served as Dean of the School of Graduate and Professional Studies and the Program Director for a Collaborative MBA. For the past five years Jim has been serving as president at The Keim Company, a distribution, millwork, and destination hardware store in Holmes County, Ohio.

Jim has served on numerous business, community and higher education boards. He is a student of leadership with a special interest in integrating faith and leadership. Jim attends Millersburg Mennonite Church where he preaches occasionally. He believes the church is helped by diverse theologies and perspectives which allows for different churches to reach and minister to various communities. Jim's message on Sunday is called "I May Be Wrong"; he will meet with the Emmaus Road class during the Second Hour.

## Coming Next Week: Communion and Foot Washing

Most Christians know about the Lord's Supper, which Jesus instituted for his disciples on the night before his death. They know less about the "washing of the saints' feet", which Jesus also instituted that same evening. Foot washing is an act of love and humility to be practiced by all those who have been cleansed by the death and resurrection of Jesus. It is an intimate act between siblings in Christ, an act that demonstrates Jesus' alternative way of living in the world.

Next Sunday, our quarterly communion service will be accompanied by foot washing. After communion, you can gather with friends to wash feet or hands as a symbol of life and service in the body of Christ. Be in prayer this week for this special service.

## Why a Spiritual Leadership Team?

When I introduced the Spiritual Leadership Team at the end of the service last Sunday, you may have questioned why we created this new team. We already have pastors. What is this new team about?

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).

As I said then, the leadership needs of a church like Salford are broad. The Church Board provides a certain kind of oversight and stability for the church. It oversees matters of budget, care of facilities, and makes provision for good pastoral leadership by creating search committees when the need arises.

Pastors, in turn, provide spiritual leadership – teaching, counsel, prayer, wisdom, vision for ministry and outreach. But all pastors can benefit from a larger circle of colleagues who have “pastor’s hearts.”

That’s the idea behind the Spiritual Leadership Team. The training of the members of our new team lies in fields like teaching, counseling, social work, and consulting. And each of these people carries a deep love for Salford and its people.

Later this summer, each of the four members of the team will have an opportunity to offer a sermon as a way of sharing their love for Jesus and vision for our church. Some of them have preached before, some not. Pray for them, and for this new ministry team as we deepen the work of ministry at Salford. – Dave Greiser

## **Save the Date - June 22 Indonesian Food and Fellowship Fundraiser for ILC**

Indonesian Light Church, a Mosaic Conference congregation in South Philadelphia pastored by Hendy Matahelemual, has been working diligently to fundraise to purchase the building in which they are worshipping.

Please plan to stay after worship on Sunday, June 22 as Indonesian Light Church joins us for worship and prepares a home-cooked Indonesian meal for Salford as a fundraiser. It will be a memorable time of fellowship and we hope Salford can be generous in providing mutual aid for this growing congregation.

## **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

**Meals for Gail Metzger:** Please [sign up](#) to bring a meal to Gail as she heals from breaking several bones in her leg. Thank you for your time and delicious food.

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 **Monica Gehman's** sister Kelly Chandler who was diagnosed with stage 4 large cell aggressive neuroendocrine cancer. Please pray for Kelly and her husband Mark and their 3 children at this time and also for the Gehman family as they support them in the coming days.
- For **Gail Metzger** who broke several bones in her lower left leg. She is home recovering after surgery. Pray for patience, rest, and good healing.
- We are thankful with **Jolene Landis** this week who received the news that her bone marrow test came back normal!
- All Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for Pastor Carl Walcott of North Tampa (FL) Mennonite Fellowship who is currently facing serious health challenges and has been sent home for his final days. Please pray for his wife and adult children who are caring for him, and for strength and God's peace for the whole family.

### **News & Notes**

**Are you curious about how you can help with furthering Salford's calling to be a safe and welcoming space for LGBTQIA+ people?** The Welcoming Path Committee is looking for members! If you're interested in knowing more or have questions, please reach out to Vince Causerano by text (215-920-1215) or email ([vcauserano@gmail.com](mailto:vcauserano@gmail.com)) for more information.

**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 – Last Saturday was potato/onion day. We planted 1,300 onion plants and 130 lbs. of potatoes. This year, same as last year, we planted 3 different kinds of potatoes, Norland Red, Yukon Gold and Lehigh. Potatoes are not planted like other veggies. You have to plant a potato to grow more potatoes. The potato you plant is called a seed potato. You can cut them in halves or quarters and they will grow just fine. The onions are called Candy White and in years past some have grown as big as 2 lbs. Last year we topped the 1,000 lb. mark on our potato harvest. I hope to top that this year. I am setting up the lower end of the garden for cultivation, rototilling and plastic mulch rows. If all goes well that should be done by next Saturday, May 3rd. Then we can lay down our cardboard and straw in between the rows. Planting for summer will start on Saturday May 10. This Saturday is a maintain day, weed, water and wait! The weather has been on the dry side and I have been watering every day. With young plants and seeds it is important to keep the soil moist, not soaked but moist. You want the soil soft enough for the seeds to germinate and push through. Young plants need water but not too much, you want their roots to start to reach out and grow. This makes for a much stranger plant. Thank you to everyone who came out to help last Saturday Easter weekend. Many hands make the work go fast!

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!

## **Solar Spotlight**

After 6 months of solar energy production, our system has produced 49,200 KWH of electricity and our church has used 46,400 KWH of electricity over the same time frame. With longer days and clearer skies, we are consistently producing more energy than we use. This month we received our second Solar

Renewable Energy Credit (SREC) payment of \$567 and after several months of estimated meter readings from PECO, we received our actual meter readings and learned we have an electric bill credit of \$4,974! The SREC payments and significantly reduced electric bills will help pay for the project over time. Our system has saved approximately 43 tons of CO2 emissions, the equivalent of planting 647 new trees. You can see a live view of our system [HERE](#).

## Justice & Peace Spotlight

- Members of the J&P team continue to work on strengthening relationships with the Lenape people, the original inhabitants of this land, and learning what living in right relationship looks like. All are invited to [Word and Walk: A Bible Study Considering Mennonite-Lenape Relations](#) at The Mennonite Heritage Center on May 14 from 7-8 PM.
- Cindy Sheetz, Glen and Mary Miller, and Carolyn Boyd have been supporting the work of Heeding God's Call to End Gun Violence and many Salford members joined the Souderton End Gun Violence Walk on April 6<sup>th</sup>. You can read more about the walk in this Mosaic News piece by Pastor Mike Ford - [Six Mosaic Conference Congregations Join for Witness to End Gun Violence](#)

## 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**

**Dock Mennonite Academy's 64th Annual Country Fair and Auction** will be held on **Friday, May 16, 2025, from 5-9 PM**.

Bring the whole family for great food, fun & entertainment for the entire family!

- Live Entertainment with The Tyler Hunsberger Band 5-7 PM
- Country Line Dancing with DJ Dan 6:30-8:30 PM
- BBQ Chicken Dinner (Cafeteria) 5-7 PM
- Food Truck fare 5-9 PM
- Little 's Candy Scramble (ages 1-5) 6:30 PM
- Helicopter Cow/Candy Drop 7 PM
- LIVE Auction with auctioneer Sandy Alderfer 7:30-8:30 PM

Our Online auction contains many more items and experiences and runs from May 9-19, 2025

On the run?? Visit our Chicken Drive Thru at Franconia Mennonite Church from 4PM-6:30 PM. Strawberry Pies will be available onsite and at the Drive Thru!

Shuttle parking available from Marcho Farms/Franconia Café. Visit [www.dock.org](http://www.dock.org) for all the details.