



May 4, 2025

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**Sunday, May 4, 2025**  
**9:30 a.m. Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live**, Communion and Foot Washing

**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 27 Offering**  
Offering - \$5,770  
ACH - \$1,930  
Vanco - \$1,073

**Total Budget Offering**  
**\$8,773**

**Children's Offering: \$40**

### **This Week at Salford**

#### **Wed., May 7**

8:30-1:00, Sewing Circle, Gathering Room

#### **Sat. May 10**

8:00-12:00, Church Workday

### **Future Salford Events**

**May 18** – Dock Touring Choir

**May 21** – Faith Formation Night

**June 1** – Potluck Brunch Farewell for Pastor Dave & Anita

## **This Sunday: 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.

This 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.

### **Salford Workday – Saturday, May 10 | 8am-12pm**

Come lend a hand as we spruce up the grounds and tackle some spring cleaning indoors. 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.

So we can plan projects and supplies – [sign up here](#) or at the Welcome Center. Thanks for helping make our meetinghouse shine!

## **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.

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](mailto:ioneslongt@salfordmc.org).

## Volunteers Needed for Family Promise

Salford Mennonite Church will host families through Family Promise of the Main Line from **Sunday evening June 29<sup>th</sup> until Sunday morning July 6<sup>th</sup>**.

Family Promise provides housing, transportation and support for homeless families 52 weeks a year, using the resources of local faith communities who volunteer to host families for a week at a time. We will be housing a maximum of 10 people (mainly women and children). The needs of these families are great during this time of homelessness and transition in their lives. For one week of the year, we believe that Salford can graciously provide shelter, acceptance, love and care.

We will need several volunteers to provide for these families. Some of the tasks are hands-on with direct contact with the families are others are behind the scenes. Both are essential to make this program work! We will need:

- Dinner each evening – we will get suggestions from the families about 2 weeks ahead
- Early evening help – serve dinner and cleanup – 6-8:30 PM.
- Overnight help – 2 people per night from 8:30 PM to 6 AM (children welcome)
- Set up and take down volunteers – 4 for each
- Food donations – packable breakfast and lunch items
- Food and necessity shopping – packable items, baby items if needed etc.
- Supplies for bedrooms – loan items you have or donate. See our list.

Two weeks before our assigned week, we will be provided with the number of persons who will be staying for the week. Salford will provide blow up mattresses, sheets, towels, and portacribs or pack-n-plays if needed. Beth Styer will be arranging for these and may need donations to be used for the week.

See Cindy Scheetz, Beth Styer, Carolynn Boyd, or Tori Jones Long with any questions. Visit the Family Promise table before or after worship on May 4 or May 11 and be part of this wonderful opportunity to serve some homeless families.

## 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

**Celebrating the Life of Roy Musselman:** On **Saturday evening, May 10th**, there will be a service at Salford to honor Roy Musselman's life. There will be a light meal available in the Fellowship Hall from 5-7 PM. You can greet the family in the Foyer at this time. The service of scripture, song, and sharing will begin at 7 and will be live-streamed on the Salford YouTube channel:

[https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=salford+mennonite+church](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=salford+mennonite+church)

**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 ***the Musselman family*** who lost Roy this week. Pray for Annie, Michelle and Rick, Corey and Kim and the grandchildren as they spend time remembering Roy and planning the service. Pray for peace and good family time together.
- For ***John Detwiler*** who is experiencing increasing pain and weakness from late-stage pancreatic cancer. Pray for comfort and peace for John and his wife Kathy.
- All Mosaic Congregations are invited to pray for ***Brent Camilleri***, Associate Pastor at Deep Run East Mennonite (Perkasie, PA), who was diagnosed with a rare form of appendix cancer this winter. Please pray for Brent, his family and for their congregation.

## 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 25, 2025. Please contact the MEP team (Ron Freed, Meredith Ehst or Pastor Andrew Zetts) if you have questions about MEP participation.

**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.

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! Call Carolyn Boyd at 610-489-9084 with any questions.

**Salford Wood Carving Club:** We will meet again on **May 19<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7 PM** in the Fellowship Hall (or outside depending on weather). 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!

### **Service & Mission**

Donation of the Month for May – **Access Services Street Outreach**

**ITEMS NEEDED: Warm weather sleeping bags, small/portable tents, bug spray and sunscreen, \$10 Wawa or McDonald's food gift cards.**

You can also purchase items from Access Services' [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 – This week there was a whirl wind of activity in the garden. Last Thursday our neighbor Galen Knechel cultivated the bottom end of the garden, Tuesday Vernon Martin used Sandy Alderfer's tractor and rototiller and tilled the bottom end, (Big thank you to Vernon and Sandy) Wednesday evening Jamie Welby (from the Freed farm in Morwood) came down and we laid down the plastic mulch and drip line. Steve did not do a very good job of estimating how much plastic mulch he had on hand. With two rows left to lay down we ran out of plastic. Luckily Jamie had a partial roll at his farm. Today (Thursday), I rototilled in between the plastic rows to flatten out the soil. Straw was delivered and Royce Yoder dropped off a sizable amount of cardboard. (thank you Royce). Saturday, we cover the aisles with cardboard and straw for weed control, and it just really looks nice! Last Saturday was a wet one, but there was a hardy crew on hand as we weeded and freshened up some of the walkways in between the raised beds. Walking through the garden I was amazed to see our potatoes have popped! WOW the red potatoes have pushed through and few Yukon Golds. The lettuce continues to die off as I just can't water it enough, we had the same issue last year. The beets have

sprouted, and few carrots have pushed up through. The cabbage and broccoli look great so far. Saturday May 10 is the first planting for summer. We will plant each Saturday after, until Memorial Day weekend.

Thank you to everyone who worked really hard this past week to help make as much progress as we did. Please remember Jamie and Nancy Welby this summer. They have a small produce/flower stand on their farm and have been big supporters of our garden. The garden is a great place, but it is the people who make it great!

## **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.

## **Accessibility Spotlight**

***The Salford Accessibility Ministry Team exists to facilitate and resource an environment of inclusion and belonging among diverse needs, particularly for people who are disabled and neurodiverse.***

Since our commissioning to ministry, our team has been hard at work. Some of the things we've done over the past year include:

- We became an ADN (Anabaptist Disabilities Network) Partnering congregation
- We led a 4-week Second Hour series on Disability Justice supported by the book "My Body is Not a Prayer Request" by Amy Kenny
- Our team member Jenn co-facilitated a conference-wide ADN Family Workshop for resourcing and networking in January 2024.
- Our team member Laura wrote an article published in *Anabaptist World*, "Digging Through the Roof."
- We are working with the Trustee team on some facility needs related to accessibility including doors, signage and parking.
- Our team member Joe worked with the Hilltop class and Justice & Peace team on "Be Transformed" cards as a fundraiser to support a school for disabled children in Ukraine.
- We applied for and received a \$500 ADN grant to help cover the cost of Braille restroom signage at Salford.
- We secured an ASL interpreter for our Children's Christmas program service.
- We facilitated the ADN table at the Mosaic Conference Fall Assembly.

### **We are looking forward to a lot more, too, including:**

- A Second Hour series on Mental Health awareness (stay tuned for more information!)
- Sermon on Disability justice in summer 2025.
- Continued work on more accessible facilities.

If you are interested in joining our team or have suggestions for ways that Salford might be more accessible, please contact Laura Alderfer (team chair) or any of our team members.

## **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**

**Community Prayer Night on Sunday, May 4 at 7:00 p.m.** at **Zion Mennonite Church** (149 East Cherry Lane, Souderton, PA 18964). You are invited to join in the first monthly prayer service as we seek peace in a chaotic world. We'll gather to pray for those impacted by actions beyond their control. As we ask our all-powerful God to provide hope for fearful hearts, we'll share God's love for us and our neighbors through singing, prayer, and communion. All are welcome. Watch for additional Community Night of Prayer dates.

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

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| - 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!