



May 11, 2025

Sunday, May 11, 2025
9:30 a.m. Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live, Andrew Zetts and Tori Jones Long preaching on Luke 10: 1-12

10:45 am Second Hour

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

May 4 Offering
Offering - \$7,100
ACH - \$7,475
Vanco - \$2,385

Total Budget Offering
\$16,960

Children's Offering: \$50

This Week at Salford

Wed., May 14
6:30-8:00 PM, Banned and Challenged Book Club, Library

Future Salford Events

May 18 – Dock Touring Choir

May 21 – Faith Formation Night

June 1 – Potluck Brunch Farewell for Pastor Dave & Anita

Throughout Scripture, there are many names and concepts for God's dream for the world: shalom, Kingdom of God, peace. In all of these things, we find that God longs for the presence of healthy, loving, and just relationships between God, humans, and Creation. While God's dream for the world is beautiful, it can easily become a set of abstract ideas. Things like generosity, selflessness, and righteousness, can remain concepts that live in the mind but don't actually show up in the world and relationships around us.

This Sunday, the Justice and Peace Team will lead the service to help the congregation think about some of these topics. Pastor Andrew and Tori Jones Long will discuss a new Justice and Peace project they want to invite the entire congregation to participate in. We know what God's dream is for the world, but what might God's dream be for Salford's particular community? How might justice and peace characterize every loving interaction we have with the people and places we encounter on a daily basis instead of being concepts and theories? In the sermon, we will explore these questions by focusing on taking time to take notice and being curious, rather than getting to work right away. We pray that if we take time to discern the movement of the Spirit we might better know where God is calling us to be.

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!

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

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.

Farewell Bruncheon for Pastor Dave and Anita

As we know, Dave's last day with us is June 1st. That morning, we will celebrate after Second Hour with an all church "Bruncheon" pot luck meal. Stay tuned for more details, including the kinds of food we'll need you to bring that day. You can also plan to express appreciation for Dave and Anita at that time either with a card for the Card Basket or perhaps a thought or question for the Greisers at a brief open mic time during the Bruncheon. Mark your calendars and fire up your crock pots!

Audrey's Children Movie Fundraiser Update

It was inspiring to witness so many talented individuals bring Dr. Audrey Evans' story to life, and Aisling Shelly feels incredibly fortunate to have contributed to this project. Inspired by the film's message, she wanted to organize a fundraising effort to support a cause aligned with Dr. Evans' remarkable work. We are thrilled to offer this opportunity to raise funds for Ronald McDonald House Charities and share the inspiring story of Audrey's Children with our community!

Join us on **Wednesday, May 14th, at 6:30 p.m.** at **The Broad Theater in Souderton** for a special screening of Audrey's Children. The writer and producer, Julia Fisher Farbman, will be there for a Q&A after the film! All ticket proceeds will go to Ronald McDonald House Charities.

This is a great opportunity to learn about a remarkable woman and support Dr. Audrey Evans' vision. We hope members of Salford are able to attend. Please contact the Shelly Family with any questions.

Ticket link: www.tinyurl.com/acTicketLink

Faith Formation Night – Wednesday, May 21st, 5:30-8 PM

Join us for our monthly Faith Formation Night! Faith Formation Nights are for people of all ages, with childcare is available for children in kindergarten and younger. The intention is to help us synchronize our schedules once a month so we can meaningfully connect with each other and nurture our growing faith.

You do not need to be a parent to attend this event! We cherish our opportunities like this to connect intergenerationally.

5:30-6:15 P.M.: Dinner

6:15-6:30 P.M.: Worship

6:30-8:00 P.M.: Age-specific programs

Kids Club: A space for 1st-5th graders to have a fun time exploring various themes and stories from Scripture through crafts, games, and a variety of activities.

Junior MYF and Senior MYF: A gathering of 6th through 12th graders that connects for games, conversation, and reflection to provide mutual support and foster spiritual growth. This month we'll keep working on cleaning, organizing, and building furniture in the schoolhouse.

Adults: This month, Cassy Zetts will lead the adult session. She will share and explore ideas Meredith Miller writes about in her book, *Woven: Nurturing a Faith Your Kid Doesn't Have to Heal From*. Cassy will connect these ideas to her faith and parenting journey as well as lead discussion groups. Participants do not need to read the book ahead of time, but all are welcome to do so. A copy of *Woven* will be available in the church library. **RSVP by May 19.**

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.

Volunteers Needed for Family Promise

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

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.

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) and she can share more!

Our Church Family

Salford friends at Souderton Mennonite Homes: Please join us for our monthly gathering on Monday, May 12th. We'll sing and share communion together with Dave.

Cecelia Osowski and Kris Williamson are expecting a new little one this month and then are moving on **May 31st**. With so much going on, they could use some help with the move. If anyone is interested in helping out, please contact Kris at 717-598-5946 so he can make sure everyone is coordinated on the day of the move.

Salford Women had a great Spring Season. Don't miss out on what is coming up for summer! Pastor Karen is forming an email list to keep you informed - reach out if you want to be on the list! Stay tuned for some outdoor fun in the next few months...

Prayer Concerns

- For ***John and Kathy Detweiler and their family.*** John is on hospice and is dealing with weakness and pain. Pray for the whole family as they come together and for rest and peace at this time.
- All Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for the Mosaic Conference executive team as they continue dialogue with Mennonite Church USA about healthy ministry partnerships. The moderators meet with the Constituency Leadership Council on May 9-10, and the Mosaic Conference Board meets in Florida City, FL May 16-18.

News & Notes

Dock Touring Choir: Dock's Touring Choir will be at Salford on **May 18th**. Our very own **Seth Alderfer, Lela Martin, and Lydia Ehst** are singing! This year's theme, Lord I Believe, is taken from Mark 9. Our program includes choral standards such as Stephen Paulus' Pilgrims' Hymn and Jack Halloran's Witness. Other composers include Shawn Kirchner, Kyle Pederson, and Rosephanye Powell. We are also thrilled to include two tunes written by Greg Yoder and members of the Walking Roots band! We look forward to worshipping together at Salford Mennonite!

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) for more information.

The next **Banned and Challenged Book Group** meeting is on **May 14th 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.

Salford Wood Carving Club: We will meet again on **May 19th 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
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 we finally saw a little rain. The rain gauge at the garden showed 1¾ inches of rain this week. I'll take it! Last Saturday a small but efficient crew laid down our cardboard and straw in the aisles between the plastic rows. We were not able to finish all 12 rows, we ran out of clean cardboard but after a quick delivery of cardboard by Royce Yoder on Monday, Steve GM and I were able to finish off the job. The garden looks great. Really spiffy! I was able to hook up the drip lines on all 12 rows. This Saturday is the biggest planting day of the year; tomatoes, cucumbers, eggplant, and zucchini are on the menu to be planted. The tomatoes will be a mix of beef steak (red and orange); cherry (red and gold); and two types of plum/paste. Zucchini will be both green and yellow. If we have time, we could also plant string beans and lima beans. Next Saturday we will plant our pepper plants. The spring plants are really taking off! The cabbage and broccoli look great. The beets and carrots have sprouted and will soon need to be thinned. The garden had 2 extra beds available, so I planted 2 different kinds of radish. Our potatoes are all breaking through nicely. When they reach about 6 inches, we will hill them and when they reach 10 to 12 inches, we will hill them one more time. This will give the growing potatoes under the ground a lot of room to grow without poking through the soil. The 2025 season is right on schedule. Soon we will be harvesting good food for those who need it most.

Thank you to everyone who supports this mission.

Justice & Peace Spotlight

- **New Episode Of Front Light Podcast:** Don't miss [the latest episode](#) of Mennonite Action's podcast, *Front Light*, featuring Michael George — a Palestinian-American Christian and former Salford Member currently serving on the steering committees of Mennonite Action and the Mennonite Palestine Israel Network (MennoPIN). Michael helps facilitate MennoPIN's "[Twinning with Gaza](#)" initiative in which Mennonite congregations in the United States have built relationships with Palestinian-led nonprofit organizations in Gaza.
- 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.

Mosaic Conference Spotlight

Are you curious about what Anabaptism means to members of Mosaic Mennonite Conference as together we commemorate the 500th anniversary of

Anabaptism? You can see reflections on the question, “What does Anabaptism mean to me?”, including a video one from Salford’s own, Joe Landis, [here](#).

Anabaptism at 500 Spotlight

In this 500th 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! Shuttle parking available from Marcho Farms/Franconia Café. Visit 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!