



May 24, 2026

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**Sunday, May 24, 2026**  
**9:30 a.m. Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live** Pastor Andrew Zetts preaching on Acts 2: 1-21

**10:45 am Second Hour**

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

**May 17 Offering**  
Offering - \$9,740  
ACH - \$2,030  
Vanco - \$2,712

**Total Budget Offering**  
**\$14,482**

**Children's Offering: \$23**

**This Week at Salford**

**Sat., May 30**  
9 A.M-2 P.M., Blood Drive, Fellowship Hall

**Future Salford Events**

**May 31** – Installation Service for Pastor Mark Boorse

**June 14** – Pastor Wayne Goodbye Sunday/ Potluck

**June 14-18** – Peace Camp

**Upcoming Staff Travel**  
**5/31-6/6** – Pastor Andrew away  
**6/17-6/26** – Kyle Longacre away  
**6/28-7/4** – Pastor Andrew away

This Sunday, Pastor Andrew will offer a sermon based on Acts 2:1-21 which tells the story of the Holy Spirit's arrival on the Day of Pentecost. As faithful Jewish communities of different nations and languages gathered for the week-long festival of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit arrived at the annual celebration to shake things up. Some scoffed at this disorienting experience, while others responded by repenting and being baptized. Pentecost is a reminder that whatever plans we make, the Holy Spirit is ready to disrupt them. Perhaps, then, we should try to get in tune with the Spirit so that when it nudges us in a new direction, we can joyfully lay down our plans and follow its lead. The sermon will be followed by a time of sharing from members of the Justice and Peace Team as they reflect on their experiences participating in the Curiosity Project throughout the last year.

### **Salford is Hosting a Blood Drive on May 30th!**

We are excited to sponsor a blood drive on **Saturday, May 30 from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm**. It has been several years, and we're happy to get back to this important work. **If you are healthy and eligible, please come out to donate.** Most donations take about an hour, so book your appointment, roll up your sleeve and become a part of the lifesaving mission of the Red Cross. **If you don't know if you're eligible, [click here](#) to find out.**

Schedule an appointment [HERE](#).

Monica Schroeder is our Drive Coordinator. Contact her with any questions or for help scheduling an appointment - [monschro@comcast.net](mailto:monschro@comcast.net) / 215-460-3032 Monica will be available at the back of the church this Sunday to help you with appointments.

### **Food Donations Requested for Peace Camp**

Peace Camp will take place June 14-18 and so far, there are nearly 60 kids registered, over half of whom are from the community outside our congregation. This memorable week is part of the heart of who the Salford community is.

Feeding 90+ people for 5 nights is a significant undertaking, and we need lots of help to make it happen. **We invite you to bring donations of fruits, vegetables, and desserts.** There is a signup at the Welcome Center, and you can also use this Link: <https://tinyurl.com/mt99hxyy>

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)

Donations can be brought to the church kitchen by **2 pm on Sunday, June 14, or by 2pm on Tuesday, June 16** . Please contact Katie Alderfer if you have questions. Thank you for supporting Peace Camp!

## **"Peace Camp for the Rest of Us" June 14 & 18**

Curious about how to live out peace in today's world? Join us for Adult Peace Camp, a space to reflect, learn, and connect alongside the children's Peace Camp experience.

This year, the adult gathering expands to two evenings: Sunday, June 14 and Thursday, June 18, offering time to explore the same themes the children will be learning, along with teaching centered on the "Whole Gospel of Jesus" and what it means to follow a path of peace today.

Open to all, whether you're part of Salford Mennonite or connected through a camper, this is a welcoming opportunity to share conversation, engage meaningful ideas, and build community. What's included:

- Bible study and reflection
- Shared dinner at 6pm
- Interactive time (discussion, creative activities, or outdoor experiences)

Childcare is available for kids aged kindergarten and younger.

Please register by **Sunday, June 7** to help us plan for meal and childcare. Register here: <https://forms.gle/T9WoqwYsuYWreJKP9> or call the church office.

## **Summer Potlucks – Creating with Scripture**

Throughout the summer, we will gather with Plains Mennonite Church for interactive engagement with Scripture. At each gathering, an artist from one of our congregations will lead a creative project using a different art medium. The potlucks are for all ages and all skill levels. Come eat together, share stories, create, and build connections together this summer. NO special Talents Needed. In the coming weeks we will share more information about each week's featured artists and art medium.

The potlucks will take place on the following Wednesdays from 5:30-8PM:

- June 24 at Salford
- July 8 at Plains
- July 22 at Salford
- August 5 at Plains

Please bring a dish to share, your own plates, cutlery, and a water bottle. And feel free to invite a friend!

*You can send your questions or RSVP to Jenn Svetlik or Pastor Andrew.*

## Our Church Family

### Prayer Concerns

- For **Carol Menser** who is in Grand View Hospital with another case of Pneumonia. Pray for healing and that she can return home soon.
- For **Jan Landis** who had an emergency gallbladder surgery on Wednesday and is recovering at home. Pray for rest and returning strength.
- For **Mary Ann Harris** who was admitted to Grand View Hospital on Thursday with a blood clot in her lung. Pray for a quick recovery.
- We celebrate with **Melissa and Mark Heise** as they welcome a new granddaughter, Veronica Anastazja Kowalczyk, born to Rachel Heise and Derick Kowalczyk early Friday morning.
- For **Gene and Diane Kropf** and **Vernon and Linda Martin** as they prepare to travel to Paoli, IN this week to celebrate the life of Gene's sister, Janet Mullet, who passed away on April 8th. Pray for safe travels and comfort. You can read Janet's obituary [here](#).
- For **Salford's Healthy Ninos** delegation who will be in Honduras until May 30th.
- All Mosaic Conference congregations are invited to pray for the **Vibrant Discipleship class** that meets for an intensive in-person class this week in Akron, PA. Please pray for the first cohort of congregations as they complete this final class of the Vibrant Mosaic program, focused on being formed by scripture.

### News & Notes

**Church Mailbox Reorganization** – In early June church mailboxes will be reorganized. The location of your mailbox may shift slightly due to re-alphabetizing, but the general location will not change. **If you would like a church mailbox assigned to you or no longer want your current mailbox, please let Tori in the church office know.**

**Banned and Challenged Book Group** – The Banned and Challenged Book Group will meet on **Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M.** in the church library. We are reading "China Dream" by Ma Jian. CallCarolynn Boyd at 610-489-9084 with any questions.

**Volunteers Needed!** – Brad Alderfer has agreed again this year to trim the tombstones in the cemetery with the push mower on a regular basis. We are hoping to find 8 volunteers for one hour per month of string trimming to put the finishing touches on the work and keep the cemetery looking great. If you are willing to assist, please contact Kyle Longacre for details and to volunteer. Thanks!

**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 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](#).

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 June 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Justice & Peace Spotlight**

**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 5<sup>th</sup> to July 19<sup>th</sup>**. 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. Please use this link to sign up:

[SIGN UP HERE to Volunteer at Salford's Family Promise Shelter](#)

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. 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, Beth Styer or Carolyn Boyd. Thank you for joining us in this wonderful ministry!

### **Salford-Advent Garden Spotlight**

Greetings fellow gardeners – This week I was stretching hoses all over the garden trying to keep our young plants watered. Then Mother Nature gave us

a break and sent a nice rain. Last Saturday was pepper planting day - 400 bell peppers and 48 jalapenos. I must have counted my planting holes wrong because we have 19 holes left over after the planting was done HHMMMM... oh well I can find a few more to fill the gap. The next big planting will be the last Saturday in May, sweet potatoes and one more row of regular potatoes. Then we should start to harvest lettuce. I cut a few heads and gave them out to neighbors around the church. I was not expecting the lettuce to be ready this soon. They really liked being covered and just exploded. This weekend is Memorial Day weekend. The garden is in good shape so we can rest a few before the work picks up. Some of the upcoming jobs include hilling and covering our spring potatoes and caging the tomatoes and peppers. There still is one half row that needs straw and cardboard and of course harvesting and weeding. The string beans and radishes have sprouted and with this rain they will really shoot up.

Thank you to everyone who helps with this mission. We wish Pastor Mark a great time of reflection and relaxation as he is on sabbatical. (I think he timed it, so he did not have to pick string beans.)

### **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>