



May 31, 2026

Sunday, May 31, 2026
9:30 a.m. Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live Installation of Lead Pastor Mark Boorse, Pastor Wayne Nitzsche preaching on 1 Thessalonians 2: 1-12

10:45 am Second Hour

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

May 21 Offering
Offering - \$13,047
ACH - \$2,030
Vanco - \$2,748

Total Budget Offering
\$17,825

Children's Offering: \$37

This Week at Salford

Wed., June 3
8:30-1:00 Sewing Circle, Gathering Room

Future Salford Events

June 14 – Summer schedule beings. Worship at 10 AM, No Second Hour.

Pastor Wayne Goodbye Sunday/ Potluck

June 14-18 – Peace Camp

Upcoming Staff Travel
6/1-6/6 – Pastor Andrew away

This Sunday, we will celebrate the licensing of Mark Boorse in his new role as Lead Pastor at Salford. Mark will be licensed for ministry through Mosaic Conference. We'll hear a message from Wayne Nitzsche, reflections from Mark, and our Conference Minister, Steve Kriss, will be with us. Join us as we commission Mark for his ministry at Salford.

Potluck for Pastor Wayne on June 14

Wayne has been our Bridge Pastor for nearly a year, and Salford has become quite fond of him. On Sunday June 14th we will officially release and bless Wayne in the service and celebrate together with a potluck immediately following. **Please note: June 14th is the first Sunday of our summer schedule. Worship will begin at 10 A.M. and there is no Second Hour.** (Worship at 9:30 A.M. resumes on September 13.)

This will be a true potluck, with no dishes being prepared by the kitchen. We ask that last names beginning with A-H to bring main dishes, I-P bring salads (all kinds) and veggies, and Q-Z bring fruit or bread, chips, etc. Dessert will be provided. ****extra points if you make a recipe from the Salford Cookbook or More with Less****

Please also bring your place settings for the table. Your dishes can be brought to the kitchen prior to worship. **Please bring your food READY TO SERVE, no last-minute prep, heating, etc. unless you are planning to do it yourself. Please mark your dishes and serving utensils with your name.**

Pastor Andrew's Summer Schedule

In 2025, Salford's Church Board approved a reduction in Pastor Andrew's employment status from 100% FTE to 90% FTE with the 10% difference concentrated in the summer months. He will leave for a time of study at Anabaptist Mennonite Seminary from June 1-6, and soon after his return the reduction in time will take effect on **June 8**. This change will last through the summer and end on **August 31**.

You will still see plenty of Pastor Andrew over the summer. He will lead a Senior MYF service trip, lead music on Sundays, connect with youth and committees, preach, and more. The main difference is that his hours will be reduced and much of his non-Sunday work will be done outside Salford's offices. He is planning to tend to phone calls, texts, and emails he receives,

6/17-6/26 – Kyle Longacre
away

6/28-7/4 – Pastor Andrew
away

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prayer requests for our
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them to the church office
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on **Tuesdays and Fridays**. If you need to contact him, those are good days to reach out to him.

Pastor Andrew is grateful for Salford's flexibility in allowing for this change in employment status. It is a great opportunity for him to spend more time with his family over the summer months.

Second Hour Sessions with Conference Affiliation Working Group

The Conference Affiliation Working Group, consisting of Mark Heise, Hank Landes, Joanne Speigle, Julie Wimmer and Andrew Zetts, has been working to explore options for conference affiliation, given the vote at the November 2025 Mosaic Mennonite Assembly to withdraw from Mennonite Church USA (MC USA).

We will be meeting with Second Hour classes during the Sundays from May 31 to June 21, plus an additional Zoom session to provide an opportunity for those unable to attend any of the Second Hour sessions. The objectives of these meetings will be to provide background information and education, and to provide an opportunity for congregational input, discussion and questions.

The planned schedule is as follows:

- Sunday, May 31: Friendship Class
- Sunday, June 7: two separate sessions
 - Foundations Class
 - Emmaus Road Class
- Wednesday, June 10, 7:00pm: Zoom session, <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82254574390>
- Sunday, June 21: Gospel Herald + Ambassadors Classes (combined) – note, this is a special session as there will not be regular Second Hour classes on this date

Please join us for one of these sessions!

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/mt99hxxy>

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!

Salford Senior Speeches at Dock Mennonite Academy

Come out and support our Dock graduates this week who are presenting their senior speeches.

- Lydia Ehst, **Tuesday, June 2 at 7:30 P.M.**, in the high school Theater
- Cal Hackett, **Wednesday, June 3 at 3:30 P.M.**, in the high school Chapel

Children's Offering Consensus Decision Made by Elementary Schoolers

In May, the elementary Sunday School classes decided by consensus where to give the children's offering that has been collected over the past year. They learned about the work of Mennonite Central Committee in Palestine, Iraq, and Lebanon; the Mosaic Conference-Related Ministry Midian Leadership Project in Charleston WV; and the Prometheus School for children with disabilities in Zaporizhzhia, Ukraine.

The 1st-5th graders discussed which group should receive the offering. There were different opinions and sometimes disagreements. In the end, they agreed that **\$1200 would go to MCC Palestine, Lebanon, and Iraq; and \$550 would go to Midian Leadership Project; and \$550 would go to the Prometheus School.**

Earlier this year, we were able to send **\$543 in coins to MCC's My Coins Count.** Thank you, Salford family, for your support of the children's offering!

"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 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.*

Salford Pavilion Report

In May 1980, the Master Planning Worksheet for Salford Mennonite Church identified several goals for our growth, including the construction of a pavilion. This space was envisioned as a hub for family reunions and fellowship, with recommendations for a kitchen, fireplace, storage, and restrooms.

Now more than 40 years later, in 2024, the Salford Board presented pavilion plans to the congregation. The project received an overwhelming 95% approval in November 2024. After navigating the township process throughout 2025, we are thrilled to see this vision finally coming to life in 2026.

This pavilion will serve as an expanding space for Salford's mission of welcome, worship, learning, and accessibility for people of all ages. We extend our sincere gratitude to the committee members who have guided this project: Brad Alderfer, Marvin Anders, Angela Benner, Donna Derstine, George Gaugler, Dale Frankenfield, Deanne Frankenfield, Gene Kropf, Larry Landes, Tori Long, Linda Martin, Willis Miller, and Margaret Zook.

We welcome your donations, conversations, and visits as we complete this project.

Our Church Family

Friends at Souderton Mennonite Homes, please join us for our monthly gathering on **June 8th from 7-8 P.M.** in the Friendship Room. We'll share scripture, songs, and fellowship. Call Karen with questions.

Prayer Concerns

- For **Mary Lou Kratz** who is 95 and broke her hip. She is a very good friend of the Scheetz' Pray for a quick recovery.
- For **Mary Ann Harris** as she recovers at home following a recent hospitalization for a blood clot. Pray for continued healing for Mary Ann and for her team of caregivers.
- For **Millie Alderfer** who will begin a series of 15 radiation treatments this Tuesday June 2nd.
- We pray for our **Salford graduates** and their families as they celebrate and look into the future.
- All Mosaic Conference congregations are invited to pray for **Doylestown (PA) Mennonite** as they continue their pastoral search process. Lift up the congregation, its leaders, and pray that God is preparing the person God has called to serve among them.

News & Notes

Sewing Circle will meet on **Wednesday, June 3rd from 8:30-1:00** in the Gathering Room. Stop in for as long as you want! All are welcome.

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 10th 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.

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 Medicine**

ITEMS NEEDED: Bug Spray, Band-Aids, Sunscreen, Neosporin, Skeeter Stick/Stingez, Travel Ibuprofen/Tylenol, Travel Wipes, Snack pack M&Ms, Hand Sanitizer, Cooling Towels

Salford's Senior MYF will take these supplies with them on their summer service trip in July as they learn more about housing insecurity in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. The team will spend time working with Access Service's Street Outreach and Medicine Teams and will pack the first aid kits while on their trip.

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 30th.

Salford-Advent Garden Spotlight

Greetings fellow gardeners – Last Saturday we took a few days off for the holiday. This week I've been weeding, weeding and more weeding. Steve GM helped me out too. The much-needed rain we received did wonders for the veggies but also the weeds. I did not have to water at all this week. Thank you, mother nature. The rain really soaked the garden, but the lower end is now soft and swampy. I weeded the row we want to plant our fall potatoes in, hoping the sun and breeze will dry the row out a little. Besides a new row of potatoes, we will plant 100 sweet potato slips, 3 different kinds. Lima beans are going in next to the sweets. We will harvest the lettuce and maybe get some tomato cages set. I have a few flowers that can go in the ground too. After this week its WWW- Weed, Water and Wait. Broccoli will more than likely be the next to show up. All seems to be going well so far. We shall see. Thank you to everyone who takes time out of your busy schedule to help out in the garden.

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>