Salford News

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Salford Mennonite Church

October 18, 2026

Sunday, Oct. 18, 2026
9:30 a.m. Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live Pastor Andrew preaching on John 5:1-15

10:45 am Second Hour

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

Oct. 11 Offering
Offering - $4,990
ACH - $1,980
Vanco - $744

Total Budget Offering $7,714

Children's Offering: $29

This Week at Salford

Tues., Oct. 20
7 P.M. Church Board Meeting, Friendship Room

Wed., Oct. 21
6:30 P.M. Kids Club, Gathering Room

Future Salford Events

Oct. 23-24 – Harvest Service and Salford Campout

Nov. 8 – Fall Congregational Business Meeting

Nov. 14 – Fall Church Workday

This Sunday, Pastor Andrew will offer a sermon based on John 5:1-15 which tells the story of Jesus and the man at the Bethsaida pool. In this encounter, and the following interaction between the man and the religious authorities, we see Jesus offer a glimpse of what healing might look like in the reign of God. Jesus not only offers healing for the issues presented in the story—the man who had been sick for 38 years or a misunderstanding of the Sabbath—but he also reveals a more complex kind of healing he has come to offer. As we consider the kind of healing we see in this Scripture passage, what might Jesus' words to the man at the pool--"Do you want to get well?"--prompt in us?

Last Chance to Register for Harvest Service and Salford Campout – October 23-24

Join us in the Salford pavilion for a short service to thank God for this year's harvest and enjoy a meal that will include vegetables from Salford's garden. All are invited to stay after dinner for a night of fellowship that will include games and activities. Participants are encouraged to set up a tent in the field next to the pavilion or park their camper in the adjacent parking lot.

Register using this link.

Schedule

- 5:00-6:00 P.M.: Arrival and tent/camper set up
- 6:00-7:00 P.M.: Dinner
- 7:00-7:30 P.M.: Harvest Service
- 7:30 P.M.-7:00 A.M.: Campout
- 7:00-8:00 A.M.: Pancakes in the pavilion

Finance Update for Salford Mennonite Church

For the remainder of 2026, we will present a regular update of our financial situation.

- We have received $624,884 in offering and income over the first nine and half months of the year, with a 2026 expense budget of $900,615. We have received 69% of the income needed for 2026 in these first nine and half months (78%) of the year.

- To cover projected 2026 expenses, we need an average weekly offering of $17,320 from January through December.

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

- The average weekly offering received so far for January through mid-October (41 weeks): $ 15,241

- We will need an average of $ 25,066 in weekly offering for the remainder of the year to cover our expected expenses.

Announcement about Salford Choir

We are happy to announce that Emily Grimes will be directing the Salford Choir this Advent/Christmas season. Emily served as the Choir Director at Dock Mennonite Academy and attended Salford for some time several years ago. She currently lives in Lancaster, Pa, and is looking forward to this opportunity to return and work with the choir!

Because of Emily's travel distance, our rehearsal schedule will be:

- Sunday, Nov. 1, 1:30-2:30pm
- Sunday, Nov. 15, 2-3pm
- Sunday, Nov. 29, 2-3pm
- Sunday, Dec. 6, 1:30-2:30pm
- Sunday, Dec. 13, 2-3pm
- Saturday, Dec. 19, 2-3pm "Dress" Rehearsal (if needed)
- Sunday morning, Dec. 20 before worship service

There will be one performance which will be on Sunday, December 20 during the worship service. (Please note that the choir will not be singing on Christmas Eve this year).

If you are interested in being a part of this year's choir, please contact Pastor Laura by email (alderferl@salfordmc.org).

Dinner Yahtzee on Saturday, November 7!

Who: Anyone who identifies as female, 18 and up
What: Fun evening of dinner with 4 other women. Get to meet some new friends or get to know some old friends better.
When: Saturday November 7th, at 4:30 P.M.
Where: Meet in the church foyer and then go to an area restaurant of your choice.
How: When you arrive you will write your name on a slip of paper that will be put in a bowl. Once everyone arrives dinner groups will be formed by drawing 5 names from the bowl at random. The group of 5 will designate a driver and chose where they would like to go eat dinner together. *This is a great event to bring someone new to Salford. If you bring a friend you may include them on your slip so you may be together in a group.* There will be a chosen time to return to church so groups can report on their dining experiences.

No need to RSVP. Cindy Moyer is the point person if you have questions.

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

- For ***Monica Schroeder*** who came home from rehab late last week. Pray for Monica's recovery, that her energy and strength continue to increase, and that she experiences God's peace and presence throughout the transition home and into this next chapter.

- Please pray for ***Iglesia Menonita Casa de Oración*** in García, Nuevo León, Mexico, as they are welcomed as a new member congregation of Mosaic at the Fall Assembly. Pray for their continued growth in discipleship and peacebuilding; for strength as they serve neighbors facing hardship and violence; and that God would bless their witness and bring many to new life in Christ.

News & Notes

Banned and Challenged Book Group- The Banned and Challenged Book Group will meet **on Wednesday, November 11th** at 6:30 P.M. in the church library. We are reading "The Color Purple" by Alice Walker. Call Carolynn Boyd at 610-489-9084 with any questions.

Service & Mission

The Donation of the Month for October – **Keystone Opportunity Center**

Hygiene and Cleaning Products Needed: Laundry and dish soap, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Wash, Bar Soap, Period Products, etc.

Some items collected this month are not covered by SNAP, therefore, Keystone community shoppers are always happy to find these items stocked in the Keystone Pantry.

Donations can be placed 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 October 31st.

Faith Formation Spotlight

Weekly Faith at Home Practices for Families

Song of Wonder: Psalm 139

Read: pp. 88-89 in The Peace Table or from another bible. The psalmist wrote, "I praise you, for I am made

in a wonderful way." Name something wonderful that you can do.

Talk: Share three things that make each family member special. How does it feel to know God knows everything about you and loves you?

Pray: As you touch each finger of one hand, thank God for different body parts and something that body part can do. For example, "Thank you for my fingers that can write and draw."
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Attention parents of children in grades 1-5: Salford Kids' Club is just around the corner! Our first meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 21 from 6:30-8:00**. We meet once each month, October through May, in the Gathering Room upstairs, above the foyer. Kids' Club provides a safe space for kids to spend time together connecting, learning, and having fun. This year's unit is **"12 Names for Jesus"**, and each session has games, a Bible story, a craft, a connecting story, and snacks, of course!

This year's Kids Club leaders are Melissa Heise, Donna Barndt, Sally Derstine, and Cassy Zetts. (Diane Good, Jenn Svetlik, and Sheldon Good sometimes fill in as subs.)

Please contact Melissa Heise with any questions about Kids' Club at MelissaRHeise5@gmail.com

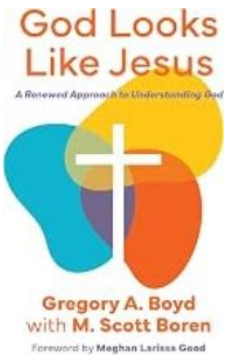
Salford-Advent Garden Spotlight

Greeting fellow gardeners – This past week I was able to put in a lot of good work hours in the garden. All the tomato plants plus weeds are pulled. The next step is cleaning and stacking the cages. Cabbage is coming in thick right now. We will harvest a very large amount over the next 3 weeks. Broccoli is coming in very steady too; I have to check the plants every day to make sure none have started to bolt (go to seed). The late season cauliflower is taking its good old time forming heads. Not quite sure when they will arrive. String beans may have 1 or 2 more pickings before they are done. I believe as soon as the cabbage is completely harvested, we will close up as much of the garden as we can. The late cauliflower can still be harvested even as late as Thanksgiving if the plants are healthy. When the plants are all harvested and the garden put to sleep, I will add up the totals for each veggie and have a grand total to share. Always a highly anticipated e-mail.

Thank you to everyone who helped out this past Saturday and during the week. The 2026 season has been a real winner in both the amount of produce harvested and the volunteers who helped make it happen.

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



Good Looks Like Jesus: A Renewed Approach to Understanding God

By: Gregory A. Boyd with M. Scott Boren

A grassroots global movement has people rediscovering a Jesus- looking God who is raising up a Jesus-looking people to transform the world in a unique, Jesus kind of way.

In this accessible introduction to understanding the character of God, author Gregory A. Boyd, with M. Scott Boren, lays out the radical truth at the heart of this movement: the conviction that God looks like Jesus. In other words, in the life, ministry, and sacrificial death of Jesus Christ, we see the embodiment of God's very essence—a love that is humble, other-oriented, and self-sacrificial. This truth is the heart of the gospel. If we consider it deeply and live it out consistently, this truth carries the power to transform individuals, the church, and the world.

Open these pages to encounter the freedom of a God who looks like Jesus and join a larger movement of the Spirit to reignite the church with Christ at its center.