Salford News

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Salford Mennonite Church

October 25, 2026

Sunday, Oct. 25, 2026 9:30 a.m. Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live Pastor Mark preaching on Mark 10: 13-16

10:45 am Second Hour

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

Oct. 18 Offering
Offering - $9,151
ACH - $1,980
Vanco - $4,675

Total Budget Offering $15,806

Children's Offering: $26

Thurs., Oct. 29
7:00 P.M., 2027 Salford Budget Q&A, Zoom

Future Salford Events

Nov. 8 – Fall Congregational Business Meeting

Nov. 14 – Fall Church Workday

Nov. 22 – Pastor Andrew's Ordination and Potluck

This week we are continuing to look at how our lives fit into God's big story; how he wants us to come to him as children. As we locate ourselves in the story, we can relate to the children, the parents, and the disciples in their interactions with each other and Jesus. And Jesus' message to each of them, and all of us is the same. We are, each of us, welcome, because we belong, and we are, each of us, called to follow Him as disciples.

Service Second Hour on Sunday, October 25

Throughout the year, Salford's Senior MYF will be hosting a Service Second Hour the fourth Sunday of every month. Anyone is welcome to participate in this intergenerational Second Hour as we engage in service as a spiritual practice in our formation as disciples. This week, on October 25, our service project will be working in the Salford-Advent Garden, so bring a change of shoes or clothes for after the service. If you're interested in participating, please let Pastor Andrew (zettsa@salfordmc.org) know ahead of time so we can prepare for an accurate number of participants.

2027 Salford Church Budget and Fall Congregational Meeting

Congregational Meeting Packets for the **November 8** fall congregational meeting have been placed in church mailboxes, with extra copies at the Welcome Center for those who don't have a mailbox. Please review the packet in preparation for the meeting and bring the packet with you to the meeting to provide the requested affirmations.

A Budget Questions & Answers Zoom meeting will be held on **Thursday, October 29th at 7:00 P.M.** You can join the meeting using this link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88991732244. Questions can also be directed to Tori Jones Long (Church Administrator) and Mark Heise (Church Board Chair).

All-Church Workday with the Trustees Saturday, Nov. 14

Help maintain and beautify our grounds. Come and go as you can from 8am-12pm. **RSVP to Linda Martin** or one of the trustees: Allen Kaczor, George Gaugler, Gene Kropf, Mike Bartholomew, Nathan Hassler-Brooks, Luke Martin, and Zach Jones Long.

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

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.

First Faith Formation Night of the School Year, Wednesday, November 18

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 (this month's meal is chicken tacos)
- 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, Senior MYF, and Adults: 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 play games and start our community engagement project as we try to build a permanent Gaga pit next to the Pavilion.

Adults: This month Joan King will lead a session called "Catching Our Stories". As we learn and walk together in God's story, catching and sharing our own stories helps us grow together and learn from each other. We all are born storytellers and in us live a myriad of stories – fun stories, experience stories, faith stories. This time together will be a low pressure (maybe even fun) chance to try out some story catching and story sharing.

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

- For ***Jennifer Gorman*** who is in the ICU at St. Luke's Upper Bucks. She was scheduled for heart surgery in November, which has been postponed. She has been on a ventilator and has been retaining fluids, which the current course of treatment is seeking to address. Pray for healing for Jennifer, for peace and strength for the whole family, and for wisdom and skill for the medical team.

- For ***Rachel Jones****,* Tori Jones Long's mom, who is scheduled for a heart procedure on Wednesday (Oct. 28). Pray for peace as she waits and for a successful procedure that helps to restore her health.

- For ***Hope Chapel*** in Temecula, CA, as they are welcomed as a new member congregation of Mosaic at the Fall Assembly. Pray for their continued spiritual growth, sense of unity, and opportunity to connect meaningfully with their broader community.

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

Abram and Sarai: Genesis 12:1-9

Read: pp. 26-27 in *The Peace Table* or from another bible. Imagine what it was like for Abram and Sarai to pack up everything and travel to a new home.

Talk: Imagine packing your belongings to move to a new city or town. What would you miss about your home if you had to move?

Pray: Loving God, thank you for being with us wherever we go. Amen.

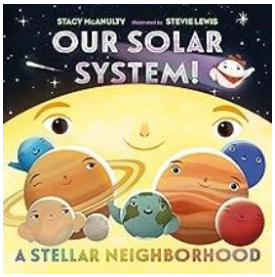
Church Library Spotlight

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

Goodbye Summer, Hello Autumn
By: Kenard Pak

As trees sway in the cool breeze, blue jays head south, and leaves change their colors, everyone knows--autumn is on its way!

Join a young girl as she takes a walk through forest and town, greeting all the signs of the coming season. In a series of conversations with every flower and creature and gust of wind, she says good-bye to summer and welcomes autumn.



Our Solar System!: A Stellar Neighborhood
By: Stacy McAnulty

Yee-haw! Strap in for one wild ride through our very own Solar System, guided by space-travelin' buckaroo Comet himself, while you travel around meeting one impressive star, 8 unique planets, a handful of dwarf planets, and a bonanza of moons, asteroids, and comets…

With characteristic humor and charm, Stacy McAnulty channels the voice of Comet in this next celestial "autobiography" in the Our Universe series. Rich with kid-friendly facts and beautifully brought to life by Stevie Lewis, this is an equally charming and irresistible companion to the other books in this series, like Earth! My First 4.54 Billion Years and Sun! One in a Billion.