Salford News

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Salford Mennonite Church

November 1, 2026

Sunday, Nov. 1, 2026 9:30 a.m. Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live Pastor Andrew preaching on Psalm 23:1-4 and John 10:11-18

10:45 am Second Hour

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

Oct. 25 Offering
Offering - $3,727
ACH - $1,880
Vanco - $1,746

Total Budget Offering $7,353

Children's Offering: $27

This Week at Salford

Sunday, Nov. 1
1:30-2:30 P.M., Choir, Sanctuary

Wed., Nov. 4
8:30- 1, Sewing Circle, Gathering Room

Future Salford Events

Nov. 8 – Fall Congregational Business Meeting

Nov. 14 – Fall Church Workday

Nov. 22 – Pastor Andrew's Ordination and Potluck

Nov. 25 – Joint Thanksgiving Eve Service

This Sunday, Pastor Andrew will offer a sermon based on Psalm 23:1-4 and John 10:11-18, which give us the image of God as our shepherd. This shepherd image conjures up different thoughts and feelings– of God gently leading us to the restful waters we need and of Jesus selflessly laying down his life for the flock. The sermon will explore these dimensions and have us consider, what if the shepherd is leading us to different places? Some of us may be in a season of life where we need God to lead us to rest, others might be in a season where they are being called to service and self-sacrifice. The more we know the shepherd, perhaps we will be able to better recognize where the shepherd's voice is calling us to go.

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.

Finance Update for Salford Mennonite Church

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

- We have received $648,194 in offering and income over the first ten months of the year, with a 2026 expense budget of $900,615. We have received 72% of the income needed for 2026 in these ten months (83%) of the year.
- To cover projected 2026 expenses, we need an average weekly offering of $17,320 from January through December.
- The average weekly offering received so far for January through October (43 weeks): $15,074.
- We will need an average of $28,046 in weekly offering for the remainder of the year to cover our expected expenses.

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

at Advent Lutheran

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

Gaugler, Gene Kropf, Mike Bartholomew, Nathan Hassler-Brooks, Luke Martin, and Zach Jones Long.

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.

Witting Tree Memorial Sunday, Nov. 15

Join with others to bear witness to veteran suicide on Sunday November 15th after Second Hour. Glen and Mary Miller will lead us. We will meet near the pastors' parking area to hang dog tags on "The Witting Tree".

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.

Salford-Advent Joint Thanksgiving Eve Worship, November 25 at 7PM

Advent will host the annual gathering of the Salford Mennonite and Advent Lutheran congregations this year as we once again give thanks together in worship and fellowship. The service, using Holden Evening Prayer, will be hosted at Advent Lutheran Church on **Wednesday November 25th, at 7 P.M.** All are invited to join in worship and thanksgiving.

This year is the 20th anniversary of the Salford/Advent Community Garden, and that will be a theme in our worship with members from each congregation providing the reflection. Lora Drenth (from Advent) will speak about the garden pointing to God's good creation, and Steve Blank (from Salford) will talk about the way the garden provides healthy food to people who need it.

Worshipers are invited to bring offerings of food, and/or money to support the work of Keystone Opportunity Center in Souderton (Click HERE for helpful items). Following worship, people are invited to join in fellowship with refreshments and conversation.

Our Church Family

Salford Friends at Souderton Mennonite Homes: Please join us for our monthly gathering **on Monday, November 9th 7-8 PM** in the Friendship Room. We will sing, share scripture, and pray together. Questions, call Pastor Mark.

Prayer Concerns

- For ***Sarah Funkhouser and Seth Malone***, MCC Representatives for Jordan, Palestine, and Israel. Sarah and Seth are submitting a proposal for a $2 million food project in Gaza. Pray that their application is successful.

- As we head into election week, and we see the discord of a polarized nation, we invite you to pray this prayer: God, please still our hearts and remind us to trust in you. Give us guidance and grant us wisdom as we seek to be a witness to the peaceful kingdom of Jesus.

- Pray for all those preparing for ***Mosaic's Delegate Assembly weekend***, November 6-8, including planners, speakers, worship

leaders, and delegates. May God grant them wisdom, energy, and open hearts.

News & Notes

Salford Choir – Christmas choir rehearsals for the Sunday, December 20th performance begin this week! Rehearsal is **Sunday, November 1st from 1:30-2:30 P.M**. in the sanctuary.

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Sewing Circle will meet on **Wednesday, November 4th from 8:30-1:00** in the Gathering Room. Stop in for as long as you want! All are welcome.

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Salford Church Volleyball Returns! – The church volleyball league is fast approaching, and your Salford volleyball team is training hard for the start of the season! If you love volleyball and have played at the D1 college level, we'd love to have you on the team. Just kidding! It's a competitive league, so it's not the place to learn how to play. However, if you love the game and have some experience, we're looking for new players!

The league plays on Monday nights from January through April. If you're interested, please talk to Luke Martin.

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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 November – **Street Outreach in Montgomery County through Access Services**

We can support our unhoused neighbors by bringing in winter items like: Hats, Gloves, Coats, Boots, Thermals, Socks, Hot Hands and warmers, Chapstick/Vaseline, Blankets, Backpacks, and Tarps.

Donations can be placed on the shelves in the coat room for delivery at the end of the month. You can also use this Amazon Link to purchase items to have shipped to their offices. 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. Thank you for your support! Please have all supplies and donations to Salford by Nov 29th.

Faith Formation Spotlight

Weekly Faith at Home Practices for Families

Lot's Choice: Genesis 13

Read: pp. 28-29 in *The Peace Table* or from another bible. Why do you think Abraham gave Lot the first choice?

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: God of the north, south, east, and west, thank you for this place we call home. Help us to love and care for each other. Amen.

Salford-Advent Garden Spotlight

Greetings fellow gardeners – We are down to the last of the last. This week we will harvest the remaining cabbage and broccoli. There could be a few cauliflower ready but most of the late season plants just will not cooperate. This past Saturday the green and hot pepper plants were pulled. The last of the string beans were picked and then the plants were pulled. All these plants were stacked into a big pile. In November, I will get our shredder/chipper out and chop up the entire pile and mix what comes out with leaves. This is the start of my composting. I use this mixture as a base for all the other composting and mulching I do around the garden. The other jobs that need attention before the garden is closed include cleaning and stacking the last of our tomato cages, pulling out and stacking all of the stems from the harvested cabbage, broccoli and cauliflower plants for composting, and last of all pulling up the plastic mulch and drip tape. When that happens, the garden will be officially put to sleep for 2026. After the garden is sleeping, I will add up all the weights for each veggie and give a total.

Thank you to all who helped out this past Saturday in my absence. During the week there were several hardy volunteers working to get the cages cleaned and stacked. THANK YOU! 2026, our 20th year, is almost finished. I am looking forward to a winter of planning, stocking up on supplies and anticipation for our 21st year of growing good food for those who need it most.

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

Beyond Salford

Mennonite Heritage Center: Revisit your favorite old-time dishes at the Mennonite Heritage Center's "Food My Grandmother Made" potluck on **November 14, 2026, from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.!** Bring an old favorite recipe to share. There is no cost to attend, but an RSVP is required. To help with planning, please be ready to provide an idea of the dish you plan to bring. Kindy register by November 7 by contacting Regina Wenger at wengerr@mhep.org or 215-256-3020 ext. 112.