



April 13, 2025

Sunday, April 13, 2025
9:30 a.m. Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live, Pastor Andrew Zetts preaching on Luke 19: 29-44

10:45 am Second Hour

Emmaus Road Sermon Discussion Class meets in the room behind the Welcome Center. The Emmaus Road group welcomes all.

April 6 Offering
Offering - \$8,525
ACH - \$7,475
Vanco - \$3,076

Total Budget Offering
\$19,076

Children's Offering: \$33

This Week at Salford

Mon., April 14

7:00 PM, SMCCC Ministry Team Meeting, Library

Tues., April 15

7:00 PM, Church Board Meeting, Friendship Room

Wed., April 16

5:30 PM, Faith Formation Night, Fellowship Hall

Fri., April 18

6:30 PM, Good Friday Tenebrae Service, Sanctuary

Palm Sunday with Children's Procession

This week we celebrate Palm Sunday as we rejoice in Jesus' arrival at Jerusalem. We proclaim

"Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!"

All four Gospels have a story of Jesus' procession to the city, but there's something unique about the way Luke tells the account that we will read this week: after the celebration, Jesus weeps. This sorrow collides with our image of a triumphal entry. This week we will think about how Jesus' tears and the Passion he experiences as he progresses through Jerusalem collide with our expectations of a victorious savior.

All kids are invited to participate in the procession with palms this Sunday, which will happen toward the beginning of the service. Please send your kids to the library at 9:15am to receive their palm and prepare. Jr. and Sr. MYF are also invited to help as leaders and guides for the younger kids.

Holy Week – Observe and Worship with Salford

- Palm Sunday Service with Children's Procession of the Palms, April 13 at 9:30 AM
- Faith Formation Night Stations of the Cross, Wednesday beginning at 5:30 PM
- Good Friday Tenebrae Service featuring the Salford Choir, April 18, 6:30 PM
- Easter Sunday Service featuring the Salford Choir and celebrating new members, April 20, 9:30 AM

Easter Sunday – Flowering the Cross

On Easter Sunday, please plan to bring a few cut flowers with you so you and your family can help us "flower the cross". The flowering of the cross is a Western Christian tradition where worshippers place flowers on the cross, which is traditionally bare during Lent and Good Friday, to symbolize the new life and resurrection of Christ on Easter Sunday. As a community, we will bring life and



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beauty to the cross, symbolizing the beauty of new birth that comes to all of us with the resurrection!

New Second Hour Option for April and May

During April and May, the Senior MYF will be hosting the Connections Second Hour class in Room 211 (upstairs, near the prayer room) and all are welcome to join. Each week, one or two people will be interviewed and share stories from their faith and life. This class has been run in the past and has been a great way for people--both those who are new at Salford and those who have been here for a long time--to connect with each other and learn more about their journey of faith. This week Pastor Andrew will interview Joe and Jan Landis. We hope to see you there!

Spring Choir Rehearsal Schedule

The Salford Choir will sing on Good Friday (April 18th) and Easter Sunday (April 20th). The final choir rehearsals will take place in the sanctuary on the following days:

Sunday, **April 13th** from 8:15-9 AM

Contact Choir Director, Emily Buckley at emilyfaye63@gmail.com, if you have any questions.

Faith Formation Night – Wednesday, April 16th, 5:30-8 PM

Join us for our monthly Faith Formation Night! Faith Formation Nights are for people of all ages, with childcare 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 PM: Dinner

6:15-6:30 PM: Worship

6:30-8:00 PM: 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.

This month, the MYF and adults will participate in the Stations of the Cross. In this Lenten devotional practice, Christians reflect on the Passion of Christ (the time from Jesus' betrayal to his crucifixion). We will connect the pain and suffering that Jesus endured during Holy Week, prior to the surprise and joy of Easter, with the suffering in our world today. We will go through the

stations in groups around Salford's campus as we view images, read Scripture, and sing. Please **RSVP by April 14.**

Pavilion Update

After submitting the Building Permit application in February, Lower Salford Township requested two additional applications for the project. The first application is for a Waiver of Formal Subdivision and Land Development. The second application is a Conditional Use application which is required for any building with non-residential accessory use. Each application has a \$1,000 application fee and requires \$5,000 in escrow for professional services (third party municipal engineering reviews and solicitor fees for developing agreements). The applications were submitted on March 19th. The applications will require review by the township Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors. The team is hopeful that the project can be on the agenda for the township meeting at the end of April. The team is working to control costs and strategize additional fundraising.

Peace Camp 2025

Registration is now open for Peace Camp 2025, Sunday, June 15-Thurs, June 19: <https://forms.gle/mNS7pLYQE92sBS6D7> Register at this link (Jr. & Sr. Youth helpers please register here too!) and invite a friend! Feel free to pick up Peace Camp fliers at the Welcome Center to share with others or post at your school, library, or coffee shop.

Sunday School Teachers Needed for 2025-26!

In the fall, a few of our amazing Sunday School volunteers will no longer be with us, and ***we're in need of additional teachers and/or helpers for almost all age groups.*** Teachers serve on a team so they can also be a part of a second hour class for half the weeks. If you're open to the possibility of teaching or serving as a helper, please let Jenn Svetlik know (jennifer.svetlik@gmail.com) and she can share more!

Our Church Family

Salford friends at Souderton Mennonite Homes: Our monthly gathering will be on **Monday, April 14th from 7-8 PM.** in the Friendship Room. We will NOT have communion this month - we'll share communion in May. But we WILL have songs, scripture, and sharing. Please join us! Questions: call Karen.

For those of us who parent or love and support people who are trans or LGBTQIA, these are rough days. Was there ever really a great time??? Pastor Karen leads a monthly gathering called Journeys where we come together to share, pray, and strategize good ways to support our loved ones today and always. Interested? Call Karen for details.

Prayer Concerns

- For **Jolene Landis** who had a bone marrow test on Wednesday and is awaiting results. Pray for peace for her and a clear reading of the results.
- All Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for all those impacted by the devastating earthquake in Myanmar on March 28. **Whitehall (PA) Mennonite** is home to a number of Karen immigrants from Myanmar, and there are reports of aid being blocked from entering the region from which these Karen immigrants come. Additionally, the departure of USAID from the hospitals has greatly impacted the refugee camps in Thailand near Myanmar. Please pray for the rescue and rebuilding efforts and for aid to be able to get to those who need it.

News & Notes

Salford Women and Friends: Perki Trail and Pizza. **Friday April 25th from 10 AM–1 PM** - meet at the **Spring Mount Trail parking** for a walk followed by a pizza lunch! No need to RSVP, just come. Call Pastor Karen with questions.

Save the Date! The Trustees will be having a workday on Saturday, May 10th from 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM. The workday will include both *outside and inside projects*. Please come help maintain and beautify our building and grounds.

The next **Banned and Challenged Book Group** meeting is on **May 14th at 6:30 PM** in the church library. We are reading “Liar, Temptress, Soldier, Spy” by Karen Abbott. All are welcome! CallCarolynn Boyd at 610-489-9084 with any questions.

Salford Volleyball: Salford Volleyball’s season has come to an end, losing in a hard-fought playoff match 3-2. Many thanks to everyone who played this year, all the people who sub in for us and everyone who came to watch. If you are interested in playing on next year’s team please talk to Luke Martin.

Service & Mission

Donation of the Month for April – **Keystone Opportunity Center (KOC)**

ITEMS NEEDED: Canned Fruits and Vegetables, Tuna, Chunky Soups, Beef Stew, SpaghettiOs w/ meatballs, Beefaroni, Ravioli, Pasta Sauce (with or without meat), etc.

You can also purchase items from KOC’s “Immediate Needs” list. Items can be purchased for KOC through their [Amazon Wishlist](#). KOC is updating this list weekly.

Please consider purchasing items through KOC’s Amazon Wishlist. Donations can also be placed at the Donation of the Month table near the nursery for delivery at the end of the month. 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.

Salford-Advent Garden Spotlight

Greetings fellow gardeners – The weather this week was still cold and wet as several nights dropped into the 20s. There still was a flurry of activity in the garden, as I prepped the beds for planting on Saturday. Monday, we finished topping off the raised beds with a mix of mushroom soil and compost. (thank you, Ron Freed, for the help). Then each bed was rototilled and raked smooth. I turned the water on, set up the filters and hooked up the drip lines, and watched for leaks. There is 2,500 ft of drip lines hooked up on the raised beds, so far, I only had to fix 9 leaks, WOOHOO that is pretty good. This Saturday we plant cabbage (green and purple), broccoli, red beets and carrots. The peas that I planted in March have finally decided to pop out of the ground. Ever so slowly they are starting to grow. I guess even for a cold weather crop it's been too cold. The weather for Saturday looks to be wet and cool. Not bad for the plants, cool cloudy weather puts less transplant stress on them.

Thank you to everyone who supports this mission. If you're interested in getting involved, join us at the garden on **Saturday mornings from 8 AM–12 PM**. We take a break at 10 AM and don't work past noon. All are welcome!

Accessibility Spotlight

Nurturing Accessible Family Ministry – Join congregational leaders within Mosaic Conference for a workshop on supporting young people with autism and ADHD in congregational life. We will explore practical tools for creating safe and inclusive spaces, led by Morgan Shull (Plains), Board Certified Behavior Analyst.

When: Saturday, May 10, 9-11AM ET

Where: In-person at the Mosaic Conference Office and on Zoom

Register here: <https://forms.gle/9a7bbMi6A4Jz68Ls8>

Salford's children's ministry can cover the registration fee of anyone interested in attending from Salford. Please contact Jenn at jennifer.svetlik@gmail.com with any questions.

Anabaptism at 500 Spotlight

In this 500th anniversary of Anabaptism, we're passing along resources for learning about our roots.

- The Mennonite Heritage Center will host a panel discussion regarding alternative service options and military service. Anabaptists may choose alternative service in times of peace or war. Without a draft in the United States, such service has become a choice for all Americans. The panel, co-moderated by **Glen Miller** and Scott Hutchinson, will

include Salford's **Joel Alderfer, Joe Landis, and Eldon Miller**. You are invited to hear their stories at **Zion Mennonite Church** (149 E. Cherry Ln, Souderton, Pa.) on **May 17, 2025 from 2:30 – 4:00 PM**.

Beyond Salford

You are invited to celebrate the opening of the Mennonite Heritage Center's new exhibit: *A Coat of Many Colors: Commemorating 500 Years of Anabaptist Faith and Practice* on Saturday, April 12, 2025 from 2:00 – 4:00 PM. Light refreshments will be served. You can learn more about the exhibit [HERE](#).