

February 2, 2025

Sunday, Feb. 2, 2025
9:30 a.m. Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live, Licensing Pastor Karen

10:45 am Second Hour

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

Jan. 26 Offering
Offering - \$7,231
ACH - \$2,055
Vanco - \$1,211
Total Budget Offering \$10,497
Children's Offering: \$37

This Week at Salford

Wed., Feb. 5
8:30-1:00 Sewing Circle, Gathering Room

Future Salford Events

Feb. 16 – Garden Fundraiser
Mar. 29 – MYF Auction

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 ioneslongt@salfordmc.org.

Pastor Karen's Licensing Feb. 2nd

On Feb. 2nd, Karen Bergey is being licensed for ministry through Mosaic Conference. We will have a potluck meal in the Fellowship Hall after Second Hour to celebrate this event.

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-N bring salads and veggies, and O-Z bring desserts. Please also bring your place settings for the table. Your dishes can be brought to the kitchen prior to worship. The Potluck kitchen team requests: **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.**

A Reminder about Our Sunday Services

Please remember that our service is livestreamed and recorded. Please be sensitive to the identity and safety of others when preparing your prayers, sharing or anything else that is said on a microphone. We are a caring community who have loved ones in many vulnerable spaces. We want to do all we can to protect them in as many ways as we can. Together we can find creative ways to advocate and support each other.

Anabaptism at 500: A Four Week Celebration

For four Sundays, Salford will be celebrating the 500th anniversary of the beginnings of the Anabaptist movement.

Each week we will celebrate a different aspect of our Anabaptist vision, incorporating stories from our past and considering ideas and practices that have shaped Anabaptists and Mennonites into the unique portion of the Christian church that we have become.

For those who are new to Salford or are considering church membership with us, there will be a Second Hour elective during these weeks in Room 211 (upstairs, across from the prayer room).

2024 Donation Receipts

2024 donation receipts have been placed in church mailboxes or mailed to those who don't have church mailboxes. Please review your receipt and let the

church know if you have any questions about your receipt. If you would like a receipt or a church mailbox and do not have one, please contact the church office and we can review your options for receiving one. If you donated by a Qualified Charitable Distribution from a retirement account, you should have already received a specific receipt for this donation.

2025 Mennonite Youth Fellowship Auction

A date has been set for the 2025 MYF Auction: **Saturday, March 29th**. Join the Salford community for a wonderful meal, fellowship, and the excitement of bidding on a host of terrific donations. The proceeds of the auction will help fund Salford's MYF and Salford's annual Peace Camp. The Senior MYF is traveling to Mennonite Church USA's Convention in Greensboro, N.C., this summer and we are planning to integrate a large art project into Peace Camp this year, so we are hoping for a strong showing at the auction to help us reach our fundraising needs.

More details are soon to follow, but you can already sign up to make donations to the auction by clicking [this link](#) (or getting a paper registration form from the Welcome Center). If you have any questions or donations to provide right away, you can contact Pastor Andrew at zettsa@salfordmc.org or 215-859-3446.

A Conversation about Mennonite Education

At last fall's congregational meeting, there were questions raised about the Mennonite Education Plan (MEP) which is part of our church budget, enabling Salford to help families afford education in local Mennonite schools.

On Sunday, February 23rd, Dock Mennonite Academy's Bob Rutt, (Director of Development), and Doug Hackman (middle school principal) will be at Salford during our Second Hour to explain the workings of the MEP, how it was developed, and how it aids schools and families to afford education from a Mennonite context.

We anticipate that this will be the first of several possible meetings on the topic. At this first meeting, the emphasis will be on learning what the MEP is and how it works. Subsequent meetings will afford you a chance to ask questions about MEP and express your thoughts concerning the MEP's place in Salford's mission.

Our Church Family

Friends at Salford Mennonite Homes: Please join us for our monthly gathering in the Friendship Room on Monday, **February 10th from 7-8 pm**. We look forward to singing, sharing, and worshipping. Call Pastor Karen with questions.

Sewing Circle will meet **Wednesday, February 5th from 8:30-1:00** in the Gathering Room. Stop in for as long as you want! All are welcome.

Prayer Concerns

- For **Elizabeth Frederick** who suffered from a stroke. She is recovering in the rehab area of Doylestown Hospital.
- For **Pat Wilson-Schmid** who is recovering from a broken shoulder. Pray for quick healing as she recovers at home.
- For **Luke Martin** and family. Luke's grandmother, Roberta Kreider, passed away peacefully on Thursday morning. Please pray for the Martin family as they remember Roberta's life and make arrangements.
- All Mosaic Conference congregations are invited to pray for the work of Conference-Related **Ministry Peace Proclamation Ministries International (PPMI)**. In mid-February, Paulus and Sumatha Thalathoti will be leading a trip to India with Dr. Manickam, Dr. Null, and Jessica, Ron, and Rebecca Bergey. They will be preaching, teaching, serving and supporting the local pastors and their wives who share the gospel of God's forgiveness through Jesus Christ.

News & Notes

Have you been thinking about starting a new hobby? Do you enjoy low pressure opportunities to connect with others at Salford? Conversations about starting a **Salford Wood Carving Club** (think Sewing Circle with knives) have begun. If you are interested in learning more, please email chad.gehman@gmail.com All are welcome - no experience needed! Thank you & Safe Carving!

The next **Banned and Challenged Book Group** is meeting on February 12th at 6:30 in the church library. We are reading "The Fault in Our Stars" by John Green. Contact Julie Wimmer with any questions. Join us!

Save the date: The **EMU Chamber Singers Hope and Unity Concert** will be at Salford on Sunday evening March 2nd, at 7pm. Come enjoy this internationally acclaimed chamber choir for an inspiring concert on the theme of "Hope and Unity." The Eastern Mennonite University (EMU) Chamber Singers is an auditioned touring chamber choir now in its 45th year. Students are from different areas of study and ages. ***This choir was chosen as the representative choir from North America to sing at the 500 Year Celebration of Anabaptism in Zürich.*** Programs are free of charge, and a love offering will be taken to support the choir's travel expenses

Hosting the Students: Half of the group (about 12 students) will need housing for two (2) nights while the choir is in town. Would you be willing to provide a place to sleep for one or several students for the nights of March 2nd and March 3rd? If so, let Pastor Karen know.

Women's Spring Retreat, April 4-6: Sign-up is OPEN and limited to 20 women.

- Who: Anyone over 18 who identifies as a woman
- What: A weekend of rest, renewal, and growth – alone and together

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- Where: Kirkridge Retreat and Study Center, Pocono Mountains
- When: Arrive after 4:30 on Friday, April 4th and depart by noon on Sunday, April 6th
- Cost: \$150 for a single bed in a room for two (2) for two (2) nights in the Farmhouse
- How? Your payment to Tori in the church office will hold your place.

Salford Volleyball: The Salford Volleyball team once again found themselves down multiple starters on Monday and needed support from several substitutes. Thankfully, the results were different this week as the team came away with a strong, 4-1 victory over Faith Bible Church. Augustine Byas built on last week's performance and brought some much-needed athleticism to the team. New substitutes Scott Hackman and Peter Brubaker both contributed on the offensive and defensive end. The stars of the night were Lela Martin and Jared Byas who stepped up and split setting duties in the absence of Luke Martin, the team's regular setter. The team will have a tough test ahead of them this week as they play highly ranked Re:New this Monday, 7:00 at Leidy's Church.

Service & Mission

Donation of the Month for February – Hygiene Kits for Mennonite Central Committee:

New items only:

- 1 toothbrush (adult size; leave in wrapper)
- 1 bar soap (4-5 oz. in wrapper)
- 1 fingernail clipper
- 1 hand towel (larger than fingertip, dark color)
- 1 wide-toothed comb (6–8 in)

Kits can be donated in plastic grocery bags, or supplies can be donated in bulk. Full kits, supplies or cash donations are welcome. Offering envelopes can be marked for “MCC Hygiene Kits” Please have all supplies and donation to Salford by March 2nd. We hope to donate 200 kits, so please help us reach our goal.

Anabaptism at 500 Spotlight

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

- John Ruth has a 50-minute interview on YouTube entitled: “[Conrad Grebel: From Partier and Rising Star to Hunted Radical](#)”. Check it out!
- On March 20-21, 2025, John Roth will be the speaker and seminar leader for Elizabethtown College's annual Donald Durnbaugh Lecture and Seminar. John Roth is the Project Director for Anabaptism 500 and the general editor of the new *Anabaptist Community Bible*. At the Thursday evening, March 20th lecture (7pm in the Susquehanna Room in Meyer Hall at the college) he will speak on Anabaptist

understandings of the Bible, historically and today. On Friday morning, 9:30-noon he will lead an interactive workshop introducing the *Anabaptist Community Bible* as a unique resource for a fresh encounter with scripture today in the same location. Both events are free and open to the public.

Salford-Advent Garden Spotlight

Greetings fellow gardeners. Welcome to the Salford Mennonite-Advent Lutheran Garden 2025. This will be our 19th season growing good food for those who need it most. Not much is going on in the garden now. There still is something you can do and that is attend our annual fund-raising luncheon on Sunday, February 16th. As in years past, we are inviting the organizations who receive our produce to come and tell their story and update on what is happening with them in 2025.

When you donate to the garden you are not just giving money for seeds, plants and fertilizer. You are helping keep the garden available for those who may need a break from everyday life, to do work that helps others.

One story I will pass on is about one of our volunteers. I will call him "Our Special Volunteer". Our Special Volunteer cannot drive, he is brought to the garden on the Saturday mornings he feels able to work. When you greet Our Special Volunteer, he will tell you his name and ask you for your name. Ten minutes or so later he will ask again and maybe several times throughout the morning. You see, Our Special Volunteer has early stages of Alzheimer's, his short-term memory is spotty at best. BUT when he is working in the garden he is overjoyed, he loves to interact with the other volunteers. The other volunteers love to interact with him too. His enthusiasm and broad smile brings a smile to your face and laughter to your heart. He is more than happy to do whatever job we give him. He is never left by himself and may have to be reminded several times about the task at hand, a small price to pay for the joy he shares. Especially when our two youngest volunteers show up. We have two one-year olds that bring their parents to work in the garden. When the youngsters are there, Our Special Volunteer sometimes plays ball with them or tries to make them laugh.

The money that is donated to the garden keeps this mission running and gives so much more than just vegetables. The garden allows someone like Our Special Volunteer the opportunity to experience the outdoors and feel useful. It also allows his loved ones at home who are the caregivers a few hours of down time to relax knowing he is safe and having a good time.

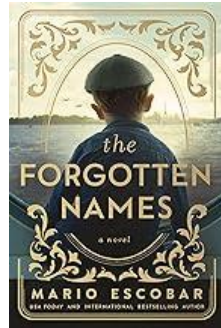
Thank you for all your support in the past 19 years - Hope to see you Sunday February 16.

Mosaic Mennonite Conference Spotlight

Read Mosaic Conference Minister Steve Kris' reflection on the 500th anniversary of Anabaptism in his piece [500 Years of an Anabaptism that Continues to Emerge](#).

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>



The Forgotten Names

By: Mario Escobar

In August 1942, French parents were faced with a horrible choice: watch their children die, or abandon them forever. Fifty years later, it becomes one woman's mission to match the abandoned names with the people they belong to.

Five years after the highly publicized trial of Klaus Barbie, the "Butcher of Lyon," law student Valérie Portheret began her doctoral research into the 108 children who disappeared from Vénissieux fifty years earlier, children who somehow managed to escape deportation and certain death in the German concentration camps. She soon discovers that their rescue was no unexplainable miracle. It was the result of a coordinated effort by clergy, civilians, the French Resistance, and members of other humanitarian organizations who risked their lives as part of a committee dedicated to saving those most vulnerable innocents.

Told in dual timelines, *The Forgotten Names* is a reimagined account of the true stories of the French men and women who have since been named Righteous Among the Nations, the children they rescued, the stifled cries of shattered mothers, and a law student, whose twenty-five-year journey allowed those children to reclaim their heritage and remember their forgotten names.

Salford Winter Weather Policy

In the event of **inclement weather that may affect our Sunday morning worship service and Second Hour**, we will announce any changes or closures by all church email and on the front page of our website by 8:30 am. If there are any questions about inclement weather and you do not have computer access, feel free to call Church Administrator **Tori Jones Long** at (301) 509-6345.