

January 19, 2025

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**Sunday, Jan. 19**  
**9:30 a.m. Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live**, Andrew Zetts is preaching on 21:15-19.

**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. 12 Offering**  
Offering - \$7,392  
ACH - \$2,055  
Vanco - \$2,850  
**Total Budget Offering \$12,297**  
Children's Offering: \$39

### Future Salford Events

**Feb. 2** – Pastor Karen licensing service and potluck

**Feb. 16** – Garden Fundraiser

**Mar. 29** – MYF Auction

### **This Week at Salford**

**Tues., Jan. 21**  
7-9:30 PM Church Board Meeting, Friendship Room

**Sat., Jan. 25**  
1-4 PM, Craft & Chat, Fellowship Hall

**Jan. 24-26:** Junior MYF Retreat at Spruce Lake

## **New Sermon Series: Connect, Grow, Serve**

On Sunday, January 12th we will begin a 3-week sermon series on our Salford theme of Connect, Grow, Serve. Almost 10 years ago, we as a community of people trying to follow Jesus spent time discerning what discipleship means at Salford. Together we considered what it looks like for a community to work together to become more like Jesus and to live into the Kingdom of God. To Connect, to Grow, and to Serve is what emerged from those discussions. Each week we will focus on one part of Connect, Grow, Serve. Pastor Andrew will continue with Grow this Sunday.

## **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.

## **2024 Yearend Finance Update**

Our offering and income for 2024 was **\$874,924**, with actual budget expenses of **\$853,863**. The Church Board and Leadership Team are grateful to everyone for your stewardship of gifts and your generosity with the Salford community. God has been generous to us and you have been faithful with God's generosity. With the \$21,061 in excess funds, we funded MCUSA, Mosaic Mennonite Conference and Larger church organizations with \$14,836. This covered our below the line expenses to fund these entities at recommended levels. In accordance with the approved 2024 budget, the remaining \$6,225 of excess funds were divided equally between the Building Fund and Capital Fund. Your continued support of God's mission and community at Salford is greatly appreciated. Please speak with the Leadership Team or Church board with questions or concerns about this financial information.

## **An Elective Class: Exploring Anabaptism, Exploring Salford**

During February, Salford will be celebrating the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the beginning of Anabaptism during our worship services.

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](mailto:ioneslongt@salfordmc.org).

On those Sundays we will also have a 4-week elective called “Exploring Anabaptism, Exploring Salford.” This class will serve as a class for those who are exploring church membership at Salford, but it will be more than that. It will be a class that introduces both Anabaptism and the Mennonite Church around the world. It will explore the story of Salford Church and who we have become today.

If you have been attending Salford for the past few months and would like a chance to know more about our church, its beliefs, practices, and mission; if you are looking for a chance to meet others who are also new to Salford, this class is for you.

Each household who is part of the class will receive a copy of a special edition of Anabaptist World magazine devoted to our 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

## Our Church Family

### Prayer Concerns

- For **Betsy Heavener** who had her right shoulder replaced on Wednesday and is home recovering.
- We rejoice with the Ruth family at the birth of **Oliver Jon Ruth**, born on January 12th to Christine and Isaac Ruth of Los Angeles. Great Grandparents are Roma and John Ruth.
- All congregations in Mosaic Conference are invited to pray for **Associate Executive Minister Marta Castillo**, as she takes time away from her administrative duties for reflection and self-care, from January through the end of March, and as she transitions to Florida and serves as a leadership minister for congregations there. Please pray for the Spirit’s leading and for wisdom for her to prioritize what is needed during this time.

**Craft and Chat: January 25, 1-4 PM in the Fellowship Hall.** This afternoon is for women/non-binary people ages 18 and up. Bring your choice of craft supplies: yarn, paints, sewing, collage stuff, whatever! We’ll have tables set up with space to gather and create. Or just gather – no need to be ‘crafty’ to attend. Light snacks and hot beverages will be provided. Come when you can and stay as long as you like. No need to RSVP but you can call Pastor Karen with questions or if you are willing to bring a simple snack.

**Healthy Niños Honduras Trip Interest Meeting on Jan. 26, 2025:** Dr. Rick Kratz would like to lead a group from Salford to volunteer with Healthy Niños Honduras this summer. The trip will either be July 19 - 26 or August 9 - 16. Rick will hold an interest meeting on Sunday, January 26 in Room 211 (across the hall from the Prayer Room). At the meeting you’ll learn about the organization and the kind of work volunteers do on the trip, the cost of the trip, and things that need to be done in preparation for the trip. For any questions you may have, please contact [suzanneandrick@msn.com](mailto:suzanneandrick@msn.com) or [zetta@salfordmc.org](mailto:zetta@salfordmc.org).

**Laptops Needed:** Jenn Svetlik will be traveling in February on a delegation with Mosaic Conference to visit the Mosaic partners-in-ministry in Colombia. One partner, the [Anabaptist Community of Medellin](#), is in need of used laptops for their program to support under-resourced young adults in their pursuit of higher education. If you have a used laptop to share, please let Jenn know. She is looking for at least two.

**Volunteering at Care & Share Thrift Shoppes:** In 2024 the Mosaic Conference-Related Ministry MCC Care & Share Thrift Shoppes gave \$14,800 of merchandise to refugee families. The Haitian family who had recently stayed in the Mustard Seed House in Lansdale was one of the first beneficiaries of this generosity in 2025.

Salford has regularly provided volunteers for over 30 years, and there are 15 registered Care & Share volunteers that serve regularly in various capacities. In particular, each 4th Friday, a group from Salford serves in the Clothing Shoppe (organized by Jan Landis).

The Shoppes are always looking for new volunteers to support their mission, and have flexible schedules and opportunities to fit anyone's interest or skill level. Please contact Maggie to learn more at 215-723-0315 x13 or [mpugliese@caresharethrift.org](mailto:mpugliese@caresharethrift.org).

**Future Women's Events in 2025:** Events for women and non-binary folks ages 18 and up! Watch your newsletter for more details. Call Pastor Karen with questions anytime!

***Plan to Join Us!***

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**Women's Wisdom MENO-tea** – information and sharing about flourishing in Perimenopause, Menopause, and beyond – Late February, date TBD

**Dinner Yahtzee** – Saturday, March 8, 4:30-8 – meet at Salford.

**WOMEN'S RETREAT** – Friday to Sunday, April 4-6 at Kirkridge Retreat Center. Limited to 20 participants, details and registration soon!!

**Perki Trail and Pizza** – Friday April 25, 10-1 Spring Mount parking lot

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**Church volleyball is back!** Your Salford volleyball team came roaring back on Monday night after a shaky start in week one, winning the match 5-0 in dominant fashion. Game one was an almost flawless performance, winning 21-2. Ben Sefing had a series of lightning-fast kills, finishing with a 99% hitting rate. Nathaniel Martin dominated at the net, and Adam Messner and Jared Byas had huge serving runs. Great game all around! Our game next Monday is at 8:30pm at Leidy's Church in Souderton, versus Living Hope. Many thanks to our one loyal fan who was there cheering us on.

The next **Banned and Challenged Book Group** is meeting on February 12 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!

## **Family Magic Show Fundraiser with Kevin Shelly**

Linda and Vernon Martin invite everyone to enjoy a morning of magic with Salford's own, Kevin Shelly (<https://www.kevsmagic.net/magic>). Proceeds from the event will benefit Salford Mennonite Child Care Center (SMCCC).

**When: February 8, 2025 from 10-11 AM**

**Where: Salford Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall**

**Admission Fee: Donation amount of your choice for SMCCC**

### **Service & Mission**

The Donation of the Month for January is items from Keystone Opportunity Center's (KOC) "Immediate Needs" list. Items can be purchased for KOC through their [Amazon Wishlist](#). KOC is updating this list weekly.

Current Wishlist items include household products (food storage bags, paper products, dish and laundry soap), personal care items (deodorant, soap, shampoo and conditioner), and food items such as pasta, cereal, and granola bars.

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.

## **Faith Formation Spotlight**

**Salford Prayer Pals Winter/Spring 2025:** CONNECT with our younger Salford participants! We invite you to be paired with a kid in our Sunday School program (ages 2-5th grade) and commit to praying for them and greeting them when you see them!

If you can pray, you will make a great prayer pal! Please [fill out this form](#) or be in touch with Jenn to sign up.

They will share with you an introductory letter. You are welcome, though not required, to write notes to them or sit with them/their families in worship or at church events. This pairing will last through June 2025.

Be in touch with Jenn at [jennifer.svetlik@gmail.com](mailto:jennifer.svetlik@gmail.com) or 267-380-0273 if you have questions.

In this pairing we do not anticipate prayer pals ever being 1:1 with children, so background checks are not required. We do, however, encourage every adult in our community to re-familiarize themselves with our child safety policy: <https://www.salfordmc.org/child-and-youth-safety.html>

**Peace Camp 2025 Save the Date:** Peace Camp will take place the evenings of Sunday, June 15-Thurs, June 19 for kids entering 1-6th grades in Fall 2025. Registration will open in mid-March

## **Mennonite Action Spotlight**

Mennonite Action Philadelphia/Southeastern PA invites you to gather for a purposeful potluck on **Sunday, January 26th** from 6-8 pm, at Germantown Mennonite Church (21 W. Washington Ln, Philadelphia, PA 19144). Together, we will recognize the ongoing genocide against people in Gaza, pray, sing, and connect over a meal, hear local and national updates from Mennonite Action, and commit to persisting in the struggle for justice and freedom for Palestinians and all people. Contact Tori Jones Long if you're interested in carpooling.

## **Accessibility Ministry Team Spotlight**

[Camp Scholarships](#) Montgomery County public school students with an active IEP or 504 plan can apply for a scholarship to the summer camp of their choice. Applications will be available again from January to April 2025 at the link above.

[The Confident Parenting Collective \(specialneedscollective.com\)](https://specialneedscollective.com): We've collected the local private resources most often recommended by families and professionals, who have little to no waitlists, here in this directory to make your life easier!

## **Mosaic Mennonite Conference Spotlight**

Read more about how Southern California's wildfires are impacting Mosaic Conference churches [here](#).

## **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**

Do you enjoy learning with others? Living U, the lifelong learning institute of Living Branches, will open registrations for the spring semester from January 21 to 31. Class topics include: insights from ancient Christian questions, the Mennonite communal background of Living Branches, stories behind Peace

Valley, a critical history of journalism, stents, mushroom foraging, presidents in retirement, and more. Go to <https://livingbranches.org/about/living-u-lifelong-learning/> or contact Maribeth Benner, Living U coordinator, at 215-368-4438 ext. 44204.

Throughout January Church of the Holy Spirit (Harleysville) is hosting free organ recitals featuring Philadelphia-area members of the American Guild of Organists. Recitals are scheduled for Tuesdays at noon. More information about the January organ recitals and Church of the Holy Spirit's full 2025 concerts calendar can be found [HERE](#).