



January 26, 2025

Sunday, Jan. 26
9:30 a.m. Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live, Dave Greiser is preaching on Matt. 20:20-28, Ephesians 2:10.

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. 19 Offering
Offering - \$12,731
ACH - \$2,055
Vanco - \$3,533
Total Budget Offering \$18,319
Children's Offering: \$37

Future Salford Events

Feb. 2 – Pastor Karen licensing service and potluck

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.

Final Week of Connect, Grow, Serve Sermon Series

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 Dave will be preaching on "Serve" this Sunday.

We will continue to dwell in Connect, Grow, Serve in the coming months. Watch the Newsletter for more information about a spring elective Second Hour series led by members of Salford's Church Board.

Potluck to Celebrate 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.**

Craft and Chat: January 25th, 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 26th 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 or zettsa@salfordmc.org.

An Elective Class: Exploring Anabaptism, Exploring Salford

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

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 500th anniversary.

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.

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

- For **Susie Garber, Mandy Martin's mom**, who will be having a hysterectomy this week.
- For **Betsy Heavener**, recovering from shoulder replacement surgery,
- For **Connie Landis, Monica Schroeder's mom**. Connie fell on Monday and had surgery on Tuesday to repair her broken hip. She is not experiencing a lot of pain, and the surgeon reported that all went well. Please pray for her recovery and for needed care arrangements.
- For **Ron Freeman, Juanita Nyce's father**. Ron is in heart failure and on Friday he had a successful procedure to remove some of the fluid from his heart area. Pray for pain management, that the doctors would have a clear understanding of what is going on for wisdom for next steps.

Save the date: The Salford Mennonite/Advent Lutheran Garden Fundraiser Luncheon will be **February 16th** in the Fellowship Hall. There will be more information in upcoming church bulletins and newsletters. Contact Steve Blank with questions.

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 time
- 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.

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!

Salford Volleyball: It was a tough week for the Salford Volleyball team. Down two key players, the team needed to develop some on-the-fly chemistry with the substitute players and handle a talented Living Hope team. Unfortunately, Salford was unable to fully overcome these hurdles and lost the match 0-5. While the result on the scoreboard was less than desirable, the team put forth a strong effort and can use this as a growing experience moving forward. A big thanks to our two substitutes, Augustine Byas and Zach Jones Long for stepping up and making some big plays. Our next match is 7:00 on Monday at Calvary in Souderton against Faith Bible Fellowship.

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.

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 January 21, 1525, Anabaptism was born! College Mennonite Church on Goshen College campus held a service on Tuesday to open the celebration with artwork, music, and a compelling message of reflection and hope from John D Roth. You can view the broadcast [HERE](#). This is a terrific way to prepare for our own Salford celebration of our faith – past, present, and future!

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 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

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 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>

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.

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.