



March 23, 2025

Sunday, Mar. 23, 2025
9:30 a.m. Worship at Salford and on YouTube Live, Pastor Andrew Zetts preaching on Luke 15:1-32

10:45 am Second Hour

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

Mar. 16 Offering
Offering - \$2,105
ACH - \$2,005
Vanco - \$2,860
Total Budget Offering \$6,970

Children's Offering: \$50

This Week at Salford

Wed., Mar. 26
7:00-8:00 PM, Choir Practice, Sanctuary

7:00 PM, Trustees Meeting, Library

Thurs., Mar. 27
7:00 PM, Justice & Peace Ministry Team Meeting, Library and Zoom

Future Salford Events
Mar. 29 – MYF Auction

Week Three of Lent

The point of Lent is to hold our hearts before God and ask, "How am I doing?" This Lent, Jesus' way of thinking collides with ours.

This Sunday, Jesus tells three parables with related themes. One about a lost sheep, another about a lost coin, and the third about a lost son. These parables from Luke 15 are well-loved and well-known. Sometimes it is tempting to think we know all there is to know about these parables that many of us have spent our whole lives hearing.

It is at the moment where we think we've achieved mastery of a parable that we need to remember that this is not how parables are intended to work. They aren't full of information and maxims we download and memorize; they are meant to provoke thought, prayer, challenge, and transformed living.

This week we will approach these parables from the perspective of the first-century Jewish tax collectors, sinners, and Pharisees, who gathered around Jesus' table and originally heard them. In doing so, we will be challenged to see how God's priorities collide with ours.

Wild Church Lenten Outdoor Service, Sunday March 30th

Join us for a Wild Church Sunday service on March 30th, the 4th Sunday of Lent. We will gather with Perkasio Mennonite in our Oak Grove to sing, pray, and wander together, listening for the Spirit in the breeze, looking for new life both in the trees and plants all around us and in our hearts. We are making space in Lent this year for Christ to collide with places in us that are open and ready for new growth. Bundle up, bring a chair and an umbrella just in case, and be ready for early spring weather to refresh us.

And we have no fire! We still need a few firepits for warmth! Please call Karen if you can help.

2025 MYF Auction Update

The Salford MYF auction is just around the corner! We hope to see you on **Saturday, March 29, at 4:00 PM** for our meal and the **auction at 5:30 PM!** The proceeds of the auction go to support Salford's Mennonite Youth fellowship, providing affordable and varied faith formation opportunities to our youth. This year that will include the Senior MYF traveling to Mennonite Church USA's Convention in Greensboro, N.C., new collaborations with Mosaic

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.

Mennonite Conference youth groups, and the ongoing costs of curriculum, resources, and MYF events. We are also planning to share a portion of our proceeds to help support Peace Camp this year.

Click this [LINK](#) to see the wonderful and generous auction items that have been donated so far. If you still have something to donate, you can do so by using this [form](#).

There are lots of incredible things to bid on. If you are unable to attend the auction but want to bid on some items, make sure to make arrangements with someone who is attending to bid on your behalf!

This Sunday, we will have auction items on display in the lobby. Make sure to arrive a few minutes early to check them out!

If you are donating an item, please bring it with you to set on the display tables. Pastor Andrew is creating certificates for experiences, meal, and service donations; some will be up this weekend with others still in development.

If you have something to donate, make sure to contact Pastor Andrew as soon as possible at zettza@salfordmc.org.

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), Conrad Swartzentruber (superintendent), and Doug Hackman (high school principal) were 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.

February 23rd was an informational meeting about the MEP, with the opportunity to ask any questions about it. Another meeting is scheduled for **March 30th** in the fellowship hall to afford you the opportunity to express your thoughts concerning the MEP's place in Salford's mission.

Spring Choir Rehearsal Schedule

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

Wednesday, **March 26th** from 7-8pm

Wednesday, **April 9th** from 7-8pm

Contact Choir Director, Emily Buckley, if you are interested in being a part of Salford's spring choir.

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.

Need some space to pray or be quiet?

Come to the Prayer Room – it is open from 8-12 on Sunday mornings and from 9-4 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. If you come during the week, come into the church by the Pastor's Office or call Karen to let you in. You can call Karen if you want someone to pray with you and we'll pick a good time. There are also a few prayer practices available in the prayer room to walk you through different ways to pray. Our outdoor Labyrinth is also available anytime – just stop by!

Our Church Family

Save the Date: Mark **June 1, 2025** on your calendars for Pastor Dave's Farewell. Our beloved pastor Dave Greiser will finish serving at Salford at the end of May, and June 1 marks his last Sunday worship service at Salford. Please mark this special day on your calendars and join us as we plan to recognize Pastor Dave's service at Salford and then share the noon meal together. Keep your eyes open for more details later!

Prayer Concerns

- For **Glenn Godshall** and his family. Glenn's sister, Norell, passed on Sunday morning after a time on hospice. Pray for the family as they remember and make plans to celebrate her life.
- For **Keith Dugan** and **Lil Cherinuka**, coworkers of Bill Scheetz. Keith is scheduled for surgery on Monday for a broken foot following an accident. Lil is recovering from surgery on her hand after a recent infection. Please pray for comfort and healing for Keith and Lil.
- Thank you for praying for **Evie Greiser**, Dave and Anita's granddaughter. Her eye surgery went well and she is home recovering. Pray for continued healing.
- All Mosaic congregations are asked to pray for **Bally (PA) Mennonite**, particularly in their search for a full-time pastor, and in their efforts to share Jesus through active community involvement and ministries.

Support Salford Youth's Upcoming Performances – Starting next week, we have Salford youth performing in school musicals through March. It would be wonderful to see the congregation get out and support our youth!

Youth: Ciara Shelly

Show: *Seussical*

Location: Souderton High School

Dates of Performance: March 27-30

Purchase Tickets [HERE](#)

News & Notes

News from Dock Mennonite Academy: Dr. Jason Moyer, son of Dave and Elaine Moyer, has been chosen superintendent of Dock Mennonite Academy. Jason has been the president of Zollikon Institute, an Anabaptist school in Berlin, OH for the past several years. Prior to that he was an administrator and a professor of communication at Malone University in Canton, OH.

Jason is a 2001 graduate of Dock. You can learn more about Jason [here](#). Congratulations to Jason, a son of Salford, and to Dave and Elaine (a former head of Dock!).

The next **Banned and Challenged Book Group** is meeting on **April 9th at 6:30** in the church library. We are reading "A Thousand Acres" by Jane Smiley. Contact Carolyn Boyd with any questions.

Anabaptist World group subscriptions are due for renewal. A renewal form has been placed in each church mailbox with extra copies at the Welcome Center. A subscription through the group subscription costs \$40.00; \$15.00 off the regular subscription price. Please return the form and your payment to the church office by **March 24th, 2025**. All subscribers will need to indicate their intention to renew. There are some budget funds available for subscriptions for those who have difficulty covering the subscription cost.

Salford Volleyball: Salford volley played tough this week but fell 4-1 to Faith Church of Sellersville. With the season winding down next Monday is a must win match against Cornerstone church of Skippack. Game time is 8:30 pm at Calvary. Many thanks to our one loyal fan who cheered us on Monday night.

Service & Mission

Donation of the Month for March – MANNA ON MAIN STREET

ITEMS NEEDED: Granola/Breakfast Bars, White or Brown Rice, Raisins, Flour, Sugar, Baking Powder, Baking Soda, Bean Soups, 100% fruit juices.

Manna on Main Street is committed to ending hunger in the North Penn region by providing food, fulfilling social service and education needs, and conducting community outreach. Through a food pantry and soup kitchen, emergency financial aid, counseling and referrals, and education opportunities, we serve those in need with the hope "that everyone might be fed."

Please place items in the basket at the donation of the month table or on the shelves in the coat room.

Salford-Advent Garden Spotlight

Greetings fellow gardeners, this past week the weather does feel springy! I have been visiting the garden checking out what needs to be done, and the list is a long one. Job one is moving the shelves from the garage to the new shed and organizing our stuff. There are raised beds that need repair and soil to be added. I am planning on April 12th and 19th as our two big Spring planting days. Until then I will be fixing beds and setting up the upper end getting it ready for our plants and seeds. We do have one big issue that may or may not be a problem. Our water supply has stopped. For some reason every time our well pump starts it trips the circuit breaker. That problem could be expensive, depending on what is wrong. Saturday March 1st Lory and I made our annual trip out to Lancaster. Picked up some supplies at Nolts in Ephrata. We also stopped in at Rohrer's seeds in Smoketown.

I have a small flat of cabbage started in our basement. The time is near for the Garden 2025 to open up.

You may remember our first Eagle Scout Project completed by Calvin Ribelin. Calvin has since graduated College and is now planning on being a regular volunteer at the garden. Calvin's dad, Ron Ribelin, passed away this week after a long battle with cancer. Please remember Calvin, his brothers Ethan, Dylan and their mom Kim in your prayers.

The Garden grows, the Garden blooms, the Garden cares....

Justice & Peace Spotlight

Mennonite Action – Mennonite Action Worship Service at Penn's Landing, March 26, 2025. Join members of the Philadelphia Mennonite Action chapter for a public worship service with the theme "God's Love Knows No Borders" to be held at Sister Cities Park in Philadelphia (210 N 18th St, Philadelphia, PA 19103; Suburban Station for Regional Rail) on **Wednesday, March 26, 5:00 – 6:30 pm**. We will publicly proclaim that all God's people, from Philly to Palestine, deserve to live in safety. With songs and banners we will demonstrate a faith that opposes complicity in the violence of deportations and ethnic cleansing. If you are interested or planning to go, please contact Mark Heise.

Heeding God's Call – There will be an End Gun Violence Walk on **Sunday, April 6, 2025 starting at Zion Mennonite Church at 1:00 p.m.** Join us as the Souderton faith community organizes a peaceful outdoor walk and letter writing to support legislation to help end gun violence. All are welcome. We come together as one community, many of us inspired by our faith convictions, to honor those who have lost their lives to gun murders, to witness publicly through our presence, and to advocate for stronger and more effective gun laws and regulations. The 1.3 mile walk will go through downtown Souderton, starting at Zion, stay on public sidewalks, and ending in the pavilion at the Souderton Community Park, Wile Ave.

For more information contact Cindy Scheetz and/or Mary Miller. Learn more about Heeding God's Call [HERE](#).

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.

- **From Dave Peters** – In 2017, I released a three-episode documentary series that I co-directed on the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation entitled, *This Changed Everything*. This award-winning series has been viewed by over a million people worldwide and has helped many gain a deeper understanding of how the Reformation reshaped not only Christianity but also society as a whole.

One of the most compelling aspects of the series is the second episode, (at 1 hour 23 mins.) which explores the Radical Reformation, the birth of the Anabaptist movement. This episode features insights from respected historians, including our own John Ruth, whose contributions bring rich historical depth to the narrative.

I encourage the Salford family to take the time to watch the full series, but if nothing else, I highly recommend viewing Episode 2. It offers an invaluable look at the historical roots of the Anabaptist tradition and, within that, the Mennonite movement. This is a chance to deepen our appreciation for the faith and convictions that shaped our heritage. Let's engage with this important history together!"

How to watch: Go to <https://redeemtv.com/>, register for a free account and search for *This Changed Everything* or view on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P_iXWUEjAFQ

- **Anabaptism at 500 Essay Contest Offers College Scholarship Opportunities** – Want to earn a scholarship for college? The [Living Forward: Anabaptism at 500 Essay Contest](#) is your chance to showcase your writing

skills and win financial support for your education. Eligible students are invited to submit an essay to compete for a scholarship for the 2025-2026 academic year. The student with the best essay will receive a scholarship of \$1,000 and the first runner-up will receive a scholarship of \$500. Don't miss this chance to share your perspective, strengthen your writing, and invest in your future. Submit your essay today! **Submission deadline is April 19, 2025.**

Beyond Salford

The Lenoir-Rhyne University Choir and Brass Ensemble will begin their spring tour with a concert at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lansdale **on Friday, 3/28 at 7:00 pm.**

The Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) mobile meat cannery will be at the Material Resource Center in Harleysville **April 22-24, 2025.** The MCC mobile meat cannery has provided millions of pounds of canned meat to areas of need around the world. You can sign up to volunteer [HERE](#).