

The Salem Heartbeat

Sharing Christ with the world!

From the Pastor's Heart

Dear Salem Church Family,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Good Shepherd.

As we enter the month of February, we also begin the **Season of Lent**—a sacred journey of reflection, repentance, and renewed dependence on the Lord. Lent invites us to slow down, to examine our hearts, and to walk more intentionally with Christ as we make our way toward the cross and, ultimately, the joy of Easter.

Over the past weeks, we have been walking together through Psalm 23, discovering that true peace—shalom—is not the absence of trouble, but the presence of the Shepherd who leads us, restores us, and walks with us even through the valley. As we reflected on Psalm 23:5–6, I've been especially mindful of how these verses prepare our hearts for the Lenten journey ahead.

David's words were not written from a place of ease. They were shaped in hardship. David knew what it was like to be hunted, weary, and uncertain about the future. Yet in the middle of those circumstances, he could say with confidence, "You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies." God did not wait until the danger was gone to provide for him. He met him with grace right in the midst of struggle.

That truth deepens as David writes, "You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows." Long before David ever wore a crown, he had already been anointed and promised a future by God. That anointing did not remove the wilderness—it sustained him through it. In the same way, Lent reminds us that God's grace does not bypass the hard road, but carries us through it.

When David declares, "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life," he is not speaking with uncertainty. He is resting in the covenant faithfulness of God. God's goodness and steadfast love do not merely follow at a distance—they pursue us. Even in seasons of repentance and self-examination, we are never moving away from God's grace; we are being drawn deeper into it.

And finally, David ends with this promise-filled hope: "I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever." For David, this was a longing for restored access to God's dwelling place—a hope rooted in God's promise that the wilderness would not be the final chapter.

Through Jesus Christ and the New Covenant established by His blood, we have been given something even greater than David could have imagined. We no longer journey through Lent trying to find where God dwells. Through the Holy Spirit, God now dwells within His people. One day we

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***"The Little Church with
a Big Heart!"***



**REGULAR SUNDAY
SERVICE TIMES:**

9:30-10:30 AM

Sunday School for all ages

10:45 AM

Traditional Worship Service

Pastor Brent Mangus, MDIV



IN WORSHIP - FEBRUARY 2026



Wonderful Peace – Living in the Shalom of the Shepherd An Expository Journey Through Psalm 23

Feb. 1–Pastor Steve Wagoner "Can You Trust the Bible?" Hebrews 4:12; Psalm 119:98-105

Feb. 8—"A Table Prepared: Covenant Love for the Vulnerable" / Text: Psalm 23; 2 Samuel 9

Theme: God's covenant love moves toward the vulnerable—and His people are called to do the same.

Feb. 15—"Becoming the Table" / Text: James 1:27; Psalm 23:5

Format: Pastoral teaching + live interview with Guest: Keystone Family Alliance – Regional Director Rachel

Lenten Sermon Series:

"Return to Me" Conversations with a Faithful God in the Book of Malachi

Series Theme: Before 400 years of silence, God spoke six times — exposing Israel's heart and calling His people to return. Each exchange reveals a truth about God's covenant love and a shadow of the gospel to come in Christ, the Sun of Righteousness.

Feb. 18–Ash Wednesday Service at Salem Church 12 Noon and 7 PM: The Season of Lent begins!

Feb. 22–1st Sunday of Lent, *Communion Service —Malachi 1:1-5 / Title: "How Have You Loved Us?"

Divine Statement: "I have loved you," says the LORD. Israel's Reply: "Really? How have You loved us?" **Focus:** Doubting God's love / **Big Idea:** God's love is covenantal, not conditional — proven by His faithfulness, not our circumstances.

*Lenten Communion Elder: Jim Ressler



Each week we pray for members and **friends of our Salem Church family**, a church here in the Waynesboro or surrounding area, one of the countries in which Christians are suffering severe persecution, and one of the ministries we support with our mission funds. Please join us in the ministry of prayer!

Feb. 01: **Anita Johnson**

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
Persecuted Christians in Nigeria
Lion of Judah Academy & Medical Mission

Feb. 08: **Jean Johnson**

Trinity Brethren Fellowship
Persecuted Christians in Pakistan
The Lunch Place

Feb. 15: **Troy & Cindy Johnson**

Trinity United Church of Christ
Persecuted Christians in Myanmar
New Hope Shelter

Feb. 22: **Jean Kahl**

Wayne Heights Brethren Church
Persecuted Christians in Uzbekistan
Open Doors / Voice of the Martyrs



PRAYER REQUESTS: Please continue using the Prayer Cards on Sundays as they allow the prayer request and name to be accurately passed from the Pastor to the Secretary to be added to the bulletin. It is very difficult to hear and record the requests when given verbally during the service. It also allows them to be read so those in the Fellowship Hall and parking lot hear them. Thank you for your help with this important ministry of the church.

To send requests through the Prayer Chain, you can email them to Sandi Barnett at: barnetts05@comcast.net or call her cell: 240-675-3495

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 2026



<u>USHER/GREETER</u>		<u>WORSHIP LEADER</u>	<u>ACOLYTE</u>
2/01	Frank & Marilyn Tracy	2/01	Joie Rotz
2/08	John McGuire	2/08	Aurita Rose
2/15	Ruth Ann Helman	2/15	Fred West
2/22	OPEN / TBD	2/22	Dennis Goshorn

<u>OFFERING COUNTERS</u>		<u>NURSERY</u>	<u>*ALTAR FLOWERS</u>
2/01	Sandi B. / John Mc.	2/01	Ruth Ann Helman
2/08	Ruth Ann H. / Linda S.	2/08	Wendy Eigenbrode
2/15	Wendy E. / Fred Wh.	2/15	OPEN / TBD
2/22	Lana L. / Terry E.	2/22	Wendy Eigenbrode

*If you signed up for Altar Flowers and plan to have them on display in the Sanctuary, please contact the church secretary no later than the Sunday before (one week prior) in order to have your dedication in the bulletin. We also have silk flowers on hand for those who do not wish to use live floral bouquets.



LAUGH ON!

By Glenda Bennett

“Laugh on, laugh on” the good Lord said.

“Your victory’s been proclaimed.

Though stumbling blocks will fall your way...

 Make steps of them again.”

 The evil one can’t keep you down
 or keep your eyes unfocused.

For Jesus Christ wears the Victor’s Crown
 with His righteousness He smote us.

So...take what’s pale and make it gold!

 Touch that speck and make it bold!
 Squeeze the good from every day!

 Enjoy your work, enjoy your play!

 There’s not a thing in life that can
 spoil God’s purpose or God’s plan.

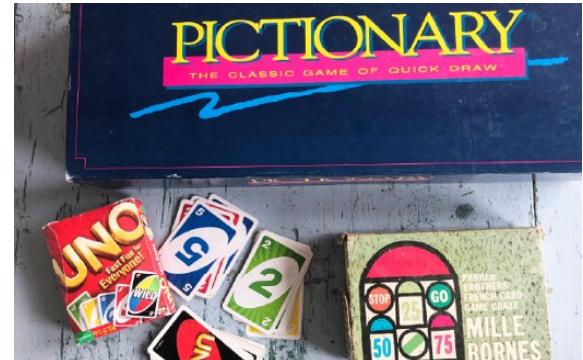
He’s had His way - our day has come,
 we’re overcomers through the Son.

Because that’s true, we can all laugh
 no matter what may come our way.

We’re winners - God has seen to that!

 So...laugh on and give your joy away.

(Dedicated to Jack & Margaret Fretwell)



SALEM GAME NITE!

The next **Game Nite** is scheduled for Friday, February 20 / 6 PM in the Fellowship Center. Please contact Jean Kahl if you have questions or suggestions.

Join us for a night of fun!



Salem Church Special Offering

Project for February:

PMI Pregnancy Ministries.

February 2026 Calendar of Events / Activities

REGULAR WEEKLY / MONTHLY ACTIVITIES:

Wednesday Morning: Bible Study, 10 AM-12 PM Salem Fellowship Center

Dates to Remember:

February 11 Leland Ministry - ALL welcome!

February 12 Ministry Council

February 14 Happy Valentine's Day!

February 15 Newsletter Deadline

February 18 Ash Wednesday Service at Salem Church

February 20 Game Nite

February 22 Lenten Communion celebrated

Time:

2:00 PM

7:00 PM

8:00 PM

12 PM & 7 PM

6:00 PM

10:45 AM



2/08 Helen Davies
2/11 Charlie Mull
2/12 Marilyn Tracy
2/27 Tammy Eisenberger



2-04-2017 Chucky & Jamie Snyder
2-16-1994 Andy & Pam Emrick
2-18-2017 Pastor Brent & Deidra Mangus
2-26-1965 Fred & Judy White

1 JOHN 3:18 KJV

My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES:

The decision to cancel church due to inclement weather will be made by the Ministry Council President, Butch Rotz; Buildings and Grounds Coordinator, Troy Johnson; and Pastor Brent. Sandi Barnett will also send out a Prayer Chain email. You should expect a phone call from a Ministry Council member if church has been cancelled. Please use your own wisdom and don't drive if the conditions are bad in your own neighborhood!

Ash Wednesday Services



Two opportunities to join us for a special

Ash Wednesday worship service on

February 18th at Salem Church:

12:00 Noon

7:00 PM



MISSION BULLETIN BOARD

Want to know what is going on with our supported missionaries? Don't forget to check out the Mission Bulletin Board in the Fellowship Center. There you will find the latest newsletters and updates!

Thank You

Thank you Salem for your generous donation for the Leland and Hearthstone Christmas gifts. We filled 102 gift bags for the residents and they were given to them at Christmas. We visited the Leland and several Salem folks came and we sang Christmas carols and visited with the residents.

Thank you again for always being the Little Church with the Big Heart.

Blessings, Paula and Sandi



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will see Christ face to face, but even now we live, worship, and come to the Lord's Table as those who already dwell in God's presence.

Lent leads us toward the cross, but it does not leave us there. Each time we celebrate communion, we are reminded that the table is prepared, the cup is full, and the Shepherd is faithful. Communion helps us hold together repentance and hope, sacrifice and grace, the road of the cross and the promise of resurrection.

Church family, my prayer for you this Lenten Season is that you would walk slowly and honestly with the Shepherd—laying down what burdens your heart, receiving again the grace Christ offers, and trusting that goodness and mercy are pursuing you even now.

May this season shape us into a people who live not by striving, but by receiving—until the day we dwell fully and forever in the house of the Lord.

With gratitude and hope in Christ,

Pastor Brent Mangus



Salem Church Leadership

Ministry Council Officers & Members 2026:

Council/Congregation, President:

Butch Rotz 717-762-6961

Council/Congregation, Vice President:

Ruth Ann Helman 717-762-8972

Secretary:

John McGuire 240-357-6237

Co-Treasurers:

Sandi Barnett 240-675-3495

Kim Kennedy 717-977-0461

Members:

Mike Eisenberger 717-977-0292

Dennis Goshorn 717-504-2068

Michelle Lushbaugh 717-762-4193

Deidra Mangus 724-689-7169

Linda Stoler 717-655-7833

Judy White 717-762-7008

Ex-officio members:

Brent Mangus (Lead Pastor)

Sandi Barnett (Treasurer)

Kim Kennedy (Treasurer)

Council of Elders 2026:

Terry Eigenbrode 717-762-4720

Troy Johnson 717-762-4426

Jean Kahl 717-977-0867

Jim Ressler 717-762-2643

Jeff Rhodes 717-762-9435

Sam Rose 717-762-8582

Butch Rotz 717-762-6961

Linda Stoler 717-655-7833

Ministers to the Community:

All members

Church phone: 717-762-8531

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Ministry Teams

Administrative Ministry Teams - *Dennis Goshorn

Financial Oversight - Bob Crouse

H.E.L.P. - Linda Stoler

Historical Records - Wendy Eigenbrode

Personnel - Linda Stoler

Caring Ministry Teams - *Deidra Mangus

Board of Deacons - Lu Kennedy

Funeral Meals - Paula Eigenbrode

Family Assistance Fund - Linda Stoler

Meals - Bonnie Rhodes

Prayer Chain - Sandi Barnett

Christian Education Ministry Teams - *Michelle Lushbaugh

Adult Sunday School - Tom McCloud

Bible Studies, Classes, Seminars - Pastor Brent

Children's Ministries - Jack Martin

Nursery - Cindy Johnson

Fellowship Ministry Teams - *John McGuire

Game Nite - Jean Kahl

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner - Diane E., Lu K. Judy W.

Outreach Ministry Team - *Ruth Ann Helman

Leland Ministry - Lu Kennedy

Mission Team - Jim Ressler

Relay for Life Team - Linda Stoler

Salvation Army Bell Ringers - Tom & Fern McCloud

Women's Fellowship Project Group - Joie Rotz

Property & Maintenance Ministry Team - *Judy White

Cemetery - Troy Johnson/John McGuire

Property & Maintenance - Troy Johnson/John McGuire

Columbarium/Scattering Garden - Paula Eigenbrode

Safety & Security - Chuck & Jamie Snyder

Property Improvement Committee - TBD

Spiritual Council - *Linda Stoler

Pastoral Relations Ministry Team - Jeff Rhodes

Worship Ministry Teams - *Mike Eisenberger

Worship Team - Linda Wilson

Praise Music Team - Wendy Beeler

Tech Team - Sam Rose

Marquee - Michelle Lushbaugh

Acolytes - Fern McCloud

*The names with an asterisk are the liaisons for that particular ministry