



# The Salem Heartbeat

## *Sharing Christ with the world!*

### From the Pastor's Heart

It's hard to believe that March 1st completes my second year anniversary here at Salem. So much has happened in the last two years at Salem. And I'm excited to see what my third year here at Salem holds.

As a college basketball fan I look forward to the end of the regular season and beginning of the post season for the sport. Hundreds of teams competing for the coveted 68 selections in the "Big Dance"—the NCAA tournament. We call the time leading up to the tournament "March Madness."

I think for most pastors, Easter Sunday is our version of the NCAA tournament, and the time leading up to Easter, schedule-wise, can feel like "madness." But like most pastors, I enjoy every moment of it. Just a few things to highlight. I will be preaching a three-part sermon series through Ephesians 2:1-10, and I want to encourage you to try to be there for this series. Next, We have our Annual Meeting on March 10 so we need all church members to be present for that meeting. On March 24, we have our Easter Egg Hunt in the morning, and Pastor Steve will be facilitating our Palm Sunday service. We have a very special Maundy Thursday planned for March 28 at 6 PM; we will meet in the Fellowship Hall, and the table will be set up with a Seder (Passover) Meal where we can replicate the Last Supper of Jesus with His disciples. Then, of course, Easter Sunday is on March 31.

I would like to encourage the congregation to consider joining me and the Fruitbelt Farmer's Christian Ministry at Bear Mountain Women's Camp for a special game night on Monday, March 18. We'll bring a few card and board games to play. I am also requesting we take up donation of toiletries and essential items to give to the migrant workers.

And staying in the same vein of missions, please consider supporting Sherry Hill and her upcoming summer missions trip to Lion of Judah in Tanzania.

Lastly, on a personal note, Deidra and I want to express our deepest gratitude to our Salem Church families for all the meals, gift cards and cash that was given to us while Deidra was recovering from surgery. This was such a huge blessing to our family. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Much love, Pastor Brent

#### MARCH 2024

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***"My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in Whom are hidden all the treasures of Wisdom and Knowledge."***  
***Colossians 2:2,3***

**IN WORSHIP - March 2024**  
**March Sermon Series: "From Death to Life:**  
**A Lenten Journey through Ephesians 2:1-10"**

- March 03:** Part 1: "Dead in Trespasses" Text Ephesians 2:1-3
- March 10:** Part 2: "The Extravagance of God's Mercy" Text Ephesians 2:4-7
- March 17:** Part 3: "Living as God's Masterpiece" Text Ephesians 2:8-10
- March 24:** Palm Sunday: Pastor Stephen Wagoner "The Guy with the Donkey"  
Text Matthew 21:1-11
- March 28:** Maundy Thursday: Passover Meal at 6 PM in the Salem Fellowship Hall.
- March 31:** Easter Sunday: Sunrise Service-Salem Fellowship Hall / 6:30 AM  
Easter Worship Svc / 10:45 AM  
"The Empty Tomb: A Resurrected Hope" Text Luke 24:1-12

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Please note that the Salem Church  
**Special Offering for March & April goes to Gideons International.**  
Please simply put "Gideons" on the memo line of your check or on your envelope.

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**LION OF JUDAH / TANZANIA MISSION TRIP**

Dear Salem Church Family - As many of you already know, I will be traveling to Lion of Judah in Tanzania for a mission trip. After much prayer, and conversations with Jim Ressler and Janelle Rhodes Luray, who have previously gone to Lion of Judah, God is sending me outside of my comfort zone. He has been guiding me down this pathway, at times pushing and sometimes hitting me over the head, to use the talents and abilities that he has blessed me with in a new direction of ministry. I'm excited and a bit nervous for the cultural differences, but know God is, and will be, with me on this journey and new adventure.

According to Hart Inlow, Mtebe has said the greatest need at the school is funds for FOOD. Food prices have skyrocketed, due to six growing seasons of drought, followed by a season of excessive rain. The rains caused Lake Victoria to flood which destroyed Lion of Judah's own garden and fruit trees. Complicating and resulting in an even greater food shortage, is when Tanzania suffered previous crop failures, they purchased food from the Ukraine. Obviously, that can't happen with the massive destruction of the Ukraine by Russia.

Folks, we are talking about diet mainstays of corn, beans and rice. Fruit and meat, usually beef or chicken, were occasionally available but are now almost cost prohibitive, because the funds must go towards purchasing the dietary foundations. Not to mention that it is difficult to raise beef, when the grazing lands have withered away or Yaks for milk.

Lion of Judah is determined to continue three meals a day for their students, whereas some places are cutting back to two meals per day. There are almost 800 students at the school so you're looking at almost 2400 meals per day or 72,000 a month!!

PLEASE, prayerfully consider donating to the Lion of Judah Food Fund. All donations must be marked for the FOOD FUND. Until crops can be grown to maturity, extra donations will be necessary to feed the school students. Their parents are pastors working in harsh and poverty laden areas trying to preach the Gospel good news. Spiritual darkness is prevalent in Tanzania. Others students are orphaned or live close to the school. Lion of Judah appreciates your generosity. May God's peace and love bless each of you for we serve an amazing God. **Sherry Hill**





Each week we pray for members and **friends of our church family**, a sister church here in the Waynesboro area and her pastor, 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!

**March 3: Rodney & Tina Anderson**

Oasis Ministries - Pastor Carroll Cool  
Persecuted Christians in India  
Jonathan & Garima Rider (India)

**March 10: Teresa Baker**

Otterbein Church - Pastor Mike Newman  
Persecuted Christians in Iran  
Bruce & Deb Robinson (Crossworld / Haiti)

**March 17: Sandi Barnett**

Pond Bank Community Church - Pastor Jeremy Lehman  
Persecuted Christians in Yemen  
Samaritan's Purse

**March 24: Rick & Wendy Beeler**

Pond Bank Independent Church - Pastor Joseph Hall  
Persecuted Christians in Eritrea  
She's Somebody's Daughter

**March 31: Brad & Glenda Bennett**

Presbyterian Church of Waynesboro - Pastor Caroline Vickery  
Persecuted Christians in Syria  
Spring of Hope Counseling Center

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**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: AUGUST 5 - 9, 2024**

We are diving into VBS plans for 2024! Our theme is *Scuba: Diving into Friendship with God*.

This year our fellowship hall will be transformed into an underwater adventure. In order to create our swimmingly good time we need underwater sea creatures. If you have or come across fish, octopus, shells, turtles, dolphins, whales, seahorses, sea lions, seals, sharks or any sea creature that you would like to donate or loan for decorations. Please be sure to securely label any item to be returned to you. They can be stuffed animals, cardboard, wood, posters, kites, mobiles or anything ocean oriented. Even scuba gear to display. Yard sale and flea market finds would be terrific. Fabric or table cloths that look like water or the ocean would be appreciated to hang on the walls. I have the catalog and some fabric to show you if interested.

We are offering a preschool program for those not attending school yet, so extra help will be needed. I'm hoping to get a jump start on teaching the songs that are selected too.

This year attendees will be given Whalen the Whaleshark's Gospel of John for kids and teens. In addition sea creature memory buddies that have each nights bible verse on will be handed out. T-shirts too, I think.

Like last year we will need lots of help. Please let me know if you are willing to volunteer and if there is a certain job you would like to do. It takes a village to get this accomplished!

Finnley the seal is waving goodbye until next months update. Thanks, Sherry





## MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 2024



### USHER/GREETER

**3/03** OPEN / TBD  
**3/10** OPEN / TBD  
**3/17** Jean Kahl / John McGuire  
**3/24** Terry & Paula Eigenbrode  
**3/31** Butch & Joie Rotz

### WORSHIP LEADER

**3/03** Aurita Rose  
**3/10** Lu Kennedy  
**3/17** Jessica Woodring  
**3/24** Fred West  
**3/31** OPEN / TBD

### ACOLYTE

**3/03** Josiah Mangus  
**3/10** YOUTH / TBD  
**3/17** John McGuire  
**3/24** OPEN / TBD  
**3/31** Joie Rotz

### OFFERING COUNTERS

**3/03** Troy J. / Fred White?  
**3/10** Ruth Ann H. / Linda S.  
**3/17** Lana L. / Terry E.  
**3/24** Sandi B. / John M.  
**3/31** Wendy E. / Linda S.

### NURSERY

(2 Workers each Sunday)  
**3/03** Cindy J. / TBD  
**3/10** Cindy J. / Wendy E.  
**3/17** Cindy J. / TBD  
**3/24** Cindy J. / Wendy E.  
**3/31** OPEN / TBD

### \*ALTAR FLOWERS

**3/03** Randy & Wendy Eigenbrode  
**3/10** Rick & Wendy Beeler  
**3/17** John McGuire  
**3/24** Sherry Hill  
**3/31** Sherry Hill

*\*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.*

## PALM SUNDAY EASTER EGG HUNT: March 24 / 10 AM

For children up to age 12 yrs. Light refreshments will be served afterwards for all! Invite others to come join the fun! Candy donations can be given to Cindy Johnson or Courtney Mull. For those who prefer, a cash donation for candy is also welcome.

We have approx 2,300 eggs to fill!



# Thank you

Dear Salem church family, thank you very much for the gift card to Red Lobster I received at Christmas time. I'm looking forward to sharing 'All You Can Eat Shrimp' with my grandkids! I appreciate your thoughtfulness very much! Diane

## SALEM GAME NITE!

The next *Game Nite* is scheduled for Friday, March 15 at 6:00 PM. Please contact Jean Kahl if you have questions or suggestions. Join the FUN!





# March 2024 Calendar of Events / Activities

## REGULAR WEEKLY / MONTHLY ACTIVITIES:

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

### Dates to Remember:

Annual Mtg. & Celebration of 2023	March 10	10:00 AM
Ministry Council	March 14	7:00 PM
Game Nite	March 15	6:00 PM
Newsletter Deadline	March 17	8:00 PM
Bear Mt. Camp Game Nite	March 18	TBA
Easter Egg Hunt	March 24	10:00 AM
Maundy Thursday Seder Meal	March 28	6:00 PM
Easter Sunrise Service	March 31	6:30 AM

### 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!



**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](mailto:barnetts05@comcast.net) or call her cell: 240-675-3495



3/2	Karl Warren	3/16	Patsy Moats
3/3	Russ Ellis	3/19	Easton Carbaugh
3/4	Lydia Jones	3/19	Kolby Mangus
3/9	Pam Emrick	3/21	Kim Wagoner
3/10	Caydan Woodring	3/22	Nancy Burgesser
3/11	Faith Noel Chirdon	3/22	Deb Kennedy
3/11	Laura Doyle	3/24	Gene Fittry
3/11	Viola Eigenbrode	3/26	Corey Woodring
3/11	Troy Johnson	3/27	Courtney Mull
3/11	Remi Rose Mull	3/27	Judy White
3/13	Linda Stoler	3/30	Roseline Farmer
3/16	John Honodel	3/31	Bonnie Rhodes



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Jim & Kathy Laroche



## CHURCH LEADERSHIP

### **Ministry Council Members 2024:**

#### **Council/Congregation, President:**

**Butch Rotz** 717-762-6961

#### **Council/Congregation, Vice President:**

Sherry Hill 717-794-2785

#### **Secretary:**

Roger Fuller 717-387-3026

#### **Co-Treasurers:**

Sandi Barnett 240-675-3495

Ruth Ann Helman 717-762-8972

#### **Members:**

Mike Eisenberger 717-977-0292

Lu Kennedy 717-762-9692

Michelle Lushbaugh 717-762-4193

John McGuire 240-357-6237

Lois Sellar 717-762-1986

Linda Stoler 717-655-7833

Fred White 717-762-7008

#### **Ex-officio members:**

Brent Mangus (Lead Pastor)

Ruth Ann Helman (Treasurer)

Sandi Barnett (Treasurer)

#### **Council of Elders 2024:**

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

E-mail: salemchurch@pa.net

## MINISTRY TEAMS

#### Administrative Ministry Teams - \*Sherry Hill

H.E.L.P. - Linda Stoler

Historical Records - Wendy Eigenbrode

Personnel - Linda Stoler

#### Caring Ministry Teams - \*Fred White

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 - Wendy Eigenbrode

Nursery - Cindy Johnson

#### Fellowship Ministry Teams - \*Lu Kennedy

Game Nite - Jean Kahl

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner - Tom & Fern McCloud

#### Outreach Ministry Team - \*Lois Sellar

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 - \*John McGuire

Cemetery - Troy Johnson/John McGuire

Property & Maintenance - Troy Johnson/John McGuire

Columbarium/Scattering Garden - Paula Eigenbrode

Safety & Security - (To Be Determined)

Property Improvement Committee - (To Be Determined)

#### Spiritual Council - \*Linda Stoler

Pastoral Relations Ministry Team - Sam Rose

#### Worship Ministry Teams - \*Mike Eisenberger

Worship Team - Linda Wilson

Praise Music Team - Wendy Beeler

Tech Team - Sam Rose

Marquee - Nancy Burgess / Michelle Lushbaugh

Acolytes - (To Be Determined)

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