

The Salem Heartbeat

Sharing Christ with the world!

From the Pastor's Heart

The Phone Calls That Saved My Life

I was fourteen the first time the thought crossed my mind. My dad and I fought a lot in those years. We were both strong-willed, and every disagreement felt like a battle neither of us was willing to lose. Words would fly back and forth until the house felt heavy with tension. When the arguments ended, I would retreat to my room and lie on my bed staring at the ceiling, replaying everything in my head.

I remember thinking something I had never thought before: Maybe everyone would be better off without me. It wasn't that I truly wanted to die. It was more that I felt like a burden—like the stress I brought into the house would disappear if I did. I didn't tell anyone about those thoughts. I just carried them quietly, hoping they would eventually fade away.

For a long time, they did. But thoughts like that have a strange way of coming back when life gets heavy again. Years later, when I was twenty-eight, they returned. By that time my life had become tangled in addiction. The man I saw in the mirror wasn't the man I wanted to be. My marriage was strained, and the arguments between my wife and me had become intense and frequent. I felt trapped—like every decision I had made had led me into a corner I couldn't escape.

One night everything came crashing together.
The shame.
The failure.
The arguments.
The exhaustion of feeling like I couldn't fix my own life.

That night I made a plan. I remember standing there with my hand on the door, ready to carry it out. It's strange what the mind does in moments like that. Everything felt quiet, almost calm, like I had convinced myself this was the only way to stop the pain. And then my phone rang. It was my younger brother calling from Hawaii.

I answered the call, and something in me finally broke open. I told him how I was feeling—really told him. The darkness I had been carrying spilled out in that conversation. He didn't panic. He didn't lecture me. He just stayed with me. For three hours he talked with

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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 - APRIL & MAY 2026

Sunday, April 5, 2026—6:00 AM Sunrise Service in Fellowship Center; 10:45 AM in Sanctuary
EASTER SUNDAY — Malachi 4:2 / Title: “The Sun of Righteousness Will Rise” / Text: Malachi 4:1–6
Focus: From silence to sunrise — the dawn of redemption
Big Idea: After centuries of silence, God spoke again in Jesus. The Sun of Righteousness has risen with healing in His wings.

New Sermon Series: *Our Family Prayer - How Living the Lord’s Prayer Transforms Our Homes*

Sunday, April 12, 2026

Our Family Identity / Text: Matthew 6:9a — “Our Father in heaven”

Big Idea: Because of Jesus, we pray not as orphans but as beloved children of God.

Sunday, April 19, 2026

A Holy Home / Text: Matthew 6:9b — “Hallowed be Your name”

Big Idea: When God’s name is honored in our homes, our words, relationships, and priorities begin to reflect His holiness.

Sunday, April 26, 2026

A Kingdom Family / Text: Matthew 6:10 — “Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.”

Big Idea: Families flourish when God’s kingdom—not our preferences—sets the direction of our lives.

Sunday, May 3, 2026

A Table of Daily Grace / Text: Matthew 6:11 — “Give us this day our daily bread.”

Big Idea: God forms trusting and grateful families by teaching us daily dependence on His provision.

Sunday, May 10, 2026 (*Mother’s Day*)

A Grace-Filled Home / Text: Matthew 6:12 — “Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.”

Big Idea: The gospel transforms our homes when forgiven people become forgiving people.

Sunday, May 17, 2026

A Protected Family / Text: Matthew 6:13a — “Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.”

Big Idea: God guards and strengthens families who depend on Him in the daily battle against sin and evil.

Sunday, May 24, 2026

Living the Prayer / Text: Matthew 6:9–13

Big Idea: Families exist for God’s kingdom, power, and glory—not merely for their own comfort.

Series Flow At-a-Glance

Date	Sermon	Focus
Apr 12	Our Family Identity	God as Father
Apr 19	A Holy Home	Honoring God's Name
Apr 26	A Kingdom Family	God’s Will & Kingdom
May 3	A Table of Daily Grace	Daily Dependence
May 10	A Grace-Filled Home	Forgiveness
May 17	A Protected Family	Spiritual Protection
May 24	Living the Prayer	Kingdom Commission

Worship Participants Ministry Schedule for April

<u>USHER/GREETER</u>	<u>WORSHIP LEADER</u>	<u>ACOLYTE</u>
4/05 Tom & Fern McCloud	4/05 Michelle Lushbaugh	4/05 Mary Margaret Bittle
4/12 Terry & Paula Eigenbrode	4/12 Joie Rotz	4/12 Dennis Goshorn
4/19 John McGuire / Linda Wilson	4/19 Tom McCloud	4/19 John McGuire
4/26 Mary Margaret Bittle	4/26 Aurita Rose	4/26 Jean Kahl

<u>OFFERING COUNTERS</u>	<u>NURSERY</u>	<u>*ALTAR FLOWERS</u>
4/05 Ruth Ann H. / John Mc.	4/05 OPEN / TBD	4/05 Fred & Darlene West
4/12 Troy J. / Fred Wh.	4/12 OPEN / TBD	4/12 OPEN / TBD
4/19 Sandi B. / Linda S.	4/19 OPEN / TBD	4/19 Troy & Cindy Johnson
4/26 Wendy E. / Terry E.	4/26 OPEN / TBD	4/26 Paul Rumbaugh

Maundy Thursday Communion - 6:30 PM service on April 3 / Elder: Butch Rotz
Resurrection Sunday / Easter Communion - 10:45 AM / Elder: Troy Johnson

**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.*



*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!*

- April 05:** ***Helen Main***
 Allies Armies Ministries
 Persecuted Christians in Ethiopia
 She's Somebody's Daughter
- April 12:** ***Pastor Brent, Deidra, and Family***
 Antrim Assembly of God Church
 Persecuted Christians in North Korea
 Spring of Hope Counseling Center
- April 19:** ***Fern Martin***
 Antrim Faith Baptist Church
 Persecuted Christians in Saudi Arabia
 Don & Karen Stauffer (GOM India)
- April 26:** ***George McCabe***
 Blue Rock United BIC Church
 Persecuted Christians in Afghanistan
 Waynesboro Community / Human Services

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

April 2026 Calendar of Events / Activities

Dates to Remember:

March 29	Annual Easter Egg Hunt	10 AM (no Sunday School)
April 02	Maundy Thursday Service w/Communion	6:30 PM at Salem Church
April 03	Good Friday Services	12 PM Salem / 1 PM Leland
April 05	Easter Sunday Sunrise Svc. & Worship Svc.	6:00 AM / 10:45 AM
April 09	Ministry Council meets	7 PM
April 18	<i>Celebration of Life</i> for Connie McCabe	11 AM / at Salem Church
April 19	Soup & Sandwich Fundraiser / Fellowship Ctr.	After 10:45 AM Worship Svc.
April 19	Newsletter Deadline	8 PM

Time:

Regular Weekly Activities: Wednesday Bible Study 10 AM Salem Fellowship Center. Celebrate Recovery-Wednesdays 6:30 PM Fairview Ave. BIC Church, Waynesboro. **Men's Bible Study**-Thursdays 8:30 AM. **Men's Community Book Study**-Fridays 6:30 AM Salem Fellowship Center. / **Regular Monthly Activities:** Leland Ministry-2nd Wednesday 2 PM The Leland, Waynesboro. **Game Nite**-3rd Friday 6 PM Salem Fellowship Ctr.



- 4/02 Butch Rotz
- 4/05 Tristin Heyward
- 4/06 Sam Rose
- 4/10 Gracen Woodring
- 4/11 Wendy Eigenbrode
- 4/11 Fred West

- 4/12 Buck Mull
- 4/16 David Davies
- 4/19 Brad Bennett, Jr.
- 4/19 Diane Ellis
- 4/25 Goldie Lew Mull
- 4/27 Anne Shepard



- 4-1-17 Russ & Diane Ellis
- 4-3 Fred & Darlene West
- 4-10 John & Roseline Farmer
- 4-24-92 Sam & Aurita Rose
- 4-26-15 Teresa & Doug Baker

RELAY FOR LIFE SOUP & SANDWICH FUNDRAISER

Our annual Relay for Life soup and sandwich fundraiser will be held on April 19th in the Salem Fellowship Center following the 10:45 AM worship service. A sign up sheet is available in the back of the sanctuary for donations of soup and deserts.

The meal will be by donation. In the past, this has been well attended. This helps to raise our funds for our Relay for Life Team.



State Sunday School Association will be held on

Saturday, November 14th at Mt. Pleasant United Brethren Church at 2509 Black Gap Rd. in Chambersburg. More information will be coming out nearer the time of the Convention. Some of our Salem Church family have previously attended.

There will be 60-minute workshops and a catered lunch. In the past, the Church paid the registration fee and those going paid for their lunch. Mark your calendar, and if you wish to attend, give your name to Linda Stoler. When the costs, etc. come out you will be notified.

CONSIDERING 'NEXT STEPS' IN YOUR JOURNEY OF FAITH:

If anyone is interested in following the Lord in believer's baptism or if you are interested in becoming a member of Salem Church, please call or email Pastor Brent at 717-377-6757 or mangusfamilyministries@gmail.com.

NEW OUTREACH! Keystone Family Alliance-Franklin County

aims to educate, motivate, and equip every Christian in Pennsylvania on the needs of orphaned & vulnerable children, both locally and globally. It provides tangible support, prayer, resources, and aid resulting in foster families who foster longer & stronger, healthy & healing adoptive families, and biological families that can remain a safe place for their kids.

Salem Church has decided to partner with Keystone Family Alliance to provide support by way of delivering meals on Tuesdays to the Schweizer family of 8 (6 are children). If you would like to help, please see or contact Joie Rotz for more information: 717.762.6961.

“Learn to do good. Seek justice. Help the oppressed. Defend the cause of orphans.” Isaiah 1:17 / .WWW.KEYFAM.ORG

Meal Schedule for the Schweizer Family	
<i>Providing wrap-around support in partnership with Keystone Family Alliance</i>	
Salem Church Coordinator: Joie Rotz	
<u>Delivery for Tuesdays in April:</u>	
April 07	Aurita Rose
April 14	Ruth Ann Helman
April 21	Wendy Eigenbrode
April 28	Mangus Family

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me, listened to me, prayed with me, and reminded me that my life mattered. By the time we hung up, I had stepped back from the ledge.

Looking back, I believe that phone call was nothing less than God’s mercy reaching into the darkest moment of my life. A couple of years later, life dealt another blow.

It was Christmas Eve. The kind of night that’s supposed to be filled with warmth and joy. Lights glowing in windows, families gathering together, children waiting for morning. But that year my world felt shattered. I saw my wife with her boyfriend, and the reality of what had happened in my marriage hit me with a weight I can still feel when I think about it. The pain was sharp, and what made it worse was knowing I couldn’t even be with my kids that night.

Once again, those dark thoughts came rushing back. But something had changed in me since the night my brother called. Instead of sitting alone with the pain, I picked up the phone. This time I called my dad. We talked. He listened. He helped steady me when my emotions felt like they were spinning out of control. Once again, someone stood between me and the darkness. Another life-saving phone call.

When I look back now, I see something I couldn’t see then. Every time I stood near the edge, God placed someone in my life who refused to let me fall.

A brother on the other side of the world. A father who stayed on the line. Voices that reminded me that the story wasn’t over.

Today, years later, I’ve had the privilege of being on the other side of those phone calls. I’ve sat with people in their darkest moments—people who believed the same lie I once believed, that the world would somehow be better without them. I’ve watched dozens of people change their mind and choose life. Every time it happens, I’m reminded of the nights someone did the same for me. I think about my sons sometimes when I reflect on these memories. One day they will face their own battles. Life has a way of bringing storms none of us expect. And if they ever find themselves standing where I once stood, I hope they remember something simple but powerful: You are never as alone as the darkness wants you to believe. And if the night ever feels too heavy, pick up the phone. Someone who loves you will answer. And sometimes, that one conversation can save a life.

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

Fred West 717-762-7093

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

E-mail: salemchurch@pa.net



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 - Joie Rotz

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

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