

The Salem Heartbeat

Sharing Christ with the world!

From the Pastor's Heart

Why We Host an Easter Egg Hunt:

Each year on Palm Sunday, Salem Church hosts an Easter Egg Hunt for our community. And every year, we're blessed to welcome dozens of families—many of whom may never set foot in a church otherwise. The laughter of children, the joy of families gathering, and the bright signs of Spring make it a day filled with life and warmth.

But occasionally, I've been asked, "Why do we celebrate with eggs and bunnies? Doesn't that take away from the resurrection of Jesus?" It's a fair question—and one I'm grateful people care enough to ask.

The truth is, the Easter Bunny and eggs don't come from the Bible. They have roots in older, pre-Christian springtime festivals that celebrated new life and fertility—symbols like eggs and rabbits were commonly used because of what they represented. But rather than reject these cultural symbols entirely, early Christians chose to redeem them, using eggs as a picture of the empty tomb and the new life that comes through Christ. Over time, these traditions became part of how Christians celebrated the resurrection in culturally familiar ways.

At Salem, we don't focus on the bunny or the candy—we focus on Jesus. Every year, before or after the egg hunt, we take time to clearly share the true meaning of Easter: that Jesus Christ died for our sins, rose again, and invites us into new life with Him. The egg hunt simply creates a joyful, welcoming space to open that door of connection with our neighbors.

And let's be honest—springtime is a gift from God. The budding flowers, the return of birds, and yes—even the bunnies—remind us that life is being renewed. What better time to celebrate the greatest news of all?

Thank you, Salem Church, for being a place where we joyfully invite our community to hear the Gospel. May we continue to find creative and compassionate ways to advance the Kingdom of God, one egg at a time.

In Christ's love,
Pastor Brent

MAY 2025

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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 - MAY 2025

Sermon Series: "Women of Genesis: Stories of Faith and Redemption"

May 4, 2025—Week 1: Eve – The Mother of All Living

Text: Genesis 2:18-25; 3:1-24 / **Big Idea:** Eve's story teaches us about humanity's fall and God's redemptive plan, beginning with the first mother.

May 11, 2025—Week 2: Sarah – The Mother of Nations

Text: Genesis 12:1-5; 18:9-15; 21:1-7 / **Big Idea:** Sarah's journey of faith reveals that God's promises prevail despite human doubt.

May 18, 2025—Guest Speaker—Coby Benedict

May 25, 2025—Week 3: Hagar – The God Who Sees Me

Text: Genesis 16:1-16; 21:8-21 / **Big Idea:** Hagar's story reminds us that God sees and cares for the marginalized and oppressed.



*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!*

May 04: Robert Stouffer

Grace Brethren Church - The Family
Persecuted Christians in Uzbekistan
Open Doors / Voice of the Martyrs

May 11: Carroll & Louanna Sturm

Great Commission Deliverance Ministries
Persecuted Christians in Libya
PMI-Pregnancy Ministries, International

May 18: Frank & Marilyn Tracy

Greenwood Assembly of God
Persecuted Christians in Laos
Relay for Life

May 26: Rev. Steve & Kim Wagoner

Greenwood Hills Gospel Chapel
Persecuted Christians in Vietnam
Jonathan and Garima Rider (India)

Salem Church Special Offering Project

For May: Fisher House



Please use the "OTHER" spot on your offering envelope to write: Fisher House, or write it on the memo line of your check. Thanks for your help!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR MAY 2025

USHER/GREETER

5/04 **OPEN / TBD**
 5/11 Deb Nash / John McGuire
 5/18 **OPEN / TBD**
 5/25 **OPEN / TBD**

WORSHIP LEADER

5/04 Fred West
 5/11 Michelle Lushbaugh
 5/18 Linda Stoler
 5/25 Joie Rotz

ACOLYTE

5/04 **OPEN / TBD**
 5/11 John McGuire
 5/18 **OPEN / TBD**
 5/25 Tom McCloud

OFFERING COUNTERS

5/04 Ruth Ann H. / Linda S.
 5/11 Terry E. / Troy J.
 5/18 Sandi B. / Fred Wh.
 5/25 Lana L. / John Mc.

NURSERY

5/04 **OPEN / TBD**
 5/11 **OPEN / TBD**
 5/18 Kim K. / TBD
 5/25 **OPEN / TBD**

*ALTAR FLOWERS

5/04 Jim R., Allan & Linda W.
 5/11 Diane Ellis
 5/18 Paul Rumbaugh
 5/25 Butch & Joie Rotz

**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.*

Women's Appreciation Banquet

Saturday, May 10, 2025

Salem Fellowship Center

5:30 PM to mingle and check out displays

6:00 PM Chicken Dinner

Women at Risk displays for purchasing handmade items, which support women rescued from human trafficking and abuse. Morning Star Books and Gifts will also have a display. Please sign up each person's name who will be attending on clipboard or contact Sherry Hill 717-404-2043 cell.

Men and Teenagers are needed to help with set up, serving and clean up. Sheet is on clipboard or contact Sherry Hill.

MEN'S APPRECIATION BREAKFAST: Any Women interested in helping with the Men's Appreciation Breakfast on Sunday, June 15, 2025, please contact Sherry Hill 717-404-2043 cell.

Wednesdays 6:30 PM
Fairview Ave. BIC Church
 152 Fairview Ave.,
 Waynesboro, PA 17268



Salem Church Vacation Bible School

Wednesday, Aug. 6, to Friday, Aug. 8

6:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Pre-K to 5th grade.

Theme is *True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World*. The ultimate Alaskan adventure to point kids to Jesus, a faithful friend we can always trust.

******Organizational and Kick off Meeting******
Thursday, May 1 / 6:30 PM Fellowship Ctr.
 Contact Sherry Hill 717-794-2785 landline or 717-404-2043 cell.



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

May 2025 Calendar of Events / Activities

REGULAR WEEKLY / MONTHLY ACTIVITIES:

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

Dates to Remember:

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May 01	VBS Organizational / Kick-off Meeting	6:30 PM Fellowship Ctr.
May 03	Fruitbelt Farm Workers Fundraising Banquet	12:00 PM Carlisle, PA
May 08	Ministry Council	7:00 PM
May 10	Women's Appreciation Banquet	5:30 / 6:00 PM Fellowship Ctr.
May 11	Mother's Day celebrated	All day!
May 14	Leland Ministry (all welcome to come)	2:00 PM
May 16	Relay for Life	4:00-10:00 PM
May 23	Salem Game Nite	6:00 PM
May 26	Memorial Day celebrated	All day!



- 5/5 Mike Eisenberger
- 5/9 Brenda Izer
- 5/11 Talon Hill
- 5/19 Susan Fuller
- 5/26 Frank Tracy
- 5/30 Paula Eigenbrode



- 5/1 Susie Fogle
- 5/2 Patrick Minnick
- 5/2 Rev. Steve Wagoner



- 5-18 Patricia & Edward Gebhart
- 5-21-16 Kody & Courtney Mull
- 5-25-90 Rodney & Tina Anderson
- 5-25-85 Linda & Paul Barnett

Poetry By Glenda Bennett:

All that I want is to live peacefully,
 In harmony with life and my fellow man-
 To cherish my God and family completely
 'Til purest love and concern flows in every vein.

Yet there are greater wonders that await me,
 My worldly ignorance planned and complete,
 Things marvelously veiled, titillating to see...
 That such an agreeable life would be incomplete!

To be so attuned to my every surrounding,
 Each subtlety, nuance, chorus and chord-
 Acutely aware of the message abounding,
 Abundantly sent by the only true Word.

Trials administered in Godly good measure
 Surely form that which He does treasure.



RELAY FOR LIFE 2025: Please come out to our Relay for Life on Friday, May 16th at Greencastle-Antrim High School. The time is 4 PM until 10PM; the Team Recognition Lap is at 5 PM - - please feel free to join us for that! In the past, we have had a lot of our Salem Family join us.

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Ministry Council Officers & Members 2025:

Council/Congregation, President:

Butch Rotz 717-762-6961

Council/Congregation, Vice President:

Sherry Hill 717-794-2785

Secretary:

John McGuire 240-357-6237

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

Deb Nash 503-891-5448

Linda Stoler 717-655-7833

Judy White 717-762-7008

Ex-officio members:

Brent Mangus (Lead Pastor)

Ruth Ann Helman (Treasurer)

Sandi Barnett (Treasurer)

Council of Elders 2025:

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
Financial Oversight - Bob Crouse
H.E.L.P. - Linda Stoler
Historical Records - Wendy Eigenbrode
Personnel - Linda Stoler

Caring Ministry Teams - *Deb Nash
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 - *Lu Kennedy
Game Nite - Jean Kahl
Guess Who's Coming to Dinner - Tom & Fern McCloud

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