

The Salem Heartbeat

Sharing Christ with the world!

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JUNE / JULY 2026 Edition

FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART † *Remembering Salem: Ten Years from Now*

The old red-carpeted floors in the sanctuary still creaked when people walked across them. Some things at Salem never changed. The sanctuary still smelled faintly like old hymnals and coffee. Sunlight still poured through the stained-glass windows onto the same wooden pews generations had sat in before. The cross still stood at the center of the sanctuary, just like it always had.

But on this particular Sunday morning in October of 2036, something else filled the building too. Noise. Not the noise of chaos. The noise of life.

A toddler laughed somewhere near the stairway leading down to the nursery. A baby cried briefly before being comforted by a young mother rocking her gently beside the check-in table. Two teenage boys carrying Bibles and energy drinks hurried across the parking lot from the fellowship center, arguing about whether they were going to win the youth group foosball tournament later that night.

Eighty-seven-year-old Harold Miller sat in his usual pew near the front of the sanctuary and smiled as he watched them pass. Ten years ago, he wasn't sure Salem would ever sound like this again. Back then, most Sundays were quiet. Beautiful. Faithful. But quiet.

The congregation had loved Jesus deeply, but most of the members were older now. Many of the classrooms downstairs sat empty. The nursery lights were usually off. Some Sundays there were no children at all except for the pastor's family.

Harold remembered the meetings back then. The difficult conversations. The uncomfortable questions. One question in particular had lingered in silence longer than anyone wanted it to.

“If nothing changes in ten years... what will happen to Salem Church?”

Nobody wanted to answer it out loud. Because deep down, everyone already knew. If no younger families came...if no children were discipled...if no intentional investments were made into the next generation...then eventually there would be nobody left to carry the church forward.

At first, the changes felt uncomfortable. Some people questioned whether the church really needed to build an addition onto the fellowship center to create a dedicated youth space. Others

wondered why Salem needed things like a children’s ministry director or a part-time youth pastor. There were debates about music too. Not because anyone wanted to abandon the hymns. But because the church slowly began realizing that preserving the gospel and preserving personal preferences were not always the same thing.

And so, little by little, Salem began making decisions with the future in mind instead of only the past. The new addition to the fellowship center became more than extra space. It became a place where teenagers wanted to gather. The sound of pool balls cracking against each other and teenagers laughing eventually filled the youth center every Wednesday night. Young parents started gathering for Bible studies focused on marriage, parenting, and discipleship. The church hired a nursery director who remembered every child’s name and prayed over each baby while rocking them to sleep. An electric piano appeared beside the organ—not replacing tradition, but expanding the church’s ability to sing both old hymns and newer worship songs together.

Something unexpected happened through it all. The older members didn’t become less important. They became spiritual grandparents. The church had not lost its identity. It had rediscovered its mission.

Harold looked around the sanctuary as worship began. Near the front sat a young couple bouncing their infant daughter on their knees. Three rows behind them, a group of teenagers whispered and laughed before one of the elders gently turned around and smiled at them. A little girl no older than six stood beside her grandmother trying her best to sing the doxology from memory. And suddenly Harold realized something.

Ten years earlier, Salem Church had stood at a crossroads. One path would have slowly preserved the building until there were too few people left to sustain it. The other path required sacrifice. Change. Faith. Vision. But it also created space for a new generation to encounter Jesus.

As the congregation began praying the Lord’s Prayer together, Harold closed his eyes for a moment and listened. Not to the organ. Not to the piano. Not even to the pastor’s voice. He listened to the sound of generations worshipping together. And for the first time in years, Salem Church sounded young again.

EXCITING NEWS! During a Special Congregational Meeting on April 26, 2026, Salem Church voted to pass the following motion by a majority vote: *“Shall the congregation authorize the Ministry Council to purchase the real property consisting of 4+ acres located adjacent to the Salem Church Cemetery for a price and associated closing costs not to exceed \$248,000?”* (37 YES / 2 NO)

JUNE / JULY IN WORSHIP

Sermon Series: “And Then Acts 2 Happened:

How the Lord’s Prayer Came Alive Through the Early Church”

Series Big Idea: The Lord’s Prayer becomes visible through a Spirit-filled people living under the reign of King Jesus.

WEEK 1 — MAY 31 (MEMORIAL DAY Service) — “While We Wait”

Text: Acts 1:1–11 / Big Idea: The church advances not by human strength, but by Spirit-empowered obedience to King Jesus.

WEEK 2 — JUNE 7 — “A Church on Its Knees”

Text: Acts 1:12–26 / Big Idea: Before the church moved in power, it learned to wait together in prayerful dependence.

June 14—Guest Preacher, Pastor Dave Meckley

WEEK 3 — JUNE 21 — “And Then Acts 2 Happened”

Text: Acts 2:1–13 / Big Idea: The Holy Spirit transforms ordinary believers into the living presence of Christ in the world.

WEEK 4 — JUNE 28 — “What Shall We Do?”

Text: Acts 2:14–41 / Big Idea: The gospel demands a response: repent, believe, and receive the forgiveness of sins through Jesus Christ.

July 5—Guest Preacher, Pastor Carl Batzel

WEEK 5 — JULY 12 — “The Fellowship of the Spirit”

Text: Acts 2:42–47 / Big Idea: Spirit-filled churches become devoted families shaped by worship, generosity, truth, and mission.

July 19—Guest Speaker, Pastor Steve Wagoner

July 26—Guest Speaker, Matthew Robinson - Founder of Sons of the Shepherd Ministry

RELAY FOR LIFE 2026 - UPDATE

Relay for Life May 15, 2026 is now in the books and it was a great Relay for Salem Church!

At 5:00 PM, 19 people from Salem Church walked in the Team Recognition Lap. Salem folks won 5 of the baskets, from Basket Alley. At the end of the evening, Salem Church Team came in as the First-Place fund raiser, with a total of \$6,846.00!

Our team participants, Jean Kahl and Linda Stoler, placed in the top 8 Fund Raisers. Linda placed 1st with a total of \$5,566.00, Jean placed 8th with a total of \$1,280.00.

Thanks to all who contributed! It truly was a Team effort.





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!

- June 07:** **Deb Nash**
Christ United Methodist Church
Persecuted Christians in Eritrea
Fisher House
- June 14:** **Jim Ressler**
Christ Apostolic Church
Persecuted Christians in Syria
Fruitbelt Farm Workers
- June 21:** **Jeff & Bonnie Rhodes**
Church of the Apostles UCC
Persecuted Christians in Sudan
Gideons International
- June 28:** **Sam & Aurita Rose**
Church of the Transfiguration Episcopal
Persecuted Christians in Nigeria
The Tide / Gospel Tide
- July 05:** **Butch & Joie Rotz**
City Light Christian Fellowship
Persecuted Christians in Pakistan
Lion of Judah Academy & Medical Mission
- July 12:** **Paul Rumbaugh**
Crossroads Church
Persecuted Christians in Myanmar
The Lunch Place
- July 19:** **Nancy Scandlen**
Emmanuel Full Gospel Church
Persecuted Christians in Uzbekistan
New Hope Shelter
- July 26:** **Ann Sheeley**
Experience Life Church
Persecuted Christians in Libya
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



**SALEM CHURCH SPECIAL OFFERING PROJECT FOR JUNE / JULY:
Fruitbelt Farm Workers Christian Ministry**

Please put "Fruitbelt" on the memo line of your check or on the offering envelope.

JUNE / JULY CALENDAR OF EVENTS / ACTIVITIES

Dates to Remember:

June 10 (no July)	Leland Ministry	<u>Time:</u> 2 PM
June 11 & July 9	Ministry Council	7 PM
June 19 & July 17	Game Nite	6 PM
June 21	Father's Day / Breakfast in Fellowship Ctr	9:30 AM
July 04	Independence Day – 250 years!	N/A
July 21	Newsletter Deadline -August edition	8 PM

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.

JUNE / JULY WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS SCHEDULE						
DATE	Worship Leader	Greeter/Usher	Acolyte	Counters	Flowers	Nursery
6/07	Fred West	Butch & Joie	Joie R.	Ruth Ann / Terry	Tom & Fern	Wendy E.
6/14	Lu K.	Wendy E.	OPEN / TBD	Sandi / John	Lu	Cindy J.
6/21	Aurita R.	John M.	John M.	Linda / Fred	OPEN / TBD	Wendy E.
6/28	Joie R.	Deb N. / Jean K.	OPEN / TBD	Wendy / Troy	Rodney & Tina	Cindy J.
7/05	Aurita R.	Butch & Joie	OPEN / TBD	Ruth Ann / Linda	Fern	OPEN / TBD
7/12	Michelle L.	John M. / Jean K.	Tom M.	Sandi / Fred	Troy & Cindy	OPEN / TBD
7/19	Mary Margaret B.	OPEN / TBD	OPEN / TBD	Lana / John	OPEN / TBD	OPEN / TBD
7/26	Joie R.	Nancy B.	OPEN / TBD	Wendy / Fred	Lu	OPEN / TBD

BIRTHDAYS		ANNIVERSARIES ♥	
<p><u>June</u></p> <p>6/03 Triston Hill</p> <p>6/07 Tina Anderson</p> <p>6/11 Cayla Carbaugh</p> <p>6/11 Nancy Scandlen</p> <p>6/12 Carole Carbaugh</p> <p>6/13 Mike Henicle</p> <p>6/16 Darlene West</p> <p>6/22 Duane Eigenbrode</p> <p>6/25 Michelle Lushbaugh</p> <p>6/26 Weston Penrose</p> <p>6/27 Emily Martin</p> <p>6/27 Easton Woodring</p> <p>6/28 James Ressler</p>	<p><u>July</u></p> <p>7/03 Tom McCloud</p> <p>7/06 Kalea Mangus</p> <p>7/07 Sandy May</p> <p>7/12 John Farmer</p> <p>7/14 Bev Henicle</p> <p>7/17 Bai Edward Fornah</p> <p>7/25 Tom Kennedy</p> <p>7/28 Michelle Anderson</p> <p>7/31 Jean Kahl</p>	<p><u>June</u></p> <p>6-11-66 Tom & Fern McCloud</p> <p>6-12-93 Duane & Lori Eigenbrode</p> <p>6-29-74 Jeff & Bonnie Rhodes</p> <p><u>July</u></p> <p>7-5 Steve & Kim Wagoner</p> <p>7-20-85 Frank & Marilyn Tracy</p> <p>7-26-80 Randy & Wendy Eigenbrode</p> <p>7-31 Mike & Bev Henicle</p>	



PLEASE NOTE: The Schweizer Family has decided they no longer need our weekly meal support. They thank Salem for their wonderful weekly meals!!! (we provided 12 meals plus money for “a night out”). We will be assigned a new family in the near future. Effective June 2nd, all meals are on hold. Any questions, please call Joie Rotz.

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

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Mike Eisenberger 717-977-0292

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

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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 - TBD

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 - *Fred West

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 ministry