

The Salem Heartbeat

Sharing Christ with the world!

From the Pastor's Heart

"Joy Thieves and Bagels"

In our home, we often say, "Don't let that steal your joy." It's a phrase we use when life gets difficult or when a person, or situation, tries to get under our skin—especially with four teenage boys in the house. My wife and I know a thing or two about living with difficult people (not to mention ex-spouses). But even with that, it's much easier said than done. How about you? Have you ever found it easy to let something or someone steal your joy? I know I have.

One of the funniest memories I have from my younger years revolves around an incident with my sister and our family dog. We both worked early morning shifts at a warehouse, and since we didn't have cars, our mom would drive us in the family minivan. Now, my sister wasn't exactly a morning person. It always took her a little extra time to get herself ready for the day. My mom and I, though? We were those annoying people who were happy the moment we woke up.

One particular morning, my sister was barely awake. We were waiting in the van for her, and our dog was sitting between the two front seats. I was in the back seat, giving her the front passenger spot. As my sister climbed in, she was holding a sausage, egg, and cheese biscuit. But, as she got in, her sandwich tipped just a little too far and fell straight into the dog's mouth. Without missing a beat, the dog snatched it up in one quick chomp.

My sister's face was priceless—she couldn't believe what had just happened. I started laughing, then my mom joined in, and eventually, my sister, still frustrated, couldn't help but laugh too. It was one of those moments that should have been annoying but turned into something we'd laugh about for years.

That memory came flooding back last night. After a three-day drill with the National Guard, I was exhausted from hours of driving and preaching multiple chapel services over the weekend. I was starving, and all I could think about was food—specifically, my wife's homemade bagels. Parmesan and rosemary bagels are my favorite, and there was one left. I pulled it from the fridge, eager to eat, and walked over to the microwave.

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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 - JUNE 2025

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

June 1, 2025—Week 4: Rebekah – A Mother of Influence / Text: Genesis 24:1-67; 27:1-46

Big Idea: Rebekah's story shows the complexity of family relationships and the sovereignty of God's plan.

June 8, 2025: Pentecost Sunday—Week 5: Leah and Rachel – Sisters in Struggle / Text: Genesis 29:1-35; 30:1-24

Big Idea: Leah and Rachel's story highlights God's ability to work through human rivalry and brokenness to fulfill His purposes.

June 15, 2025—Week 6: Dinah and Tamar – Voices in Brokenness / Text: Genesis 34:1-31; 38:1-30

Big Idea: Dinah and Tamar's stories reveal God's justice and redemption amid human brokenness.

June 22, 2025—Week 7: The Daughters of Lot – Warnings and Lessons / Text: Genesis 19:30-38

Big Idea: The story of Lot's daughters is a sobering reminder of the consequences of sin and the hope of redemption.

June 29, 2025—Week 8: Women of Genesis – Faith in God's Promises / Text: Genesis 49:29-50:26

Big Idea: The women of Genesis teach us about the enduring faithfulness of God in every generation.



*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 01: Fred & Darlene West

Hades Church of the Brethren
Persecuted Christians in Yemen
Bruce & Deb Robinson (Crossworld, Haiti)

June 08: Fred & Judy White

Hawley Memorial Presbyterian Church
Persecuted Christians in Egypt
Samaritan's Purse

June 15: Allan & Linda Wilson

Hollowell Brethren in Christ Church
Persecuted Christians in Ethiopia
She's Somebody's Daughter

June 22: Corey & Jessica Woodring

Iron Springs Brethren in Christ Church
Persecuted Christians in North Korea
Spring of Hope Counseling

June 29: Rodney & Tina Anderson

Jacobs Church
Persecuted Christians in Saudi Arabia
Don & Karen Stauffer (Global Outreach Mission, India)



Salem Church Special Offering Project



for June & July: FruitBelt Farmworkers Christian Ministry



MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 2025



USHER/GREETER

6/01 Frank & Marilyn Tracy
 6/08 Nancy B. / Paula E.
 6/15 Wendy E. / John Mc.
 6/22 Allan & Linda Wilson
 6/29 Butch & Joie Rotz

WORSHIP LEADER

6/01 Lu Kennedy
 6/08 Joie Rotz
 6/15 Tom McCloud
 6/22 Aurita Rose
 6/29 Dennis Goshorn

ACOLYTE

6/01 Frank Tracy
 6/08 Tom McCloud
 6/15 John McGuire
 6/22 Fern McCloud
 6/29 Joie Rotz

OFFERING COUNTERS

6/01 Linda S. / John Mc.
 6/08 Ruth Ann H. / Terry E.
 6/15 Troy J. / Fred Wh.
 6/22 Wendy E. / Linda S.
 6/29 Sandi B. / Lana L.

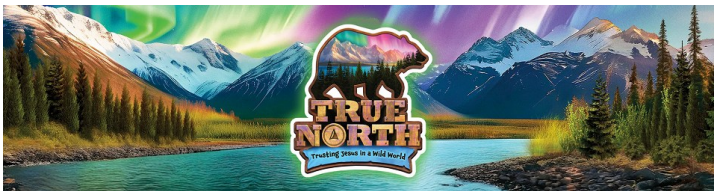
NURSERY

6/01 **OPEN / TBD**
 6/08 Wendy E. / TBD
 6/15 Ruth Ann H. / TBD
 6/22 **OPEN / TBD**
 6/29 Wendy E. / TBD

*ALTAR FLOWERS

6/01 Salem Church
 6/08 Tom & Fern McCloud
 6/15 John McGuire
 6/22 Lu Kennedy
 6/29 Rodney & Tina Anderson

Pentecost Communion will be served and celebrated on Sunday, June 8th during the 10:45 AM worship service. Serving Elder is Linda Stoler.



**Salem Church Vacation Bible School
 Wednesday, August 6, - Friday, August 8
 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM
 For children 4 years old thru 5th grade.**

*True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World.
 An Alaskan adventure teaching about the
 Gospel of Matthew.*

Invite your neighbors, friends and grandchildren to attend. Register online or printed forms will be available soon. If you are willing to help, contact Sherry Hill. 717-404-2043. .



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



MEN'S APPRECIATION BREAKFAST:

Sunday, June 15/ 9:30-10:30 AM
 Fellowship Center (NO Sunday School).

Two clipboards are circulating:

1-Volunteers / Food Prep.

2-Attendance.

All are welcome!



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

June 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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June 01	Graduate Recognition & Potluck	10:45 AM
June 11	Leland Ministry (all welcome to come)	2:00 PM
June 12	Ministry Council	7:00 PM
June 15	Men's Appreciation Breakfast	9:30 AM Fellowship Ctr.
June 20	Salem Game Nite	6:00 PM



- 6/3 Triston Hill
- 6/7 Tina Anderson
- 6/11 Cayla Carbaugh
- 6/11 Roy Horton
- 6/11 Nancy Scandlen
- 6/12 Carole Carbaugh
- 6/13 Mike Henicle
- 6/16 Darlene West
- 6/22 Duane Eigenbrode
- 6/25 Michelle Lushbaugh
- 6/26 Weston Penrose
- 6/27 Easton Woodring
- 6/28 James Ressler



- 6-11-66 Tom & Fern McCloud
- 6-12-93 Duane & Lori Eigenbrode
- 6-29-74 Jeff & Bonnie Rhodes

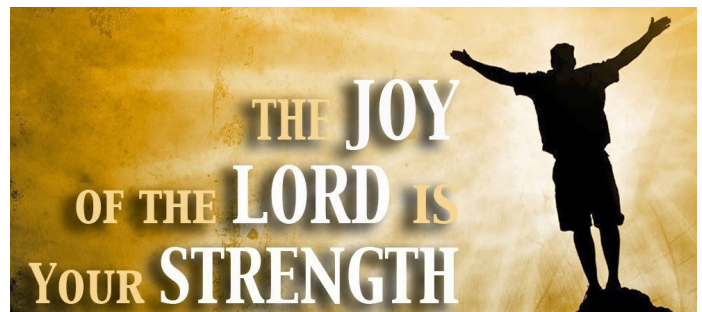
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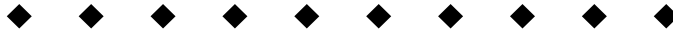
But as I took the splatter shield off the microwave and held the bagel too low, my dog, Tucker, was right there. In a flash, he snatched it out of my hand and made a run for the doggie door, planning to enjoy his stolen bagel in peace. I yelled at him and chased him down. Before he could escape, I kicked him lightly to stop him.

For a moment, I felt defeated. My favorite bagel—gone. But I quickly shrugged it off. I grabbed a different bagel and moved on with my night. "Don't let anyone steal your joy," I told myself.

It's funny how these small moments—like a sandwich stolen by a dog, or a bagel snatched from your hand—remind us of something much bigger. Life has a way of throwing distractions, frustrations, and little joy-stealers our way. But we have to be vigilant to guard our hearts and minds from letting those things take our joy.

The next time something tries to steal my joy, I'll remember that sausage sandwich from years ago and my own battle with Tucker, the bagel thief. I'll laugh, shake my head, and move on. Because in the grand scheme of things, no one—and no thing—is worth losing my joy over.





Dear Congregation,

First and foremost, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to each of you. Your generosity, your faith, and your commitment to this church and its mission are truly inspiring. Salem Church is blessed with a congregation that gives abundantly, whether through tithes, offerings, or support for special missions. That spirit of giving reflects the love and devotion you have for both this community and the broader mission of God's work.

Today, I want to share a gentle reminder about the importance of balance in our giving. As many of you know, our church has seen an increasing amount of designated offerings—many toward missions and special causes, all of which are vital and meaningful. Your support of these ministries is deeply appreciated and continues to make a difference in lives near and far.

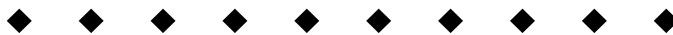
At the same time, I encourage us to remember that the church itself—the place where we gather, worship, and carry out our mission—depends on the general fund. This fund ensures that our doors remain open, our ministries remain active, and our ability to serve remains strong. Just as we care for our homes, ensuring their upkeep so they remain a place of warmth and refuge, our church requires the same attention.

With that in mind, we want to clarify and encourage a biblical understanding of giving: our **tithe**, or first 10%, is traditionally meant to support the **general fund**—the core of our church's ministry and operations. Any **special offerings**, given above and beyond the tithe, are a wonderful way to support missions and designated ministries. Both forms of giving are acts of worship, and both are essential to the full expression of our calling as a church.

I invite you to prayerfully consider how your giving reflects both your passion for outreach and your love for Salem Church as a whole. Every contribution—whether directed toward missions or the church's ongoing needs—helps us continue the work that God has entrusted to us.

Together, as faithful stewards, we can ensure that Salem Church not only thrives in its outward mission but also remains a firm foundation for all who seek Christ's love here. I thank you for your continued generosity and for being a part of this beautiful journey of faith.

Blessings,
Butch Rotz
Congregational President



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

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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

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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