

The Salem Heartbeat

Sharing Christ with the world!

From the Pastor's Heart

A Brother's Burden, A Church's Blessing

It was a little over a year ago when a new pastor was assigned to a church in Waynesboro, Pennsylvania. I had already been serving Salem Church for about two and a half years, and I felt a tug on my heart to reach out. Our two congregations had a long history of fellowship—my predecessor at Salem had been close friends with his predecessor—and it only seemed right that we continue that legacy. So, I invited him to lunch.

That first meal led to many more conversations, and before long, we weren't just colleagues; we were brothers in ministry. I could sense God weaving our lives together for encouragement and support.

Then, sometime around December 2024 or January 2025—I can't quite pinpoint the exact day—I felt the Lord impress on me to do something unusual. On a Sunday morning, before my own service began, I drove across town to his church. I walked into the sanctuary, hugged him, and prayed that God would fill his worship service with the Spirit's presence. He prayed over me as well. Before I left, though, he pulled me aside.

"Would you pray for my family too?" he asked.

Their parsonage furnace had broken down in the dead of winter, leaving his family struggling to stay warm. On top of that, his part-time salary from the church wasn't enough to feed his family of six. His words were heavy, but there was no bitterness in them—only faith that God would somehow provide.

That same morning, I shared his situation with Salem. I expected we might gather a couple hundred dollars in a love offering. Instead, the people gave more than \$700 on the spot. Later, someone who missed the service handed me another \$200 for him. Not long after, our Ministry Council met and voted to give his church \$5,000 to replace the furnace. His gratitude—and his family's relief—was immeasurable.

I thought back on that story just a few days ago when my phone buzzed with a message from him: "Can we meet for tea?"

We sat together in his fellowship hall. He wasted little time before his voice cracked with emotion. As a new teacher in the district, his paychecks had stopped for the summer months. Meanwhile, his church had faced several unexpected maintenance expenses. The choice had been agonizing: pay the bills or pay the pastor. They chose the bills.

He hadn't received a paycheck in nearly two months. His eyes welled with tears as he admitted he hadn't eaten for two days—choosing instead to let what little food there was go to his children. He even confessed that he'd battled the temptation to steal diapers for his youngest.

SEPTEMBER 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 - SEPTEMBER 2025

September 7– Week 5 – Stitched by Witness / Text: Philippians 2:14–16

Big Idea: God calls us to shine as lights in a dark world, holding firmly to the word of life.

Focus: Living without grumbling, so that our lives testify to the hope of Christ.

September 14–Week 6 – Stitched by Service and Joy / Text: Philippians 2:17–18; 4:4

Big Idea: When we faithfully serve God, even at personal cost, we discover joy in Christ that can be shared with the whole community.

Focus: Service as worship, joy as contagious, and community built on both.

September 21–Guest Speaker Melissa Steinour

September 28–Sermon 1: Sola Scriptura – Scripture Alone / Text: Ephesians 1:13–14; 6:17

Title: The Sword of the Spirit: Trusting God's Word Alone

Series: Rooted in Grace: The Five Solas in Ephesians

Big Idea: God's Word is the ultimate authority and the foundation of our faith.

Focus: How Scripture reveals the gospel and equips the believer.



*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!*

September 07:

Helen & David Davies

New Life Worship Center Church of God
Persecuted Christians in Nigeria
Lion of Judah Academy & Medical Mission

September 14:

Laura Doyle

Oasis Ministries
Persecuted Christians in Pakistan
The Lunch Place

September 21:

Duane & Lori Eigenbrode

Otterbein Church
Persecuted Christians in Myanmar
New Hope Shelter

September 28:

Terry & Paula Eigenbrode

Pond Bank Community Church
Persecuted Christians in Uzbekistan
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 September: Disaster Relief





MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 2025



USHER/GREETER

9/07 John McGuire
9/14 Frank & Marilyn Tracy
9/21 Ruth Ann Helman
9/28 Nancy Burgesser

WORSHIP LEADER

9/07 Linda Stoler
9/14 Lu Kennedy
9/21 Dennis Goshorn
9/28 Michelle Lushbaugh

ACOLYTE

9/07 John McGuire
9/14 Frank Tracy
9/21 **OPEN / TBD**
9/28 Tom McCloud

OFFERING COUNTERS

9/07 Lana L. / Terry E.
9/14 Wendy E. / Linda S.
9/21 Ruth Ann H. / Troy J.
9/28 Sandi B. / John Mc.

NURSERY

9/07 **OPEN / TBD**
9/14 **OPEN / TBD**
9/21 Wendy Eigenbrode
9/28 Ruth Ann Helman

*ALTAR FLOWERS

9/07 Linda Stoler
9/14 Rodney & Tina Anderson
9/21 John McGuire
9/28 John & Ruth Ann Helman

**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.*

"A Brother's Burden, A Church's Blessing" continued

I sat in silence for a moment, feeling the weight of his honesty. I've known seasons of financial strain, but never the kind that meant my children would go hungry.

"What do you need right now?" I finally asked. "How can I and my church help you right now?"

His answer was simple. Food. Diapers.

"Let's go," I said. "Get in your car and follow me."

We drove to Salem. First stop: one of our freezers, filled with quarts of home-cooked soup. He took six. Then I led him to the sanctuary where we'd been collecting non-perishables for missions. Together we filled a garbage bag with pasta, cereal, Pop-Tarts, shampoo, toothpaste, and more. He thanked me again and again, his gratitude spilling over as freely as the groceries.

On the way there, I had texted a parishioner I knew to be generous. When we pulled into his driveway, he handed my pastor friend a check—no hesitation, no questions asked.

The next morning at Bible study, I shared his story. The people responded instantly: nearly \$100 raised for diapers before the morning ended. Later that same day, another family delivered groceries, and yet another handed me \$100 to pass along.

Moments like these remind me of what Salem has long called itself: "the little church with a big heart." And it's true. This congregation is full of generous hearts, and together, they make one big heart.

The apostle Paul once wrote to the Philippians, "Are your hearts tender and compassionate? Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose" (Philippians 2:1–2, NLT).

My friend left that day with food, money, diapers, and hope. And I left with a renewed joy—grateful to pastor a church that doesn't just say it has a big heart, but lives it. My prayer is that we will continue to show God's love not only to one another but to our entire community.

Because in the end, this is what it means to be the church.

September 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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September 01	Labor Day	N/A
September 10	Leland Ministry (all welcome to come)	2:00 PM
September 11	Ministry Council / Patriot Day! Remember & Pray	7:00 PM
September 19	Salem Game Nite	6:00 PM
September 21	Newsletter deadline	8:00 PM
September 27	OCC Shoebox Packing Party	9:00 AM-1:00 PM



9/2 Jared Carbaugh
 9/2 Louanna Sturm
 9/7 Helen Main
 9/8 Bob Brown
 9/10 Ted Zimmerman
 9/12 Jessica Woodring
 9/17 Jamie Snyder
 9/21 Connie Hollenshead
 9/24 Aiden Carbaugh
 9/27 Sherry Hill



9-7-85 David & Michelle Lushbaugh
 9-12 Carroll & Louanna Sturm
 9-12 Corey & Jessica Woodring
 9-29 Brad & Glenda Bennett

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes Packing Party - All Invited!

Saturday, September 27, 2025

9 AM to 1 PM / Salem Fellowship Center

Drop in when it's convenient for you. Stay as long as you like. Our goal is to pack 200 or more boxes! As in previous years, you can mark your envelopes with OCC for monetary donations. We'll need at least \$2,000 to cover shipping costs. There will be a box in the sanctuary for items that you would like to donate. Or bring what you have and use what we have to fill your box up. Pray over the boxes. Write notes or color/include pictures. **REMEMBER ***NO*** soap, toothpaste, food, liquids, breakables, or war-related items!**

Some items we need are:

T-shirts or tops
 Hats
 Gloves
 Flip flops
 Cups or small water bottles
 Utensil sets (no sharp knives)
 Hair brushes
 Deflated soccer balls with pump
 Checker sets

Small tools with screws and nails
 Fishing line and hooks/netting
 Sewing kits (some fabric)
 Stitchery or craft kits (no liquid glue or paints)
 Fidget toys
 Small board picture books
 Paper picture books that can bend some
 2-2 1/2 inch bouncy balls

Please keep in mind the box size limitations. Any questions, please contact Sherry Hill: 717-404-2043 cell.





Salem Church
of Waynesboro

Fall Festival

Food, Music and Fun

PROGRAM OF THE DAY

2.00pm-4.00pm Trunk or Treat

4.00pm-5.00pm Chili Cookoff

5.00pm-6.00pm Free Concert with Jessica Snyder

...AND MUCH MORE!!!



Saturday October 4

Salem Church of Waynesboro

4881 Salem Church Road

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

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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