



# The Salem Heartbeat

*The Little Church with a Big Heart!*

## From the Pastor's Heart

Dear Salem,

It's Advent Season! The time where we anticipate the celebration of the birth of Christ while we also anticipate Christ's second coming. I am really excited to preach our Advent sermon series on the five women mentioned in the genealogy of Jesus found in Matthew 1. Those women are Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bath-Sheba, and Mary. What this sermon series is going to show us more than anything is that God used and still uses the broken, bruised, and battered to accomplish His purposes on this earth.

This Christmas Eve we are going to try something a little bit different. Since Christmas Eve is on a Sunday, the 10 AM service will be contemporary with worship songs led by a praise team and we will also celebrate communion, but without candle lighting. The 7 PM service will be our traditional Candle-light Christmas Eve Service with Christmas carols, communion, and lighting the candles. The Christmas Eve message will be the same for both services.

One difference between the two services is that there will be no children's church at 10 AM since the kids will be included in that service. Then there will be a special children's program for the 7 PM service. Feel free to attend one or both of these worship services; I wanted to give families the option.

I trust you will all enjoy the holiday season.

Pastor Brent

### DECEMBER 2023

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***"The Spirit of the  
Sovereign Lord is on  
Me, because  
the Lord has anointed  
Me to proclaim  
Good News to the  
poor. He has sent Me  
to bind up the broken-  
hearted, to proclaim  
freedom for the  
captives and release  
from darkness for the  
prisoners..."  
Isaiah 61:1***



## IN WORSHIP - December 2023



### Advent Sermon Series:

### "Voices of Redemption: Women in Jesus' Family Tree"

**November 26:** Sermon: "Tamar - A Woman of Courageous Hope"

**November 26:** Sunday Night Fellowship: Praying the Psalms—Psalm 8

**December 3:** 1st Sunday of Advent—The Hope Candle

Sermon: "Rahab - From Harlot to Heroine of Faith"

**December 10:** 2nd Sunday of Advent—The Faith Candle

Sermon: "Ruth - A Tale of Devotion and Redemption"

**December 10:** Sunday Night Fellowship: Praying the Psalms—Psalm 9

**December 17:** 3rd Sunday of Advent—The Joy Candle

Sermon: "Bath-Sheba - Repentance and Restoration"

**December 24-Christmas Eve:**

**10 AM Contemporary Service:** 4th Sunday of Advent—The Peace Candle

Sermon: "Mary - The Chosen Mother of Emmanuel"; Communion

**7 PM Traditional Candlelight Service:** The Christ Candle

Sermon: "Mary - The Chosen Mother of Emmanuel"; Communion

**December 31-New Year's Eve Day:**

Sermon: "New Year, Same God:

Finding Hope in the Face of Adversity" Psalm 10

**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](mailto:barnetts05@comcast.net)  
or call her cell: 240-675-3495



### Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Update:

We collected 186 boxes at the church. Assembled 16 online. Another couple dropped 27 off at Calvary. A Grand Total of 229! Way to go, Salem Church! Thank you so much for continuing to serve Operation Christmas Child!

Sherry Hill & Sandi Barnett



### WEATHER CANCELLATIONS

The decision to cancel church due to inclement weather will be made by the Ministry Council President, Fred White; Buildings and Grounds Coordinator, Troy Johnson; and Pastor Brent. You should expect a phone call from a Ministry Council member if church has been cancelled. Please use your own wisdom and don't drive if the conditions are bad in your own neighborhood!



*Each week we pray for members and **friends of our church family**, a sister church here in the Waynesboro area and her pastor, 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!*

**December 3:**     ***Chucky & Jamie Snyder / Kane Kochera***  
Iron Springs BIC Church - Pastor Doug Lichty  
Persecuted Christians in Myanmar  
Cedar Ridge Children's Home

**December 10:**   ***Judy Souders***  
Jacobs Church - Pastor Richard Daughtridge  
Persecuted Christians in Uzbekistan  
Fisher House

**December 17:**   ***Linda Stoler***  
Jesus Alive Ministries - Pastor Randy Davis  
Persecuted Christians in Libya  
Fruitbelt Farm Workers

**December 24:**   ***Robert Stouffer***  
LCBC Church- Pastor Tim Carver  
Persecuted Christians in Laos  
Gideons International

**December 31:**   ***Joan Sutton***  
Liberty Baptist Church- Pastor Rodney Burdette  
Persecuted Christians in Vietnam  
The Gospel Tide / The Tide



*Sharing God's Extravagant Love With Those In Need This Christmas:*



**CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR THE LELAND:** We will still be giving gifts to the Leland residents and possibly Hearthstone. The following are some suggestions for you:

**Hand Lotion, Body Wash, Toothpaste, Small box tissues, Comb/brush, Slipper socks non-skid, Word Search/Coloring Book, NO Candy, crackers, food or Chap stick.** We will be also be caroling at the Leland this year - - the date to be announced. Thank you to all for your support and making the holiday special for these residents! Paula and Sandi

**WAYNESBORO HUMAN SERVICES FAMILY:** Again this year we are adopting a family through Waynesboro Human Services. We will be providing clothing , toys , and food to a needy family. Information will be available after Thanksgiving. Any questions, call Linda Wilson

**VETERANS CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS:** Salem Church is very pleased this year to assist the Waynesboro American Legion with their "Vet's Christmas Blessings" program to help local veterans in need during the upcoming Christmas season. We will be collecting personal care items including lotion, Chapstick, Kleenex, socks, and slipper socks . Collection for these items will be November 1st. thru December 10th. We are collecting items for 37 men and 3 women. All items will be delivered to the American Legion on December 11th for distribution by the American Legion. Joie Rotz is the Salem Church project leader again this year, if you have any questions.

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 2023

### USHER/GREETER

12/03 Corey & Jessica Woodring  
 12/10 **OPEN / TBD**  
 12/17 John McGuire  
 12/24 Terry & Paula Eigenbrode  
 12/31 **OPEN / TBD**

### WORSHIP LEADER

12/03 Deidra Mangus  
 12/10 Lu Kennedy  
 12/17 Aurita Rose  
 12/24 Brad Bennett  
 12/31 Michelle Lushbaugh

### ACOLYTE

12/03 Blaine McQuade  
 12/10 Gabe Beeler  
 12/17 John McGuire  
 12/24 Rodney Anderson  
 12/31 Rodney Anderson

### OFFERING COUNTERS

12/03 Wendy E. / Linda S.  
 12/10 Ruth Ann H. / John M.  
 12/17 Troy J. / Fred White  
 12/24 Sandi B. / Terry E.  
 12/31 Wendy E. / Lana L.

### NURSERY

(2 Workers each Sunday)  
 12/03 Cindy J. / Jessica W.  
 12/10 Cindy J. / Wendy E.  
 12/17 Cindy J. / Wendy E.  
 12/24 Cindy J. / Jessica W.  
 12/31 **OPEN / TBD**

### \*ALTAR FLOWERS

12/03 Troy & Cindy Johnson  
 12/10 Butch & Connie Hollenshead  
 12/17 Sherry Hill  
 12/24 Mike & Tammy Eisenberger  
 12/31 Jeff & Bonnie Rhodes

### CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION - DECEMBER 24th:

**Elder - Jeff Rhodes / Servers - Wendy Eigenbrode, Paula Eigenbrode, Tom & Fern McCloud**

*\*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.*

## BELIEVER'S BAPTISM PARTICIPANTS:

On Saturday, November 11th, Salem Church celebrated these FOUR people who, by profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, took a step of obedience and were baptized by Pastor Brent as a public statement of their faith in Him:



**Josiah Mangus, Blaine McQuade, Colton Krum, and Sean Palmer**

Let's praise God and pray for them in their ongoing walk with the Lord!



## Volunteer Appreciation Day Training

**Saturday, January 13, 2024  
 Fellowship Hall 10 AM - 2 PM**

Training for those who currently serve or want to serve in the following capacities:



**Communion Servers  
 Worship Leaders  
 Ushers & Greeters  
 Acolytes**



A sign-up sheet and more details will be provided later. Any questions call  
 Linda Wilson



# December 2023 Calendar of Events / Activities

## REGULAR WEEKLY / MONTHLY ACTIVITIES:

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

### Dates to Remember:

Business Mtg./2024 Budget Approval	Sunday, December 3	10:00 AM
Sunday Night Fellowship	Sunday, December 10	6:00 PM
Newsletter Deadline	Sunday, December 10 (early)	8:00 PM
Ministry Council	Thursday, December 14	7:00 PM
Game Night	Friday, December 15	6:00 PM



## MISSION BULLETIN BOARD

Want to know what is going on with our supported missionaries? Don't forget to check out the Mission Bulletin Board in the Fellowship Center. There you will find the latest newsletters and updates!



*Welcome Baby*

**Asher Layne Grove** entered the world at of 5:29 PM on Thursday, November 9th! Congratulations to Emma & Coby on the birth of their firstborn son and to doting grandparents, Sam & Aurita Rose!



12/2 Rick Beeler  
12/3 Roger Fuller  
12/4 Deidra Mangus  
12/4 Josiah Mangus  
12/6 Ana Snavelly  
12/11 Madilyn Kennedy  
12/12 Deb Nash  
12/13 Nick Zimmerman

12/15 Glenda Bennett  
12/16 John Kennedy  
12/17 Steve Sutton  
12/19 Pastor Lin  
12/22 Chucky Snyder  
12/25 Jesus (celebrated)  
12/29 Vicki Zimmerman



12-27-80 Ted & Vicki Zimmerman  
12-29-72 Butch & Joie Rotz



## CHURCH LEADERSHIP

### **Ministry Council Members 2023:**

#### **Council/Congregation, President:**

**Fred White** 717-762-7008

#### **Council/Congregation, Vice President:**

Sherry Hill 717-794-2785

#### **Secretary:**

Jean Kahl 717-977-0867

#### **Co-Treasurers:**

Sandi Barnett 240-675-3495

Ruth Ann Helman 717-762-8972

#### **Members:**

Roger Fuller 717-387-3026

Roy Horton 717-762-2026

Lu Kennedy 717-762-9692

Lana Lemmond 717-496-3707

Michelle Lushbaugh 717-762-4193

Lois Sellar 717-762-1986

Linda Stoler 717-655-7833

#### **Ex-officio members:**

Brent Mangus (Lead Pastor)

Ruth Ann Helman (Treasurer)

Sandi Barnett (Treasurer)

### **Council of Elders 2023:**

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

Finance - Sandi Barnett/Ruth Ann Helman

Financial Oversight - Bob Crouse

H.E.L.P. - Linda Stoler

Historical Records - Wendy Eigenbrode

Personnel - Linda Stoler

### Caring Ministry Teams - \*Linda Stoler

Deacons - Lu Kennedy

Funeral Meals - Paula Eigenbrode

Family Assistance Fund - Linda Stoler

Meals - Bonnie Rhodes

Nursery - Cindy Johnson

Prayer Chain - Sandi Barnett

Rides - Lu Kennedy

### Christian Education Ministry Teams - \*Michelle Lushbaugh

Adult Sunday School - Tom McCloud

Bible Studies, classes, seminars - Pastor Brent

Children's Ministries- Wendy Eigenbrode

### Fellowship Ministry Teams - \*Lu Kennedy

Game Nite - Jean Kahl

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner - Tom & Fern McCloud

### Outreach Ministry Team - \*Lois Sellar

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 - \*Roger Fuller

Cemetery - Troy Johnson/John McGuire

Property & Maintenance - Troy Johnson/John McGuire

Columbarium/Scattering Garden - Paula Eigenbrode

Safety & Security - (To Be Determined)

Property Improvement Committee - Allan Wilson

### Spiritual Council - \*Linda Stoler

Pastoral Relations Ministry Team - Jeff Rhodes

### Worship Ministry Teams - \*Lana Lemmond

Worship Team - Linda Wilson

Praise Music Team - Wendy Beeler

Tech Team - Sam Rose

Marquee - Nancy Burgess / Michelle Lushbaugh

Acolytes - (To Be Determined)

\*The names with an asterisk are the liaisons for that particular ministry