

The Salem Heartbeat

Sharing Christ with the world!

From the Pastor's Heart

The Visiting Pastor

The day began with an unassuming invitation—one that would ripple into a reflection of legacy and faith. I asked my fourteen-year-old son if he wanted to join me on a visit to see Miss Viola, a 93-year-old lady from our church. Without hesitation, he agreed, a quiet nod of affirmation that filled me with pride.

Miss Viola wasn't just any congregant. Just a month prior, we nearly lost her. Yet her strong-willed spirit had her back in her own home, defying the odds. Up until her accident, she had been driving herself around town in her well-worn van. Something in me believed she might just find her way behind the wheel again.

We knocked on her door and waited. Long enough, in fact, that I wondered if she might not be home. I began dialing her sons to double-check when the door creaked open, revealing Miss Viola with a surprised, radiant smile. "Pastor Brent! And you brought your son!" she exclaimed. Her joy at seeing me was evident, but it was nothing compared to her delight in meeting my son.

We settled into her living room, taking our places on her cushioned chairs. Viola, ever inquisitive, directed a few questions to my son, which he answered politely. I, too, had my share of questions for her. As we spoke, a memory surfaced, almost as if Viola's home was a time machine pulling me back to my own childhood.

I remembered my mother—her compassionate heart, her quiet yet profound acts of kindness. She had often taken me along to visit shut-ins from our church. One particular visit stood out: a woman from our neighborhood battling cancer. I texted my mom later that day, trying to recall the woman's name.

"Mom, do you remember the lady from Landmark with cancer? The one we visited?" I asked.

"Yes," she replied. "She lived on the corner two streets back. Can't remember her name, though. Started with a 'C.'"

The details eluded us, but the memories remained vivid. I saw myself, a young boy, stepping into the woman's dimly lit bedroom. Her hair was gone—a casualty of chemotherapy. The image stirred confusion and a little fear in my young heart. Yet not long after, I visited again. This time,

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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 - JANUARY 2025

New Sermon Series Title: "Rooted and Radiant: Living Salem's Core Values" (Weeks 1-4)

January 5—Scriptural Supremacy / Title: "The Word Above All" / 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Psalm 119:105

Big Idea: The Scriptures are the ultimate authority for life, faith, and godliness. In a world filled with shifting values, God's Word remains our foundation.

January 12—All-Ages Growth / Title: "Growing Together in Christ" / Ephesians 4:11-16; Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Big Idea: Spiritual growth is a lifelong journey for believers of all ages. God calls us to grow in Christ together as a multi-generational community.

January 19—Legacy of Light / Title: "Faithful Through the Generations" / Psalm 78:4-7; Hebrews 12:1-2

Big Idea: Honoring our history and traditions helps us remain grounded while advancing God's kingdom for future generations.

January 26—Extended Family / Title: "A Refuge for the Family of God" / Galatians 6:2, 9-10; Mark 3:31-35

Big Idea: The Church is more than a congregation—it is a spiritual and extended family united in Christ, called to carry each other's burdens and live out Jesus' teachings.



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!

January 5:

John McGuire

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

January 12:

Patrick Minnick & Anne Shepard

Church of the Transfiguration Episcopal
Persecuted Christians in Egypt
Samaritan's Purse

January 19

Patsy Moats

City Light Christian Fellowship
Persecuted Christians in Ethiopia
She's Somebody's Daughter

January 26

Joanne Morganhall

Crossroads Church
Persecuted Christians in North Korea
Spring of Hope

WEATHER CANCELLATIONS

The decision to cancel church due to inclement weather will be made by the Ministry Council President, Butch Rotz; Buildings and Grounds Coordinator, Troy Johnson; and Pastor Brent. Sandi Barnett will also send out a Prayer Chain email. 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!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 2025



USHER/GREETER

1/05 OPEN / TBD
1/12 OPEN / TBD
1/19 John McGuire
1/26 Joie & Butch Rotz

WORSHIP LEADER

1/05 Mary Margaret Bittle
1/12 Aurita Rose
1/19 Lu Kennedy
1/26 OPEN / TBD

ACOLYTE

1/05 Fern McCloud
1/12 OPEN / TBD
1/19 John McGuire
1/26 Joie Rotz

OFFERING COUNTERS

1/05 Ruth Ann H. / Terry E.
1/12 Lana L. / Fred Wh.
1/19 Wendy E. / Linda S.
1/26 Sandi B. / Troy J.

NURSERY

1/05 OPEN / TBD
1/12 OPEN / TBD
1/19 OPEN / TBD
1/26 OPEN / TBD

*ALTAR FLOWERS

1/05 OPEN / TBD
1/12 Pastor Brent & Deidra Mangus
1/19 OPEN / TBD
1/26 Salem Church Youth

*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.

“Vets Christmas Blessing” Program

32 Veterans in our local assisted living/ nursing home facilities received gift packages this Christmas Season thanks to your generous monetary donations. Members of the American Legion & Ladies Auxiliary visited each facility to deliver the gift packages. Salem Church takes to heart Jesus’s message of “giving to others” as part of the call to living a Christian life.

Blessing to all, Butch & Joie

Thank you! 

FAITH & POPCORN SERIES at the

Waynesboro Theatre:

<https://www.waynesborothéatre.org>

“Homestead”: 12/29 - 4 PM

12/30 & 12/31 - 7 PM
01/02 & 01/04 - 7 PM
01/03 & 01/05 - 4 PM

Tickets \$10.00

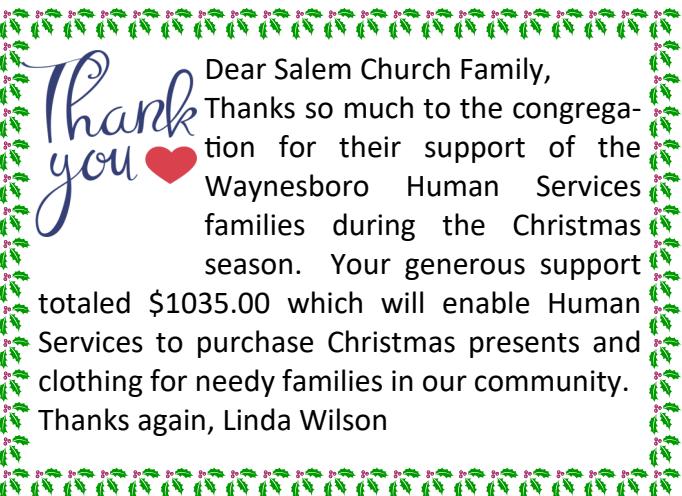


Sponsored by: Salem Church,
Waynesboro Area Fellowship of Churches,
Men’s Friday Morning Bible Study, &
A Christian Friend.

PLEASE NOTE: Annual Reports from each Ministry Team are due by the end of January at the latest.

**Thank you for your help!
Butch Rotz, Ministry Council President**

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



January 2025 Calendar of Events / Activities

REGULAR WEEKLY / MONTHLY ACTIVITIES:

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

Dates to Remember:

			<u>Time:</u>
January 09	Ministry Council		7:00 PM
January 12	Chaplain Fornah Ordination / Potluck		After 10:45 AM Service
January 17	Game Nite		6:00 PM
January 19	Newsletter Deadline		8:00 PM
January 31	Annual Reports due to office		N/A

1/1	Linda Wilson	1/17	Olivia Carbaugh
1/4	Anita Johnson	1/17	Kody Mull
1/5	Fern Martin	1/17	Elsie Horton
1/6	Jean Johnson	1/21	Ann Sheeley
1/9	Lana Lemmond	1/22	Carroll Sturm
1/10	Bob Crouse	1/27	Wendy Beeler
1/12	Charlotte Rodriguez		
1/13	Chase Penrose		
1/14	Kamryn Mull		



1-15-55 George & Connie McCabe
1-15 TT & Cleve Williford

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she was sitting upright on her couch, a vibrant bandana wrapped around her head, her smile as radiant as the sunshine streaming through the windows.

It wasn't just Mrs. C. My mother's kindness extended to Mrs. Jacoby, Mrs. Bryant, and many others. When Mrs. Bryant passed, we continued visiting her husband. My aunt, too, was a recipient of my mother's steadfast care during her health struggles. My mother's compassion was a constant, her actions a living sermon. Later, as a teenager, I joined her at the nursing home ministry our church supported. Mom always led with a smile and a helping hand, striking up conversations with the residents as if they were old friends. Her faith wasn't just something she believed; it was something she lived.

Her example shone brightest during one of our darkest times. My grandmother—"Grandma Kathy"—suffered a horrific car accident during my high school years. Her legs were crushed, and her survival was nothing short of miraculous. While my uncle offered support, the bulk of the caregiving fell to my mom. She spent countless hours driving to and from hospitals and rehab facilities, ensuring Grandma's needs were met. Eventually, Grandma Kathy moved into our home, where my mother became her full-time caregiver.

Today, as a pastor, I see my mother's fingerprints on my ministry. Hospital visits, home visits—these aren't just tasks; they're sacred moments of connection and care. Sitting in Viola's living room, watching her face light up as she spoke with my son, I felt the same spirit that guided my mother.

In 2 Timothy 1:5, Paul writes, "I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also." My mother's faith lives in me, shaping the pastor I am today. Bringing my son along on visits isn't just about company; it's about passing down that legacy. I can only hope and pray that one day, he will carry it forward, living out a faith that serves and loves without hesitation.

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

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John McGuire 240-357-6237

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Linda Stoler 717-655-7833

Judy White 717-762-7008

Ex-officio members:

Brent Mangus (Lead Pastor)

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:

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- Wendy Eigenbrode

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