The Salem Heartbeat

Sharing Christ with the world!

From the Pastor's Heart

Living What I Preach

Drill weekends weren't usually this quiet. Most of my Soldiers were out on a mission, hauling old vehicles to be replaced by new ones. A rare and exciting event—whenever the Army actually issued us new equipment, it was like Christmas morning in camouflage.

The forecast, however, had other plans. Snow, sleet, freezing rain—it was all coming, so even though I lived just 35 miles from headquarters, I packed a bag and prepared to stay overnight. I stayed up past midnight, juggling my Sunday sermon and MBA assignments, my mind racing faster than my tired body could keep up. Eventually, I drifted off into a restless sleep on an Army cot, the kind that made you appreciate real mattresses.

Morning came quickly. By 0700, I was laced up and ready for group PT. Afterward, I had just enough time to make the drive home, swap my uniform for civilian clothes, and head to church. I preached on the urgency of the gospel—that sharing it wasn't a suggestion, but a command for all believers. And then, without much time to linger, I was back in the car, finishing out my drill weekend.

That's when the call came. I was already en route to one unit when another reached out: a Soldier needed to talk—urgently. I rerouted without hesitation. When I arrived, we found an empty office, and she wasted no time getting to the point. She was suicidal. I pulled out my assessment questionnaire. As she answered, it became clear—she wasn't just struggling; she was actively considering taking her own life. I knew what needed to be done. I told her we were going to the hospital. She resisted at first, but after some conversation, she finally agreed.

The drive was quiet at first. Then, somewhere between the armory and the emergency room, she mentioned her grandmother—how she was always encouraging her to read the Bible. She had opened the door. So I walked through.

I shared the gospel. Not just words, but hope. Life. A reason to hold on. And there, in the middle of her brokenness, she believed. She accepted Jesus as her Savior.

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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 - MARCH 2025

March 02–Sermon Title: The Powerful Presence of the Holy Spirit in the Church
Text: Acts 2:1-4; John 14:16-17; 1 Corinthians 3:16

March 05–Ash Wednesday Service 2025: "The Battle Begins: Denying the Flesh in Spiritual Warfare"
Theme: Lent as a Season of Spiritual Warfare and Surrender / Key Passage: Matthew 4:1-11

March 09–1st of Lent: "Into the Wilderness: The Battle Begins"
Text: Matthew 4:1-11
Big Idea: Spiritual warfare begins when we align ourselves with God. Jesus shows us how to fight temptation and stand firm in our identity. Communion

March 16–2nd Sunday of Lent: "Unmasking the Enemy: How to Identify Spiritual Attacks"
Text: 2 Corinthians 10:3-5
Big Idea: Spiritual warfare is real, but Satan's primary weapon is deception. We must learn to recognize his schemes and stand firm in truth.

March 23–3rd Sunday of Lent: "Equipped for Battle: The Armor of God"
Text: Ephesians 6:10-18
Big Idea: God has provided everything we need to resist the devil and stand firm in faith.

March 30–4th Sunday of Lent: "The Fight for Holiness: Fleeing Temptation & Pursuing Righteousness"
Text: 1 Corinthians 10:13; James 4:7-8
Big Idea: The best way to defeat temptation is not just resisting, but fleeing and pursuing Christ.

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*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!*

March 02: ***Jeff & Bonnie Rhodes***
Family Life Worship Center
Persecuted Christians in Maldives
Camp Joy El

March 09: ***Sam & Aurita Rose***
First Community Church
Persecuted Christians in India
Cedar Ridge Children's Home

March 16: ***Butch & Joie Rotz***
First Pentecostal Church
Persecuted Christians in Iran
Fisher House

March 23: ***Paul Rumbaugh***
Five Forks Brethren In Christ Church
Persecuted Christians in Eritrea
Fruitbelt Farm Workers

March 30: ***Nancy Scandlen***
Friends Creek Church of God
Persecuted Christians in Syria
The Tide (formerly The Gospel Tide)

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 2025

USHER/GREETER		WORSHIP LEADER		ACOLYTE	
3/02	Frank & Marilyn Tracy	3/02	Michelle Lushbaugh	3/02	Tom McCloud
3/09	Fred & Darlene West	3/09	Linda Stoler	3/09	Josiah Mangus
3/16	John McGuire	3/16	Aurita Rose	3/16	John McGuire
3/23	Terry & Paula Eigenbrode	3/23	Lu Kennedy	3/23	Jean Kahl
3/30	Deb Nash	3/30	Tom McCloud	3/30	Mary Margaret Bittle

OFFERING COUNTERS		NURSERY		*ALTAR FLOWERS	
3/02	Sandy B. / Fred Wh.	3/02	Wendy E. / TBD	3/02	Randy & Wendy Eigenbrode
3/09	Ruth Ann H. / John M.	3/09	Ruth Ann H. / Kim K.	3/09	John McGuire
3/16	Wendy E. / Linda S.	3/16	Kim K. / TBD	3/16	Rick & Wendy Beeler
3/23	Sandi B. / Troy J.	3/23	Wendy E. / TBD	3/23	Sherry Hill
3/30	Lana L. / Terry E.	3/30	OPEN / TBD	3/30	Sherry Hill

**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.*

Soup and Sandwich Relay for Life Fundraiser

On Sunday, April 6th, following the worship service, we will be having our annual " Soup & Sandwich Fundraiser" for Relay For Life. For your lunch, you will be able to choose from multiple types of soup (taste them all !!!) and 2 kinds of sandwiches. Cost for lunch is by donation. Soup will also be sold by the pint/ quart. This is our major fund raiser for Relay. Please plan to attend. Your support is needed and appreciated.

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

HOPE
RELAY FOR LIFE
American Cancer Society

SALEM GAME NITE!

The next *Game Nite* is scheduled for Friday, March 21 / 6 PM in the Fellowship Center. Please contact Jean Kahl if you have questions or suggestions. Let's PLAY!

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

March 2025 Calendar of Events / Activities

REGULAR WEEKLY / MONTHLY ACTIVITIES:
Wednesday Morning: Bible Study, 10 AM-12 PM Salem Fellowship Center

Dates to Remember:		Time:
March 05	Ash Wednesday Service / Lent begins	7:00 PM
March 13	Ministry Council	7:00 PM
March 16	Newsletter Deadline	8:00 PM
March 17	Easter Flower Orders due	N/A
March 21	Game Nite	6:00 PM

3/2	Karl Warren
3/3	Russ Ellis
3/4	Lydia Jones
3/9	Pam Emrick
3/10	Caydan Woodring
3/11	Laura Doyle
3/11	Viola Eigenbrode
3/11	Troy Johnson
3/11	Remi Rose Mull
3/13	Linda Stoler
3/16	John Honodel
3/16	Patsy Moats
3/19	Easton Carbaugh
3/19	Kolby Mangus
3/21	Kim Wagoner
3/22	Nancy Burgesser
3/22	Deb Kennedy
3/26	Corey Woodring
3/27	Courtney Mull
3/27	Judy White
3/30	Roseline Farmer
3/31	Bonnie Rhodes

3-30 Jim & Kathy Laroche

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I've helped countless Soldiers through moments like this—moments of despair, moments where death feels like the only option. But this? This is why I serve. Because in the midst of the sacrifice, the sleepless nights, the long drives, the hurried sermons—eternity is on the line. And today, eternity won.

Pastor Brent, Salem Church Waynesboro
Chaplain, Pennsylvania Army National Guard

EASTER EGG HUNT 2025 will be held at Salem Church on Palm Sunday, April 13th for ages up to 12 years old. Refreshments will follow. **Donations of wrapped candy sized to fit into a plastic egg, as well as money for candy / refreshments are needed and appreciated.**

Easter Flowers

For those of you who would like to participate in the Easter flower display this year, the Florist needs our orders by Monday, March 17. If you order after this date, it will be questionable if you will get your desirable flower or color. The following is the list of choices this year:

⇒ **Tulips**	**6 bulbs**	**Red, Yellow, Pink, Purple**	**$11**
⇒ **Hyacinths**	**3 bulbs**	**Pink, Blue, Purple, White**	**$11**
⇒ **Daffodils**	**4-5 bulbs**	**Yellow**	**$14**
⇒ **Easter Lily**	**4-6 blooms**	**White**	**$14**

Easter Flower Order Forms can be found in the church narthex.

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

Church phone: 717-762-8531
E-mail: salemchurch@pa.net

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 - 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– 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