

9:00 am Worship Service

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

\*Hymn            *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*            #211

Prayers for the People and The Lord’s Prayer

Salem Singers            *The Lord is King*

Advent Candle Lighting            Aberts Family

Song of Praise            *Emmanuel, Emmanuel*            #204

The Impact of Your Generosity

Offering Prayer

\*Doxology            #95

\*Hymn            *O Little Town of Bethlehem*            #230

Scripture Reading            John 10:1-15            Ed Lull

Message            The Wonder of His Peace            Pastor John

\*Hymn            *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*            #240

Hymn            *Away in a Manger*            #217

Blessing

Choral Blessing            *Dona Nobis Pacem*

Postlude

*\*Please stand if you are able.*  
(If you’d like to make a donation today,  
offering boxes are located on the back wall of the sanctuary.)

Our Salem Church Family Prayer List	
Hadleigh Kissinger	Karen Potter
Wade Morris	Bill Boltrek
Tami Buffington	Donna Rhodes
Kenny	Gladys Achey
Michele	Mason
Ellie	Larry Pavlik
Jean Stehman Daniels	Doris Williams

Welcome!

We hope our time together is a source of hope and peace.

**Nursery Care** is provided during worship for infants to age 4.

**Friendship Pads** are in the pews. Please take the time to fill them out and pass them down the row. The information you provide helps us with attendance and to follow up with guests.

**Prayer Requests** can be written on the prayer cards located in the lobby. Place your request in the prayer quilt near the sanctuary entrance.

**Coffee Time** is held weekly prior to and following worship. You can sign up your group on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Coffee Time can be used as a gift or as a fundraiser for your group.

**Sunday School at 10:00 am**  
Children – Room 204 – 4 years through 4<sup>th</sup> grade  
Youth – Room 403 -- 5<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade  
Wrestling with Grace – Room 406 – Adult class  
Ages & Stages – Room 404 – Adult class

**Pastoral Care** is available for you and the community. If you are having a crisis or know of a pastoral care need, please contact Pastor John at 717.665.2331, ext 3 or 717.926.5945 (cell).

**E-Giving** is simple. Use the QR code to make a one-time gift or to set up recurring giving. Salem’s e-giving provider is Nucleus Giving. If you desire to support a special offering, on the Memo line type the mission to which you want to donate.




**2024 Offering Envelopes**  
Please check your mailbox for your 2024 offering envelopes. If you need them mailed or delivered to you, contact the church office or Gail Stouch at 717-279-1239, [gdstouch@comcast.net](mailto:gdstouch@comcast.net).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Building Community One Question at a Time**  
A good conversation comes down to being a good listener. Listen carefully to their answers and ask follow-up questions:  
1. Ask someone to tell you a story about Christmas cookies.  
2. Ask someone to tell you a story about their favorite and worst Christmas gifts.  
Let the other person ask you the same questions back and answer them joyfully. Have fun while getting to know others a little better.

**The Power of Invitation Card**



While the act of extending a simple invite might seem small, it carries the potential to impact lives, deepen connections, and foster spiritual growth. A simple invite can be an entry point for those who are curious about faith and for those who want to learn how to live their best life.

**Christmas Tree Angel gifts due today**  
Your support of our Angel Tree has been awesome! Thank you! Gifts are due back **today with the Angel and tag**. Please remember the tag so each child gets their angel. Again, thank you for your loving generosity. Some of these families have very little. If you have any questions, please see Lisa Palmquist (717.951.4319).

**Christmas Jazz Concert** featuring Corsair Blue Jazz Orchestra will be held on Sunday December 17 beginning at 3:00pm. Refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Hall following the concert. Come and enjoy some great Christmas music.



**Our traditional Candlelight Christmas Eve Service** will be at 7:00pm. We hope you plan to join us with friends and family. Since Christmas Eve is on Sunday, morning worship will be at the regular time of 9:00am.

**Wednesday Night Supper** this week (12/13) will be white bean chicken chili, hot dogs, applesauce. Join us and bring a friend for a delicious meal, fellowship, and fun.  
There is NO meal on December 27.

**Salvation Army Bell Ringing Time is Here**  
Sign up for an hour or two....  
Use this QR code to sign up at Hilltop or Longenecker's.



**This Week at Salem**

- Today**  
9:00 am           Worship  
10:00am           Coffee Time  
10:15 am           Sunday School
- Tuesday, December 12**  
1:30 pm           Communion at PV
- Wednesday, December 13**  
10:00 am           Knit Wits  
5:30 pm           Wednesday Night Supper  
6:30pm           Bells Rehearsal  
7:00 pm           Choir Rehearsal
- Sunday, December 17**  
9:00 am           Worship  
10:00am           Coffee Time  
10:15 am           Sunday School  
3:00 pm           Corsair Blue Concert

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**Going Deeper in “The Wonder of His Peace”**

**Read the following a few times:**  
John 10:1-15    Psalm 23    Isaiah 53:6

- Reflect on the following:**
1. Psalm 23:1 states, "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." How does this metaphor of God as a shepherd resonate with you personally, and how does it contribute to a sense of peace in your life?
  2. In Psalm 23:2, it says, "He makes me lie down in green pastures." What are the green pastures in your life, and how does the presence of the Good Shepherd contribute to your ability to find rest and peace in those areas?
  3. According to the description in John 10:7-15, what does it mean for Jesus to be the Good Shepherd? How does the Good Shepherd's sacrifice on the cross impact your understanding of peace and security?
  4. Reflect on the idea presented in John 10:3 that sheep must know the shepherd's voice to be led. How can we, as followers of Jesus, cultivate an ability to recognize His voice in our lives, and how does this contribute to our sense of security and peace?
  5. In Psalm 23:2, the shepherd leads the sheep beside still waters. How does the imagery of still waters relate to finding peace in the midst of life's challenges? How can we apply this concept practically in our daily lives?
  6. The Good Shepherd brings peace and confidence to His sheep. This means it is ok to lie down and rest because He is taking care of us. Why do some people find it hard to rest?

**Challenge:**  
Compose a personal reflection or prayer considering the role of Jesus as your Good Shepherd. Reflect on specific areas in your life where you can experience His peace, security, and provision. Consider how recognizing His presence can bring reassurance and confidence in navigating life's challenges.

**Salem**  
United Methodist Church



December 10, 2023  
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