

9:00 am Worship Service

Prelude		
Welcome and Announcements		
*Call to Worship		
*Hymn	God of Grace and God of Glory	#577
Prayers for the People & Lord's Prayer		Trevor Enck
Hymn	Through it All	#507
Children's Time		
Hymn	The Family Prayer Song	
Impact of Your Generosity		
Offering Prayer		
*Doxology		#95
Song of Praise	Promises	
Scripture	Amos 7:7-14	Heather Fittery
Special Music	Battle Hymn of the Republic	Katie Yoder
		& Luana Baltozer
Sermon	What is a Plumb Line?	Pastor John
*Hymn	Lord, I Want to be a Christian	#402
*Blessing		
Postlude		
*Please stand if you are able.		

"God's Word is the plumb line that helps us be aware of our sin."

Our Salem Church Family Prayer List

Samantha Enck	John Weaver
Ed Lull	Joan Sprock
Shannon Gornick	Karen Beck
Kelly Parker & Family on birth of Nora Mae	

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 cards located in the lobby. Place your request in the prayer quilt near the sanctuary entrance.

Sunday School at 10:15 am

Youth (5th - 12th grades) – Room 403
Wrestling with Grace (Adult Class) – Room 406

Coffee Time - There will be Coffee Time today after the service in the Fellowship Hall.

E-Giving 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 want to support with a special offering just make a note on the memo line.



Building Community One Question at a Time

A good conversation comes down to being a good listener. Listen carefully and ask follow-up questions: Try asking:

What is your earliest travel memory?

Let the other person ask you the same questions back and answer them joyfully. Have fun while getting to know others a little better.

An assisted listening system is available from a smartphone application to help people to hear the service better. Download the WaveCAST Audio Receiver app and log in to the SalemGuest Wi-Fi – the password is MINISTRY. If you need assistance, please see the sound booth.



Electronic Newsletter Sign Up! Each Friday we distribute an electronic newsletter called *The Friday Friendly*. Please use this QR code to sign up or notify the Office Manager to be included.

Special Prayer Request – Please continue to pray for the girls still missing from Mystic Camp in Texas as well as those who have suffered a loss. Uplift them in prayer!



Vacation Bible School Begins Tonight!– “Road Trip: On the Go with God” July 13-16 (6:30pm-8pm) for Grades Pre-K to 4th. Contact Natalie Abram at 717-951-8887 for last minute registration.

Come out for Family Fun Night – Thursday, July 17th 5pm to 7pm
Face Painting, Bounce House, Music, Lawn Games, Cotton Candy, Back to School Supplies and Penny's Ice Cream Truck & Gourmet Julie's Way Food Truck



The Ages and Stages Sunday School Class ~ Call for Help
Clay Street Shelter is in the basement of Otterbein UMC in Lancaster City. We will continue to collect items during the month of July. A table is set up in the narthex. have collected 269 items already.



Summer Bible Study ~ 6-week Bible Study on Friendship Tuesdays beginning July 1st at 7:00 pm It's not too late to join us to explore the depths of biblical friendship. Whether you've been part of a Bible study before or are just beginning your journey, you will find meaningful insights into how God designed friendships to be a reflection of His love and grace. Contact the Office Manager for more details.

Available ~ English/Spanish Handheld Bible Readers
Do you have a visual impairment or difficulty reading? We have devices that read the bible to you in English or Spanish. They are even solar powered! Devices are free and are being distributed by In Touch Ministries. Please reach out to the Office Manager if you are interested



Community Charity Event – Francesco's Pizza (Manheim) July 24th 4pm-7pm
15% of all proceeds will be donated to Mt. Hope for their resident benevolent care needs. Dine-in, take-out or deliver your orders and help



benefit a local retirement community, Mt. Hope of Manheim.
July Special Envelope ~ Teen Central (Manheim)
Teen Central provides spiritual development and quality of life experiences for the youth of Manheim. Their mission is to proclaim a life of purpose and hope to each generation of youth, through Jesus by providing positive activities, mentoring relationships, and promoting social, intellectual, emotional, and spiritual growth.





Save the Date! (Check out the Friday Friendly for details.)

August 17 – Manheim Historical Society Ice Cream Social (1pm-4pm)

September 6 – EPA West District Day at Gretna Glen (10:30am-3pm)

This Week at Salem

Today, July 13 (ASP team left this morning at 5:00 am)

9 am – Worship service

10:15 am – Sunday School

6:30 pm to 8:00 pm – Vacation Bible School

Monday, July 14

6:30 pm – Salem v. Hempfield at East Fairview Church of Brethren

6:30 pm to 8:00 pm – Vacation Bible School

Tuesday, July 15

6:30 pm – Bible Study room 401 or online-Zoom

6:30 pm – Salem v. Chiques Blue at Mummau Park

6:30 pm to 8:00 pm – Vacation Bible School

7:15 pm – Salem v. LCBC at Mummau Park

Wednesday, July 16

6:30 pm to 8:00 pm – Vacation Bible School

Thursday, July 17

5:00 pm to 7:00 pm – Vacation Bible School Family Fun Night

9:15 pm – Salem v. E. Petersburg Menn./Carpenter's at Pool Field

Friday, July 18

6:30 pm – Salem v. Manheim BIC Orange at Pool Field

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Going Deeper in “What is a Plumb Line?”

Read the following a few times:

Amos 7:7-14; Prov 14:12; 1 John 1:9; Joel 2:13

Reflect on the following:

Theme: Building Your Life Straight with God

1. Have you ever used a level or a measuring tool? Why do you think God uses a “plumbline” in this vision?
2. Why is it important to have a strong spiritual foundation? What helps you build that?
3. Why is it important that God cares about sin? What happens if we ignore the things that are wrong in our lives?
4. Have you ever felt like God was trying to get your attention about something in your life that needed to change? What was that like?
5. Why do people sometimes make excuses instead of dealing with their sin? What excuses do we hear today?
6. In verses 10–13, the priest Amaziah tries to shut Amos up. Why do you think people sometimes avoid hearing the truth?
7. Have you ever had a time when someone didn't want to hear the truth—even if it was helpful? What happened?
8. Amos says he's not a prophet by training—he's just a shepherd. What does that tell you about how God uses people?
9. What would you say if someone asked you why you believe in God or follow Jesus?
10. What's one part of your life—attitude, words, choices—that you think God wants to “straighten out”?

Challenges

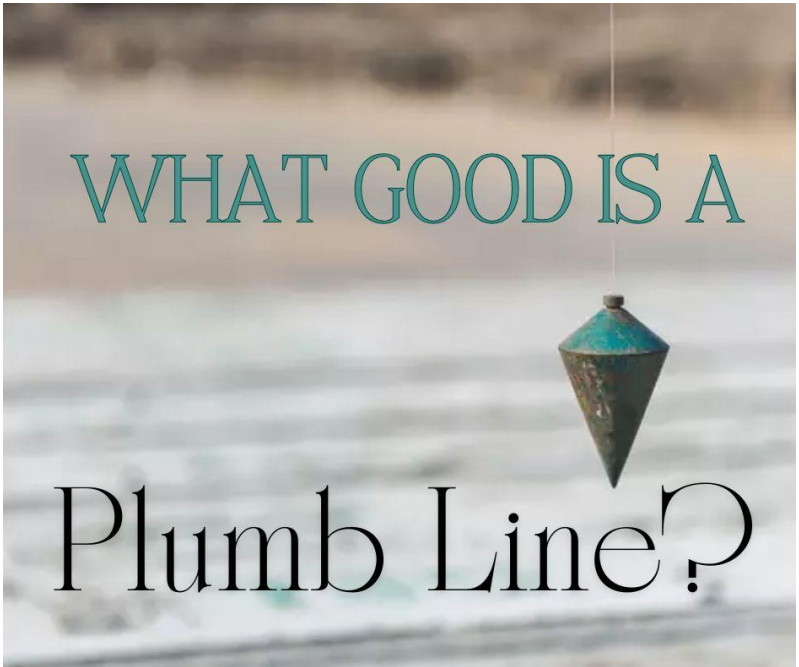
1. Ask God to show you one sin in your life that you've been ignoring or excusing. Be honest with Him in prayer. Name it. Confess it. Ask for His forgiveness and strength to turn away.
2. Make a bold move this week to cut off something that leads you into sin—whether it's a toxic app, a hurtful habit, or a friend group that pulls you down. Take a step toward holiness.
3. Write out a short prayer of repentance—your own words to God. Say you're sorry, ask for a clean heart, and commit to live differently. Then read Psalm 51 and let it guide your prayer.

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July 13, 2025

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