

Welcome!

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

Sunday School at 10:00 am

Children – Room 204 – 4 years through 4th grade

The children's lessons are based on this morning's message. They will read together, make a craft, play, and learn.

Youth – Room 403 -- 5th grade through 12th grade

The youth's lessons are based on this morning's message. They will watch related videos, discuss real-life application, pray for one another and enjoy time hanging out together.

Wrestling with Grace – Room 406 – Adult class

This adult class studies the message delivered this morning.

Ages & Stages – Room 404 – Adult class

This adult class's lessons are based on various books and DVDs.

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

Friendship Pads are located in the pews. Please take the time to fill out them out. The information you provide helps us with attendance and to follow up with visitors to Salem.

Prayer Requests can be written on the prayer cards located in the lobby. Place it in the prayer quilt that is in the lobby near the sanctuary entrance.

Coffee Time is following worship and is held in Fellowship Hall for people to gather in fellowship and for refreshments.

Assistive Hearing Devices are available at the Welcome Center. The units are portable and easy to use. You may bring your own headphones if they have a 1/8" jack.

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).

9:00 am Worship Service

Prelude *Amazing Grace* arr. Linker

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

One: We come this morning full of ourselves:

All: Our concerns, our plans, our opinions, our schedules.

One: In this moment, help us empty our minds of the relentless 'I' and make space for you.

All: Enable us to put down our priorities; to set aside our assumptions and schemes.

One: Open our hearts to recognize your love in action in our lives.

All: Reassure us of your divine vision and let us rest in your unending care.

Special Music *Jesus, Let Us Come to Know You* Cliff & Wendy Flick

Invocation

*Hymn *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* #400

Prayers of the People

Joys – "We celebrate your goodness, Lord"

Concerns – "Hear us in your Mercy, Lord"

The Lord's Prayer

Special Music *A Hallelujah Easter* Cliff & Wendy Flick

Offering Prayer

*Doxology #95

*Hymn *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* #127

Special Music Salem Singers

Scripture Reading Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Kaleigh Enck

Message *Stone Testaments* Rev. Flick

*Hymn *Shall We Gather at the River* #723

Blessing

*Postlude *A Mighty Fortress* arr Linker

**Please stand if you are able.*

(Offering boxes are located at entrances to the sanctuary.)

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Our Salem Church Family Prayer List

Dave Stehman	Donna Rhodes
Linda Hart	Juliana Roe Beck
Earl Gernert	Brandy Rhodes
Baby "Drew" Skelly	Dianne Berlin
Mike Travitz	John Brown
Hadleigh Kissinger	Richard Wagner
Barb Travitz-Steffy	Gerri Messman
Baby Charlotte & family	Hervie Krodel

WELCOME

Rev. Cliff and Wendy Flick: Met while singing with Fred Waring and the Pennsylvanians in 1981, married in Aug 1983. Cliff is a retired U.S.A.F. Reserve Logistical Readiness Officer. Ordained in the Southwest Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church, 1992, Cliff pastored First UMC, San Marcos, Tx.; Lincoln Park UMC, Reading, Pa.; Rank's UMC, New Holland, Pa; and Annville UMC, Annville, Pa. In Extension Ministries, Cliff served as Chaplain at the VA Medical Center, Lebanon, Pa, for eight years before entering into retirement status with the UMC in 2016. Cliff and Wendy work full-time at the Defense Logistics Agency, New Cumberland, Pa., Cliff in Acquisition Support (Quality Assurance) and Wendy as Human Resource Specialist. They have two children: Jennifer, married to Jordan Wenger, lives in Centennial, CO, with three children of their own (Jazlyn, Jetson and Jiana); and Jeremy and his wife Katrina live in Manheim, PA, expecting their first child in October. Cliff and Wendy are residents of Middletown, Pa, and when not responding to pulpit supply opportunities, are active participants at the Evangelical UMC, Middletown, Pa. where they serve on several committees, lead small group studies and enjoy being part of the choir and hand bell ensembles.

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Going Deeper in "Stone Testaments"

Read the following a few times:

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Acts 7:14

Psalms 95:1-2

Jeremiah 7:23

Deuteronomy invites its readers to imagine what it would have been like to have that insecure background and then to be in a position to bring God the fruits of this land that has indeed become theirs.

Reflect on the following:

1. How did your family come to the US? How did you come to the Manheim area? How did you come to Salem?
2. In vs 5. Moses recounts how God's people reached this point. Why do we love stories of humble beginnings? Why do we dislike people who act entitled?
3. What challenges have you overcome to reach this stage in your life? Who supported you along the way? How did they offer support? What was not helpful?
4. How do you celebrate victories in your life?
5. How do you celebrate the good things God has done for you and your family?
6. Why might God have commanded the "first of all the land's produce" as an offering? How does that principle apply to our giving today?
7. consider (vv. 4-10): What did the words of this ritual communicate? What did the physical actions of this ritual communicate? Why were both important?
8. Sometimes new arrivals will kiss the ground, as if there were some sort of personal relationship with the soil. What are some other ways new arrivals celebrate entering a new land?
9. What do you think is the first thing you will do when you get to heaven?

Respond in one of the following ways:

1. Make a list of the top 10 blessings God has given you.
2. Thank God for the many blessings that have marked your life's journey. Celebrate the people you met along the way who blessed your life in wonderful ways.

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