

9:00 am Worship Service

Prelude		
Welcome and Announcements		
Choral Call to Worship	<i>Christ, We Do All Adore Thee</i>	by T. Dubois
*Call to Worship		
*Hymn	<i>Victory in Jesus</i>	#370
Prayers for the People & Lord’s Prayer		
Trevor Enck		
Hymn	<i>Something Beautiful</i>	#394
Remembering the Saints		
Hymn	<i>For All the Saints (v. 1 & 4)</i>	#711
Children’s Message		
Salem Singers	<i>Oh, Worship the King</i>	by Mark Shepperd
Impact of Your Generosity		
Offering Prayer		
*Doxology		#95
*Hymn	<i>In Christ Alone</i>	
Scripture	<i>Luke 18:9-14</i>	Joan Aberts
Sermon		
The Posture of the Heart Matters		
*Hymn	<i>Amazing Grace (v. 1,2,5, & 6)</i>	#378
Postlude		
*Please stand if you are able.		

Our Salem Church Family Prayer List

Samantha Enck	Marie & John	Shannon Gornick
John Weaver	Tammy Buffington	Carolyn Ober
Mike Hoffer	Don Knight	Harry Cassel
Derick & Megan Landis	Ed Lull	Jim Yoder
Family & Friends of Ron Gilbert		Mark Blankenship

Welcome!

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

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

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
Children (K – 4th grades) – Room 204
Youth (5th - 12th grades) – Room 403
Wrestling with Grace (Adult Class) – Room 406
Ages and Stages (Adult Class) – Room 404

Children’s Chapel - The 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month, Pre-K through 4th Grade children can attend Children’s Chapel after the Children’s Time during the morning service.

Coffee Time – Join us after the service in Fellowship Hall.

Offering Collection Boxes – If you would like to make a gift to support the mission and ministry of Salem, please place your gift in one of the offering boxes on the back walls of the Sanctuary. Offering envelopes are available in the pews for your convenience.

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 the weirdest dream you’ve ever had?

Share the question. Have fun while getting to know others a little better.

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



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.

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 go to the sound booth.

Operation Christmas Child - Pick up a box to deliver great joy and the Good News of Jesus Christ to children in need around the world through gift-filled shoeboxes. Pick up your box to fill from the Welcome Center. Filled boxes are due by Sunday, November 16th. Thank you to the Missions



Committee for paying the \$10 shipping per box. Details provided with the boxes. Any questions please reach out to Terri Enck.

Bible Study - Thursdays at 6:30 pm to 7:45 pm
For the next 4 weeks, we’ll explore a powerful question God asked someone in Scripture—and reflect on how that same question might speak into our lives today through conscience, Scripture, and the circumstances we face. Zoom is available. Reach out to the church office to register and attend.



Sock Collection for Clay Street Missions

The Ages and Stages Sunday School Class will be collecting adult (dark colored) socks during the month of November. Let’s help keep everyone’s feet warm and toasty. Please reach out to Barb Yoder with any questions.



Manheim Meals on Wheels Needs You!
Meals on Wheels of Manheim provides nutritious, freshly prepared meals at a reasonable cost to those who cannot reasonably provide meals for themselves. If you are interested in cooking or being a helper for Meals on Wheels they could use you! Please reach out to Lois Wells at 717-665-6492 for questions and to volunteer.

Special Envelope Collection – World Communion

Salem UMC collects monies during the month of October for the World Communion Fund. The core concept in the UMC is that all are welcome to commune regardless of age, intellect or physical abilities.



Wrestling with Grace Donations for December 7th

We are collecting items for residents of Mt. Hope Nazarene Retirement Community and our Salem UMC of Manheim shut-ins. There is a box in the Narthex for your donations. Needed items: travel-size shampoo, travel-size toothpaste, toothpaste, chapstick, small tube hand cream, wrapped candy, crossword/word search books, pocket tissues, bagged snacks, prayer card/devotionals, and pencils/pens.



We have a new Blessing Box!

A big thank you to the Board of Trustees for the beautifully large Blessing Box located at the North entrance behind the sound board (door #5). What a true blessing! Thank you to those who continue to donate. Families are need in assistance more than ever.

Bulletin Requests – Please have all requests for announcements and prayer requests submitted by Tuesday for the current week’s bulletin. Requests made after Tuesday will go in the following week’s bulletin.

Save the Date!

(Check out the Friday Friendly for details.)

November – Collecting Socks for Clay Street Mission

December 7 – Wrestling With Grace Advent Coffee Time (10:00am)

December 14 – Children’s Christmas Celebration (11:30am-2:30pm)

December 21 – Corsair Blue Jazz Christmas Concert (3:00pm)

This Week at Salem

Today, October 26

9:00 am – Worship service

10:15 am – Sunday School

Wednesday, October 29

6:15 pm – Bell Choir Practice

7:00 pm – Choir Practice

Thursday, October 30

6:30 pm – Bible Study (room 401)

Our entire worship service, including the Children's Message, is live-streamed and recorded. By entering the sanctuary or allowing your child to participate, you consent to being filmed. Those wishing to avoid the camera may sit in back half of the Sanctuary. Salem United Methodist Church of Manheim is not responsible for any unauthorized use of recordings by outside parties.

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Going Deeper in “The Posture of the Heart Matters”

Read the following a few times:

Luke 18:9-14; Micah 6:8; James 4:6; 1 Peter 5:6-7

Reflect on the following:

1. Why do you think Jesus chose two such different people — a Pharisee and a tax collector — to tell this story? What assumptions might His listeners have brought to each character?
2. In verse 9, Luke tells us Jesus spoke this parable to those who 'trusted in themselves that they were righteous.' What does it mean to 'trust in yourself' spiritually?
3. The Pharisee's prayer sounds grateful on the surface. Where does it begin to shift from gratitude to self-righteousness?
4. The tax collector's prayer is only seven words long ('God, be merciful to me, a sinner'), yet Jesus says it justified him. What does this reveal about what God values in prayer?
5. How does pride subtly creep into your prayer life? What are the warning signs that your focus has shifted from God to self?
6. The Pharisee compares himself to 'other people.' In what ways do comparison and judgment hinder intimacy with God?
7. The tax collector 'stood at a distance.' Have you ever felt distant from God in prayer? What helped you draw near again?
8. What does it mean that the tax collector 'went home justified before God'? How is justification connected to humility?
9. In what ways do modern Christians sometimes resemble the Pharisee — even while serving, giving, or praying?
10. How can we cultivate the kind of humility that allows God to transform us — not just in prayer, but in daily relationships, leadership, and ministry?

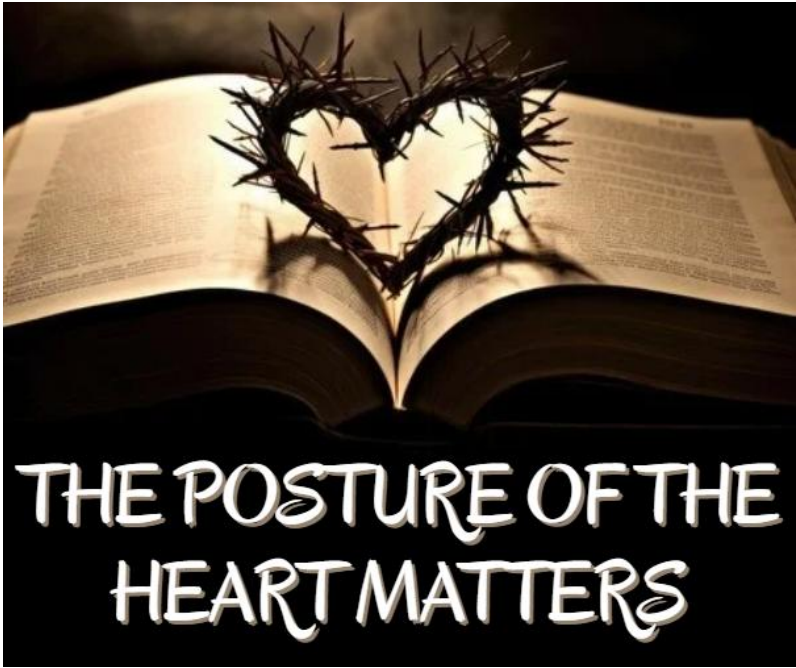
Spiritual Challenges

1. For one week, refuse to compare yourself. Each time comparison arises, stop and pray: 'Lord, I am Yours. Teach me to see myself through Your mercy, not through others' eyes.' At week's end, reflect: how did this shift your awareness of God's grace?
2. During prayer this week, kneel, bow, or even lie face down before God. Let your body express surrender before your words do. Ask: What changes in me when I physically humble myself before God?

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