

9:00 am Worship Service

Prelude		
Welcome and Announcements		
*Call to Worship		
*Hymn	Victory in Jesus	#370
Prayers for the People & Lord's Prayer		Trevor Enck
Hymn	Sweet, Sweet Spirit	#334
Children's Time		
Special Music	Praise to the Lord, the Almighty	Gail Stouch
Impact of Your Generosity		
Offering Prayer		
*Doxology		#95
*Song of Praise	Graves into Gardens	
Scripture	Hebrews 12:12-24	Heather Fittery
Sermon	Don't Quit Now	Pastor John
*Hymn	Precious Lord, Take My Hand	#474
*Blessing		
Postlude		
*Please stand if you are able.		



Come Join us for 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.

Our Salem Church Family Prayer List

Samantha Enck	Kole	Isabel Beck
Shannon Gornick	Jim Hershey	Elisa
Jody Heinrich	John Weaver	Amy

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
Ages and Stages (Adult Class) – Room 404

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:
Do you have any hidden talents? What are they?

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.

Farwell and Thank you!

We share with both gratitude and sadness the resignation of Emily Laughlin as our Director of Youth Ministry and Director of Digital Media, effective September 14. For the past six years, Emily has faithfully served our youth and church family with dedication, creativity, and a heart for Christ. Emily's presence, energy, and leadership will be deeply missed. We give thanks for the many ways she has poured into our congregation and trust that God will continue to bless her in the next chapter of her journey. Please join us in expressing appreciation to Emily for her years of service, and in praying for her as she follows God's leading into the future.



**APPALACHIAN
SERVICE
PROJECT**

SIGN UP NOW!

Give a week. Change a life.
Join us next year to serve families in Appalachia—no special skills needed, just a willing heart!

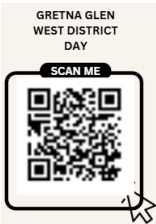
 **Sign-Up Deadline: Sept. 14**


 **Sign Up Today: Salem UMC**

Sign up Now for Next Year's Appalachian Service Project
It's time to start planning for our next ASP trip in July 2026. We're looking for volunteers willing to give a week of their time to help make homes warmer, safer, and drier for families in need. ASP is more than just a work trip – it's a week of serving others, building friendships, and seeing God at

work in powerful ways. Sign-up is now through September 14th in the Welcome Center or contact the church office.

Gretna Glen West District Day
Saturday, September 6th 10:30am – 3:00pm
A time for all members of United Methodist churches to gather for fellowship and fun! Hike, boat, swim, and eat. Use the QR code to register or call 717-273-6525.



Hope Served Illumination 2025 – Friday, Sept. 19th at 6:00pm
 Hope Served comes alongside individuals with disabilities and their local communities to develop creative opportunities for authentic participation in all aspects of life. Come for a fun, interactive reception, with a full buffet diner, silent auction, stories of home and so much more. Use the QR code to register or call 717-347-9785.

Off the Streets – We have a team representing Salem UMC. Heavy lifters who can lift 40+ pounds are needed! If you'd like to volunteer please reach out to Gail Stouch. Our team will be volunteering August 23rd and 30th. Join us at 8:30am in the church parking lot to commute to Lancaster.



Way to Go, Salem UMC!



The Ages and Stages Sunday School Class would like to thank all those who contributed to the Clay Street Shelter Project. We collected 52 bath towels, 132 pairs of black socks, 204 toothbrushes & toothpaste, 48 shampoo & conditioner and 64 additional items.

We collected \$379 through coffee hours! It is a joy to serve others and we thank you for joining our class with this service project!

Do you want to sing with the Salem Singers?

The Salem Singers will rehearse Wednesday evenings again starting September 3rd. We practice from 7:00 to 8:00 and usually sing 2 Sundays a month. We are looking for singers who want to offer a sacrifice of praise to the King of kings. If you want to join us, email Pat Myers at ljpsmyers@gmail.com



Save the Dates!

(Check out the Friday Friendly for details.)

August 25 – First Day of School

Manheim Central School District

September 6 - 10:30am-3:00pm Gretna Glen West District Day

September 7 – Children’s Sunday School (K-4th grades)

September 19 – Hope Served Illumination 2025

This Week at Salem

Today, August 24

9 am – Worship service

10:15 am – Sunday School

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Going Deeper in “Don’t Quit Now”

Read the following a few times:

Heb 12:12-24; Isa 40:28-31; Ps 73:26; John 15:4-5

Reflect on the following:

1. What do verses 12–13 mean by “strengthen your tired hands and weak knees”? What images come to mind?
2. How does the author describe the dangers of bitterness or giving up in verses 14–17?
3. What is the contrast between Mount Sinai (fear, trembling) and Mount Zion (joy, grace) in verses 18–24?
4. How do these images help weary Christians find perspective when they feel burned out?
5. When have you felt spiritually or emotionally too tired to keep going? How does this passage speak to that?
6. What are some “crooked paths” (v.13) in your life that need straightening, so you don’t stumble?
7. Esau traded away his inheritance for a single meal (vv.16–17). What are some ways we might “trade away” God’s grace when we’re exhausted?
8. What does it mean to you that we belong to an “unshakable kingdom” (v.28)? How does that help when life feels shaky?
9. Where do you usually turn when you feel burned out — and how does God invite you to turn to Him instead?
10. How can Christian community help strengthen those who are close to quitting?
11. What spiritual practices (worship, prayer, Sabbath, fellowship) most help you experience God’s renewing strength?

Challenges

1. **Rest Challenge:** Take one intentional block of time this week to rest in God’s presence instead of striving. Reflect on how it renews you.
2. **Encouragement Challenge:** Reach out to someone you know is weary or discouraged. Offer them strength through prayer or encouragement.

Salem

United Methodist Church
August 24, 2025

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