

9:00 am Worship Service

Prelude
 Welcome and Announcements
 *Call to Worship
 *Hymn *Open My Eyes, That I May See* #454
 Prayers for the People & Lord's Prayer
 Salem Singers *Go Ye into All the World* Carl Fischer
 Children's Message
 Impact of Your Generosity
 Offering Prayer
 *Doxology #95
 *Praise Song *God of Wonders*
 Scripture Acts 17:22-31
 Sermon *Stay Curious About God*
 *Hymn *Since Jesus Came into My Heart*
 Blessing
 Choral Benediction *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*
 Postlude
 *Please stand if you are able.

Our Salem Church Family Prayer List

Sue Shaub	Jim & Gerri Messman	Anisa Candy
Marlin Ruhl	Jean Daniels	Jeannie
Beverly Laughlin	Debbie Laughlin	Nedra Nace
Roxie Shenenberger		Quint Eno
Mary Ann Thompson	Dave & Cathy Stehman	

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.

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.

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.

Sunday School at 10:15 am

Children (K – 4th grades) – Room 204 (last day for summer break is May 31st)
 Youth (5th - 12th grades) – Room 403
 Wrestling with Grace (Adult Class) – Room 406
 (Join us to go deeper reflecting on the sermon.)
 Ages and Stages (Adult Class) Room 404 (last day for summer break is May 17th)

Children's Chapel - The 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month, pre-K through 4th Grade children can attend Children's Chapel after 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 a monthly 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 consider yourself sporty? If so, why?

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.



I am so grateful for my Salem church family. I have gotten cards, meals, prayers and many phone calls. I am headed to surgery on Tuesday and in the right direction for healing. ~Nedra



Gretna Glen Camp offers more than just a fun summer experience—it's a place where children and youth create lasting memories, build confidence, and form lifelong friendships, all while growing in their Christian faith. With a variety of exciting activities, including swimming, boating, archery, outdoor adventures, and creative fun, every day at Gretna Glen is an opportunity for exploration, learning, and deepening faith. Salem UMC has funds to assist with payment. See the front office for assistance. www.gretnaglen.org



Salem Job Opportunity – Choral Director
 Do you have interest in being our new choral director? Contact Pastor John or Karen Potter.

Are you rooted in God?



Save the Date!



May 17- Graduate Recognition
(during 9am Service)



June 7
Strawberry Sundae Social & Talent Show
(4:00pm – 8:00pm)

This Week at Salem

Today, May 10 - Happy Mother's Day!

9:00 am – Worship service
10:15 am – Sunday School

Monday, May 11

6:30 pm – Church Council

Tuesday, May 12

7:15 pm – Salem Softball v. Manheim BIC Black at Pool Field

Wednesday, May 13

6:30 pm – Salem Singers Practice

Friday, May 15

7:15 pm – Salem Softball v. LCBC at Pool Field



YAY, We are UNDEFEATED as of 5/6!
Come out and cheer on our amazing softball players. The games are fun and exciting. The players love to hear their fans cheering them on to win.

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 "Stay Curious About God"

Read the following a few times:

Acts 17:22–31; Jeremiah 29:13; Romans 1:20; Hebrews 11:6

Reflect on the following:

1. Paul begins with what the people of Athens already believe. What does this teach us about starting spiritual conversations?
2. Paul affirms the Athenians' spiritual searching. When have you genuinely searched for God, not just gone through the motions?
3. What questions about God have you been afraid to ask out loud?
4. Vs 27 says God wants people to "seek him and perhaps reach out for him." What does seeking God actually look like in your daily life?
5. Paul challenges false ideas about God (v. 29). What are some subtle misconceptions about God that people still hold today?
6. In what ways have you tried to "define God" in a way that makes Him more comfortable or manageable?
7. Verse 27 says God is not far from any of us. Do you experience God as near? Why or why not?
8. When have you mistaken activity for intimacy with God (doing things for God vs. being with God)?
9. How do you typically respond when you don't understand something about God—lean in, ignore it, or become frustrated?
10. Paul moves people toward repentance. What is one area of your life where God may be inviting you to change direction?
11. How does knowing that God desires to be found (v. 27) change the way you approach prayer and Scripture?

Challenges for the Week:

1. Lift Your Eyes Daily - Set aside a few minutes each day to "look up"—read a passage and ask God to shape your perspective.
2. Practice Courage in One Area - Identify one place where fear has been holding you back (a conversation, a step of obedience, an act of forgiveness). Take one faithful step this week.
3. Choose Forgiveness - Like Stephen, ask God to help you release one hurt or resentment. Pray for that person and entrust them to God. Ask for strength to let go of the hurt and to offer forgiveness.



May 10, 2026



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Tuesday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Wednesday 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Thursday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm