

## 9:00 am Worship Service

Prelude		
Welcome and Announcements		
Salem Singers	<i>Jesus Stand Among Us</i>	Filitz
*Call to Worship		
*Hymn	<i>I Love to Tell the Story</i>	#156
Children's Time		
Hymn	<i>Jesus Loves Me! This I Know</i>	#191
Prayers for the People		
Lord's Prayer		
Hymn	<i>O How I Love Jesus</i>	#170
Impact of Your Generosity		
Offering Prayer		
*Doxology		#95
*Song of Praise	<i>In the Garden</i>	#314
Scripture Reading	1 Corinthians 13:4-13	
Salem Singers	<i>Shout for Joy to God</i>	L. Larson
Message	<i>Love Beyond Words</i>	Andy Tompos
*Hymn	<i>Here I Am, Lord</i>	#593
Blessing		
Postlude		

\*Please stand if you are able.

### Our Salem Church Family Prayer List

Shannon Gornick	Pearl Ober
Martha Garlin	Gerri Messman
Jean Daniels	Jim Yohn
Brandy Rhodes	Matthew Swinehart
Tonya Melchior	Marie & John
Terry Engle	Linda Hart

## 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

Children (K-4<sup>th</sup>) – Room 204  
 Youth – Room 403 -- 5<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade  
 Wrestling with Grace – Room 406 – Adult class  
 Ages & Stages – Room 404 – Adult class

**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 desire to support a special offering, just note on the memo line the name of the mission or ministry.



### 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:

*If you could have dinner with any historical figure, who would it be and why?*

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.

### Children's Chapel

Children's Chapel is a fun, engaging, and spiritually enriching environment for children ages 5 through 4<sup>th</sup> grade. It takes place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month. The children are dismissed from worship following Pastor John's Children's Message. See Natalie Abram to help.

### Year-End Giving Strategies

If you have an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) and are aged 70 (or getting close), there are ways you can give to Salem that will strengthen the church's ministry and produce tax savings for you! Check out the handouts at the Welcome Center.

## Food Pantry Needs

The Manheim Central Food Pantry welcomes your food donations: cereal, diapers, applesauce, soup, Spam, canned fruit, reusable bags\*  
 \*(we do not need one-use plastic bags)

Donations can be dropped off at 334 W. Gramby on Mondays and Thursdays between 9 and 11 am, or in the donation box on the front porch anytime, or in the grocery cart in the church hallway.

## Discover the Power of Jesus' Parables in the New Year

Join Pastor John for an inspiring Bible study on the **Parables of Jesus**, beginning Thursday, January 16, at 6:30pm. In a sense parables are like jokes. They are designed to catch people off guard and to elicit an immediate response. Parables capture the listener and make him a participant, overturning his world view and leading him to call into question his values. Whether you're new to the Bible or have been studying it for years, this study is designed for everyone. Bring your Bible, your questions, and a heart open to discovering more about Jesus' teachings. Sign up online or at the Welcome Center to join.

## Sermon Recordings

If you miss a Sunday and would like to hear the sermon, you can go to our church website "SalemManheim.org" and find them under the home tab at the top of the page.

## New Sermon Series – How to Thrive in Faith and Life

This January you can invite your family and friends to learn how to thrive in faith and life. If you know someone who seems stuck in the mud of life, invite them to learn how to get traction and get going to start thriving in their lives and faith.

## Be a Sweetheart - Happy Valentine's Day Bags

There isn't a better time than the middle of winter to brighten up someone's day, especially our homebound members! Decorated white bags with names of our homebound members can be found on the table in the lobby. Members are asked to select a bag and fill it with some goodies to celebrate Valentine's Day and then drop off the Valentine's Bag to the homebound member during the month of February. Thank you for supporting this ministry. It is so important to make our homebound feel connected to Salem. Lisa Palmquist, Salem Family Ministries

**The United Women in Faith will be collecting NEW ALL SIZES of underwear during the month of February** to be donated to the Water Street Mission. A Box will be in the hallway for your donations. During the month of January, I'm sure our 306 pair of socks are very appreciated. Our collection of Underwear will be also. We thank all of you for helping us make this a successful project during February.

### Join A Team!

The responsibility of being about the work of Christ's church is ours, regardless of our state in life. We have been charged with proclaiming the message of Jesus and His love and to provide a place where His healing presence can be experienced. There is something we can all do to help move the ball forward this year. Your first step is to share your interest in serving on one of our teams listed below. Thanks for your service.

### Love INC Connection Central is coming to Salem this January

Love INC is a partnership of over 100 Lancaster County churches, for over three decades providing hope for the homeless, support for the struggling, and repairs through the Project. Each ministry has a robust story to tell of lives transformed. We are pleased to announce that Love INC will be renting space at Salem for their ministry needs in the local community. The staff of 6 will be outfitting Room 206 to meet their needs in the coming weeks and hope to be fully moved by the end of the month.

### Prayer Shawls and Squares

The Welcome Center and lobby has lovely handmade prayer shawls and prayer squares. These items are made by our own Knit Wits, who meet on the second Wednesday of the month, 10am. If you or someone you know would be blessed with a prayer shawl/square, please feel free to take one. Kindly share with Pastor John who is getting one. Thank you.

### This Week at Salem

#### Tuesday, January 14

1:30 pm Communion at PVRC

#### Wednesday, January 15

6: 15 pm Bell rehearsal

7:00 pm Choir rehearsal

#### Thursday, January 16

6:30 pm Bible Study

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### Going Deeper in "Love Beyond Words"

#### Read the following a few times:

1 Corinthians 13:4-13; 1 John 3:18; 2 Cor 6:6; Luke 23:34

#### Reflect on the following:

1. Do you believe God loves you no matter what you do?
2. How do you define love?
3. How has love changed your life?
4. How is love part of your daily life? How do you receive love?
5. How is love part of your daily life? How do you express it? Do others know you love them by what you say and do?
6. What are the specific characteristics of love listed in verses 4-7? How do these qualities challenge our understanding of love?
7. Do you feel you can find love in your heart for people that have hurt you? How can we practice patience and kindness?
8. How can we get across to people that love is the answer?
9. Why do you think Paul emphasizes that love is not envious, boastful, or proud? How do these traits affect relationships?
10. Do you tell people that you love that you love them everyday?
11. What does it mean to "put childish ways behind" as mentioned in verse 11, and how does this relate to spiritual maturity?
12. In verse 13, Paul mentions that faith, hope, and love remain, but the greatest of these is love. Why is love considered the greatest?

#### Challenges

1. Choose one characteristic of love from verses 4-7 and focus on living it out intentionally for the next week in your relationships. Reflect on how it changes your interactions.
2. Identify a relationship where love has been challenging for you. Commit to showing unconditional love in that relationship through one specific action this week.
3. Reflect on how you can deepen your understanding and practice of love in your spiritual journey. Set a goal to grow in one area of love and pray for God's guidance and strength.

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