

9:00 am Worship Service

- Prelude
- Welcome and Announcements
- *Call to Worship
- *Hymn *Because He Lives* #364
- Prayers for the People & Lord's Prayer
- Special Music *O, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*
- Children's Message
- Impact of Your Generosity
- Offering Prayer
- *Doxology #95
- *Praise Song *Graves to Gardens*
- Scripture John 20: 19-31
- Sermon Room for Doubters
- *Hymn *In Christ Alone* #3105
- Blessing
- Postlude
- *Please stand if you are able.*

Our Salem Church Family Prayer List

Samantha Enck	Sue Shaub	Greg Steffy
Mark Blankenship	Ronald Young	Jim Messman
Marlin Ruhl	Jean Daniels	Joan Summy
Gloria Wolf	Mary Lane	

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.

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.

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
 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

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

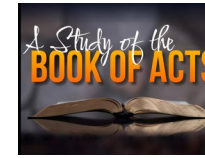
A good conversation comes down to being a good listener. Listen carefully and ask follow-up questions: Try asking:

What's your favorite way to relax after a long day?

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.



Bible Study Continues!

There's still time to join us as we continue our journey through the book of Acts! Our study will meet for **two more weeks—April 16 and April 23—on Thursday at 6:30 PM.**

Together, we are exploring how the early church was formed, how the Holy Spirit moved in powerful ways, and what that means for us today. Whether you have been part of the study from the beginning or are just jumping in, you are welcome to join us. Each session stands on its own, so feel free to come when you can. A **Zoom option is also available** for those who prefer to join from home. Come grow in your faith, ask questions, and be encouraged as we learn together from the book of Acts.



Graduate Recognition – May 17

On Sunday, May 17, we will recognize and celebrate our graduates during worship. If you or someone in your family is graduating this year, please contact the church office with the following information: Name of graduate, High School Name and Future plans. We look forward to

honoring this important milestone together as a church family!



A Generous Experiment

Jayne and Rich Pavlik, owners of Blind Bean Roasters, are running a bold experiment in giving—and we are invited to be part of it! For a limited time, they are donating 100% of the proceeds from coffee sales made to our church family back to Salem UMC. You can participate by ordering through the church office, with pickup at Salem. A 12 oz. bag of premium roasted coffee is \$16. Order forms are available in the Front Office. Blind Bean Roasters, founded by Jayne and inspired by Rich, is about more than great coffee—it is about connection, inclusion, and making a difference.



Invite Your Neighbors to Salem!

Cards are available in the Welcome Center. Salem UMC is an awesome place! Let's all spread the word about our friendly congregation and all we have to offer.

Helping Hands Needed: Transportation Ministry Opportunity

At Salem, we believe one of the simplest and most powerful ways we can care for one another is by showing up in times of need. We are currently looking for volunteers to help drive a church member to the LGH Health Campus for a series of six treatment sessions. Each appointment lasts approximately 1.5 hours, and having someone provide transportation and support would be a tremendous blessing. If you are able to help with even one of the sessions, we would love to hear from you. Please contact the church office if you are willing to serve a woman in need in this way. Thank you for being a church family that shows the love of Christ in such practical and compassionate ways.

Save the Date!



April 19
Member Exploration Class
(10:15 am)



May 17
Graduate Recognition
(during 9am Service)



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

This Week at Salem

Today, April 12
9:00 am – Worship service
10:15 am – Sunday School
Monday, April 13
6:00 pm – SPRC Meeting
Tuesday, April 14
1:30 pm – Communion at Pleasant View
Wednesday, April 15 – Tax Day
6:15 pm – Salem Ringers Practice
7:00 pm – Salem Singers Practice
Thursday, April 16
12:30 – Cards Room 402

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Going Deeper in “Room for Doubters”

Read the following a few times:

John 20:19-31; Phil 4:6-7; James 1:5; Acts 17:11

Reflect on the following:

1. What emotions are the disciples experiencing in verse 19? What clues tell you this?
2. What does Jesus do when He first appears to them? What does He say?
3. Why do you think Jesus repeats “Peace be with you” multiple times?
4. What does Jesus do when He breathes on the disciples (v.22)? What might that symbolize?
5. Why do you think Thomas struggled to believe the other disciples?
6. How is Thomas’ doubt similar to questions people have today?
7. What stands out to you about the way Jesus responds to Thomas?

In the United Methodist tradition, we often talk about using four tools to grow in faith: Scripture, Tradition, Reason, and Experience.

9. **Scripture:** What does this passage clearly show us about who Jesus is and how He responds to doubt?
10. **Tradition:** How has the church historically understood doubt and faith? (Is doubt condemned—or part of the journey?)
11. **Reason:** What questions does this passage raise for you? What makes sense—and what stretches your understanding?
12. **Experience:** When have you experienced God’s presence, peace, or guidance—even if you couldn’t see Him physically?

Spiritual Challenges:

1. Name Your Question (Reason) Write down one real question or doubt you have. Bring it to God honestly in prayer.
2. Engage the Story (Scripture & Tradition) Re-read John 20:19–31 during the week. Ask: “What has the church always believed about this—and what is God saying to me now?”
3. Look for Peace (Experience) Each day, pause and pray: “Jesus, speak Your peace into my fear and my questions.” Notice where you experience His presence.



April 12, 2026

Rev. Dr. John A. Laughlin, Sr., Pastor



Frank Rittenhouse, Organist
Terri Briskie, Accompanist

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Tuesday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
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