

9:00 am Worship Service

Prelude		
Welcome and Announcements		
*Call to Worship		
*Hymn	<i>Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus</i>	#196
The Advent Candle Lighting		
Song of Praise	<i>Emmanuel, Emmanuel</i>	#204
Prayers for the People & Lord's Prayer		
Hymn	<i>Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming (vs 2)</i>	#216
The Impact of Your Generosity		
*Doxology		#95
*Song of Praise	<i>King of Kings/O Come Let Us Adore Him</i>	
Scripture Reading	Isaiah 55:1-13	Wayne Langhuber
Special Music	<i>A Cradle for a Lamb</i>	Gail Stouch
Message	Waiting is the Hardest Part	Pastor John
Hymn of Preparation	<i>In the Bleak Midwinter (vs 1,4)</i>	#221
Holy Communion		
*Hymn	<i>It Came Upon the Midnight Clear (vs 1,2,4)</i>	#218
Blessing		
Postlude		

*Please stand if you are able.

Our Salem Church Family Prayer List

Randy Enck	Gerri Messman
Gary Berlin	Jean Daniels
Jay Winston	Jim Yohn
Brandy Rhodes	Matthew Swinehart
Rich Wagner	Tonya Melchior
The Isenberg Family	Marie & John
Terry Engle	Pam & daughter Sharayah
Patricia & Tommy	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-4th) – Room 204

Youth – Room 403 -- 5th grade through 12th 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:

Have you ever had a dream that later came to be true? What was it?

Let the other person ask you the same questions back and answer them joyfully. Have fun while getting to know others a little better.

Children's Chapel

Children's Chapel is designed to create a fun, engaging, and spiritually enriching environment for children ages 5 through 4th grade. It takes place on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. The children are dismissed from worship following Pastor John's Children's Message. For more information on Children's Chapel or to get involved, please contact Natalie Abram.



Corsair Blue Jazz Orchestra – December 15

The jazz orchestra returns to Salem on Sunday, December 15 beginning at 3:00pm. Save the date on your calendar. You don't want to miss this concert!

The United Women of Faith collected during the month of November 306 pair of socks. Thank you for helping with this project.

Christmas Tree Angels

The gift tags are on the trees. Gifts are due back under the trees **WITH THE ANGEL AND GIFT TAG** no later than **Tuesday, December 10**.

Please be sure to return the angel ornament so that each child in the family gets their angel. Thank you for your generosity! If you have any questions, please see Lisa Palmquist (717-951-1432).



Church-wide Christmas Gathering Today

Our Salem Christmas gathering will begin immediately following worship in the Fellowship Hall. There will be snacks, beverages, and lots of fun games. We thank the Wrestling with Grace Class for getting it together.

Manheim Borough Christmas Tree Lighting

The Christmas Tree Lighting event will take place on Saturday, December 7 from 4:30 – 6:30 pm in the Square. A community choir will sing Christmas carols for 20 minutes with no rehearsals. If you would to join the choir gather near the stage at 5:30 for instructions.



Bishop Moore-Koikoi visits West District on December 9

Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi plans to visit our district to worship with attendees and to answer questions on Monday, December 9 beginning at 7:00pm at Lampeter UMC. All church members are invited to attend.

Advent Devotionals are Available

Adult and Family Advent devotionals are available at the Welcome Center. Please take one to prepare for the birth of Jesus Christ.

Wednesday Night Supper

The meal for December 4 is tomato Florentine soup, ham & cheese sandwich and macaroni salad. Enjoy a great meal and warm fellowship.

The Blessing Box sits on North Penn St and the food is available to anyone in need. The popular items listed below can be dropped off at the Welcome Center and will be added to the Blessing Box.

- Large cans of Beefaroni and Ravioli and Dinty Moore's Stew
- Large cans of tuna and chicken
- Cans of Hearty Soups and Spam
- Plastic jars of peanut butter and jelly
- Family size boxes of Macaroni and Cheese
- Spaghetti (1 lb. box) and cans of spaghetti sauce

Year-End Giving Strategies

If you have an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) and are age seventy (or getting close), you should know about a way you can give to your local church that will strengthen the church's ministry and produce tax savings for you! Check out the handouts at the information desk.

Operation Christmas Child - Thank you to everyone who filled a Christmas Shoebox this year. Salem has filled and sent 54 boxes. We have had another great season of giving to those in need.

Salvation Army Bell Ringers Needed

Bell ringers simply ring a bell and share the good news of how the donations get distributed. All the donations are kept and distributed right here in the Manheim School District Area. To sign up, scan the QR code and add your name and contact information to a time slot. The ringing will begin Monday, December 2nd.



Business Manager's Financial Report		
1 Jan to 20 Nov 2024	Actual	Budget
Contributions/Offerings	\$253,536	\$254,747
Expenses	-\$252,754	\$260,153
Net Income	\$782	-\$5,406
There are many reasons to be Thankful! 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18		

This Week at Salem

Sunday, December 1

9:00 am Worship
10:00 am Christmas party

Monday, December 2

6:30 pm SPRC Meeting

Tuesday, December 3

6:30pm Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, December 4

9:00 am Salem Stitches
5:30 pm Wednesday Night Supper
6:15 pm Bell Rehearsal
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 6

6:30 pm Youth First Friday

Going Deeper in "Waiting is Hard"

Read the following a few times:

Isaiah 55:1-13; Psalm 27:14; Luke 2:25-32; James 5:7-8

Reflect on the following:

1. What does the invitation to "come, all who are thirsty" teach us about God's abundant grace? How does this invitation connect to our longing and waiting for Jesus?
2. What does it mean to listen so that we may live? How does waiting on Jesus involve actively listening for God's voice?
3. What does it mean to seek the Lord while He may be found? How does this apply to the Advent season as we prepare our hearts for Jesus' birth?
4. "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways." How does trusting in God's higher plans help us during seasons of waiting?
5. How does the imagery of rain and snow remind us of the certainty of God's promises? How does this bring hope as we wait for Jesus' birth?
6. What does the promise of joy and peace mean for those waiting for the Messiah? How can we live with joy and peace even in times of uncertainty?
7. What does it look like to "wait quietly for the Lord"? How can we cultivate this posture of patience in our lives?
8. How does waiting on God teach us to trust Him more deeply? How is hope intertwined with waiting in your life?
9. How did the disciples respond to Jesus' instruction to wait for the Holy Spirit? What can we learn about obedience and trust in times of waiting?

Challenges on Waiting:

1. Spend five minutes each day in quiet prayer, specifically asking God for patience and trust in His timing. Reflect on how this practice affects your perspective on waiting.
2. Keep a journal for a month, documenting how God is working in your life during a period of waiting. Look back to notice His faithfulness and answered prayers.

Salem

United Methodist Church
December 1, 2024

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



Frank Rittenhouse, Organist
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Church Office Hours - Tues, Wed, Thurs: 9 am – 1 pm