

9:00 am Worship Service

Prelude		
Welcome and Announcements		
*Call to Worship		
*Hymn	Standing on the Promises	#374
Prayers for the People & Lord's Prayer		
Trevor Enck		
Hymn	Through It All	#507
Children's Message		
Salem Singers	Evening Skies	E.T. Towle
Impact of Your Generosity		
Offering Prayer		
*Doxology	#95	
*Song of Praise	Great are You Lord	
Scripture	Hebrews 13:1-7	Wayne Langhuber
Sermon	Winning at Relationships	Pastor John
*Hymn	Blessed Assurance	#369
*Blessing		
Choral Blessing	We Will Follow	Swaziland Traditional
Postlude		
*Please stand if you are able.		

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.

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.

Our Salem Church Family Prayer List

Samantha Enck	Marie & John	Shannon Gornick
John Weaver	Tammy Buffington	Carolyn Ober

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.

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
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 the 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 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:
If you could go back and redo one year of school, what grade would that 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.



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.

Looking for Praise Team Singers

If you love to sing, enjoy contemporary worship music, and want to be part of a supportive and fun team, we would love to hear from you! Whether you have sung in a choir, performed in musicals, or simply love making a joyful noise, this could be a great opportunity to serve. If you are interested or have questions, please speak with Pastor John.



25% off at Bosco's (online and in store)
Wednesday, October 22 (8am-11pm)
Buy a 25% off coupon and support "Off the Streets" - \$5 donation goes directly to the non-profit organization. See Gail Stouch with questions or to purchase your coupon and support "Off the Streets."



2026 Offering Envelopes
If you would like to have envelopes ordered **OR** discontinue your order, please inform Gail Stouch at 717-279-1239 gdstouch@comcast.net or call the church office.

Alysa Merkey to Serve as Temporary Director of Youth Ministry

As we give thanks for the faithful ministry of Emily Laughlin, who recently concluded her time as our Director of Youth Ministry, we are grateful to share that Alysa Merkey has agreed to step in as our Temporary Director of Youth Ministry during this important transition.



Alysa is no stranger to our youth and church family. With a heart for young people and a gift for building relationships, she has served as a youth group volunteer in recent years. Alysa will help coordinate weekly youth Sunday School and First Friday gatherings to maintain momentum in this vital ministry.

Please join us in thanking Alysa for her willingness to step into this role and in continuing to uplift our youth, leaders, and families during this time of change and opportunity.

At the same time, the Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) has begun the process of prayerfully discerning who God is calling to be the next permanent Director of Youth Ministry. We invite your prayers and support for this important search.

September Special Envelopes - Red Bird Mission

The Red Bird Mission and Red Bird Clinic have been providing ministries in the isolated, rural distressed area of Appalachian Mountains of southeastern Kentucky since 1921. By donating in September to the Red Bird Mission, you can change one Kentucky family, one older adult, one woman, one child, one rural community at a time. It all starts with a gift.



Save the Dates!

(Check out the Friday Friendly for details.)

- September 14 – Celebration for Emily Laughlin (10:15am)
- September 19 – Hope Served Illumination 2025 (6:00pm)
- October 16 – Questions God Asks 6-week Bible Study (6:30pm)

This Week at Salem

- Today, September 14
 - 9:00 am – Worship service
 - 10:15 am – Sunday School
- Tuesday, September 16
 - 6:30 pm – Trustees Meeting (room 401)
- Wednesday, September 17
 - 6:15 pm – Bell Choir Practice
 - 7:00 pm – Choir Practice

Correspondence of sympathy, love and support can be sent to Don & Faye Zechman on their family’s loss to 521 West 2nd Ave. Apartment 1014, Lititz, PA 17543

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Going Deeper in “Winning at Relationships?”

Read the following a few times:

Heb 13:1-7; 1 Cor 13:4-7; 1 Pet 4:8; Matt 6:19-21; Phil 4:11-13

Reflect on the following:

1. What does it look like to “win” at relationships in God’s eyes?
2. How does honoring marriage (even if you’re not married) reflect your values and faith?
3. Why is faithfulness such a crucial part of long-term relationships and friendships?
4. What does it mean to honor others in your words, time, and presence?
5. What relational habits build trust and emotional safety?
6. How do you recover and grow from broken relationships without becoming bitter or closed off?
7. Why is love of money so dangerous to our spiritual and emotional health?
8. What’s the difference between working hard for success and becoming obsessed with wealth?
9. What role does gratitude play in overcoming comparison and financial stress?
10. In what ways does trusting God with your finances lead to peace and freedom?
11. How can generosity heal our relationship with money and strengthen our ties with others?

Challenges

1. Spend intentional time this week praying for your spouse, future spouse, or close relationships. Ask God to help you honor those relationships with your words, actions, and choices.
2. List 10 things you already have—relationships, resources, or experiences—and give thanks to God for them each day this week. Refuse to complain or compare.
3. Choose one thing you’ve been tempted to buy out of desire rather than need. Instead of purchasing it, give a small gift to someone else or donate the money.

Salem

United Methodist Church
September 14, 2025

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