

# The Salem Heartbeat

## *Sharing Christ with the world!*

### From the Pastor's Heart

#### Quiet Legacy: A Story for Grandma's 90th

My grandmother has gone by many names in her ninety years—Marylin Mangus, to some; “Pat”, to a few; “THE Mrs. Mangus”, to those who dared cross her in a classroom or Bible study; and simply “Grandma”, to the blessed lot of us who get to call her our own. But if I had to choose just two words to describe her, they would be Quiet Legacy.

She never needed to shout to leave an impression. Her presence—graceful, reserved, yet steady—has shaped the lives of hundreds of men, women, and children over the decades. As the wife of a pastor and church founder, she helped build more than just buildings—she helped shape hearts. As a schoolteacher, she molded minds. Now, as a retired widow whose body is slowly growing weaker, her spirit remains stalwart. Living with my parents, she continues to be a spiritual warrior. I can say without hesitation: I covet her prayers for my ministry, my family, and my own journey.

There was a moment, years ago, when I caught my first real glimpse of her inner strength. I was a boy, and I had been staying at her house when someone brought my grandfather home—he had passed out unexpectedly. I panicked. But Grandma? Not even a flicker of fear. She calmly directed the man to lay Grandpa in bed, checked him over, and emerged from the room moments later with quiet assurance: “He just needs rest.” That was it. In that moment, she became a fortress to me—an anchor in the middle of a storm.

But like many adolescent boys, I didn't grow especially close to her during my teen years. My sisters and female cousins adored her. They had sleepovers and built deep, affectionate bonds. I, on the other hand, kept a quiet distance—one I never really understood, though I suspect it had more to do with me than her. It's something I've since pondered often, especially now that I'm older and more aware of what I missed.

Still, I always admired her. I always loved her. Even in her quiet, she left a mark.

Now don't get me wrong—Grandma did have a temper, but it had to be earned. And earn it, we did. Especially that one unforgettable day in eighth grade.

Our school was small, a Christian academy where everyone knew everyone. My class was particularly close-knit—just five of us who had been together since the church nursery: me, my cousin Luke, my best friend Nate, and the two girls, Brittany and Stephanie. We were inseparable—like a youth group version of the Sandlot kids. And my grandmother? She was our English and Literature teacher.

#### AUGUST 2025

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*“The Little Church with  
a Big Heart!”*



#### REGULAR SUNDAY

#### SERVICE TIMES:

**9:30-10:30 AM**

Sunday School for all ages

**10:45 AM**

Traditional Worship Service

Pastor Brent Mangus, MDIV

## IN WORSHIP - AUGUST 2025

August 3--Pastor Steve Wagoner, Sermon: "The Trap" 1st Cor. 10:12-13

New Sermon Series: Stitched Together: The Gospel Quilt of Community

A 4-Week Series on Philippians 2:1-16

Series Big Idea: The humility and self-giving love of Christ is the thread that binds us together as one gospel-centered community.

August 10-- Week 1 – "Sewn by Sacrifice" Text: Philippians 2:1-11 (focus on vv. 6-8) \*Summer Communion

August 17-- Week 2 – "Stitched by Humility" Text: Philippians 2:1-5

August 24-- Week 3 – "Threaded Through Obedience" Text: Philippians 2:12-13

August 31-- Week 4 – "A Pattern of Light" Text: Philippians 2:14-16

\*Summer Communion Elder: Jean Kahl



*Each week we pray for members and **friends of our Salem Church family**, a church here in the Waynesboro or surrounding area, one of the countries in which Christians are suffering severe persecution, and one of the ministries we support with our mission funds. Please join us in the ministry of prayer!*

### **August 03: Mary Margaret Bittle**

Living Word Ministries  
Persecuted Christians in India  
Cedar Ridge Ministries

### **August 10: Bob Brown**

New Baltimore Church of God  
Persecuted Christians in Iran  
Fisher House

### **August 17: Nancy Burgesser**

New Franklin Assembly of God  
Persecuted Christians in Eritrea  
Fruitbelt Farm Workers

### **August 24: Jared & Cayla Carbaugh**

New Guilford BIC Church  
Persecuted Christians in Syria  
Gideons International

### **August 31: Bob Crouse**

New Life Worship Center  
Persecuted Christians in Sudan  
The Tide (Gospel Tide)



**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Please continue using the Prayer Cards on Sundays as they

allow the prayer request and name to be accurately passed

from the Pastor to the Secretary to be added to the bulletin. It is very difficult to hear and record the requests when given verbally during the service. It also allows them to be read so those in the Fellowship Hall and parking lot hear them. Thank you for your help with this important ministry of the church.

To send requests through the Prayer Chain,

you can email them to

Sandi Barnett at:

barnetts05@comcast.net

or call her cell: 240-675-3495

# Salem Church Special Offering

## Project for August:





# MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 2025



## USHER/GREETER

8/03 Tom & Fern McCloud  
 8/10 **OPEN / TBD**  
 8/17 Michelle L. / John McG.  
 8/24 Deb Nash  
 8/31 **OPEN / TBD**

## WORSHIP LEADER

8/03 Dennis Goshorn  
 8/10 Lu Kennedy  
 8/17 Dennis Goshorn  
 8/24 Tom McCloud  
 8/31 Mary Margaret Bittle

## ACOLYTE

8/03 **OPEN / TBD**  
 8/10 Josiah Mangus  
 8/17 John McGuire  
 8/24 Josiah Mangus  
 8/31 Joie Rotz

## OFFERING COUNTERS

8/03 Sandi B. / Fred Wh.  
 8/10 Wendy E. / John Mc.  
 8/17 Lana L. / Linda S.  
 8/24 Sandi B. / John Mc.  
 8/31 Ruth Ann H. / Troy J.

## NURSERY

8/03 **OPEN / TBD**  
 8/10 **OPEN / TBD**  
 8/17 Ruth Ann H.  
 8/24 **OPEN / TBD**  
 8/31 **OPEN / TBD**

## \*ALTAR FLOWERS

8/03 Sherry Hill  
 8/10 Randy & Wendy Eigenbrode  
 8/17 Diane Ellis  
 8/24 John & Ruth Ann Helman  
 8/31 **OPEN / TBD**

*\*If you signed up for Altar Flowers and plan to have them on display in the Sanctuary, please contact the church secretary no later than the Sunday before (one week prior) in order to have your dedication in the bulletin. We also have silk flowers on hand for those who do not wish to use live floral bouquets.*

### **"Quiet Legacy: A Story for Grandma's 90th" continued**

This one day, we were discussing a story in literature when Luke—my cousin, my partner in classroom mischief—started debating Grandma about the meaning of a word. And by “debating,” I mean arguing. Bold move, especially in our school where you didn’t argue with authority. But there we were, testing the limits—not just with any teacher, but with THE Mrs. Mangus.

I guess we had pushed too far.

I was seated in the desk right in front of Luke. All of a sudden, I saw it—the swift motion of her hand reaching for the chalkboard eraser. She grabbed it, wound up, and chucked it across the room. I ducked. It barely missed my head and nailed Luke right in the chest. Then came the words—burned into my brain forever:

“I’m tired of your disrespect. You bunch of pious punks!”

And with that, she stormed out.

For a second, the classroom froze. Then someone chuckled. And we all broke out laughing.

But deep down, something stuck. Something stung. Pious punk. It was like being called out by God himself—through a flying chalkboard eraser. It hurt because... it was true.

At that point in my life, I wanted to be holy. I wanted to be in ministry. I loved church, I loved the Bible, and I dreamed of being used by God. But I was also disrespectful. Arrogant. I constantly challenged authority, sometimes just to see if I could. I was pious—but I was also a punk. And Grandma saw right through me.

It would take me years to truly understand righteousness—not as something earned by my striving, but as a gift received through Christ. And it would take me even longer to learn how to honor authority—how to live out my faith not just in word, but in character.

I don’t think Grandma sees me as a pious punk anymore. I think she’s proud of the man I’ve become, of where God has taken me, of the ministry He’s entrusted me with. And if I’ve matured at all—if I’ve become anything resembling wise or faithful—I know her prayers helped carry me there.

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# August 2025 Calendar of Events / Activities

**REGULAR WEEKLY / MONTHLY ACTIVITIES:**  
**Wednesday Morning: Bible Study, 10 AM-12 PM Salem Fellowship Center**

**Dates to Remember:**

		<b><u>Time:</u></b>
<b>August 13</b>	<b>Leland Ministry</b> (all welcome to come)	<b>2:00 PM</b>
<b>August 14</b>	<b>Ministry Council</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<b>August 15</b>	<b>Salem Game Nite</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>August 17</b>	<b>August Newsletter deadline</b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>



- 8/4 Joie Rotz
- 8/6 Gitana Ramirez
- 8/6 Aurita Rose
- 8/9 Sandi Barnett
- 8/10 Kaden Mangus
- 8/10 Kyra Rodriguez
- 8/18 Lesa Warren
- 8/19 George McCabe
- 8/21 Robert Hess
- 8/22 Paul Rumbaugh



- 8-07-71 Terry & Paula Eigenbrode
- 8-16-80 Dennis & Jan Goshorn
- 8-20-23 Jared & Cayla Carbaugh
- 8-22-81 John & Ruth Ann Helman
- 8-25 Roy & Elsie Horton

***"Quiet Legacy: A Story for Grandma's 90th" continued***

And now, as we celebrate her 90th year, I just want to say:

Happy birthday, Grandma. I love you. Thank you for your quiet strength, your fierce erasers, and your faithful legacy.

But I also want to say something beyond this birthday.

To all the grandmothers and mothers, teachers and mentors, pastors' wives and prayer warriors, who lead not with loudness but with conviction... thank you.

To the ones whose hands have been folded in prayer more than pointed in blame...

To the ones whose voices may not dominate rooms but whose lives reverberate for generations...

To the ones who bear burdens in silence and speak truth in love—even when it stings...

We see you. We remember you. We are shaped by you.

Your quiet legacy is not forgotten. It echoes in our lives, in our ministries, and in the way we now lead those who come behind us.

Thank you for being anchors in our storms and the unseen thread holding our stories together.

Happy 90th, Grandma. And thank you—to all who lead with quiet strength. You are the real heroes of our faith.



**Several people that like to decorate Christmas trees!**

**Mike & Tammy Eisenberger have been decorating Salem's tree for Land O" Christmas, and they would like a break. Contact Fern McCloud for more info.**

## CHURCH LEADERSHIP

### **Ministry Council Officers & Members 2025:**

#### **Council/Congregation, President:**

**Butch Rotz** 717-762-6961

#### **Council/Congregation, Vice President:**

Sherry Hill 717-794-2785

#### **Secretary:**

John McGuire 240-357-6237

#### **Co-Treasurers:**

Sandi Barnett 240-675-3495

Ruth Ann Helman 717-762-8972

#### **Members:**

Mike Eisenberger 717-977-0292

Lu Kennedy 717-762-9692

Michelle Lushbaugh 717-762-4193

Deb Nash 503-891-5448

Linda Stoler 717-655-7833

Judy White 717-762-7008

#### **Ex-officio members:**

Brent Mangus (Lead Pastor)

Ruth Ann Helman (Treasurer)

Sandi Barnett (Treasurer)

#### **Council of Elders 2025:**

Terry Eigenbrode 717-762-4720

Troy Johnson 717-762-4426

Jean Kahl 717-977-0867

Jim Ressler 717-762-2643

Jeff Rhodes 717-762-9435

Sam Rose 717-762-8582

Butch Rotz 717-762-6961

Linda Stoler 717-655-7833

#### **Ministers to the Community:**

All members

Church phone: 717-762-8531

E-mail: salemchurch@pa.net

## MINISTRY TEAMS

Administrative Ministry Teams - \*Sherry Hill

Financial Oversight - Bob Crouse

H.E.L.P. - Linda Stoler

Historical Records - Wendy Eigenbrode

Personnel - Linda Stoler

Caring Ministry Teams - \*Deb Nash

Board of Deacons - Lu Kennedy

Funeral Meals - Paula Eigenbrode

Family Assistance Fund - Linda Stoler

Meals - Bonnie Rhodes

Prayer Chain - Sandi Barnett

Christian Education Ministry Teams - \*Michelle Lushbaugh

Adult Sunday School - Tom McCloud

Bible Studies, Classes, Seminars - Pastor Brent

Children's Ministries— Jack Martin

Nursery - Cindy Johnson

Fellowship Ministry Teams - \*Lu Kennedy

Game Nite - Jean Kahl

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner - Tom & Fern McCloud

Outreach Ministry Team - \*Ruth Ann Helman

Leland Ministry - Lu Kennedy

Mission Team - Jim Ressler

Relay for Life Team - Linda Stoler

Salvation Army Bell Ringers - Tom & Fern McCloud

Women's Fellowship Project Group—Joie Rotz

Property & Maintenance Ministry Team - \*Judy White

Cemetery - Troy Johnson/John McGuire

Property & Maintenance - Troy Johnson/John McGuire

Columbarium/Scattering Garden - Paula Eigenbrode

Safety & Security - Chuck & Jamie Snyder

Property Improvement Committee - TBD

Spiritual Council - \*Linda Stoler

Pastoral Relations Ministry Team - Jeff Rhodes

Worship Ministry Teams - \*Mike Eisenberger

Worship Team - Linda Wilson

Praise Music Team - Wendy Beeler

Tech Team - Sam Rose

Marquee - Michelle Lushbaugh

Acolytes— Fern McCloud

\*The names with an asterisk are the liaisons for that particular ministry