

The Salem Heartbeat

Sharing Christ with the world!

OCTOBER 2026 Edition

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FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART: Every Part Does Its Work

Paul gives us a beautiful picture of the Church in Ephesians 4. He describes believers growing together toward maturity in Christ, and then says that from Christ,

“the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.”

— Ephesians 4:16

There is a little phrase at the end of that verse that I think deserves our attention:

“As each part does its work.”

Think about your physical body. Not every part has the same function. Your hands cannot do what your eyes do. Your feet cannot do what your ears do. Some parts are more visible than others, but that doesn't make the less-visible parts less important. A healthy body depends upon its different parts doing what they were created to do.

Paul says the same thing is true of the Church. A healthy church isn't simply a church with a good pastor, faithful elders, an active Ministry Council, or a handful of dedicated volunteers. A healthy church is one in which the whole body is participating. That includes you.

Sometimes we can begin thinking about church primarily in terms of what we receive. Was the sermon helpful? Did I like the music? Are there programs for my children? Is there a Bible study that interests me? Are my needs being met?

Those aren't necessarily bad questions. The Church should minister to people. We should be fed, encouraged, cared for, taught, and strengthened when we gather. But eventually discipleship requires us to ask another question:

What is my part?

God has given each of us something that can be used for the good of His Church.

Maybe you can teach. Maybe you can cook. Maybe you can fix things. Maybe you're good with children. Maybe you're an encourager. Maybe you can sing. Maybe you have financial resources God has entrusted to you. Maybe you have decades of wisdom that someone younger desperately needs. Maybe you can visit someone who is lonely, make a phone call, send a card, welcome a visitor, mentor a teenager, pray faithfully, or simply notice the person everyone else overlooks.

You don't have to stand behind a pulpit to have a ministry.

In fact, much of the most important ministry in a church happens far away from the pulpit. This is why our discipleship pathway at Salem doesn't end with BELONG or even BELIEVE.

BELONG → BELIEVE → BECOME → BUILD → BE SENT

We belong to the family. We become grounded in what we believe. The Holy Spirit continues forming us into the likeness of Christ. Then we begin using what God has given us to **build** His Church and ultimately to be sent into the world with the gospel.

And this is something that applies to every generation. Our children need opportunities to discover that they are part of the Church now. Our teenagers and young adults need people willing to invest in them and give them opportunities to lead and serve. Those in the busy middle years of life have gifts and influence that can be used for God's Kingdom. And our older saints possess wisdom, experience, testimony, and prayer that the generations behind them desperately need. There is no retirement from discipleship. What we do may change with the seasons of life, but there is always a place for us in the body.

So here's a question worth considering this month:

If everyone at Salem participated in the life of the church exactly as I do, what kind of church would Salem become?

That's not a question intended to produce guilt. It's an invitation to consider what God has entrusted to us. Salem isn't someone else's church. These are our people. This is our spiritual family. And Christ has given each of us a part to play. So perhaps our prayer this month should simply be:

“Lord, show me my part—and give me the faithfulness to do it.”

Because the Church grows and builds itself up in love “as each part does its work.”

Blessings,
Pastor Brent



OCTOBER IN WORSHIP

**Sermon Series: “ACTS-The Church Comes Alive (Part 2):
The Kingdom Unstoppable” Acts 3-13:3**

Series Big Idea: The Kingdom of God is unstoppable because the risen Christ is building His Church.

WEEK 14 — OCT. 04 — “Grace That Chases”

Text: Acts 9:1-31 / Big Idea: No one is beyond the reach of God’s grace.

WEEK 15 — OCT. 11 — “No Favorites”

Text: Acts 9:31-10:48 / Big Idea: The Gospel breaks every barrier because God shows no partiality.

WEEK 16 — OCT. 18 — “The Church Called Christian”

Text: Acts 8:26-40 / Big Idea: Spirit-filled churches become known by Christ.

OCT. 25 — Guest Speaker: Pastor Dave Meckley



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!

- Oct. 04:** **Allan & Linda Wilson**
Grace Baptist Church
Persecuted Christians in Somalia
WCRH Christian Radio
- Oct. 11:** **Corey & Jessica Woodring**
Grace Brethren Church
Persecuted Christians in Maldives
Xin Luan & Ying Deng (China Outreach)
- Oct. 18:** **John Andersen**
Grace Brethren-The Family
Persecuted Christians in India
Camp Joy El
- Oct. 25:** **Rodney & Tina Anderson**
Great Commission Deliverance Ministries
Persecuted Christians in Iran
Cedar Ridge Children's Home

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 SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER: Disaster Relief / Samaritan's Purse

Please put "Disaster" on the memo line of your check or on the offering envelope



FALL FEST AT CATOCTIN FURNACE Friday & Saturday, October 9th & 10th, 10AM-4 PM

For 61 years, northern Frederick County has shared the glorious autumn colors of its mountains with visitors. Fallfest includes apple butter boiling in a copper kettle over an open fire, blacksmithing, food, and crafts. Tour historic buildings including the Museum of the Ironworker. (FREE)

Apple butter boiling begins early in the morning, and the first batch of apple butter is available for purchase sometime in the afternoon of the first day for \$10.00 per Jar of Apple Butter. Please come and join us for the day to learn about the apple butter making process, crafts and more!

OCTOBER 2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS / ACTIVITIES

October is Pastor Appreciation Month - Let's honor and pray for them and their families!

Dates to Remember:

October 04	World Communion Sunday	Time: 10:45 AM
October 08	Ministry Council	7:00 PM
October 09-10	Fall Fest at Catoctin Furnace	10 AM-4 PM
October 10	Harvest of Hope at Traesures Apple Ranch	3:00 PM / 6:00 PM
October 14	Leland Ministry	2:00 PM
October 16	Salem Game Nite	6:00 PM
October 18	Newsletter Deadline - November edition	8:00 PM

Regular Weekly Activities: **Wednesday Bible Study** 10 AM Salem Fellowship Center. **Celebrate Recovery-** Wednesdays 6:30 PM Fairview Ave. BIC Church, Waynesboro. **Men's Bible Study-**Thursdays 8:30 AM. **Men's Community Book Study-**Fridays 6:30 AM Salem Fellowship Center. / **Regular Monthly Activities:** **Leland Ministry-**2nd Wednesday 2 PM The Leland, Waynesboro. **Game Nite-**3rd Friday 6 PM Salem Fellowship Ctr.

OCTOBER 2026 WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS SCHEDULE

DATE	Worship Leader	Greeter/Usher	Acolyte	Counters	Flowers	Nursery
10/04	Joie Rotz	Deidra Mangus	Josiah	Lana L. / John Mc.	Troy & Cindy	TBD
10/11	John Andersen	John McGuire	John M.	Terry E. / Fred Wh.	Wendy E.	TBD
10/18	Michelle Lushbaugh	OPEN / TBD	OPEN	Sandi B. / Wendy E.	Diane	TBD
10/25	Aurita Rose	OPEN / TBD	OPEN	Linda S. / Troy J.	Tom Mc.	TBD

BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES ♥
10/06 Fred White 10/06 Teresa Baker 10/07 Jeff Rhodes 10/12 Randy Eigenbrode 10/16 Terry Eigenbrode 10/17 John Helman 10/20 Pat Gebhart 10/23 Fern McCloud 10/24 Gabe Beeler 10/27 Rodney Anderson 10/28 Ruth Ann Helman 10/28 Cindy Johnson	 10-6 Tom & Deb Kennedy 10-7-95 Pat Minnick & Anne Shepard 10-16 Roger & Susan Fuller

PLEASE NOTE-CHANGES TO MEALS SCHEDULE FOR FOSTER FAMILY: Our foster family - the Black's, need to change their meal delivery day from Tuesday to Wednesday. Also, the delivery/drop-off time is now 4:30-5 PM. If you are interested in participating, please see Joie Rotz. **October meal delivery schedule:** 10/7-Aurita Rose; 10/14-Michelle Lushbaugh; 10/21-Linda Stoler; 10/28-Anne Shepard

HARVEST *of* HOPE



A COMMUNITY WORSHIP NIGHT
benefiting FFCM



When:
SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 10, 2026



Where:
Traesure's
Apple Ranch



Time:
FALL ACTIVITIES AT 3 PM
WORSHIP AT 6 PM



Who:
EVERYONE!
FAMILIES, FRIENDS,
AND OUR COMMUNITY



Why:
TO WORSHIP TOGETHER
AND SUPPORT FFCM'S
MINISTRY AMONG
FARMWORKERS



- PUMPKINS
- CORN MAZE
- PETTING ZOO
- FACE PAINTING
- THE CIDER SHACK
- ...and more!*



A LOVE OFFERING WILL BE RECEIVED TO SUPPORT FFCM
AND ITS MINISTRY TO MIGRANT & SEASONAL FARMWORKERS.

Come for the harvest.
STAY FOR THE WORSHIP.

Salem Church Leadership

Ministry Council Officers & Members 2026:

Council/Congregation, President:

Butch Rotz 717-762-6961

Council/Congregation, Vice President:

Ruth Ann Helman 717-762-8972

Secretary:

John McGuire 240-357-6237

Co-Treasurers:

Sandi Barnett 240-675-3495

Kim Kennedy 717-977-0461

Members:

Mike Eisenberger 717-977-0292

Michelle Lushbaugh 717-762-4193

Deidra Mangus 724-689-7169

Linda Stoler 717-655-7833

Fred West 717-762-7093

Judy White 717-762-7008

Ex-officio members:

Brent Mangus (Lead Pastor)

Sandi Barnett (Treasurer)

Kim Kennedy (Treasurer)

Council of Elders 2026:

Terry Eigenbrode 717-762-4720

Troy Johnson 717-762-4426

Jean Kahl 717-977-0867

Jim Ressler 717-762-2643

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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 – *John McGuire

Financial Oversight - Bob Crouse

H.E.L.P. - Linda Stoler

Historical Records - Wendy Eigenbrode

Personnel - Linda Stoler

Caring Ministry Teams - *Deidra Mangus

Board of Deacons - Joie Rotz

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 - *Fred West

Game Nite - Jean Kahl

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner - Diane E., Lu K. Judy W.

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

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 ministry