

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Holy Ground Ministry is available in the lobby. Help yourself to drinks and snacks.
Please be sure to use a lid on coffee cups to avoid spilling in the sanctuary.
Please use hand sanitizer when you enter the Church.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

OPENING PRAISE SONG "Great in Power"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVITATION TO WORSHIP *John 4:23-24*

APOSTLES' CREED #881

HYMN "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" #117

OPENING PRAYER

Written by Bruce Ernst

Heavenly Father, we gather here today as a family of believers. As Jesus said, where more than one comes in my name, I am with you. May we draw strength today in worship from your words. Throughout time your people were set aside to live different from the world as is true now. With all that alienates the word and evil around us, let your people be the light. May the Holy Spirit fill us and give us strength to spread the good news of our Living God. Not by preaching on a street corner, but by the life we live. Let us be humble, honest, always with a word of encouragement, to be first to put a hand out to someone who stumbles. Most of all to give thanks for all the blessings that come from you. Not only to other believers, but to everyone. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME "The Story of Purim"

SPECIAL MUSIC "God of This City"

SCRIPTURE *Esther 7:1-6, 7:9-10*

PASTORAL PRAYER *Video message from our Pastor*

SERMON "Writing Our Stories"

OFFERING PRAYER

Written by Bruce Ernst

As we now come to give our tithes and offerings, let us do so not out of obligation or sense of duty, but with joy in our hearts. May we all remember that everything we have is a gift from you. May we use your gifts to praise and glorify your name. We also should live our lives outside this sanctuary in a manner that pleases you and is an example to those around us of your Great Glory. Amen.

HYMN "Blessed Assurance" #369

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG "Shalom to You" #666 2x



welcome!

Thank you for joining us in worship today. We are so glad to have you here and hope you feel at home. If you are here for the first time (or haven't been here in a while), please complete a Connect Card and place it on the offering plate.

Pray

Please note any prayer requests on the prayer cards and hand them to an usher. Do not forget to add your prayer request to our Prayer Board near the Welcome Desk.

You can also send prayer requests virtually to Rose Galuska by emailing her at sleepisgood@comcast.net. God is listening! Thank you.



Announcements

THURSDAY WOMEN'S GROUP

Salem's ongoing small group for women has resumed for the fall! Our first study for the new season is *Philippians: Embracing Joy*, a 40 Days through the Bible Study by Mark Batterson. A sign-up sheet is on the Welcome Desk. For more information and to get your study guide, see Brenda Binns. This small group is open to all women, regardless of church membership or affiliation. Held on Thursdays at 10:00 am.

"SNL" MEAL & MOVIE NIGHTS

This autumn, SNL Meal & Movie Nights will take place on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. SNL meets in the social hall from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. The movie and meal are both free and open to the community.

- Tonight we will be watching *Jonah, the Musical*. The production was filmed live at Sight and Sound in Lancaster. Tickets to see these shows in Lancaster are now several hundred dollars, but you can join us in the hall tonight at 6:00 pm for dinner and the show for free. This is another opportunity to invite a friend to Salem.
- October 6 – *Facing the Giants*

EAT, PRAY... COLOR!

Drop in at Cake Pros on Dock Street in Schuylkill Haven on Wednesday mornings from 10:30 am – 12:00 noon this fall for fellowship, prayer and scripture coloring pages. The prayer, coffee and coloring pages are all free. Eat, Pray... Color is a community outreach of Salem Church.

THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER CHURCH

There will be a brief meeting for the Dinner Church Team directly after today's service. Dinner Church begins for the fall on Thursday, October 3 at 5:30 pm. Sign ups to volunteer and contribute to the meal are on the Welcome Desk. This is a great opportunity to bring a friend to church in a casual setting, or to reach out to a family whose work or sports activities prevent their attendance on Sunday mornings.

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR PEOPLE IN PRISON

Salem is taking part in a program that will distribute Christmas cards to people in prison this holiday season. You can find cards and instructions on the Welcome Desk. You may take as many blank cards as you will be able to complete. Be sure to return all completed cards before Monday, November 4. Together we can all make someone's holiday brighter!

HOME ASSISTANT/AIDE NEEDED

Sandy Darcangelo (Schuylkill Haven) is looking to hire a compassionate caregiver who can assist her at home. Must be able to lift a disabled person, stand and pivot. Flexible or set hours are available, to be paid per diem. Contact Sandy at 570-385-4715, or Grace ECC Church at 570-385-2331, if interested.

200TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

There is still time to purchase tickets for Salem's 200th Anniversary Reunion Dinner before tomorrow, September 30! This catered event will be held at the Orwigsburg Veterans' Memorial Hall on Saturday, November 2, with doors opening at 3:00 pm. Tickets are a \$25 donation per adult. Contact the Church Office or Susan Stein to learn more.

History of Salem UMC

Various snippets from over the years...

Patriotic Service

A special patriotic service will be held Sunday evening, Oct. 20, in Salem Evangelical Church, with the pastor, Rev. D. P. Longsdorf delivering a special sermon address on the theme, "Americanism and True Loyalty to America." (Pottsville Republican, October 16, 1940.)

To Give Xmas Program

The Sunday School of Salem Evangelical Church will present a Christmas program on Christmas Eve. Mrs. John Henry is in charge. (Pottsville Republican, December 2, 1940.)

Community Service For Orwigsburg

The Community Memorial service for Orwigsburg will be held in Salem Evangelical United Brethren Church, of which Rev. Earl B. Hendrickson is pastor. The service will begin at 7:30 p.m. (Pottsville Republican, May 27, 1950.)

Christmas Carol Sing at Orwigsburg Church

A Christmas carol hymn sing will be held at Salem Evan. United Brethren Church, Orwigsburg, on Sunday evening at 7:30. Daniel Jones, Tamaqua, will be the song leader. Mrs. Barr, Orwigsburg, will be the organist and George Reed, Orwigsburg, pianist. Coffee and Christmas cookies will be served following the service. The public is invited. (The Call, Schuylkill Haven, December 8, 1960.)

Salem UM – Orwigsburg

Sunrise service will be at 6 a.m. Easter Sunday at Salem United Methodist Church, Orwigsburg.

The Rev. William Hosking will preach on "Lenten Wrappings – Left Behind" at the 9 a.m. worship service. Anthem Choir will sing an Easter cantata.

Norman and Barbara Stein will be greeters; Bradley Yost, acolyte; George and Martha Shoener, ushers.

Bible study is at 7 p.m. Monday.

(Pottsville Republican, March 28, 1997.)

Festival

Annual Strawberry Festival, 4 to 7 p.m., Salem United Methodist Church, South Liberty Street at Independence Avenue, Orwigsburg. Featuring variety of strawberry treats. Take-outs available. Rain or shine. Proceeds benefit church.

(Pottsville Republican, June 20, 1997.)



The Week Ahead

Mon 9/30	Office Open 12 noon – 4 pm Deadline to Purchase Tickets for 200 th Anniversary Dinner
Tue 10/1	Office Open 9 am – 1 pm
Wed 10/2	Office Open 12 noon – 4 pm 10:30 am - 12:00 noon – Eat, Pray, Color at Cake Pros
Thu 10/3	Office Closed 10 am – Women's Group 5:30 pm – Dinner Church
Fri 10/4	Office Open 12 noon – 4 pm
Sat 10/5	
Sun 10/6	10 am – Morning Worship 6 - 8 pm – SNL Meal & Movie Night

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Administrative Assistant – Emily Jones	

Salem United Methodist Church

TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH CHRIST (TLC)

Sunday, Sept. 29, 2024



Today's Message "Writing Our Stories"

Brenda Binns, CLM



Our Mission

Transforming Lives Through Christ (TLC)

We Share Christ's Love

We Serve Others Through Christ

We Worship, Glorify, and Praise God

We Nurture People to Live as Disciples of Jesus Christ