



## Salem Church: a Global Methodist Community



**Salem Church - Making disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately,  
love extravagantly, and witness boldly.**

### July 2026 Newsletter

Greetings!

Welcome to our new newsletter format! We are now able to give you more information, including clearer images and links to more information.

We hope you enjoy it!

P.S.If you no longer want to receive our newsletter, you can unsubscribe at the bottom of this email.

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**Welcome Pastor Todd Shafer!**



**Meet Pastor Todd Shafer and his wife, Noreen!**

*Dear Salem Church Family,*

*My name is Todd Shafer, and I am honored and excited to begin this new journey with you. For the past several years, I have had the privilege of serving in ministry and walking alongside people as they grow in faith, hope, and love. I have a deep passion for preaching God's Word, building relationships, and helping people experience the love and grace of Jesus Christ.*

*My wife, Noreen and myself are looking forward to getting to know each of you, hearing your stories, and serving together as we see God's direction for the future.*

*Outside of ministry, I enjoy spending time outdoors and with family and friends. Some of my hobbies include boating, fishing, hunting, camping, golfing, and playing pickleball. I enjoy opportunities to connect with people and build friendships both inside and outside the church walls.*

*Thank you for welcoming me into your church family. I am grateful for this opportunity and excited to see all that God has in store for us together.*

*Blessings,  
Pastor Todd Shafer*

**Pigeon Community Food Pantry**

## Please help us support the Pigeon Community Food Pantry



Below are just a few of the many items that are needed. Also, as a reminder, please do not bring damaged, outdated food or baby items. Items can be brought to Salem's food pantry donation barrel in the Narthex on Sundays or during church office hours.

Thank you for your continued support!!

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mac &amp; Cheese</li><li>• Canned Tuna &amp; Chicken</li><li>• Peanut Butter</li><li>• Jelly</li><li>• Canned Fruits &amp; Vegetables</li><li>• Canned Soup</li><li>• Pork &amp; Beans</li><li>• Boxed &amp; Canned Potatoes</li><li>• Ramen Noodles</li><li>• White Rice</li><li>• Hamburger Helper</li><li>• Baking Mix</li><li>• Dry Beans</li><li>• Spaghetti &amp; Macaroni</li><li>• Saltine Crackers</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fruit Juice</li><li>• Pancake Mix &amp; Syrup</li><li>• Cereal &amp; Oatmeal</li><li>• Jello</li><li>• Cake Mix &amp; Frosting</li><li>• Toilet Paper</li><li>• Dish Soap</li><li>• Laundry Detergent</li><li>• Paper Towels</li><li>• Hand Soap</li><li>• Pads &amp; Tampons</li><li>• Toothbrushes</li><li>• Deodorant</li><li>• Shampoo &amp; Conditioner</li><li>• Toothpaste</li></ul> |
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## Upcoming Events

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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**Sunday, July 12th 4 pm-7 pm – will be the Kickoff to Farmer's Summer Festival with a FAMILY FUN FAITH FELLOWSHIP time at the Pigeon Band Shell.**

Pigeon area Pastors and representatives from the congregations have joined together to plan an event to draw the unchurched from our area, along with local church members, for a time of fellowship, food, music, and worship.

Our goal is to create a welcoming, high-energy environment to connect with our community, neighbors, and friends, modeling the unity Jesus prayed for in John 17.

Here's what's happening:

- FREE Community Meal (Burgers & Hot Dogs)
- Family Fun: Face Painting, Games, and Crafts
- Live Music & Worship featuring *Chase Murphy*
- The Gospel Message: *Guest Speaker Bill Comai*

**SO COME JOIN THE FUN,  
AND LET YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS KNOW ABOUT THIS EVENT!**

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**Salem Church Garage Sale**

## Spring cleaning/decluttering?

Now accepting items for our  
church-wide garage sale



- must be in working condition
- no clothing
- See Linda Garman for more info

**\*The garage sale is July 16th-17<sup>th</sup> 9am - 4pm**

## Still accepting items for our church-wide garage sale!

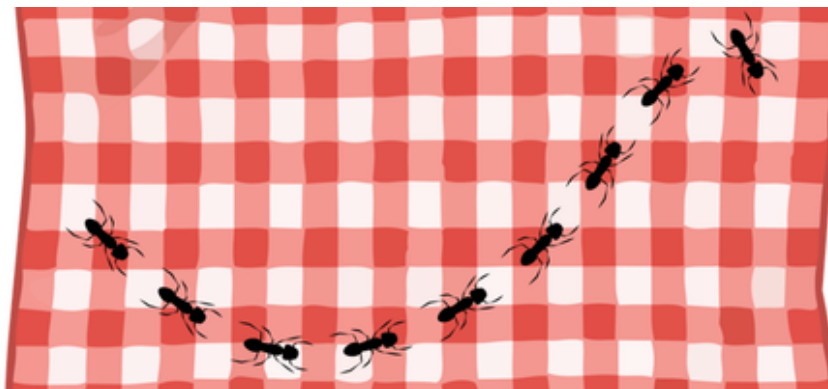
Please no clothing, and all items must be clean and in working condition.

See Linda Garman for more info. Items can be brought on Sundays or during church office hours which are Tues. through Thurs. 9am-3pm.

**\*The garage sale itself is July 16th-17th, 9am – 4pm – so mark your calendars!**

[Learn More](#)

## Salem Picnic at Bay Shore Camp





## **SALEM POTLUCK @ BAY SHORE FAMILY CAMP**

**JULY 28 @ 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM**

**Salem Church will be having its Annual Church Potluck at Bay Shore Camp on Tuesday, July 28th at 5:30 PM. You can find us at the tent beside the Tabernacle.**

- **Brats & Hot Dogs will be provided.**
- **Please bring a dish to share.**
- **Bring table service & drinks.**
- **Also, feel free to bring your lawn chair**

See all the Bay Shore summer activities [HERE](#).

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**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, OUTREACH, AND MISSIONS**

**Upcoming events**

# Calling all seniors!



Seniors, come join us on  
**July 8, 2026** for a meal  
followed by bingo  
Time: **11:30am – 1:30pm**  
Cost: **\$3 per person**

Salem Church  
23 Mabel St, Pigeon, MI  
989-453-2552

Meal sponsor donation is provided by Walsh Meat Packing.



Calling all seniors! Our next senior lunch is **Wednesday, July 8th**! Bring a friend, enjoy a hot meal, and have some fun playing bingo! Event will be held in Salem Church's fellowship hall (located in the basement). Our building is wheelchair accessible, and there is an elevator available.

For more info



## LOONS FAITH & FAMILY NIGHT

Mark your calendars!!! **Saturday, August 15th**, the game starts at 7:05 pm with fireworks at the end of the game. Tickets are \$12.50/person

The sign-up sheet will be going around during worship for a couple Sundays in June. If you miss the sign-up sheet and are interested in participating in this outing, please contact our Children/Youth Ministry Director, Mary Dubs.  
[mary.dubs@salemgmc.com](mailto:mary.dubs@salemgmc.com)  
phone: 989-550-2511



Mark your calendar – **Saturday, September 12th, 2026!**  
More info coming soon!

**(CLICK ON THE IMAGES TO SEE A LARGER VIEW)**

| SUN                                                                                                   | MON | TUE                               | WED                                                                   | THU                                    | FRI | SAT                       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----|---------------------------|
|                                                                                                       |     |                                   | 01                                                                    | 02                                     | 03  | 04 Happy Independence Day |
| 05 Communion<br>Pastor Ron Hutchinson, Guest Speaker<br>Noisy Offering                                | 06  | 07                                | 08 Food Pantry 10am-4:pm @ First UMC<br>Sr. Meal/Bingo 11:30am-1:30pm | 09                                     | 10  | 11                        |
| 12 Farmer's Summer Fest 4pm-7pm                                                                       | 13  | 14                                | 15                                                                    | 16 Salem Garage Sale 9:00 am - 4:00 pm | 17  | 18                        |
| 19 Welcome Pastor Todd Shafer 4:30pm Closing Svc. for Summer Fest. 7:00pm Top of the Thumb Ministries | 20  | 21 Church Council 7:00pm          | 22                                                                    | 23                                     | 24  | 25 Bay Shore Family Camp  |
| 26                                                                                                    | 27  | 28 Salem Pot Luck BayShore @ 5:30 | 29 Food Pantry 10am-4:pm @ First UMC                                  | 30                                     | 31  |                           |

**Bay Shore Family Camp - JUL 25 - AUG. 1**



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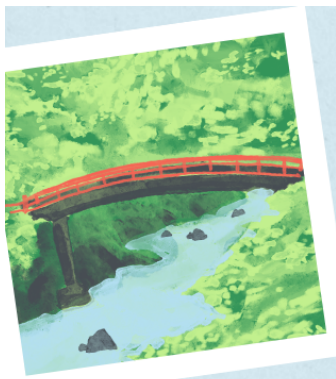
WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE

|                                                                           | 07/05/26                      | 07/12/26                             | 07/19/26                      | 07/26/26                      |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| COFFEE/SNACKS/SERVER                                                      | THE CLINKS                    | FOYS                                 | HOSPITALITY                   | HOEPNERS                      |
| ACOLYTE (1)                                                               | ZOEY CLINK                    | EVAN MCINTOSH                        | RILEY SEARS                   | NOAH CLINK                    |
| GREETERS(2)<br>ONE AT DOUBLE DOORS<br>& ONE AT NORTH<br>ENTRANCE/ELEVATOR | KELLY & RAY<br>LEPPIEN        | LINDA WOLFORD                        | MAGGIE & RUSS<br>WOLFORD      | SUE & SCOTT<br>MEYERSIECK     |
| SCRIPTURE READER                                                          | CRIS CLINK                    | GREG FOY                             | MARY DUBS                     | PAM HOEPNER                   |
| USHERS                                                                    | MARC HILL                     | MARC HILL                            | RUSS WOLFORD                  | RUSS WOLFORD                  |
| MONEY COUNTERS                                                            | ANGIE DUBS &<br>KATHY MCQUEEN | LAUREN ARMBRUSTER &<br>MICHELLE HILL | KARRIE FOY &<br>MICHELLE HILL | RAY LEPPIEN<br>& RUSS WOLFORD |
| SOUND TECHNICIANS                                                         | EMILY H. & ETHAN H.           | LINDA G. & ETHAN H.                  | EMILY H. & ETHAN H.           | LINDA G. & ETHAN H.           |
| TECHNICAL SUPPORT                                                         | AARON EICHLER                 | AARON EICHLER                        | AARON EICHLER                 | AARON EICHLER                 |
| COMMUNION<br>STEWARDS (4) 1 <sup>ST</sup> SUN.<br>EACH MONTH              | MARGE REIST<br>SUE PERRY      |                                      |                               |                               |
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# JULY 2026

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

| SUN                                                     | MON                                | TUE                      | WED                                      | THU                                                   | FRI                               | SAT                                |
|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| (B)=birthday<br>(A)=anniversary                         |                                    |                          | 01                                       | 02                                                    | 03                                | 04<br>HAPPY<br>INDEPENDENCE<br>DAY |
| 05                                                      | 06                                 | 07                       | 08                                       | 09                                                    | 10<br>Zoey Clink (B)              | 11<br>Harold Kropp<br>(B)          |
| 12                                                      | 13                                 | 14<br>Beckie Eichler (B) | 15                                       | 16<br>Mary Kropp (B)                                  | 17                                | 18                                 |
| 19<br>Beth Tibbits (B)<br>Jill & Stephen<br>VerBurg (A) | 20<br>Steve McIntosh<br>(B)        | 21                       | 22<br>Travis Elenbaum<br>(B)             | 23                                                    | 24<br>Michelle & Marc<br>Hill (A) | 25<br>Jerry Adams<br>(B)           |
| 26<br>Connie & Terry<br>Damm (A)                        | 27<br>Kim & Jeff<br>Leipprandt (A) | 28                       | 29<br>Jane Lewis (B)<br>Floris Wertz (B) | 30<br>Noah Clink (B)<br>Sue & scott<br>Meyersieck (A) | 31<br>Michael Potter (B)          |                                    |



## *Summer* vacation



Maggie, office admin  
will be on vacation from  
July 6 through July 14



### **Summer church office hours**

Reminder: From Memorial Day to Labor Day, our summer church office hours are Tues-Thurs 9am - 3pm.



## **Community Events**



Good Morning

As some of you know Thumb Blessing Boxes (TBB) recently pitched for some funding to pilot a project. The project will be **Huron County specific** and geared towards seniors (60+) individuals who have barriers including limited mobility, transportation and access to fresh produce.

TBB is partnering with Happy Farmer Produce and Thumb Area Transit to make this project possible. Happy Farmer will supply and package the produce, and Thumb Area Transit will complete the deliveries. Deliveries will occur on Wednesdays or Thursdays (we are still working out the details), recipient must be able to retrieve the bag of produce from their porch, and they are agreeing to be contacted by a volunteer to complete a survey about half way through the project and at the end of the project. Deliveries will occur bi-weekly.

What we need from you: We need to gather participants and their information. If you know someone who meets this criteria, please submit the form. We would also like you to share this form with other organizations that serve this population, especially faith based organizations as many of them have homebound lists.

You can find the registration form [HERE](#).

If you have any questions, you can contact me via email: [thumbblessingboxes@gmail.com](mailto:thumbblessingboxes@gmail.com) or my cell at (989)553-1304.

Thank you,  
Melissa Deming,  
Program Specialist

Phone: 989-553-1304 | Fax: 877-821-9583  
138 Maple Valley Street, Suite B  
Sandusky MI 48471

[www.Thumbhealth.org](http://www.Thumbhealth.org) | <https://linktr.ee/tchp>

## Top-of-the-Thumb Leisure Ministries 2026

### Sunday Evening Schedule

- July 5 - Barry Maust
- July 12 - Jeff & Brenda Glasco
- July 19 - Sheldon Family
- July 26 - John & Kate Denner
- August 2 - Act III
- August 9 - Summer Staff Concert
- November 15 "Evening of Song"

Located at Pigeon River Mennonite Church

Check out their Facebook page for more info:

<https://www.facebook.com/TTLMmi>

🍪 **CAN YOU HELP?** 🍪 Thumb Leisure Ministries has asked Salem to provide 12 doz. cookies following their service on July 19th. If you would be willing to bake a few dozen, please contact Maggie in the church office. 989-453-2552 Thank you.



**Lloyd Severance Thumb Gospel Music Convention**

## 28th Annual Lloyd Severance Thumb Gospel Music Convention at Bay Shore Camp

Coming August 20 - 23, 2026

For more information visit: <https://thumbgospelmusic.com>

### Lloyd Severance Thumb Gospel Music Convention

The premier Gospel music event in the Thumb of Michigan. It was the lifelong dream of Lloyd "Chic" Severance to bring Gospel music to the Thumb area. Now in its 28th year, our Convention attracts upwards of 2,500 people over the four days of great music, food, and fellowship.

Come join us for some of the best Gospel music in the Midwest!



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Go to: [sailemgmc.com/monthly-newsletter](http://sailemgmc.com/monthly-newsletter)

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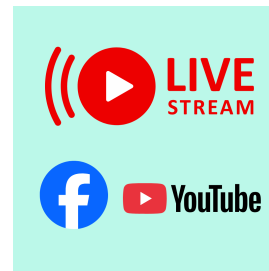
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