

**ROUGH & READY RUMBLINGS**  
**JULY 2023**

Salem Church of Rough & Ready  
11 Church Road  
Klingerstown, PA 17941  
Church/Children's Church: 9:00 A.M.  
Sunday School: 10:15 A.M.

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INFORMATION FOR THE RUMBLINGS SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE SECRETARY BY THE 15<sup>TH</sup>.

BIBLE STUDY - Please join us every Sunday after morning church service and every Thursday at 1 PM as we learn about Abraham, a Man of Faith. The same material is covered at both sessions so that you have two opportunities to participate in this Bible Study.

There will be a confirmation class meeting on September 17 or 24, depending on which is most convenient for students. This class is open to adults and our youth. Please notify Pastor Mark if you plan to attend.

“Hepler’s Church of God Grove Services in Pitman at 7 PM”

Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> – Mended Heart will be there this evening.

Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup> – Speaker will be Pastor Bob Cassel with Special Music by the Hepler’s Church of God Men’s Quartet

Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> – Speaker will be Pastor Wayne Anderson with Special Music by Becky Wetzel

Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> – Speaker will be Pastor Mark Rothermel with Special Music by Ava Kramer & Karli Schreffler

Hepler’s Church will be sponsoring a CEF 5-Day Club at the Church Grove for ages 5 – 12 on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> from 6 PM – 7:30 PM. Everyone is invited to come and bring a friend.

Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> – Fifth Sunday after Pentecost.

Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> – Salem Church Sunday School Meeting at 6 PM

Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> – Independence Day. Have a Blessed and Safe Holiday.

Wednesday, July 5<sup>th</sup> – Salem Church Consistory meeting at 7 PM

Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup> – Sixth Sunday After Pentecost and Holy Communion. The Sunday School Picnic will be held at Knoebels Pav. U today. There will be no Sunday School so everyone can come and have fellowship at Knoebels.

Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup> – Seventh Sunday after Pentecost. National Ice Cream Day.

Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup> – Klingerstown Fire Company Food Festival beginning at 5 PM.

Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> – Klingerstown parade at Noon. Food Stands will open at noon with BBQ chicken at 5 PM.

Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost and Tractor Sunday. Services will be flipped with a meal to follow.

Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup> – Salem Church Men's Fellowship Breakfast at 8 AM. Pitman Carnival Parade will be held at 5 PM.

Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup> – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost and Pitman Community Service. There will be no service at Salem so that everyone has an opportunity to worship with the community.

Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup> – Salem Church Consistory meeting at 7 PM

Janitor for July is Dean Dietrich

### Salem Church of Rough & Ready Consistory Meeting

6/6/23

Present: Pastor Mantz, Mike Masser, Randy Wehry, Louise Rothermel, Andy Kuczala, Matt Lucas, Dorothy Brown, Brock Klinger

Opening Devotional:

"Proclaim Liberty Throughout All the Land unto All the Inhabitants thereof." That's the inscription on the Liberty Bell. What is important about today? It's the anniversary of D-Day. Given the choice between freedom and liberty, choose liberty. Freedom means no limits; do whatever you want. Liberty is freedom constrained for the good of everyone who enjoys it. We should thank God for the contributions our forefathers made to preserving liberty.

Treasurer's Report:

Current \$257,696.27

Benevolence \$9,568.86

Building \$6,968.06

New Business:

- Residential

- The motion light in the restroom was changed, but it's not working properly. Dean called them to come and check it. Haven't heard if it's been fixed yet.

- Mini splits

- Shannon, Dean, Jim Gessner, and Jake were all present for the meeting to learn how to operate the system. Jim mounted the remote controls to the window frames. Jim took notes and will be the point person for the system.

- Furnace

- Jim Novinger thought there may be a hole in the oil line. When filled above 16 inches, it works fine. Will monitor it to see if there are further issues.

- Steeple

- Jim Novinger will check the steeple out more closely when he's in the area with the right equipment and lift.

- CDs
    - Arlin investigated multiple different banks to understand what rates are available.
    - We'll defer any decisions on whether or not to invest until the full consistory is present.
    - Several families have approached Mike citing concerns about the growth of the Current Fund and about the surplus being used for long-term investments. A pattern has been observed among churches with significant financial resources that tithing and, ultimately, participation and support decline in response to the overabundance. It's also been suggested that those funds would be put to better use in support of the Great Commission, per the stated mission in the church's constitution. They've further suggested that they may direct their tithes to the missions of their choice to avoid the funds sitting idle for fear it may cause members to lose urgency in giving to, participating in, and supporting the church.
    - Commenting on that concern, Mark asserted that members that don't tithe to the church and instead give directly to their preferred causes are not acting Biblically. The tithe is intended to go to the church, and it's the role of the church and its leadership to decide how best to use them.
    - It was noted that all members have the option to contribute to the Benevolence Fund which is generally disbursed to a combination of missionaries and community organizations.
  - Cemetery
    - Mike hasn't met with Steve due to a busy planting season.
  - Audio during services
    - We'll try wireless lapel microphones to improve the audio on the Facebook stream.
    - We'll also improve the image quality with a new camera.
  - Air conditioners
    - We'll announce in church anyone interested in them is welcome to take them.
  - Confirmation Class
    - Mark will plan to host a meeting on September 17 or 24 to decide what day of the week it will be held and discuss the requirements.
  - Social Security Exemption
    - Mark is seeking exemption from the tax, which is available to pastors. Pastor Mantz provided a detailed activity report for the month of May.
- With no further business to conduct, the meeting was closed with all present reciting the Lord's Prayer.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>
July 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lexi Leshner
July 9 <sup>th</sup>	Bailey Novinger
July 16 <sup>th</sup>	Lucas Scheib
July 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sarah Schaible
July 30 <sup>th</sup>	Gavin Scheib

Children's Church will be cancelled for July and August. It will resume in September provided there are enough volunteers to be the Leaders.

ALTAR FLOWERS

July 2<sup>nd</sup>

July 9<sup>th</sup>

July 16<sup>th</sup>

July 23<sup>rd</sup>

July 30<sup>th</sup>

In Memory of Marlin Wiest by Kathy Hoffman and Family

No Church Service at Salem

JULY BIRTHDAYS

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

2	Gavin Scheib	19	David Clark
3	Jeremy Novinger	20	Kade Deeter
4	Jaxon Weikel	21	Brandon Purcell
6	Jesse Rose		Troy Kerstetter
7	Rev Mark Rothermel	22	Chris Morrison
	Khristyn Maurer	23	Mary Schmeltz
11	Braxton Frederick	25	Jeremy Strohecker
12	Nicole Brosius	26	Amber Fetterolf
15	Troy Klinger	27	Madeline Snyder
		31	Melissa Harner

7	Peter & Kristin Frederick
8	Rick & Laurie Kehler
9	Rick & Amy Masser
	Hannah & Scotty Day
10	Nevin & Leona Musick
21	Jeremy & Sara Strohecker
16	Hunter & Sierra Dietrich

UPDATE FROM KATIE

I have had the fun chance of watching all of the school students play *Kibasen*. *Kibasen* (Cavalry Battle) is a game in which two teams fight to steal the hats off of one another's head. However, the participants must work together in groups of four, with three people carrying one person on their shoulders. The result is rather comical and dangerous, as the person on the top is trying to wrestle with another person on top. Meanwhile, the groups of kids at the bottom are just trying to keep the balance. The teachers might have the most dangerous job. While the students are busy pushing and balancing, the teachers are running around ready to catch any of the students that may fall. I, of course, was happy to stay by the sideline.

Although it's pretty hard to watch this game without laughing, it's captivating to watch. I have to imagine, it must be pretty scary to be the person on top. A wrong fall would definitely hurt. However, while all the eyes may be on the person on top, the people at the bottom are just as important. There's no chance in winning if all the people at the bottom have weak shoulders.



In an odd way, this sport reminds me of the church. People may try to keep their eyes on the person on top. Whether it may be a missionary, pastor, elder, or just a role model in the church, it is these people that are generally looked on to be the main Christian players. They are the ones who should do the big tasks, lead the Bible studies, and who have to live a good Christian life. But in reality, without a strong church with them, they will fall. Just because we aren't in the spotlight doesn't mean we have an excuse to not live for Christ. Every person, and every role in the church is just as important. If we don't do our role to the best of our ability, our team could fail.

I feel so blessed to have the team God has given me. I can't wait to see all of your warm smiles again. I'm not entirely sure of what role God has put me in, but I know that I would, without a doubt, fail without you holding me. I would fall without you catching me. I miss you so much, but your prayers and love push me through. Even though we are far apart, we are running the same race with the same goal. Let's keep our eyes on God together.

## **Update**

Hey guys! Life has been very interesting here! Cherry blossom season has passed and I have been in love with the beauty that God has provided here. School is going well, and I've really enjoyed getting to know the students in a whole new way for our sports festival. It truly is a joy to see their smiling faces each day. What's more, I'm getting to the point in my language studies where I can start to have conversations with them. Sure, I have a LONG way to go, but it feels nice to talk about more than the weather. I'm also making friends outside of Church. I got a dog and have been meeting this dog walking group several times a week. Also, I've been having Bible studies with a friend named Mae and it has been going very well.



## **Prayer Requests:**

- Pray for my language skills and relationships with students.
- Pray for my Bible studies with Mae.
- Pray that my relationship with Christ continues to grow.
- Pray for my ability to deal with cultural stress in a loving and Christlike way.

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