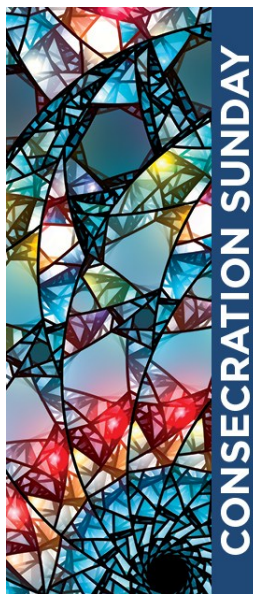


September 2026

1640 Salem Road, Caledonia, OH 43314
419-947-5383 MarionSalemChurch.org
10 am Worship 9 am Sunday School



**IT'S
COMING**
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2026

**Choir practices
resume
Wed. Sept. 9**

Come at 6pm to chat with
friends and catch up.
At 6:15, our practice will
officially start.

Join us!

Questions?

talk with Emily Sharp

**Find
YOUR
Place**

**BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY
COMING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH
WHO WILL YOU INVITE?**

Potluck following worship

Main: Salem Chicken Sandwiches

Bring a dish to share.

Drinks and tableware provide.



To the church of God as found at Marion Salem Church, called to be saints together with those in every place who call on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ: You are miracles of God's grace and mercy!

There is a line between setting a goal on faith and wishful thinking. I'll be honest, I'm not sure how thick or thin that line is. Let me share with you the circumstance and perhaps together we can discern what Christ wants us to go for.

National Back to Church Sunday is coming up on September 20th. It is a great opportunity for us to express our faith, live out our discipleship, and invite others to worship. If your invitation inspires someone to attend worship somewhere else, that's still a victory. However, it is reasonable for us to hope that we will see an increase in visitors and new attenders through the month of September at Salem. The question is how many?

If you look at our current stats for the year, we're averaging a little better on the whole than Year-to-Date 2025. Last year we were worshipping around 93, our average YTD '26 is 94. August '25 was 93 average, August '26 average is 99. Our goal by the end of the year is to consistently worship at 110.

So, with the upcoming event and the current average, what should our goal be? Should we say we can certainly reach 110 on Back to Church Sunday, perhaps even sustain it through the end of the year? Might be reasonable. Would it be a stretch? Maybe some would call it a small one. What would really put us outside of our comfort zone? Could we hit over 130 people on Back to Church Sunday and maybe level off back around 105.

In weight training there are two competing concepts: Max Reps, which is lifting a moderate weight for as many times as possible and Max Weight which is lifting the heaviest possible weight for perhaps 3 reps to show raw power. Both have their purpose and place, and a trainer knows how to safely advise which technique to use on an athlete's muscles and when to go for max reps and max weight for the best benefits.

I lean towards consistency. I'd like to see max reps. However, I also believe that without occasional max weight our true potential may never be seen. I'm not ready to state a goal out loud in this short piece. What I hope to accomplish though is that we take this information and lay it before the Lord over the next 3 weeks. He'll certainly answer us by guiding and empowering us in the work before us. He is the one that can certainly accomplish within us more than we could ask or imagine.

Blessings 🙌,

Basic Christian Faith Wednesdays 7pm

Join Pastor Jason for an engaging time of discussion as we explore basic teachings of Christian Faith. This is a paced study and you can drop in anytime.

September Studies:

2nd: Study continues
9th: Study continues
16th: Study continues
23rd:
30th: No study (Pastor Vacation)

Finding Your Place

September Sermon Series

6th: "Built Together"

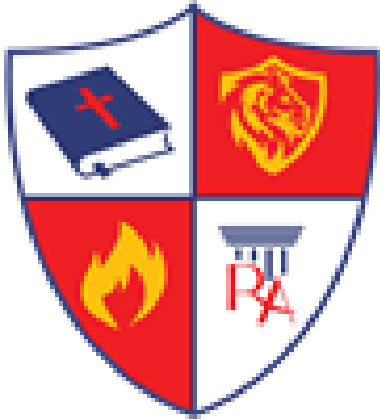
Ephesians 2:19-22

13th: "Get in the Line"

Galatians 5:25

20th: "Finding Your Place to Rest"

Matthew 11:28-30



Rhema Academy has increased enrollment to 34 students for the new year!!

Come and see what Rhema Academy is all about!

What's happening at Rhema Academy? I invite you all to come and see! Visit returning teachers and meet new teachers all hard at work instructing with the individual talents God has given them. Meet Mrs. Maynard, the ELA and Science teacher, Mrs. Loomis the K-1 teacher, Mr. Lehman, the lower level math, Algebra, Geometry and PE teacher, Miss Diamond, the 2-3 level teacher, Mr. Perez, the Spanish, Latin and PE teacher, Mrs. Slob, the music, art, and lower level Chapel leader, Dr. Clark, the Social Studies, World History and Biology Teacher, as well as Mrs. Perez, our secretary. We are so grateful for Salem Global Methodist Church for allowing us to utilize this beautiful facility and especially the sanctuary on Chapel days. Our students are learning not only how to grow in their knowledge but also in their faith as well as in their character. They are learning they are Lions (our mascot) who are strong and courageous, that they are Christians, and will grow to be faithful followers of Christ Jesus, and that they are Classical so they have in place high expectations in behavior as well as educational goals. Thank you for your prayers and support as we strive together to grow the Kingdom of Christ.

In Christ's Service,

Tara Klenzman

Headmistress Rhema Academy

Blessing of students and teachers for the new school year August 16th





New Members Class

Those interested in joining the Professing Membership of Marion Salem Church are invited to join the 6-session New Members Class that began in July. Classes are held in the New Room off the gym. Meal will be provided. Because of work and holiday schedules classes have changed times:

Session 4—September 17, 6pm

Session 5—September 22, 6pm

Session 6—TBA

Food Pantry

Hours: Monday 10-noon



American Heritage Girls

Will host an open house

Thursday, September 17
6 pm

See Charisse Smith
for details

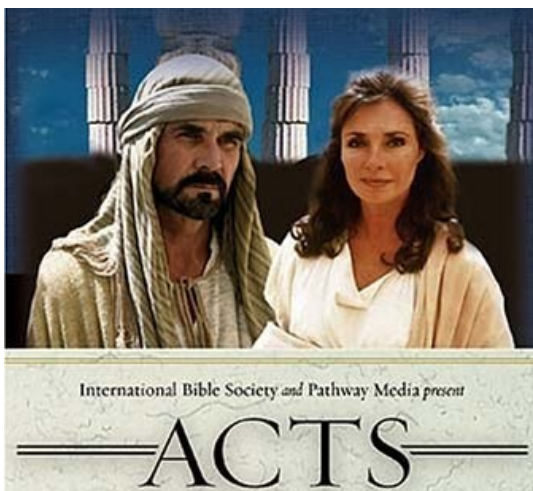


Senior
Lunch

Wed. September 30

Noon

Menu: tbd



Monday Bible Study

Join in the study where we watch the Word come to life with the Visual Bible's presentation of the Book of Acts. As we wrap up the book, we may take more than one chapter at a time in September:

7th: No Study (Labor Day)

14th: Acts 26

21st: Acts 27

28th: Acts 28

"He tends His flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in His arms and carries them close to His heart; he gently leads those that have young." Isaiah 40:11

The Family Sheepdog Spot



ASSISTING THE GOOD SHEPHERD IN TENDING THE FLOCK, ESPECIALLY THE LAMBS AND THOSE THAT HAVE YOUNG



Introducing: Youth Group's New Branding!



*"God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble."*

A place of safety for all of God's misfits.

Youth Group is now *The Refuge!* This name was chosen by submission and vote from all **six** of our students who were involved in the youth ministry this past summer.

Beginning September 6! The Refuge: Pre-Teens for grades 4-6* will begin meeting every Sunday from 4pm—6pm.

The Refuge: Teens (Formerly known as "Strivers Youth Group") for grades 6*-12 and meets every Sunday from 6pm—8pm.

**Students in 6th grade and their parents/guardians will decide ONE of the groups to participate in.*

The Refuge: Teens

Sundays, 6pm-8pm

- **September 6**

SESSION 1: All Alone

Selected verses: Genesis, Proverbs, 1 Corinthians, Luke

- **September 13**

SESSION 2: Seat's Taken

1 Corinthians 12-13

- **September 20**

6pm: COLTON DIXON CONCERT at the Palace Theatre

See Emily Sharp for tickets and more information

- **September 27**

SESSION 3: Awkward Turtle

Exodus 4:10-14

Every week includes a lesson and discussion, worship, games, and snacks!



The Refuge: Pre-Teens

Sundays, 4pm-6pm

- **September 6**

SESSION 1: Who defines truth?

John 1:1-18

- **September 13**

SESSION 2: Why should I trust the Bible?

selected verses from 2 Timothy, Hebrews, Matthew

- **September 20**

6pm: COLTON DIXON CONCERT at the Palace Theatre

See Emily Sharp for tickets and more information

- **September 27**

SESSION 3: What is true about God?

Isaiah 46:3-13

Every week includes a lesson and discussion, worship, games, and snacks!



Volunteers Needed!



Spend some time with the young people in our congregation by volunteering with “The Refuge”.

- ***Small Group Leaders (Pre-Teens or Teens):** After each large group teaching session, the group will split into two smaller groups for a more detailed discussion. A list of questions will be provided to the leader. Ideally, we’d like to have the same leader every week or a rotating schedule of leaders , but for now you can sign-up on a week by week basis with Pastor Heather. Preteens small groups will meet from 5:00pm-5:30pm. Teens small groups will meet from 7:30pm-8:00pm.
- ***Games Coordinator (Pre-Teens):** Arrange for and lead games from 5:30pm-6:00pm. Ideally, we’d like to have the same leader every week or a rotating schedule of leaders , but for now you can sign-up on a week by week basis with Pastor Heather.
- **Monthly Snacks Coordinators:** Help Pastor Heather decide when snack supplies are low and what snacks to purchase.
- **Quarterly Fun Events Coordinators (Pre-Teens or Teens):** Work with Pastor Heather to plan special events such as parties, lock-ins, and other events just for fun.
- **Mission Events Coordinators (Pre-Teens or Teens):** Work with Pastor Heather to plan mission projects and trips.
- **Semi-Annual Fundraiser Coordinator:** Help plan a fundraiser in the fall and in the spring to benefit both youth ministries.

*Small Group Leaders and Games Coordinators MUST have completed all Ministry Safe requirements before volunteering (see below).



Lifewise is now at River Valley!

Pastor Heather will be the lead teacher! Beginning September 15, during their

Viking period on Tuesdays (6th and 7th grades) or Wednesdays (8th grade), registered students will ride a bus to Claridon Church for Bible instruction and then return to the school.

For more information, to donate, to volunteer, or to register a student, please visit <https://lifewise.org/program/3904844-river-valley-local-school-district/>.



This is a reminder to check your email for communications from Ministry Safe on behalf of Marion Salem Global Methodist Church. **Volunteers who have not passed the Child Abuse Training and Background Checks will not be permitted to work with children or teens under 18 years of age until these requirements have been met.** This is done to protect our both our students and our volunteers. We want all new families coming to our congregation to know that this is a safe place for their family!

If you have questions, issues, or concerns, please contact Pastor Heather. If you have not received emails from Ministry Safe, first check your spam folder, and then email Pastor Heather at pastor.heather.gmc@gmail.com.

On September 23, Students all over the world will gather an hour before school starts to stand around their flag pole and pray. Let us pray for them!



Save the Date!!

All Church Fall Party

Sunday, October 11

All are welcome!

Bring a dish to share



Support the Marion Salem Church Food Pantry:

You must have a Kroger Card and an online account:

In the mobile App:

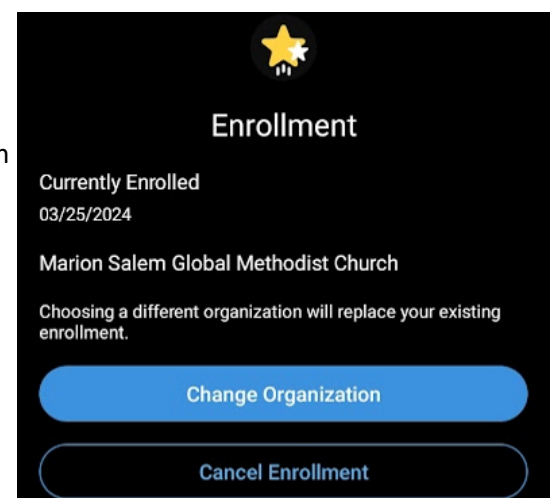
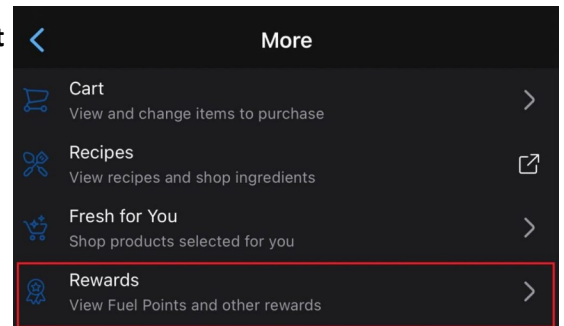
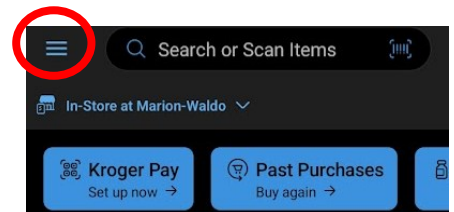
Tap the **Menu**:

Tap **Rewards** (then **Community Rewards** on the next screen):

Marion Salem Global Methodist Church should be listed, if not change organization and look for us by name.

On the Kroger website:

- 1) Log into your account.
- 2) Click on the drop down menu by your name and select **My Account**.
- 3) At the bottom left (or scrolling a little lower) click on **Community Rewards**.
- 4) If you've never signed up it will ask if you want to **enroll**. If you are enrolled click **Change Organization**.
- 5) Search for Marion Salem.



Kairos is Coming!!

Cookies for the Kairos Prison Ministry can be brought to the church kitchen the morning of Friday, September 11. Please see Annette for the Kairos cookie guidelines.



You don't need
to see the whole road.
Trust GOD for the next step.



Next peanut butter
sandwich making is
Oct. 18
Please join us in the
kitchen!





September 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 James 5 pm	2 Bible study 7 pm	3 Trustees 6:30 pm	4	5
6 Communion	7 Labor Day 	8 James 5 pm Social mtg 6:30	9 Choir 6:15 Bible study 7 pm	10 SPRC 6:30 pm	11	12
13	14 Bible study 4 pm	15 James 5 pm	16 Choir 6:15 Bible study 7 pm	17 AHG Open 6 pm Member class 6 pm	18	19
					Kairos weekend	
20	21 Bible study 4 pm Ad Council 6:30 pm	22 Member class 6 pm	23 Choir 6:15 Bible study 7 pm	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 Sr. Lunch 12 pm Choir 6:15			
Amy - vacation through 10/9						



1st Sunday every month in the
Family Center at 8:30 AM.

September—Genesis Class
October—Joy/Ren Class



Pray for

Ron VonAlmen
Janet Schelb
Donna McKinnis
Vicki Adams
Israel
Judi Myers
Rick Hicks
Haiti
Mike Dilsaver
Steve Crock
Paul Messenger
Jamie Marquis
Janie Wooten
Mary & Bill Linn
Andrew Pfeiffer
Tierney Bender
Jim Miracle
Nathan Long
Sean Hert
Mary Galloway
Brock Parker
Terry Fisher
Martha Crabtree family
Heidi Gregory

Nursery Schedule

9/6 Karla Sharp & Marilyn Shroyer
9/13 Amanda & Marissa Loyer
9/20 Jennifer & Piper Croskey
9/27 Conni McChesney & Jess Wagner

ANNIVERSARIES

9/3 Max & Janet Strine
9/14 Bill & Mary Linn
9/19 Dustin & Andrea Bayles
9/22 Mike & Amy Springer
9/29 Chris & Maggie Breeding



Birthdays

9/1 Steve Shamhart
9/3 Charisse Smith
9/14 Lee Saiter
9/15 Carrie Hutchman
9/18 Cheryl Doezema
Kinslee Smith
9/19 Donna Dietsch
9/25 Bob King
9/27 Landon Sharp
Layton Sharp
Liam Sharp
9/29 Amy McGuire
9/30 Maria Barbarich

Children's Church

9/6 No Children's Church



GREETERS

9/6 Paul & Ellen Messenger
9/13 Bill & Mary Linn
9/20 Deborah Hurst & Layton Sharp
9/27 Janet Burns & Susan Rockwell