

This Week's Calendar of Events

Sunday, April 18th

- 8:15 AM Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 AM Back to the Bible Class (Room 210)
- 9:30 AM Cross Training for Children (Narthex and Zoom)
- 9:30 AM Informal and LiveStream Worship Service (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:00 AM Gathering Worship Service (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:00 AM Seekers in Christ Sunday School (Room 115)
- 6:00 PM Sunday Night Youth Meeting (Youth rooms)

Monday, April 19th

- 5:00 PM Lacrosse Practice (Lacrosse Fields)
- 6:30 PM Council Meeting (Room 212)

Tuesday, April 20th

- 8:00 AM Soul Food Cooking Project (Kitchen)
- 5:00 PM Lacrosse Practice (Lacrosse Fields)
- 6:15 PM Scout Meetings (Pavilion/Fellowship Hall/Sanctuary)

Wednesday, April 21st

- 5:00 PM Lacrosse Practice (Lacrosse Fields)
- 5:00 PM Wednesday Night High School Youth Meeting (Youth rooms)
- 6:00 PM Private Meeting (Welcome Center)
- 6:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsals (Sanctuary)

Thursday, April 22nd

- 5:00 PM Lacrosse Practice (Lacrosse Fields)

Friday, April 23rd

- 5:00 PM Lacrosse Practice (Lacrosse Fields)

Saturday, April 24th

- 9:00 AM Pinewood Derby - Scouts - Raindate (Outdoors)

Sunday, April 25th - Special Events

- 10:30 AM Sip and Share Virtual Gathering (Zoom)
- 2:00 PM Carolyn Funk Drive Through Goodbye (Outdoors)
- 6:00 PM Pack 198 Bridging Ceremony (Outdoor Chapel, Sanctuary)
- 6:00 PM Sunday Night Youth Meeting (Youth rooms)

A complete listing of events is available at www.fcsalem.org under Church resources or at <https://57624054.view-events.com/calendar/57624054>.

Although we continue to have gathering restrictions and social distancing guidelines that we need to adhere to, the opportunities to Connect, Grow and Serve are slowly starting to be added. Don't forget to contact the church office with your announcement at least 4 weeks prior to the event or deadline.

Online Worship Viewing You can watch the livestream & archived livestreams directly on YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_edajFklfNmfy4AqGKSyvg

Salem Parish News – April 18, 2021



Visiting Salem Today?

We have a gift for you! Come to the Information table in either the Holy Grounds Café or outside Fellowship Hall. We invite you to fill out the Connection Card in our bulletin. We're glad you are here!



The flowers in the Sanctuary are given in honor of Tracey Michelsen's 50th birthday by her friends. The flowers in Fellowship Hall are given in honor of Lyndsey Michelsen's 22nd birthday by her family.

UPCOMING SERMONS:

April 25 Exercising our Heart Soul Our heart represents the center of our physical and piritual life. It includes our passions & desires. We want to fix our hearts on Jesus so he becomes the center of our lives. Soul means our *breath* or the deepest parts of who we are. Your soul is where your meaning & purpose for living originates. We want to focus our souls on Jesus so he becomes the reason we live.

May 2 Exercising our Mind & Strength Our minds our truly powerful creation of God. We want to learn to offer our reason, knowledge, memory, & imagination to Jesus so he becomes the center or all our thoughts. When we love God with all our heart, soul, & mind, our bodies then love God accordingly with all our strength. Our faith is to be practiced outwardly though our hand & feet.



Cross Training in person & Zoom Sundays at 9:30 am

In-person students age 3 years – grade 5 will meet in the Narthex with Miss Tracey & her team during the sermon for Cross training. Kids are asked to wear masks for social distancing. For the Zoom link contact Tracey Michelsen at tmichelsen@fcsalem.org

NURSERY care available at 9:30 am for children ages infant through 4 years old in room 106.

Join Us for the

Mount Davis Challenge!

Mount Davis is the highest peak in Pennsylvania. Located in the 5,685-acre Forbes State Forest near the hamlet of Markleton in Elk Lick Township, Somerset County.

The Challenge:

- Climb 3,213 steps in 3 weeks (April 18th-May 8th)
- That's 1071 per week or 153 per day
- Climb steps, keep track, & "make it to the top!"



OUR FAITHFULNESS

	Attendance (In person & Online)	Tithes & Offerings (Budget \$9,000)
3/28/2021	318	\$ 9,964.00
4/4/2021	480	\$ 7,436.00
4/11/2021	347	\$ 13,541.00

Serve

Saying Farewell to Christmas Closet—After careful consideration of time resources and how Salem is reaching out to the community through other ministries, the Christmas Closet Volunteers have decided to discontinue this ministry. Christmas Closet was an important part of Salem's community outreach. We have expanded our community outreach, since its beginnings, with Budget Inn Community Center, an expansion of Soul Food Ministry, and monthly food distribution. We will no longer collect items for CC in the Ministry Workshop. Many organizations such as Community Aid and Salvation Army can use the items that we typically collected. Thank you for your support of Christmas Closet and all serving ministries here!



Help Needed - General Contractor or flooring experience and general labor to assist a single mother in our community. Work with Pastor Les and Michael Hayes! Relatively small job. Contact the church office to help. office@fcsalem.org or 717-938-1928.

Salem needs some expert help. Michael Hayes is Salem's Building Coordinator. Sometimes he needs direction and advice from someone who has experience in a trade. The church office is compiling a list of people he can call to help with decisions, quotes, or simply answer questions about painting, drywall, plumbing, or general construction. You will be compensated for your services with a "thank you" and a pat on the back. Maybe you know of someone in the community who can serve as a contact person. They don't need to be a member of the church. Please let the church office know if you want to be on our expert list.



Save the Date!! Vacation Bible School is June 13-18 IN PERSON!!

Watch the announcements and email *Blast* for more details on volunteering and how to sign up.

Time for Spring Cleaning! Since Salem was less used during COVID, we could spread out a bit and place things in places they didn't usually reside. Now we are beginning to use more of the church for small groups, Scouts etc. and we need to tidy up our spaces. That includes any closet spaces that your ministry may use. Look around, tidy, gather and clean out so we can be ready for when we open Salem even more!

Salem has updated its online giving and ADDED text giving!

Online giving: Go to www.fcsalem.org & click the GIVE tab. Click on the link to get started. It's simple and fast. Debit & credits as well as bill pay can be used.

TEXT giving: TEXT fcsumc to 73256 and you will be prompted from there.

Questions: Contact the church office at office@fcsalem.org or 717-938-1928



A Spotify public playlist "**FCS Gathering Worship**" has been created for EVERYONE to enjoy. Search for the playlist at Spotify.com.

Connect

HOLY GROUND CAFÉ is open starting today.
Stop by for a hot beverage and fellowship.



Drive-By Farewell for Carolyn Funk

As some of you know by now Carolyn Funk will be moving to Honesdale PA in May with her son Eric, to his new pastoral appointment. Her family would like her to be able to say farewell to all of her friends and church family before she moves. So, on Sunday, April 25th from 2-5pm there will be a Drive-by Party for her in the Fishing Creek Salem UMC parking lot. Carolyn will be sitting under the overhang at the Main Entrance so that everyone will have a chance to drive up and chat for just a minute or two. The pavilion has been reserved for the same time frame for those who might wish to catch up with others they have not seen for the past year. The drive through nature is to help manage her stress which affects her MS symptoms. Due to Covid concerns we will not be offering refreshments, but restrooms will be available. Everyone is welcome everyone to come out and see Carolyn off rain or shine. You never know who else you might see! For more information please contact Eric Funk at 717 599-4887 by phone or text.



Women of Light—Nationality Potluck will be held on Sun, May 2 @12:30pm at Jeannie Pelen's home (336 Braddock Drive, Etters). All single, divorced & widowed women are invited. Bring a dish from your nationality to share with others. The dinner will held inside or outside depending on the weather. Signup on the WOL bulletin board or contact Jeannie Pelen at jpelen@ptd.net or call 717-579-5164. Plates, utensils and beverages will be provided. Don't forget your mask.

Salem's Community Aid Box- has been removed due to a saturation of boxes. Community aid has cut its boxes by about two thirds. Salem can still receive credit towards vouchers, though. Take your clothing to Community Aid and give them code 10409.

The Rev. Dr. Paul Stanley Wilcox Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a deserving youth or young adult from Fishing Creek Salem UMC who has been accepted to their first year of post-secondary education. This scholarship is established in honor of Pastor Paul's love for youth and education and to support and encourage the ministry and calling of all persons. Applications & guidelines are located in the Information Rack by the South Entrance. Deadline to apply is June 15th.

Sip n Share—Join Pastor Jenny for a Virtual Coffee Hour, Sunday, April 25th at 10:30am. We'll meet via Zoom, catch up, and talk a bit about that week's sermon. You can call in to this meeting. If you need help with the call-in process, or Zoom in general, contact Susan Ryder sryder@fcsalem.org 717-574-1960 some time before the meeting, and she will be happy to help.