



The Salem Stimulus

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APRIL

GETTING THROUGH LENT

In March, we shared messages called *Following Jesus: Messing Up and Making it Right*.

The idea was that, like Jesus' first disciples, we can be pretty good at messing up and *not* following Jesus. We can be slow, selfish, and unimaginative. Yet, by God's grace, we learn. We learn to follow Jesus by getting it wrong as much as getting it right.

In April, we will present messages that provide the ultimate response to our messing up – God's victory.

For all the ways we mess things up in life, it all falls under a not-so-pleasant but very accurate term: sin.

The definition of sin is separation from God. (It is more a condition or state than an action.) But the result of sin is evidenced in all sorts of ways – violence and greed, perversion and pettiness, meanness and selfishness. (We are very creative when it comes to expressing our sinful nature) In the end, sin results in death - our separation - from life and love.

The good news, however, is that God has an answer for all our sin and sinful ways. (For *all* our mess-ups.) God's answer to our sin is Christ's death – *and* resurrection!

Open yourself to acknowledge these realities this month: We are inevitable, inveterate sinners. God is eternally gracious and powerful. When our sin nailed God's Son to the cross, God's response was nothing short of miraculous and amazing grace.

This is the story of Christians. Our lives, sinful as they are, are redeemed and re-set by the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. All sin will be turned to love. All defeats will be turned to victory.

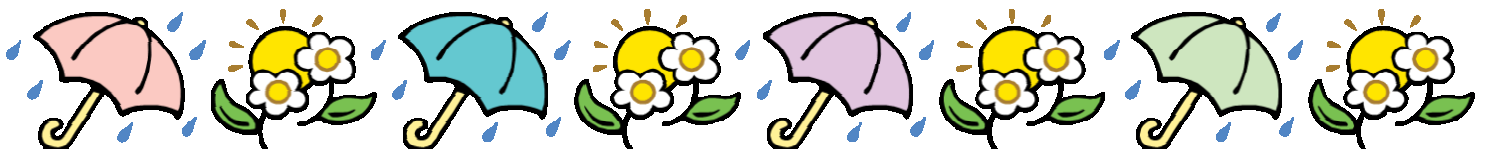
So I invite you to come, be a part of the Church. Learn the story and let it live in you. Walk together through the final days of Lent, the events of Holy Week, and the climactic day – Easter.

And as before: bring a friend and fellow traveler. We're always better together.

Pastor John

*The sting of death is sin,
and the power of sin is
the law. **But thanks be
to God who gives us
the victory through
our Lord Jesus Christ!***

--1 Corinthians 15:56-57



Holy Thursday, April 13th - 7:00pm

Traditional Worship Service in the Sanctuary

Good Friday, April 14th - 7:00pm

Gathering Worship Service in the Sanctuary

Easter Sunday, April 16th

6:30am - Sunrise Service led by our Youth in the Outdoor Chapel

(FH if inclement weather)

8:15am - Traditional Worship Service in the Sanctuary

9:30am - Informal Worship Service in Fellowship Hall

11:00am - The Gathering Worship Service in the Sanctuary



Salem's Egg Making Production for 2017 will soon be over! Our last days of production will be Monday, April 3rd and Wednesday, April 5th. Come and join us from approximately 7 am until 1 pm each day, or anytime during that timeframe that fits your schedule. Remember, Lunch is provided!

Easter Eggs make great gifts, because everyone loves them!! Purchase eggs for gifts, Easter, family get-togethers; or buy eggs for your own enjoyment! They are delicious!!

April 2nd is the last day to place an order. So there is still time to order, but quantities are limited. Egg orders should be picked up Monday & Wednesday 9 am – 12 noon and 6 – 7 pm. Orders need to be picked up immediately after being placed. Church members' orders have priority over businesses!

Questions? Call Gary Cassell at 938-6484, John Hartman at 712-3078, Jeff Strohecker at 884-1941, or Jo-Ann Howard at 938-3216.

We thank you for your support of our 2017 Egg Making Project!!



Glory to the Risen Lord!

Salem will continue their tradition of decorating the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall with flowers on Easter, April 16th. The flowers will be in 6" pots with 4 to 5 blooms . The flowers will be placed in the church for Easter and may be taken home after the 9:30 service in Fellowship Hall or the 11:00 service in the Sanctuary. The cost is \$8.00 for each plant. Please make payment payable to Fishing Creek Salem UMC and place it with the form in Jeannie Pelen's mailbox by **April 2nd**.

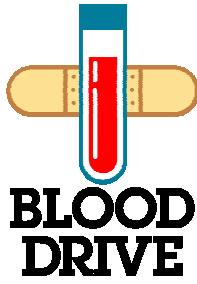
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In Memory of: _____

To the Glory of God: _____

NAME: _____

Phone #: _____



Salem's Annual Blood Drive
by Central PA Blood Bank
will be Tuesday, April 4th, from 3-8pm
in Fellowship Hall.
NOTE: There must be 56 days between
blood donations
Prayerfully consider participating in this mission.

commUNITY Service Day

Saturday, April 22, 2017
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM



*Could you use some assistance?
Could you serve?*

Volunteers from Salem's congregation will be serving their neighbors in the Community by completing yard work (such as: weeding, raking, trimming bushes), simple home repairs, painting, and etc....

How do you become involved or request help?

1. Contact Laurie Murry at lmurry@fcsalem.org or 938-1928 (ext. 117).
2. All requests are due as soon as possible, but no later than April 3rd.
3. An appt. will be scheduled with you so a volunteer can assess the project and the needed tools.
4. You will be notified if we can or cannot do the needed work.

Please note, a request does not guarantee acceptance. If possible, needed supplies such as paint, mulch and etc... should be supplied by the homeowner. Salem volunteers can bring tools.



What types of ministry are you most passionate about?
Hunger...Homeless...Refugee...Children...
Hospitalized...Hospitality...Young Adults... Worship...
Community...Youth...Homebound...
Salem offers many ways to serve! Connect with a Pastor or a staff person to learn more!

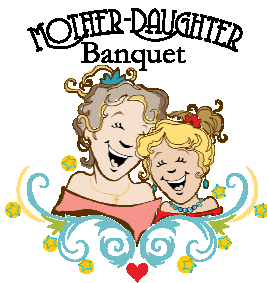


Item of the Month: Mission Central sends health kits to people all over the world who are not able to purchase basic necessities. Adult sized washcloths are needed for these kits.
Please place the washcloths in the bin marked "Mission Central Item of the Month" located at the end of the hall outside Nursery School rooms (rooms 112-114).

Blended and Blessed: Keys to Step Family Success

Blended & Blessed™ is a one-day live event and livestream for stepfamily couples, single parents, dating couples with kids, and those who care about blended families. Join hundreds of sites around the globe as we unpack five keys that are crucial to healthy stepfamily marriages. With some of today's most trusted and respected experts, Blended & Blessed will challenge, inspire, and encourage you. The event is \$7 per person and includes lunch. Childcare is available, contact the church office if you are in need of childcare. Register at <https://familylife.brushfireapp.com/e/436458>

Contact Susan Ryder at sryder@fcsalem.org or 574-1960 with questions.



Mother/Daughter Banquet

May 12th at 6:30pm
Fellowship Hall

Delicious meal — Served by Salem Men
Entertainment — “This Way Up Band”
provided by the Danielle Crull Family

Tickets are \$10 (12+years), \$6 (4-11 years), under 4—FREE

Contact Lois Witters to purchase tickets by April 30th
(lmwitters@gmail.com, 938-5438)

“APRIL FOOL’S PLUS ONE”

April 2, 2017

12:30 p.m.

The Women of Light will meet on Sunday, April 2nd at 12:30 p.m. in Room 115. Come hungry - lunch will be provided. Bring an inexpensive wrapped item, the sillier and wackier the better, for some April Fool's fun. Please sign up on the Women of Light bulletin board or call Jeannie Pelen (579-5164) or Marsha Young (982-1256).



SAFE SANCTUARIES

Providing a safe environment for children & youth as they grow in faith



ALL children and youth volunteers MUST be Safe Sanctuary certified.

This includes VBS volunteers!

Our next Safe Sanctuary training session is April 29th from 9am-12pm.

If you volunteer with children and/or youth of the church or will be volunteering in the future, plan to attend this training session to become certified.

Contact the church office to register or sign up on your Connection Card in the Sunday worship folder.



ITEMS FOR DONATIONS

Spark Imagination With Faith-Building Fun!

Imagine a world where curious kids become hands-on inventors who discover they're lovingly crafted by God.

Spark creativity with interactive decoration and experiences. Maker Fun Factory Vacation Bible School transforms your church into a place buzzing with excitement!

Yes, it is that time of year again...VBS preparation is in full swing! There are so many ways that you can get involved. Of course we need lots of volunteers the week of Vacation Bible School...but there is a lot of prep work to be done in the next three months. Perhaps you will be out of town the week of VBS but you would like to be involved in leading about 225 children to follow Jesus!! Doesn't just the thought of connecting ONE child to Jesus just excite you! Oh...I LOVE this!! Here is how you can get involved... donate items that are in your basement or garage) Pray for our team! Pray for the kiddos that will be attending!! Sign ups to do so can be done by contacting Tracey Michelsen OR via our weekly connection cards found in the Sunday Bulletins.

ITEMS TO BORROW

These items will get returned to you after VBS week is complete. PLEASE put your name on these items so we know who's is who's. These items are for props.

- Lanterns; any size, any time, working or non working
- Science Lab coats (adult sizes for men and women)
- Box Fans (need 2-3)
- Standing Metal Fan (need one)

HANDS ON HELP

- *Volunteer for the week of VBS; sign ups begin March 15th
- *Take Home Crafts with directions
- *Creating a huge rocket with directions
- *Painting Sets; at the church
- *Craft prep work; at the church or at home
- *sign up to be part of our set up team for Saturday 6/10 & Sunday 6/11
- *sign up to part of our tear down crew for Sunday 6/18 in the afternoon or evenings that next week

These items are needed to be dropped off in the donation bin located in Mission Corner as soon as possible to be used for VBS Prep unless otherwise indicated.

- Large, Appliance sized cardboard boxes to build robots
- Left over Water Based Paints primary and bold colors only...looking for red, orange, bright yellows, greens, bright blue, bright, purple, bright pinks, brown, black
- THICK pool noodles (can be used, but need the BIGGER sturdier ones)
- Christmas Lights; full working strands of colored or white
- Round Plastic lids (all colors, all sizes, from water bottles, snack containers, coffee cans...clean please)
- Empty Coffee Cans washed with or without lids
- OLD wooden handled paint brushes (for a project not to be painted with)
- White flat Sheets/white fabric to be upcycled
- Assorted primary colors of poster board and foam core board...did you buy an extra piece for a project and now it needs a home?
- Assorted yarn...please do not buy any...we are looking to upcycle and repurpose your yarn from projects past.
- Silver Spray Paint
- 250 CLEAR plastic 5" dessert plates
- 500 White Paper Dessert Plates
- Colored Square Plates
- Rectangle sized Plastic Table Cloths (Primary Colors) w/ matching round plates
- Flat metal washers; size can vary...feel free to clean out your tool box! (just be sure they are clean) we need 300.
- Empty soup cans, washed and label removed. We need 350.
- Assorted colors of felt...no need to purchase, just clean out your craft room
- Misc duct hose...can be clear, can be silver, can be black plastic (no need to purchase, just looking to upcycling it into our robots
- 4 ounce cups (A LOT)

If you have any questions feel free to reach out to the Director of VBS Tracey Michelsen 717-938-1928 or tmichelsen@fcsalem.org

PRAY for the VBS Team of Adults & Youth AND the hearts of the little children that will be joining us for a week that will change their lives!

UNITED METHODIST DAY AND SENATORS BASEBALL

Sunday, April 23rd, 1:30pm

(gates open 12:30pm)

The Camp and Retreat Ministry of the Susquehanna Conference and the Harrisburg Senators invite you and your family to an afternoon of fun and fellowship at FNB Field on City Island, Harrisburg.



Ticket cost is \$10.00

\$3.00 from each ticket will be donated to the Campership Fund to help provide Children, Youth and Adults with the Church Camp Experience.

The first 2000 kids 12 & under will receive a Hersheypark Pass valid through June 2017!

To purchase tickets pick up a flyer in the rack across from Pastor John's Office or call the church office by April 12th.



Joseph Christine	Taryn Gardner
Kellen Cox	Lainey Meanor
Sean Cox	Lyndsey Michelsen
Joshua Cramer	JT Painter
Savannah Duff	Kaden Peifer
Parker Duffie	Ryan Schwarz
Olivia Etter	John Shank
Autumn Frederick	Lola Taleff
Luke Gardner	Carlee Weisheit

Each Friday, Salem sends out an *Email Blast* which highlights upcoming events & announcements. If you aren't receiving this blast and would like to, mark your Connection Card in the Sunday worship folder accordingly (be sure to include your email address) or contact the church office.



Rev. Dr. Paul Stanley Wilcox Memorial Scholarship

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 and guidelines are located in the wall rack by the South Entrance. Deadline for applications is June 15th.





The Salem Seniors will meet on
Thursday, April 20th at 1:00pm
at Theo's Restaurant on Hartzdale Drive in Camp Hill.
Contact Dave & Lou Lingenfelter (938-3383)
to make reservations by April 16th.
Please join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship.

**The United Methodist Women
will meet
on Thursday, April 20th at 7:00 pm
in room 210.**

The program will be UMW
Legacy Fund.
The speaker will be Fawn McAllister from
Northern/York City District.

The Legacy Fund will help ensure the future of
United Methodist Women's work with women,
children & youth

All women of the church and community
are invited to attend.



WOMEN'S BOOK DISCUSSION

The women's book discussion was started by Susan Schell many years ago. It meets on the third Thursday of every month at 7 PM at Salem. It is open to any woman who likes to read – or who wants to join in the discussion topic. If you have questions please call Marsha Uber (938-3108; uber2495@epix.net).

March 20th: "*Still Alice*" by Lisa Genova

May 18th : "*Hillbilly Elegy*" by J.D.Vance

June 15th: "*Interpreter of Maladies*" by Jhumpa Lahiri

July 20th: "*Miracle at Zakynthos*" by Deno Seder

SAVE THE DATE!

Consecration Sunday
will be May 7th!

A celebration luncheon will follow (12:30pm)
at the Clarion Hotel, New Cumberland.

LIBRARY NEWS

By Kathy Alford



As you prepare for Jesus' death and resurrection, let our church library assist you. We have something for everyone! All of the Easter and Lent materials are pulled for you to easily browse through them.

Sunday School Teachers

There are so many picture books that you could share with your students from preschool all the way to fifth grade. Children love to be read to. We have topics such as Jesus' arrival to Jerusalem, the Passover Meal, Jesus' arrest and crucifixion, the Easter women, and Jesus' resurrection.

We also have three sets of Resurrection eggs that go with the book *Benjamin's Box*. Each egg contains an object that is a symbol of Easter. Perhaps you would like to share an animated DVD of the Easter story. We have it! In the Sunday School teacher section of the library, there are all kinds of crafts and games for Easter. There are also several back issues of *Children's Ministry* and other magazines to give you ideas. I am always in the library from 10:30-11:00 to help you find the right materials.

Parents and Children

As mentioned above, there are so many books and DVDs on Easter for children. There are also several books with ideas for families to celebrate Easter. You will find these in our adult section. As you browse through the materials, your children can also play the toy Easter scene or the Resurrection eggs.

Adults and Youth

There are books in the adult section of Easter devotions, messages, and stories. We also have many DVDs such as Mel Gibson's *The Passion of Christ*, *The Resurrection*, *Risen*, and others. Max Lucado and Adam Hamilton have written many wonderful Easter books.

As you can see our library is a great resource for you! Please take advantage of it. I spend hours each week cataloging books and maintaining the library. Nothing makes me happier than seeing people use it!

BACK TO THE BIBLE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

By Kathy Alford

Throughout Lent and ending on Easter day, we will be studying Kyle Idleman's *The Easter Experience*. We studied *The Christmas Experience* through Advent and Christmas and truly enjoyed it. A unique, DVD-driven study, *The Easter Experience* brings the passion and resurrection of Jesus to life through dramatic storytelling and challenging teaching done in a highly cinematic style. Through six in-depth teachings, our small group will grow spiritually as members paint themselves into the story and transform Easter into a life-changing experience.

On April 23 we will continue our study of *Joseph: The Journey to Forgiveness* by Melissa Spoelstra which we started prior to Lent.

We are pleased to have Merv and Jackie Shaffer join our Sunday School class. Their presence and participation have blessed us. Are you looking for a class from 9:30 to 10:30? We would love to have you. We meet upstairs in room 210. Materials are provided.

Lesson Schedule

The Easter Experience by Kyle Idleman

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| April 2 | Session 4: My Life Has a Plan |
| April 9 | Session 5: I Have the Promise of Eternal Life (Palm Sunday) |
| April 16 | Session 6: My Hope Is Secure (Easter) |

Joseph: The Journey to Forgiveness by Melissa Spoelstra

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| April 23 | Week 6: "Moving Forward" Genesis 47-50 Part 1 |
| April 30 | Week 6: "Moving Forward" Genesis 47-50 Part 2 |





P R A Y E R C H A I N

Please keep in your prayers these people who have had prayer concerns in the last month:

Andre, Donna & Robert Armes, Rochelle Armes, Kris Barr, Martha Beebe (death of sister-in-law, Joan Cochran), Judy Benton & husband Tom & daughters, Brittney & Samantha Benton, Scott Binns, Terry Blaser, Laura Bogdan (Wendy Miller's friend), John & Charlotte Brame, Ed Bricker, Jake & Fay Brown, Ben Campanis & parents Karen & Nick Campanis (Shannon Sylvster's cousin), Velma Coffman, Sondra Coomes, Conner (Spencer & Beth Nahf's nephew), Co-wornder's father, Darlene Craven, Melanie Cunningham, Linda Dinsmore, Donnelly family, Beth Donavan, Kara Driver, The Driver family, Linda Edmondson, Eleanor, Emma, Eugene (Gene Donnelly's son), Families dealing with mental health issues, Family in fire in Harrisburg, Family sponsor children, Friends with cancer, Wally & Carolyn Funk, Gail, Tom Gordon (Robyn Adams' grandfather), Nikki Granger, Dennis & Nancy Graybill's granddaughter and their son, Mary Gustin, Pastor Sharonn Halderman & John Halderman, Cindy Hammons, Sue Henry, Sarah Hickey, Carol Hutchison, Scott Irvin, Jan (Birgit Novacek's mother-in-law), Jeff (Lisa Keck's cousin), Job, work & financial struggles, Lynda Jones, Sandy Kline, Arlene Kowal, Kylie, Loss of Scouting friends, Sue Lucas' daughter & baby, Jack Mahar, Marian, Marissa, Delores Markley, Harold Markley, Mary, Family of Waa McDonald (Marsha Uber's son-in-law's mother), Mike, Miller/Dolan families (loss of Sergia), Wendy Miller, Missy (Miriam Altland's daughter), Jack Murtaugh, Nan, Rosalee Nelson & Nelson/Fisher family (death of husband, Bill Nelson), Deb Oakley & family, Alice Orlandi & family (death of husband, Rick), Pat Orth (Cub Scout's grandmother), Parents of sick children, Paulette (Lisa Keck's cousin), Jeannette Payne, Jeannie Pelen & family (death of mother, Dottie Morrette), Karen Pepperman, Ryan Pepperman, Christine & Brett Pifer and baby Miles Allen (Martha Beebe's granddaughter, grandson-in-law and great grandson and Jane & John Rowehl's daughter, son-in-law and grandson), Rader family, Don & Edith Rehm, Family of John Rescorla, Michele Rich & husband Mark and son Tyler, Kyle Richetts, RLHS Baseball team, Jane & John Rowehl (death of Jean Cochran), Lou Rudy, Shawn Rupp & children, Ron Ryerson, Jessie Sanders, Peggy Schmidt (sue Shrik's sister), Dave Shafer, Adam Shafer, John Shank, Mark Shank, Rob Shank, Paul & Shirley Sheaffer, Sheering family (death of sister), Herb Shoffner, Skomra family (loss of father), The Sosik family, Janet Stauffer (Vicki Hetherington's mother), Heidi Stahl's sister-in-law, Gina Stahlnecker's father, Raymond Steward, Struggling Youth, Sue Taylor, Teens with anxiety, The Wagner family, William Walker & his mother, Nancy Walker, Spencer Welsh, Jim & Lois Witters, Don Wright, Ward Yorks, Kyle Young, Ped & Linda Young, Family of Margaret Young, Mary Jo Young, Salem-Cares Ministry, Stephen Ministers, and Salem's Military.

Do you have a prayer concern? Please call the Prayer Chain Coordinator, Fay Brown at 938-1190 or call Salem's Church Office at 938-1928 or email at www.office@fcsalem.org.



Dear Pastor:

On behalf of the Red Land Community Action Program, I would like to thank the Fishing Creek Salem UM Church for their donation in the amount of \$3,422.64. We appreciate your support of REDCAP which helps families in need in Northern York County.

Sincerely, Barbara Casner, Board President

Rev. Heisley-Cato, Rev. Overman & Members of FCSUMC,

Thank you so much for your recent, generous monetary donation. We appreciate your continued support. In February, we served 102 families that added up to 379 people. Thank you for helping us help our neighbors in need.

Nina Myers & Deb Trimmer. Co-Directors of the RL Food Bank Ministry

To Salem Family,

We want to thank all who sent cards, prayers, thoughts and especially UM Women for flowers delivered by Bonnie Shreiner & Charlotte Brame. We enjoyed their visits and all others who came. It's nice to know we are remembered.

Edith & Don Rehm

Greetings Friends,

Thank you again for your generosity & faithfulness. It is truly only because of the gifts from partnering congregations that we are able to be here and do what God calls us to do. Thank you!

Blessings, Dan Wilcox



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Sunday Worship at 8:15, 9:30 and 11:00 AM
Sunday School for all ages at 9:30AM; Adult Class at 11:00AM

