



The Salem Stimulus

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“Alive in Christ Together: Creating New Places for New People”

According to Rev. Dr. Thomas L. Salsgiver, the Dean of the Conference Cabinet, “Being alive in Christ together means that we must share our joy and our “aliveness” with those who don’t know what it means to be alive in Christ. It may mean we begin new activities in our church or new ministries to the community. We need to be celebrating our unity, minimizing our differences, and making places for new people.” At Conference, we United Methodists strove to put the spirit of these words into action.

Bishop Jeremiah J. Park presided over Annual Conference with great conviction and fervor, providing us with a model we could strive to follow in our worshipping.

The Laity Session was led by our conference Lay Leader, John Konieszny. He charged the laity to promise we would never say, “I’m just a lay-person”, when God calls. We are all in this together. “We are better together!”

During the work sessions, many reports, recommendations, and resolutions were heard and approved. We discussed and voted on the Funding Plan for Ministry. The importance of our Shares of Ministry was highlighted. More information will be shared with each church showing that the Shares do more than we think. FCSUMC has a 100% giving rate! The church’s Youth held a number of fund raising activities which helped raise close to their goal of \$7500 for the Youth Service Fund.

The resolution on human sexuality was withdrawn by General Conference. Bishop Park reported that a special group is being assembled to meet and create a more Christ-Like model. In a spirit of openness, he asks for all to be in deep prayer to stay in unity on this matter. There is a strong desire for unity without denying their convictions in their heart. Please pray on this issue.

Missions were a major focus for the Conference. Various mission’s work were highlighted through presentations and displays. The following continue to have a profound impact. The Bishop’s Partners in Mission pull together two missions that need continued assistance: “Imagine No More Debt” for Mission Central, and “Imagine No Malaria” for Mosquito Nets. First, Mission Central continues to connect God’s Resources with human need through disaster response, mission outreach, and mission education. Mission Central still has \$800,000 left on its mortgage. At conference, The Bishop’s Partners in Mission Giving presented a check to Mission Central for over \$71,000. Secondly, Imagine No Malaria is an initiative to reduce, maybe someday eliminate, malaria around the world. At conference, The Bishop’s Partners in Mission Giving presented a check for over \$64,000 to purchase more nets that are impregnated with insecticide in order to keep away the mosquitoes that carry the disease. Opportunities to support this mission work will be presented to our congregation.

Our worship services provided inspirational sermons, and allowed us to hear and participate in uplifting music. We remembered those pastoral families who entered the Kingdom of Heaven at the Memorial Service; rejoiced with those who entered retirement at the Celebration of Ministry Service; and prayed for new paths of ministry for those who were ordained or commissioned at the Service of Ordination.

The Annual Conference Sessions are available for viewing at the LiveStream.com site or through this link: <http://livestream.com/accounts/846459/events/5555241>

Annual Conference provided a place for all to become “Alive in Christ Together”.

We are... Better Together! We are... The Church! We are... Better Together!

Thank you for allowing us to be your lay delegates to conference this year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan E. Dean

Jo-Ann T. Howard



NEIGHBORHOOD FUN NIGHT IS COMING!

Tuesday, July 26th

5:30-8:30pm

We need a lot of stuffed animals, children's clothes,
and (of course) LOTS of volunteers.

Watch for sign up boards in the Welcome Center.

We would like to remember Susan Schell. She was an integral part of NFN since it's inception and she will be greatly missed this year!

CASES OF MINI WATER BOTTLES NEEDED

During the months of June and July, Salem will be collecting cases of mini water bottles. Salem's logo and worship service information will be added to the bottles and they will be handed out (free) during National Night Out (August 2nd) at Roof Park. Donations may be placed in Mission Corner, located near the Pre-School rooms.



Pray for Salem's 2016 Mission Teams

Youth Group (July)– Salt N' Light Trip, York, PA

Haiti (August) - Peggy Spangler, Bonnie Gruver, Sue Lengel, Michelle Smith, Piper Smith, Mic Sadler, Marcia Sadler, Bella Sadler, Anden Sadler, Sara Mardis, and Taylor Haverstock

Red Bird, Kentucky (August)– Birgit Novacek, Josef Novacek, Steve Novacek, Ana Haselhoff, Randy Wilkinson, Charles Kelley, and Laurie Murry



Please pray that:

- ◆ Each team member will find a unique way to exercise their spiritual gifts.
- ◆ Teams will bond together around the purpose of the trip.
- ◆ All the preparations will come together.
- ◆ The teams will be built up spiritually.



Item of the Month: Mission Central is in need of unused eyeglasses. They send them to parts of the world where the people can not afford to buy glasses for themselves. Please consider donating any extra eyeglasses you may have to help these less fortunate people.

Please place the eyeglasses in the bin marked "Mission Central Item of the Month" located at the end of the hall outside Nursery School rooms (rooms 112-114).



Salem's next host date for Family Promise is August 14-21!

Be sure to mark your calendar!

In August, Salem will be collecting money for lice kits. Kits are purchased at a discounted price at CVS, then donated to the West Shore School District. Providing the lice kits helps children miss fewer days of school and aids families who would not be able to pay for the kits themselves. Look for announcements in the August Sunday worship folders!



Drop off donations anytime! Bins are located on the first floor in the Mission Corner and the U-shaped closet in the Welcome Center, and on the second floor outside the Ministry Workshop. You can also drop them off Wednesday evenings (6-7pm) inside the Ministry Workshop.

Stocking Stuffers are especially needed! New items appropriate for gift giving, such as; markers, body lotions/soaps, jewelry, Crayons, small toys, etc.

Other items wanted: Toys, household items, linens (sheets, towels, blankets), kids books and kids clothing.

KIDS CLOTHING WANTED!

Neighborhood Fun Night will again give away clothing. Many parents use this opportunity to provide clothing for their children for the upcoming school year. Drop off clothing and shoes in Christmas Closet Bins.

- All sizes (infant to teen) of boys and girls
- New or Gently Used
- Summer or Winter
- Clothing & Shoes



SALEM'S ONLINE DIRECTORY

Have you been trying to contact a member but the contact information listed in the directory is no longer valid OR he/she is a newer member and are not included in the directory? With our new ONLINE Directory, member information will be up to date all the time! It is easy to access and easy to activate your information for others to view!

How to sign in:

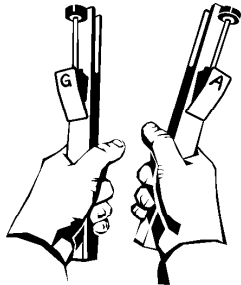
- ◆ Log into our membership site at www.onrealm.org/fishingcreekumc
- ◆ Scroll down to the bottom of the Sign in Screen and click **Register Now**.
- ◆ Complete the registration screen by using the email address that is on file in the church office (it is important that you use the email that is on file in the office, otherwise a duplicate profile will be set up.) If you are unsure of the email on file, please contact the office before signing in. An email address is *required* to register. **Each person in the family must have a separate email address in order to log in and/or to be visible by others.** If you do not have an email address, contact the Church Office.
- ◆ Assign yourself a password as directed.
- ◆ You will be directed to check your email for further instructions to complete the registration process.
- ◆ Follow the instructions and you will be brought automatically into your Profile screen showing your personal information. Your account is activated.
- ◆ To select the contact information that you want to be visible to other members, move your cursor to the upper right of the Contact Information line. Click on the pencil icon.
- ◆ If there are changes to your contact information, you may update your profile at this time.
- ◆ Beside the Address and Phone section you will see an icon that looks like a pad lock. Click on the lock. Currently your privacy should be set on "Group Leaders & Church Staff". If you would like others to be able to see that field information, click on "Everyone in the Church". Do this for both fields (Address & Phones). Do the same for the Email address field.
- ◆ Be sure to scroll to the bottom and click "Save" when you are finished making all updates.
- ◆ You can find other members who have activated their profiles by typing their name in the "Search" field at the top of the page.
- ◆ When you are finished in the database, click on your name in the upper right corner of the screen. Then click "Sign Out".

Need help??

Contact the church office.



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.



Handchimes

SUMMERRING 2016!

You've seen and heard the Chime Choir on Sunday mornings during worship.

This July, we are offering you an opportunity to come together and learn the art of ringing chimes with other church members.

We will meet for 4 consecutive Wednesday evenings beginning July 6th at 7pm.

This program will be stress-free (you will not have to ring in church!) and music reading is not required for participation.

Sign up on the bulletin board outside the music office (by the elevator).

Find a complete list of Salem's Small Groups at www.fcsalem.org. Follow the "Adult" tab to the link.

If you need more information about any group or what it's studying, contact Susan Ryder at sryder@fcsalem.org or through the church office.



Women of Salem

SAVE THE DATE!

Join us for an "In House"

Women's Retreat, Nov. 11-12.

You won't want to miss this opportunity of worship, fellowship and spiritual renewal this fall!

We'll kick things off on Friday evening and spend the day together on Saturday as well.

Contact Marcia Sadler (msadler_pac@yahoo.com)

or Steph Sechrist (stephanie.sechrist@comcast.net)

with questions.

Watch for more details to come!



Tuesday, August 2, 2016

Last year, more than 2,000 people attended the national Night Out event at Roof Park. What a great opportunity to serve and mingle with our community! We can serve by assisting the police with stands, we can host a game or activity, and we can distribute free stuff (IE: water!) Game ideas are available! Assistance is available! Simply connect with Laurie Murry at lmurry@fcsalem.org. A great opportunity for a small group service project, family activity, or simply because you believe it is important to be involved!

MARK THOSE CALENDARS NOW!

Salem's **SIXTH** Dinner Theater
October 14 & 15, 2016

It will be another GREAT night with good food
and good entertainment for a good cause!
How much more can you ask for?

Ask anyone who was there the last 5 years and they will tell
to make sure you don't miss it.



This year's show will be **"Mama Won't Fly"** and promises to be just as much fun.
Ticket sales won't begin until September but mark it now so you don't miss it.

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKING ...

Planning for the 2016 Salem Dinner Theater is underway.

We have the play; we have the actors; now we need you! We need some help in other areas, behind the scenes. These include costumes, makeup, stage manager/assistant director, props and stage crew. If you are interested in helping out with this very fun endeavor, call or email Jeannie Pelen at 579-5164, jpelen@ptd.net.

We look forward to having you join the fun!

Jarod Armes
Austin Cassatt
Kailey Dyer
Payton Etter
Olivia Foland
Adrienne Freeman
Saige Gruver
Marcus Luisi
Vienna Luisi
Logan Maynard
Grace Michelsen

Matthew Moody
Colton Rose
Jessica Ryan
Madison Sederes
Zachary Silvio
Kylie Smith
Connor Stank
Kira Willoughby
Warren Wolf
Bryce Zeiders





LIBRARY NEWS

By Kathy Alford

Back in September 2014 I devoted the month's article to sets of Christian mystery novels that were running rampant through our church. Well, this contagion continues! Our library gladly accepts these novels after they are passed around. We now have an entire bookcase full of them, and they are as popular as ever! Their popularity reminds me of how I looked forward to the latest Hardy boys or Nancy Drew mystery when I was slightly younger.

In the past, I featured the following sets: *Miracles of Marble Cove*, *Annie's Attic Mysteries*, and *Secrets of Mary's Bookshelf*. This month I am highlighting three new series for your reading enjoyment.

Please come check them out!

Tales from Grace Chapel Inn

Once you visit the charming village of Acorn Hill, tucked away in rural Pennsylvania, you'll never want to leave. Townsfolk relax on their porch swings or gather to discuss the day's events at the Coffee Shop over homemade pie. It's the kind of town where friendship and faith flow together like a wide river on a fine spring day.

Annie's Mysteries Unraveled

Mystery always finds its way to Kate Stevens's door. Kate, a dynamic crochet designer and author in the charming village of Sage Hills, Texas, is also known for her sleuthing capabilities. Join Kate and her friends as they crochet their way to the solution of each heart pounding whodunit. There will be danger, adventures, and exciting discoveries in every thrilling tale. You'll be on the edge of your seat as Kate and her entourage pursue each clue and find themselves embroiled in spine-tingling new mysteries along the way. Join us and see how these mysteries unravel.

Annie's Secrets of the Quilt

Join Sofia and her friends in the charming town of Cabot Falls, Vermont, as they work to unravel the secrets of the diary and solve the heartwarming mysteries—both past and present—tied to each swatch of fabric in the priceless quilt. Sofia's journey into her ancestral past will inspire you as she draws strength from the fascinating women in her family tree and discovers that the answers to today's struggles can often be found by solving the mysteries of the past.



Continuing through July and August, the Back to the Bible Sunday School Class will be studying *Journey Through the Bible: Colossians through Jude*. *Journey Through the Bible* uses the NRSV to study the Bible book by book. Each volume contains 13 sessions. It highlights pivotal points in the Scripture and lifts up the Bible's most significant stories, themes, events and people. The study features questions and describes the historical and cultural setting. The lesson includes the original language and what the passage meant for its first readers. It gives insight into possible life applications for individuals, congregations and communities and maps out a daily personal journey plan for those interested in reading the whole Bible, verse by verse.

Please join us for this insightful study. Visitors are always welcome. Study materials are provided. We meet every Sunday morning from 9:30-10:30 in room 212.

Here is our lesson schedule for July:

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| July 3 | Christ Intercedes for Us (Hebrews 5-9) |
| July 10 | The Meaning of Faith (Hebrews 10-13) |
| July 17 | Hearing and Doing (James) |
| July 26 | Suffering (I Peter) |



The Salem Seniors will be meeting
on Thursday, July 21st at 1pm
at Hoss's in Mechanicsburg.

Please contact Charlotte & John Brame (938-3523)
to make your reservations by June 18th.

NOTE: This is a change of location from the Brame's cabin. They
apologize for the change and hope to have the picnic at their cabin
next year.

ALL seniors are invited to join us for a wonderful afternoon
of fun and fellowship.

The United Methodist Women
will NOT meet in July.

Some of the members will be serving lunch at the
Neighborhood Center in Harrisburg
on July 6th .

Contact Barbara Coulter (938-3844) for
more information on this event.



THE WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP

The Woman's Book Group is about to start a new year. It was originally started by Susan Schell and is open to women 18 years or older. We meet on the Third Thursday of each month at 7 PM. For more information contact Marsha Uber (938-3108 or uber2495@epix.net.)

The Books for the coming months are:

July - "I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban" by Malala Yousafzai

August

September - Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption, by Bryan Stevenson





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:

Tom B., Barbara & Jamie, Judy & Thomas Benton, Scott Binns, Ginger Bissett, Olivea Blount, Fred Bollinger, John & Charlotte Brame, Rick Brine, Tammy Cahoon (Kathie Hoke's daughter), Betty Campbell (Jo Small's cousin), Cheddar, Carol Cook, Cora & Mike, Coyle Family (loss of mother), Melanie Cunningham, Damashek Family, Brenda Dawson & family (Teresa Green's cousin), Debbie (friend of Jo-Ann Howard) lost her husband, Linda Edmondson & friend Eleanor, Marilyn Emerson, Madge Evanoksy (loss of husband), Fallen Veterans on Memorial Day, Family of Mike Folk, Carolyn & Wally Funk, Aunt Gail (Heidi Stahl), Alice Gahring & family (Linda Young's sister), Geraldine's son-in-law (Linda Young's friend), Chris Gibney (Olive Gibney's son), Ginny, Little girl killed in Dover, PA, All Graduates, Wanda Graham, Friend's loss of grandson, Family of Leonard Graeff, Harold, Shirley Harrison's family, Logan Hile, Jim Hughes (Mary's husband), Ina, Loisann Johnson (Pat Hocker's friend), Lynda Jones' daughter, Irene Justus, Gene Kenney, Kate Kenney, Sandy Kline, Kyle, Larry & Vicki (Anita Schmeidel's friend), Mike Lehr, Lona, Sue Lucas' daughter & family, Mary Jo (Linda Young's sister-in-law), Family of Rick McAdam, Tracey Michelsen's dad's brother & family, Military Personnel who sacrificed, Gene Milisavic (Bonnie Moody's dad), Donna Miller (Jo Small's cousin), Family of Skyler Montgomery (Tyler Alford's friend), Deb Oakley & husband, Rick & Alice Orlandi, Ron Patrick (Gail Rosenberry's brother), Paul (Jessie Sanders brother-in-law), Gavin Paul (Judy Benton's friend's grandson), Jeannette Payne, Austin Peiffer, Karen Pepperman, Ryan Pepperman, Perry & Carole (Anita Schmeidel's friend), June & Toney Piette, Sue Prowell, Lillian Pusey, Ray & Pat (Anita Schmeidel's friends), Edith Rehm (death of cousin, Leonard Graeff), Rick Rhine, Kyle Richets, Shawn Rupp & children (Sophia, Jordan, Kayla), Paul Sabold, Alicia, Eric & twin Schmeidel girls (Anita's son & family), Sharon, Sharon & Ed, Shirl & Robert Sheibley (Fay & Jake Brown's sister-in-law), Gina Stahlnecker & daughter Rose, Raymond Steward, Family of Joe Stretch, The Sylvester's and the Marriage Class, Taylor (Bonnie Gruver's daughter), Joe Taggart, Aunt Terri, Brandi Travis, Leonard Tritt (Jill Weisheit's dad), UCLA Shooting, Maria Valentin, VBS volunteers & children, Victims & families in Orlando, FL Pulse Night Club, Pastor Paul Wilcox's sster & family (death of mother), Co-worker, Co-worker's wife, Richard Wright, Kyle Young, Mark Young, Marsha Young, Nikki Young, SalemCares Ministry, Stephen Ministry, 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 FCSUMC,

Thank you for hosting our families! They always have a great week with you. It takes time, flexibility, love, patience, and many other things to host, and we appreciate it!

FPHCR Board, Staff & Families

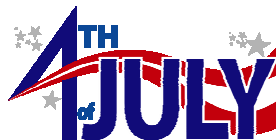
"Be on your guard; stand firm in your faith; be courageous; be strong." 1 Corinthians 6:13

Thanks so much for your ongoing support! It was good to visit with you all a few months ago! We've gotten into the summer months here, so things pick up in some ways & slow down in other ways.

Thanks for your prayers! Dan Wilcox



SUMMER OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Friday
8:00am - 12:00pm



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CLOSED
Monday, July 4th
for Independence Day



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Laurie Murry, Director of Serving Ministries	
Alex Pepper, Director of “The Gathering” Worship	
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Susan Ryder, Director of Communications , Small Groups Coordinator	
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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

