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JANUARY SERMON SERIES

January can be mentally grueling: short days and little sunlight, long windy nights and an occasional bluster of snowfall. But not all our troubles come from outside. Sometimes they happen from within. Even seasoned Christians go through tough times.

With our messages this month, we aim to help you recognize and acknowledge some of the inner struggles that challenge us and even make us question our faith in God.

Feelings of anxiety, depression, and being overwhelmed might feel like we're doing something wrong or we don't have the right faith, or we're not spiritual enough. Difficult mental health issues often cause us to believe that God has been cast aside or has gone far away.

But that is not the case.

Remember, we just celebrated Emmanuel, God-with-us.

Psalm 139:12

even the darkness will not be dark to you;
the night will shine like the day,
for darkness is as light to you.

Sundays too my father got up early
And put his clothes on in the blueback cold,
then with cracked hands that ached
from labor in the weekday weather made
banked fires blaze. No one ever thanked him.

I'd wake and hear the cold splintering, breaking.
When the rooms were warm, he'd call,
and slowly I would rise and dress,
fearing the chronic angers of that house,

Speaking indifferently to him,
who had driven out the cold
and polished my good shoes as well.
What did I know, what did I know
of love's austere and lonely offices?"

- Robert Hayden, *Those Winter Sundays*

Pastor John

January Sermons:

Where is God when...

Jan 8: *I Experience Anxiety*

Jan 15: *I Endure Depression*

Jan 22: *I Feel Overwhelmed*

Jan 29: *I Walk with Someone Who Does*

“Wildly Important Goal” Report

You may recall, back in September, Salem Staff committed to a “Wildly Important Goal” of increasing Sunday worship attendance by 5% for the months of October–December (when compared to those months in 2015).

Here are the results:

Average Monthly Worship Attendance

October 2015 - 309	October 2016 - 309
November 2015 - 310	November 2016 - 343
December 2015 - 330	December 2016 - 350
<i>Average - 316</i>	<i>Average - 334</i>

We noticed a little more than a 10% increase in November. Based on the Sunday’s prior to Christmas Eve, we noticed more than a 6% increase in December. Our overall increase for the quarter (compared to 2015) was almost 6%! This exceeds our goal to increase worship attendance by 5%.

We are pleased with these results and are planning new goals for 2017.

Watch for updates in the weekly announcements and monthly newsletters.

We hope you will join us on our journey to “Make disciples, who make disciples, who change the world”!

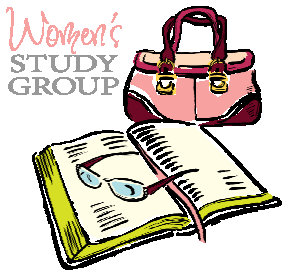
CHRISTMAS DINNER UPDATE

Christmas dinner at the church was enjoyed by 42 guests and 18 volunteers. Most of the guests were from the community. Angel and I were deeply touched by the volunteers and our guests. Many of our guests told us they had no one to be with on Christmas and were very grateful to celebrate Christmas with others. Our volunteers were excited to serve and provide a place to celebrate Christmas with our guests.

~ Marty Wagner



Winter weather is upon us! In the event of frightful weather, the church office will follow the West Shore School District’s delay & cancellation schedule. Sunday service cancellations will be broadcast on WHTM 27 & WGAL 8. All group cancellations will be at the discretion of each group leader and he/she will be responsible for contacting the members of the group.



SISTERS OF SALEM

Join Sisters of Salem beginning January 11th from 6:30-8pm in room 115 for a 6 week video series by Lysa TerKeurst as she helps women to explore the roots of rejection; the lies we believe as a result; and the truth about who God is, who we are, and what it looks like to live loved. Contact Jeannette Payne for more information or to register for the class. (netty0826@gmail.com, 717-781-5136)

ALPHA

You are invited to join the Alpha course which begins, Wednesday, January 18th at 6:30pm. Alpha is short, practical introduction to the Christian faith. Further details will available later. A kick off dinner will be Sat., Jan. 7th (this will be the time for you decide if the course is right for you). We would like to host this class at the Valley Green Townhouses. To do that, we need someone who lives in the complex to attend each evening and request the use of the club house. If you would be willing to do this, or know someone who might, contact Marty Wagner (martyj78@ptd.net or 574-1682). For more info or to sign up for the dinner and/or course contact Marty Wagner.



SIMPLY SCRIPTURE

Join us on Sunday mornings at 9:30 as we spend the next few months studying the life of Jesus through the gospel of Mark. We will begin on January 8th, reading a chapter a week & discussing it with the group. Discover the Jesus of Christmas in a new and powerful way! Contact Marcia Sadler (msadler_pac@yahoo.com, 938-0890) with questions/interest. Come as often as you are able.



The Easter Egg Project is Alive and Well, and ready to kick off a New Year of Egg Making!

Come and join a fun loving group of folks who enjoy working, having some good fellowship, and making Easter eggs. The profit we make from the eggs benefits the church, and of course the delicious eggs benefit us all!! No experience is necessary, and there really is a job for everyone. Everyone is welcome to join us!

We will do preparation work on January 26th. Egg-making production will begin on Monday January 30th and will continue every Monday and Wednesday thereafter through April 5th, so mark your calendars. Come and join us from approximately 8 am until 1 pm each day, or anytime during that timeframe that fits your schedule. Lunch will be provided each day.

Egg Sales will begin on February 13th. Egg Pick-up will be on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 am – 1 pm, and 6 – 7 pm. Order forms with directions for completion will be provided. Eggs are expected to be picked up within 2 weeks of your delivery date.

Thank you to everyone who has helped to make the Easter Egg Project a success for over 20 years! We look forward to seeing you!



Stephen Ministry

Christian Caregiving—a Way of Life

Do you sometimes wonder how to effectively talk about your faith, pray with someone, or comfort a friend? Robyn, Jerri, and Angelique, Salem’s Stephen Leaders, invite you to share your thoughts and insights about *Christian Caregiving – a Way of Life*.

In this Christian bestseller, Dr. Kenneth Haugk draws from his background as a pastor and clinical psychologist to give practical answers to these common questions: “What makes Christian caregiving distinctive? What difference does my faith make in my caring and relating?” Joel P. Bretscher stated that *Christian Caregiving* presents tangible ways we can be Christ to others every day.

To discover how you can best put distinctively Christian caring and relating into practice, please sign up for this 8-hour course. The first session will start January 16th, Monday, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm and continue for three more sessions on Jan. 30th, Feb. 6th, and Feb. 20th. Contact Robyn Adams at 717-774-1602 or adamspage04@gmail.com for additional information or to sign up.

NEW Stephen Ministry training – Are you interested in becoming a Stephen Minister? This fifty-hour training begins January 9th from 6:30 pm to 9 pm, and continues every Monday until May 8th. The training location is in Camp Hill. For more information or to sign up please contact our Stephen Leaders – Robyn Adams, Jerri Mulholland, or Angelique Wilt-Luisi.

SCNS registration for the 2017/18 school year begins this month. Church members and current nursery school families may register beginning January 10th. Applications must be mailed until January 23rd and can not be postmarked before January 10th. After January 23rd, applications may be dropped off in the church office. Information and paperwork can be found on the nursery school website (salemnurseryschool.org), at the church outside the Nursery School rooms, or outside the church office. Registration opens to everyone on January 28th.

We encourage you to visit on Saturday, January 28th from 9-11am for our Open House.

If you have questions about SCNS, please contact Gina Curtis (gcurtis@fcsalem.org or 938-1928, ext. 217).



Rachel Apa
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Logan Hockenberry
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Tyler Rine
Anna Strohl

ANNUAL REDCAP FUEL DRIVE

January 8—January 22

The winter is in full swing with its gusty winds and frigid temperatures, making our homes much more costly to heat and maintain a comfortable temperature. Unfortunately there are folks in our community that are not able to pay their fuel bills and must resort to sometimes unsafe methods of keeping warm. The alternative is to just be cold.

We here at Salem can help by giving to the Red Land Community Action Program. They will see that the monies raised will go to those most in need.

Checks can be made payable to FCSUMC with
“Fuel Drive” in the memo.



Salem will be partnering with Catholic Charities to sponsor a refugee family. We are putting together a team of people that can be Christ's hands and feet to assist the family. We'll start meeting early in 2017 to receive education about sponsoring a family. Catholic Charities will provide that training. After the training is complete, we'll meet to organize ourselves in anticipation of the support we'll be providing to the family. Catholic Charities will have the lead on finding housing and employment with Salem in a supporting role. Once the family arrives, Salem will have the lead on helping the family adjust to life in America (customs, climate, language, etc.). We'll also help with transportation, shopping, day to day living, etc. Catholic Charities will provide a financial stipend per family member. Our role will be to assist the family in becoming self sufficient. If you feel you are being called to help with this ministry or would like additional information, please contact Dave Kline (774-4995).

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. Contributions to the scholarship are accepted on a continuing basis. Please make checks payable to "FCSUMC" with "Wilcox Memorial Scholarship" in the memo.

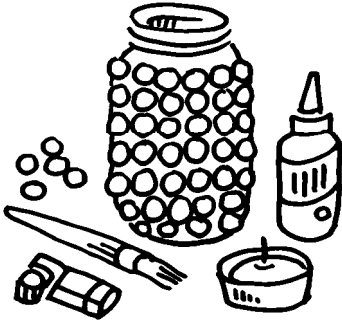


Item of the Month: Mission Central sends their kits all over the world. An item needed to process these kits that often gets overlooked is 1/2" to 1" transparent tape

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

MASON JAR nightLight

Because Jesus is the light of the world, his followers don't need to fear darkness or life's dark times. Make this nightlight to remind you of Jesus' light and presence.



What you need:

- Work area with good ventilation
- Mason jar
- Clear glue that works on glass
- Paintbrush
- Glass stones
- Tealight candle
- Lighter
- Adult supervision

What you do:

1. Starting at the top of the jar, brush glue on a small section.
2. Press glass stones onto the glue in rows. Let dry.
3. Continue gluing stones, in small sections, until the entire jar is covered.
4. When dry, place a candle inside. Light with adult help.



Light OF THE World

In a world full of sin and darkness, how can we find our way?
Discover Jesus' answer in John 8:12, NIV.

*Directions: Use the key to fill in the missing vowels.
Then read the completed Bible verse.*

KEY:

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TH _ W _ RLD. WH _ _ V _ R

F _ LL _ WS M _ W _ LL N _ V _ R

W _ LK _ N D _ RKN _ SS."

J _ H N 8:12, NIV

Answer: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness." John 8:12, NIV





The Salem Seniors will meet on
Thursday, January 19th at 12:00pm
in Room 115 for a picnic lunch.

Bring your favorite dish to share.
Meat, paper products and drinks will be provided.

We will be planning our 2017 lunch schedule.
Come with ideas and suggestions.

Contact Dave & Lou Lingenfelter (938-3388)
by January 16th for reservations.

Never joined us??
This would be a great time to join us for an afternoon
of great food and fellowship.

The United Methodist Women
will meet
on Thursday, January 12th at 7:00 pm
in room 115.

The program for the evening will be the
Installation of Officers for 2017
and the recipient of for the Special Mission
Recognition Award.

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

Why not get the new year off to a fresh start
and check us out?



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). The February discussion is open to all who would like to discuss the book with Scott Slayton. Below is the list for the first 5 months of 2017:

January 19th : ***The Underground Railroad*** by Colson Whitehead

February 16th: ***Boys in the Field: A Championship Journey From Red Land to Williamsport*** by Scott Slayton
(with author visit). Open to all!

March 16th: ***Miracle of Zakynthos*** by Deno Seder

April 20th : ***Hillbilly Elegy*** by J.D.Vance



LIBRARY NEWS

By Kathy Alford

Do you remember the excitement of August 2015 when our Lewisberry boys won the Little League World Series? Wow, I will never forget how that team brought our community together. As a teacher at Crossroads, I knew most of the boys on the team, and I couldn't have felt prouder. The team had special ties to our church with Coach Tom Peifer and son Kaden.

This past year, Scott Slayton wrote his first book *Boys on the Field*, chronicling the team's road to Williamsburg. Scott teaches English at Red Land and has always been involved with children whether teaching, coaching, or running marathons for St. Jude Children's Hospital. I thoroughly enjoyed reading this book; the excitement all returned. I got to know each of the players and coaches better through Scott's words. The write-up from the back cover says it best:

"This is the story of thirteen kids who dared to choose a dream, a dream they shared as ballplayers, and the men who guided them each step of the way. They came together—worked hard together, aspired together—and together, in the summer of 2015, they formed a team that captured the hearts and imaginations of people everywhere..... They started merely as boys. They developed into a team. And then, they became...Champions."

An autographed copy of *Boys on the Field* is there for you to check out. Also, two copies of *West Shore Connect* featuring the team are available.



The Back to the Bible Sunday School Class News

We will continue our study on *The Journey to Forgiveness* by Melissa Spoelstra throughout January. This study explores what God has to say to us about grace and forgiveness through Joseph's story of trial and triumph found in Genesis 37-50. As we study his dreams, betrayers, dysfunctional family, struggle to forgive, and journey toward common questions such as "How do I stop dwelling on the hurt?" and "Is forgiving someone excusing what happened?" Whether or not you're working through a hurtful situation right now, you can learn from Joseph how to release your past and present hurts to God and allow Him to do a supernatural work of forgiveness in your life. Student books and a video are included.

We would love for you to join us for this study. We meet Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:30 in room 210. Why don't you give us a try?

Lesson Schedule

The Journey to Forgiveness by Melissa Spoelstra

January 1	Week 1 "Acknowledging the Pain" Genesis 37, 39 Part 2
January 8	Week 2 "Waiting to be Remembered" Genesis 40 Part 1
January 15	Week 2 "Waiting to be Remembered" Genesis 40 Part 2
January 22	Week 3 "Dreams Coming True" Genesis 41-42 Part 1
January 29	Week 3 "Dreams Coming True" Genesis 42-42 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:

Barry & Carole Altland's daughters & grandchildren, Anna & her kids, Robert Armes, Rochelle Armes, Rosemary Aukenbaugh, Amanda Aymin, Justin Burlup, Linda Baum (Olive Gibney's friend), Ben, Brittney Benton, Judy Benton, Samantha Benton, Tom Benton, Janet Besore (Linda Edmondson's sister), Betty (Samantha Freeman's mother), Scott Binns, Jane Bittner, Blue Christmas Service, Brantley (Sue Lucas' niece's baby), Carol & Mike Brame and family (death of Carol's father, Richard Denison), John & Charlotte Brame, Brooks, Jake & Fay Brown, Couple's loss of baby, Baby Ann Crawford, Melanie Cunningham, Donivan family, Gene Donnelly, Linda Edmondson, Linda Eiker, Eleanor, Linda Engle, Ali & Matt Farmer, Fran (Judy Novinger's friend), Fred (Judy Benton's brother), Alice Gahring, Miranda Gallucci (Sue Taylor's friend), Karen Groves Gopear & family (death of son, Brian Gopear, Sue Taylor's friend), Nicole Granger, Sue Gross, John Grubic, Bonnie Gruver, Mary Gustin, Pastor Sharron Halderman (Pastor John Halderman's wife), Jerry Hartman, Vick Hetherington's granddaughter, Marilyn Hoover (Karon Haring's aunt), Hunter, Carole Hutchison, Barbara Jackson's family, Lynda Jones' family and & sister-in-law, Torme Kambell, Karen, Katie, Sandy Kline, Jen Koontz, Arlene Kowal, Becky Kozich (Danielle Gross' mother), Lou Lingenfelter, Steve Long, Sue Lucas' husband, Michael (Yvonne Drawbaugh's son), Mike, Etta Miller's family (Wendy & Steve Miller and Robert & Nicole Miller), Wendy Miller's husband & sister, Mindy (Dennis & Karon Haring's aunt), Nancy Misotti, Susan Montalvo & her mother, Dottie Morrette, Stacey Morris, Mrs. Muler (Mike Brame's neighbor's mom), Nan, Nic, Deb Oakley, Zach & mother-in-law, Rick & Alice Orlandi, Jeannette Payne, Barbara Pentangelo (friend of Marsha Uber's daughter, Rachel), Karen Pepperman, Kristen Pepperman & children, Ryan Pepperman, Margaret & Rachael Rader & family, Edith & Don Rehm, Stephanie Reynolds, Kyle Richetts, Roger, Shawn Rupp & children, Ryan & grandsons, Salem Youth Retreat, Sal Salerno (Judy Novinger's friend), Linda Segrist, Joanne Sgrignoli (Lisa Sgrignoli's sister), Dave Shafer, Robby Shaffer (Yvonne Drawbaugh's brother), Shaffer family, Mark Shank, Milton & Diane Sheibley, Family of Randy Smith, Pennie Spiker, Gina Stahlnecker & son Maxwell, State Troopers death, Raymond Steward, Amy Strite (Judy Benton's friend), Family Duaine Swenson (Carole Sherman's brother), Taggart family (loss of Joe), Teresa, Twins, Tyson (Sue Lucas' friends baby boy), Unity & thankfulness in USA, Mary Wagner (Olive Gibney's sister), Erma Wegandt, Spencer Welsh (Dennis & Karon Haring's nephew), Jim & Lois Witters, Ward Yorks, Don Young, George Young (Linda Young's husband's brother), Kyle Young, Marsha Young, Ped Young, Sr., Hunter Z., Amy Zeiders, 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.



To all of you ~

We wanted to thank you all for the delicious Thanksgiving dinner that you gave to us. All the hard work, love, and cheerful servers. What an act of God's Love! Thank you so much for making the Thanksgiving Day so special!

Jim & Shirley Hackenberger

We would like to thank our church family for all the prayers, cards and support during Rick's journey. Thank you to the pastors for their visits. Thank you to the men's group for their help with the snow and lawn needs. And a big thank you to cub scouts for their help raking the leaves this fall. Itr brought back so many good memories for Rick when he was working with the Scouts. All praise and glory to our Lord for our wonderful church.

Rick & Alice Orlandi

Dear Rev. Heisley-Cato, Rev. Overman & Members of FCSUMC,
Thank you so much for the truck load of mixed groceries that you collected and donated to us. You have always been so generous and supportive of our mission. In November, we served 158 families that added up to 469 people. We have 208 families signed up for Christmas.

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



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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

