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MARCH GETTING IN TO LENT

The Bible can be read in two different ways. We learn about God from the Bible – God’s attributes, character, will, and ways. But we can also learn from the followers of God. This is particularly true in the Gospel of Mark. We can learn as much about our faith and following Jesus from the disciples as we do from Jesus.

This isn’t because they were just as bright, insightful, and God-sensitive as Jesus was. Rather, they were often the opposite: slow, learned. And their learning sometimes we learn to follow Jesus getting it right.

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Over the season of Lent (covering year), we will learn from the change in order to “get” Jesus particularly attractive, because one of us. WE ALSO learn about following Jesus by getting it wrong as much as getting it right.

all of March and half of April this followers who messed up and had to and follow him. And this should be this is probably the truth about every

Let Lent become a time for you to honestly examine your assumptions and missteps in discipleship. Let the bluntly honest stories of real people like Peter, James, and John reveal our own difficulties and contradictions. Let us also see, in all the mess-ups and miscues, the abundant and transforming GRACE that God always extends through Jesus.

Join us on the journey. Partake of every step and attend every Sunday. And bring a friend and fellow traveler. We’re always better together.

Pastor John

March Sermons:

Following Jesus: Messing Up and Making it Right

March 5: *Courage*

March 12: *Patience*

March 19: *Outreach*

March 26: *Greatness*



Egg-making production continues every Monday and Wednesday through 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!

Can't come in to make eggs?

Other ways to help with the Easter Egg Project are to provide food for egg-makers lunches; sell eggs at work, to family, friends or neighbors; purchase eggs for gifts, Easter, family get-togethers; or buy eggs for your own enjoyment!

They are delicious!!

Egg orders are now being filled and may be picked up Monday & Wednesday 9 am – 12 noon and 6 – 7 pm.

Orders need to be picked up within 2 weeks of being placed. Order your eggs early for best selection!

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!!

INTERGENERATIONAL FORMAL

(Formerly known as the "Senior Formal")

*Salem Youth will host an Intergenerational formal for
all congregation members who are 50+ years young!*

March 12th at 12:30pm in Fellowship Hall

*Join us for a great afternoon of food and fellowship with
our youth and older adults!*

*Sign up on the Youth Bulletin Board or the Connection Card in the
Sunday worship folder.*



UMCOR Sunday (formerly known as One Great Hour of Sharing)

March 25, 2017

When disaster strikes around the globe—Haiti's 2010 earthquake or Typhoon Haiyan in 2013—so many watching the drama unfold on our living room televisions feel entirely helpless. How could any one person make a difference in the wake of such widespread devastation? As responders around the globe scramble to help survivors, the United Methodist Committee on Relief, UMCOR, is prepared to act. When you give to UMCOR Sunday (formerly One Great Hour of Sharing) UMCOR is able to act as the arms and legs of Christ's church, and assist those impacted by crisis or chronic need.

Envelopes will be included in the March 25th bulletin for donations, or complete a check to FCSUMC with "UMCOR" in the memo.

The Invisible Homeless



Did you know that a growing number of families in the United States are turning to 'weekly rate' hotels as a way to stay off the streets? Did you know that there are roughly 20 families living in cramped, one room motel rooms about 3-4 miles from Fishing Creek Salem UMC? If you stop by one of these weekly rate motels, you will see decorations taped to the windows and charcoal grills, obvious signs that this room is not being used for a one or two night stay.

What can we as a church do to help? How can we show our compassion and love to these families? What could be offered that may help relieve some of the stress of several people living in one room?

These are questions that Salem's Serving Ministries are asking and seeking answers for. If you feel drawn to serving and developing a relationship with the individuals and families in this type of situation, please connect with Laurie Murry at lmurry@fcsalem.org or 938-1928 (x117).



*Transforming the lives of homeless families·
Because every child deserves a home·*

2017 Host Dates:

March 5-12

June 4-11

August 20-27

December 24-31



WHERE IS SALEM GOING THIS YEAR?

Check out the Mission Opportunities on the bulletin board near Fellowship Hall.

JOIN IN! SIGN UP!



Item of the Month: Mission Central sends cleaning bucket in the US and all over the world to help with clean up efforts after natural disasters occur. Cleaning wipes (Handi-wipes or other reusable wipes) are needed for these kits.

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



commUNITY Service Day

Saturday, April 22, 2017

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Could you use some assistance?

Would you like to 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.

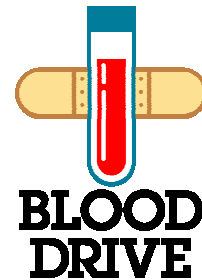
Please note, a request does not guarantee acceptance. If possible, needed supplies such as paint, mulch and etc... should be supplied by the homeowner. Salem volunteers can bring tools.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

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.



*Salem will again be offering Easter Lilies
to purchase for the glory of God or and/or
in honor or memory of a loved one.*

*Watch the Sunday worship folder
for details!*



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!



Confirmation Orientation Meeting

All youth 7-12 grade who are interested in becoming members of the church are invited to join an incredible journey of knowledge and growing deeper in faith. An Orientation Meeting will be held March 19th at 3:30pm in Room 218. This meeting is for both students and parents. You will receive a calendar for confirmation events and class times and an overall look at what to expect from confirmation. The meeting will be led by Joan Dean & Becca George. Please contact Becca with questions (rgeorge@fcsalem.org.)

Anthony Apa
LJ Brtalik
Kyle Craker
Hannah Culp
Kinsley Davis
Zoe Davis
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Emma Livingston
Linny Martin
Ryan Martin
Michael Payne
Cason Sadler
Madalyn Saltzer
Rachel Sechrist
Ruthie Shanebrook
Alex Sylvester
Eric Wilkinson



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





The Salem Seniors will meet on
 Thursday, March 16th at 1:00pm
 at Olive Garden (Carlisle Pike).
 Contact Elaine Vogel (938-9141)
 by March 13th for reservations.
 Please join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship.

**The United Methodist Women
 will meet
 on Thursday, March 9th at 7:00 pm
 in room 115.**

Our speakers for the evening will be Deb Trimmer and Nina Myers from the Red Land Food Ministry.
 Please bring items to donate from the following list:
canned fruit, carrots, mixed vegetables, red beets, pork & beans, cake & brownie mixes.

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



Annual Spring Tea & Pastries
 Saturday, March 18th at 10:00am in Fellowship Hall.

Entertainment will be provided by Salem's Chime Choir.

Come & enjoy good food and hear our talented Chime Choir.

All Ladies of the church & community are invited!

Contact Heidi Stahl by March 6th to attend.
 (512-3949)



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 16: "*Still Alice*" by Lisa Genova
- April 20th : "*Hillbilly Elegy*" by J.D.Vance
- May 18: "*Interpreter of Maladies*" by Jhumpa Lahiri



LIBRARY NEWS

By Kathy Alford

In talking with my middle school students, I am shocked that many have never played board games or only played them when they were very young. That is such a shame! I have fond memories of playing "Risk" with a group of friends. The game took so long, we would continue it after school for a week. The best family time with my sons and husband was playing games. When they were very young, it was "Hungry Hippos" and "Sorry." Then, as they got older, the favorites were "Star Wars Monopoly" and "Stratego." Now, as adults, we gravitate to "Boggle," "Pictionary," and "Cranium." The talking and laughing these games bring to the table (my best puns are not intentional!) are priceless. Going to the movies as a family is fun, but not much interaction takes place, and once you buy tickets and concessions, it proves to be a very expensive evening.

Our Christian library is full of family games ready to be checked out! Plan a fun family night! It's great quality time, and it's free! The two games below have just recently been added to the collection. After that, is a list of available games. Try them out!

Bible Sequence: Pictures representing Bible stories are displayed on each card and the game board. The cards also include a story title and scripture reference. Players match the picture on a card to the same picture on the board, and then place their chip there. Five chips in a row wins the game!

Bible Taboo: This 4-player game for youth and adults consists of rattling off clues while the time counts down. You'll earn a point each time your team guesses correctly. But watch what you say! If your opponents hear a TABOO word, you get buzzed and they'll get the point!

Games for Children: Bible Land, Bible Bingo, Veggie Checkers, Kid Choices

Games for Youth: Teen Choices, Right Choices

Games for Families: Bible Scattergories, Bible Outburst, Bible Blurt, Bible Apples to Apples, Bible Trivia, Bible Challenge, Bibleopoly Bible Pictionary, Left Behind, Classic Checkers, Classic Chess, 10 Commandments Bible Game

BACK TO THE BIBLE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

By Kathy Alford

We will continue our study on *The Journey to Forgiveness* by Melissa Spoelstra the first week of March and then after Easter. 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, betrayals, 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.

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. We are looking forward to this Easter study as well. 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.

We would love for you to join us for either or both studies. 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
March 5 Week 6 "Moving Forward" Genesis 47-50 Part 1

The Easter Experience by Kyle Idleman
March 12 Session 1 "My Life Has a Purpose"
March 19 Session 2 "My Life Can Change"
March 26 Session 3 "My Pain Is Understood"





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, Angie, Baby Carter, Linda Baum (Olive Gibney's friend), Lyle Bennett (loss of wife), Brittney Benton, Judy & Tom Benton, Samantha Benton, Betty (Samantha Freeman's mother), Scott Binns, Ginger Bissett, Diane Black, Mr. Boyle, John & Charlotte Brame, Jeff Bressler, Brother-in-law, Jacob Brown III (Jake & Fay's son), Jake & Fay Brown, Charles and V. (friend's of Barb Coulter), Angie Coble, Velma Coffman, Ted & Doris Coomes, Ted & Doris Coomes' mother, Our Country's Solidarity, Dolly Craven, Melanie Cunningham, Divorce situations, Doug & parents (Lisa Keck's cousin), Driver family, Marissa Duff, Linda Edmondson, Egg Makers & Egg Making Project, Eleanor, Family of son who overdosed, Families & mental health concerns, Father, Friends & family of June (mother/grandmother of Kathy Gaiski & Tracey Rish), Wally & Carolyn Funk, Alice Gahring (Linda Young's sister), Gail, Kendall & Nicole Granger, Nancy & Dennis Graybill's son, Mary Gustin, Cindy Hammons, Pastors Sharron & John Halderman, Bonnie Hardy (loss of husband), Tom Hardy, Frances Heinitz (friend of Marsha Uber), Jeff Heller (Lisa Keck's uncle), Vicki Hetherington's granddaughter, Scott Hoover (JoAnn Seker's nephew), Kristen Hoy, Carol Huber, Hunter, Carole Hutchison, Jason, Joann & husband, Job security, Joe, Lily Jordan, Lisa Keck's teenager, Dave Kline & family, Sandy Kline, Kim Kohl, Jen Koontz, Kurt, Sherri Lees, Jessica Lehr, Lou & Dave Lingenfelter (death of Aunt Fern), Liz, Marissa, Delores Markley, Matthew, Jeff McKaughan's family, Jay McKiernan, Mike McNulty, Grace & Tracey Michelsen, Mike & Nan, Mikos family (loss of Edna) & 4 people with major injuries, Wendy Miller, Nancy Misotti, Missy (Miriam Altland's daughter), Dottie Morrette's family, Pamlette Moyer (Lisa Keck's cousin), Rosalee Nelson (loss of husband, Bill - father & grandfather), Deb Oakley & Javon, Alice Orlandi (loss of husband, Rick) Orlandi children & grandchildren, Glenda Paylar, Nicole Peffer's husband & family (death of his father), Sue Prowell, Craig Rainy, Edith & Don Rehm, Kyle Ricketts, Ashley & Everest Robinson, Betty & Ike Robinson, Rose, Lou Rudy, Shawn Rupp, Sue Sederes, Dave Shafer, Mark Shank, Rafe Shearer, Jayne Smithmyer (Olive Gibney's daughter's mother-in-law), Ron Spain (Assist Scoutmaster of Troop 284), Gloria Sheely, Jo Small, Dan Soulier, Luke Spaseff's family, Heidi Stahl, Stephen Stahl, Gina Stahlnecker, Stephen Ministry Training, Raymond Steward, S.T.T.I.T.O. Ministry (Michael & Tom), Kay Succa (Fay Brown's cousin), Tanner's family (friend of Tracey Michelsen), Teresa (Mel Hepburn's friend), President Trump, Marie Valentine, Mary Faith VanNoy, Wagner Family (Olive Gibney's sister), Rick Wagner, Spencer Welsh (Dennis & Karon Haring's nephew), Jan Williams, Jim & Lois Witters, Women's Marches, Don Wright, George Young, Kyle Young, Zak (Sue Lucas' grandson), Amy Zeiders, SalemCares 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.



Greetings from Willow!

Thank you so much for your ongoing support and prayers for what God is doing in Willow! As long term deaconess and food pantry manager, Fran Lynch, retires; please be praying for our new manager, Ola Williams.

Blessings, Dan Wilcox

Dear Salem Family,

Words cannot express enough Thanks for all the many prayers, cards, visits and notes of support and concern during Jake's recent hospitalization for heart issues and new acute renal failure with Kidney Dialysis. We sincerely thank Pastor Debbie and Pastor John for their uplifting visits and calls. God has been good to us and we are so thankful for a caring, loving and supportive Christian Family at Salem.

Sincere thanks, Jake & Fay Brown



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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

