



# The Salem Stimulus

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## WORSHIP DEFINED

Worship. Everybody worships.

Everyone, everywhere worships something: Whatever captivates the heart's affections, the mind's attention, and the soul's ambition, essentially, *has* our worship.

We worship everything from pop icons, to our jobs, to our favorite sports team.

While the object and method of worship varies, the *act* of worship does not.

Oftentimes, our worship is focused on ourselves; the pursuit of fame, wealth, and personal satisfaction becomes the focus of our wants and desires. But no matter how much we worship these things, they can never satisfy the deepest longings of our soul.

God has uniquely designed us with meaning and purpose; he has divinely created us in his own image. When we worship the created and not the Creator, we are left unfulfilled and unsatisfied. We deny God the worship that is rightfully his.

When we step into a relationship with God through his son Jesus, our relationship with God should become elevated above every other ambition, every other affection, and every other activity. It should change *everything* we do:

It begins to change the words we say, the decisions we make, the way we view our circumstances and see the people around us.

It changes our goals, desires, and pursuits. Instead of searching for meaning and purpose *IN* our life, {worship} becomes the meaning and purpose *OF* our life.

Worshipping God is not limited to singing a song on Sunday morning; its a *lifestyle* lived out in reverence to God, wherever he has placed you.

There is no sacred and secular divide, Worship involves all of our lives, *not just one part*.

That means we worship as we work, as we parent, as we go to school, as we gather round the table, as we suffer, as we compete, as we love, as we seek, as we create; all that we believe, think, say, and do should flow from our beating hearts of worship.

So what is worship?

It's the outpouring of our lives. Lead by the Spirit and rooted in God's truth, devoting all we are and all we do to Him, our Creator

Its ascribing worthiness to the One who alone is worthy

The above is from a video called *Worship Defined*, available on RightNow Media. If you do not already have RightNow Media, contact the church office for full and free access.

## Consecration Sunday Is Coming, May 7th

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our congregation's finance committee has selected the *New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

*New Consecration Sunday* is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. *New Consecration Sunday* encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship our guest leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team and governing board members. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

Blessings!

Erica Duda  
Council Chair

### **TAX-FREE TRANSFERS TO CHARITY**

Did you know that older IRA owners have a different way to give to charity?

An IRA owner age 70½ or over, can directly transfer, tax-free, up to \$100,000 per year to an eligible charity. This option can be used for distributions from IRAs, regardless of whether the owners itemize their deductions.

To qualify, the funds must be transferred directly by the IRA trustee to the eligible charity. Distributed amounts may be excluded from the IRA owner's income – resulting in lower taxable income for the IRA owner. However, if the IRA owner excludes the distribution from income, no deduction, such as charitable contribution deduction may be taken for the distributed amount.

Amounts transferred to a charity from an IRA are counted in determining whether the owner has met the IRA's required minimum distribution (RMD).

Consult your tax accountant to see if this option could be advantageous to you.



The Creator of the world entrusts financial gain to us so that we can impact His world through our giving. Did you notice the special Missions Offering envelope in your June giving/tithe pack? Specific details to come on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of May! Be sure to read your Sunday Worship folders!



### Next host Dates: June 4-11

*Sign-up link: [www.volunteersignup.org/XMBWH](http://www.volunteersignup.org/XMBWH)*

Did you know that the biggest influx of families to shelters can occur during the summertime? It is during this time when landlords and family members are more likely to turn families out onto the streets. The summer months are all the more difficult for many homeless parents who are seeking steady employment or other personal/professional development because when school is out of session, childcare can be difficult to find. So, our involvement with Family Promise is just as critical in June as it is in January. Unfortunately, homelessness does not take a summer vacation.

Please mark your calendar early and make sharing a few hours with a family in need a priority! Have questions, contact Laurie Murry at [lmurry@fcsalem.org](mailto:lmurry@fcsalem.org) or 938-1928 (x117)



***Summer fills up fast, so mark your calendar NOW!***

***NATIONAL NIGHT OUT – TUESDAY, AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup>***

***Salem will be hosting many games and activities!***

***RESERVE THE DATE!***



Item of the Month: Mission Central sends school kits to countries where children do not have school supplies. One item needed for the kits is a 24 crayon box.

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



Come and  
Join Us!

**SALEM TO PARTICIPATE IN LOCAL SUMMER WORK CAMP**  
**9th Annual Servants' Workcamp Northeast**

**OVERVIEW:** Servants' Workcamp Northeast focuses on service in the Northeastern School District of York County. This is a local "Mission Trip" where volunteers can do everything as if they traveled to a distant location; however, they can enjoy their own hot shower and sleep in their own beds at night!

**DATES:** July 24- 28, 2017; work all week, or one or two days

**PROJECTS:** Work could entail drywall, painting, roofing, flooring, yard work, and other minor construction/maintenance tasks.

**POSSIBLE WORKDAY SCHEDULE:**

7:00 Arrive, pack lunches, fellowship together

7:15 Devotions

7:30 Breakfast, finish packing lunches

8:00 Work Projects

12:00-1:00 Lunch

4:00 Wrap up on site

4:30 Return to Host Facility (communicate job status and material needs to Construction Coordinator)

4:45 Devotions/Debriefing

5:00 Dinner

**AGES:** encourage youth at least 14 years old to serve with a ratio of 1 adult to 5 youth; youth younger than 14 years are to serve with a parent, or at a minimum, to work beside a youth group leader on a 1 to 1 ratio. There is no upper age limit (or excuses) to serve Christ by serving others

**COST:** Servants is not charging a fee, however, Salem would like to provide money toward the cost of the food and building supplies. \$75 for the week, or if you plan to attend just a day or two, we can discuss a pro-rated fee.

**APPLICATIONS:** Are available from Laurie Murry, Director or Serving Ministries.

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** July 7, first 100 volunteers

**MORE DETAILS:** Attend an informational meeting May 22, 7:00 PM, at Salem Church. To RSVP for the meeting, contact Laurie Murry at [lmurry@fcsalem.org](mailto:lmurry@fcsalem.org) or 938-1928 (x117).



## 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.

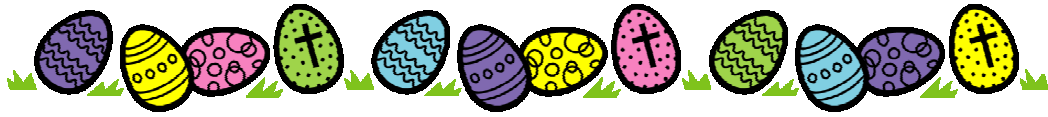
Assorted colors of felt...no need to purchase, just clean out your craft room

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](mailto: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!



## 2017 Egg Makers' Report

Our 2017 Easter Egg-making has come to a successful finish. Under the leadership of Gary Cassell and John Hartman, our egg-making crew was able to make enough eggs to satisfy most of our church community's needs. Over 40,000 eggs were made in our 2 days per week, 10 week production period! Our thanks go out to all of the dedicated egg makers, egg sellers, egg buyers, and egg consumers. We all had a wonderful time working and fellowshiping with our Christian friends, and look forward to another great year. Consider joining us in 2018. It is a real blessing to all who participate.



Corrine Armes	Colton Howard
Max Beam	Natalie Mann
Angela Briggs	Zachary Martin
Dylan Bryson	Chase Maynard
Gabriel Bryson	Chase Michelsen
Joseph Christine	Charlotte Sadler
Rachel Cuomo	Madison Taleff
Daniella Higgins	Christine Williams

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, May 18th at 1:00pm  
at Fretelli's on 3rd Street in New Cumberland.  
Contact Lou Rudy to make reservations.  
(717) 938-1784  
This is a small dining room so please make reservations early.  
All seniors are invited to join us for an afternoon  
of great food and fellowship.

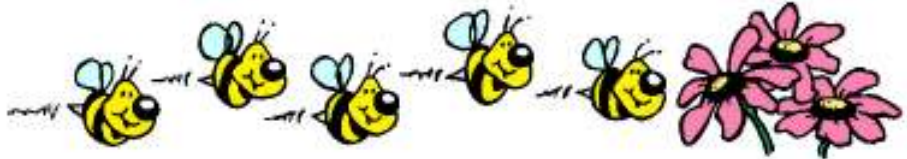
United Methodist Women  
will not meet in May  
due to the  
Mother/Daughter Banquet.  
Our next meeting will be  
Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup> for our picnic.



**WOMEN'S BOOK DISCUSSION**

- The women's book discussion 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).

May 18: "*Hillbilly Elegy*" by J.D.Vance  
June 15: "*Interpreter of Maladies*" by Jhumpa Lahiri  
July 20: "*Miracle at Zakynthos*" by Deno Seder  
Aug.22: Out to Eat. No book  
Sept. 21: "*America's First Daughter*" by Stephanie Dray and Laura Kamoie: a novel about Jefferson's oldest Daughter  
October 19: "*Rose Under Fire*" by Elizabeth Wein ( One Book One Community)  
November 16: "*A Case For Christ*" by Lee Strobel  
December - Out to Eat –No Book



## LIBRARY NEWS

By Kathy Alford



Many of the movies released in the past few years have been questionable for children, even teenagers to see. Several blockbusters disappoint Christian couples. Their content and morality are appalling. In the past year, however, a rebirth of values and Christian themes has appeared. I have personally watched each of the DVDs below, and I found them thought-provoking and Christ affirming. If you haven't seen these, all of them are appropriate for the whole family and are available in our library. Check them out!

### *Miracles from Heaven*

This DVD is based on the incredible true story of the Beam family. When Christy discovers her 10-year-old daughter Anna has a rare, incurable disease, she becomes a ferocious advocate for her daughter's healing as she searches for a solution. After Anna has a freak accident, an extraordinary miracle unfolds in the wake of her dramatic rescue that leaves medical specialists mystified, her family restored, and their community inspired.

### *The Boy Who Came Back from Heaven*

This DVD tells the true story of an ordinary boy's most extraordinary journey. As you see heaven and earth through Alex's eyes, you'll come away with new insights on miracles, life beyond this world, and the power of a father's love.

### *Woodlawn: The True Story*

In 1973, a spiritual awakening captured the heart of nearly every player on the Woodlawn High School football team. Their dedication to love and unity, in a newly desegregated school filled with racism and hate, leads to the largest high school football game ever played in the torn city of Birmingham, Alabama and the rise of superstar Tony Nathan.

### *Risen*

This DVD is the epic Biblical story of the Resurrection as told through the eyes of a non-believer. Clavius, a powerful Roman military tribune and his aide, Lucius, are tasked with solving the mystery of what happened to Jesus in the weeks following the crucifixion in order to disprove the rumors of a risen Messiah and prevent an uprising in Jerusalem.

### *God's Not Dead 2*

When high school history teacher Grace Wesley is asked a question about Jesus in class, her reasoned response lands her in deep trouble. The ensuing epic court case could expel God from the classroom and the public square once and for all.



## BACK TO THE BIBLE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

By Kathy Alford

On May 14 we will finish our study of *Joseph: The Journey to Forgiveness* by Melissa Spoelstra. What happened to Joseph and his family after they reconciled and Joseph forgave his brothers? Join us and find out!

Beginning May 21 and continuing for five weeks, we will study *Half Truths* by Adam Hamilton. Hamilton searches for the whole truth by comparing some common Christian sayings with the wisdom found in Scripture. They capture some element of truth, yet they miss the point in important ways.

Are you looking for a class from 9:30 to 10:30 on Sunday mornings? We would love to have you. We meet upstairs in room 210. Materials are provided.

### Lesson Schedule

May 7 no class—visit the 9:30 informal service!

### *Joseph: The Journey to Forgiveness* by Melissa Spoelstra

May 14 Week 6 "Moving Forward" Genesis 47-50 Part 2

### *Half Truths* by Adam Hamilton

May 21 Lesson 1 "Everything Happens for a Reason"

May 28 Lesson 2 "God Helps Those Who Help Themselves"





# 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:

Aaron (Sue Lucas' best friend's son), Amanda (Sue Lucas' middle daughter and baby), Denise Fearn & Robert Armes, Rosemary Auchenbaugh, Amanda Aymin, Chris Barlup, Martha Beebe & family, Deb Beissel's friend, Ben, Betty (Samantha Freeman's mother), Scott Binns, Emily Boyer, John & Charlotte Brame, Jake & Fay Brown, Brittney & Samantha Benton (Judy Benton's daughter's), Teresa Burkholder, Ben Campanis, Charles & Vi (Barb Coulter's friends), Cindy, Velma Coffman's family, Ted Coomes, Dolly Craven, Melanie Cunningham, Collen Darhower & family (death of son), Gary Dayarmin, Linda Dinsmore, Donna (death of mother), Marissa Duff, Linda Edmondson & her son's brother-in-law, Egg Makers, Eleanor, Families dealing with mental health issues, William Favinger, Denise Fearn, Madison Fornerette (Karen Pepperman's granddaughter), Fred & Judy (Barb Coulter's neighbors), Wally & Carolyn Funk, Olive Gibney (loss of sister), Ericka Gilbert, husband & kids, Michael & Mark Graybill (Dennis & Nancy Graybill's sons), John Grubic, Mary Grunden & family, (Fay Brown's sister Carol Grunden's mother-in-law), Mary Gustin, Pastors Sharonn & John Halderman, Cindy Hammons, Ken Hammons (Cindy Hammon's brother-in-law), Frances Heinitz, Carole Hutchison, Family of Scott Irvin, Jennifer, Jesse (Kathy & Dean Reynolds ex-brother-in-law), Wendy Kautz, Kim, Sandy Kline, Arlene Kowal, David Kuhn, Kylar, Kylie (Nancy & Dennis Graybill's granddaughter), Ron Lebo, Leeland (JoAnn Seker's brother-in-law), Linda & Tom, Sue Lucas, Baby Madelyn, Frank Mailey (Pam Mailey's son), Mark (Jim & Judy Novinger's brother), Matthew, Max (Kathy & Dean Reynold's friend), Conner McIntyre & Maddie Green, Meredith, Tracey Michelsen & children, Mike, Miriam, Sam Mowery, Scott Mowery, Jack Murtaugh, Nan, Neice & Nephew (loss of mother), Jim Novinger's father, Deb Oakley & family (death of sister), Alice Orlandi, Cora & Michael Payne's father, Jeannette & JR Payne, Karen Pepperman, Ryan Pepperman, President & other leaders of our country, Susie Puller, Rader family, Rados family (loss of son), Don & Edith Rehm, Riley, RL Food Bank, Shawn Rupp & children, Dan & Pastor Jen Ryerson, Jessie Sanders, Tim Scantling (Stacey Wilkinson's uncle who died), Jay Schell & family, Peggy Schmidt (Sue Shirk's sister), Scott (JoAnn Seker's nephew), Senior Care & Memory Care residents at The Woods, Dave Shafer, John Shank, R. Mark Shank II (Linda Young's grandson), Merv Shaffer, Paul & Shirley Sheaffer (loss of brother Bill), Bill Slabach, Sosik family, Dan Soulier, Gina Stahlnecker & her father, Steve (Wendy Miller's husband), Raymond Steward, Keith Strayer (Pam Gladfelter's neighbor), Teens, Theasa (Robyn Adam's little sister), Zack Tucker, Ruth Tusing, Elaine Vogel, Rick Wagner & family, Dawson Waite, Carole & Norm Weise, Spencer Welsh, Les Williams (Margaret Rader's brother), Hudson Wolfe, The Wolf's, Young boy, Kyle Young, Linda & her husband Ped Young, 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](mailto:www.office@fcsalem.org).



FCSUMC Family,

Thank you for the cards, prayers, meals, visits, and most of all for being there for me. God be with you all & your families.

Thank you,  
Sue Prowell

Thank you so much for the beautiful prayer shawl and the many prayers on my behalf. The amount of support from everyone has been overwhelming. I will always cherish the prayer shawl that will help me through my cancer journey!

In Christ's Love,  
Jessie Sanders

Dear FCSUMC & Families in the Field,

I would like to say thank you for the donation of blankets. They were nice and I am sure they are going to make some children very happy. Thank you for thinking of Project Linus.

For the Children,  
Pattie Dietz, Project Linus  
York County, PA Coordinator

**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS**  
**WILL BEGIN**  
**Memorial Day - Labor Day**  
**(Tuesday, May 30 - Friday, September 1st)**  
**Monday - Friday, 8:00am - 12:00pm**

**CHURCH OFFICE**  
**WILL BE**  
**CLOSED**  
**Monday, May 29th**  
**In Observance of Memorial Day**





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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

