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Thanksgiving is coming soon, and will end soon as well. Soon we will all gather with family to stuff our faces with turkey and all the fixings. Soon the refrigeration will be full of leftovers and the company will leave. Just as quickly as Thanksgiving comes; it goes. Although the holiday of Thanksgiving comes and goes, as Christians we are always to be thankful. Paul wrote in 1 Thessalonians 5:18, "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." Our thankfulness as Christians doesn't end when the turkey is all gone; our thankfulness is to last all year long and our whole lives through.

You can always find something to be thankful for. In the Daily Bread, August 26, 1989, there was this story about a Scottish minister, Alexander Whyte. He was known for his uplifting prayers in the pulpit. He always found something for which to be grateful. One Sunday morning the weather was so gloomy that one church member thought to himself, "Certainly the preacher won't think of anything for which to thank the Lord on a wretched day like this." Much to his surprise, however, Whyte began by praying, "We thank Thee, O God, that it is not always like this."

There is always a reason to give thanks. Paul wrote in Colossians 4:2, "Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful." In this scripture the words "watchful" and "thankful" go together. If we are watching, we will always see something in which we can lift up thanksgiving. What do you see that you are thankful for ?

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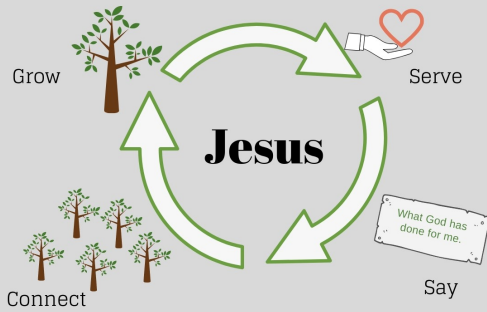
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Sunday Service Schedule

8:15am in the Sanctuary
9:30am in Fellowship Hall (also live-streamed)
11:00am in Fellowship Hall





Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One; give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son

And now let the weak say "I am strong"; let the poor say "I am rich", because of what the Lord has done for us. Henry Smith

Prayer suggestions for the month of November:

November 1 – The Christian holiday of All Saint's Day is an opportunity for believers to remember all saints and martyrs, known and unknown, throughout Christian history. Pray for saints you know and those you don't.

November 11 – Veterans Day honors all members of the Armed Forces who served and fought to protect us, to keep our country safe, and to preserve our way of life. Pray for all Veterans who gave their time and risked their lives for others.

November 25 - Thanksgiving – Pray for the families, friends, neighbors and loved ones who are part of your life. Also remember in prayer those who live alone, are lonely and discouraged and those with broken or troubled homes.

November 28 - The beginning of Advent – the period beginning four Sundays before Christmas. Pray for this time of preparation and expectation for the coming of Christ – both his birth and the Second Coming.

THANKSGIVING PRAYER VIGIL– Hope * Unity * Thankfulness
Sunday, November 21st at 6:30pm. Join us for a Thanksgiving prayer Vigil as we seek to celebrate the One who makes all things possible.

Start the holidays off right with a calm spirit and a heart full of gratitude. Prayer keeps us grounded and mindful of the reason of the season. Prayer helps keep our priorities in order. Prayer can relieve stress, improve sleep, and move mountains. We will begin with a short prayer service at 6:30pm led by Ministry Intern, Tina Moyer, followed by an invitation to visit 10+ prayer stations. The stations will help guide our prayers in different and creative ways. Feel free to stop in anytime and stay as long or as little as you like. Doors will close at 9PM. Don't miss the chance to center yourself before beginning the busyness of the holidays.



BOOKWORMS will be meeting on November 17th. The group will be discussing *Four Winds* by Kristen Hannah. All women are invited. If anyone would like more information or would like to be put on the email list please call or text Marsha Uber 717-938-3108 or email uber2495@ptd.net.

The Senior luncheon will be held at Nick's in New Cumberland on November 18th at 1PM. If you would like to join them, please RSVP to Kathy Long kathyjlong@verizon.net OR (717)576-7391.



Sweet Serve The Women of Lights are holding a Sweet Serve at Salem on November 7th at 2pm. While eating sweets, we will be serving Harrisburg's homeless by sorting personal hygiene items, socks, and underwear. Women of Light are teaming up with the Journey Church in Harrisburg to collect these much needed items and on November 14th, Salem and The Journey will distribute the items along with Journey's clothing closet to Harrisburg's homeless encampments.



Donations are being collected in a bin in Mission Corner. Items needed are as follows:

Tooth paste, tooth brushes, dental floss, deodorant, tissues, wipes, hand sanitizer, chap stick, lotion, emery boards, water bottles, new underwear and new socks.

WE NEED SUNDAY SCHOOL HELPERS!! As families have come back to church, and the children's Sunday School classes have grown so much we need additional teachers and helpers! What a wonderful problem to have! Won't you prayerfully consider being a teacher or a classroom helper? The program is flexible. You can serve one Sunday per month or more! Please contact Tracey Michelsen if you are interested: tmichelsen@fcsalem.org or 717-938-1928.

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

Saturday November 13th 9:30AM-11:30AM

Grieving the loss of a loved one is difficult. Anniversaries, birthdays, etc. can be really tough. The holidays are probably the most challenging times. 'Surviving the Holidays' is a seminar that uses a video, take home workbook, and discussion. Dave Klein and Linda Wrightstone will be leading this impactful 2 hour seminar. It is open to Salem members and the community at large. The cost is \$5. Sign up in the church office or on the website <http://www.griefshare.org/holidays>. Call Dave if you have any questions (717) 774-4995.



IN HOUSE LADIES RETREAT— Café Chocolat

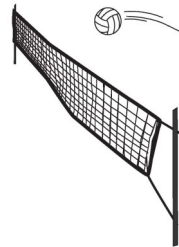
November 12-13th.; here at
Fishing Creek Salem in Fellowship Hall

This retreat will be a ladies' chocolate themed ladies retreat and is open to all ladies. There will be Bible Study, Quiet Reflection time, Fellowship, Prayer and

beautiful Worship! The cost of the event is \$20 and includes retreat materials and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. The weekend begins with a pot luck dinner at 5:30PM on Friday. The first session is 7PM-8:30PM. Saturday begins with breakfast served from 7:30AM-9AM. Sessions begin at 9AM and conclude at 4pm. For more details please contact Steph Sechrist at stephanie.sechrist@comcast.net or Angie Wert (angiewert@yahoo.com)



VOLLEYBALLLace up your sneakers and join Pastor Les on the court in Fellowship Hall on Sunday November 7th for Co-Ed Volleyball! All adults are welcome to come out and play!



FALL WORSHIP PLAYLIST on Spotify! To access, search "FCS Fall Worship 2021" on Spotify, OR click this link: <https://open.spotify.com/playlist/60W9BZWXRodckuwc2PkIV9?si=TDLWVDBpTqO0UdCYk3rA5g>.

FREE to everyone! You just need to create a free spotify account if you do not already have one.

CONTEST TIME!

After 50 years of Salem's newsletter being called The Stimulus, we are looking for a new name. We will be collecting new names to call our newsletter, and the winning name will be chosen by the staff. The winner will receive 50 years of bragging rights that they came up with the new name for Salem's newsletter.

We are also changing the newsletter to a quarterly publication. Currently the newsletter is a repeat of what can be found in the Blast and weekly announcements. We want to make the new newsletter focus months ahead so you can get upcoming events on your calendar well in advance. We also want to do more articles and human-interest stories. However, it all begins with a new name. New Name ideas are due by the end of day November 30, 2021 and must be submitted through the church office at office@fcsalem.org or 717-938-1928. In the event of two people submitting the same name; bragging rights will be shared! We are excited to see your suggestions!

INFORMATION FROM THE OFFICE

FLOWER CALENDARS

The 2022 Calendars to sponsor flowers in the Sanctuary of Fellowship Hall is now available on the bulletin board located outside the office.

4th Quarter 2021 is still available for sign ups as well. All the details are listed on the bottom of each calendar page. If you have any questions, please contact Sandy Herman in the church office at office@fcsalem.org or 717-938-1928.

Office Hours
9 a.m.—3 p.m.
Monday—Thursday

YEAR END GIVING

Fishing Creek Salem always appreciates the financial gifts that are given to support and grow our ministries of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ! God bless you for your faithfulness and generosity again this year. Please note that the IRS has rules on when your taxable year donation can be counted. The IRS says that charitable donations to the church must be received and or postmarked by 12/31/2021 to count as a donation in 2021. Following these IRS regulations, donation received and/or postmarked after 12/31/2021 must be counted as donations in 2022. (no matter what date may be associated with the gift.)

"Reverse" Advent Box Project

You might be familiar with a traditional advent calendar? Usually a large cardboard box depicting 24 calendar days with a tiny door which when opened reveals a small gift each day. Instead of a calendar you open to receive tokens each day, created an awesome box of giftedness for someone in our community. During the month of November, a box and list of items will be provided. 24 items will range from non-perishable food to useful non-food items.

Take the month of
December to fill your box and
**return it to the church kitchen
before 12/26.**

Suggested Shopping List

cereal	oatmeal
facial tissues	soup
applesauce	AA batteries
stuffing mix	pasta
instant potatoes	pasta sauce
box mac n cheese	Spam or tuna,
baked beans	sanitizing wipes
box of band-aids	neosporin/ointment



SALEM SHARES

Praise God! Salem Shares Food Pantry opened in our spacious Fellowship Hall on Thursday, Oct 7th with a hearty team of volunteers joining together to make Pantry Day One go very well! God bless Salem as we were able to assist 19 households with food; two families were housing insecure (homeless). Lewisberry Gardens dropped of an abundance of fresh produce, and Gina's Mission had a selection of cat/dog food to give away for hungry pets. When Pantry Day concluded, some of the raw/refrigerated items were shared with New Life for Girls, also a partnering agency of the York County Food Bank.



Salem Shares Food Pantry is open 3:30pm –

Each recipient of food

Persons must be present to receive food or a p

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“Before Pantry Day” Team

Site inventory / Ordering – 8 days prior to Pantry Day, Wednesday, Nov 24th 9:00am. Meet in the church kitchen to take a count of our current inventory, then view the Food Bank Shopping List online and discuss our next order of food. Make a few quality control checks. Make a few plans for giving quality food and quality compassion to our neighbors.

Pantry Day Morning Team

Receiving / Pantry Set-up – December 2nd 7:30am. Meet in the Fellowship Hall, we will set up the food and roll our food shelving to the church kitchen storage. Receive the separately scheduled deliveries and unpack skids of food when

To serve, contact Pastor J

S SALEM FOOD PANTRY



The one thing we can all do is pray. Salem Shares Food Pantry is inspired by Jesus to live out his words from the gospel of Matthew 25:35 *“for I was hungry and you gave me something to eat.”* Salem Shares Food Pantry, a ministry of our church, and a benchmark goal of our Church Council, in hopes of helping seniors on fixed incomes, veterans who are unemployed and the working poor. Please pray for all our food sharing efforts, for the Soul Food Pantry, for the Budget Inn Community Center, as we continue to care for our neighbors in these hands-on ministries.

on the first Thursday of the month
7:30pm

must be registered.

person can register as a proxy to the recipient.

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Pantry Day Guest Services Team (3:30pm – 7:30pm)

Welcome Others / Serve Others - Thursday, December 2nd, 3:30pm—7:30pm. Come and distribute food and other donated items to our neighbors. Greet folks outside when they arrive in the parking lot. Help register our neighbors using an online registry. Escort each neighbor through the pantry as they make their food choices. Serve neighbors refrigerated items from the walk-in. Assist neighbors upon exit by loading food into cars.

enny: jthomas@fcsalem.org

Salem Shares Special

December is detergent month at the Salem Shares Food Pantry. Laundry detergent is expensive, and for many it is a luxury item. SNAP and other food benefits do not cover the cost of non-food items, but we know these are the bare necessities. Let's help our neighbors in December by offering the gift of laundry detergent. Place your bottle of detergent in the Mission Corner by November 28th

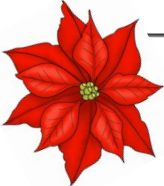


Giving Tree for WSSD Students



Pastor Jenny and Amy Gross, a school counselor for WSSD, are coordinating a GIVING TREE for Red Land High School students who may be found without a Christmas gift this year.

Salem will have a tree decorated in the coffee gathering space near the main entrance on Nov 14th. Upon the tree will be tags with Christmas gift wishes. For example: an XL black hooded sweatshirt, a fleece lined flannel shirt, a make-up kit, a glow-n-the-dark ed mirror, a lava lamp, etc. Return your wrapped gift urely attached back to Salem by Sunday, Dec 19th.



TIME TO DECK THE HALLS

We need your help to Deck Our Halls!



Decorate the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall with poinsettias for Christmas. The flowers will be in 6.5 inch pots with 4-6 blooms each in Red (R) or White (W). The flowers will be in place for Christmas Eve services and for Sunday, December 26th. They can be taken home after the last service in each location on Sunday, December 26. The cost of each plant is \$9.50.

Checks can be made out to Fishing Creek Salem UMC.

Please place payment and your order forms in Jeannie Pelen's church mailbox by November 14th.



Anna Dormer

Nick Kehler

Abigail Lemieux

Kylar Nolt

Cammi Richcreek

Zachary Shaw

Keegan Shelley

Natalie Snyder

Nolan Stoner

Emma Sylvester

CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2022—

The pastors are preparing the schedule and the content for the next confirmation class which will begin with an orientation in January 2022.

Students in 7th-12th grade who want to claim their faith in God and join the fellowship of Salem—the body of Christ will not want to miss this opportunity.

More details about confirmations will be given this fall. The pastors welcome parents and students to begin having conversations at home about making this personal commitment to God and the church.



Snack Donations Needed

Our Sunday School and Nursery are in need of individually wrapped snacks for the children. We are requesting single-servings.

Items can be placed on the counter in the nursery.





November 7 : Guidance/Celebration

Sermon Scripture: John 16:1-15

Service Scripture: Luke 15:17-24

Guidance and Celebration are two disciplines that can move us into a deeper walk with God. We will learn about these disciplines, and how they can grow our relationship with God.

NOVEMBER 14 Holy Desire: Longing for More

Sermon Scripture: Matthew 7:7

Service Scripture: 1 Samuel 1:4-20

Life gets busy. Sometimes there is monotony. Sometimes we think, “there has to be more to life than this.” This is the result of the Holy Desire. There is more to Life. Jesus came so that we may have an abundant life. How do we get the More?

NOVEMBER 21 Enter with Thanksgiving

Sermon Scripture: Psalm 100:1-5

Service Scripture: Psalm 95:1-7

We are a thankful people with much to be thankful. However, if you lose the things which make you thankful, would you lose your thankfulness? We want to make sure our thankfulness is not solely based on thing that can be lost; we must base on thankfulness of things that can't be lost. This way we can always be thankful.

GRAB YOUR CALENDAR AND PEN TO SAVE SOME DATES!

More information regarding each event will be forthcoming in upcoming bulletins.

- November 4— Salem Food Pantry
- November 7— Collection for the homeless items due
- November 7— Co-ed Volleyball
- November 13— Women's in house Retreat
- November 14— Deadline for Poinsettia Orders
- November 13— Surviving the Holidays Workshop
- November 17— Bookworms Book Club
- November 18— Senior Luncheon at Nick's in New Cumberland
- November 20— Community Meal
- November 21— Thanksgiving Prayer Vigil
- November 25— Thanksgiving
- December 2— Salem Food Pantry
- December 6— Live Nativity (NOTE THIS IS A NEW DATE!)
- December 12— Christmas Café'
- December 12— Co-ed Adult Volleyball

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

- 5PM— Candlelight & Glow Stick Family Service (Sanctuary)
- 5PM-- Candlelight Contemplative Service (Fellowship Hall)
- 7PM—Candlelight Contemporary Service
- 11PM—Candlelight and Communion Service (Sanctuary)

YOUTH upcoming Dates...

- November 5-7 Mount Asbury Retreat
- December 19— Christmas Party

Discover... Inside every book by Max Lucado, you'll find words of encouragement and inspiration that will draw you into a deeper experience with Jesus. And each Lucado title has treasures for your walk with God. What will you discover?

NUMBERS OF HOPE

... the 26 words that can change your life. — *core scripture: John 3:16*

AND THE ANGELS WERE SILENT

... what Jesus Christ's final days can teach you about what matters most. — *core scripture: Matthew 20-27*

THE APPLAUSE OF HEAVEN

... the secret to a truly satisfying life. — *core scripture: The Beatitudes, Matthew 5:1-10*

BECAUSE OF BETHLEHEM

... the love that was born in a manger and gives us hope for ever day.

— *core scripture: Luke 2*

BEFORE AMEN

... the power in even the simplest prayer.

— *core scripture: Psalm 145:19*

COME THIRSTY

... how to rehydrate your heart and sink into the wellspring of God's love.

— *core scripture: John 7:37-38*

CURE FOR THE COMMON LIFE

... the unique things God designed you to do with your life.

— *core scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:7*

FACING YOUR GIANTS

... when God is for you, no challenge is too great.

— *core scripture: 1 and 2 Samuel*

Christian Library

By Kathy Alford



FEARLESS

... how faith is the antidote to the fear in your life.

— *core scripture: John 14:1,3*

A GENTLE THUNDER

... the God who will do whatever it takes to lead His children back to Him.

— *core scripture: Psalm 81:7*

GLORY DAYS

... an inheritance that gives you the power to fight from victory not for victory.

— *core scripture: Joshua 21:43-45*

GOD CAME NEAR

... a love so great that it left heaven to become part of you world.

— *core scripture: John 1:14*

GRACE

... the incredible gift that saves and sustains you.

— *core scripture: Hebrews 12:15*

GREAT DAY, EVERY DAY

... how living in a purposeful way will help you trust more, stress less.

— *core scripture: Psalm 118:24*

HE CHOSE THE NAILS

... a love so deep that it chose death on a cross—just to win your heart.

— *core scripture: 1 Peter 1:18-20*

BACK TO THE BIBLE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS NEWS

By Kathy Alford

For the first three weeks of November the Back to the Bible Class will be studying Melissa Spoelstra's book *Romans*. *Melissa is a popular conference speaker, Bible teacher, and author who is passionate about helping people of all ages seek Christ and know Him more intimately through serious Bible study.*

In her study of Romans, we will take a posture of listening and learning as we approach this powerful book packed with good news. Specifically, we'll be highlighting significant concepts regarding the good news about faith, hope, daily life, God's plan, relationships, and eternity. Whatever bad news we may be facing, we'll find good news that will encourage, inspire, and transform us, bringing about a spiritual renewal that will spread to those around us.

Advent begins on November 28. We will center on Adam Hamilton's book *Faithful: Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph*. *In typical fashion, Adam brings together investigative scholarship and his ability to communicate in a simple and applicable way. He portrays Joseph by exploring the Bible as well as the apocryphal gospels that shaped church tradition through the first six centuries. I'm sure we will learn many new things about Jesus' earthly father.*

Visitors are always welcome to our class. Materials are provided. We meet every Sunday morning from 9:30-10:30 in room 210 upstairs. Why don't you give us a try? Here is our upcoming schedule:
Romans by Melissa Spoelstra

November

7 Good News About God's Plan (Romans 9-11) Part 2

14 Good News About Relationships (Romans 12-14) Part 1

21 Good News About Relationships (Romans 12-14) Part 2

Faithful: Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph by Adam Hamilton
28 Chapter 1 A Carpenter Named Joseph





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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED