

The Salem

Stimulus

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From Pastor Les

Fall has come. The air has turned cool and crisp. There is a cornucopia of cinnamon spice and pumpkin flavored food in restaurants and stores. The leaves are changing from green to brilliant yellows, reds, and orange splashed against the backdrop of a grey blue sky.

However, as I think about Fall, you know it's ironic that we admire the beauty of leaves most as they are dying. Death is rarely something that we think of as beautiful. Can you think of a time that it is?

I can. The death of Jesus is beautiful. Jesus' suffering, pain, and agony on the cross was not beautiful, it was very ugly. Yet, Jesus' death for us is a beautiful act of sacrifice and love. John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

As you see the Fall leaves this year in all their dying beauty, may they remind you of the beauty of Jesus death.

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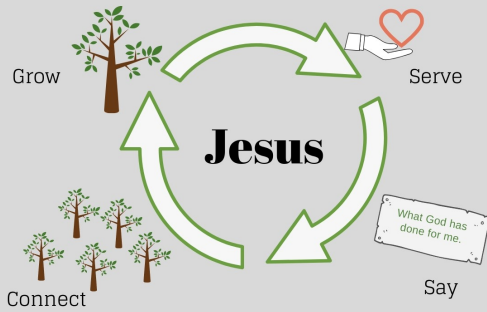
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Sunday Service Schedule

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





Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer. Psalm 19:14 (KJV)

Please lift-up the following in your prayer time during the month of October.

October is Pastor Appreciation month. Take time this month to pray for our pastors and their leadership, guidance, prayers, community outreach and the many contributions and hours they give to their ministry.

October is also Depression Awareness month. Pray this month for those who suffer with depression and for those who suffer in silence.

Pray for spiritual awakening and renewal in our country, our churches and in our lives.



Salem Church,

I am so happy to be joining you in ministry this Fall. Thank you so much for making me feel very welcome on my first Sunday with you. I can feel the love of Christ here already. I believe that ministry is all about relationships, so I wanted to take a moment to share a little bit about myself.

I am married to Mike and we celebrated our 22nd wedding anniversary a few weeks ago. We have two children; Thomas (age 19), and Alex (age 17). We also have a beagle named Henry.

I am originally from King of Prussia, PA, but I have lived in central PA for the past 25 years. I did not grow up in the church, but came to Christ as an adult. My undergraduate degree is in Medical Technology. I worked in the clinical laboratory at Holy Spirit Hospital for 11 years. For the past 10 years, I have been homeschooling my boys.

I have been a member of Baughman UMC in New Cumberland for 20 years. Since 2013, I have served as a Lay Speaker. In 2016, I received a call to vocational ministry. In 2019, I began the UMC candidacy process and in 2020, I enrolled in seminary. I am now beginning my second year at United Theological Seminary in Dayton, OH. It is a 3-year Masters degree. All of my classes are online, but I travel to Dayton several times per year to fulfill my in-person learning requirements. I am excited to learn about all of you and your families. It would help me out a lot if you could send me a quick note and tell me a little about yourself. Also, please let me know if there is anything I can be praying for you. My email address is tinam.cdm78@gmail.com.

Blessings,
Tina Moyer, Ministry Intern





Over the centuries, Christians have found some common practices as the best ways to dive deeper in their relationship with God. These practices are called, “spiritual disciplines”. The spiritual disciplines are practical things Christians can do every day, which assures they grow closer to God. We will spend the next six weeks learning about and practicing the spiritual disciplines. The book that will guide our journey is called Celebration of Discipline: The Path to Spiritual Growth. By Richard J. Foster

October 3rd; Fasting. Sermon Scripture: Matthew 4:1-4

Summary: Fasting is an inward disciplines that can lead us into a deeper walk with God. We will learn about fasting, and how it can grow our relationship with God.

October 10th; Meditation. Sermon Scripture: Psalm 1:2

Summary: Meditation is an inward discipline that can guide us into a deeper walk with God. We will learn about meditation, and how it can grow our relationship with God.

October 17th; Simplicity. Sermon Scripture: Luke 16:13

Summary: Simplicity is an outward discipline that can steer us into a deeper walk with God. We will learn about simplicity, and how it can grow our relationship with God.

October 24th; Submission. Sermon Scripture: Philippians 2:8

Summary: Submission is an outward discipline that can direct us into a deeper walk with God. We will learn about submission, and how it can grow our relationship with God.

October 31st; Confession Sermon Scripture: 1 John 1:5-9

Summary: Confession is corporate discipline that can draw us into a deeper walk with God. We will learn about Confession, and how it can grow our relationship with God.

SECOND ANNUAL
FISHING CREEK SALEM UMC

FALL @ FEST

FISHER FARM
OCTOBER 17TH 1PM-4PM

CORN MAZE, BON FIRE,
PUMPKIN PAINTING, HAYRIDES,
VISITS WITH THE ANIMALS

HOT DOGS, SMORES, & CIDER





Submitted by Jo-Ann Howard

Have you missed Salem's Delicious Easter Eggs?

The egg-makers have not only missed eating the eggs, but have also missed the fellowship of getting together and making eggs with old and new friends.

Since we had a year off, the leadership team is having a meeting for the old and hopefully lots of new people interested in getting project going again. Our plan is to discuss how we are going to move forward in 2022. We're starting out fresh and new and need YOUR input to get things rolling again. There are many positions and roles to be filled and we're excited to have a chance to say hello to all of you.

The Egg-Maker's meeting will take place on Thursday October 21 at 7pm in room 115, Old Fellowship Hall. Please remember that this is an informational, planning meeting. Everyone is invited to see this 25+ year tradition continue at Sale.

If you have any questions, please call

Gary Cassell 717-938-6484

Jeff Strohecker at 717-884-1941

Jo-Ann Howard at 717-550-2614



small groups

SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES 6 WEEK SMALL GROUP STUDY

Ministry Intern, Tina Moyer, will lead a 6-week study on Spiritual Disciplines beginning Wednesday Oct. 6th at 7 pm. Does God ever seem distant? Do you want to develop a richer spiritual life? Join us in Room 115 as we examine the spiritual disciplines using Richard Foster's book, *Celebration of Discipline*. This class will coincide with the October sermon series and delve deeper into the material. Please sign up using the connection card or by emailing Tina at tinam.cdm78@gmail.com.



The Salem Seniors will be gathering at TJ Rockwells in Mechanicsburg, next to Ashcomes on Thursday, October 21st at 1:00 PM. Please call Glenn or Barb Kurzenknabe at 717-774-1728 by October 17th with your reservation.

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS— save the date! Dave Klein and Linda Wrightstone will once again be offering a 2 hour workshop to help folks survive the holidays. This will be held November 13 from 9:30am -11:30am. More details will be in upcoming bulletins.

MEN OF SALEM

MEN'S BREAKFAST IS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 23RD—

Stay tuned for details in upcoming bulletins .

PLEASE NOTE: Due to inclement weather for the past few times that the **Pond Party** that had been scheduled, unfortunately had to be canceled multiple times due to inclement weather. We look forward to making it work for 2022!! **HOWEVER**—any families are welcome to fish (catch and release) at their pond. The Bakers have rods and bait for you to use, if you do not have your own. Please contact them to let you know that you are coming. Hal Baker 717-938-6899.

WOMEN OF SALEM



BOOKWORMS will be meeting on October 20th to discuss Countdown 1945 by Chris Wallace. From Chris Wallace, the veteran journalist comes an electrifying behind-the-scenes account of the 116 days leading up to the American attack on Hiroshima. All women are welcome to join the discussion.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN—will have their secret auction on Thursday, October 14th at 6:30PM. Ladies, please bring a wrapped item with the approximate value written on the outside of the item. Come and join the fun as the bidding goes on and see the unusual items that have been auctioned off. All ladies are welcome.



WOMEN OF LIGHT— Elementary My Dear

The October event will be a trip to the Allenberry Playhouse to see "Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery" on Saturday October 16th at 2PM. The group of ladies will meet in the Salem Parking lot at 12:45PM to carpool. Tickets were already purchased for this event. Ladies, please note, this does not include a meal, please eat before you come.

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)



FALL WORSHIP PLAYLIST on Spotify! To access, search "FCS Fall Worship 2021" on Spotify, OR click this link: <https://open.spotify.com/playlist/60W9BZWRXodckuwc2PkIV9?si=TDLWVDBpTqO0UdCYk3rA5g>.

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**CHRIST FIRST
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Greetings friends!

Let me first say Thank You! Your continued support of our ministry has been much appreciated by both me and the congregation. As with many congregations, the past year has held some very real challenges for us, especially in finances. Your faithfulness in continued support has been enormously helpful during this time.

Our family continues to do well. Esther, our oldest just began her final year of high school and the twins, Jaden and Lydia began their 9th grade year. While one finishes up her high school career, two more have begun. They all continue to homeschool, so the challenges abound! Our youngest Elijah, is 2 and a half, and keeps us all on our toes. His curiosity and changes have brought us great joy as we have continued our isolation during COVID.

We want to thank you for your on going prayers for my health. I've continued the follow ups in Seattle every four month with clear reports each time. I am feeling better and stronger all the time.

Both congregations have slowly returned to in person worship over the summer months and have begun to have conversations about visioning and seeking the dreams and hopes that God has for our communities. As we have moved out of a time of waiting, we have recognized the challenge of meeting the needs of our community—even beyond the outreach we're already involved in. We are seeking gaps and ways those currently present might be able to address them.

Who will we be and how is God leading us? We appreciate your prayers as we work through these processes of discernment.

We continue to keep you and your ministry in prayer and are so thankful for your partnership with is in the work we are doing here in Alaska!

Blessings,

Rev. Daniel P. Wilcox

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CONFIRMTAION 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.

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 .



COMMUNITY YARD SALE

NEIGHBORS! FRIENDS! STUFF! YARD SALE TREASURES!

Salem will host the 2nd Annual Community Yard Sale on Saturday, October 16th from 8am-Noon. Reserve a space for \$20 by calling the church office. (717) 938-1928. Funds raised will support the ministry work of Salem Shares. Participants are responsible for their own set up and clean up. (In the year of the volunteer, you are responsible for retrieving and returning your own table from the church. Donations of individually wrapped baked goods, single serving chips, bottles water and sodas can be placed in the church kitchen by Friday, October 15th. See the weekly blast for a sign up genius link.

GRAB YOUR CALENDAR AND PEN TO SAVE SOME DATES!

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

October 10--	Co-Ed Adult Volleyball
October 16--	Yard Sale
October 17--	Family Fall Fest at Fisher Farm
October 23--	Men's Breakfast
October 26--	Trunk or Treat
November 13--	Women's in house Retreat
November 20--	Community Meal
December 5--	Live Nativity

YOUTH upcoming Dates...

October 24--	Fall Party
November 5-7	Mount Asbury Retreat
December 19--	Christmas Party





THIS YEAR SALEM WILL BE JOINING IN THE FUN of hosting trunks for the Annual trunk or treat that Troop 198 Boy Scouts holds here in our parking lot. We are looking for folks to sign up to decorate your trunk and fill it with treats to hand out as children walk through our parking lot on the evening of **October 26th**. Please see upcoming bulletins to sign up to participate. All families of Salem are welcome to join in the fun of being a trunk for kids to visit AND OR participate in the trick or treating! Let's make this a great event! Please contact Tracey Michelsen for details. Tmichelsen@fcsalem.org

From a Pop-up to a Pantry

Salem is officially an agency partner with the Central PA Food Bank and the York County Food Bank! By this partnership, we increase the resources of food by variety and quantity, serving the greater Red Land region.

Salem Shares Food Pantry will be open in Fellowship Hall serving food items to our neighbors on Thursday, October 7th from 3:30 pm – 7:30pm.

This is our trial run to offer a “food choice” pantry including dry goods, fresh produce, milk, eggs etc. Representatives from both the York County and Central PA Food Banks will be present to help us! If you would like to volunteer to help with the food pantry, or have questions about the pantry, contact Pastor Jenny at jthomas@fcsalem.org

HOODIES, HATS AND COATS ARE NEEDED



While doing your fall cleaning out, if you find yourself with excess hoodies, coats and or hats, Marty Wagner is currently collecting all sizes of gently used hoodies and coats for the children, youth and adults living at BICC. A collection bin is located in the Mission Corner; labeled BICC.



This month I will continue featuring books from famous Christian author Max Lucado. One of Max's most popular series for children portrays the Wemmicks. Pastor Les even referred to the Wemmicks in one of his sermons this summer! Max was interested in helping children understand their value -not from the world's perspective, but from God's. Wemmicksville is a land created by Eli, the "God" figure of the story. He creates each Wemmick in Wemmicksville uniquely, each with its own look and personality. Each story and video is a new adventure with the citizens of Wemmicksville.

Here are summaries of the books in the series which all can be found in our library:

You Are Special

In this heartwarming tale, Eli helps Punchinello understand how special he is-no matter what other Wemmicks may think. Children will learn a vital lesson-regardless of how the world sees them, God loves each of them just as they are.

You Are Mine

Finally, the citizens of Wemmicksville are saying that Punchinello is a good Wemmick! He's always wanted to hear that. But in his effort to please the crowd, Punchinello forgets what his maker Eli has taught him. So when others start collecting boxes and balls, Punchinello decides he wants to have some, too. They make him feel so good-until he remembers how his arms ache from holding them all. Until he remembers how tired he is from working just to buy more. Until he stumbles into Eli's workshop and is reminded of how very much he's given up to have those boxes and balls. Once again at the knee of his creator, Punchinello hears the words he needs the most: "You are special, not because of the things you have, but because you are mine."

Your Special Gift

One morning the people of Wemmicksville wake up to discover that they've all received gifts. Punchinello opens his gift to find a hammer; Lucia receives a paintbrush and set of paints; and Hans, the baker, gets a spoon. Nobody knows who sent the gifts, but each Wemmick receives the perfect gift: Punchinello likes to build, Lucia loves to paint, and Hans enjoys cooking. When a family of Wemmicks needs help to reach Eli the woodcarver, Punchinello and his friends try to come to their aid. Unfortunately, nothing they do seems to work. Only when they realize that Eli gave them each a special gift are they able to use those gifts to make a difference.

BACK TO THE BIBLE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS NEWS

By Kathy Alford

Lasting until Advent, the Back to the Bible Class has been 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.

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 schedule for October:

Romans by Melissa Spoelstra

- 3 Good News About Daily Life (Romans 6-8) Part 1
- 10 Good News About Daily Life (Romans 6-8) Part 2
- 17 Good News About God's Plan (Romans 9-11) Part 1
- 24 Good News About God's Plan (Romans 9-11) Part 2
- 31 Good News About Relationships (Romans 12-14) Part 1





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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED