



# The Salem Stimulus

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## WORSHIP MATTERS

### *Romans 12:1-2*

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

I learned that Erie, PA had a community-wide, public campaign this summer that rallied people around the idea of taking children to worship.

Unified Erie — a broad-based coalition of law enforcement, social service agencies and government — based this strategy not on assumptions or anecdotal evidence, but on empirical data about what works. Data shows that children and teenagers who participate in a religious activity for at least an hour a week are happier, do better in school, are less likely to abuse alcohol and drugs, and are less inclined to engage in violent behavior.

Matthew Judd, pastor of Glenwood United Methodist Church, commented, “What I like is the data shows what people in the church, in the faith community already know, that faith matters.

Yes, faith matters, and the most fundamental expression of faith is worship. In worship we honor God and show devotion and gratitude to God for all the grace in our lives.

Disciples of Jesus need to worship and offer our lives to God because of God’s mercy (Romans 12:1). When we worship, God blesses, inspires, teaches, and shapes us in powerful, wonderful ways. It is fundamental to our faith.

If worship matters for children and for whole communities, surely it matters for us. Pastor Debbie and I encourage you to make regular worship attendance a major part of your life.

So bring your family and invite your friends. There are plenty of blessings to go around.

Pastor John

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### ***Upcoming Sermon Series:***

#### **Amazing Grace**

- Oct. 9: *Without Even Asking*
- Oct. 16: *Squared Away with God*
- Oct. 23: *Not Finished Yet*

October 30 and November 6:

#### **The Married Life**

# WHAT'S NEW IN CHILDREN'S MINISTRY AT SALEM?

WE HAVE BEGUN TO SHIFT OUR THINKING ABOUT CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY AT SALEM.  
WE BELIEVE THAT ALL CHILDREN AND YOUTH HAVE TWO BIG INFLUENCES IN THEIR LIVES.

## CHURCH & HOME

WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF WE WOULD TRY TO BUILD A BRIDGE BETWEEN THE TWO INSTEAD OF KEEPING THEM SEPARATE?  
WHAT WOULD IT LOOK LIKE, IF CHURCH WASN'T KEPT IN A PRETTY LITTLE BOX ON SUNDAY MORNINGS?  
WHAT IF WE BLENDED CHURCH INTO A CHILD'S EVERY DAY LIFE???

CAN YOU IMAGINE WHAT AN IMPACT WE COULD HAVE ON THE NEXT GENERATION IF WE AS A CONGREGATION WORKED TOGETHER WITH SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS, YOUTH GROUP LEADERS AND THE KID'S FAMILIES??

**THE CONCEPT IS SO SIMPLE! IT IS CALLED ORANGE.**

**IT IS THE CONCEPT OF US TAKING THE YELLOW LIGHT OF CHIRST FROM A SUNDAY MORNING/EVENING MIXING IT TO THE RED UNCONDITIONAL LOVE OF A FAMILY THAT BEGINS THE MINUTE A CHILD LEAVES THE CHURCH BUILDING....AND BLENDING IT TOGETHER TO BLANKET A CHILD IN THE ORANGE THROUGHOUT THEIR WEEK.**

IT IS LETTING CHILDREN & YOUTH KNOW THE STUFF THEY LEARN IN CHURCH ON A SUNDAY CAN HELP CARRY THEM THROUGH THE WEEK WHEN LIFE TENDS TO GET MESSY. AND IT WILL GET MESSY FROM TIME TO TIME. ORANGE IS LETTING THEM KNOW THAT THE PEOPLE THAT SURROUND THEM INSIDE THE CHURCH ON A SUNDAY MORNING ARE ALSO OUT "THERE" IN THE WORLD CHEERING THEM ON, PRAYING FOR THEM, CARING ABOUT THEM THROUGHOUT THE WEEK. YOU SEE...

All kids need the same thing. Whether they are white, black, Asian, Hispanic, fostered or adopted...only children, middle children, youngest children.... High risk, special needs, gifted, introverts, extroverts, strong-willed, or mild-tempered . . . All kids need the same thing.

While it may seem like kids need a lot of things. In fact, if you listen to the voices in our culture advocating for kids, you can very quickly become overwhelmed by all the things kids need.

*They need a healthy diet.* They need exercise. **They need play time.** They need study time. *They need down time.* They need to have a practical skill. They need to take more rigorous classes. They need better grades. *They need better friends.* They need medication. They need entertainment. **They need technology.** They need to get a job. They need to help around the house.

I'm not saying they don't need all these other things, too. But without the **one thing**, none of those things actually matters. In fact, without **the one thing**, you can't even begin to give them the other things they need. So what is this **one thing** that they need? It's pretty simple. Every kid needs for **us to show up** ! We need to SHOW UP in their everyday lives. Perhaps when they think no one cares or they are feeling alone. Because growing up is hard.

**Kids at every phase need adults who will show up predictably and consistently, over time.** In fact, it's the one thing they need more than anything else. But the reason kids need consistent adults changes with each passing phase.

So, just HOW do we do this **one thing**?  
How do we know what to do and when?

# Welcome



## HELP US WELCOME OUR NEW

Director of the Gathering Worship!

Kelsey (Raudensky) Robertson  
will begin in this role on Oct. 2nd.

Kelsey will also continue to serve as the keyboardist  
and Choir Accompanist at our 8:15 Worship Service.

We are happy to have her in this additional role.



### **MEN'S MORNING CUP OF JESUS**

Start your Wednesday morning off with great  
fellowship and studying of the book of James.

We will begin gathering Oct. 5th and every  
Wednesday morning thereafter from 6:15-7:15am  
in Room 115.

All men of the church are welcome!

Contact Phil Dean with questions  
([deanpjme@comcast.net](mailto:deanpjme@comcast.net)).

### **ATTENTION SALEM MEN!**

**WHO:** All Salem men 30+ years old

**WHAT:** Men's Basketball Ministry - Fellowship, shooting  
hoops, and prayer.

**WHERE:** Fellowship Hall

**WHEN:** Every Monday evening beginning Oct. 17th @ 7pm

Contact Mic Sadler with questions.  
([sadlermic@gmail.com](mailto:sadlermic@gmail.com), 683-9728)



**TRUE BEAUTY ~ Find your true identity in Jesus**

**Women's Retreat  
November 11 & 12  
at FCSUMC!**

ALL women ages 18-118 are welcome!

Invite a friend, family member or neighbor!

Contact Marcia Sadler with interest/questions,  
or if you would like to be part of the planning committee  
([msadler\\_pac@yahoo.com](mailto:msadler_pac@yahoo.com), 938-0890).





Kick off fall with Families in the Field,  
 Salem's family service ministry.  
 We invite all families of any size or demographic  
 to join us in serving the Lord through  
 simple community service projects.  
 We meet the first Sunday of the month at noon.  
 Below is our schedule for the year.  
 Hope to see you there!  
 For more information, please contact  
 Christy Musselman at [cmusselman@hotmail.com](mailto:cmusselman@hotmail.com).

Month	Project	Lead Family	Pot luck	Collection
10/2	Trash Collection	Musselman	Fall favorites	Bring a trash bag and rubber gloves
11/6	Cookies for community service workers	Brtalik	Food you are thankful for...	Bring 1-2 types of cookie dough to bake... break and bake is fine!
12/4	Cards for homebound and gift wrap service	Christine	Favorite Christmas appetizers	Craft scraps for cards, tape, scissors
2/5	TBA		Foods you LOVE or foods that are red	
3/5	Coloring packets for local hospital ER	Wert	Food that makes you feel 'lucky'...	Bring large box of crayons, gallon size Ziploc bags and extra coloring pages
4/2	Teacher appreciation	Sechrist	Early BBQ cookout	TBA

***HAITI 2017 - Save the dates!***

**August 5-12, 2017**

Answer the call and travel to Port Au Prince with Global Partners!

Information meeting will be held soon.  
 Contact Marcia Sadler with questions  
 (msadler\_pac@yahoo.com, 938-0890).



Item of the Month: Mission Central has been sending out cleaning buckets to people in the United States and all over the world when disaster hits. Most recently the kits have been sent to flood victims in the southern United States. The item needed for these kits are reusable wipes (such as handi-wipes).

*Please put the handi-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).*



## A Stephen Minister Story

“Well Done, Good and Faithful Servant” by Joel Bretscher

“Jesus’ Promise Becomes Real”

“What does Stephen Ministry mean to me? It means growth. It means life. It means faith that is practiced in giving care to others. Stephen Ministry made a difference in my care receiver’s walk with Jesus, and it made a difference in my own walk as I gave care in Jesus’ name. At the time I did not always see God at work in my caring relationship, but looking back, I can see Christ was there every step of the way. Jesus’ promise, “Where two or three are gathered, there I am also,” became real to my care receiver and me. Stephen Ministry offered me a way to be the personal presence of Christ to my care receiver in his time of greatest need.”

To read Mr. Bretscher’s full article click on the link below.

[Well Done Good and Faithful Servant](#)



### Weekend Camp Get-Aways!

The Susquehanna Conference Camp facilities offer many fun activities year round!

Check out a few of the upcoming opportunities.

**Treasure Hunt:** November 4-6 at Wesley Forest for anyone 8+ years old.

Weekend will begin Friday at 6pm & end Sunday at 1pm.

COST: \$115 by Oct. 22nd, \$135 after Oct. 22nd

**Christmas Craft Retreat:** December 2-4 at Wesley Forest for anyone 12+ years old

Weekend will begin Friday at 4pm and end Sunday at 11am.

COST: \$130 by Nov. 12th, \$150 after Nov. 12th

*Bring your own project: \$110 by Nov. 12th, \$135 after Nov. 12th*

**Recharge:** February 17-19, Penns Lodge - Wesley Forest for all Youth grades 7-12

COST: \$80 by Nov. 30th & receive a FREE event shirt, \$90 after Nov. 30th

**Register for any of these camps at [www.susumcamps.org](http://www.susumcamps.org)**



## Seats are being saved for you!

at Salem's sixth annual dinner theater.

Salem Players will present the comedy "Mama Won't Fly" by Jones, Hope and Wooten.

Join our wacky characters as they travel across the country to get to a wedding in time.

Oh, what happens along the way and the people they meet!

. Show time is will be here before you know it! Tickets go on sale September 18.

A delicious 3 course chicken dinner will be served prior to each performance on:

Friday, October 14 at 6:30 PM

Saturday, October 15 at 12 Noon

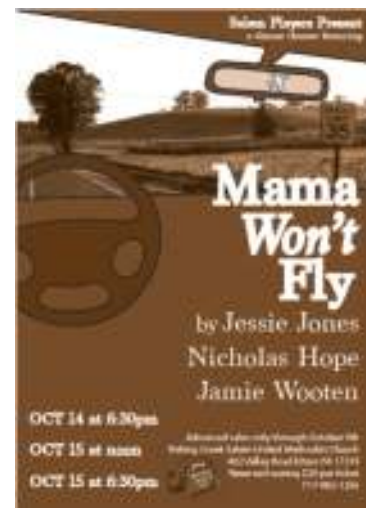
Saturday, October 15 at 6:30 PM

Reserved tickets of \$20 are being sold starting Sept 18 through Oct 9.

Tickets can be purchased in the church office between services or by calling Marsha at 982-1256. Tickets will not be sold at the door. Ticket sales are final.

This year's show will benefit Salem and Family Promise

Join us for a night of delicious food, fellowship, and laughter!



## Sign up to help with the Dinner Theater

I am willing to help serve food - please call Marti Wagner at 938-4336

I can be a greeter - Please call Marsha Young at 982-1256

I can help set up on Sunday, October 9 or clean up after one of the shows - please call

Jeannie Pelen at 579-5164

Provide a Dessert - please call Jo-Ann Howard at 938-3216

Advertise the show - Pick up a flyer!



### Salem's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner Theater: *Wanted ~ Many Delicious Desserts*

Over the past 5 years, Salem members have generously donated desserts to help make our fundraiser a success, and we thank you! The desserts are a very important part of the dinner theater and your donations help to keep costs down and profits up for the church.

We are asking for donations of desserts that can be cut into individual servings: fruit pies such as apple, cherry and blueberry, pumpkin pie, cheesecakes, layer cakes, chocolate cake, carrot cake, coconut cake, pumpkin rolls, and other special desserts are needed. We could also use a

few sugar-free and gluten-free selections. Please, no cookies, brownies, candy or fudge.

If you are willing to provide a dessert, please sign up on the Connection Card in the Sunday Worship folder. If you need further information, please call Jo-Ann Howard at 938-3216. Donations are needed for three different shows, and we are hoping to provide over 400 servings in all! To properly prepare, donations for all three performances should be delivered to the church kitchen by 10:00 AM on Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>.

Thank You, and enjoy the Show!!



## LIBRARY NEWS

By Kathy Alford

How does Big Idea Productions keep on producing more and more VeggieTales? They are as popular now as they were when they were first produced in 1993. As I am doing with many other videos in our library, I am replacing the VHS formats with CDs. Many of the original shows are now grouped together with a new name. If you look on the back cover, you will see which shows are included. If your child (ages 3-11) has never been exposed to VeggieTales, you really should borrow one. Enjoying these shows is a rite of passage of Christian childhood! Below are some new episodes which have been recently added to the library's collection. Check them out!

### *VeggieTales: Puppies and Guppies*

This 88-minute DVD contains 8 stories. In these hilarious adventures about pets, popcorn, jet packs and more, kids will laugh and learn what it means to be responsible and kind to others.

The DVD includes the following episodes: *Puppies and Guppies*, *Junior Gets a Pet*, *The Guppy Whisperer*, *Cool as a Cucumber*, *Laura at Bat*, *Popcornastrophe*, *Junior Jet Pack*, and *Larry's Cardboard Thumb*.

### *VeggieTales: Celery Night Fever*

Veggie pals Laura Carrot and Junior Asparagus have a big job to do...save their beloved Celery Park from being destroyed! Laura and Junior plan a fundraising concert with the formerly famous Groovy Brothers, but the band mates refuse to play together because of an old grudge. All hope of saving the park seems lost until the group remembers that God forgives without question, so why can't they do the same? Will the band reunite to save Celery Park? Find out in this fun, music-filled VeggieTales adventure.

### *VeggieTales: Robin Good and His Not-so-merry Men*

A long time ago, in the faraway town o Bethlingham, roved a band of merry men led by the fearless Robin Good. Their mission: to help people by fundraising from the rich and giving to the poor! But when a greedy Prince starts stealing the townspeople's hams, donations are down and Robin's friends take off and decide to give robbing from the rich a try. Feeling rejected, Robin thinks things can't get any worse, until he finds out that the ham-hoarding Prince has also captured his friends. Can Robin overcome his own hurt, rescue his friends, and restore the townspeople's hope? Find out in this fun Veggie story where kids learn that there's no hurt too big for God!

## The Back to the Bible Sunday School Class News

by Kathy Alford

Through October 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Back to the Bible Class will be studying *Five Marks of a Methodist: The Fruit of a Living Faith* by Steve Harper. This concise and compelling summary helps every United Methodist learn and remember the five identifiers that John Wesley set forth in *The Character of a Methodist*. A gem of a book, it answers in plain language, "How should United Methodists live?" and provides people with a clear and memorable unifying focus. As followers of Jesus who reach out to serve their neighbors, United Methodists love God, rejoice in God, give thanks, pray always, and love others. A Participant Character Guide and video study are included.

Beginning October 30<sup>th</sup> and lasting until Advent, our class will be learning from *Joseph: The Journey to Forgiveness* by Melissa Spoelstra. This 6-week 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 one 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

#### *Five Marks of a Methodist*

October 2	Session 2	"A Methodist Rejoices in God"
October 9	Session 3	"A Methodist Gives Thanks"
October 16	Session 4	"A Methodist Prays Constantly"
October 23	Session 5	"A Methodist Loves Others"

#### *Joseph: The Journey to Forgiveness*

October 30	Week 1	"Acknowledging the Pain" Genesis 37, 39
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The Salem Seniors will be meeting  
on Thursday, October 20th at 1pm  
at Culhane's Steak House.

*\* Note this is a change from Fireside Restaurant  
due to their renovations and unknown re-opening.*

Please contact Glenn & Barb Kurzenknabe (774-1728)  
to make your reservations by 15th.

The United Methodist Women  
will meet on  
Thursday, October 13th at 7pm  
in Room 115.

The speaker for the evening will be Bonnie Gruver.  
Bonnie will speak about the Mission trip to Haiti that she  
and other Salem members took part in this past August.

As always, all ladies of the church and community  
are welcome



### THE WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP

The Woman's Book Group is about to start a new year. It was originally started by Susan Schell and is open to women 18 years or older. We meet on the Third Thursday of each month at 7 PM. For more information contact Marsha Uber (938-3108 or uber2495@epix.net.)

The Books for the coming months are:

**October** - Louisa: The Extraordinary Life of Mrs. Adams, An intimate portrait of Louisa Catherine Adams, the wife of John Quincy Adams, who witnessed firsthand the greatest transformations of her time.

**November** - Boys in the Field: A Championship Journey from Red Land to Williamsport





  
 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:

Justin Barlup, Dores Barto, Carl Beck, Joe Betcke, Beverly, Scott Binns, Fred Bollinger, Violet Bollinger, Margaret Bowerman (Stacy Taylor Bowerman's mother-in-law), John & Charlotte Brame (death of Charlotte's sister), Brooks, Jake & Fay Brown, Velma Coffman, College students, Cecil & Sarah Condon (Les & Jean's Condon's brother), Greg Gondon (Les & Jean Condon's son), Carol Cook & husband Dale & her mother, Dean Cross, Melanie Cunningham, Dad, uncle & co-worker, Dave & pregnant wife Chelsea, Death of Danny (Jeannie Pelen's cousin & Dottie Morrette's nephew), Aunt Ruth & Uncle Daniel, Michele Graybill Drivas & her mother-in-law, Crystal Duff, Linda Edmondson, Eleanor, Paul Evans (Stephanie Evans father-in-law), Ali & Matt Farmer, Pasty Fornerette, Ed Freer & family (wife Evelyn died), Carolyn & Wally Funk, Ken Giemo, Pam Gilroy, Ginny, Sue Good, Fran & Wanda, Graham, Lori Grim, John Grubic Sr., Peggy Grubic, Cindy Hammons, Tom Hammons (Dani Hammons Scheib's father), Abbie Hardy, George Harpster, Jerry Hartman, Heather, Laura Heim & family (father died, mother hospitalized), Landon Hepburn, Grand Hodgson, Jim's daughter-in-law, Lynda Jones relatives & family, Judi (Diane Edwards cousin), Ed Kautz, Ed Kautz (Wendy Kautz's son), Lisa Keck's daughter & cousin, Dave Kline, Sandy Kline, Lona, Loss of mom's sister, Marriages, Carol Martz (Death of husband Jack), Micaela May, Jay McKiernan, Chase Michelsen, Mike & Nan, Etta Miller (Steve & Wendy Miller's mother, Robert & Nicole Miller's grandmother), Mission Workers, Monica F., Dottie Morrette, Bonnie Morris, Stacy Morris, Eric Musselman & family (death of mother), Noah (Nathan's friend), Deb & Bob Oakley, Rick & Alice Orlandi, Our Troops in Afghanistan, Martha Page (Mary Ann McAllister's sister), Ron Patrick (Gail Rosenberry's brother), Jeannette Payne, Karen Pepperman, Ryan Pepperman, Family of Linda Pratt & Linda's prior caregiver, Terry Yinger (Bonnie Moody's mother), Sue Preun, Lillian Pusey, Raylynn, Reigeine, Remembering 911 victims, rescuers & survivors, Stephanie Reynolds, Gail Rosenberry's grandson & great granddaughter, Shawn Rupp & children (Sophia, Jordan & Kayla), Family of Paul Sabold (death of Jessie Sanders brother-in-law), Peggy Schmidt (Sue Shirk's sister), School Students, Dave Shafer, Shane, John Shank, Mark Shank, Sharon & Ed, Kathy Smith (loss of husband Ken Smith), Kathie Hoke's niece, Kyle Snyder, Heidi Stahl, Gina Stahlnecker, Raymond Steward, Family of Michael T. Stewart, Stop school bullying, Pauline & Louis Suplee, Terry (Pam Mailey's co-worker), Maria Valentin, Family of Blake Wert (Diane Wert's father-in-law), Ron Wheeler's wife, Kyle Young, Ped Young (Linda Young's husband), Amy Zeiders, SalemCares Ministry, Salem 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).



Thanks for all the prayers and cards during the short illness and death of my sister

Thank you for the continued prayers, cards and inquiries for John and myself during his journey with cancer. We appreciate all you do.

Charlotte & John Brame

Dear Pastor Heisley-Cato, Pastor Overman & FCSUMC Members,

Thank you so much for your recent generous donation. We appreciate your continued support of our mission. We had a busy August. We served 147 families, for a total of 396 people. Summer is one our busiest times of the year.

Nina Myers & Deb Trimmer

Co Directors of the RL Food Ministry

Cameron Bryson  
 Ephraim Buzzard  
 Josiah Du  
 Marissa Duff  
 Zakaria Elabridi  
 Cael Gibson  
 Keira Gibson  
 Tyler Kerlin  
 Klea Lamb  
 Olin Lynch  
 Marina McKinney

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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

