



Salem Church, for my August devotional I want to share with you some unsettling news. Our church was saddened to learn this week of the death of one of our most valued members. This person has been with Salem from the very beginning, and their name is Someone Else.

For many, many years Someone Else did far more than a normal person's share of the work and ministry. Whenever there was a job to do, a class to teach, or a meeting to attend, everybody said, "Let Someone Else do it." Whenever leadership was needed, this wonderful person was looked to for inspiration as well as results; "Someone Else can work with that group." It was common knowledge that Someone Else was among the most generous givers. Whenever there was a financial need, everyone assumed Someone Else would make up the difference.

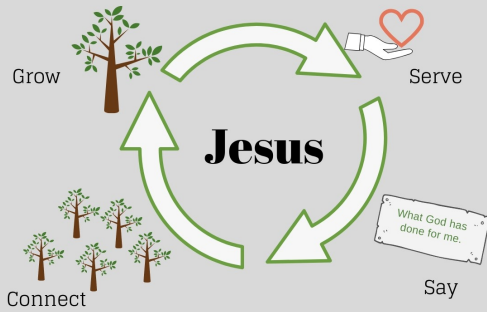
Now Someone Else is gone! We wonder what Salem is going to do. Someone Else left a wonderful example to follow, but who is going to follow it? Who is going to do the things Someone Else did? Will Somebody or Anybody step up and take Someone Else's place? When you are asked to help this year, remember; we can't depend on Someone Else anymore. We

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Disciples: Get Closer to Jesus & Become Like Jesus



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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





*“The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.”
Psalm 145:18 (NIV)*

Please lift up these points of prayer when you pray this month:

- ◆ Those who have outside jobs and those who may not have shelter from the hot sun and high temperatures.
- ◆ Lift up in prayer those affected by hurricane winds and flooding during this hurricane season.
- ◆ Teachers, parents and students as they prepare to go back to school. From pre-school to grad school and beyond, they all need prayers and support for this next school year.



The Salem Church Office will be closed on Labor Day, Monday, September 6th. Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, September 7th, 9 a.m.—3 p.m.
Monday—Thursday.



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Formation of Nominations and Leadership Development Committee

According to our *Book of Discipline* (BOD) each church must have a Nominations and Leadership Development Committee. (NLDC) It doesn't matter if we are using the Simplified Structure of the Committee system; each UMC church needs a NLDC committee.

Our BOD says, “¶ 258.1. *There shall be elected annually, by the charge conference in each local church, a committee on nominations and leadership development that is composed of professing members of the local church. The charge of this committee is to identify, develop, deploy, evaluate, and monitor Christian spiritual leadership for the local congregation. Members of the committee shall engage in and be attentive to developing and enhancing their own Christian spiritual life in light of the mission of the Church.*”

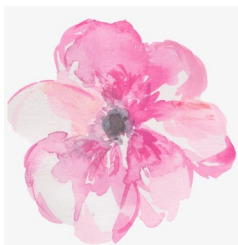
You can read more at www.umc.org/en/content/book-of-discipline-2581-committee-on-nominations-and-leadership-development.

Salem Church will be electing people at church conference to serve on the NLDC. We are looking for people who have a heart for developing leaders and have their finger on the pulse of what is happening at Salem. Pastor Les will be chairing this committee and looks forward to all the great things we can do together for the Lord.



Learn to Play Handbells!

Learn the art of ringing English handbells! The Summering Program will allow Salem members and friends hands-on ringing education in a stress-free environment! Music reading is helpful, but not necessary. Basic note reading and rhythm instruction will be given as part of the program. We will meet each Wednesday in August beginning with August 4th at 6:30pm in the sanctuary. If you have any questions, please contact Charles Kelley at 843-325-1155 or contact the church office at 717-938-1928 or office@susumc.org



Women Of Light Summer Picnic

Women of Light will gather on Sunday, August 8th at 12:30pm at 336 Braddock Drive, Etters.

Bring a favorite picnic dish to share.

Chicken will be provided along with rolls, plates and utensils.

Neither heat nor rain will stop this picnic!

Western Meal & Movie

Saddle Up Girls! Join us on Sunday, September 12th in Room 115 at Salem Church to enjoy a western-themed meal and the movie "Westward the Women" (fictional, but based on true stories from that time.) Meal will be provided but a \$5 donation is appreciated. For additional fun, please wear your best western outfit! A prize may be awarded for the best dressed!

For these events, sign-up on the bulletin board just outside of Fellowship hall, or contact Jeannie Pelen
jpelen@ptd.net or 717-579-5164.

All single, divorced and widowed women are invited.

Sunday Summer Fellowship

Sunday, August 29th

WORSHIP *Slight time change, one week only*

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Salem Church will lift prayers for the beginning of our school year in our morning worship services.

The Traditional Service at 8:15am.

Livestream with worshipful music at 9:30am.

Worship service beginning at 10:00am with prayers for the school year and the **Blessing of the Backpacks** for all children and youth attending.

DON'T FORGET YOUR BACKPACK!



PACK A PICNIC LUNCH

Bring a lunch, a lawn chair or blanket and join us as we eat together after worship at **11:30 a.m.**



CAPRI SON GRAND PRIX

Kids! Bring their bikes, trikes and non-gasoline powered vehicles for the First Ever Grand Prix, a small course with a pit stop! You won't want to miss

the official start at 12:00pm.



CORNHOLE!

At 12:15pm, we will begin an informal CORNHOLE tournament. Grab a partner and get your name on the bracket when you arrive. Bring your own boards and bags if you've got 'em.

Will anyone beat Team Kline this time around? Be the first to know and join in this summer day of fellowship and fun!





LICE KIT CAMPAIGN

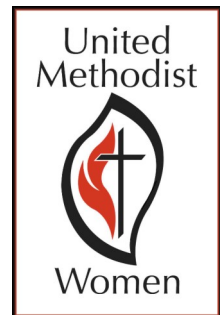
through September 17th

Salem is collecting monetary donations for LICE KITS. Kits will be purchased for the West Shore School District at the cost of about \$20 per kit. School social workers find it extremely valuable to have lice kits on hand to give directly to students. With a donated lice kit, students return to school quickly reducing longer absences when families cannot afford treatment. Your designated donation can make a difference to local school children.



United Methodist Women Picnic

The United Methodist Women will meet Thursday, August 12th at 6:30pm at the church pavilion for a picnic. Please bring a covered dish or dessert to share. Meat, drinks & paper products will be provided. Bring a friend and enjoy an evening a good food, fun and fellowship! All women of Salem and the community are welcome! In case of bad weather, the gathering will meet in Room 115 of the Church. For more information contact Heidi Stahl at hlstahl01@gmail.com or 717-512-3949



FAITH—HOPE—LOVE IN ACTION



This month feature is
American evangelist, author and Bible teacher

Beth Moore

Beth Moore is the founder of Living Proof Ministries, a Bible-based organization for women based in Houston, Texas. The ministry focuses on aiding women who desire to model their lives on evangelical Christian principles. She is one of the most prominent American evangelical women, who speaks at arena events and has sold millions of books.

Our library has many of Beth Moore's books.
Here is a sampling:

Audacious

Glancing over the years of ministry behind her and strengthening her resolve to the call before her, Beth came to the realization that her vision for women was incomplete. It lacked something they were aching for. What was missing? Well, let's just say, it's audacious and it's for all of us. And it's the path to the life you were born to live.

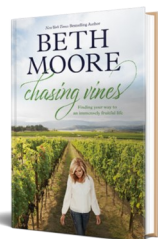


Delivered

Beth's journey out of the pit has been heart-rending. But from this and the poetic expressions of Psalm 40 has come the reward: a new song for her soul, given by her Savior and offered to you. This is Beth's most stirring message yet of the sheer hope, utter deliverance, and complete and glorious freedom of God.

Chasing Vines

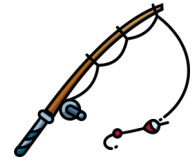
Join Beth Moore on her journey of discovering the delights of baring fruit and fully embracing God's brilliant design for us to live a fruitful, meaningful, and abundant life.



Submitted by Kathy Alford, Librarian



MEN OF SALEM



Men are invited to Baker's Pond located at 883 Siddonsburg Rd, Lewisberry for the 5th Annual Fishing Bonfire Picnic on **Wednesday, August 11th at 5:30pm**. For your GPS, the Bakers live on the corner of Siddonsburg Rd and Observatory Rd. Hot dogs, buns, condiments, water, fishing rods and bait provided. Bring your favorite dish and drinks. You may RSVP on the connection card, or let Hal Baker know you're coming. 717-938-6899 or bakghse@gmail.com

YMPC & Salt n Light Youth Rally



Young Peoples Ministry Council of the Susquehanna Conference has partnered with Salt n Light Ministries to bring us a fun night full of worship, conversation, games and fun! FCSalem Youth are already registered, so all you need to do is fill out the **photo release form** included in your latest e-letter. Return it to Jess before the evening of August 15th. Please bring a lawn chair/blanket and a packed dinner.

Snack Donations Needed

Salem Youth are asking for donations of bottled water and individually packaged snacks to share with the participants of this event.



Please label items "Salt n Light Rally" and place them in the youth room upstairs or drop off in the church office



Thank you in advance!

SAFE SANCTUARIES

Providing a safe environment for children & youth as they grow in faith



As our church increases in-person ministry after the pandemic and more events and programs are set upon the church calendar; the need for more volunteers to run the various ministries is also increasing.

It is both the passion and practice of the United Methodist Church to protect children, youth and vulnerable adults from potential harm. Each local church is mandated to follow Safe Sanctuaries policies. Individuals working directly with children and youth must to obtain clearances at the state and federal level, AND complete a Ministry Safe training video for certification.

We encourage you to proactively obtain your clearances for your volunteering here at Salem.

It is quick. It is easy. It is at no cost to you!

You can find the instructions to obtain your clearances on the Susquehanna UMC Conference web page at this link:

<https://www.susumc.org/safe-sanctuaries/>

Scroll to the bottom of the page

Select “procedures for volunteer clearances.”

Contact Tracey Michelsen if you have any questions.
717-938-1928 or tmichelsen@fcsalem.org

Thank you for doing your part!

August Sermon Series

A new chapter of faithfulness and service is beginning at Salem Church. We are turning the pandemic page and are starting to write a new chapter of Salem's story. Pastor Les is going to share scriptural stories and illustrations to encourage and challenge Salem Church to look anew what it means to be the Church.

AUGUST 8 Simple Church—Romans 10:9-15

The main thing should always remain the main thing. Our mission is to make disciples for Jesus. Sometimes church can get in the way of our mission. Based on a book written a few years ago, we will consider what it means to be a simple church.

AUGUST 15 3 Cord Strand—Ecclesiastes 4:12

A cord of 3 strands is not easily broken. We will discover what each cord represents and how to tie these cords together in our lives.

AUGUST 22 Worship Wars—Psalm 145:1-8

As Salem Church is now worshiping with no restrictions, we will get back to 'the way things were' at Salem. I have found that even with three different worship services, people can still be unhappy because of worshiping in a way that is not their preference. We are going to look at worship in a whole new way and discover what it most important is not what you desire, but what **God desires** in our worship.

AUGUST 29 Commentary from the Boat—Matthew 14

What were the disciples thinking when Peter stepped out on the water? No doubt, there was a lot of commentary from the boat as Peter walked on the water. When people at Salem step out to try new things for the Lord, how are they supported? We want to become a church that encourages people to take risks and step out in faith for the Lord.

“What can I do?”

Pastor Jenny has a goal to get as many Salemites participating in some form of hands on ministry before her birthday, December 31st. Jenny is looking for folks who want to serve, but haven't had a chance to do so because the time or day is not convenient. She has “odd jobs” for one or two persons to do in a morning or afternoon or evening of your choosing. If you can sort donated food, make a delivery or organize a small closet, and other stuff, contact her at: jthomas@fcsalem.org or 717-938-1928 and say, “what can I do?”



SALEM SHARES FOOD POP UP

will pack up bags of food on
Thursday, August 5th at 3pm,
and then distribute them at 4pm.



OUTREACH

As we approach the 20th Anniversary of September 11th, we are collecting items to fill baskets as an outreach to our local 911 responders as a way to say, “thank you” for all of their hard work and commitment to keeping us safe. We are in need of individually wrapped snacks--something they can grab as they run out the door (cookies, chips, candy, protein bars, etc.). Please have your items to the church by September 5th. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 717-938-1928.

HELLO

JOIN OUR TEAM OF SUNDAY MORNING GREETERS

GREETERS: Salem Church is in need of greeters at the 8:15 and 9:30 am services. If you have a heart for guests and a desire to extend hospitality to all; you will make a great greeter. You can be the first point of contact with a guest that will not only encourage them to return to Salem church, but God may also use you to bring them back to Himself. Is God calling you to be a greeter? Please contact Pastor Les for more information. 717-938-1928 ltowsey@fcsalem.org

WE NEED SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS!! Families have come back to church, and the children's Sunday School classes have grown so much we need additional teachers! 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! The choice is yours. Please contact Tracey Michelsen if you are interested: tmichelsen@fcsalem.org or 717-938-1928



In-person worship attendance has increased and we are looking for some volunteers to set up chairs in Fellowship Hall prior to the service on Sunday morning. More activities are also being scheduled for the Fellowship Hall during the week. This means stacking chairs following 9:30 worship, 7 chairs high and rolled into the closet with a chair dolly. (Sliding stacks damages our floor). Please leave 40 chairs for 11am worship. To help, contact Marty Wagner 717-574-1682, or the church office, 717-938-1928.





GriefShare is a faith-based, 12-week curriculum for those experiencing loss. Dave Kline and Linda Wrightstone will be leading this program which uses a combination of video seminar, group discussion, and a personal workbook. This is open to anyone in our community. Please pass the word to anyone you feel could benefit from this type of support. Questions can be directed to Dave Kline (717-774-4995). You can register by calling the church office, via the connection card, or www.griefshare.org



Newberrytown Church of God, 2825 Old Trail Rd., York Haven
is hosting

REVIVAL ON THE HILL

August 25th through 28th.

Starts at 6:30—8:00pm each night.

Bring a lawn chair or blanket for this outside event.

Link to the community revival service they are planning:
<https://www.facebook.com/events/197101358535159>

BACK TO THE BIBLE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS NEWS
By Kathy Alford

Through August we will continue studying Max Lucado's *Jesus*. Lucado explores the life and character of Jesus. The God of the universe knows your name. He has walked your streets. Jesus--perhaps you've heard about him, studied him, or prayed to him. But do you know him? This is the question Max poses to the reader. Divided into six sections (Immanuel, Friend, Teacher, Miracle Worker, Lamb of God, Returning King) each containing multiple chapters, this book not only describes the person of Jesus but also eloquently dives into the heart of Jesus towards the reader. By exploring Jesus' life, death, and resurrection as well as specific details like how he interacted with his friends and his enemies, what he did with time alone, how he acted at a party, this compilation from Max Lucado gives readers the chance to become more familiar with the man at the center of the greatest story ever told. By learning more about the person Jesus was and is, the reader will understand more clearly the person they were created to be. Max writes, "Don't settle for a cursory glance or a superficial understanding. Look long into the heart of Christ and you'll see it. Grace and life. Forgiveness of sin. The defeat of death. This is the hope he gives. This is the hope we need."

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 August:

Jesus by Max Lucado

August 1	Compassionate Physician
August 8	no class this week
August 15	Great Teacher
August 22	Miracle Worker
August 29	Victorious Sacrifice





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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED