

The Salem

Stimulus

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From Pastor Les

How quickly the mighty can fall. Major corporations go under. Politicians get caught in scandals and get tossed out of office. Strong relationships sometimes crumble and cease. Do you remember Chi Chi's restaurant? It was my favorite when I was growing up; I loved their fried ice cream. I could hardly believe that it closed.

These events remind us of just how temporary the things of this world are. Things that seem invincible can crumble suddenly. The powerful can become weak and helpless. What once may have seemed unbreakable, breaks.

King David, from the bible, knew about the fall of the mighty. David had seen the fall of the many. As a boy, he had defeated the giant, Goliath. He had led Israel into battle against enemies who had far greater resources—and won! David, the mighty king, fell himself—caught in adultery, murder, and lies. Through all this, David learned that God alone truly is “mighty.” As he once asked, “Who is the King of glory?” The answer? “The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle” (Psalm 24:8).

Today, remember that people and nations may rise and fall. Businesses may come and go. Market values may increase and decrease. Green leaves turn to color then fall lifeless to the ground. In the midst of all these things; God never changes! You always can depend on Him. He is the Lord strong and mighty, he will never falter or fail. Trust in Him.

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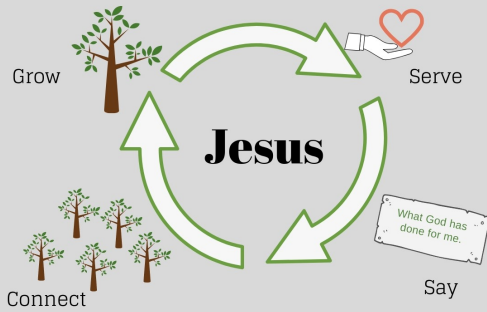
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Sunday Service Schedule

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

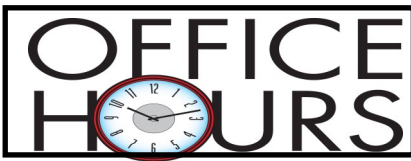




Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know. Jeremiah 33:3 (NIV)

Please include the following in your prayer time during the month of September:

- The people of Haiti and Afghanistan as they face many changes and challenges.
- Labor Day is September 7th. Labor Day celebrates American workers and how hard work has helped our country do well and prosper. Pray for someone who works hard at their job and makes your life a little better.
- September 21st is World Gratitude Day. Show your gratitude and appreciation and thank God for the many blessings he provides every day. Show your gratitude and appreciation.



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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Serving Ministry Update

Salem has distributed free emergency food boxes monthly since last October. Recently, area food banks informed us that free food boxes would no longer be available.

The volunteer Pop-up Team confirms the need to continue serving 30-40 families each month. This local need is clarified in statistical studies done in 2019 by area food banks and non-profits organizations.

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 17319 zip code revealed:

High food scarcity

(% of hungry persons exceeds the % food available)

Low food distribution

(limit in places to receive food)

Food needs being met is less than 25%

With hearts at Salem ready to serve, the York County Food Bank and the Central PA Food Bank see our zest to help, and support our church in future steps to share food as a partnering agency.



As a food bank partner, Salem would be considered a food pantry which would open the pipeline of free food resources (USDA – DEPT Ag) as well as several other nutritious options (some offered at a minimal fee from .03 - .018 per lb).

Pastor Jenny is in communication with leaders of Salem who support further extending our arm of Christian service into the community. Soul Food Ministry will continue to share food and work as always to make sure no one in our neighborhood is hungry. Egg-makers, who utilize the church kitchen and storage, are ready to share space for new steps in food sharing.

If you have any questions or concerns about the prospects of Salem expanding as a food pantry in partnership with local Food Banks, please don't walk, run and contact Pastor Jenny.

717-938-2950 or jthomas@fcsalem.org

**Hunger
Free York**
York County Food Bank



OUTREACH TO OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY OF FIRST RESPONDERS

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.



Congratulations to Kelsey Roberston for her promotion to Worship Director at Fishing Creek Salem. We are excited for what God has in store for us under her direction here at Salem. May God continue to bless Kelsey, her husband Caleb, their daughter Praise and their new baby that will be arriving after the holidays. Congratulations Kelsey!

**STAY TUNED FOR EXCITING CHOIR NEWS as
Kelsey Robertson begins the 2021 2022 Choir Season!**



A warm welcome to Justin Jans who is officially joining our music staff as of September. Justin has accompanied Kelsey in the Gathering band and Derek with the Informal Worship Team for the past two years as a volunteer. We are excited and pleased to announce he is now part of the staff at Fishing Creek. Welcome Justin, Erica and their children; Jude, Elijah and Sadie.

The FCS Handbell choir season is beginning!
Rehearsals will be held Wednesday evenings in the Sanctuary beginning September 1st @ 6:30pm. The bell choir will share in service one time each month. New members are always welcome-come join us! Contact Charles Kelley 845-325-1155.



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 .



Got treasures that need new homes!?! Want to park in your garage this fall? We can help! See details for the upcoming yard sale on page 13.



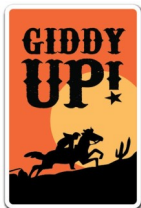
LICE KIT CAMPAIGN

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.



WOMEN OF SALEM



WOMEN OF LIGHT 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.

MORE 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. Please sign up as soon as possible on the WOL bulletin board or by calling Marsha Young at (717) 982-1256 or by emailing her at mdyoung805@gmail.com. The deadline for signing up is September 19th. The cost of the show is \$30 (adults) or \$25 (Senior-60+). You can make your check payable to Marsha Young and place it in her church mailbox or send it to her at 22 Johns Rd., Enola, PA 17025. This does not include a meal, please eat before you come.

Women of Light is open to all single, widowed or divorced women.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN—

Will have their monthly meeting on September 9th at 6:30PM. There will be a guest speaker Mr. Ed Curtis will be discussing when children are left behind after parents are arrested. All women of the church and community are welcome to attend.



THE BOOKWORMS—All women are welcome to join the Bookworms on September 15th at 7PM. This month's pick is “*American Dirt*” by Jeannine Cummings.

The group hopes to begin meeting again every 3rd Wednesday of the month. Topics will vary and will be picked by the group. Current health guidelines at the time of each meeting will be followed. If you would like more information or to be put on the email list, please contact Marsha Uber uber2495@ptd.net or call or feel free to text (717) 668-2303.

MEN OF SALEM

GONE' FISHIN' TAKE TWO—

The 5th Annual Fishing Bonfire Picnic at the Baker's Pond was **RESCHEDULE** to **Wednesday, September 8th** 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



MEN'S BREAKFAST IN BACK—

All men are welcome, whether you attend Fishing Creek Salem or not. All are welcome to bring a BROTHER for good food and fellowship.

Breakfast will be served at 8am.

Don't be mistaken! We do breakfast **MANLY** style—so come hungry!!



The speaker this month is , Dwight Kopp and he will begin at 8:30am. Born and raised in Zambia, Dwight might be able to say hello in more languages than he has pairs of socks. Dwight loves to make stuff, hang out with his family and drink tea. This fine gentleman has connected with people in all walks of life—from presidential cabinet members, and local chiefs to entrepreneurs, janitors and teenagers. He has lived in three countries, authored seven books and logged over 10,000 hours as an educator and motivational speaker. Currently Dwight owns and operates Forgotten Mountain where he builds premium architectural accents and home decor. He and his wife also own Passage Publishing Company with a third partner.

If you are interested in helping to set up, cook or assist in cleaning up from this event, please contact Kevin Wert.

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!

September Sermon Series

September 5

Don't Labor for Food that Perishes

Jesus taught us to work for food that does not perish. All food perishes. We will explore what kind of food does not perish, and seek to labor for it.

September 12

The Church exists to glorify God

The Church primarily exists to bring glory to God. This means Sunday morning is not about the coffee, fellowship, songs, or sermon; Sunday morning is about God and how we glorify Him. We will learn what it means to glorify God and discuss ways to bring more glory to God through the church.

September 19

The Church exists to fulfill the Great Commission

Jesus commanded all Christians to go and make disciples. The church is not a county club where we meet for our own edification; we are a mission station! We meet to then go out into the world and make disciples. We will learn about what it means to make disciples and discuss some practical steps we can take to make disciples for Jesus.

September 26

The Church exists to build each other up

We can't make this Christian journey alone. We need each other. The Church is the body of Christ for the world and for each other. We will discover what it means to build each other up and learn ways to build each other up.

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

FAITH—HOPE—LOVE IN ACTION

WE NEED SUNDAY SCHOOL HELPERS!!

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! The choice is yours. Please contact Tracey Michelsen if you are interested: tmichelsen@fcsalem.org or 717-938-1928.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2021 CORN HOLE CHAMPIONS!

What a fun afternoon for our Corn Hole Tournament. Fourteen teams battled it out in a round robin tourney at the end of August. A big congratulations to youth Connor Livingston and Austin Michelsen on their win.





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.

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.



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

FISHING CREEK SALEM CHRISTIAN LIBRARY

by Kathy Alford

This month's article features author Max Lucado's creation *Hermie and Friends* which is a Christian video series for preschoolers which ran from 2003 to 2010. The show is 3D animated and stars two caterpillars named Hermie and Wormie. The show started with a 40-minute Max Lucado video special called *Hermie: A Common Caterpillar*, based on his book of the same name. The show was turned into a video series that takes place before Hermie became a butterfly. In teaching children values, several well-known persons voice the characters such as actors, Tim Conway, Don Knotts, and Vicki Lawrence; author Frank Peretti; and musicians in the band Third Day. Our library has the following books and/or DVDs from the series:

Hermie: A Common Caterpillar
Flo the Lyin' Fly

Webster the Scaredy Spider

Buzby, the Misbehaving Bee

A Fruitcake Christmas

Stanley the Stinkbug Goes to Camp

To Share or Not to Share

Milo: The Mantis Who Wouldn't Pray

Buzby and the Grumble Bees

Hailey and Bailey's Silly Fight

Hermie and the High Seas

Skeeter and the Mystery of the Lost Mosquito

The Flo Show Creates a Buzz

Who's In Charge Anyway?

Hermie and Wormie's Nutty Adventure



Antonio Meets His Match

The Flood of Lies

The Flood of Lies

BACK TO THE BIBLE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS NEWS

By Kathy Alford

Beginning in September and lasting six weeks, 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.

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 September:

Romans by Melissa Spoelstra

5 Session 1 "Good News About Faith" (Romans 1-3)

12 Session 2 "Good News About Hope" (Romans 4-5)

19 Session 3 "Good News About Daily Life " (Romans 6-8)

26 Session 4 "Good News About God's Plan" (Romans 9-11)





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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED