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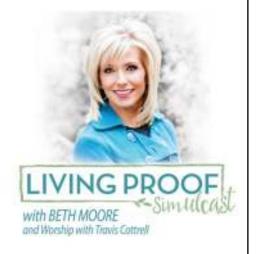
September 2016

### **Small Group Expo- Let's Grow Together**



We know we should cultivate our relationship with God. So many things stand in our way, busyness, distractedness, uncomfortableness. But, now there's an opportunity to push past all the reasons we don't and just do it!

On September 11, after each service, join small group leaders in the welcome center, and hear about what they have planned for the fall. Each small group will be represented at the event. If you've ever been curious about a group, now's a great time to learn about it. Take a moment and discover the many groups we have. They vary from Bible study, book study, activities and service, some meet monthly, some weekly, some long term, some short term. We have a great group of dedicated leaders, come and meet them and start growing again!



September 17, 2016 Fishing Creek Salem UMC

Doors open at 9:30 AM
Worship Starts at 10:30 AM

\$20.00 w/lunch included

T-shirts and books available for purchase day of event

For more information or questions contact Jeannette Payne (717)781-5136 or netty0826@gmail.com

Ticket available for purchase in the office between services beginning 8/7.

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#### **NEW DIGS MINISTRY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS**

New Digs Ministry Inc., a 501(c)3 non-profit organization which works out of Mission Central in Mechanicsburg, has an urgent need for volunteers to help the ministry serve the growing needs of the community. New Digs Ministry's mission is to help people who have suffered some set-backs to rebuild their lives. In the first six months of 2016, New Digs has provided over 1,200 adults and children with nearly \$425,000 of household goods.

In order to continue offering such assistance, New Digs needs more folks to support its work in the warehouse. Of particular need are people to work in the furniture/bedding/appliance department; the positions involve moving items in and out of the warehouse using pallet jacks. The ministry also is in need of folks able to pick up donated furniture and other goods in the area and deliver them to Mission Central.

Potential volunteers are encouraged to contact New Digs Ministry by calling 717-620-9735 for further information and to volunteer.



## Blanket Sunday — September 25th

BBRRR!!! When the weather outside is cold and deep with snow, we burrow under warm blankets to stay warm. Imagine a man on a cold bench, or a family standing outside of their home, looking at the devastation caused by a natural disaster... How will they find

warmth? For many, a simple blanket given when they most need it is a loving way to offer warmth, to offer hope. Many people without homes have a daily challenge of fighting the bitter cold. Around the world, disasters force people from their homes, sending them to shelters and refugee camps where a blanket can make a big difference.

The Church World Service (CWS) Blanket program provides warmth, hope, and care during cold and trying times. A gift of just \$10 provides a sturdy, comforting blanket to children, men and women who are struggling against the cold. Donations may be placed in the offering plate (an envelope will be provided) on Sunday, September 25th. Checks may be written to FCSUMC with "CWS Blankets" in the memo line.



Item of the Month: As we buy school supplies for our children going back to school here, please think of those boys and girls around the world that can not afford to buy school supplies for themselves. Single subject spiral bound notebooks are needed for the school kits Mission Central sends to those less fortunate.

Please put the notebooks in the bin marked "Mission Central Item of the Month" located at the end of the hall outside Nursery School rooms (rooms 112-114).



Dear Fishing Creek Salem United Methodist Church,

Your support of our 10th annual Neighborhood Fun Night was tremendous! Thank you so much for your outreach to our community. We served 332 hot dogs, 403 Hamburgers, 120 lbs. of potatoes, 22 gallons of ice cream, 4 gallons of chicken corn soup, 26 homemade goodies through the cake walk, 254 mini school kits, a tremendous amount of clothes, 13 Bibles , many children's Bible storybooks and all the stuffed animals. The amount of food we served was down from last year. I believe that attendance was the average over the last 4 years, although I have no scientific way to assess.

The volunteers including children and the Boy Scouts were fantastic. Don Conley was even working a game in the middle of the parking lot! This is always the case with this event. But it doesn't go unnoticed.

We had the Rebel Heart Irish Dance team, a trio of musicians, and of course the Informal Worship team. We did not have the ponies this year because of the high heat.

I would like to take this opportunity to remember Sue Schell and honor Matt Saltzer. Both gave timeless energy and commitment to this event from its inception 9 years ago.

Your hospitality to our community and to each other was remarkable. We showed, our community and each other, Jesus on July 26. It is with deepest gratitude that I thank you for blessing me that evening and the work you did preceding that night.

The setup and cleanup was fantastic and I was humbled by your efforts and spirit.

We will be striving to do better next year. Please send comments and suggestions to <a href="mailto:martyj78@ptd.net">martyj78@ptd.net</a> or call me at 717-574-1682 or 717-938-4336.

Blessed by each of you,

~ Marty Wagner

### Might God Be Calling You?

If you sense that God might be calling you to serve as a Stephen Minister, the first step is to find out more about getting involved. Please contact our Stephen Ministry Coordinator, Jerri Mulholland, 717-979-9306.



Stephen Ministers Talk about Their Life-Changing Experiences

Read this story from one of our Stephen Ministers and learn how she has grown personally and spiritually from her experience in a caring ministry.

"The sin that bothers me the most is when I judge or critique the choices made by others. However, knowing that God is our judge, not me, I repent, and rejoice in the freedom of God's will for my life. During the Stephen Ministry training, I learned how to be an effective communicator because of the distinctively Christian care skills needed for healthy relationships. Spiritually, I treasure the time invested in the Stephen Ministry program because it is a constant reminder that Jesus is the center of my relationships. Whether I am with a care receiver, family, friend, or stranger, I am allowing His light to shine in and through me."

Click on this link to learn more about what Stephen Ministers are and do.

https://www.stephenministries.org/stephenministry/default.cfm/1596

THIS FALL WE ARE SHIFTING THE WAY FISHING CREEK SA-LEM VIEWS CHILDREN'S MINISTRY.

WE REALIZE WE ONLY GET ONE HOUR EACH WEEK WITH YOUR AMAZING CHILD. WE NOW UNDERSTAND HOW TO IMPACT THEM EVEN MORE THAN EVER WITH AN OUT POURING OF GOD'S LOVE THROUGHOUT THEIR WEEK.

TOGETHER... WE WILL

BECOME ORANGE!

ORANGE IS SIMPLE.

ORANGE IS A STRATEGY.



ALONE, THESE TWO WORK HARD TO ENSURE THAT EVERY CHILD HAS A



BUT WHEN THEY'RE COMBINED, THE HOME AND CHURCH WILL HAVE A



And that is... ORANGE.



### **Prophecies of the Bible**

A Bible study to discover God's plans for mankind. You will learn what God's plans were in the past and what His plans are for the future. Learn why we should study Bible prophecy, also what was required to be a prophet. We will cover fulfilled prophecies, prophecies that have been partially fulfilled and prophecies waiting to be fulfilled.

Why was God against the Amalekites, why was He against the city of Tyre? Find out what happened to them. What did the Apostle Paul have to say about the rapture? Study prophecies concerning the Tribulation and the "wrath of God". Discover how these prophecies will affect everyday life of the billions of people that are on the earth at that time. How many stages are there to the first resurrection? How many judgments are there? Perhaps more than you may think! The goal of this study is a better understanding of the Bible, increased trust in God and to rely on the hope that He gives us.

For more information checkout at the flyer on the small group bulletin board outside the pastor's office. Contact Terry Duncan at 822-0190 or <a href="mailto:typofour@gmail.com">typofour@gmail.com</a> for additional information or to sign up for the study. The study will start Tuesday, September 6 from 6:30-8:00 pm and will last until the end of November. You may also sign up using the Connection Card in the bulletin.

#### ALPHA IN THE COMMUNITY

Alpha class is a discussion of basic Christian topics such as;
Who is Jesus?
Why did He die?
Who is the Holy Spirit?

Salem will offer an Alpha class at the Valley Green Townhouse Community Building, beginning September 22nd at 6pm. We are very excited to be offering this off campus in our community! Contact Marty Wagner with questions, interest in the class, or a desire to help in some way. (574-1682, martyj78@ptd.net)

# Women of Salem SAVE THE DATE!

Join us for an "In House" Women's Retreat, Nov. 11-12.

You won't want to miss this opportunity of worship, fellowship and spiritual renewal this fall! We'll kick things off on Friday evening and spend the day together on Saturday as well.

Contact Marcia Sadler (msadler\_pac@yahoo.com) or Steph Sechrist (stephanie.sechrist@comcast.net) with questions.

Watch for more details to come!



# 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



I don't know about you, but I feel old when I think about all the technology I have lived through. My first record was a 45 of "The Age of Aquarius". Did you ever tell a young person he sounds like a broken record and look at the confusion on his face? Then I had albums, cassette tapes, 8-track tapes, film strips, VHS tapes, and floppy disks. Now everything seems to be on a round disk whether a DVD or a CD.

Our library still has samples of these golden oldies. You can find some records, audio cassettes, film strips, and lots of VHS tapes. I was sad when I heard last week that VHS tape machines are no longer being made, so hold on to yours! We have a massive amount of VHS tapes. We will keep them for a few years or as long as people keep borrowing them. Please don't donate any more of them though.

I am replacing the most popular VHS tapes with DVDs. This month the latest DVDs are great animated Bible stories for children. These 45 minute DVDs are from the Family Entertainment Network. Each one also comes with an accompanying activity book. The activities are rated as easy, intermediate, and difficult. Each activity or coloring page references the accompanying DVD. These activity books are found in the Sunday School teacher/youth leader section which is found on the built- in bookshelves by the desk in the library. The bottom shelf on the right holds the collection. These are great resources for teachers and parents. There are also four Feature Films for Families DVDs that also have an activity book.

Here is a list of the DVDs:

The Buttercream Gang Who Gets the House? Rigoletto No More Baths! Joseph's Reunion David and Goliath Ruth Daniel

Macabees: The Story of Hanukkah

The King Is Born

The Prodigal Son
The Good Samaritan
Lazarus Lives
The Miracles of Jesus
The Parables of Jesus
Built Upon the Rock
He Is Risen
Signs of the Times
The Ministry of Paul



The Back to the Bible Sunday School Class News

by Kathy Alford

Continuing through the first two weeks of September, the Back to the Bible Sunday School Class will be studying *Journey Through the Bible: Colossians through Jude. Journey Through the Bible* uses the NRSV to study the Bible book by book. Each volume contains 13 sessions. It highlights pivotal points in the Scripture and lifts up the Bible's most significant stories, themes, events, and people. The study features questions and describes the historical and cultural setting. The lesson includes the original language and what the passage meant for its first readers. It gives insight into possible life applications for individuals, congregations, and communities and maps out a daily personal journey plan for those interested in reading the whole Bible, verse by verse.

Beginning September 25 and extending through October 30, our class will be studying Five Marks of a Methodist by Steve Harper.

Here is our lesson schedule for September.

Journey Through the Bible: Colossians-Jude

September 4 Lesson 12 "God's Love In Us" I John

September 11 Lesson 13 "Warnings" 2 John, 3 John, Jude

September 18- no class Visit the informal service!

Five Marks of a Methodist

September 25 Character: Five Marks of a Methodist



The Salem Seniors will be meeting on Thursday, September15th at 1pm at Bonefish Grill in Camp Hill.

Please contact Barb Coulter (938-3844) to make your reservations by 12th.

ALL seniors are invited to join us for a wonderful afternoon of fun and fellowship.

The United Methodist Women will have their Annual Auction Thursday, September 8th, 7pm in Room 115

Please bring a wrapped item with the approximate value written on the outside.

Come and join in the fun as the bidding goes on and see the unusual items that have been auctioned off.

The proceeds go toward our Mission Projects.

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





"RE-UNITED AND IT FEELS SO GOOD" September 11, 2016 12:15 p.m.



The Women of Light will meet for a pot luck picnic in the church pavilion (room 115 in case of rain). Drinks and paper products will be provided. Please bring a pot luck dish to share.

Please sign up on the Women of Light bulletin board or call Marsha Young at 982-1256.

New members are always welcome! If you are a single lady and want to make some new friends, join us! Contact Linda Wrightstone (774-0901) with any questions.



#### 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:

**September** - Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption, by Bryan Stevenson

**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.



#### Please keep in your prayers these people who have had prayer concerns in the last month:

Family of William Allen (brother-in-law of Ken & Jo Small), Carol Allison, Ambraises & family, Donna, Paula, Robert & Rochelle Armes, Justin Barlup, Judy Benton's husband Tom & daughter Brittney, Samantha Benton, Ina Binkie, Scott Binns, Don Blake, John & Charlotte Brame, Brandi (Mel Hepburn's friend), Jake & Fay Brown, Career changes & loss of job, Carl, Marsha Chilcoat, Church Camp Children, Velma Coffman, College Students, Cora & Michael, Melanie Cunningham, Dad, Uncle & Co-worker, John Daubermen, Daughter looking for employment, Domestic Relations Meeting, Marissa Duff, Linda Emondson, Eleanor, Family divorce and problems, Ali & Matt Farmer, Frankie (Pam Mailey's son), Friends whose son died, Wally & Carolyn Funk, Brain Gopear (Sue Taylor's friend's son), Fran& Wanda Graham, Deb. H., Haiti Mission workers, Ina & Den Keipper, Louise Keipper's family, Debra King, Sandy Kline, Arlene, Kowal, Connor Livingston, Kacie Long, People in Louisiana floods, Sue Lucas' daughter's pregnancy, Angelique Wilt-Luisi, Vickie Lynn, Abigail Martin, Stacy McGee, Bonnie Morris, Stacy Morris, Nan & Mike, Neighborhood Fun Night, Deb & Bob Oakley, Olympic Athletes, Rick & Alice Orlandi, Paris, Pauletta (Lisa Keck's cousin), People in need of love & hope, Karen, Jared & Ryan Pepperman, Policemen, Linda Pratt daughter Cheryl & Linda's caregiver Terry Yinger (Bonnie Moody's mother), Prayer Shawl Ministry Ladies, Sue Preun, Kelly Priddy, Chuck Pulis, Red Bird Mission Workers, Stephanie Reynolds, Kyle Richetts, Roger Rose, Jen Rose, Gail Rosenberry, Shawn Rupp & children (Sophia, Kayla & Jordan), Elena Ryerson, Paul Sabold's family (Jessie Sanders brother-in-law), Sherri Salata (Danielle Gross's aunt), Paul & Shirley Schaeffer, Peggy Schmidt (Sue Shirk's sister), Mark Shank, Rob Shank, Shirl & Robert Sheibley (Fay & Jake Brown's sister-in-law), Ken Smith (Kathie Hoke's nephew), Kyle Snyder, Gina Stahlnecker, Raymond Steward, Michael Stewart, Richie Sykes & family (death of mother, Nataliefriend of Matthew Moody), Tom (Red Bird Mission worker), Maria Valentin, Marty Wagner & NFN, Shandon Walker (Bonnie Moody's friend), Shirley Weirich, Jason Woods fiancé & moving with new job, Kyle Young, Marsha Young, Salem's Stephen Ministers, SalemCares Ministry & 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.



We would like to thank everyone who has given monetary and food donations to the Susan Schell Memorial Soul Food Ministry. Your generosity is helping feed local children and other community members each week! Thank you for serving with us! ~ The Soul Food Team

Dear Rev. Heisley-Cato, Rev. Overman & Members of Fishing Creek Salem UM Church, Thank you so much for your very generous monetary donation. We appreciate your support. In July, we served 135 families that equaled 372 people. Thank you for helping us help our neighbors in i need. ~ Nina Myers & Deb Trimmer Co-Directors of the RL Food Ministry

Noah Bressler Kendyl Brtalik Jackson Christine **Molly Curtis** Don Grebbien Madison Hetherington Alaina Higgins **Brooke Hockenberry** Faith Malley Reece Meanor Samuel Miller Noah Musselman

Ben Painter Cora Payne Jake Pechart **Zachary Rine** Piper Smith Addlyn Snyder Elliana Snyder Michael Stank Julia Stenkoski Elizabeth Strohl Paul Strohl **Grayson Wolf** 





**Regular Office Hours** will resume Tuesday, September 6th.

Monday-Friday 8:30am-12:pm & 1-3pm



The Church Office will be **CLOSED** 

Monday, September 5th in observance of Labor Day.



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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

