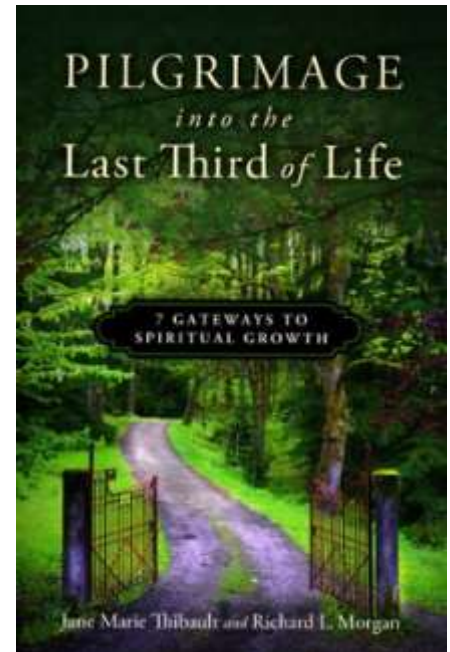


OPENING TO GOD
RECEIVING GOD'S GIFTS
IN THE LATER YEARS OF LIFE

A study group will launch on Tuesday, October 3, at 7:00 PM and continue on Tuesdays through November 14. Pastor Debbie and Glen Dunbar, a teacher and consultant on aging, will lead the class in study and discussion of the book *Pilgrimage into the Last Third of Life: 7 Gateways to Spiritual Growth*, by Jane Marie Thibault and Richard L. Morgan. The book offers a variety of ways in which we can stay open "to God and to the abundant life God constantly offers us" in the later years of life.

“*In this book, we reenvision later life not as a random series of events to be endured and adapted to but as an intentional movement toward God. Not just a journey but a purposeful, sacred search for our Beloved.*”



If you would like to join the study group, register on the Connection Card in the bulletin on Sunday or call the Church office (717-938-1928).

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Refugee Sponsorship Update

On September 13, 2017, we were notified that we had the requisite number of certified volunteers required to sponsor a refugee family! In that same email we were offered the opportunity to accept sponsorship of a 9-member, 3-generation refugee family from Bhutan.

The very next day they were scheduled to fly into New York City in the morning and would be in Harrisburg by late afternoon. Six out of our seven core team members were out of town. By our standards this certainly was not good timing—however—God's timing is never wrong so we accepted the call and said yes to sponsoring the Neupane family.

We are partnering with Catholic Charities. Our responsibilities primarily involve transportation, assisting with learning English, helping the family adjust to life in America, and providing encouragement.

The Neupane family speaks Nepali and have been living in a refugee camp in Nepal since 1993. Their life in the refugee camp consisted of living in a bamboo house with a plastic sheet for a roof, having no electricity, cooking over a fire and more.

Please keep the Neupane family and our volunteers in your prayers. If you are interested in assisting, contact Dave Kline (717-774-4995). Immediate contact with the family requires being certified by Catholic Charities. However, there are so many other ways to help.

Securing a car for the family will go a long way in helping their successful transition to life in America. If you are in a position to donate a car or know someone that is willing to donate a car, please contact Dave.

***Do to others as you would have them do to you.
Luke 6:31***

We Welcome Our New Administrative Assistant- Sandy Herman!
Sandy began her duties, September 5. Stop in and say "Hi!"



The United Methodist Women will have their next meeting on October 12th, at 7:00 pm in room 115. We will be packing food for the Soul Food Ministry and all the ladies of the church and the community are welcome!



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Needed Donations of the Following Items are needed:
Peanut butter, jelly, cereal, canned fruit, canned chicken and/or tuna. Tuna and/or chicken helper and shelf milk.

“The Best Christmas Pageant Ever the Musical”

Women of Light will be going to Allenberry Playhouse on Sunday, December 3rd for the 2:00 p.m. performance of *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever the Musical*. Tickets are \$22 for Seniors (60+) and \$28 for those under 60. Meet in the church parking lot at 12:30 p.m. Make checks payable to Jeannie Pelen and put in her mailbox by October 15th.



Be Prepared When Disaster Happens- Get ERT Certified or Recertified

The Susquehanna Conference Disaster Response ministries will be offering ERT (Early Response Team) training at 2 locations this fall. ERT Certification prepares you to be among the first responders in a disaster after emergency personnel complete their work. This UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) training is a great way to prepare for when disaster strikes our conference or its neighbors. No prior training or experience is required. Participants will need to have a background check done prior to receiving their badge but not prior to training.

The training will be offered at Good Shepard UMC, Tyrone October 7th and at Dorrance UMC, Kingston November 4th. The cost of the training is \$20.00 this will include your manual and lunch. The course can also be used to recertify ERT's who's certification has expired. Register ASAP as class size is limited. Send contact info to Curt Knouse- cknouse@susumc.org or 717-994-6294.



★ **HAPPY** ★
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October

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Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart.

Psalm 37:4



BACK TO THE BIBLE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

By Kathy Alford

During the first week of October, we will be finishing *Under the Overpass* by Mike Yankoski, along with the rest of our church. This book is a journey of faith on the streets of America. Two college boys, Mike and Sam, in search of what it meant to live in Christ, decided to experience life on the streets for 5 months in 6 different cities. The book is a summary of their experiences, of what they learned, and how they grew as lovers of Christ.

For the remainder of October including the first Sunday of November, we will be studying William P. Young's popular book *The Shack*. This 5-week, video-based study uses Scripture and clips from the film to speak to those who are looking for faith, have lost faith along the way, or are strong in their faith but desire to trust God more deeply. This study will help participants connect with Him in a deeper way and experience life-changing love and forgiveness even in the midst of pain.

Are you looking for a class from 9:30 to 10:30 on Sunday mornings? We would love to have you join us. We meet upstairs in room 210. Materials are provided.

The following is our lesson schedule for October:

Under the Overpass by Mike Yankoski

October 1 Section 7 "San Diego"
Section 8 "Coming Back to Normal"

The Shack by William P. Young (study guide by Jeremy Jones)

October 8 Lesson 1 "Where Is God When I Need Him Most?"
October 15 Lesson 2 "How Does God See Me?"
October 22 Lesson 3 "Why Are You Doing This to Me?"
October 29 Lesson 4 "How Can I Know the Heart of the Father?"



Lice Kit Donations- were at an all-time high this year, over \$800! Thank you Salem for your generosity!



Missions Corner



Item of the Month: Your donations at work! Mission Central has recently sent over 5,000 cleaning buckets and over 10,000 hygiene kits to victims of Harvey and Irma. Thank you. This month we are asking for **hand towels** for the hygiene kits. Please put the hand towels in the bin marked "Mission Central" in Mission Corner.



LIBRARY NEWS

By Kathy Alford

CHURCH LIBRARY
News

United Methodist Women is the largest denominational faith organization for women with approximately 800,000 members whose mission is fostering spiritual growth, developing leaders and advocating for justice.

Members raise up to \$20 million each year for programs and projects related to women, children, and youth in the United States and in more than 100 countries around the world.

Our church supports a very active United Methodist Women’s group. One facet of their membership is the reading club. Each year there are recommended books for reading. Subjects are often mission-oriented biographies or fiction or nonfiction books which celebrate women and children and inspire action or increase spiritual understanding and empathy.

The Fishing Creek Salem Christian Library has been collecting books from the United Methodist Women’s Reading Program for years. They are identified by a red sticker on the spine often with the year written on the circle. The following are the 2017 reading books that are part of our collection. Double copies are available. They are on display at the end of shelves.



***The Reason: How I Discovered a Life Worth Living* by Lacey Sturm**

With raw vulnerability, Lacey Sturm, the hard rock princess, tells her story of physical abuse, depression, suicidal struggles, and more—and her ultimate salvation. She asks the hard questions showing that beyond the temporary highs and the soul-crushing lows is a reason each of us exists and a purpose for our lives.

***Miss Brenda and the Loveladies* by Brenda Spahn**

This is the story of Brenda’s journey from rags to riches to redemption. It’s the story of the first unlikely year of her “Whole Way House” and of the extraordinary lives of the first seven women who came to call *Miss Brenda and the Loveladies* her “Miss Brenda.” It’s a story that testifies to the power of faith and how God changes hearts every day.



***The Perfect Place* by Teresa E. Harris**

Twelve-year-old Treasure Daniels and her younger sister must move in with Great-Aunt Grace until their mother sorts herself out, but life in Black Lake, Virginia where segregation lingers, is hard and Grace is a nightmare—at least on the surface.



**Don’t Forget to Turn Your Clocks Back on
November 5, 2017**



Neighborhood Center Election Day Bake Sale:

Want to jazz up the Election Day blues? The Neighborhood Center of Harrisburg needs volunteers to serve food as people come to vote on November 7. It is only a fun two hour shift. Cookies, fudge and other simple desserts are also needed. The Neighborhood Center serves inner city children and their families. The proceeds from the bake sale go toward scholarships for deserving High school seniors. If you are interested in helping, please contact Marsha Uber 717-938-3108 or uber2495@ptd.net.





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

Alex, Kathy Alford, Amy, Armes Family, Kathy Aymins, Shawn Beatty's Family, Becca and Jackson, Judy Benton, Georgene Bingman, Scott Binns, Ginger Bissett, Charlotte Brame and family (death of husband John), Michael and Carol Brame and family (death of father John and grandfather), Kay and Ed Bricker, Jake and Fay Brown, Hal and Mary Bryan, Darcy, Ed, Linda Edmondson, Family Promise, Family traveling to Arizona, Family with marital problems, Sam Freeman, Kevin Fickel, Madison Fornerette, Carolyn and Wally Funk, Olive and Larry Gibney and family, Mrs. Ginny, Grace, Dennis and Nancy Graybill, Jim Hambrick, Lillie Hamilton, Hazel Hamme, Jerry Hartman, Kristen Hog and family, Don and Shirley Howard, Hurricane victims and their families, Rick Jenakovich, Lynda Jones, Kelly, parents who lost baby and P& G Family, Arlene Kowal, Shirley Krebs, Jeff Labbe family, Mason, Deb and Jay McKiernan, Missionaries in Haiti, Deb Oakley, Alice Orlandi, Jeanette Payne, Karen and Ryan Pepperman, Kyle Ricketts, Donna Rife (Fay Brown's niece), Rosemary and Keith, Shawn Rupp and children (Jordan, Kayla and Sophia), Gina S. and father, Jessie Sanders, Schell family, Yonette Schneider's parents, Brandon Schroll, Dave Shafer, John Shank, Mark Shank, Mary Ellen Shank, Gloria Sheely's death (sisters Debie Romberger and Darlene Favinger), Sosek Family, Sosile Family, Sosette Family, Sherry Sparks, Gina Stahlnecke, Patrick Stasolia, Ray Steward, College and School Students and Teachers, Sue (death of sister), Ken Thorn, Mike Torok, Fred Trout, Patty Turner, Tom and Dee W. Angel Wagner, Rick Wagner, Wagner family, Wendy M.'s husband (death of parents), Kacie Wert, Nancy Weyforth, Leon Wintermyer, Hudson Wolfe, Kyle Young, Linda Young, SalemCares Ministry, Stephen Ministers, and Salem's Military.



Do you have a prayer concern? Please contact the Prayer Chain Coordinator, Marsha Young, at mdyoung805@gmail.com or contact Salem's Church Office at 938-1928 or office@fcsalem.org.

Dear Salem Family Members and Friends,

Our family would like to thank you for prayers, cards and concerns for John over the last year and a half. John enjoyed getting all the cards, and the whole family benefited from the prayers. Thanks to the ministers for their part in the service and to the ladies of the UMW. You ladies did a great job with lunch as you always do. We all know John is in a better place and no longer suffering from his cancer.

Sincerely,

The Brame Family, Charlotte, Mike & Diane and their families



Women's Book Discussion

The women's book discussion was started by Susan Schell many years ago. It meets on the third Thursday of every month at 7 PM at Salem. It is open to any woman who likes to read—or who wants to join in the discussion topic. If you have questions please contact Marsha Uber at (717-938-3108; uber2495@ptd.net).

The selections for the next months are:

- Sept. 21: *"America's First Daughter"* by Stephanie Dray and Laura Kamoie: a novel about Jefferson's oldest Daughter
- October 19: *"Rose Under Fire"* by Elizabeth Wein (One Book One Community)
- November 16: *"Under the Overpass,"* by Mike Yankowski
- December - Out to Eat -To be determine
- January 18: *"A Case For Christ"* by Lee Strobel



MISSION CENTRAL: Disaster Relief Items Needed

Mission Central has been busy with assembling Cleaning Buckets and Hygiene Kits with the devastation caused by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. They anticipate collecting items for weeks, possibly months, depending on the various needs that arise. Over the next four weeks, donations can be brought to the Welcome Center at Salem to assist in building these buckets of supplies.

Salem will be collecting:

- Liquid Laundry Detergent (25 oz or 50 oz sizes)
- Liquid Household Cleaner (12-16 oz that can be mixed with water; no spray cleaners)
- Dish Soap (16-28 oz, any brand)
- Hand Held Scrub Brushes (plastic or wooden handle; no toilet, kitchen or dish brushes)



Monetary donations are always accepted (make checks payable to FCSUMC and put "Mission Central Disaster Relief" in the memo line), as well as, volunteers to continue building the kits. Contact Mission Central at 717-766-1533 to learn more about volunteer opportunities.

Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few."

Matthew 9:37

Salem Seniors Lunch
at Friendly Farms in Upperco,
Maryland on October 19th, 2017 at
1:00pm. If you would like to attend,
please call Ken and Jo Small at
717-938-2148 or 717-938-8884.



A Christmas Closet Committee is Forming!
Although we are unable to do the Christmas Closet for 2017, we are starting up again for 2018! Contact Deb Oakley if you would like to be part of this rewarding ministry: 717-798-6412 or Hhobbie08@aol.com. You can also mark the connection card. Collection bins are coming soon!



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