

## **Visioning for April—Community and Fresh Expressions**

In April our visioning focuses outward! We'll ask questions like who lives in our community, what's our mission field, and is Salem engaged in our mission field? We need your thoughts and ideas about this important focus. We'll also talk about Fresh Expressions of Church, new ways to "do church" outside our building. Have you had an idea about how to reach our community but dismissed it as too "out there?" Now's a great time to share it! Join the discussion at one of the groups listed below and continue to watch the announcements for more opportunities.

- Monday, April 2 (also April 23—Session 4), 7pm by Ellen Smith at the Wilkinson's home
- Wednesday, April 4, 6am, Men's Morning cup, Eric Musselman at the Summit Diner
- Sunday, April 8, 11am in Seekers of Christ (Room 115) with Dennis Best
- Wednesday, April 11, 6:30pm with Men's Evening Cup (Room 210) by Ed Kautz and Steve Novacek
- Saturday, April 14, 10am by Susan Huntsberger (Room 115)
- Sunday, April 15, 9:30am in the Samaritan Class (Room 214) by Terry Duncan and Jo-Ann Howard
- Sunday, April 15, 10:45am with Bonnie Moody, Brian Davis and Judy Novinger (Room 210)
- Thursday, April 26, 11am with Joan Dean (Room 115)



## **The 2018 Egg Making Season was a Success!**

Our 2018 Easter Egg-making has come to a successful finish. Under the leadership of Gary Cassell and Jeff Strohecker, our egg-making crew was able to make enough eggs to satisfy most of our church community's needs. Over **41,800** eggs were made in our 2 days per week, 11-week production period! Our thanks go out to all of the dedicated egg makers, egg sellers, egg buyers, and egg consumers. The profits will benefit Salem's work in the church and community. A final profit amount will be shared later. We all had a wonderful time working and fellowshiping with our Christian friends, and look forward to another great year. Consider joining us in 2019. It is a real blessing to all who participate.



LADIES, Would you enjoy an evening of fun, good entertainment and a delicious meal prepared and served by the gentlemen of Fishing Creek Salem UMC? If so, please plan on joining us for the annual Mother Daughter Banquet on Friday, May 11th at

6:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. Entertainment will be "Stages Unhinged", an improvisation group which will include audience participation. The prices for tickets are \$11.00 for individuals over the age of 12, \$6.00 for children 4 to 12, and free for children under the age of 4. The deadline for ordering tickets is Sunday, April 29th. Please contact Lois Witters (938-5438; [lmwitters@gmail.com](mailto:lmwitters@gmail.com)) Hope to see you there.

Join us for our next sermon series:

## **World-Changing Hope!**



## SALEM'S ANNUAL COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY

Saturday, April 28, 2018

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

### Would you like to serve? Could you use some assistance?

Volunteers from Salem's congregation will be serving their neighbors in the Community by completing yard work (such as: weeding, raking, trimming bushes), simple home repairs, painting, and etc....

How do you become involved or request help?

1. Contact Laurie Murry at [lmurry@fcsalem.org](mailto:lmurry@fcsalem.org) or 938-1928 (ext. 117).
2. All requests are due as soon as possible, but no later than April 6th.
3. An appt. will be scheduled with you to assess the project and the needed tools.
4. You will be notified if we can or cannot do the needed work.

Please note, a request does not guarantee acceptance. If possible, needed supplies such as paint, mulch and etc... should be supplied by the homeowner. Salem volunteers can bring tools.

**The Salem Seniors**  
will meet on  
Thursday, April  
19th at  
T.J. Rock-  
well's.



For reservations  
please contact Fay  
Brown at 717-938-  
1190 or email  
[fayjake@ptd.net](mailto:fayjake@ptd.net)  
by Sunday, April  
15th. Hope to see  
you!

### Changings Pastors, Why is it Different this Time?

Folks have asked why the process of filling a pastoral vacancy is so different this time.

#### Two reasons:

First, 35 pastors are retiring this year and only 5 new pastors are beginning ministry. So it is more urgent for congregations with no pastor to receive an appointment rather than a church with one pastor to receive the second.

Also, we are in a visioning process this year and since it isn't clear yet exactly where God is leading, an interim pastor seems to be our best option. Then next year we can request leadership with the skills we will need to take Salem where God is calling us.

Though transition is tough, we will work and endure together until we get to where God would have us be!



April  
Madelyn Altland  
Kellan Cox  
Sean Cox  
Savannah Duff  
Parker Duffie  
Olivia Etter  
JT Painter  
Kaden Peifer  
John Shank  
Lola Taleff  
Carlee Weisheit

### The United Methodist Women

will meet Thursday, April 12th in  
room 115 at 7:00 pm.

We will be doing a Mission Project with  
Fishing Creek Salem Youth, making  
cards for Nursing Home Residents.



*All women of the Church and Community are welcome.*

### Missions Corner

Item of the Month: Mission Central also  
partners with Healthy Steps Diaper Bank.

They send diapers to struggling families unable to afford them. Mission



Central continues to send cleaning buckets to those in  
need. The item of the Month is (non - cellulose) sponges  
for these cleaning buckets. Please put the sponges in  
the bin marked Mission Central in Mission Corner.



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

Kathy, Brent and Tyler Alford; Ali; Miriam Altland; Andrew; Amanda Aymin; Barb; Laurie Barbour; Judy Benton; Scott Binns; Margaret Bomberger; Charlotte Brame; Kay Bricker; Brooks; Beatrice Canzonri; Carla; Ellie Carlisle; Clare; Jean Condon; Judy and Don Conley; Connie; Connor; Tyler D; Carolyn Doerr; Eugene Donnelly; Ken Donovan; Chloe Duda's grandparents; Linda Edmondson; Eleanor; Emma; Chuck F.; Mary Kay Fager family; Robin Feathers; Kitty Goebert; Grace; Gynni; George Harpster; Jerry Hartman; Louise H.; Tina Heilman; Herk; Gayle Hewlett; Rosemary Huntsberger family; Carol Hutchison; David Isom; Jen; Lynda Jones and family; Julia; Irene Justus; Lisa Keck; Kacie; Adison K.; Casey Kennedy; Shirley Krebs; Kristy; Sue Lucas; Linda, John and Ava; Marianne; Jay and Deb McKiernan; Mike and Darcy; Mike and Nan; Monica; Nola Jean and family; Jim Novinger; Deb Oakley; John Parry; Jeanette Payne; Anna Rader; Margaret Rader and family; Reagan; Angelica Ried (loss of brother); Donna Rife; Kyle Ricketts; Lou Rudy; Shawn Rupp and children (Jordan, Kayla and Sophia); Roy S.; Dave Shafer; Sherry M; Sosik Family; Gina Stahlnecker; Stephanie; Pauline Suplee (death of husband); Shannon Sylvester; Gil Trout; Jim Turner; Zachary Tusing; Tom W.; Emma Welsh; Lynn Welsh; Steph Wiley; Kurt Williams; Lynda Zettemoyer; cancer patients; custody issues; egg makers; families of the shooting victims in Florida; family relationships; families with mental illness; friends with health problems; government officials; marriages; our church; President Trump and our country; safety for those traveling; students safety in schools; those who don't know Jesus; those missing loved ones; those with mental illness; those with troubled relationships; visioning classes



### Do you have a prayer concern?

Please contact the Prayer Chain Coordinator,

**Marsha Young, at [mdyoung805@gmail.com](mailto:mdyoung805@gmail.com) or contact Salem's Church Office at 717-938-1928 or [office@fcsalem.org](mailto:office@fcsalem.org).**



*Dear Fishing Creek Salem,*

*I want to thank Pastor Debbie for her visit and calls. I also want to thank everyone for the beautiful cards and wonderful thoughts and prayers. I really appreciated everything.*

*In Christ's Love,*

*Jean Condon*



**Save the Date!**

June 10<sup>th</sup>- 15<sup>th</sup>

Registration Begins April 1st



*Who is ready for an adventure at sea? Who is ready to discover how Jesus rescues us through life's storms?*

It is that time of year again...VBS preparation is in full swing! There are so many ways that you can get involved. Of course we need lots of volunteers the week of Vacation Bible School...but there is a lot of prep work to be done in the next two months! Perhaps you are not able to help throughout the actual week of VBS but you would like to be involved in leading about 225 children to follow Jesus!! WOW, doesn't just the thought of connecting ONE child to Jesus just excite you! Oh.... I LOVE this!! Here is how you can get involved...sign ups to do so can be done by contacting Tracey Michelsen [tmichelsen@fcsalem.org](mailto:tmichelsen@fcsalem.org) OR via our weekly connection cards found in the Sunday Bulletins.

### ITEMS TO BORROW

Please put your name on these items so that they are sure to get back to you after VBS is over.

Tiki Torches  
A fishing boat for a set display only  
Fishing Nets  
Crab Cages  
A canoe or two for displays  
Fishing Nets

### HANDS ON HELP

Volunteer for the week of VBS  
Take Home Craft Projects with directions  
Painting Sets; at the church  
Painting HUGE backdrop  
Craft prep work; at the church or at home  
Light Carpentry; TBD  
Misc Projects; at the church

### ITEMS FOR DONATIONS

These items are needed to be dropped off in the donation bin located in Mission Corner as soon as possible to be used for VBS Prep unless otherwise indicated.

Large, Appliance sized cardboard boxes  
Left over Water Based Paints/Foam Paint Brushes Bristle Paint Brushes

**Christmas Lights;** need red, blue and white...working please J

Old Maps

Thick Rope

Tiki Torches

Glass marbles (need tons!)

50 blue solo cups

A volleyball

Pool Noodles (full size)

Loved but still in good shape beach towels (need to gather @30)

Odds and ends of pony beads from your craft supplies

Cases of Water

500 White Paper Dessert Sized Plated

Luau party leftovers! Any and all are welcome!!

40 empty/washed out/ need to have the lid 1 gallon tea or lemonade jugs

50 ping pong balls

Left over 2x4 (minimum 4 foot pieces)

Black Sharpies (need 24 fine point)

Black Duct Tape and Masking Tape 5 Rolls each

Bamboo

*Donate Food items for the Volunteer Dinners...what a ministry this has become! Each evening we feed over 100 people dinner so that the Volunteers can have a nice meal with their families and fellowship with other volunteers before beginning their evening of serving Jesus. FYI... a signup genius website will be created in April and published in an upcoming bulletin.*

If you have any questions  
feel free to reach out to the  
Director of VBS Tracey  
Michelsen 717-938-1928  
or [tmichelsen@fcsalem.org](mailto:tmichelsen@fcsalem.org)

### PRAY

for the VBS Team of Adults  
& Youth AND the hearts of  
the little children that will be  
joining us for a week that  
will change their lives!

## BACK TO THE BIBLE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

by Kathy Alford

The Back to the Bible Sunday School Class watched the DVD *The Shack* together, read the book by Wm. Paul Young, and explored the accompanying study guide. Now, starting in April, we are going to delve deeper with C. Baxter Kruger's *The Shack Revisited*. Millions have found their spiritual hunger satisfied by William P. Young's #1 New York Times bestseller, *The Shack*—the story of a man lifted from the depths of despair through his life-altering encounter with God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Now C. Baxter Kruger's *Shack Revisited* guides readers into a deeper understanding of these three persons to help readers have a more profound connection with the core message of *The Shack*—God is love.

I wish to give a special thank you to Gary Shaw and Brandi Kerstetter who are co-teaching our class until I return April 15.

Are you looking for a small group? We always welcome visitors. Materials are provided. We meet Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:30 in room 210 upstairs.

### Here is our lesson schedule for April:

#### *The Shack Revisited* by C. Baxter Kruger

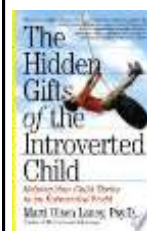
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| April 1  | Easter<br><b>Some First Thoughts on Papa</b><br>1. "The Shocker"<br>2. "The Dancing God"<br>3. "Light from Lewis"                      |
| April 8  | 4. "What's In a Name?"<br>5. "The Two Gods"<br><b>Jesus, His Father, and the Holy Spirit</b><br>6. "Summary of the Trinitarian Vision" |
| April 15 | 7. "Jesus and His Father"<br>8. "The Holy Spirit"<br>9. "The Oneness of the Spirit, Son, and Father"                                   |
| April 22 | 10. "The Love of the Triune God"<br>11. "The Real Jesus"<br><b>Papa's Dream</b><br>12. "The Big Picture"                               |
| April 29 | 13. "The Womb of the Incarnation"<br>14. "Grace"<br>15. "Adam and Israel"  |

## LIBRARY NEWS—by Kathy Alford

I would like to give a special thank you to Ina Binkie and Brandi Kerstetter who have been managing the library in my absence. My hopes are to return April 15.

Parenting is the most important job in the world. And yet, there is no Parenting 101 class that you have to pass before starting this job. I remember thinking about this irony many times as I raised my sons. I read journals and books and tried to model myself after the best examples of parents that I had seen in my life. In retrospect, I made some mistakes, but my sons know that I did the best I could and I gave them all my love.

If you are interested in some Christian parenting books, please check out the library shelf 248.432. There are general parenting books and specialty books about challenging situations or just raising boys or girls. Below are some parenting books that have been added to our collection in the past year. Please check them out!

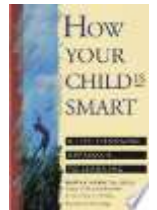


#### **The Hidden Gifts of the Introverted Child: Helping Your Child Thrive in an Extroverted World** by Marti Olsen Laney Psy. D.

The author explains introversion as a hard-wired temperament, not a disability, and tells just what parents need to do to help their child become the person he or she is meant to be—and succeed in an extroverted world.

#### **How Your Child Is Smart: A Life-Changing Approach to Learning** by Dawna Markova

This book identifies six patterns of learning and teaches parents how to help their children learn and communicate most effectively.



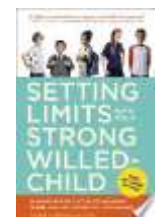
#### **The Explosive Child: A New Approach for Understanding and Parenting Easily Frustrated, Chronically Inflexible Children** by Ross W. Greene

This book lays out a sensitive, practical approach to helping your child at home and school, including: reducing hostility and antagonism between the child and adults, anticipating situations in which the child is most likely to explode, creating an environment in which explosions are less likely to occur, focusing less on reward and punishment and more on communication and collaborating problem solving, and helping your child develop the skills to be more flexible and handle frustration more adaptively.



#### **Setting Limits with Your Strong-willed Child: Eliminating Conflict by Establishing Clear, Firm, and Respectful Boundaries** by Robert J. MacKenzie

This book gives proven techniques and procedures that provide a refreshing alternative to the ineffective extremes of punishment and permissiveness.





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Sunday Worship at 8:15, 9:30 and 11:00 AM  
Sunday School for all ages at 9:30 AM; Adult Class at 11:00 AM

