

The Salem

Stimulus

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Welcome to Salem's Interim Associate Pastor

We are happy to announce that Salem has appointed an interim associate pastor. The Pastor Parish relations team of the council, along with the chair and vice chair have prayerfully discerned that Rev. Jennifer Thomas was the person who was the best fit for Salem and the person God was calling to serve as our interim. She will be with us from June 16, 2018 to June 30, 2019. Pastor Jenny has served as a pastor and spiritual leader for 16 years and is passionate about building relationships with all ages, and with God's children within the church and in the community. You will have an opportunity very soon to get to know her better. Welcome Pastor Jenny!

New Stimulus Format

You've likely noticed the new layout for *The Salem Stimulus*. We wanted to improve readability and make the newsletter a little easier to handle. We hope you like it!



Welcome to Salem's Youth Ministry Director

Jess Husman, has been named Salem's Youth Ministry Director and will begin her duties officially in July. However, she will work with the group in the spring during the transition.

Jess will graduate from Messiah, Youth Ministry, in December. Welcome Jess. Thanks to Kevin Fickel for his leadership during our searching!

In This Issue:

- ◆ VBS Updates
- ◆ Prayer Requests
- ◆ Welcoming our new Interim Pastor & Youth Ministry Director
- ◆ Activity Updates
And More!

MAY



May Birthdays



Corrine Armes
Max Beam
Angela Briggs
Dylan Bryson
Gabriel Bryson
Joseph Christine

Rachel Cuomo
Chloe Duda
Daniella Higgins
Colton Howard
Natalie Mann
Zachary Martin

Chase Maynard
Chase Michelsen
Charlotte Sadler
Madison Taleff
Christine Williams



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Gina Curtis, Director of Salem Community Nursery School
Kevin Fickel, Interim Director of Youth Ministries
Vicki Inscho, Kitchen Coordinator
Tracey Michelsen, Director of Children's Ministries
Cliff & Sandy Motter, Church Sextons
Laurie Murry, Director of Serving Ministries
Jeannette Payne, Child Care Coordinator
Kelsey Robertson, Dir of The Gathering Worship, Keyboardist, Youth Choir Dir
Susan Ryder, Director of Communications, Small Groups Coordinator
Derek Sandstrom, Director of Worship Ministries

Service Schedule:

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

Visioning Together in May—Leadership

Our final visioning session before our June church-wide discussion forum, will focus on leadership and will address questions like these:

- How does one go about becoming a leader at Salem?
- What are leadership responsibilities at Salem?
- What is Salem's budget for leadership development?
- Who is a leader you admire and why?

At the same time we'll continue our "Godly Wishful Thinking" and ask what if...could we... and maybe God wants?

Watch the weekly announcements for opportunities to talk about these topics!

Join us for a Church-Wide Visioning Event on June 3rd from 2-7pm!

**The gathering will be led by Reverend
Jim VanZandt, Pastor of
Carlisle United Methodist Church.
He will help us bring together our
learning and our discernment of God's
leading as we move toward God's
preferred future for Salem Church.**

Dinner will be Provided

Summer Food Drive for Kids

Our drive will be combined with VBS this year. We will accept food donations of:

Cereal
Peanut Butter
Jelly
Boxed Macaroni and Cheese
Cans of Fruit

Please donate only the listed foods for the Red Land Food Bank from June 3rd-17th. VBS is donating money to Coram Dio Medical and Nutrition Clinic in Haiti, and checks for Red Land Food Bank will be accepted also.

FOOD
for
Kids

Please place monetary VBS donations in Tracey Michelsen's Mailbox. Help us to feed the children at home and those who are far

away in our hearts. If you have any questions, please contact Heidi Stahl at h1stahl@aol.com or 717-512-3949.



Dear Reverend Dr. Heisley Cato, Reverend Overman and members of FC Salem UMC,

Thank you for your recent monetary donation. We appreciate your kindness and support of our mission. In February, we served 122 families that added up to 325 people. Thanks for helping us help our neighbors in need.

*Nina Myers and Dab Trimmer
Co-Directors of the Red Land Food Ministry*



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

Kathy, Brent and Tyler Alford; Donna Armes; Cheryl Beachler; Kim Betcke; Scott Binns; Charlotte Brame; Miriam Brinkley; Brooks; Laura Buzzard; Ben Campernies; Cayden; Jean Condon; Judy Conley;

Connie; Nicole Davis; Dietz family; Carolyn Doerr; Ken Donovan; Doris; Mary Driver; Duggan/Fried family; Duane and Barb; Chloe Duda's grandparents; Linda Edmondson; Eleanor; Kris Engle; Robin Feathers; Nicole Fink; Florence; Kayla Fox; Alaine Gayman; Brenton Ginger; the Graybill family; Elaine Grayman; Grayson; Groce family; Gynni; Louise H.; Cindy Hammons; Jenette Hanna; Neil Hay; Tina Heilman; Bill Hensman; Melanie Hepburn; Herb; Herk; Gayle Hewlett; Carol Hutchison; Jayne; Jim; Andreyana and Alex Jones; Lynda Jones and family; Judy; Casey Kennedy; Todd Klinger; Arlene Kowal; Shirley Krebs; Kristy; Larry; Patricia Lesh; Lou Lingenfelter; Louann; Sue and Mick Lucas; Frank Mailey; Jay and Deb McKiernan; Mike and Darcy; Mike and Nan; Tracey Miller family; Wendy Miller's sister, Trudy; Patsy Morris; Shawn Novinger; Deb Oakley; Jeanette Payne; Carol Perry; Shelly Putt; Anna Rader; Margaret Rader and family; Rev. Home children in Haiti; Kyle Ricketts; Donna Rife; Jeff Rudy and family; Lou Rudy; Shawn Rupp and children (Jordan, Kayla and Sophia); William Ruth; Robert S.; Cory Schreiner; Dave Shafer; Herb Shaffner; Lesetta Shaffner; Paul and Shirley Sheaffer; Sherry M; Sosik Family; Jody Sparmblack; Heidi Stahl; Emma Strong family; Pauline Suplee (death of husband); Cindy Turney.; Gil Trout; Zachary Tusing; Dick and Mary Faith VanNoy; Tom W.; Fred Wagenmann; Angel Wagner; Ruth Ellen Wallick; Warren and Peg; Emma Welsh; Luke Welsh; Lynn Welsh; Steph Wiley; Wilkinson family; Kurt Williams; York and New York firefighter's families; cancer patients; egg makers; family relationships; friends with health problems; fire victims; government officials and our country; high school students making decisions for future; marriages; our church; safety for those traveling; Syria; teachers; those who don't know Jesus; those missing loved ones; those with mental illness; those with troubled relationships; those without a church family.

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

Women of Light will meet at 2:00 pm on May 6th in Room 212. Please bring a picture of your mom & a snack to share. There may be a few other surprises. Please sign up on the



Women of Light bulletin board or call Linda Wrightstone at 717-774-0901. **Women of Light is open to all single women! Join the fun!**



Give the Gift of Financial Peace. Consider leading a Financial Peace University group at Salem this fall. You don't have to be a financial expert or have your own finances in order to lead this video study. Just a desire to help folks take control of their money, plan for the future and transform their lives! Contact Susan Ryder at sryder@fcsalem.org



WOMEN'S BOOK DISCUSSION

The women's book discussion meets at Salem on the third Thursday of every month at 7 PM . It is open to any woman who likes to read—or who wants to join in the discussion topic. Come and bring your ideas. If you have questions please call Marsha Uber (938-3108; uber2495@ptd.net). The book for May is:

May 17:
*An American Family:
A Memoir of Hope and Sacrifice*
by Khizr Khan





Have a couple of hours of unscheduled time during the week of May 22-June 3? Then make plans to impact families who do not have a place to call “home”! By sharing some time assisting with set-up, clean-up and laundry, and/or serving as a dinner

preparer, evening host, van driver, or over-night host, you are:

- ◆ providing a comfortable place to call “home” for week,
- ◆ showing and sharing the love of Christ,
- ◆ letting people know that churches aren’t afraid to reach out and become involved,
- ◆ providing a safe place to sleep,
- ◆ filling bellies with good food,
- ◆ providing hope and comfort, and
- ◆ fulfilling the commandment to “love your neighbor”

Sign-up at: www.volunteersignup.org/DF8D9

Have a Weekly Get Together With Your Friends

Start a small group at your house. Home groups function just like ones that meet at church. Choose how often you meet and the function of the group.

The group could include a shared interest, hobby or sport; season in life, like new moms or dads, empty nesters, parents of teenagers; or a Biblical study or conversa-



tion. What do you want to talk about, what group has a need of fellowship, what Biblical topic is on your mind? Thinking this might work for you? Contact Susan Ryder sryder@fcsalem.org



Save the Date!
June 10th- 15th
Register now!

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!

*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 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 OR via our weekly connection cards found in the Sunday Bulletins.

If you have any questions
feel free to reach out to the
Director of VBS, Tracey
Michelsen 717-938-1928
or tmichelsen@fcsalem.org

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 (Unless otherwise indicated) as soon as possible to be used for VBS Prep.

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

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 Plates

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. Sign up here:

<https://goo.gl/pse7GG>

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

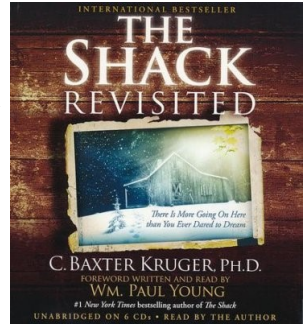
A canoe or two for displays

Fishing Nets

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, continuing in May, 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.



Beginning May 27 we will turn our studies to *Journey through the Bible: Mark*. We have used this excellent series with other books from the Bible. It highlights pivotal points in the Scripture; lifts up the Bible's most significant stories, events, and people, describing historical and cultural settings; includes the original language and what the passage meant for its first readers; gives insight into possible life applications, and maps out a daily plan for reading the Bible, verse by verse.

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 May:

The Shack Revisited by C. Baxter Kruger

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| May 6 | 13. "The Womb of the Incarnation" |
| | 14. "Grace" |
| | 15. "Adam and Israel" |
| May 13 | 16. "The Rejection of the Anointed" |
| | 17. "The Wonderful Exchange" |
| | 18. "The Secret" |
| May 20 | 19. "Abide in Me" |
| | 20. "The Spirit of Adoption" |

Journey through the Bible: Mark Vol. 10

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LIBRARY NEWS

By Kathy Alford

This month's library article features author Mitch Albom. Mitch, born May 23, 1958, is an American author, journalist, screenwriter, dramatist, radio and television broadcaster, and musician. His books have sold over 35 million copies worldwide. Having achieved national recognition for sports writing in the earlier part of his career, he is perhaps best known for the inspirational stories and themes that weave through his books, plays, and films. Albom lives with his wife, Janine Sabino, in Detroit, Michigan.

The Fishing Creek Salem Christian Library has three of Mitch Albom's books. Below are synopses. Please check them out!

Tuesdays with Morrie

Albom's breakthrough book came about after a friend of his viewed Morrie Schwartz interview with Ted Koppel on ABC News *Nightline* in 1995, in which Schwartz, a sociology professor, spoke about living and dying with a terminal disease, ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, or Lou Gehrig's disease). Albom, who had been close with Schwartz during his college years at Brandeis, felt guilty about not keeping in touch so he reconnected with his former professor, visiting him in suburban Boston and eventually coming every Tuesday for discussions about life and death. Albom, seeking a way to pay for Schwartz's medical bills, sought out a publisher for a book about their visits. Although rejected by numerous publishing houses, Doubleday accepted the idea shortly before Schwartz's death, and Albom was able to fulfill his wish to pay Schwartz's bills.

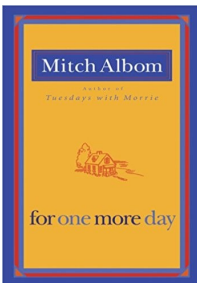
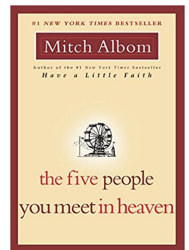
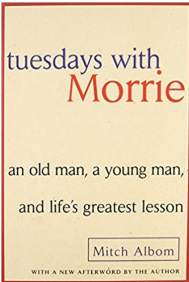
Scott Slayton, English teacher at Red Land, is one of many teachers in the world who have their students read this book. Scott always ends the book with the students writing thank you letters to their favorite teachers. I treasure these letters that I receive each year.

The Five People You Meet in Heaven

This book follows the life and death of a maintenance man named Eddie. Eddie is killed and sent to heaven, where he encounters five people who had a significant impact upon him while he was alive.

For One More Day

This book is about a son who gets to spend a day with his mother who died eight years earlier. Charley "Chick" Benetto is a retired baseball player who, facing the pain of unrealized dreams, alcoholism, divorce, and an estrangement from his grown daughter, returns to his childhood home and attempts suicide. There he meets his long dead mother, who welcomes him as if nothing ever happened. The book explores the question, "What would you do if you had one more day with someone you've lost?"



QUARTERLY GIVING STATEMENTS

For the past four years we have been mailing out quarterly statements to all church members who are so generously helping to support the many programs we have in place here at Fishing Creek Sa-



lem. These mailings are becoming increasingly more costly as postage and supplies continue to escalate in price. Therefore, effective with the second quarter of

this year we will begin emailing statements to everyone who has an email address in the church system.

If you do not have your email address on file with the church office, now is a good time to correct that situation. Please contact Sandy Herman in the office with that information and she will be able to update your record immediately.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this change, please feel free to contact Charlotte Tomasetti at 717-774-0511.

Once again we thank you for your continued generosity because without you we would not be able to fulfill our mission of making disciples who make disciples who change the world.

Active Shooter Training at Salem

Salem will offer CRASE (Citizen Response to Active Shooter Event) training, Sunday May 6 from 2 – 4 p.m. Ed Curtis, Lower Allen Police Department, will present the training. It is recommended for those participating in morning worship services i.e., ushers, worship team, choir, Sunday school teachers, class leaders etc., but anyone interested in receiving training is welcome to attend.

While the idea of needing such training can be an upsetting thought, we need to face dangers and empower folks to keep those who worship and participate in activities safe.

Contact the church office 938-1928 to sign up.



MANY THANKS to everyone who served during Salem's Community Service Day! You blessed our neighbors and community with your time, skills, and care!



Susquehanna Conference UMC Volunteers In Mission Service Opportunities

May 6-12 in Tarboro NC

Flood Recovery

\$175

John Best contact at jmbest2@gmail.com

Oct 20- Nov 3 in Tarapoto, Peru

Light construction, school ministry

\$2400

Curt Knouse contact at vim@susumc.org

Contact Information:

www.susmb.org

Curt Knouse Director of Volunteers in Mission and Outreach vim@susumc.org 717-994-6294 for information, speakers or to be added to the mission opportunities email list.



Item of the Month: UMCOR no longer allows aerosol cans so there is a shortage of insect repellent for the cleaning buckets. They need insect repellent from spray pumps, lotion or wipes. Please put the insect repellent in the bin marked Mission Central in Mission Corner.



The Salem Seniors will meet at 1:00 pm on Thursday, May 17th at Flinchy's Restaurant located at 1833 Hummel Avenue Camp Hill. Please contact Bob or Bonnie Shreiner at 717-774-9695 by May 14th if you would like to attend.



Girls Just Want to Have Fun!

To all United Methodist Women, your families and friends, come have fun with us at UMW of Salem!

We have:

- ◆ Picnics
- ◆ events with youth
- ◆ a Mother/Daughter banquet
- ◆ spring tea and pastries
- ◆ Christmas Soup and Sandwich Celebration
- ◆ Interesting Speakers



We Serve:

- ◆ Breakfast at the Ronald McDonald house
- ◆ we serve lunch at the Neighborhood Center
- ◆ women, youth and children

Come join us and make new friends, renew old friendships and serve God as He has instructed us to do. We have a lot of laughs, shed some tears and share so much love! We would love to meet you and have you become a part of our busy group of women! Watch the announcements for our meeting schedule!

Heidi Stahl, UMW President

The United Methodist Women

Will not meet in May due to the Mother/Daughter Banquet on Friday, May 11th. Our next meeting will be Thursday, June 14th for our picnic

Next Sermon Series:

GOD'S INTENTION...

- May 6 – That we be expectant.
- May 13 – That we wait on God.
- May 20 – That we be filled with the Spirit
- May 27 – That we become community
- June 3 – That we keep Jesus first.



Rev. Dr. Paul Stanley Wilcox Memorial Scholarship

The Rev. Dr. Paul Stanley Wilcox Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a deserving youth or young adult from Fishing Creek Salem UMC who has been accepted to their first year of post-secondary education. This scholarship is established in honor of Pastor Paul's love for youth and education and to support and encourage the ministry and calling of all persons. Applications and guidelines are located in the Information Rack by the South Entrance. Deadline for applications is June 15th.



URGENT CHILDREN'S MINISTRY REQUEST We are in need of someone to lead One Room School House either the 3rd or 4th Sunday of each month from 11am-12:15pm. The lesson and activity pages are provided for you. You will be able to shadow another ORSH leader to see just how easy it is. Contact Tracey Michelsen at tmichelsen@fcsalem.org



To all **Men and Boys of Salem Church**. It is time to honor the women and girls in our lives. Please sign up to serve these ladies on May 11th at the Mother/Daughter banquet. These women serve us all year long. It is now our opportunity to serve them. Please sign up on the connection card or contact Marty Wagner at 717-574-1682 or martyj78@ptd.net





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