



CHANGE IN WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES— SEPTEMBER 2, 2018

On September 2nd, we will combine the 9:30am and the 11:00am services into one **Outdoor Service at 10:00am in the pavilion.** The 8:15am service will be held



as usual. In the event of rain, the combined service will be held in Fellowship Hall. Lunch will follow in Fellowship Hall. The church will provide Fried Chicken and beverages and you are welcome to bring a side dish or dessert to share .

Church Office Summer Hours:

Mon-Fri 8:00am—12:00 Noon

Regular hours begin 9/4/18

Mon-Fri 8:30am—3:00pm

Office Closed:

9/3/18 for Labor Day

9/7/18 for Staff Retreat

The **WHAT**, The **WHY**, The **HOW**: **Salem's Vision Plan**

For three Sundays, September 9, 16, & 23, the sermons will focus On Council's plan to move forward based on Salem members' visioning discussions and Council's Spirit-lead discernment. The sermons will discuss what the focus will be, why it is our vision and how we might live it out.

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September Birthdays



Noah Bressler
Kendyl Brtalik
Jackson Christine
Madison Hetherington
Alaina Higgins
Brooke Hockenbery

Reece Meanor
Samuel Miller
Noah Musselman
Ben Painter
Cora Payne
Zachary Rine
Piper Smith

Addlyn Snyder
Elliana Snyder
Michael Stank
Julia Strenkoski
Paul Strohl
Grayson Wolf



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Vicki Inscho, Kitchen Coordinator
Tracey Michelsen, Director of Children's Ministries
Tracey Michelsen and Michelle Rich, Church Sextons
Interim Coverage, 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

Thank You

Dear Salem Church Family,

My heart is overwhelmed by all your prayers, cards, visits, calls, texts and emails. I truly felt God's love surrounding me. My prayer shawl kept me warm in His care. Thank you Pastor

Debbie and Pastor Jenny for your visits while I was in the hospital. I appreciate all your care and love during my illness.

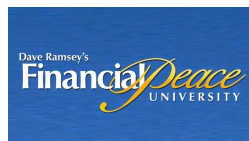
May God Bless you always!

In His Love,

Dennis & Karon Haring

Financial Peace Begins this Fall!

This nine-week class helps you take control of your money. Classes start September 10, beginning at 6:30pm on Mondays & Thursdays, and 6:15 p.m. Wednesdays (childcare provided). Class materials are \$109, with scholarships & ½ scholarships available. Please note interest on the Connection Card, and contact Susan Ryder sryder@fcsalem.org or 717-938-1928 with questions or to request a scholarship.



Item of the Month: Mission Central sends school kits to children throughout the world who are not able to get the supplies themselves for school.

They are in immediate need of one subject notebooks for these kits. Please put the notebooks in the bin marked Mission Central in Mission Corner.





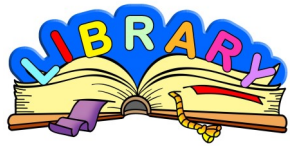
Please keep in your prayers these people and situations who have had prayer concerns in the last month:

Linda A; Kathy Alford; Albertson family; Ami and family; Andy; Anya; Austin; Kathy and Amanda Aymin; Barb; Matt Beissel's uncle Bill; Kim Betcke; Tom Benton; Scott Binns; Nancy Brandt; Brandon; Brenda; Brittney; Brooks; Fay Brown; Jack Burd; Kelly Carlisle; Chris; Conway family; Martin Dalen; Austin DePetris; Darcy and Mike Dimeato; Tracy Dishner; Don; John Donahue; Lynne Donahue; Gene Donnelly; Dawn Douden; Chloe Duda; Linda Edmondson; Eleanor; Hannah Fisher; CJ Ford; Nick Friend; Joe Gallucci; Elaine Gayman; Trish Gayman; George; Gusten; Gynni; Haiti Mission Team; George Hamon; Karon Haring; Michael Harar; Jay Hartzell; Elsie Haubert; Herk; Jason Heuslet; Janine, George and Ashley; Beth Kane; Judy; Valen Keefer; Keefer family; Kelsey; John Kilheffer; Scott Kline; Arlene Kowal; Jessica Lehr; Lisa; Linda McNertney; Winifrid MacQuilkin; Frank Mailey; Violet Marone; Marty; Vince McGraw; Michelle and Natas; Chase and Tracey Michelsen; Mike; Millie; Ruth Miller; Shirley Miller; Danny Misotti; Matt Moody; Bill Muhlbaer; Wendy Nahf; Nan; Sally Nell; Deb Oakley; Roman Oliva; Jeanette Payne; Brad and Deb Peterson; Shelly Putt; the Rader family; Michele Rich; Kyle Ricketts; Roger; Shawn Rupp and children (Jordan, Kayla and Sophia); Kathy Rycklin; Ronnie S; Samantha; Dave Shafer; Jackie Shaffer; John Shoff; Stan Sierotowicz's family; Alyson Smith; Ellen Smith; John Smith; Paul Smith; Peggy Spangler; Gina Stahlnecker; Mike Steely; Lynette Tomasetti; Phuc Tran; Gil Trout; Sully W; Tom and Dee W.; Sandy Warner; Gary Welsh; Lynn Welsh; Julie Wentzel; Yonette; children at church camp and youth at Impact; expectant mothers; government officials and our country; safety for those traveling; those missing loved ones; those with mental illness; those affected by fires and floods; those injured in motorcycle and auto accidents; teachers and students heading back to school; college students; prayer shawl recipients.

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

Would you like a personal tour of our church library and help finding DVDs, CDs, and books that will interest you? If so, please come to the library upstairs in room 213 on Sundays from 10:35-11:15. I am there most weeks, and I will be happy to share my library skills with you! I have been our church librarian for 25 years starting from scratch, and I am familiar with each of the 6,500+ items in it. If this time doesn't suit you, please call (717-774-0541), and I will work out a time to meet with you. The library is always available when the church is open, however. You may sign out materials and browse at any time.

If you are a leader of a small group, I can show you how the library can be a resource for you. We have several copies of different studies that your group might find interesting. We also have several different versions of Bibles, commentaries, atlases, etc. that will help expand your Biblical knowledge.



Do you teach children? We have materials for all age groups of Bible stories and novels that teach values that you could share with your class. There is also a picture file that has pictures organized by topic that you can use to add to your lesson. We have DVDs of Bible stories and several collections from VeggieTales, Feature Films for Families, Bibleman, etc. We have the CD in which you could sing along. We have a large puppet selection you can borrow to help tell the stories. There are puzzles and games you can add. We also have a collection of very large books which are great because all the kids can easily see the pictures! There is also a diverse collection of books in the built-in bookcase by the desk under the "Sunday School" section which contain great ideas for crafts, games, lessons, etc.

Do you teach youth? We have a youth section of novels, devotions, graphic novels, Bibles, and many other books geared for teenagers. We have hundreds of CDs, DVDs, and a great assortment of games to play such as Bible Pictionary, Bible Apples to Apples, Bible Trivial Pursuit, Bible Scattegories, etc.!

Are you the parent of small children who is trying to teach your child Bible stories plus teach them how to read? This is my expertise since I am a certified reading specialist! .

Nothing makes me happier than when people visit the library. Come see me and make my day!

Women's Ministry

Sisters of Salem begins 9/5 from 6:30 to 8pm in room 115.

Please join us for a 6-week bible study *The Quest* by Beth Moore. This is a lifelong quest of faith—I learn to develop intimacy with God and embrace the adventure that comes with living a life for God! Questions, please contact Jeannette Payne at 717-781-5136 or netty0826@gmail.com.



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 (717-938-3108; uber2495@ptd.net). The books for the upcoming months are:

Sept.20: *A Piece of the World* by Christina Baker Kline

Oct. 18: *Unshackled: From Rain To Redemption* by Gene McGuire.



Women of Light

Global Dining Adventure

Join us as we experience cuisine from around the world while traveling no farther than 12 miles from Salem. For the next year, we will dine at various restaurants in the area, learn a little about their culture and taste something new and delicious. We will try some familiar and some not so familiar, but have no fear—you can be as adventurous (or not) as you like! Our first adventure is on September 8th at 12:30pm at Zanelli's Restaurant.



Contact Linda at 717-774-0901 with questions. Please

sign up on the Women of Light Bulletin Board. Women of Light is open to women who are single, divorced or widowed.



Join us for fun and fellowship!

The United Methodist women will have their Annual Auction on Thursday, September 13th at 6:30 pm in room 115.



Please bring a wrapped item with the approximate value written on the outside. Come and join in the fun this evening as the bidding goes on and see the unusual items that have been auctioned off. The

proceeds go towards our Mission Projects.

As always, all ladies of the Church and Community are welcome.

Impact—Youth Update

At the end of July, 23 students and 7 volunteers travelled to Green Hills UMC Camp to attend Impact, an outdoor conference organized and led by Salt 'n Light. The event became affectionately known as 'Swampact' due to the muddy conditions, but after a rain delay that set the event back one day, we arrived even more excited to make the most of our time! The theme was 'Open'—open to each other by sharing our experiences and struggles, but also open to God moving in our lives, and what He might teach and show us.

Three of our students reaffirmed their baptism, and one received communion for the first time! This weekend was an incredible time of growth and vulnerability, and we are so thankful that we had the opportunity to attend this event through the support of parents, congregants, and God's grace!

If you have any questions about the programs or would like to get involved, please contact Jess Husman at jhusman@fcsalem.org. Thank you for your continued support of our youth through your prayers and encouragement!

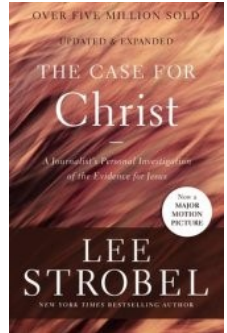


BACK TO THE BIBLE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

By Kathy Alford

Through mid-September we will be studying *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.

On September 23 we will start watching the DVD and studying Lee Strobel's book *The Case for Christ*. Lee Strobel, a seasoned journalist, chases down the biggest story in history--is there credible evidence that Jesus of Nazareth really is the Son of God? Tracing his own spiritual journey from atheism to faith, Strobel, former legal editor of the *Chicago Tribune*, cross-examines a dozen experts with doctorates from schools like Cambridge, Princeton, and Brandeis who are recognized authorities in their own fields. Strobel challenges them with questions like: How reliable is the New Testament? Does evidence for Jesus exist outside the Bible? Is there any reason to believe the resurrection was an actual event.



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 September:

Journey through the Bible: Mark Vol. 10

September 2 Chapter 11 "What Is Your Decision?"
September 9 Chapter 12 "Truly This Man Was God's Son!"
September 16 Chapter 13 "He Is Going Ahead of You"

The Case for Christ by Lee Strobel

September 23
September 30

UPCOMING MISSION TRIPS: In 2019, there will opportunities to travel to India (January 8-19) and Haiti (June 22-29). The initial registration/down payment for the India trip is September, so be sure to mark your connection card, or contact Marcia Sadler (Msadler_pac@yahoo.com, 717-938-0890), if you are interested. We are especially hoping to have a group of youth go to Haiti next year, but all are welcome! Travel/ministry is coordinated by Global Partners in Peace and Development (www.gpartners.org), and serving opportunities may include children, widows, dedicating water wells, construction, medical, evangelism, etc., depending on location.



Meals Ministry

FC Salem has a Meals Ministry that is set up to temporarily, (2-3 weeks), provide meals to members of our congregation. If meals are needed for longer than 2-3 weeks, an on-line meal train should be set up. Meal Ministry is especially helpful with the transition home from the hospital, chemotherapy and other illnesses. Please inform Pastor Debbie, Pastor Jenny or Kathy Aymin (717-979-8850 or kaymin@pa.net) as soon as possible if any member of the congregation would benefit from this ministry.



Calling all 4th and 5th Grade Girls...Girls Group will be starting up again on Wednesday, September 5th from 6:30-8pm. Please come & enjoy time with each other, devotion, and snack. We are super excited to see you all! Please bring a friend who's in 4th or 5th grade. Everyone is Welcome! Please contact Shannon Sylvester at 717-580-0204 or Erica Duda at 717-461-1755 with any questions. Can't wait to see you all!

Christmas Closet—Please join us in fellowship the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month to sort donated items in the Ministry Workshop (Upstairs) from 6:30-8pm, No need to work the entire time. Come one, Come all!



Medical Equipment Closet

Salem has reopened the medical equipment closet. Please let Sarah Martin know if you have equipment to donate or if you would like to borrow something. Sarah can be contacted at 717-253-4135 or sarahmartin827@gmail.com



Fall 2018 York District Lay Servant Ministries Training Available

Courses are available for Lay Speakers Recertification or for those working toward Lay Speaking Certification. Must register by October 1, 2018. Details available in the church office: 717-938-1928 or office@fcsalem.org



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