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Church Office Hours:

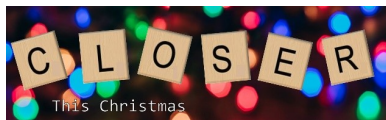
Mon-Thurs 8:30am-3:00pm

Closed 12-1pm for Lunch

“Super Advent” Church-Wide Study

Have you seen a Christmas commercial yet? How about Christmas decorations in the store? Again this year Salem will begin Advent sooner, too, to allow us to focus on the purpose of the season. “Super Advent,” as some affectionately call it, will begin November 18.

Our theme is CLOSER. Each week we will discuss the week’s sermon that is based on a letter of the acronym.



Imagine that you are sitting at Christmas Eve service, ready for familiar carols, candle in hand to sing “Silent Night” ... the evening December 24th is usually when Christmas becomes less detailed oriented, and more about a feeling we long for.

To draw spiritually closer to Christ is what we treasure in the truest form of Christmas. The birth of Jesus is the deciding moment when God sends the whole world, love and hope in newborn, a Savior. The birth of Jesus is God’s way of saying “I love you, and I want to be closer to you.” Living into a close, spiritual relationship with Jesus is letting God know that we got the divine message loud and clear.

With each passing day, the season of Christmas is getting closer. May we turn our lives to be CLOSER this Christmas ... closer to the One who was first to be closer to us all.

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November Birthdays



Kinsey Connor
Anna Dormer
Abigail Lemieux

Kylar Nolt
Cammi Richcreek

Zachary Shaw
Nolan Stoner
Emma Sylvester



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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

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



Giving Envelopes for 2019

We will be initiating a slight change to the envelope mailings effective the beginning of the year. In an effort to reduce some of the postage expense associated with this process, we will be mailing envelopes out bi-monthly instead of monthly. The envelope packet that you receive in late December will contain your offering envelopes for both January and February. This change will reduce our cost by approximately \$500 per year allowing us to put that additional amount toward the many Christian outreach programs we offer here at Salem.

Year End Giving

Fishing Creek Salem always appreciates the financial gifts that are given to support and grow our ministries of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ! God bless you for your faithfulness and generosity again this year. Please note that the Internal Revenue Service has rules on when taxable year donations can be counted. The IRS says that charitable donations to the church must be **received and/or postmarked** by 12/31/2018 to count as a donation in 2018. Following these IRS regulations, donations received and/or postmarked after 12/31/18 must be counted as donations in 2019 (no matter what date may be associated with the gift).

Recycling Change

We received confirmation from Penn Waste that they will no longer accept any type of paper as recycling other than newspaper. For now, please place paper in regular trash cans and also please keep your eyes open for a possible alternative. Penn Waste will continue to accept Cardboard.





For the month of November please include the following in your prayer time:

- Hurricane Michael flood victims
- Family Promise families and the volunteers assisting in hosting them this month.
- God's guidance for ourselves and for our fellow citizens in electing good leaders.
- Our church as we enter a season of Thanksgiving.

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7 (NIV)

The words "Thank You" are written in a large, green, cursive script. The letters are thick and have a decorative, swirling quality.

*To My Friends at Salem,
Thank you for the flowers and words of encouragement as I've dealt with my knee injury. I welcome your continued prayers as my knee cannot be operated on again. Thank you!
Sue Prowell*

*Thank You so much Fishing Creek, Salem UMC! Your support helps keep ministry going here in Haiti! You're helping us feed babies and disciple and help the sick. We love you,
The Price Family, Pricelessgrace.com*



Our Church Conference will be held on Monday, November 12th at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary. ALL Salem Members are Encouraged to attend.

The Salem Seniors will dine at Theo's in Camp Hill on November 15th at 1:00pm. Please contact Les or Jean Condon to RSVP: 717-932-4331. We hope you will join us!

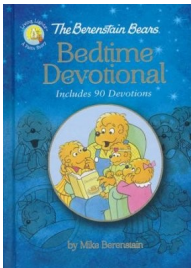


Office Hours Change—Beginning Friday, November 9th, the church office will be closed on Fridays. Please let Sandy Herman (Admin Asst) know if you need special access to the building on Fridays since the doors will now be locked. 717-938-1928 or office@fcsalem.org

Library News By Kathy Alford

It's a Berenstain Bonanza! The Berenstain Bears are the brain-child of husband and wife team, Jan and Stan Berenstain, Pennsylvania natives. Unfortunately, Jan and Stan have passed on, but their legacy continues with their son, Mike, who continues to publish new Berenstain Bear books from his studio in Pennsylvania. The series has grown to over 300 titles, sold in 23 languages.

Our Salem Christian Library has close to 100 copies of the Berenstain books including the latest 25 that just became part of our collection. These simple books with great values all center on the bear family: Mama, Papa, Brother, and Sister. Don't let your kids grow up without reading these wonderful books like this:



The Berenstain Bears Bedtime Devotional **by Mike Berenstain**

This book of 90 devotions for children includes the following features for each devotion: a Scripture verse, a short reading about the Berenstain Bears, a reflective message, an illustration, and a prayer.

FCSUMC Cookbook Recipe

Ingredients

100 each	Appetizer, Bread, Cake, Casserole, Snack, Cookie, Canning, Grilling, Pie, Chicken/Turkey, Beef, Vegetarian, Gluten-free, Soup and Side Dish RECIPES Due by December 9, 2018
1 – 2 dozen	Recipe data entry and proofing volunteers (now until January 31, 2019)
Unlimited	FCSUMC Cookbook orders (January 2019)
Anyone that likes to eat	Cookbook distribution Luncheon (April 28, 2019)

Method

1. Submit recipes to FCSUMCrecipes@gmail.com or place them in the recipe pot in the Welcome Center. Please include your name and contact information for any questions.

***If you have favorite recipes from the previous cookbook PLEASE submit them. When submitted these recipes will be attributed to the original person that submitted them unless otherwise noted.

ALL Recipe Submissions are due by DECEMBER 9, 2018

2. Volunteer to help enter the recipes into an easy to use online application. Recipes submitted through email can even be cut and pasted into the application.
For questions or more information contact Susan Huntsberger 717-554-9321 or Stacey Wilkinson 717-579-6318
3. In January, orders for the cookbook will be taken. Make sure to order one for your mother for Mother’s Day! (More information to follow in December after all the recipes have been submitted.)
4. SAVE THE DATE – April 28, 2019. We will gather in Fellowship Hall for a potluck luncheon of recipes submitted for the cookbook and to distribute the cookbooks.



The United Methodist Women will meet Thursday, November 8th , at 6:30pm in room 115. Our program will be “World Thank Offering Service” and 2019 Planning Meeting.



All ladies of the Church and the Community are invited to attend.

Attention Women of Light: Join us as we go to Mexico for lunch on November 11th at 12:30pm. Our destination is El Rodeo on



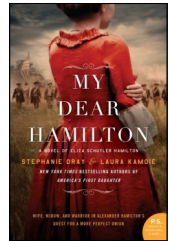
Market Street in Lemoyne. We invite all single, divorced and widowed women to join us. If you need a ride, please contact

Jeannie at 717-579-5164, Linda 717-774-0901 or Ginger 717-649-6419. See you there!

WOMEN’S BOOK DISCUSSION

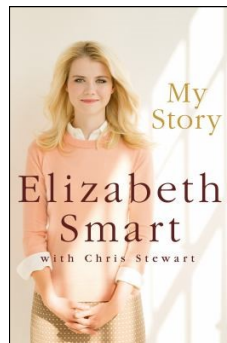
The women’s book discussion meets at Salem on the third Thursday of every month at 7pm . It is open to any woman who likes to read— or who wants to join in the discussion topic. Come and bring your ideas. If you have questions please call Marsha Uber (717-938-3108 or uber2495@ptd.net).

Nov 15th: *My Dear Hamilton* by Stephenie Dray & Laura Croghan Kammoie. Based on the life of Eliza Hamilton, Alexander’s Wife.



Dec 4th: Dinner at Theo’s

Jan 17th: *My Story* by Elizabeth Smart





Kick-off

The school year is in full swing! A new start to the school year also brought new changes to our youth group. 33 youth and 21 parents came to the kick-off event on September 16th to celebrate new-comers and fellowship with familiar faces. Dinner was served (there is always food when the youth are around!), and games were played. There was also an informational parent meeting for new and returning parents to hear from Jess her vision for the ministry, new changes to the group, and upcoming events to look forward to. Thank you all who came out this night to support our youth!



New Youth Space!

When was the last time you ventured into the old section of the church where the youth reside? I bet it's been a while. Well, I invite you to come check out our newly redecorated, newly re-furnished, and freshly painted space! Our parents and volunteers have been working hard to make this space worthy of our awesome students, so thank you everyone who helped dream, design, and pull together the incredible room we have now!



Upcoming Events:

Oct. 28

9:30am – Parent/Mentor Confirmation meeting

5:45pm – Fall Fun Night!

Nov. 4 @ 1pm

Salt n Light Battleball Tournament!

Nov. 11 @ 5pm

Youth Thanksgiving Dinner

Nov. 16 @ TBD

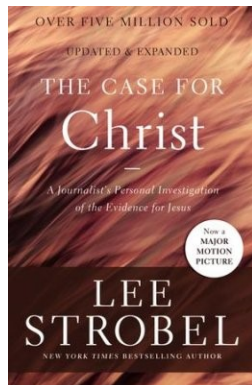
Confirmation class begins!

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

For the first two weeks of November we will continue studying Lee Strobel's book *The Case for Christ* and watching the accompanying DVD. 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?



Our hopes for this study are that our faith will be made stronger and we will be able to witness with more evidence .

Beginning November 18 and going through Advent, we will be studying the church-wide study CLOSER along with other small groups at Salem. We will continue with *The Case for Christ* after Christmas.

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.



**Daylight Savings
Time Ends on
November 4th at
2:00 am. Turn
your clocks back
one hour!**

**SALEM'S 6th ANNUAL
COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER**

Thursday, Nov. 22nd at 12:00pm

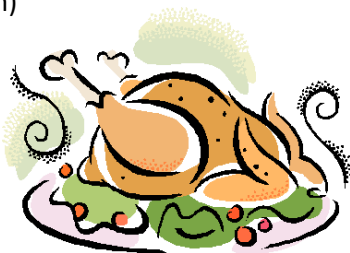
ALL are welcome!

Join us to feast and fellowship
on this great day of thankfulness!

A Lot of Help is Needed!

If you feel you are being called to serve others this Thanksgiving, please consider volunteering to help. Please pray about how you may be a blessing to others as we give thanks for all God has provided for us! Below are the areas of need. Contact Bonnie Moody to help (bonniemoody31@gmail.com or 645-6703).

- Donate a Dessert
- Donate/Lend a Thanksgiving Centerpiece
- Set up Wed., 11-21, 6:00pm
- Early Morning Turkey Crew (7am-9am)
- Kitchen Help
- Greeters
- Servers/Bussers
- Drivers
- Clean up Crew
- Donate a Turkey (18-22 lbs.)
- Turkey Prep Tues., 11-20, 6pm



Art in Advent— Come explore the Christmas story in a visual medium. This five-week class will explore the imagery and art depicting the Christmas story. We will discuss the specific images you can expect to see in Christmas story artwork, and then look at both famous and not so famous works of art. After the class is finished we will take a trip to the National Gallery of Art in Washington DC to see some of the pieces in person. Contact – Stephanie Evans (717) 599-1174 or slevns@gmail.com . Classes will be held on Wednesdays at 6:30pm at the church from Nov 14 (we will skip Nov. 21) to Dec 19, 2018. Childcare will be available.



HELP US DECK OUR HALLS

Salem will continue our tradition of decorating the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall with poinsettias. The flowers are available in 6.5" pots with 5+ blooms of red, white or marbled.

The flowers will be placed in the church for Christmas Eve and may be taken home after the last service in each location. The cost is \$9.00 for each plant.

Please make checks payable to FCSUMC with

“Poinsettias” in the memo.

Place payment with the order form in Jeannie Pelen’s mailbox by Dec. 2nd. Order forms are available in the In-

formation Rack across from Pastor Jenny’s office.

POINSETTIAS



Christmas Closet is Saturday, December 8th from 9-11:30 and we need a lot of volunteers! We will be offering a full shopping experience and a hot breakfast.

We will also need room leaders for every room (listed to the right) who will be in charge of: making sure the room is ready by Friday evening, being in charge of the room during the event and overseeing the packing of the room after the event. Support Volunteers are provided. Contact Deb Oakley at 717-798-6412 or Amy Raugh at 717-623-2472 with questions.

Room Listings:

Toys
Games
Kids' Books
Videos
Puzzles
Clothing
Coats / Hats / Gloves
Purses/Bags/
Backpacks
Linens
Baby Equipment
Household (Misc)
Jewelry

“Super Advent” Church-Wide Study

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How Can you Participate

1. Through an existing small group. Have a look at our website at www.fcsalem.org under the Adult Ministry tab for a list of groups.
2. Come to “Get Your Heart Ready for Christmas” lead by Pastor Debbie and Pastor Jenny, Tuesday nights beginning November 20 at 7 p.m. Great for folks new to small groups! See Below!
3. Start your own group and watch at home! A video of the sermon and discussion questions will be available through Salem’s home page at www.fcsalem.org.



GET YOUR HEART READY FOR CHRISTMAS (A Seasonal Small Group)

Have you ever thought about joining a small group but just didn't know where to begin? Or do you want to participate in a short-term experience that will help you stay focused on the true meaning of Christmas? This opportunity may be for you.

The Pastors will be leading a gathering in Fellowship Hall Tuesday at 7:00 from Nov. 20th-Dec 18th. The time together will be centered around the sermon series for the pre-Christmas season titled CLOSER.

Each week will focus on the sermon preached the previous Sunday and will be led by the preacher who taught that Sunday. This is a “come as you can” opportunity, join us once or for all. By way of counting days on the calendar, the season of Christmas is getting closer. May we turn our lives to be CLOSER this Christmas ... closer to the One who was first to be closer to us all.

Blue Christmas Service of Hope

If you have experienced the loss of a loved one and are in need of comfort and strength this holiday season, please join us to commemorate your loved ones.

Speakers

Pastor Manuel (Manny) Valentin, Community UMC

Event Details

Sunday, December 9, 2018 at 3:00 pm at
Community United Methodist Church
1601 Bridge Street, New Cumberland



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Parthemore Funeral Home & Cremation Services

Did you know that Salem has a “Date Night, Kid-Sitting, Co-op” Ministry? We do! At **Parents’ Night Out** your children will be fed dinner and supervised for 3 hours while parents get 3 hours to themselves! The cost is \$2 per child and the dates are the 3rd Saturday of every month from 5:30-8:30pm. Each family volunteers for 2 months out of 12. Contact Nicole Wolf at: nicolemarie405@comcast.net.

More information can be found on the Parents and Children Together (PACT) Facebook page “FCSUMC PACT”.



Mission Central is sending flood buckets to people who have lost so much in the destruction of their homes with the hurricanes in the south. Reusable wipes or handi wipes are needed for the flood buckets. Please put the wipes in the bin marked Mission Central in Mission Corner.



Children's Ministry Highlights

MARBLE DISPLAY

Have you checked out the Marble display in the Welcome Center? It is a representation of the number of weeks in a child's life between birth and when they graduate from high school. Each week is a precious gift....what will you do with each?

WANNA HANG WITH THE COOL KIDS?

We have opportunities each week in Children's Ministry for you to hang out with some really cool kids! Cross Training is always in need for greeters (High Fivers!) and helpers in our Small Groups. There is no experience necessary.

ONE ROOM SCHOOL HOUSE – LEADERS NEEDED

We are in need of a leader for Week 3 of One Room School House each Month. What a great opportunity to bless others as you teach younger kiddos about the Lord. The time commitment is minimal....only an hour or so per month!!!

PARENTS OF CROSS TRAINERS

The Cross Training offering goes toward the sponsorship of PAME, the young man that we sponsor who is living at the at REV home in Haiti. He is in need of our thoughts, prayers and donations to survive. Our money helps him with schooling to learn a trade so he can earn a living. PAME is so grateful for our support. Please help your kiddos collect offering to turn in on Sunday. It will bless PAME, but it will bless your family too!

GODLY MEN

We are in need of a few good men to lead an amazing group of 4th/5th grade boys on the 2nd and 3rd Thursdays each month. No experience necessary. Lessons available if requested!

INSTAGRAM and FACEBOOK

Did you know we are on both avenues of Social media? What a great way to see the *Bottoms* Line and *Main* Points each month, as well as talking points to guide you as you talk to your kids. Also, you may just see some faces you recognize! Please like, comment and share our links so they show on your feed. <https://www.facebook.com/Fishing-Creek-Salem-Childrens-Ministry-1488009291526851/> and https://www.instagram.com/fcsumc_cross_training/

Please contact Tracey Michelsen, Dir. of Children's Ministry at tmichelsen@fcsalem.org to sign up and join in the fun...and I promise you will be BLESSED.

Kid's Page!

Jesus was on a journey.

Find out where He was going by finding the correct path through the maze.

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Match the Shapes



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