

*The Salem*

# *Stimulus*

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## **Church Office Hours:**

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

Closed 12-1pm for Lunch

## **2019 CHURCH COUNCIL**

The following people were elected at our Annual Church Conference to serve on the Church Council of Salem Church beginning 2019. The names in **bold** are new members on the Council.

### **Class of 2019**

Terry Duncan  
Jo-Ann Howard  
Mic Sadler  
Joan Dean

### **Class of 2020**

Bonnie Moody  
Steve Novacek  
Ellen Smith  
Jeff Strohecker

### **Class of 2021**

**Laura Buzzard**  
**Nancy Hulsizer**  
**Lisa Sgrignoli**  
**Kevin Wert**

Thank you to those that served as the class of 2018:  
**Brian Davis, Stacey Wilkinson, Eric Musselman, and**  
**Stephanie Sechrist.** Please know that you and your work on  
behalf of Salem are so appreciated!

## **How Do We Keep Talking Even When We Disagree?**

Agreement is not always possible, but  
there can still be peace!

# KEEP TALKING

Nagivating difficult  
conversations  
January 6 - 20

## **In This Issue:**

- ◆ 2019 Church Council
- ◆ Winter Weather Policy
- ◆ Marriage Enrichment Class
- ◆ The Great Date Night
- ◆ 12 Ways of Christmas
- ◆ Activity Updates  
And More!



## December Birthdays



Holly Culp  
Amelia Duncan  
Jessica Duncan  
Leo Gross  
Emily Grunstra

Blake Hockenberry  
Logan Hockenberry  
Anna Strohl  
Paxton Wolf  
Jennifer Zuraw



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### Contact Information:

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Sandy Herman, Administrative Assistant ([office@fcsalem.org](mailto:office@fcsalem.org))  
717-938-1928—[www.fcsalem.org](http://www.fcsalem.org)

### Staff:

Gina Curtis, Director of Salem Community Nursery School  
Michael Hayes, Building Coordinator  
Jess Husman, Director of Youth Ministries  
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



# WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

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**Wanna Know What's Happening at Salem?** Here are a few ways to find out! Pick one to consistently follow and you can keep up with how God's moving here!

- Have a look at our website at [www.fcsalem.org](http://www.fcsalem.org)
- Follow us on Facebook
- Read the weekly email blast
- Scan Sunday's announcements
- Look at the monthly newsletter

The newsletter, and announcements are available on the website under the "Church Resources" tab.

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## TAX-FREE TRANSFERS TO CHARITY

Did you know that older IRA owners have a different way to give to charity? An IRA owner age 70 ½ or over, can directly transfer, tax-free, up to \$100,000 per year to an eligible charity. This option can be used for distributions from IRAs, regardless of whether the owners itemize their deductions.

To qualify, the funds must be transferred directly by the IRA trustee to the eligible charity. Distributed amounts may be excluded from the IRA owner's income—resulting in lower taxable income for the IRA owner. However, if the IRA owner excludes the distribution from income, no deduction, such as charitable contribution deduction may be taken for the distributed amount.

Amounts transferred to a charity from an IRA are counted in determining whether the owner has met the IRA's required minimum distribution (RMD). Consult your tax accountant to see if this option could be advantageous to you.

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**Attention Church Treasurers:** Please turn in financial information for audit to the church office by February 2nd. Make sure the end-of-year bank statement is included. If you have any questions, please contact Harry Derrick at [hksj4@aol.com](mailto:hksj4@aol.com)



Dearest Church  
Family of  
Friends,

We sincerely  
appreciate the  
continuing acts of kindness  
surrounding the deaths of  
our Brother and Dad. They  
both passed too quickly.

Christian love was shown  
to us with meals, cards, ver-  
bal concerns and hugs. We're  
certain the Prayer Warriors  
were working also.

But as two lives moved on  
their journey, we remember  
the hope of the Babe who was  
born and will return again.

Ed and Wendy Kautz

**Dear Reverend Dr. Heisley-Cato  
and members of FC Salem  
United Methodist Church,**

Thank you so much for your re-  
cent, generous monetary dona-  
tion. We appreciate your kind-  
ness and support. In November,  
we served 139 families that add-  
ed up to 353 people. We also  
assisted 194 families with Christ-  
mas Dinner in addition to regular  
food bank appointments. Thanks  
for helping us help our  
neighbors in need. May you all  
have a blessed Christmas and a  
happy, healthy new year.

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



As a new year begins,  
please lift up the follow-  
ing in your prayer time  
during the month of January.

*"Be joyful in hope, patient  
in affliction, faithful in  
prayer."*

*Romans 12:12 (NIV)*

- **Our pastors** - for their faithfulness, wisdom, guidance, physical and spiritual health, their families, their ability to balance ministry, family and other responsibilities.
- **Our church staff** - for their talents, creativity, energy and devoted service to our church family
- **Small group leaders** – for their leadership, vision and direction for their groups

## BACK TO THE BIBLE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

By Kathy Alford

During January we will continue 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?

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 tentative schedule for January:

January 6	"Backing Up the Biblical Record of Christ"
January 13	"Evidence Outside the Bible"
January 20	"Presenting Evidence for the Resurrection of Christ"
January 27	"Analyzing Christ"



**Winter weather** is upon us! In the event of winter weather, the church office will follow the West Shore School District's (WSSD) delay & cancellation schedule.

Sunday service cancellations will be broadcast on WHTM 27 & WGAL 8. **The closings for the church will only be broadcast on the stations' apps and websites.** Church closures will no longer be broadcast on the tv stations. If the WSSD cancels all evening activities, the church will cancel all evening activities as well. If the School district does not cancel evening activities, all group cancellations will be at the discretion of each group leader and he/she will be responsible for contacting the members of the group.



Item of the Month: Mission Central sends hygiene kits to people who do not have the basic necessities of life. Washcloths (non

microfiber) are needed for these kits. Please put the washcloths in the bin marked Mission Central in Mission Corner.



**Ladies, are you ready for the NEW in 2019?**

**Join us as we engage in**

**New Beginnings:**

***Oh, the Places You'll Go!***

**Saturday, January 19th, 2019 from 2:00 p.m. until 4:30 pm.**

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January is the time of year that we consider the New. It is often seen as an opportunity to start over, eliminate, or improve areas of our lives.

Based on Dr. Seuss' timeless children's book, this event is intended to inspire women to look ahead to 2019 in order to help us discern what God

has in store for our lives. What is new? What is unexpected?

Together we will be invited to consider what goals we might set in this new year for ourselves, our marriages, families, minis-

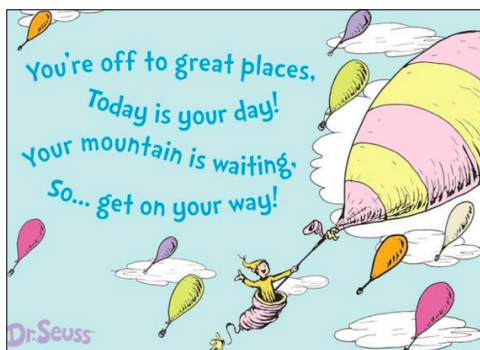
**What will God do?  
It's hard to say.  
But whatever will  
happen**

try, finances, places of employment, and any other area of life in which we feel challenged to "go higher."

All ladies ages 13 to 99 are invited for munchies, hilarity, and gabbing. Kidcare will be provided for infants

through age 2, so drop off your tiny sprouts in our nursery.

Join your guides, Laura Buzzard (717-634-6604) and Wendy Kautz (717-938-3071) as we dive into the New.





The **United Methodist Women** will meet Thursday, January 10th at 6:30 pm in room 115. The program for the evening will be the installation of Officers for 2019 and the recipient for the Special Mission Recognition Award. All ladies of the Church and the Community are invited to attend. Why not get the New Year off to a fresh start and check us out.



## 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](mailto:uber2495@ptd.net)).



**Jan 17th:** *My Dear Hamilton* by Stephenie Dray and Laura Croghan  
Kamoie

**Feb 21st:** *My Story* by Elizabeth Smart



## Women of Light Global Dining Adventure

Join the Women of Light as we continue to experience cuisine from around the world. On Sunday, January 6 at 12:30 pm, we will dine at Yak N Yeti (213 3rd Street New Cumberland). This restaurant serves Himalayan cuisine. We plan on meeting there, but if you need a ride, give Ginger (649-6419), Linda (774-0901) or Jeannie (579-5164) a call to make arrangements. Women of Light is open to women who are single, divorced or widowed. Join us for fun and fellowship! Sign-up on the sheet in the hallway on the Women of light bulletin board.





### Looking for a way to bless others?



Salem offers Communion 6 times per year to those who are unable to attend services and we are looking for people to serve. Contact Jackie Shaffer (717-557-8789 or [jkieshafr@aol.com](mailto:jkieshafr@aol.com)).

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**The Salem Seniors** will dine at Theo's in Camp Hill on January 17th at 1:00pm. Please contact Les or Jean Condon by Monday, January 14th to RSVP: 717-932-4331. We hope you will join us!



### **Sisters of Salem will be studying Priscilla Shirer's *The Armor of God*.**

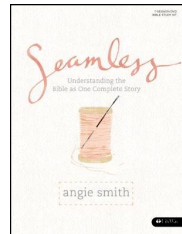
All day, every day, an invisible war rages round you. A cunning devilish enemy seeks to wreak havoc on everything that matters to you – your emotions, your mind, your family, your future. Learn how to beat the devil by putting on the full armor of God every day.

Begins 1/9/19 from 6:15 to 8:00pm in room 211. Please contact Jeannette Payne for any questions 717-781-5136 or [netty0826@gmail.com](mailto:netty0826@gmail.com)



### **Seamless: Understanding the Bible as One Story** - New

to the Bible? Want to refresh your knowledge of the Bible? Want a new start for the new year? Want to get out and meet new people? For these reasons and more... join us for a 7-week study that goes through the entire Bible and provides an overview of the people, places and stories of the Bible. We will meet at 9:30 on Sunday mornings in room 211 beginning on Sunday January 6th. Study facilitated by Laura Buzzard and Christy Musselman.



The New **Flower Order Calendars** are posted on the bulletin board outside the church office. You can purchase flowers for the church (Sanctuary \$16.50 and Fellowship Hall \$21.00) and then take them home after church on Sunday. Please contact Sandy in the office if you have any questions : [office@fcsalem.org](mailto:office@fcsalem.org) or 717-938-1928.





## Support Marriages at Salem!

Salem will offer a Marriage Enrichment Class for couples of all ages on Sunday evenings, February 17, 24, and March 3 at 6:00 PM. As a fun, meaningful conclusion to this opportunity and as an offering for any couple in the church, we have planned "The Great Date Night" with Mark Cable on Saturday evening, March 9.



Mark is a singer, songwriter, and "funny man." He has performed for hundreds of churches across the U.S. "His insightful, everyday-life songs, along with his off-the-wall sense of humor, make him an instant hit."

The cost for having Mark is \$1,000. **In order to make the evening affordable for any couple who would like to attend, we are inviting folks who have a heart for this ministry to "sponsor" his performance** by giving \$50, \$100, or beyond, if they feel comfortable. With the permission of the sponsor(s), their names will be listed in the program for that evening. Contact the church office ([office@fcsalem.org](mailto:office@fcsalem.org)) for more information.

A member of our congregation attended one of Mark's recent performances in New Cumberland and highly recommended his ministry to us. Learn more about Mark at [www.markcable.com](http://www.markcable.com)



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Attention Ministry Leaders at Salem. If you have any **church records that need to be shredded**, please submit to Sandy in the church office by January 20th. Papers will be secured until shredded later in the month. Contact Sandy at [office@fcsalem.org](mailto:office@fcsalem.org) or 717-938-9527 with questions.

## **Worship: What's Next?**

Submitted by Pastor Jenny

A word about the Twelve Days of Christmas – (December 25<sup>th</sup> through January 5<sup>th</sup>) It is more than just a song, or an obnoxious bonanza of gift giving. The Twelve Days represent a season of Christmas to be savored. At least a little longer than some traditionally do these days. May we remember the time of Christmas as an extended celebration. Instead of the Twelve Days of Christmas, may we consider:

### **The Twelve WAYS of Christmas**

- ◆ **1<sup>st</sup> Way December 25<sup>th</sup>** – Remember Christ (light a candle for Jesus, read Luke 2:1-20)
- ◆ **2<sup>nd</sup> Way December 26<sup>th</sup>** – Prayer (pray to God for your family and for people in need)
- ◆ **3<sup>rd</sup> Way of December 27<sup>th</sup>** – Visit Others (knock on a neighbor's door, stop in on friends)
- ◆ **4<sup>th</sup> Way of December 28<sup>th</sup>** – Prepare for Visitors (be open to extend hospitality to someone new)
- ◆ **5<sup>th</sup> Way of December 29<sup>th</sup>** – Be Willing to Receive (allow others to give to you, receive gifts with grace)
- ◆ **6<sup>th</sup> Way of December 30<sup>th</sup>** – Be Watchful (ponder the future, pray for youth and children with broad futures)
- ◆ **7<sup>th</sup> Way of December 31<sup>st</sup>** – Be Joyous (commit to find joy each day; New Year's Eve, early or late, celebrate!)
- ◆ **8<sup>th</sup> Way of January 1<sup>st</sup>** – Make Room (declutter, a room, a drawer, a closet ... or a boggled mind)
- ◆ **9<sup>th</sup> Way of January 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Make Peace (be open to forgive, go and make peace, speak peace everywhere)
- ◆ **10<sup>th</sup> Way of January 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Tell Others ("how was your Christmas?" response in faith; best gift – Jesus!)
- ◆ **11<sup>th</sup> Way of January 4<sup>th</sup>** – Give Thanks (no gift? Tell another how much you appreciate them)
- ◆ **12<sup>th</sup> Way of January 5<sup>th</sup>** – Give Gifts (giving other your best, not to out do others, but to honor God)

## It's Easter Egg Time!

The Easter Egg Project is ready to “roll” off to a New Year of Egg Making. We’re excited to get started, and have some new things happening for egg production and sales! Keep a look out for these updates! Please consider joining us in this service project that benefits many activities in and around our church!

We will do preparation work on January 24<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 12 noon. Egg-making production will begin on Monday January 28<sup>th</sup> and will continue every Monday and Wednesday thereafter through April 10<sup>th</sup>, so mark your calendars. Come and join us from approximately 7 am until 1 pm each day, or anytime during that timeframe that fits your schedule. Lunch will be provided each day.

Questions: Call Gary Cassell at 717-938-6484, Jeff Strohecker at 717-884-1941, or Jo-Ann Howard at 717-938-3216.

Thank you to everyone who has helped to make the Easter Egg Project a success for over 25 years! We look forward to seeing you!



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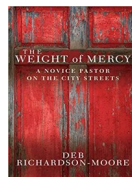
## Library News By Kathy Alford

This week I would like to feature some recently donated books that are part of the United Methodist Women’s Reading Program from the last couple of years. These books are not just available for United Methodist women; they are interesting reads for all. Come check them out!

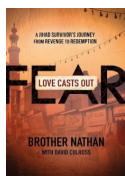
### ***The Weight of Mercy: A Novice Pastor on the City Streets***

by Deb Richardson-Moore

For 27 years Deb was a journalist in the Deep South. Then she retrained as a Baptist pastor, and accepted a post at a run-down inner-city church where the homeless gathered. Full of color and incident, Deb’s story is a testament to messy grace and the presence of the Spirit in the hard places of the world.



### ***Love Casts Out Fear: A Jihad Survivor’s Journey from Revenge to Redemption*** by Brother Nathan



This is the gripping true story of danger, overwhelming anger, and forgiveness that’s beyond comprehension. Through Nathan’s experiences in Egypt, you’ll marvel at God’s ability to care for those who follow his call and to change hearts in one of the most dangerous places in the world to claim Christ as Lord.



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