

The Salem

Stimulus

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Church Office Hours:
Mon-Thurs 8:30am-3:00pm
Closed 12-1pm for Lunch

NEW MEMBER CLASSES BEGIN IN MARCH!



Are you ready to take the next step in your journey with Jesus and His people? Jesus calls us to make a commitment to follow him and to do it in the company of other committed followers. Becoming a member of a local church means that this is the place and these are the people among whom you will live out your faith.

During the month of March, Pastor Jenny and Pastor Debbie will be teaching a class to help people explore the possibility of becoming a member of Fishing Creek Salem Church. The classes will be held at 9:30 AM on Sunday mornings, March 3, 10, 24 and 31. Anyone who wishes to either transfer their membership from another church or to simply join with this congregation are asked to attend the classes.

If you are interested in joining the class or if you have questions, please call or email the church office or sign up on the connection card on Sunday morning.

Being a part of the class does not mean you have made a final decision. It can simply be a way to explore the possibility.

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December Birthdays



Ella Beam
Jameson Christine
Ava Clawser
Samuel Culp
Ethan Dormer

Hailey Douden
Ruby Gross
Haylee Holland
Conner Livingston

Abby Martin
Koen Meanor
Karsyn Peifer
Everest Robinson
Ava Wagner



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Tracey Michelsen and Michelle Rich, Church Sextons
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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



A Special Session of General Conference of the worldwide United Methodist Church will be held on February 22 and 23, 2019. The sole purpose of this gathering is to consider legislation concerning issues of **human sexuality as relates to church rules and law**. There are several different proposals coming to this session.

You can read these proposals in full at <http://www.umc.org/topics/general-conference-2019-special-session>.

Leading up to the Special Session, there may be media coverage and opinion pieces originating from a variety of outlets. It is our hope in the midst of this onslaught of information, our hearts will be led to pray, pray in the time before, during, and after this Special Session. Please know that no decisions about our greater church will be made until the Special Session.

On Sunday, February 24, Pastor Debbie and Pastor Jenny will share the exact content of the decisions. Again, it is our hope that we will honor each other in receiving the news of this General Conference decision ***as a church family***, united in the one Jesus Christ.

We are very hopeful that we can “keep talking,” to continue the conversations, respectfully and lovingly within our own church family whatever outcome the General Conference will decide.

The peace of Christ be with us!

Where Can I Find a Small Group? A complete list of Salem’s small groups is posted on our website at www.fcsalem.org under the “Adult” ministries tab. Have questions? Contact our Small Group Coordinator, Susan Ryder at sryder@fcsalem.org.

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



Thank you so much for your recent, generous monetary donation. We appreciate your kindness and support. In December, we served 99 families that added up to 269 people. We also assisted 194 families with Christmas Meals in addition to regular food bank appointments.

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

Wanted: 12-count Egg Cartons!

We are collecting egg cartons for the Annual Easter Egg hunt. Please place the cartons in Ministry Corner in the Bin labeled "Jamie Marakovits."



Prayer Team

Please lift-up the following in your prayer time during the month of February.

"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us."

1 John 5:14 (NIV)

- The Prayer Shawl ministry and the knitters who prayerfully knit prayer shawls for those in need of prayer.
- The dedicated egg makers as they mix, scoop, roll, dip, wrap, pack, etc. the delicious eggs and enjoy each other's company.
- Those involved in Salem's music ministry who share their time and talents to provide beautiful music each Sunday and at special events.

BACK TO THE BIBLE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS by Kathy Alford

During February 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 February:

February 3	“Evidence for the Resurrection”
February 10	“Explaining the Central Message of Christ”
February 17	“Reaching Your Verdict”
February 24	“Encouraging Friends to Follow 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: Children in many parts of the world are not given the basic supplies needed for school. Mission Central sends school kits to these children and an immediate need for these kits are one subject notebooks. Please put the notebooks in the bin marked Mission Central in Mission Corner.





Thank You!

With your generous donations toward our annual Christmas card project, we were able to raise \$156 for the United Methodist Home for Children! **Thank you so much for giving!**

If you have any questions about our 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 time, prayers, and encouragement!

Follow us for all the updates!



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Church Friends

Isn't it always easier to try something new when you do it with a friend? The Hospitality Team would like to establish a list of "Church Friends" who would be willing to serve as a point of contact for newcomers to help them connect with activities or groups in our church that they are interested in. The role would entail checking in with the newcomers a couple times a month to see if they have any questions about the church and then finding out the answers or directing them to the right contact person for the answer. Easy enough, right? Ideally, we'd like to match people with someone who attends the same service that they do. If you think you could be a Church Friend, please sign up on the connection card or contact the church office.

Friends



The **United Methodist Women** will meet Thursday, February 21st at 6:30pm in room 210. The program for the evening will be our annual, "Call to Prayer and Self-Denial." Please come and learn who this program supports. All Women of the Church and Community are invited to attend.



WOMEN'S BOOK DISCUSSION

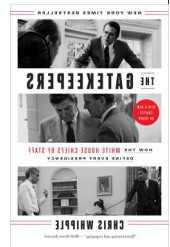
The women's book discussion meets at Salem on the third Thursday of every month at 7pm . It is open to any woman who likes to read—or who wants to join in the discussion topic. Come and bring your ideas. If you have questions please call Marsha Uber (717-938-3108 or uber2495@ptd.net).



Feb 21st: *My Story* by Elizabeth Smart

March 21st:

Gatekeepers: How the White House Chiefs of Staff Define Every Presidency by Chris Wipple



Women of Light Global Dining Adventure

Join the Women of Light as we continue to experience cuisine from around the world. On Sunday, March 3 at 12:30PM, we will dine at Cedars (2153 Market St, Camp Hill). This restaurant serves Lebanese cuisine. We plan on meeting there but if you need a ride, give Ginger (649-6419), Jeannie (579-5164) or Linda (774-0901) a call to make arrangements. Women of Light is open to women who are single, divorced or widowed. Join us for fun and fellowship! Signup on the sheet in the hallway outside of Fellowship Hall on our bulletin board.



What's Going to Become of Mom?

Providing help to aging family members who obviously need assistance should be easy—you love them, they love you, other relatives and friends will pitch-in to provide support—everyone will just sit down and figure out what's best for mom/dad/aunt Tilley to have a safe, satisfying, comfortable old-age. And your efforts will be appreciated—right? (uh huh sure...)

Being a caregiver is often a difficult, complicated, unappreciated task; but it may be one of the most important roles you will ever play. No matter where you are in the process—just anticipating a future need, helping facilitate a move, long-distance service coordinator or live-in caregiver—having a good framework to help guide you and your loved one will make the process easier.

This four-week course, offered Mondays, March 4-25 from 6:30-8pm, will cover the basics: common caregiver challenges and resources; senior housing options; hiring in-home service providers and getting legal and financial affairs in order. The workshops will be facilitated by Glen Dunbar, a member of the church and semi-retired Social Gerontologist. The workshops are free, and adults of all ages are encouraged to attend.

No need to pre-register but if you would like more information call Glen Dunbar at 717-645-2375

Salem recently received a letter from **Pastor Daniel Wilcox, Christ First UMC, Wasilla, Alaska**. He thanks Salem for our continued support (from our weekly offering) and prayers. He mentioned some challenges pastoring in Alaska, such as fluidity in the congregations and pastors. Both of which are affected by the ups and downs in the oil and fishing industries. While his previous appointments have been clearly missional, Christ First is working on defining its mission. Some strengths to define the mission are its “gifted and graced individuals,” a large property and a growing area. Lastly “Thanks you for your ongoing support and for the prayers you lift for us and the congregation here in Wasilla. We have challenges ahead, but appreciate the opportunity to share the journey with you.” Daniel P. Wilcox

I Love You More- Marriage Study

Join us for a Marriage Boost, 6 p.m. Sunday nights beginning February 10! We'll discuss, "How to make the thorns in your marriage come up roses. The big and little annoyances in your marriage are actually opportunities to deepen your love for each other. Your personal quirks and differences—where you squeeze the toothpaste tube, how you handle money—can actually help draw you together provided you handle them correctly. Turn your marriage's prickly issues into opportunities to love each other more."



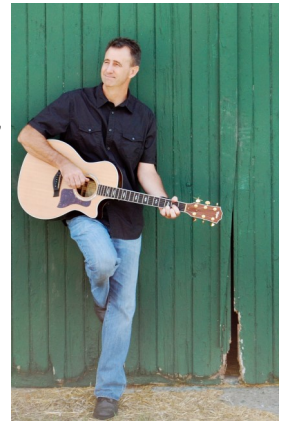
provided you handle them correctly. Turn your marriage's prickly issues into opportunities to love each other more."

Pam and Doug Dyer will lead us through this discussion. There is no cost for this study. Childcare available. Note your interest on the Connection Card Sunday, or contact Susan Ryder

sryder@fcsalem.org.

The Great Date Night with Mark Cable

Join us for this fun, marriage-building event, Saturday, March 9 at 6 p.m. Mark will provide us with his "every-day life songs and comedy that will allow couples to laugh, unwind and be encouraged to make and keep their relationship Christ-centered and a top priority." Desserts also provided. RSVP necessary (Connection card or church office at 717-938-1928). This event is open to the community, so invite your friends to this special night. Contact Susan Ryder at 938-1928 or sryder@fcsalem with questions.



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 (for any amount) his performance. If you would like to sponsor, please contact the church office.

Find out more about The Great Date Night at:

<https://www.markcable.com/datenight.html>

FAMILY PROMISE

March 10 - 17 is the next time we get to host Family Promise families that need temporary accommodations while working to get a home of their own! Please prayerfully consider where God is calling you to help. Opportunities include:

- Sunday morning set up (Nov 4 @ 10:30 – 11:30 AM)
- Evening van driver (One or more days, Drive from FCSUMC to Day Center (Camp Hill) and then back. Approx. 5:30-6:30 PM)
- Dinner preparer (A Group or family - One day during the week prepare a meal at your home and deliver to FCSUMC by 6:00 PM)
- Dinner and evening hosts (6:00 – 8:30 PM - Set up, serve, eat and hang out with the families.)
- Overnight hosts (8:30 PM – 7:00 AM – Sleep and help families get to the van in the morning.)
- Morning van driver (One or more days, Drive from FCSUMC to Day Center (Camp Hill) and then back. Approx. 6:30 – 7:30 AM)
- Sunday morning clean-up crew (7:30 AM for 45-90 minutes)
- Laundry team (Pick up the sheets and blankets in FCSUMC office after 9:30 AM. Take them home to wash, bring then back and put away.)



For more information or to be put on the volunteer list contact Stacey Wilkinson by phone or email. 717-579-6318 or FamilyPromise@fcsalem.org or Signup NOW at the link below. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0445aea629a0f58-family2>

The Salem Seniors will dine at Culhane's Steak and Seafood on February 21st at 1:00pm. Please contact Glenn or Barb Kurzenknabe by Monday, February 18th to RSVP: 717-774-1728. We hope you will join us!



The Easter Egg Project has gotten off to a great start this year!

Egg-making production began on Monday January 28th and will continue every Monday and Wednesday through April 10th. 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.

Egg Pick-up will be on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 am – 1 pm, and 6 – 7 pm. Order forms with directions for completion are provided in the Welcome Center. Eggs are expected to be picked up within 2 weeks of your delivery date.

If you aren't able to help make eggs, consider selling them to your family, friends, and co-workers. Also, donations are needed for egg-makers lunches. Sign up on the posters in the Welcome Center or at the South Entrance of the church. Any help is greatly appreciated!

Come and join this fun loving group of folks who enjoy working, having some good fellowship, and making Easter eggs. No experience is necessary, and there really is a job for everyone. All are welcome to join us! We look forward to seeing you!



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

Library News

By Kathy Alford

This month the Fishing Creek Salem Christian Library article features the latest books by Max Lucado. With more than 130 million products in print, Max Lucado is America's bestselling inspirational author. He serves the Oak Hills Church in San Antonio, Texas, where he lives with his wife, Denalyn, and their mischievous mutt, Andy. We have copies of most of Lucado's works in our library. Below are our most recent acquisitions.

Unshakable Hope: Building Our Lives on the Promises of God

I've discovered that nothing lifts the weary soul like the promises of God.

Unshakable Hope Promise Book: Student Edition Using examples from biblical characters, Max will help you explore the ways God has kept his promises then and now.

God Always Keeps His Promises: Unshakable Hope for Kids In this beautifully illustrated book, Max Lucado shows children the power, support, and protection of God through 25 promises, Bible stories, scriptures, and life applications that make each promise come alive.



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