

LENT, A SEASON TO GROW AS DISCIPLES OF JESUS

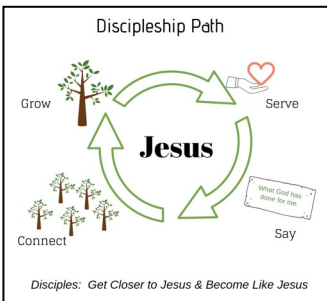
Lent: The season of the Church Year we call Lent has traditionally been a time to deepen our faith and to prepare to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus on Easter. Historically, it was a time for new believers to learn about what it means to follow Jesus and to prepare to be baptized and commit their whole lives to Jesus.

Recommit: It was also a time when those who had separated themselves from or fallen away from their commitment to Jesus participated in a time of repentance and healing so that they could renew their commitment and be received back into the community on Easter.

Path: This year at Salem during the Lenten Season we will focus on what it means to follow Jesus on the path of discipleship and how we can grow closer to Jesus and become more like Him. Unless our lives already have become perfectly Christ-like, we still have farther to travel on the path and we can still grow closer to Him and His will for our lives.

Over the past few months we have worked on creating this *Path of Discipleship*. This pathway will remind and guide us as followers of Jesus. It's not a linear path, but a circle where

we can step on at any point. It's not a stagnant path, but a path that moves us through ways to get closer to Jesus and become more like Jesus.



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Our Lenten journey begins on **Ash Wednesday, March 6**, at 6:30 PM. At that time, we will gather for a special 30 minute service titled "Hope from the Ashes." This will allow small groups meeting on Wednesdays to attend as a group and then go to their regular sessions.

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March Birthdays



L J Brtalik
Hannah Culp
Kinsley Davis
Zoe Davis

Gareth Hetherington
Turner Howard
Emma Livingston
Michael Payne

Carson Sadler
Madalyn Saltzer
Rachel Sechrist
Alex Sylvester



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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



ARE YOU TAKING ADVANTAGE OF ONLINE GIVING?

Do you do many of your financial transactions online? Did you know you can give to the ministries of Salem Church online as well? Online giving can make sharing your offering so much easier. The church system we have here at Salem is simple to use, gives complete flexibility in scheduling your gifts and can be easily modified by you at any time.

Instructions for setting up your account can be found in the Information Center by the side entrance or on the Church's website.

If you have any questions or need assistance please feel free to call Charlotte Tomasetti at 717-774-0511.

UMCOR SUNDAY – March 31, 2019

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is the humanitarian relief and development arm of The United Methodist Church (UMC). Each year, on the fourth Sunday in Lent, a collection is taken that covers ALL of the administrative costs for the organization.

NURSERY SCHOOL OPENINGS

Salem Community Nursery School would love to have you join us for the 2019/20 school year. We have openings in our Three-Year-Old Class and our Afternoon Four-Year-Old Class to start in September. You may visit our program any time school is in session. Our teachers are highly qualified, all with Bachelor's Degrees and one with a Master's Degree. We love teaching children! For more information contact Gina Curtis at gcurtis@fcsalem.org or go to <http://www.salemnurseryschool.org>

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



Thank you so much for donating 315 pounds of mixed groceries for a food drive for us. Thank you to Heidi Stahl for organizing it. Also, thanks for your recent monetary donation. In January, we served 133 families that added up to 365 people. Thanks for helping us help our neighbors in need.

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

**Ladies Spring Tea and
Pastries** hosted by the
United Methodist Women
will be held at the church
on March 16th at 10am.
Our speaker will be: Kyla
Harvey, Executive Director
of The
Neighborhood Center.
Please RSVP by March 7th
to Heidi 717-512-3949.



Prayer Team

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

“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful”

Colossians 4:2 (NIV)

- The new member class—that they may find Salem a warm, welcoming community of God’s children and that we in turn are blessed with their presence.
- The Stephen Ministers as they use their talents and training to provide support for individuals living through life crises.
- The Hospital Visitation Team who visit persons during their hospital stay.

“Radical Hospitality” a New six-week small group study

Hospitality in the church is a vital part of our walk with Jesus as we share his love in our homes, schools, neighborhoods and work places. As Pastors Debbie and Jenny noted in their sermon series, Jesus often got in trouble with “religious” leaders for associating with “sinners.” He practiced “radical hospitality” in his culture, something we are called to do as well, even when it’s scary or inconvenient. This study will help us realize how important it is to practice hospitality in our everyday life. We may be the only “Jesus” some people will see, as shown in the book *The Gospel Comes with a House Key* by Rosaria Butterfield. For those of you who don’t know me, I am Rev. Dr. Jody Fleming; my husband and I attend the 11AM service. I teach pastoral students at Evangelical Seminary in the areas of Congregational Care and Missional Engagement. I have also been on the “front lines” in ministry as a corporate, hospice and hospital chaplain as well as a staff pastor in other churches. YOU are invited to join the journey of exploring what it means to practice “radical hospitality” as a disciple of Jesus Christ! Study begins 3/17/19.

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Salem’s Path of Discipleship:

- Connecting** with God and each other,
- Growing** through study and small groups,
- Serve** (ing) God and others, and
- Saying** and telling about what God has done in your life so that others can come to know Jesus.

Themes for the Sundays of Lent will center on the *Path of Discipleship*.

To help us on this journey, we will provide a “Field Journal” with suggested scripture and activities for each week, and a space to record your own thoughts, ideas, and messages from God. May this be a time for all of us together to grow closer to Jesus and stronger in our ability to make new disciples for Him.



Item of the Month: Mission Central sends school kits to children throughout the world who are unable to provide for themselves. Rulers (must show inches and centimeters) are needed for these kits. Please put the rulers in the bin marked Mission Central in Mission Corner.



ZETEO 2019

21 students and 9 leaders travelled to Altoona at the beginning of February to attend Salt 'n Light's winter youth conference, Zeteo. This weekend event focused around a multi-day drama that cuts to the heart of real issues many of us face every day. This year's theme was 'Architects.' See, the culture we live in today tries to lure us into a false sense of control and comfort when we choose to put ourselves before others. But this weekend challenged us to remember that it is God, not the ways or things of this world, that is the Greater Architect. His plans and designs are far better than anything we could construct on our own.

But the best way to truly understand what this weekend meant to us is to ask! We would love to share our stories of God moments and Spirit movements. Next time you see a teen, ask about their experience at Zeteo!

Greater love. Greater things. Greater one.



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!

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all the updates!**



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The **United Methodist Women** will meet Thursday, March 14th at 6:30pm for our **BUSINESS MEETING** in room 115. At 7:00pm, our speaker will be: Tom Russell, Meteorologist from CBS 21. All members & friends (men & Women) of Salem Church and the Community are invited to hear Mr. Russell speak.



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).

March 21st: *Gatekeepers: How the White House Chiefs of Staff Define Every Presidency* by Chris Wipple

April 28th (4th Sunday): *Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly, inspired by a WWII heroine



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

Seeking Musicians. Salem is seeking guitar, bass, drums, and keyboards to share the load with our amazing worship teams. If you, or anyone you know, would like to explore being part of our team, contact Derek at dsandstrom@fcsalem.org.

**Daylight Savings Time begins on March 10th—
Spring Forward 1 hour!**

Egg Making Continues!

Egg-making production continues 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.

Last date to order eggs is March 31st to guarantee delivery by April 10th. Egg orders may be picked up on Mondays and Wednesdays 9am-1pm (using the outside door of the Fellowship Hall to the right of the South Entrance) & 6-7pm (using the South Entrance Church Door). Order forms 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!



New Opportunities for Evening Egg Making for Youth

High-School-age youth are invited to come and help with Egg making Wednesday nights on March 13, 27; April 3 from 5 – 7 p.m. No experience necessary. The kitchen can accommodate about 8 youth per night. Sign up on the Connection card. Questions? Contact Nancy Harshberger, nbnsdh@epic.net.

Come and 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.

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! For more information contact Stacey Wilkinson by phone: 717-579-6318 or Signup at the link below.
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0445aea629a0f58-family2>

Salem's Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday, April 13th from 2:30 – 4:00. All children through 5th grade are invited to participate. This year's event will include a puppet show, activities, crafts, and of course the egg hunt. Please mark on the connection card if you are interested in helping with this event. The following supplies are needed: Candy or other prizes for the eggs, Pretzels, Hulled popcorn (already popped), Cotton balls, Googly eyes. Please place donated items in the boxes marked "Easter Egg Event" in the Mission Corner by Sunday, March 23rd. The following help is needed: Lead a station, Set up in Fellowship Hall at 1:00 on Saturday, April 13th, Hide eggs, Clean up at 4:00 on Saturday, April 13th, Help where needed. Any questions contact Jamie Marakovits at JamieMarakovits@gmail.com



Glory to the Risen Lord!

Salem will continue the tradition of decorating the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall with flowers on Easter, April 21. The flowers will be placed in the church for Easter and may be taken home after the 9:30 service in Fellowship Hall or the 11:00 service in the Sanctuary. This year several types of flowers are available at different prices. DEADLINE for ordering is March 31. Please make checks payable to Fishing Creek Salem UMC and place it with an order form in Jeannie Pelen's mailbox. The order forms can be found in the Information Center by the side entrance or in Jeannie Pelen's mailbox. You cannot specify the color of the tulips or hyacinths. There will be a mix. Prices are on the order form.



The Salem Seniors will dine at Gilligan's Restaurant (Carlisle Pike) on March 21st at 1:00 pm. Please contact Fay Brown by Sunday, March 17th to RSVP: 717-938-1190 or fayjake@ptd.net Hope to see you!



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>

Library News By Kathy Alford

Many Christian movies have become blockbusters in the past few years. Below are summaries of two latest additions:

The Case for Christ

This movie is the true story of Lee Strobel’s conversion to Christianity. When Lee and Leslie’s young daughter almost loses her life due to choking, a nurse, Alfie, saves her life. Lesle and Alfie become fast friends and Leslie becomes a Christian. Lee, a staunch atheist, sets out to prove that Christianity is a farce. Tracing his own spiritual journey from atheism to faith, Strobel, cross-examines a dozen experts with doctorates who are recognized authorities in their own fields.

I Can Only Imagine

This is the inspiring true story behind MercyMe’s beloved hit song “I Can Only Imagine.” Running from a troubled home life and a broken relationship, Bart Millard found escape in music. Bart and his band, MercyMe, set out on an amazing journey none of them could ever have imagined, in this uplifting, music-filled movie that beautifully illustrates the power of forgiveness and God’s love.



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