



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

Worship: What's Next

Easter is late this year. How so? Well, the first full moon **after** the vernal equinox (March 21th—the first day of spring) would be April 19th. And the following Sunday, April 21st is Easter, the celebration of Our Lord's Resurrection! This (Gregorian-Lunar) rule, established in the 16th century, means that Easter could fall on the calendar as early as March 22nd or come as late as April 25th. (Don't worry. Easter will not fall on April 25th until 2038.)

Pope Francis has entertained the idea to make Easter a fixed day of celebration of the Church, kind of like having Christmas every year on December 25th. But this is a complicated matter ... and would require a gathering unlike any in our lifetime, of eastern and western forms of Christianity, not to mention a compromise even greater than the gathering itself. Sigh ... a fixed day for Easter will not be happening any time soon.

What is not so complicated is what God did on the holiest of days. The Holy Word of God became the Living Word of God as what God promised all along came to life! And boy did it ever come alive in the greatest story that ever was, is and will be! Our faith story, our gospel means Good News! Some skeptics may call it a mystery of religion too incredible to believe. As for you and me, those who DO believe, the incredibleness is what

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Passion Sunday

Reception of New Members
Kid's Drama

Maundy Thursday

The Great Fellowship
Supper with Jesus / Holy
Communion
Meal 6:00 pm
followed by Brief Service &
Holy Communion
(approximately 7:00 pm)

Good Friday Service

Tenebrae Self-guided Prayer
Walk 7:00 pm
Service of Tenebrae 7:30 pm

Easter

Sunrise Service
Outdoor Chapel 6:30 am

Easter Sunday Services
8:15, 9:30, 11:00 am

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April Birthdays



Madelyn Altland
Kellan Cox
Sean Cox

Savannah Duff
Olivia Etter

Kaden Peifer
John Shank
Carlee Weisheit



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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



NEW STAFF POSITIONS - At the recommendation of Council , to better proclaim the Gospel and meet the needs of Salem and the community, two new positions have been created, Community Pastor and Dir. of Youth and Young Adult Ministries. Pastor Jenny will fill the role of Community Pastor and Jess Husman as the Dir. of Youth and Young Adult Ministries. Pastor Jenny's office has been relocated to 216. Stop in and ask her about the position!

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>

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makes a risen Savior even more believable!

God promises life, Jesus taught the life, and what was promised and taught has come to life! The story of God and God's people is made Truth with a capital "T" because of the cross and the tomb. Everything God promised and everything Jesus said is now the truth, the Living Word because of the cross and the tomb.

What does this tell us about our faith? Jesus is the game changer. If no one comes to the Father, except through him, then his words made true by his death and resurrection are the focus of God's story.

You can participate in the life of Jesus by bringing yourself and others to the holiest week of our faith. Salem will have special services to mark the Last Supper and Passion of Jesus. The times and locations of these services are given below. May we draw closer to Jesus and closer to each other as believers of the one who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Just as God promised. Just as he, the Living Word, told us.

Dear Pastor,

On behalf of [Redcap] I would like to thank your congregation for the contribution in the amounts of \$1,629 and \$380. We appreciate your monetary support of REDCAP which helps families in need in Northern York County with electric bills, heating, medical bills, fuel etc. and works with them to help them become self-sufficient.

Barbara Casner

**Board President
Red Land Community Action
Program**



MISSIONS CORNER

Item of the Month:
Mission Central sends care kits to less fortunate people around the world who can not buy their own necessities. Adult size toothbrushes are needed for these kits. Please put the toothbrushes in the bucket marked Mission Central in Mission Corner.



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

- Salem's kids, whether in the nursery, pre-school, Sunday School, Wednesday Night Kids, Youth group, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts or are part of one of the groups that uses Salem's facilities, that they be blessed, nurtured and led to a life of following Christ.
- Those seeking comfort, healing and encouragement in SudsSpirit, DivorceCare, Al-Anon, or other outreach ministries.
- Those that do not have a close, personal relationship with Christ and that the events of Lent, Holy Week and Easter bring them closer.

"Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you."

Jeremiah 29:12(NIV)

BICC- Operation Laundry

A need was identified by residents of the Budget Inn for affordable laundry due to the rather high cost of using coin operated laundry facilities.

We want to help and need your help. We have the kitchen at Salem (where the washer and dryer are located) reserved on Tuesday evenings and Saturday mornings or afternoons. There is often the possibility of Friday during the day as well.

What we need are people who would be willing to volunteer to assist with transportation of a resident to Salem and remaining with them while they do 1-2 loads of laundry. We would like to have 2 people volunteer at a time but this has been done with just one volunteer. Please prayerfully consider if this is a serving opportunity for you. Contact Jeannie Pelen (jpelen@ptd.net or 717-579-5164) or talk to Marti Wagner.



Community Service Day Saturday, May 4th

Does someone in your neighborhood need some help?
Yardwork? Painting? General Repair?

Our church service day will be Saturday,
May 4th and volunteers are
needed!

Sign up on the Connection
Card or contact the church
office at 717-938-1928 or
office@fcsalem.org





Fishing Creek Salem Youth

Follow us for all the updates!



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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!

The Salem Seniors will dine at the Peppermill Restaurant on April 18th at 1:00. Please contact Dave or Lou Lingenfelter by Sunday, April 14th to RSVP: (717) 938 - 3383 or davlouling@frontier.com. Please join us for a fun afternoon!



VBS Is Just Around the Corner!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS VBS is June 16-21... sign ups beginning soon! Here are some things we need now:

We are seeking someone to run our mini VBS for our little VBS goers. Curriculum is ready to go!

We are seeking teams of people to decorate various areas of the church....might this be you?

Looking for the following items to be donated:

Fake greenery and vines, brown packing paper from Amazon boxes (not a new roll) Grass table skirts, large cardboard boxes, indoor paint in the following colors: chocolate brown, medium brown, black, red, orange, bright yellow, dark purple. White twinkle lights that work, large stuffed monkeys.

Sign up on the connection card or contact Tracey Michelsen at 717-938-1928 or tmichelsen@fcsalem.org





The United Methodist Women will meet on Thursday, April 11th at 6:30 pm, in room 115. We will be celebrating the 150th Birthday of the United Methodist Women. All women of Salem and the 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).

April 25th (4th Thursday): *Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly, inspired by a WWII heroine



Mother Daughter Banquet

LADIES, Would you enjoy an evening of fun, fellowship, good entertainment and a delicious meal prepared and served by the gentlemen of Fishing Creek Salem UMC?

If so, please join us for the annual Mother-Daughter banquet on Friday, May 10th at 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall. Entertainment will be "The Fuller Family." The prices for tickets are \$12 for adults, \$6 for children ages 4-12 and free for children under age 4. The deadline for ordering tickets is Sunday, April 28th. For more information or to order tickets, please contact:

Lois Witters 717-938-5438;
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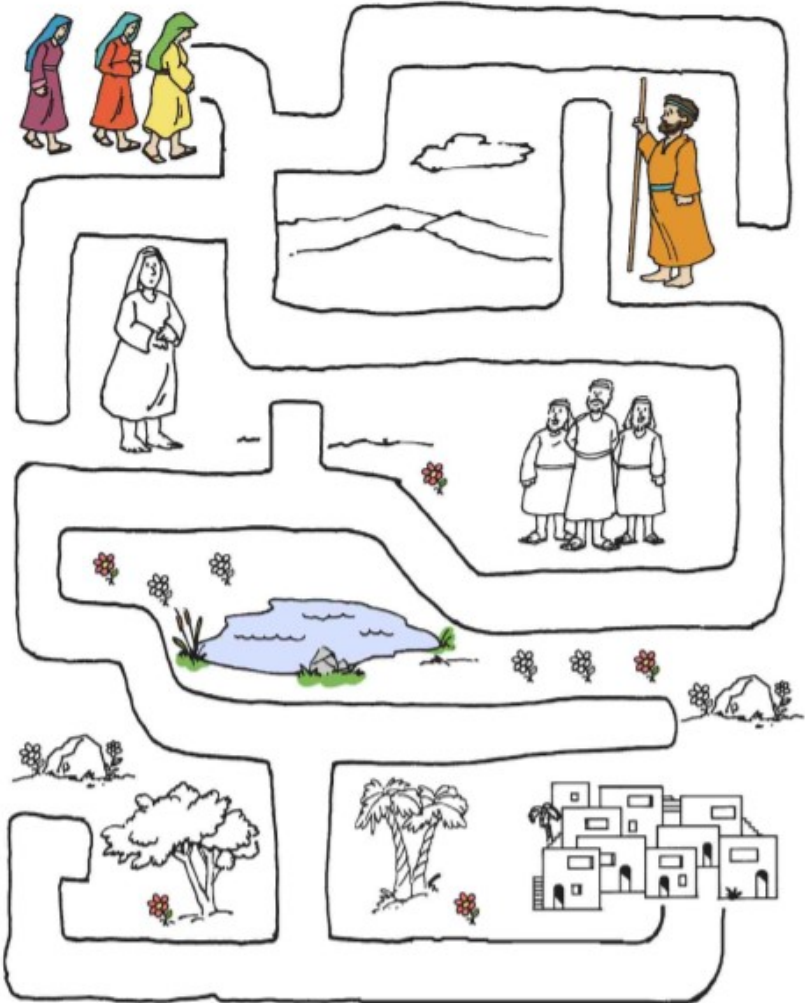
Hope to See You There!



Kids' Page!

The women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

Help the women find their way back along the path.



BACK TO THE BIBLE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS NEWS

By Kathy Alford

For the first two Sundays of April we will be continuing to study Adam Hamilton's *Moses*. We will retrace the life of Moses from his modest birth and rescue as a baby, to the courts of Pharaoh, from herding flocks in Midian, to leading his people out of Egypt.

We will join Adam Hamilton through DVD as he travels from Egypt to Mt. Sinai, the Nile, the Red Sea and the wilderness exploring the sites of Moses' life. Using historical information, archaeological data, and biblical text, Hamilton guides us in the footsteps of this reluctant prophet who grew in his relationship with God and by the end of life had successfully fulfilled the role he was given.

Beginning Easter Sunday and continuing through six weeks we will be studying Max Lucado's *Be Anxious for Nothing*. **Luca-**
do, provides a road map for battling with and healing from
anxiety. He bases his book on Philippians 4:6-7:

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.

Stop letting anxiety rule the day. Join Max on the journey to true freedom and experience more joy, clarity, physical renewal, and contentment by the power of the Holy Spirit. Anxiety comes with life. But it doesn't have to dominate your life.

Join us anytime. We always welcome visitors. Materials are provided. We meet Sunday mornings in room 210 at 9:30am.

Here is our schedule for April. Thanks again to Gary Shaw and Brandi Kerstetter who are teaching in my absence. I am hoping to return by the end of the month.

Moses by Adam Hamilton

April 7	Chapter 5	"Lessons from the Wilderness"
April 14	Chapter 6	"Don't Forget...Pass It On"

Be Anxious for Nothing by Max Lucado

April 21 Easter	Chapter 1	"Less Fret, More Faith"
April 28	Chapter 2	"Rejoice in the Lord's Sovereignty"

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. Any questions contact Jamie Marakovits at JamieMarakovits@gmail.com



Salem's Egg Making Production for 2019 will soon be over!

Egg production takes place Mondays and Wednesdays 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. Remember, Lunch is provided! Donations for egg-makers' lunches are appreciated.

The last date to order eggs was 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). Eggs are expected to be picked up by April 10th.

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

We thank you for your support of our 2019 Egg Making Project!!

Pick One Thing



It can be hard to stay informed of all the great stuff happening at Salem! Here's a piece of advice—Pick one thing. Dedicate yourself to regularly reading one thing to see what's going on at Salem. You can choose: The weekly email blast, monthly newsletter, the Sunday announcements or slides.

Spring is blooming in our church library! Please visit us to borrow materials for your Lenten preparation for Easter. There are Easter DVDs, CDs, and books for all ages.

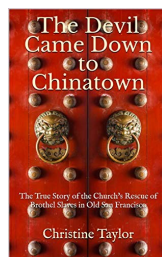
I have not been in our library since the end of January due to health reasons, but it is open and ready for circulation. I give a special thanks to Ina Binkie and Mary Ann McAllister for their service in running our library in my absence. I am busy at home, however, cataloguing books and magazines, ordering new supplies and materials, and writing *Stimulus* articles.

The following are descriptions of two new books to our library that were recommended by the United Methodist Women for their reading program.

The Devil Came Down to Chinatown: The True Story of the Church's Rescue of Brothel Slaves in Old San Francisco

by Christine Taylor

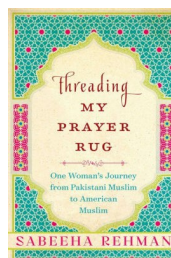
In the late 1800s, thousands of Chinese women sailed to America's West Coast. Many of them were enslaved as soon as they stepped off the freighters and were forced into years of prostitution. Many lost hope. Many died. But a few of them began to whisper about the "Jesus women." Read about these women and learn about the Methodist legacy and United Methodist Women national mission institution Gum Moon Residence in San Francisco.



Threading my Prayer Rug: One Woman's Journey from Pakistani Muslim to American Muslim

by Sabeeha Rehman

This book is a richly textured reflection on what it is to be a Muslim in America today. Beginning with a sweetly funny, moving account of her arranged marriage, the author undercuts stereotypes and offers a refreshing view of an American life through Muslim eyes.





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