

The Salem

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## Church Office Hours through May 23rd:

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

Closed 12-1pm for Lunch

## Summer Hours (Memorial Day—Labor Day):

Mon-Thursday 8am-12 noon

## Family Promise—How Can You Help?

May 19 - 26 is the next time we get to host Family Promise families that need temporary accommodations while working to get a home of their own!!! Opportunities to help include:

- Sunday morning set up (5/19 @ 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 (5/26 @ 7:30 AM (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 Sign up NOW at the link below.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0445AEA629A0F58-family3>

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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

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



Thank you so much for your recent, very generous monetary donation. We appreciate your kindness and support. In February, we served 118 families that added up to 319 people. Thank you for helping us help our neighbors in need.

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



Mission Central sends cleaning kits to people all around this country and around the world after natural disasters occur. Rubber bands are needed to wrap the garbage bags that are in the kits. Please put the rubber bands—size medium and large—in the bucket marked Mission Central in Mission Corner.



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

- National Day of Prayer, Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> - that all believers, no matter their religion, can unite in prayer and bring renewed respect for God to all people.
- Mother's Day, May 12<sup>th</sup> – for those who have a close relationship with their mom, for those who are missing their mothers who have passed, for those who may not know their mom or have a good relationship her, for those missing children.
- Memorial Day, May 27<sup>th</sup> – a day to remember and honor people who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces.

*“In the morning, Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly.”*

*Psalm 5:3 (NIV)*



**Save the Date!**

June 16th—21st

Register now!

## PRAY

for the VBS Team of Adults & Youth AND the hearts of the little children that will be joining us for a week that will change their lives!

### Let's Give kids a Reason to ROAR in 2019

At Roar VBS kids and volunteers will discover that God is good through all of life's challenges. Life is WILD for all of us...full of ups and downs and twists and turns. It can often feel chaotic and out of control. At Salem's Safari we will experience the Solid Foundation of God's goodness—something we can cling to, something we can hold on to!

Yes, it is that time of year again...VBS preparation is underway!! There are so many ways that you can get involved. Of course we need lots of volunteers the week of Vacation Bible School...but there is a lot of prep work to be done in the next two months. Perhaps you will be out of town the week of VBS but you would like to be involved in leading about 225 children to follow Jesus!! Doesn't just the thought of connecting ONE child to Jesus just excite you?? Here is how you can get involved...donate items that are in your basement or garage. Pray for our team! Pray for the kiddos that will be attending!! Volunteer Sign ups can be done online [vbspro.events/p/salemsafari](http://vbspro.events/p/salemsafari), by contacting Tracey Michelsen OR via our weekly connection card in the Sunday Bulletins.

If you have any questions feel free to reach out to the Director of VBS, Tracey Michelsen 717-938-1928 or [tmichelsen@fcsalem.org](mailto:tmichelsen@fcsalem.org)

### ITEMS TO BORROW

Please put your name on these items so that they are sure to get back to you after VBS is over.

- Lanterns; any size, any period, working or non working
- Jeep with no top to sit outside for the week
- Anything Safari-like
- Adult Sized Safari Jackets/Hats

## ITEMS FOR DONATIONS

These items are needed to be dropped off in the office

- Large pieces of cardboard for some huge animals
- THICK pool noodles (need the BIGGER sturdier ones)
- Christmas Lights;—full, working strands of red, blue or white
- Paint brushes
- Assorted primary colors of poster board and foam core board... did you buy an extra piece for a project and now it needs a home?
- Assorted yarn....please do not buy any...we are looking to upcycle and repurpose your yarn from projects past.
- Silver Spray Paint
- 500 White Paper Dessert Plates
- 500 4 oz. cups
- Faux Foliage...plastic/silk vines, plants, trees
- Grass Skirting for tables
- Black paint; water based
- Large stuffed safari animals
- Hanging monkeys with Velcro hands
- Bamboo for the front entrance (outside)
- Larger battery-operated candles
- AA Batteries for candles
- Safari Hats

## HANDS ON HELP

- Volunteer for the week of VBS; sign ups have already begun!
- Take Home Crafts with directions
- Painting Sets; at the church
- Huge Paper Mural; to be created at the church
- Craft prep work; at the church or at home
- Sign up to be part of our set up team for Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, May 11<sup>th</sup>, May 26<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>
- Sign up to be part of our set build dates! Contact Kevin Wert for dates
- Sign up to part of our tear down crew for Sunday 6/18 in the afternoon or evenings that next week
- Misc Projects at the church



## Student Leadership Retreat

Last month six of our youth, along with Pastor Jenny and myself, went up to Wesley Forest for a student leadership retreat hosted by the Young People's Ministry Council (a part of the UMC Susquehanna Conference). The focus of the weekend was to help us recognize our potential and the things that make us all leaders, whether we see it in ourselves or not. We'd love for you to ask us more about our experiences on this trip!

It was my hope that this year I would began the process of developing a youth leadership team within our group so that our teens would be given opportunities to grow in their gifts, try new things (and learn that it's ok to fail) in an encouraging environment, and lead their peers as they make their youth group truly their own.



This is something I'm super passionate about, so be on the lookout for more opportunities like this in the future!

*Jess, Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries*

**Follow us for all the updates!**



Fishing Creek Salem  
UMC Youth



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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](mailto:jhusman@fcsalem.org). Thank you for your continued support of our youth through your time, prayers, and encouragement!

**The Salem Seniors** will dine at TJ Rockwell's in Mechanicsburg on May 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm. Please contact Dave and Charlotte Tomasetti by Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup> to RSVP: 717-774-0511 or [cmt1454@gmail.com](mailto:cmt1454@gmail.com). We hope you'll join us!



The United Methodist Women will not meet in May due to the Mother Daughter Banquet on May 10th. Our next meeting is Thursday, June 13th for our picnic in the Pavilion.



### **Kitchen Cleaning**

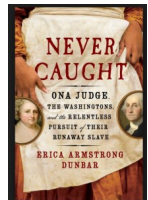
On Monday, May 13, volunteers are needed to help with spring cleaning of Salem's kitchen. Project will begin at 9:00am and include cleaning cupboards and drawers. There will be coffee and hot tea ready for all volunteers. Questions? Contact Vicki Inscho, Kitchen Coordinator at [vinscho@gmail.com](mailto:vinscho@gmail.com)



### **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 contact Marsha Uber (717-938-3108 or [uber2495@ptd.net](mailto:uber2495@ptd.net)).

May 23: ***Never Caught: The Washingtons' Relentless Pursuit of Their Runaway Slave, Ona Judge*** by Erica Armstrong Dunbar. "Never Caught is the compelling story of Ona Judge Staines, the woman who successfully defied George and Martha Washington in order to live as free woman... There is no way to really know the Washingtons without knowing this story." (Annette Gordon Reed, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *The Hemings of Monticello*)



## Christmas Closet Donations

As you spring clean or come across any of the following items, please consider donating them. Any questions, please contact Deb Oakley at 717-798-6412 or Hhobbie08@aol.com.

NEEDED—New and/or Gently used items:

- **NEW items of any kind:** toys, sports balls, household, personal hygiene products, etc.
- **Children and Adult** Coats, Clothes and Shoes, Hats, Gloves, Purses, Backpacks
- **Baby:** clothes, misc. items, furniture (cribs, dressers, toddler beds), toys, crib sheets, blankets, bibs, diapers, pull-ups,
- **Children's** toys, games, puzzles, books and videos (DVD and VHS)
- **Stuffed animals:** All MUST be brand new with a tag on it
- **Household Kitchen:** small appliances, dishes, pots and pans, silverware, utensils, toasters, toaster ovens, coffee pots, etc.
- **Household Misc:** pictures, mirrors, clocks, picture frames, misc. decorations, etc.
- **Holiday items:** Christmas: trees, lights, ornaments, decorations, and any and all other holiday related items, etc.
- **Linens:** bath towels, hand towels, wash clothes, bath rugs, dish towels, sheets, quilts/comforters—all sizes, pillows (decorative and/or bed pillows), etc.
- **Misc items:** (Primarily to wrap for kids Christmas Shopping, but will take any and all donations) Wrapping paper, Tissue paper, Scotch tape, Small to medium sized gift bags, Tags





## BACK TO THE BIBLE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS NEWS

By Kathy Alford

Continuing for the first three weeks of May we will be studying Max Lucado's *Be Anxious for Nothing*. **Lucado, 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.*

Beginning May 26 and continuing through June, we will be studying Adam Hamilton's *Simon Peter: Flawed but Faithful Disciple*. Hamilton takes an in-depth dive into the life, faith, and character of Simon Peter. Peter was not rich or educated, but was familiar with hard work. He was quick-tempered and impetuous, but possessed a passion that would change the world. He left everything to follow his teacher, yet struggled with doubt and fear.

Join us anytime. We always welcome visitors. Materials are provided. We meet Sunday mornings in room 210 from 9:30-10:30.

Here is our schedule for May:

### ***Be Anxious for Nothing*** by Max Lucado

- May 5 "Present Your Requests to God"
- May 12 "The Peace of God Will Guard Your Heart"
- May 19 "Meditate on These Things"

### ***Simon Peter*** by Adam Hamilton

- May 26 "The Call of the Fisherman"

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**SERVING AT SALEM:** Have you been looking for a way to serve at Salem? Please consider volunteering to work in the kitchen during special events as your schedule permits. Contact Vicki Inscho at 717-418-2010 with questions or interest.

Thank you!



## Salem's Egg Making Production Update

Our 2019 Easter Egg-making has come to a successful finish. Under the leadership of Gary Cassell, Jeff Strohecker and Nancy Harshbarger, our egg-making crew was able to make enough eggs to satisfy most of our church community's needs. 44,830 eggs were made in our 2 days per week, 11 week production period! Our thanks go out to all of the dedicated volunteers. We averaged 28.5 egg-makers a day this year! Whether you were able to be an egg maker, egg seller, egg buyer, or egg consumer, we are all extremely grateful for your help. The profits from the egg-making project will benefit Salem's work in the church and community. A final profit amount will be shared later.



We all had a wonderful time working and fellowshiping with our Christian friends, and look forward to another great year. Consider joining us in 2020. Call Gary Cassell at 717-938-6484, Jeff Strohecker at 717-884-1941, or Jo-Ann Howard at 717-938-3216. It is a real blessing to all who participate.

**Eggs represent new life, and are a perfect Easter symbol, as they represent a new life found in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ at Easter.**

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Looking for a really fun way to serve your neighbors? Help us plan for National Night Out (formerly Family Fun Night). Once again, Salem will host the food tents as well as a large hospitality section in Roof Park for National Night

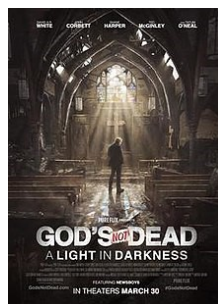


Out on August 6th. We'll begin planning for this event on May 21st @ 7 pm in a Special Meeting of the Hospitality Team. Please join us!!

Christian movies are hot right now! I am so glad to see that they are making a comeback. For years, the only ones available seemed to be the first three movies of the *Left Behind* series which never continued to my disappointment. Now many of these blockbusters are appearing in movie theaters and are readily accessible through our television networks. Below are two new DVD additions to our church library. Come check them out!

### ***God's Not Dead: A Light in the Darkness***

This is the third movie of this series. We also have its predecessors in our library: *God's Not Dead* and *God's Not Dead 2*. This third movie of the set opens with a deadly fire ripping through St. James Church. Hadleigh University leaders use the tragedy to push the congregation off campus, forcing the church to defend its rights and bringing together estranged brothers for a reunion that opens old wounds and forces them to address the issues that pulled them apart.



### ***Broken and Unbroken: Path to Redemption***

This 2-movie collection contains both movies that are based on Laura Hillenbrand's book *Unbroken* (also in our library). The first movie follows the incredible life of Olympian and war hero Louis Zamperini who, along with two other crewmen, survived on a raft for 47 days after a near-fatal plane crash in WWII--only to be caught by the Japanese navy and sent to a prisoner-of-war camp. This is the inspiring true story about the resilient power of the human spirit.

Beginning where *Unbroken* concludes, the next movie brings the rest of Louis Zamperini's inspirational true story to life. After surviving years of torture as a prisoner of war, Louis returns home from World War II, where he meets and marries Cynthia. Haunted by his past, he is driven deep into despair. But when Cynthia turns to God at the 1949 Billy Graham Crusade her most fervent prayer for Louis is to find peace and forgiveness.



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