

The Salem

Stimulus

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Office Summer Hours:
Monday–Thursday
8:00am—12:00 Noon
Closed July 4th

Congratulations to Our Graduates!

North Eastern HS—Matthew Murry

Cedar Cliff HS—Christine K Williams and Samantha Benton

Red Land HS—Angela Briggs, Maggie Curtis, Michael Daylor, Parker Duffie, Matthew Fox, John Greene, Natalie Mann, Logan Maynard, TJ Meanor, Matthew Moody, Alex Mowery, Mark Shank, and Reese Williams



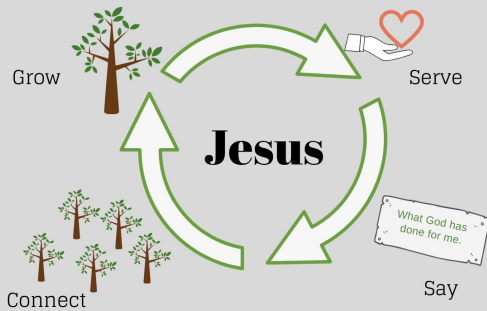
College— Ian Brinkman (Dickinson School of Law), Lexie Curtis (East Stroudsburg Univ), Jess Husman (Messiah College), Allison Moody (PSU), Connor Sanbower (Seton Hall Univ), Hannah Thomas (Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Univ), and Andrew Wilkinson (PSU)

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Discipleship Path



Disciples: Get Closer to Jesus & Become Like Jesus



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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



Jarod Armes
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Peyton Etter
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Silas Marakovits
Grace Michelsen
Colton Rose
Jessica Ryan
Penelope Schroll

Kylie Smith
Connor Stank
Warren Wolf
Bryce Zeiders

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the calls, cards, prayers and hugs through the loss of my mother. You are so loved and appreciated.

Bonnie Gruver



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

“The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.”

Psalm 145:18 (NIV)

- Independence Day and our great country as we celebrate our independence.
- National Night Out – the annual community-building event that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie and Salem’s volunteers who will be helping at the event.
- Summer Travelers for safety in their vacation travel, safety in other countries they may be visiting, and for school students as they travel to summer jobs or vacations.

LIVING THE VISION

Last Winter and Spring many of the small groups at Salem were involved in a study called *10 Prescriptions for a Healthy Church*. At the end of the study, a visioning day was held and the hopes and dreams for Salem Church growing out of that study were collected. Then in August, the Church Council gathered for retreat in order to shape those hopes and dreams into a vision.

The vision included the following with specific goals set for each of the three areas:

DISCIPLESHIP – Helping each person, from those beginning a faith journey to life-long followers, to grow in deeper relationship with Christ and in living God’s purpose for their lives.

- Increase the number of small groups offered and the number of persons participating
- Add to the expectations of small groups that at the beginning of each session the group will do a check-in on how they are doing on the marks of discipleship.



HOSPITALITY – Our spirit of Christian welcome will be expanded both within and beyond the Sunday morning hour, and will be lived out in unique ways as we live as the body of Christ.

- Provide a complete Sunday hospitality team and increase our informal acts of hospitality.
- Increase the number of people engaged in hospitality outside of Sunday morning
- Update our website to create a more hospitable “front porch.”

COMMUNITY FOCUS – As disciples we will go into the community surrounding our church and will focus our ministries there in new and challenging ways.

- Increase the ministries that support our community.
- Create a Transportation Ministry
- Increase cooperative ministry with outside groups
- Increase intentional interaction with nonmember groups using our building and grounds.

In future months look for articles that will focus on one of these three areas and share the progress that is being made on meeting the goals that have been set.

Library News

By Kathy Alford

Are you looking for a way to serve the church in a flexible way but cannot commit on a weekly basis? Do I have an opportunity for you! Since I have had my multiple knee surgeries, I am slowly recuperating, but I still am handicapped and need help. Since I am retired now, I am going to start going into the Fishing Creek Salem Christian Library at least one morning a week. There are many things that need done like an inventory, filing cards in the card catalog, putting protective plastic covers on books, etc. I have been working in the library Sunday mornings from 10:30-11:30, but more time is needed.

If you would like to assist, I would deeply appreciate your help. It would give you a chance to explore our library, do a mission for our church, and, also, help a Christian sister that is having physical difficulty. No long-term commitment is necessary. Just try it once, and, if you enjoy it, let me know. I can schedule you as much as you want, just one time, or every once in a while.

Please call or text me at 717-798-0971 or e-mail me at kathleenalford@msn.com if you are interested. I would love to meet you or get to know you better!



The United Methodist Women will not have a meeting in July. See you August 8th for our next meeting. Some of our members will be attending Mission U on July 10th at Bucknell University.



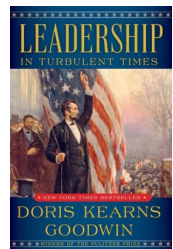
WOMEN'S BOOK DISCUSSION

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—

Come and discuss your ideas! If you have questions please contact Marsha Uber at 717-938-3108 or uber2495@ptd.net

July 18th

Leadership in Turbulent Times by Doris Kearns Goodwin. Doris Kearns Goodwin demonstrates how leaders are made, not born, as she thoughtfully explores the highs and lows of four U.S. presidents who faced moments of horrific national crisis.



Women of Light—Picnic Sunday, July 7th at 12:30pm

Women of Light will be continuing our global dining adventure by celebrating our own country with a picnic at Jeannie Pelen's house. The sign-up sheet is on our bulletin board. When signing up, please list the dish you will be bringing.

Women of Light is open to women who are single, divorced or widowed.



BACK TO THE BIBLE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS NEWS

By Kathy Alford

Beginning in July and lasting through September, we will be studying *Journey Through the Bible: Matthew*. *Journey Through the Bible* provides a study of the Bible book by book. It highlights pivotal points in the Scripture; lifts up the Bible's most significant stories, themes, events and people. It describes the historical and cultural setting; it includes the original language and what the passage meant for its first readers, and gives insight into possible life applications for individuals, congregations and communities. The series maps out a daily personal Journey Plan for those interested in reading the whole Bible, verse by verse. Join us anytime. We always welcome visitors. Materials are provided. We meet Sunday mornings in room 210 from 9:30-10:30.



Mission Central sends school kits to children throughout the world who can not buy the supplies themselves that are needed to attend school. Children's school scissors are urgently needed for these kits. Please put the scissors in the bucket marked Mission Central in Mission Corner.

National Night Out (Neighborhood Fun Night) is going on the road again this year. It is August 6 from 5:00-9:00 PM at Roof

Park. If you would like to be part of the planning team. Please contact Marty Wagner with any questions at: 717-574-1682 or martyj78@ptd.net.



Attention MEN of Salem!

Please join us for the 3rd Baker's Pond Fishing, Bonfire, Fellowship and Food outing. (Bait and Fishing Rods supplied.) Mark your calendar for Wednesday, July 17th (rain date 7/24). Hot Dogs, buns, condiments and water will be provided. Bring your favorite dish and drinks. Please RSVP! Address is 883 Siddonsburg Rd, Lewisberry (Corner of



Siddonsburg and Observatory Roads for your GPS.) For info or to RSVP: Hal Baker—717-938-6899; bakghse@gmail.com

Lice Kits



Salem will be collecting money in August for the purchase of lice kits for the West Shore School District. For the last four years, Salem has provided more than 40 kits to the school nurses at the start of each school year. Kits are provided to families who would not be able to afford them, allowing their children to return to school more quickly and thus not fall behind in their studies. These kits also allow parents to return to work more quickly, which can be vital to families who do not have paid time off/sick days and who are living paycheck-to-paycheck.

This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalms 118:24



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