

The Salem

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Office Hours

Monday-Thursday

8:30am—3:00 pm

UMCOR SUNDAY

March 22

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) responds to U.S. and international disasters, addresses diseases of poverty, ministers to refugees and immigrants, provides clean water and actively works to reduce hunger. In addition, this ministry works with vulnerable communities to strengthen self-sufficiency and encourage partnerships with other ministries.



On March 22, UMCOR Sunday, Salem Church will receive a special offering for this ministry. This offering will help to defray the Administrative costs so that when a natural disaster or a crisis occurs and offerings are collected for that need, 100% of all money collected aids in recovery.

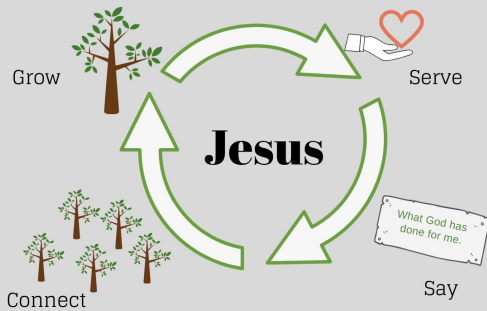
UMCOR has no source of revenue for administrative costs except from UMCOR Sunday. But because of UMCOR Sunday, when you hear about a disaster or humanitarian crisis and you give to UMCOR, you can be assured that 100% of the money you designate goes toward people in need.

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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

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 racks by the South Entrance office 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.

SAVE THE DATE!

Pastor Debbie's Retirement
Celebration will be on Sunday,
May 17th starting at 12:30pm.

Details to follow!



Announcement Due Dates for Upcoming Bulletins

3/22/20 due 3/11/20

3/29/20 due 3/18/20

4/5/20 due 3/25/20

4/12/20 due 4/1/20

Stimulus for April due
March 15th

Daylight Savings Time begins on March 8th—Spring Forward 1 hour!



"Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy; in your faithfulness and righteousness come to my relief." Psalm 143:1 (NIV)

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

- The new member class - that they find Salem a warm, welcoming community of God's children and that we in turn are blessed with their presence.
- The security of our nation and schools, churches and public venues.
- Unity among all ethnicities.

Glory to the Risen Lord!

Salem will continue the tradition of decorating the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall with flowers on Easter, April 12th. The flowers will be placed in the church for Easter Services and may be taken home after the 9:30 service in Fellowship Hall or the 11:00 service in the Sanctuary. Several types of flowers are available at different prices. DEADLINE for ordering is March 15. 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 South Entrance. You cannot specify the color of the tulips or hyacinths. There will be a mix. Prices are on the order form.



March Birthdays



L J Btralik
Kinsley Davis
Zoe Davis

Gareth Hetherington
Turner Howard
Emma Livingston
Michael Payne

Carson Sadler
Rachel Sechrist
Alex Sylvester

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

March 19: *Where the Crawdads Sing*, by Delia Owens:

For years, rumors of the "Marsh Girl" have haunted Barkley Cove, a quiet town on the North Carolina coast. She's barefoot and wild, unfit for polite society. So in late 1969, when handsome Chase Andrews is found dead, the locals immediately suspect Kya Clark. But Kya is not what they say. Abandoned at age ten, she has survived on her own in the marsh that she calls home. A born naturalist with just one day of school, she takes life lessons from the land. But while she could have lived in solitude forever, the time comes when she yearns to be touched and loved. Drawn to two young men from town, who are each intrigued by her wild beauty, Kya opens herself to a new and startling world--until the unthinkable happens.



Dear Salem Family,
I want to thank Pastor Debbie for her prayers, visits and calls. I also want to thank my church family for their prayers, calls, cards, and visits. It's so good to belong to a loving church.

In Christ's name,
Jean Condon

*Dear Pastor,
On behalf of the Red Land Community Action Program, Inc., I would like to thank your congregation for their contribution to our fuel fund in the amount of \$1,630. We appreciate your monetary support of RED-CAP which helps families in need in Northern York County with electric bills, heating bills, medical bills, fuel, etc. And works with them to help them become self-sufficient.
Sincerely, Barbara Casner
Board President*



What's all the Commotion about Locomotion?

This year at FCS Railway, VBS kids and volunteers will discover that Jesus is always there to pull us through. Life can be a little LOCO! It can be filled with wonderful things and also some hard things. We can feel lost and alone. Aboard The FC Railway we will experience that as we are chugging along, Jesus is right there with us.

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 four 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/fcs-railway by contacting Tracey Michelsen OR via our weekly connection cards found in the Sunday Bulletins.

SAVE THE DATE! JUNE 14-19th

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!

ITEMS FOR DONATION

These items are needed to be dropped off in the donation bin

- Large pieces of cardboard for some huge animals
- THICK pool noodles (can be used, but need the BIGGER sturdier ones)
- Christmas Lights—full working strands
- paint brushes (can be used)
- Black Spray Paint (can be partial cans)
- Black water based paint (new or partial cans)
- 500 White Paper Dessert Plates
- 500 4 oz. cups
- Artificial Christmas Trees (with or without working lights)
- Black butcher paper (3' wide)
- Large Bag of playground sand
- 40 EMPTIED and WASHED wide mouthed Gatorade Bottles.
- 5 rolls of black duct tape
- Gold Glitter
- 5' sections of PVC gutter (need four)
- Small Helium Tank
- 4' X 8' insulation board (at least .75" thick) (can be used)
- old ficus trees with leaves removed
- 55 gal. plastic bins....to borrow or keep (need a few)

ITEMS TO BORROW

These items will get returned to you after VBS week is complete.

PLEASE put your name on these items so we know whose is whose. These items are for props.

- Lanterns; any size, working or non working
- Anything Train related
- Train Crossing Signs
- Train Engineer clothing; denim overalls, conductor hats
- Old Luggage
- Free standing arbors to create tunnel

If you have any questions feel free to reach out to the Director of VBS Tracey Michelsen 717-938-1928 or tmichelsen@fcsalem.org

Salem Hosts Mission “Army” in July

An “army” of youth and adults will invade Etters the week of July 12 through July 18! They come with hearts ready to serve our neighbors, doing light home repairs and general maintenance for those unable to help themselves in just five days of joyful labor.

What is UMArmy?

UMArmy is ... United Methodist Action Reach-out Mission by Youth. Its mission is *“to provide Christ-centered quality youth work camps that serve people in need and promote spiritual growth and leadership development in youth.”* If a parent or youth leader wants to provide an opportunity for their youth to serve others AND gain some youth to youth leadership skills, UMArmy is just that.

Participants will come from all over Pennsylvania and the mid-Atlantic to set up base camp at Salem which is usually a quiet place in the middle of the summer. Up to 60 youth participants and adult leaders will sleep, eat breakfast and evening meals, worship both morning and evenings and utilize Salem’s outdoor space for recreation.

Who will UMArmy help?

UMArmy finds themselves helping senior citizens, the disabled and special needs persons. Pastor Jenny has already started to connect with area churches and community service groups for service work opportunities. A team from the UMArmy organization will survey the area and potential worksites 4-6 weeks in advance, talking with pastors, social workers and the neighbors (in the Red Land/WSSD) to assess the needs of each potential client UMArmy will serve.

Could I participate in serving with UMArmy in July?

Yes! A one weekday opportunity for adults to serve with UMArmy is possible. All participants must be registered through the UMArmy website, and a link for this opportunity will be provided soon. If youth are interested in attending UMArmy, please contact Pastor Jenny or Jess Husman, ASAP.

What can Salem do?

Start praying now ... that young people will grow closer to God, that adults will be filled to encourage and guide our youth, that our neighbors will delight in seeing smiling young people do good things, and most of all ... (don’t miss this) we pray that our community will see God shine even brighter in our ministry of serving others.

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*Salem's Egg Making Production for 2020
will soon be over!*

Egg production will take place Mondays and Wednesdays through April 1st. 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!

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. Any help is greatly appreciated!

Last date to order eggs is March 22nd to guarantee delivery by April 1st. Egg orders may be picked up on Mondays and Wednesdays 9am-12pm (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 paid for and picked up within two weeks of your delivery date. Last date to pick up eggs is April 1st.

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 2020 Egg Making Project!!



The Soul Food Ministry is looking for volunteers to help deliver food on Friday afternoons and evenings to SOME of the 40 families they serve each week. Please volunteer to help pass on God's grace! Contact Hal and Janie Baker @717-938-6899 if you can help!

Ministry Opportunities!

Budget Inn Community Center

More and more families are being served through the BICC ministry and are participating in weekly and monthly events! As the interest in joining worship on Sunday mornings increases, there is a need for assistance with transportation. If you are able to provide a ride to and from church or could provide other transportation, as needed, please contact Marty Wagner: martyj78@ptd.net or 717-574-1682. We also welcome volunteers for Coffee, Donuts, and Talk on Sunday evenings, Study Buddies on Tuesday evenings, and breakfasts on Saturday mornings. As we look forward to spring and summer, we will be hosting an Easter breakfast and children's egg hunt on Saturday, April 4th from 10-12 and starting our preparation for weekly events during the summer. If you are interested in helping out with an activity or event (of your choosing) at the Budget Inn (crafts, games, water play, stories, movement activities, science experiments, and more), please let us know. Thank you again for all of your support!

Salem's first REVERSE Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday April 11th from 10-11a.m. We hope you will check it out! In order to make this event a success we need several volunteers and donations including empty Easter eggs (new or used), and Easter candy (please choose candy that would not be a choking hazard for our youngest participants). Donations are needed by Saturday, March 21st and can be placed in the box marked "egg hunt" in Mission Corner. Please mark on the back of the connection card if you can help the morning of the event. Questions? Contact Jamie at jamiemarakovits@gmail.com



Ministry Opportunities!



Item of the Month: The York district churches continue to collect fingernail and toenail clippers asked of us by the Susquehanna Conference. These clippers are needed for the health kits sent to those who are unable to provide for themselves. Please put the clippers in the bin marked “Mission Central” in Mission Corner.

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Salem Hosts Mission “Army” in July

Host church (usually) provides the following:

- the full use of Salem, sanctuary for worship, fellowship hall for meals, rooms for sleeping, parking for our transportation
- simple Sunday (7/12) evening meal for the arrival of UArmy
- snacks (either pre-packaged or home-made)
- drivers to transport neighbors to the Thursday (7/16) Client Dinner
- congregational hospitality and “presence” at the Thursday (7/16) Client Dinner.



UMArmy provides

- cooks and provides meals for UArmy (exception of the meals listed above)
- cleans the entire church upon Saturday morning departure
- provides all bathroom and kitchen paper products
- provides a dumpster for all construction/worksite yard waste

Pastor Jenny thanks Salem for their patience and openness to host this wonderful, joint summer service venture with UArmy. Stay tuned for more details, connection card sign-ups, and announcements. May God bless the hearts and hands of God’s people who serve.

Connecting with Others!



A Membership Class will be held on March 11 and 25 from 6:30-8:30pm. If you would like to attend, please sign up on the Connection card or contact the church office (office@fcsalem.org or 717-938-1928).

A Dementia Friends Workshop

Let's talk
about
dementia

A Dementia Friends Workshop will be held April 27th at 6:30 pm in room 115. Learn the basics of dementia and ways to help people with dementia and their caregivers feel more welcome in the community. There is more to the person than the dementia. This 1.5 hour session will be informative and will provide an opportunity to share experiences that you may have had and connect you to resources. The session facilitator is Glen Dunbar.



The United Methodist Women will meet Thursday, March 12 at 6:30pm in room 115 for the Annual Business Meeting.

Ladies Spring Tea and Pastries hosted by the United Methodist Women will be held at the church on March 21st at 10am. Our speaker will be: Dr. Hannah Mudrick from Budget Inn Community Center Ministry. Please RSVP by March 11th to Heidi 717-512-3949.



The Budget Inn Ministry is accepting donations of:
Water Bottles & Laundry Detergent

Priscilla Shirer *Going Beyond* Simulcast

Join Salem women as they travel to Genesis Church in York for the Priscilla Shirer Simulcast. Contact Jeannette if you are interested in attending netty0826@gmail.com
Event Details: April 25 from 9am-4pm.
Doors open at 8a.m. \$20 admission includes lunch and a snack.



Empowering Parents

Spend one hour a week for five weeks talking about what you want to be as a parent vs. what God may want for you as a parent, through Kasey Johnson's *5 Parenting Essentials*. Leaders Johanna Cato and Ellen Smith hope to make the time interactive and thought provoking. There will be time for problem solving issues such as feeling, awareness, disruptive behaviors and non-verbal cues. Begins Sunday, March 1 at 9:30 a.m. Note interest on the Connection Card. Contact Ellen Smith at ellen.smith6@verizon.net



Hey Young Adults!

Once a month, Fishing Creek's young adult ministry gets together at The Cracked Pot Coffee Shop in Mechanicsburg to catch up with friends, and meet some new ones! Come and go as your schedule allows!

Upcoming dates:

Mar 24 – 10:30am-12pm

Apr 21 – 10:30am-12pm



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 and young adults through your time, prayers, and encouragement!

BACK TO THE BIBLE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS NEWS

By Kathy Alford

The first week of March we plan to conclude studying *Journey Through the Bible: Matthew*. We have learned so much about the culture of first century Palestine. We have compared and contrasted Matthew's gospel to the other three gospels and have seen how the disciple Matthew was writing primarily to the Jewish people in helping them see how Jesus was the Messiah who came to fulfill the Old Testament prophecies.

For the rest of March and continuing through Easter, we will be studying *A Disciple's Path: A Guide for United Methodists* along with many other small groups in our church. This is a program that guides individuals to take the next step in discipleship and become dynamic, engaged followers of Jesus Christ. The study combines a Wesleyan understanding of our growth in God's love and grace with the time-tested practices of spiritual discipline expressed in the membership vows to uphold the church with our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.

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

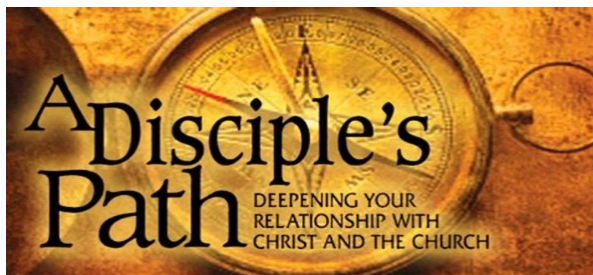
Here is our schedule for March:

Journey Through the Bible: Matthew

March 1 Matthew 27 and 28 Chapter 13

A Disciple's Path: A Guide for United Methodists

March 8 Week 1 "A Disciple's Path Defined"
March 15 Week 2 "Prayers: Prayer and Scripture Meditation"
March 22 Week 3 "Presence: Corporate Worship and Small
 Group Community"
March 29 Week 4 "Gifts: Financial Generosity"



Library News

By Kathy Alford

COMING SOON: BIBLE STORY TIME! VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Twenty-five years ago I had a dream to start a library in our church. I had resigned from my teaching position to raise my two sons full-time, and I was looking for a new mission to share my talents. The library has certainly grown in the past 25 years; it is a blessing to me to be able to coordinate it.

Now, I'm in a similar position. I had to retire from teaching due to my disability, and I was looking for a new mission. Guess what happened? I had another dream. God is asking me to coordinate a Bible Story Time. I am very excited about this new venture! Let me tell you about it, and perhaps God will nudge you to participate in it or help me provide it!



Bible Story Time will take place on **Wednesdays from 9:30-11:30 starting May 27 through September 2**. This is a special time for preschoolers and parents. If a parent has younger or older children, they are welcome, also. Parents are to stay for the session. My goal is to encourage parent/child interaction with Bible stories and also to promote reading with library use.

The theme of each session will be an Old Testament hero such as Moses, Daniel, Jonah, Joseph, etc. Children will be entertained with stories, songs, crafts, snacks, games, puzzles, toys, and videos. All activities will take place upstairs in the library or the rooms near it.

Does this sound fun to you, but you don't have any preschoolers? You can still be part of the action! I am looking for volunteers to assist me with providing and serving snacks and also in helping with simple crafts. The materials and ideas for the crafts are already planned; I just need someone to help the parents and children make them. I also need someone to help with book check-out. Please let me know if you are interested in helping in any of these capacities as soon as possible for planning purposes. I can be reached at 717-798-0971, 717-774-0541, or kathleenalford@msn.com. These precious little ones are tomorrow's leaders. Let's help promote quality family time and good values.

Please put the dates and times listed above on your calendar if you would like to participate. Sign ups will be in April and May. A schedule will go out with the Old Testament hero for each week.

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