



The Salem Stimulus

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Fresh Expressions

“Church for people who don’t go to church.”

That’s how this movement defines itself.

For several years now, congregations in England and North America have been finding ways to reach new people and be Church with them. *A Fresh Expression* is a form of church for our changing culture, established primarily for the benefit of those who are not yet part of any church.

Around the world, Christians are stepping out in faith and beginning new or different forms of church for a changing culture.

Each fresh expression of church is unique, and designed for their particular context. They can be rural or suburban, in public spaces, housing projects and college dormitories. Some are aimed at specific groups, ranging from “Messy Church” for families with children to “Amore Groups” led by married couples. There is biker church, cowboy church, church for artists, church at or after work; the sky’s the limit. Each is an adventure in bringing the power of the Gospel to people who might never experience Christian community and the transformational and self-giving love of Jesus.

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Is God calling Salem to join this movement? Is God longing to reach some in our region who do not know Jesus or serve under his Lordship?

We invite everyone to attend a congregational conversation

MONDAY, JULY 10 at 6:30 pm in Room 115.

Let’s listen, explore, discuss, and imagine what God might be asking of us.



Neighborhood Fun Night 2017



Neighborhood Fun Night is going on the road. For the past 10 years we have had Neighborhood Fun Night at the church. This year we are taking it on the road to National Night Out at Roof Park on Tuesday, August 1. National Night Out is a national outreach to the community offered by local police. This is the fourth year for National Night Out in Fairview Township. They had over 2000 attendees last year.

This will move our church closer to one of our specific goals, (blurring the lines between community and church). We are going out among the community. We are already doing this through, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, CDA, Family Promise, use of our facilities for La-crosse, among a host of other things. This is another step in that direction.

I attended their initial meeting for this year on May 4, 2017. I am very excited to be a part of National Night Out this year, and they are excited to have us. We will be providing 700 Hamburgers, 700 hotdogs, and 180 lbs of Potatoes and the volunteers to cook and serve the food. We will have two booths which we can do whatever we want. We are in the planning stages of that right now.

In Luke 10 Jesus sent out the disciples into the surrounding communities to tell of his Love for them. We will be doing the same in our own community on August 1. As you well know, there are 7800 people within a two mile radius of our church who have no church connection. We will be able to connect with a portion of them on August 1.

I have been so blessed by your participation in Neighborhood Fun Night these last ten years. Please be in prayer for us as we take in on the road to show our community how much Jesus Loves them and how much we love them.

SALEM TO PARTICIPATE IN LOCAL SUMMER WORK CAMP

9th Annual Servants' Workcamp Northeast

DATES: July 24- 28, 2017; work all week, or one or two days

Servants' Workcamp Northeast focuses on service in the Northeastern School District of York County. This is a local "Mission Trip" where volunteers can do everything as if they traveled to a distant location; however, they can enjoy their own hot shower and sleep in their own beds at night! Work could entail drywall, painting, roofing, flooring, yard work, and other minor construction/maintenance tasks.

Servants is not charging a fee, however, Salem would like to provide money toward the cost of the food and building supplies. \$75 for the week, or if you plan to attend just a day or two, we can discuss a pro-rated fee.

Attend an informational meeting May 22, 7:00 PM, at Salem Church. To RSVP for the meeting, contact Laurie Murry at lmurry@fcsalem.org or 938-1928 (x117).

Registration deadline is July 7. Servants is accepting only 100 volunteers for the work camp.



**Come and
Join Us!**

Special Summer Sunday: July 2nd

Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary at 8:15

Combined Worship at 10:00 – outside at the pavilion

Bring lawns chairs and food to share

Food and fellowship to follow

SURPLUS MATERIAL AVAILABLE

While cleaning out the “unfinished space” in preparation for the on-going construction work, usable surplus material has been set aside and is available to congregation members. We have **several solid core doors** with small windows that can be used for garages or basements, or cut down and used to make work tops for work benches or other heavy duty uses. We also have **5 large pieces of carpet** (4 new, 1 used), suitable for basements, family rooms, or repurposing in the garage for summer use. All are very short nap, durable, commercial grade. Contact Mike Hayes if you are interested in any of these items (938-5150).

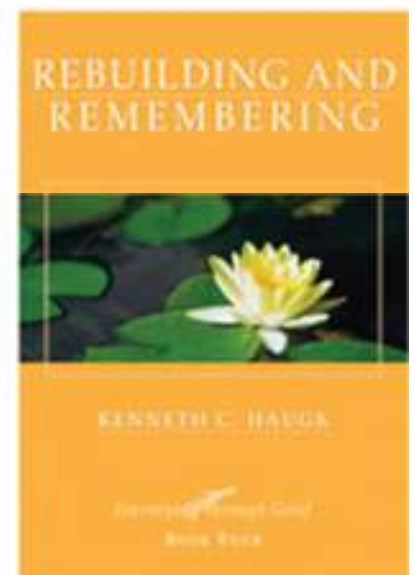
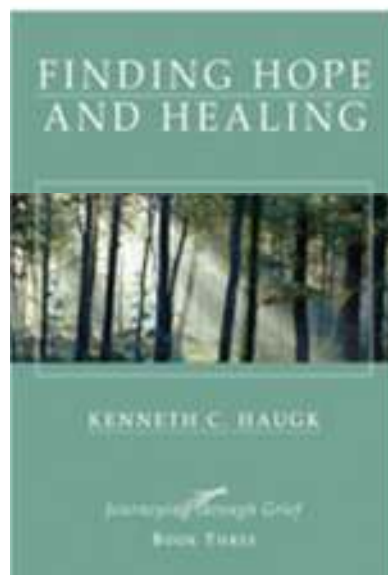
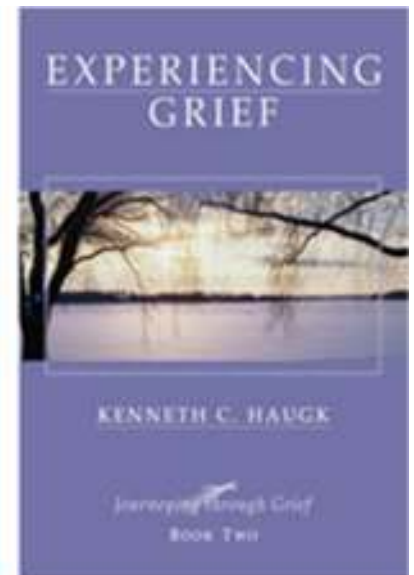
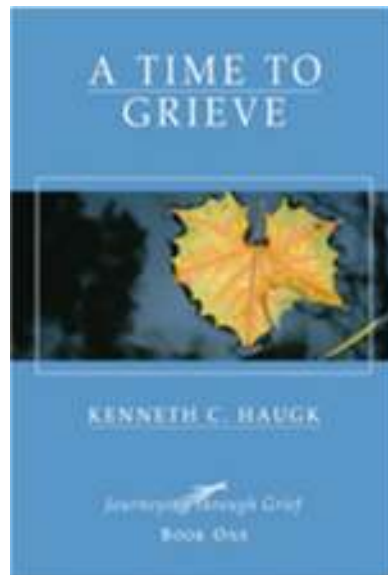


Stephen Ministries

Journeying through Grief

Author Kenneth C. Haugk wrote four short books to share insights about grief, biblical truths, and stories that provide comfort and reassurance.

If you or someone you know would like a copy of this series then please contact Ginger Haines, 717-649-6419.



www.stephenministries.org



Whenever a church hosts a family for Family Promise, the Day Center staff ask the families for feedback on their stay at the church. Salem's report for our June hosting was as follows: "The families feel extremely welcome at Salem - they are having a great week! They appreciate that volunteers make them feel welcome. The kids are enjoying the playground, games, movies, and playing with toys. They appreciate the help, and one person said, 'The spirit & hospitality of the volunteers is awesome. They even did a mock interview with me!' Thank you for a great week!"

Thank you to all of volunteers who not only make this ministry possible, but who turn a stressful and unpleasant situation (homelessness), into a loving and welcoming experience!



Salem's Next Family Promise Host week – August 20-27



Jarod Armes	Matthew Moody
Billy Carlisle	Colton Rose
Peyton Etter	Jessica Ryan
Olivia Foland	Madison Sederes
Adrienne Freeman	Zachary Silvio
Saige Gruver	Kylie Smith
Marcus Luisi	Connor Stank
Vienna Luisi	Kira Willoughby
Logan Maynard	Warren Wolf
Grace Michelsen	Bryce Zeiders

The United Methodist Women will NOT meet in July. We will be serving lunch to the Neighborhood Center children and staff on Tuesday, July 18.

The menu is: chicken BBQ, mac and cheese, green beans and grapes.

Please drop donations until July 9th in the coat closet near the main lobby of the Church. A box will be marked UMW/ Neighborhood Center

Some members of UMW will be attending Mission U on Saturday, July 29th at Chambers Hill United Methodist Church.

Se you on August 10th at our next meeting.



“SUMMERTIME AND THE LIVING IS EASY”

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6TH

12:30 PM



The Women of Light will meet on Sunday, Aug. 6th at 12:30 pm at Jeannie Pelen’s home, 336 Braddock Drive, Etters. It’s time to sit back, relax and enjoy each other’s company. Bring a pot luck dish to share and your swim suit if you’d like to jump in the hot tub (or “climb in” – we don’t want any broken bones!)



SALEM WILL BE COLLECTING MONEY IN AUGUST FOR THE PURCHASE OF LICE KITS FOR THE WEST SHORE SCHOOL DISTRICT. FOR THE LAST TWO 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.



Item of the Month: Mission Central sends health kits for personal hygiene to people who do not have access to the basic necessities of life. One such item needed for these kits are toothbrushes. The toothbrushes must be adult sized and in their original packaging.

Please put the toothbrushes in the bin marked “Mission Central” in the Mission corner.



LIBRARY NEWS

By Kathy Alford

“Laughter is the best medicine.” That pithy saying actually comes from Proverbs.

Proverbs 17:22 *A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones.*

Do you believe in the healing powers of laughter? I do. I have read that it is very healthy to have at least one good belly laugh a day. God certainly has to have a sense of humor. Look at some of the animals he has created. For example, the platypus.....really?

The books featured below will give you multiple laughs and boost your spirits. It is summertime! Lighten up! Please take time to check the following books out of our very own Fishing Creek Salem Christian Library.

By Barbara Johnson:

Humor Me, I am Your Mother

Living Somewhere Between Estrogen and Death

I 'm So Glad You Told Me What I Didn't Want to Hear

Splashes of Joy in the Cesspool of Life

By Patsy Clairmont:

Humor for a Woman's Health

Sharing a Laugh

By Marilyn Meburg

Choosing the Amusing/ I'd Rather Be Laughing

By Martha Bolton

Growing Your Own Turtleneck and Other Benefits of Aging

By Jerry Lewis

Being a Person or Just Feeling Better

By Charlie Jones

Humor Is Tremendous



BACK TO THE BIBLE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

By Kathy Alford

Continuing through July, we will be studying *Half Truths* by Adam Hamilton. Hamilton searches for the whole truth by comparing some common Christian sayings with the wisdom found in Scripture. They capture some element of truth, yet they miss the point in important ways.

Starting on July 30 and continuing through August, we will study Max Lucado's *More to Your Story*. Max will lead us on a journey through the epic events of the New Testament, and we will discover our place in God's plan. When we do, we'll see that there's more to our story than we ever imagined.

Are you looking for a class from 9:30 to 10:30 on Sunday mornings? We would love to have you join us. We meet upstairs in room 210. Materials are provided.

Lesson Schedule

Half Truths by Adam Hamilton

July 2 no class (enjoy outdoor service!)

July 9 no class (Kathy in Philadelphia)

July 16 Lesson #5 "Love the Sinner, Hate the Sin"

July 23 no class (Kathy in New York)

More to Your Story by Max Lucado



P R A Y E R C H A I N

Please keep in your prayers these people who have had prayer concerns in the last month:

Anne Marie, Armed Forces -active and retired, Amanda Aymin, Baughman Family moving to WYO., Judy, Tom, Samantha and Brittany Benton, Bill (Wendy Miller's uncle), Scott Binns, Tim Bonsell Family, John and Charlotte Brame, Jake and Fay Brown, Carolyn, Gary Cassell, Greg Condon, Daughter who miscarried, People experiencing divorce, Ariene Doual, Pete Drueckhammer and wife Carol, Chole Duda and church family, Linda Edmondson, Eleanor, Ella (Holly Ross' mom), Evan, Mary Kay Fager, Fred and Judy (Barb Coulter's neighbors), Madison Frontette, Friend, Carolyn and Wally Funk, Pam Gladfelter's husband, Michael Glass, Grace(Barb Coulter's friend- Vi's sister), Graduates, Grover, Family of Pastor Sharonn Halderman (Pastor John Halderman's deceased wife), Megan Harris, Marlene and John Hartley, Family of Frances Heinitz, Herk, Hosea, Kristen Hoy, Clair Husby, Jason and family, Jesse, Jim (Sue Taylor's friend), Lynda Jones, Karen (Scott's sister), Amanda Knob, Jen Koontz, Shirley Krebs, Brain L., Leslie, James Lookingbill (loss of mother), Loss of job, Loss of family member to suicide, Sue Lucas's friend's son, Madison (Karen's granddaughter), Mike, Elaine Miller, Millers and spouses (death of family member), Donna Mowery, Nan, Nephew of Lynda Jones, Norman, Deb Oakley and family, Alice Orlandi, Our county and military people protecting us, Ron Patrick (Gail Rosenberry's brother), Jeanette Payne and children, Karen and Ryan Pepperman and family, Denny Price, Quentin (Jim Novinger's father), Shirley Rife (Fay Brown's sister), Family of Elmarjoy (Marge) Robenolt, Dottie and Larry Rowe (loss of family member), Shawn Rupp and children (Kayla, Sophia and Jordan), Becky S., Butch Sallade, Jessie Sanders, Brandon Schroll and family, Aaryn Schultz, Becky Schylaske, Dave Shafer, Adam and Nevin Shaffer, John Shank, Mark Shank, Sharon (Judy Novinger's friend), Charlie Smith, Derrick Smith, Solia Family, Heidi Stahl, Ray Steward, Barbara Taylor, Sue Taylor, Aunt Terri, Terrorism victims in the world, VBS leaders, children and teen helpers, Barb Coulter's friend Vi (death of husband Charles), Tom and Dee W., R Wagner (Marty Wagner's brother), Spencer Welsh, Diane Wert's brother-in-law, Gary Wert (Diane's husband), Kyle Young, Linda Young, Mary Jo Young, Ped Young Sr., Amy Zeiders, SalemCares Ministry, Stephen Ministers, and Salem's Military.

Do you have a prayer concern? Please call the Prayer Chain Coordinator, Fay Brown at 938-1190 or call Salem's Church Office at 938-1928 or email at www.office@fcsalem.org.

I want to thank Salem members for all the prayers, cards, and visits to Frances Heinitz, who died recently. Frances was unable to get out and had no church affiliation, but said that she felt Salem was her church. She felt she knew Fay Brown, who never failed to send her cards. She appreciated those who brought communion, the UMW who gave her a poinsettia every year, the Women of Light who visited, the Sunday flowers, cards, and Pastor Debbie's visits. Thank you for making her feel she had a church.

Marsha Uber



**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS
HAVE BEGUN**
Memorial Day - Labor Day
(Tuesday, May 30 - Friday, September 1st)
Monday - Friday, 8:00am - 12:00pm



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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

