

Just Serve

How can we act Christ-like towards the homeless? The answer might surprise you.

Homelessness, like other social issues, are issues for the Church. Jesus made it clear that love should dominate our lives, and this includes loving both those we see and respect, and those we do not.

There is at best, a kind of misunderstanding about homelessness. At worst, there is a fear and ignorance about it. This month, Fishing Creek Salem will take up the issue through a church-wide emphasis on loving and serving the neighbor based on the book *Under the Overpass*. We will learn from the experiences of two Christ followers who wanted to be close to homelessness throughout the nation.

In our study and conversations, we will learn about local concerns and the various forms of homelessness and poverty found in our land. More importantly, we will learn about ourselves and our ability to love and serve those whom Jesus loves.

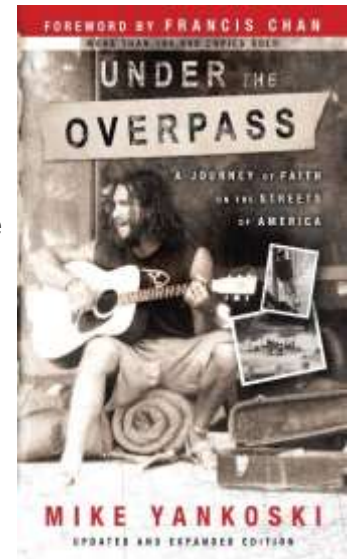
The book of **1 John** seems to address this issue directly:

²⁰ Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹ The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

I invite you to strengthen your journey through the journey of self-imposed homelessness as shared through the book, *Under the Overpass*. Be part of a group and open your heart and mind to God's call to love one another. You can check the pages of this newsletter to find a group.

Beloved, let us follow Jesus and love, grow, and serve together.

Yours in Christ, Pastor John



Church-wide Study

Under the Overpass

A Journey through the Streets of America

What's it like to be homeless? Mike Yankosky takes on a journey through self-imposed homelessness as he asked himself that same question. Journey with us through this church-wide study as we go beyond the statistics and debate and live with Mike on the streets.

Group Name	Day	Time	Where	Leader	Begins Sept.
<i>LampLighters</i>	Sun.	7 p.m.	Kline Home	Dave Kline	10
<i>Travelling Together Toward God</i>	Mon.	7 p.m.	Derrick Home	Harry & Karen Derrick	11
<i>Pastor's Class</i>	Tues.	7 p.m.	Church, 210	Pastor John	12
<i>Sisters of Salem</i>	Wed.	6:30p.m.	Church,115	Jeannette Payne	6
<i>Men's Morning Cup</i>	Wed.	6:15a.m.	Church,110	Matt Durlin	6
<i>Men's Evening Cup</i>	Wed.	6:30p.m.	Church, 212	Pastor John	13
<i>Simply Scripture</i>	Sun.	9:30a.m.	Church, Library	Marcia & Mic Sadler	10
<i>Samaritans</i>	Sun.	9:30a.m.	Church,115	Cindy Best	10
<i>Parents and Children Together</i>	Sun.	9:30a.m.	Church, 215	Nicole Wolf	10
<i>Seekers in Christ</i>	Sun.	11a.m.	Church,115	Jerri Mulholland	10
<i>Back to the Bible</i>	Sun.	9:30a.m.	Church, 210	Kathy Alford	10
<i>Topical Class</i>	Sun.	11 a.m.	Church, 212	Laurie Murry	10

Can't make it to a study? We'll have books available in the Welcome Center and a discussion guide posted on the website!



The Salem Seniors Lunch at Cheddars in York on September 21 at 1:00 pm. If you would like to attend please call MaryFaith VanNoy, [717-790-2640](tel:717-790-2640) or [717-608-0871](tel:717-608-0871)

The United Methodist Women will have their Annual Auction on Thursday, September 14th. At 7:00pm in room 115.



Please bring a wrapped item with the approximate value written on the outside. Come and join in the fun this evening as the bidding goes on and see the usual items that have been auctioned off. The proceeds go towards our Mission Projects.



As always all ladies of the Church and the Community are welcome!



“I’M SORRY”

OCTOBER 1, 2017 @ 12:30 p.m.

The Women of Light will meet Sunday, October 1st at 12:30 p.m. in Room 115 for lunch and a Sorry tournament. Soup and bread will be provided. Please sign up on the Women of Light bulletin board and bring a salad, side, dessert or drinks.



Looking ahead – Women of Light will be going to Allenberry on Sunday, December 3rd for the 2:00 p.m. performance of *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever the Musical*. Tickets are \$22 for Seniors (60+) and \$28 for those under 60. Meet in the church parking lot at 12:30 p.m. Further details will be in the weekly bulletin announcements.

Women of Light is open to all single women! Come join the fun!

Sisters of Salem will be studying Beth Moore’s Entrusted a study of 2 Timothy beginning Oct 4th from 6-8. This is a 6-week Bible study, Beth will encourage you to guard what God has entrusted to you, further His kingdom by sharing Christ with others, and pour into future generations just as Paul once mentored Timothy. Because in this journey of joy and hardship, we need each other to stay the course and live lives of faithfulness.



Salem will once again host Beth Moore’s Living Proof Simulcast on **Saturday, September 16th**. This year’s focus: “Captivated, the Wonder of Christ on the Winding Road.” Tickets on sale now! Cost is \$20 and includes lunch. Contact the office at 938-1928 for tickets or purchase tickets after church services.

Happy Birthday!



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| Kendyl Brtalik | Reece Meanor | Julia Strenkoski |
| Jackson Christine | Samuel Miller | Elizabeth Strohl |
| Dom Grebbien | Noah Musselman | Paul Strohl |
| Madison Hetherington | Ben Painter | Adelle Wible |
| Alaina Higgins | Cora Payne | Samuel Wible |
| | | Grayson Wolf |

Are you a caregiver?— This is an open invitation to our church family and local churches. Please join our Stephen Leaders in five sessions about “Christian Caregiving—a Way of Life”. The first session will start September 11th, Monday, from 7:00pm to 8:30 pm and continue on September 25th, October 2nd, October 23rd and November 13th. The location is room 212.

There is a \$15 fee for the book. Please contact Robyn Adams at 717-774-1602 for additional information or to sign up.



Who are Salem’s Stephen Ministers?

Linda Wrightstone—23 years of dedicated and caring service.

Lou Lingenel—22 years of dedicated and caring service.

Marsha Uber and Jerri Mulholland—17 years of dedicated caring service.

Lisa Sgrignoli—10 years of dedicated and caring service.

Ginger Haines—7 years of dedicated and caring service.

Linda Young, Robyn Adams, Georgene Bingman, Angelique Wilt-Lusi—4 years of dedicated caring service.

Salem’s Stephen Leaders :

Jerri Mulholland, Angelique Wilt-Lusi, and Robyn Adams.



Item of the Month: Mission Central sends school kits to children around the world who are not able to buy the supplies they need for themselves. **24 count crayon boxes** are needed for these kits. Please put the crayons in the bin marked “Mission Central in Mission





LIBRARY NEWS
By Kathy Alford

Pastors John and Debbie spent the majority of the Sunday's this summer preaching sermons on several of the best books they know that teach about the Christian faith (besides the Bible, of course!). These seven books they selected have been added to our Library collection and are now featured on one of the library tables. Below are synopses. Check them out!

Mere Christianity by C.S. Lewis

This book is a theological book adapted from a series of BBXC radio talks made between 1941 and 1945 while Lewis was at Oxford during WWII. Lewis spends most of his defense of the Christian faith on an argument from morality, a point which persuaded him from atheism to Christianity.

The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis

This product of C.S.Lewis's wickedly funny imagination is correspondence between two devils, Screwtape and his young nephew, Wormwood. As the senior friend advises his young apprentice in leading humanity astray, Lewis delves into questions about good and evil, temptation, repentance, and grace, offering knowledge and guidance to all who are trying to live good Christian lives.

Simply good News by N.T. Wright

Wright wipes off the dust of history and culture and finds that the good news of Jesus is more exciting, dynamic, and inspirational than what we have settled for.

Celebration of Discipline by Richard Foster

This book explores the classic "disciplines" or central spiritual practices of the Christian faith which Foster divides into the following categories: inward disciplines, outward disciplines, and corporate disciplines. Foster shows that it is only by and through these practices that we can find the true path to spiritual growth.

Life Together: The Classic Exploration of Christian Community by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Martyred by the Gestapo near the end of WWII for plotting to assassinate Hitler, Dietrich Bonhoeffer left a legacy of writings that has become a prized testimony of faith and courage for Christians around the world. *Life Together* is Bonhoeffer's inspiring account of a unique fellowship in an underground seminary during the Nazi years in Germany. The role of personal prayer, worship in common, everyday work, and Christian service is treated in simple, almost Biblical words.

Surrendering to God by Keith Beasley-Topliffe

In this life-changing little book, Rev. Keith Beasley-Topliffe shares his experience of praying the Covenant Prayer— a classic prayer that calls us to surrender completely to God. Line by line, Rev. Beasley-Topliffe uses the wisdom of the prayer of surrender as a guide for those who want to learn to trust God more. With honesty and gentle humor, Rev. Beasley-Topliffe shows us how simple prayers not only express our heart's desires to God, but also open the doorway to deeper prayer and transformation.

The Spiritual Life by Evelyn Underhill

Originally part of a series of broadcasts made by the author prior to WWII, this small book was meant "to present some of the great truths concerning man's spiritual life in simple language."

BACK TO THE BIBLE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

By Kathy Alford

During the first week of September, we will be finishing Max Lucado's *More to Your Story*. Max has been leading us on a journey through the epic events of the New Testament, and we are discovering our place in God's plan. When we do, we'll see that there's more to our story than we ever imagined.

During the remainder of September, we will be studying from *Under the Overpass* by Mike Yankoski. This book is a journey of faith on the streets of America. Two college boys, Mike and Sam, in search of what it means to live in Christ, decided to experience life on the streets for 3 months in 6 different cities. The book is a summary of their experiences, of what they learned, and how they grew as lovers of Christ.

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. Join us!



More to Your Story by Max Lucado

September 3 Session 6 "You Will Finally Graduate"

Under the Overpass by Mike Yankoski

September 10	Section 1 "Twenty Minutes Past the World"
	Section 2 "Denver"
September 17	Section 3 "Washington D.C."
	Section 4 "Portland"
September 24	Section 5 "San Francisco"



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

Kathy Alford, Anne Marie, Katie Beck, Beverly, Georgene Bingman, Scott Binns, Bob, John and Charlotte Brame, Brandon and family, Ed and Kay Bricker, Jake and Fay Brown, Karen Brunner and family, Gary and Donna Cas-sell, Susan Chesek, College students, Bobbi Coyle and family, Dean Cross and family, Dad,uncle and friend, De-siree, Gene Donnelly, Marcia Duncan and family, Linda Edmondson, Ellen, Father-in-law, Madison Fornirette, Car-olyn and Wally Funk, Mrs. Ginny, Michael Glass, Lori Grim, Gustin, Gynni, Haiti Mission Team(Marcia, Mick,Bella and Landon Sadler, Bonnie Gruver and Charles Kelly), Lillie Hamilton, Haylie Hardy(Vicki Hetherington's grand-daughter), Jerry Hartman, Hazel(Cindy Hammons mom), Shirley and Donald Howard(Gary's parents)and Gary and Jo-Ann Howard, Kristen Hoy, Jan(Kathie and Dick Hoke's neighbor), Lynda Jones, Karen(Brunner's sister-in-law), Ed Kautz, Arlene Kowal, Guy Leader, Linda Mahoney, Harold Markley, Linday McNertney, Mike, Elaine Miller, Scott Miller and family(death of mother), Steve Miller and family(parents passed away), Dr. Sam and Donna Mowery, Nan, Nancy, Deb Oakley and family, Alice Orlandi, Ron P., People going thru divorce, Karen, Ryan and Madison Pepperman, Kathy Poe, President and government leaders, Denny Price, Papa Provard, Lillian Pusey, Jeff Register, Kyle Ricketts, Shawn Rupp and children(Jordan, Kayla and Sophia), Salem Church Campers at Camp Penn, Sam, Jessie Sanders, Peggy Schmidt, Brandon Scholl and family, Dave Shaffer, Merv Shaffer, Nevin Shaffer, John Shank, Mark Shank, George and Carol Shunk, Sosik Family, Heidi Stahl, Ray Steward, Aunt Terri, Tom, Caitlain and Kevin Turner, Erin and Brian Uber(Marsha and Jim Uber's niece), Ann Vanderlippe, Tom W., Rick Wagner, Spencer Welsh, Hudson Wolfe, Kyle Young, Linda Young, Ped Young, Zachary, SalemCares Minis-try, Stephen Ministrers, 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.



Thank you FCSUMC for your tremendous support of our first

Neighborhood Fun Night on the Road. Your commitment to service, our community, and to the love of Jesus Christ was shining bright on Tuesday night at National Night Out at Roof Park.

We service **988 hamburgers, 900 hotdogs, and 210 lbs of potatoes.** We gave away over 200 school kits, many bibles, children's bibles, and children's story books. We had four of our games set up and gave out lollipops. We had a great amount of volunteers helping set up and clean up. You were fantastic!

National Night Out at Roof Park was attended by over **3500 people** as stated on their website. We had the opportunity to connect and serve these people through your service. We had the opportunity to grow in fellowship and service with each other in the Name of Jesus. We are looking forward to next year. **WOW!!**



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Sunday Worship at 8:15, 9:30 and 11:00 AM
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