



JULY 2017 NEWSLETTER

Salem United Church of Christ

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RENOVATIONS UPDATE

PSST! IT'S A SECRET!

ANIMATE-BIBLE

Wednesdays 7:00-8:15
until 8-19

Men's Breakfast 7-8

Women's Coffee 7-8

Church Planning Meeting
7-13 Thursday 6:00-
8:30pm

Pastor's Vacation 7-24 to
8-6

PPIC Interfaith Family
Picnic
SUNDAY 8-13 from 4-

Lights, Camera, Action!

Just kidding, no extra lights, no cameras to worry about that may catch you "praying with your eyes closed" during the Sermon. What will we have? We will have a new video screen along with a new and improved sound system!

Recently the congregation endorsed the Consistory's decision to have a new audio/visual system installed in our sanctuary later this summer. We are excited and expect that this new audio/visual system will help to enhance the worship experience at Salem.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Welcome home to all our seasonal travelers and safe travels to all those traveling this summer. Let me offer a special welcome to Bill and Francie Zimmerman and John Bellis, who joined our church on June 4th-Pentecost Sunday.

As the Holy Spirit continues to move in our lives allow me to pose a question.

WHAT TYPE OF ADULT EDUCATION WOULD MOST ENRICH YOUR SOUL?

Take time and Listen for the voice of the Holy Spirit to inspire you about what will and how to enrich your soul. Remember I am not the only one who can lead a Study. The Spirit may nudge you to expand your Spiritual glass box. Small group discussions can also take place at your house, a restaurant or even at the Lake! You can choose one leader, co-leaders or rotate leadership through the group so as not to overwhelm anyone.

Pastor Mike



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

ANIMATE-BIBLE

Wednesday nights at 7:00-8:15 until July 19th, you are welcome to share your open mind and heart as we delve into Scripture.

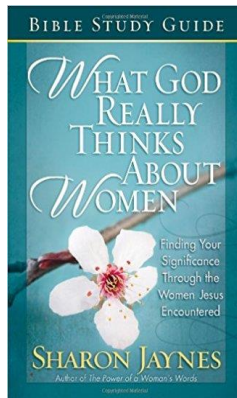
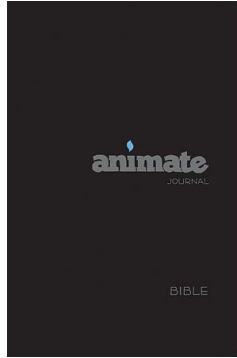
This is a unique study that instigates open discussions and may lead to uncontrollable urges to dive deeper during your personal study time at home.

On July 5th we'll look at the different types of Genre included in the Bible with Jose Morales leading us in the video.

July 12th will bring us to Willimon explaining the interpretation of the Bible. *This should really start some good dialogue!*

On July 19th we end with a discussion about Grace with Jay Bakker appearing on the video.

Animate comes from Animus-meaning "soul" or "breath". Join us to gain the *Life breath* of your soul!



WHAT GOD REALLY THINKS ABOUT WOMEN

This study will take place on Tuesday afternoons from 1-2:30 pm, beginning August 22-November 14.

Don't panic each class is self-contained; you can attend any number of classes and not be lost.

The Study Guide prepares us for an interesting dialogue about many strong women from the New Testament and Jesus interaction with them. Ancient women were considered property and to be unteachable. Jesus led the way to changing the women's perceptions of themselves and showing them the amazing core which existed inside each of them.

Come and discover the amazing core inside yourself.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

WITH MISS LYNNE



Three or more are *Never a Crowd* at Salem Sunday School! Come join the fun and meet new friends!

We have focused on the Book of Acts and the Parables of Jesus since Easter. This summer we will add some lessons from David C. Cook curriculum about *GOD'S LOVE FOR US!*

Connect with Jesus in a fun and active way!

SOCIAL AND SOCIAL ACTION OPPORTUNITIES

WOMEN'S GUILD

- Sign-up Sheet on the Bulletin Board for Monthly Kitchen Crew.
- Sign-up Sheet for Refreshments for Fellowship Time after Service.
- Check Sign-Up Sheet for Meals Needed by Our Members.

TOMEC Has Started a Free Summer Lunch Program

FOR CHILDREN 0-18 YEARS OF AGE.

The distribution center will be in Arrowhead Lake on Mondays and Fridays it takes place at the Pavilion; on Wednesdays it takes place at the site of the old clubhouse. On Monday they get a take home bag for Tuesday and on Wednesday they get a take home bag for Thursday.

The Five Loaf House's regular services continue through the summer months. Monetary donations are always gratefully accepted and their Clothes Distribution Center will accept *Seasonal* Clothing.

INTERFAITH FAMILY PICNIC

August 13th 4:00 to 7:30

Blanche Price Park, Tobyhanna Township

Vegetarian Potluck

Games, Scavenger Hunt, Story Telling.

RSVP: pastor.mike.lonergan@gmail.com

TEC

Did you think your school days were over? Think again!

Tobyhanna Elementary Center can use volunteers!

Contact Pastor Mike and request information on how you can use your skills to help the children of our area.

Men's
Fellowship
Breakfast- 2nd
Saturday of
each month at
8:30 at the
Jubilee.

**Women of
Salem** have
coffee at the
Mountain Top
Lodge the 2nd
Saturday of
each month at
9:00 a.m

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