



# SALEM UCC NEWSLETTER

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***No Matter Where You are in Your Journey,  
You are Welcome Here!***

## EVENTS

### MEN'S BREAKFAST

Jubilee  
**Oct. 14** at 8:30 am

### WOMEN'S COFFEE

Mountain Top Lodge  
**Oct. 14** at 9:00 am

### BIBLE STUDY

***What God Really  
Thinks About  
Women***

Church Hall  
Tuesday Afternoons  
**Until Nov. 21st**  
From 1:00 to 2:30

### FALL FESTIVAL

Blanche Price Park  
**October 7**  
Noon to 4:30

### ADVENT STUDY **SENT**

**Sunday Mornings**  
11:30  
11/12, 11/19, 12/3,  
12/10, 12/17



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

When Debbie and I were in Baltimore for General Synod we had the opportunity to meet and talk with Rev. Emily C. Heath; who serves as pastor of the Congregational Church in Exeter, NH. As a member of the *Still Speaking Writers Group*, Rev. Heath contributes to the UCC Daily Devotional and the Advent and Lenten Devotions booklets we have used in the past.



The Reverend has also authored the book *Glorify, Reclaiming the Heart of Progressive Christianity*. In *Glorify*, Heath argues that the next big thing in the church will be discipleship. We don't seem to remember what it means to be disciples and people are taking notice. Rev. Heath argues that we all need to refocus on the heart of our faith, being disciples, students of our faith, learning and growing in order to be witnesses to those beyond our walls. Rev. Heath believes church growth is tied to the quality of our discipleship.

Salem offers a number of different opportunities for discipleship. Our children learn about our faith in our Sunday School program. Adult opportunities include the Women's Bible Study and the Wednesday evening programs, which will shift to Sundays after worship beginning with our Advent study.

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## ALLELULIA THE CHIMES ARE BACK!



Marion Selig's wish to have the chimes restored has happened. Thanks to the behind the scenes work of Jim Burnham, Bill Dyer and Don Jones the restoration has taken place.



On September 17th we enjoyed our newly restored chimes when Peter gave us a beautiful example of what we would experience in the future. With Peter's expertise our restored chimes will truly enhance our inspiring worship services.

They will be officially dedicated on October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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## SPIRITUAL FORMATION

### ADVENT STUDY WITH PASTOR MIKE

#### ***SENT***

#### ***Delivering The Gift of Hope at Christmas***

Pastor Jorge Acevedo and friends challenge our body, mind, and soul through story, art, and Bible study. Join the adventure of discovering how, when and where we are to be the hands, feet, head and heart of Jesus on earth.



**NEW DAY AND TIME**  
**SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 11:30**

**November 12 and 19**  
**December 3, 10, 17**

## SUNDAY SCHOOL WITH MISS LYNNE

### *Children's Ministry*



**COME JOIN THE FUN AND  
MEET NEW FRIENDS!**

***GOD'S LOVE FOR US***

**Each week discover new ways  
God loves us.**

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## ***What God Really Thinks About Women***

### **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

*Led by Fran Jamison and Debbie Lonergan*

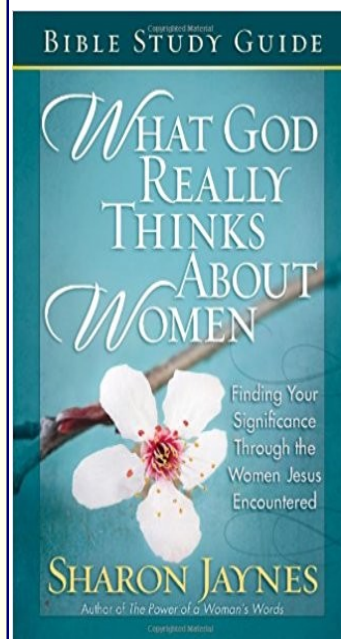
**Starts Tuesday, August 22nd from 1:00 to 2:30 pm**

We will study about the amazing women Jesus encountered and how he touched their lives. The Study guide allows us to choose from a plethora of discussion questions.

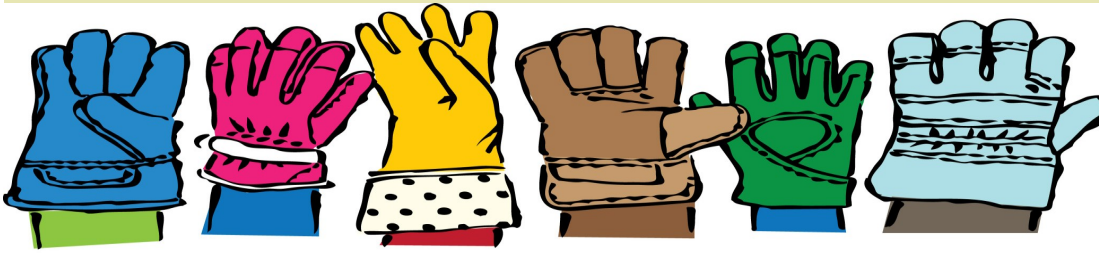
**Each lesson is self-contained so you can attend one session or all twelve sessions.**

Consider joining us to learn about the strong women of Jesus' time and how their encounters with Jesus enriched their lives and how it can enrich ours.

***Come and discover how amazing God made us!***



## BEING THE HANDS & FEET OF JESUS



# Are You Able?

## SALEM HOSPITALITY

### WOMEN OF SALEM SHARE YOUR OPINION!

The Consistory would like to know your “Wish List” for our kitchen, so we can turn it into a “To-Do List” over the next year.

Projects that have been discussed are:

- 1) Painting the cabinets
- 2) Possibly replacing the countertops
- 3) Building a new island.

Please give your input, so we can give “the Hub of our Hospitality Ministry” a facelift.

Please send any ideas/requests/priorities to me at [lahill2@ptd.net](mailto:lahill2@ptd.net) and I will present them during our October Consistory meeting.

Thank you,  
*Lois Hill*

*If service is  
your gift, then  
serve well. If  
teaching is  
your gift, then  
teach well.*

***Romans 12:7***

## ENRICH OUR LIVES BY HELPING OTHERS

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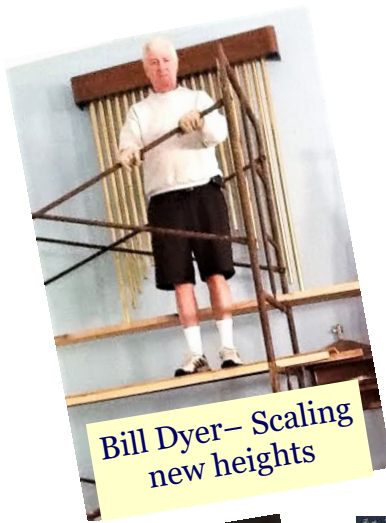
Did you think your school days were over? Think again!  
**Tobyhanna Elementary Center can use volunteers!**  
Contact Pastor Mike and request information on how you can use your skills to help the children of our area.





## MONTHLY SPOTLIGHT

This month we salute a few of the activities that make Salem and our community a little brighter and friendlier.



Bill Dyer— Scaling new heights



Bill Andrews & Bob cooking up a storm-TOMEC BBQ



St. Luke's Interfaith Dinner  
Pastor Mike & Debbie



Brent Baker



Pastor Mike and Debbie with Rep.  
Maureen Madden at Celebrate  
Recovery Day.

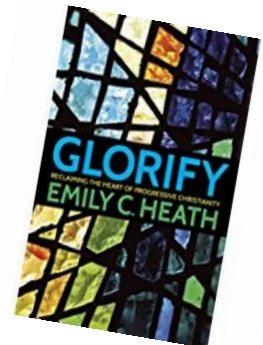


Tyler Walters

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK-continued from pg. 1

Another discipleship opportunity is small groups. Small groups can meet in someone's home, at the church or maybe around a table at the Jube. Small groups can read a book together and meet to discuss how the author is speaking to them. Small groups can also practice a Spiritual discipline like meditation, prayer or Lectio Divina. Small groups are an opportunity to grow in faith so we can take the message of Jesus out into the world.

A good book for a small group study is *Glorify*, who would like to join the group?



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*Alone we  
can do  
little;  
together  
we can do  
much.*

*Helen Keller*

## CONSISTORY



Dave Sleightholm  
President



Don Howarth

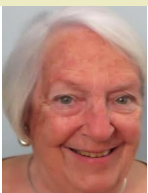


Bob Baechtold



Bill Andrews

**THANK THESE MEMBERS FOR THEIR TIME  
&  
SHARE YOUR IDEAS WITH OUR CONSISTORY**



Carol Kehler



Donna Knecht



Fran Jamison



John Lyman



Lois Hill

# CONSISTORY MINUTES

Aug 20 2017 Author: John Lyman

## **Consistory Members**

Dave Sleightholm President

Bob Baechtold

Don Howarth

Carol Kehler

Donna Knecht

Bill Andrews

Fran Jamison

John Lyman

Lois Hill

Mike Lonergan Pastor

## **In Attendance this Month**

Dave Sleightholm

Bill Andrews

Don Howarth

John Lyman

Lois Hill

Mike Lonergan

## **MINUTES**

Meeting opened at 8:30 am.

1. July minutes approved.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

2. Update on the postcards: Jacob can do both the postcards and the website. Dave will determine the owner of the website is.

3. The piano is gone. ☺

4. Finance review (see attached). Overall, giving is on schedule.

5. ADA ramp at the front of the church:

Update: Consistory members reviewed the access and designed a simple way of adding wrought iron handrail and using the doors differently that solves the issue. John Lyman will contact contractors who do wrought iron work.

6. **Consistory membership: Welcome to Lois Hill who recently joined the consistory!**

7. Paula continues to update the policy manual for the church.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

8. Planning session: The next session will probably be on a Sunday after church. More to follow.

9. Lois volunteered to trim the shrubs in front of the building.

10. The length of the church service was discussed. The big concern was the impact on Sunday school since Lynne schedules the Sunday school to end at 11 AM. It was agreed to keep an eye on the service and make changes if it started to creep over 11 AM.

Next meeting is 8:30 AM, September 17, 2017.

Meeting adjourned.

## SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

# EVERY ONE IS WELCOME

### MEN'S BREAKFAST

Meet the Men of Salem at the Jubilee every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month at 8:30. Enjoy great conversation over a hearty breakfast.



### WOMEN OF SALEM

Come to Mountain Top Lodge and treat yourself to great food and even better conversation. We meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month at 9:00.

### THURSDAY IS PIZZA NIGHT!

Let Dominic's do the cooking on Thursday night! Join fellow church members in an extremely relaxed atmosphere and get to know each other better.

Dominic's is located at 584 PA-940, Pocono Lake, PA 18347



### **WHAT IS YOUR IDEA FOR A GET TOGETHER?**

Talk it up, don't be shy anyone can start a new tradition!  
Let me know and I will post it in the Newsletter.



# SPIRITUAL FORMATION

## SALEM LIBRARY

**DID YOU KNOW THERE WAS A  
LIBRARY IN THE OFFICE AREA?**

**CHRISTIAN FICTION AND  
NON-FICTION AVAILABLE  
FOR YOU TO TAKE WITH  
YOU AND SHARE WITH  
OTHERS**

### Sunday Scripture Readings for the Month

**October 1**  
Ex 17:1-7  
Matt 21:23-32

**October 8**  
Ex 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20  
Matt 21:33-46

**October 15**  
Phil 4:1-9  
Matt 22:1-14

**October 22**  
Ex 33:12-23  
Matt 22:15-22



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**October 29**  
Matt 22:34-46  
Lev 19:1-2, 15-18