# PRAY. SEE. DREAM.

JOURNAL & WORKBOOK

# REIMAGINE SALEM



A SEASON OF VISIONING

THIS JOURNAL BELONGS TO:

# RE-IMAGINE SALEM

# DISCOVERING TOGETHER ALL THAT GOD CAN DO

Welcome to an exciting new season here at Salem United Methodist Church! Beginning in May and continuing for the rest of the year we will walk through a visioning process together. My hope and prayer is that this will be an engaging and meaningful (and fun!) journey for all of us.

**REIMAGINE SALEM** will be our theme for this season as we uncover and discover together all that God can do through each of us and our church.

Each month will have a different focus word. This focus will be incorporated into every aspect of church life, especially worship. You are encouraged to carry it into your small groups and committees and reflect on it in your prayer life.

With each month's focus, we will all be encouraged to **PRAY** about it, to **SEE** where God is moving and speaking, and to **DREAM** about how the "praying" and "seeing" are intersecting and leading us to action. These prayer journals are for you to have a space to write down your prayers, observations, thoughts, ideas, and dreams throughout this process.

Take notes during Sunday morning worship, at our 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Table Talks, and throughout your week. As we bring our thoughts and observations together, I believe we will begin to see common themes and get clarity on the vision that God has for us.

This is important and holy work, and my hope is that we will all approach it with commitment and a sense of hopeful anticipation. God has great plans for us!

I am so excited to walk this journey with you!

**Pastor Stacy** 

"I continue to dream and pray about a revival of holiness in our day that moves forth in mission and creates authentic community in which each person can be unleashed through the empowerment of the Spirit to fulfill God's creational intentions."

# MONTHLY VISION FOCUS

# **MAY: FOUNDATION**

# PRAY

**PRAY** for God to be our foundation throughout this time of visioning. **PRAY** for wisdom to recognize what's most important to God and to us. **PRAY** for God to make our foundation strong.

# SEE

**SEE** where God is present in our church, in our community, and in our lives. **SEE** how Salem has impacted Orwigsburg, Schuylkill County, and the world over its history.

# DREAM

**DREAM** about what a church with a solid foundation looks like, and what we can do to partner with God to make it so.

**DREAM** about how Salem's past, present, and future can come together to "transform lives through Christ".

"So, then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the LORD; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God."

MAY	FOUNDATION
MONTH	MONTHLY FOCUS
Pray	
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MAY	FOUNDATION			
TODAY'S DATE	TODAY'S MESSAGE / MONTHLY FOCUS			
WHAT ARE OUR CORE VALUES?				
	DISCUSSION TOPIC			


# MONTHLY VISION FOCUS

**JUNE: PRAYER** 

# PRAY

**PRAY** for God to help us to pray. (Yes, we are praying about praying!) **PRAY** for boldness to believe that God will answer our prayers.

# SEE

**SEE** where God is answering prayers, even in unexpected places and ways. **SEE** the needs in our community so we know what to pray for.

# DREAM

**DREAM** about how we can create a culture of prayer here at Salem. **DREAM** about the difference it would make in our church and our lives to pray as if God will respond.

JUNE	PRAYER		
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## TABLE TALK CONVERSATION OUTLINE

MONTHLY VISION FOCUS

JUNE: PRAYER

USE THIS OUTLINE TO HELP GUIDE YOU ALONG THIS MONTH'S TABLE TALK DISCUSSION. OPEN WORKBOOK AND JOURNAL SPACE WILL FOLLOW. CONNECT WITH OTHERS, GOD & YOURSELF.

### **OPENING QUESTION**

What's your favorite way to pray?

### **TABLE TALK DISCUSSION TOPICS**

(Use these table-talk questions and share answers around your table.)

- 1. What does prayer mean to you?
- 2. Do you believe God answers prayer? Share a time you've witnessed a prayer being answered.
- 3. What have been the most meaningful prayer experiences in your life?

### **FOCUS QUESTION**

What does it mean to have a culture of prayer? And how can we create a culture of prayer at Salem? What is one step we can take this month?

### **CLOSING QUESTION**

(Popcorn-style... anyone can share!)
What are you feeling hopeful about right now?

### **CLOSING PRAYER**

God of the Vision,

Thank-you for the wonderful plans you have for us. We remember today that you are a visionary God- you dreamed up the whole creation and set into motion all that is good. You boldly envisioned a future for us where we could bring about your Kingdom here on earth as it is in heaven. You lovingly dream of a world in which we can all thrive. Wow. God, help us to be the church that you dream us to be. Bring us together in one heart and one mind to boldly go wherever it is you are calling us to go. Give us the vision, your vision. We are your children and Salem is your church.

Thank-you and Amen.

JUNE	PRAYER				
TODAY'S DATE	TODAY'S MESSAGE / MONTHLY FOCUS				
WHAT DOES PRAYER MEAN TO YOU?					
	SCUSSION TOPIC				
