

Announcements

NATIVITIES: We will be decorating the church for Christmas today, November 25th at 2:00 pm. All help is greatly appreciated. Please help prepare Salem for the Christmas season. We would like to decorate the west narthex with nativities. If you would like to participate you may bring one or several nativities to display. Please check with Ruth Williams or the church office and let us know what nativities you are displaying so we can put a card by each set identifying to whom it belongs. You may bring the nativities before Nov. 25th and leave them in the church office or you may bring them the afternoon of the 25th or anytime there after.

GIVING TUESDAY: On Nov. 27, you can extend the spirit of giving thanks by participating in UMC #GivingTuesday. When you give online through The Advance at www.umcmmission.org/give, 100 percent of your gifts goes directly to the project of your choice. Through The Advance, United Methodists can give to more than 800 United Methodist-related projects worldwide. Donors can also provide support for more than 300 missionaries. The projects meet a range of needs, from helping survivors cope with natural or civil disasters to helping establish new faith communities, feed and educate children, and equip hospitals and clinics.

CHRISTMAS CHILDREN'S SHOEBOX MINISTRY: This is an opportunity to share in making the season even more memorable, not just for ourselves but others as well. We are gathering Christmas Shoeboxes for the children in the local homeless shelter and foster children in the Newton area. Our goal is to have the boxes ready to go by December 3, 2018. Please consider donating any small gifts that will fit in a shoebox. The age brackets that boxes are based on are: infant, toddler, 3-5, 6-8, 9-11, 12-14, 15-18, for either boy or girl. If you want to do a complete box yourself, that is wonderful or you may donate items or financial contributions that will be used to complete other boxes. Boxes or contributions may be left at the church office or you may contact Kasha Stiner at 316-712-1889. Thank you for your support in this mission outreach project.

SUPPORT TROOPS: There are 101 National Guard troops from Newton serving in Kuwait. The American Legion and St. Luke Evangelical Church have joined together on a project to send Christmas Boxes to each of our service persons. The cost of sending a Christmas Box to Kuwait is \$40. If you would like to participate you may send a monetary contribution of any amount to St. Luke Evangelical Church 808 E 6th St, Newton, KS, 67114 or you may give your contribution to Jack or Lorinda Schreiber who will deliver your donation. The deadline for contributions is Nov. 26. Thank you for supporting our troops.

THANK YOU: Thanks to all for the many beautiful cards, the calls and prayers sent my way and for my family. My church family has helped me on my final journey and we appreciate it. Sincerely – Mary Anne, James and Baker Family

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WAYS TO GIVE TO SALEM: Electronic giving options are available for making one time or regular offerings and special giving to Salem UMC. To give during worship or anytime using a smart phone use the QR code below or go to the App Store or Google Play, download "Give+Church". Choose 'Salem UMC' and follow the directions. For other electronic giving options such as direct drafts from your checking account, see Suanne Eshleman.



Poinsettias

I (we), _____ would like _____

Poinsettia(s) in honor of, _____

I (we), _____ would like _____

Poinsettia(s) in memory of, _____

The cost of the poinsettias is \$14.00 each.

Deadline for ordering is
Monday, December 10, 2018.

The Poinsettias may be taken with you after any of the
services Dec. 23 or 24, 2018.

Total amount: \$ _____

ANGEL TREE: This is the 22nd year Salem will be involved in Angel Tree. The party is on Saturday, Dec. 8. Angel Tree is a program to provide children who have a parent in prison with a Christmas gift. Towards the end of November the Angel Tree will be set up in the west narthex. You may select an angel from the tree and purchase a gift for a child.

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JOY OF SINGING: Women who enjoy singing all the LOW notes in the songbook are invited to attend a rehearsal with Sound of the Heartland Women's Ensemble. Seeking women who generally sing alto2 or tenor in traditional music arrangements. We'd like to add you to our women's bass section! Our repertoire includes sacred, jazz, holiday favorites, songs from different eras, show tunes and contemporary songs all in 4-part harmony. Rehearsals on Thursday nights in Newton. Contact Sue Moore for more information: 316-371-6149 or info@soundoftheheartland.com.

2018 HARVEST OF LOVE: The Salvation Army and the Newton Ministerial Alliance are inviting area churches, community organizations and residents of Harvey County to join in their annual food and fund drive to support people in need in our county. We invite you to bring nonperishable food items to the church when you come for worship and other church activities. The food will be taken to the Salvation Army food pantry in Newton, where it will be distributed to area residents who are feeling the strain of difficult economic times. If you wish to make a monetary donation you may write a check to Salem United Methodist with "Harvest of Love" in the memo line and place it in the Sunday morning offering. These funds will be distributed through the Salvation Army office, and will go towards perishable food items as well as housing, utilities and medical assistance for Harvey County residents. In addition to food items for Harvest of Love, if you travel and pick up complimentary hygiene items, they may also be donated during this time. These items will be sent to the Open Door Ministry in Wichita. There will be collection containers for food and hygiene items in the west foyer.

- Nov. 25 Soup
- Dec. 2 Peanut Butter or meals in a box, can, or jar
- Dec. 9 Dry stuff, pasta, beans, rice
- Dec. 16 Baking stuff - flour, sugar, etc.
- Dec. 23 Canned meat - tuna, beef stew, chicken, chili
- Dec. 30 Everything you forgot the past weeks

CASA: (Court Appointed Special Advocate) is doing a StepUp fundraiser. On November 27th individuals will come together to take 1,000,000 steps to help create awareness about CASA and the need to be a voice for children in the foster care system. To be a part of this important mission and learn more about StepUp visit: <https://www.mightycause.com/team/Stepupforcasa> or call CASA board member Kathy Wiens at 316-587-7244.

SCREENAGERS: Attention Parents of children 10+: Join the Kansas Learning Center for Health on Wednesday, November 28th for a special screening of Screenagers: Growing Up in the Digital Age at The Meridian Center. Doors open at 6, Movie at 6:30. The Screenagers movie is about the impact of the digital age on children and how to help families minimize harmful efforts and to find balance. The movie is FREE and includes smart insights and practical tips. Parents are encouraged to attend with your children! Recommended for ages 10 and up. RSVPs appreciated on-line at www.learningcenter.org or by calling 316-835-2662. For more information, go to screenagersmovie.com.

This Week at Salem

Sunday: November 25th
 9:00 am Sunday school
 10:00 am Worship
 2:00 pm Decorate church for Christmas

Monday: November 26th

Tuesday: November 27th
 9:30 am Companions
 6:00 pm Girl Scouts

Wednesday: November 28th
 5:45 pm FLC FF Meal
 6:30 pm Classes, Youth Group
 6:30 pm Adult Choir Practice

Thursday: November 29th
 1:30 pm Piece Keepers
 6:00 pm FH Reserved

Friday: November 30th
 1:15 pm FH Reserved

Saturday: December 1st
 3:30 pm Children's Christmas Program Practice

Sunday: December 2nd
 9:00 am Sunday school
 10:00 am Worship
 Hanging of Greens
 12:00 pm FLC Reserved

NEWSLETTER: Please have items for the December newsletter into the church office by Monday, Nov. 26.

ADVENT STUDY: An Advent Study will be offered both at 10 am and 6:30 pm Wednesdays beginning November 28. We are starting the study ahead of the first Sunday in Advent (Dec 2) to allow enough weeks for the study. Our study this year will be a DVD based study by Max Lucado, *Because of Bethlehem*. Come and focus on the meaning of the Christmas season.

Memorial Book Open To

Herb Cies
 Ron Grapengater

Last Week Year Ago

Worship	114	112
Sunday School	75	67

Worship Leaders

Head Usher *Bob Swickard*
Song Leader *Ruth Williams*
Liturgist *Aaron Teel*
Acolytes *Gracelyn Saylor*
Presleyann Saylor
AV *Don Gruver*
Lorna Preston
Aaron Teel
Nursery *Erica Rickard*

To Our Guests: Restrooms are available in the east foyer on the main level by the office and on the west side of the building in the Family Life Center (gymnasium). The nursery is down the hall from the Sanctuary on the east side.

Pastor *Ron Kite*
Children/Youth Director *Ashli Teel*
Church Treasurer *Staci Morales*
Church Secretary *Cindy Harms*
Organist/Pianist *Bob Wambold*
Choir Director *Ruth Williams*
Child Care *Cindy Gruver*
Janitor *Tony Martinez*