

Announcements

MILITARY: Please pray for our loved ones in the military.

NEWSLETTER: Please have items for the Dec. newsletter into the church office by Monday, Nov. 27.

POINSETTIA: If you would like to order a poinsettia in honor of or in memory of a loved one you may fill out the form below and turn into the church office by Monday, Dec. 11. The poinsettias will be displayed Dec. 17 and 24 and you may take the plant home with you after any of the services on Dec. 24. You may also find an order form on the church web site, salemumc-newton.org.

Poinsettias

I (we), _____ would like _____ Poinsettia(s) in honor of,

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The cost of the poinsettias is \$12.00 each. Deadline for ordering is Monday, December 11, 2017.

The Poinsettias may be taken with you after any of the services Dec. 24, 2017.

Total amount: \$ _____

2017 HARVEST OF LOVE: Throughout November and December 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. 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. The donation item for Dec. 3 = Peanut Butter or meals in a box, can, or jar.

Dec. 10 Dry stuff, pasta, beans, rice

Dec. 17 Baking stuff - flour, sugar, etc.

Dec. 24 Canned meat - tuna, beef stew, chicken, chili

Dec. 31 Everything you forgot the past weeks

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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 from area churches in the United Methodist Texas Conferences affected by Hurricane Harvey. Our goal is to have the boxes ready to go by **December 2, 2017**. 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 Joyce Hockett at 217-2501. Thank you for your support in this mission outreach project.

LIVING NATIVITY: Salem is having the Living Nativity on Friday and Saturday December 8 and 9. We are in need of volunteers in a number of areas. Please check below any area in which you wish to help and turn into church office or directly contact the church office, 283-3620 – sum@sum.kscoxmail.com, to volunteer. If you wish to donate cookies, please contact Karol Smith @ 285-2768. If you have questions please call the church office. We believe that participants and spectators alike found last year's Living Nativity to be a moving and rewarding experience – please get involved!!

setup _____

cleanup _____

costume manager _____

actors/actresses _____

director _____

greeter _____

FAMILY FUSION: FAMILY FUSION: Join us on Wednesday, Nov. 29 for the Family Fusion Meal at 5:45 pm followed by classes for all ages and choir practice at 6:30 pm.

PLAN ON DOING YOUR FAIR TRADE HOLIDAY SHOPPING at our Ten Thousand Village Pop-up Store

WHERE: Prairie Harvest Mezzanine
601 N Main, Newton
(accessible via stairs and elevator)

WHEN: Friday and Saturdays: 10 am to 5 pm
Dec. 1-2, Dec. 8-9, Dec. 15-16
Sundays: 1 to 4 pm
Dec 3, 10, 17

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NEWTON TREBLE CLEF ANNUAL VESPERS: The date is Sunday, Dec. 3, 3pm at Trinity Heights United Methodist Church, 1200 Boyd Ave. Newton. Treble Clef Chorus, the Hearts 4 Him Men's Ensemble, Newton Community Children's Choir, and Sue Swender playing bells together with Joan Wulf on piano/organ. A freewill offering will be taken for the Treble Clef Scholarship Fund. All are invited.

HOST STUDENT AT CHRISTMAS: Are you looking to do "something different" this holiday season? Consider opening your heart and home to an International Student! Hesston College has several students from other countries who need someplace to stay when the dorms are closed for Christmas break. This is a fun way to get to know international student(s) who are part of the Hesston College family...and to share your holiday traditions with them. Host families are needed from December 15 through January 9. Even if your family is only available part of the time, you may still be able to help. If you have any questions or are interested in being a host family please contact Carlota Ponds, Director of International Student Support, at 620-327-8210 or carlota.ponds@hesston.edu.

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ET CETERA: Many people do their Christmas shopping at the Newton Et Cetera Shop! Please bring us your clean, gently-used toys, shoes, jewelry and children's coats. Your donated items might end up as cherished gifts under someone's Christmas tree! Support MCC Thrift Shops because you care . . . about your family, your community, and beyond. Thank you!

LITURGIST: There are several openings for liturgist in the upcoming 2018 year. If you would like to serve Salem in this capacity, please let the church office know.

THANK YOU: A big thank you to the youth group for raking 47 bags of leaves for me. Carolyn Windsor

UPPER ROOM: The Upper Room Devotionals for January and February are at every entrance to the sanctuary as well as the east foyer.

ANGEL TREE: This is the 21st year Salem will be involved in Angel Tree. The party is on Saturday, Dec. 16th. 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.

This Week at Salem

Sunday: November 26th
 9:00 am Sunday school
 10:00 am Worship
 11:00 am FLC Youth
 1:30 pm Decorate church for Christmas

Monday: November 27th

Tuesday: November 28th
 9:30 am Companions
 6:30 pm Girl Scouts –basement
 7:00 pm Finance Committee

Wednesday: November 29th
 4:00 pm Basement Reserved
 5:45 pm FLC FF Meal
 6:30 pm FF classes, choir

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

Friday: December 1st

Saturday: December 2nd
 4:00 pm Children's Christmas Practice

Sunday: December 3rd
 9:00 am Sunday school
 10:00 am Worship
 Hanging of the Greens
 Children's Christmas
 12:00 pm FLC Reserved

Monthly Need for General Budget October
 \$23,822.83

Income in October to pay bills
 \$19,673.55

Year to Date Expenses
 \$234,535.07

Year to Date Income
 \$208,761.42

85% of M&Ms paid

Memorial Book Open To

Shannon Dee Brown
 Martha Jo Clark

Last Week Year Ago

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| Worship | 112 | 127 |
| Sunday School | 67 | 65 |

Worship Leaders

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| Head Usher | <i>Bob Swickard</i> |
| Song Leader | <i>Ruth Williams</i> |
| Liturgist | <i>Lisa Golubski</i> |
| Acolytes | <i>Reid Golubski</i> <i>Madelyn Bomberry</i> |
| AV | <i>Don Gruver</i> <i>Lorna Preston</i> <i>Aaron Teel</i> |
| Nursery | <i>Erica Rickard</i> |

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.

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| Pastor | <i>Ron Kite</i> |
| Children/Youth Director | <i>Ashli Teel</i> |
| Church Treasurer | <i>Staci Morales</i> |
| Church Secretary | <i>Cindy Harms</i> |
| Organist/Pianist | <i>Carol Kirchmer</i> |
| Choir Director | <i>Ruth Williams</i> |
| Child Care | <i>Cindy Gruver</i> |
| Janitor | <i>Tony Martinez</i> |