

Announcements

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

2016 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. During these two months, 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 these 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.

Dec. 18 Baking stuff - flour, sugar, etc.

Dec. 25 Canned meat - tuna, beef stew, chicken, chili

Jan. 1 Everything you forgot the past weeks

FAMILY FUSION: Please join us Wednesday, Dec. 14 for Family Fusion in the FLC. Meal at 5:45: old fashioned meatloaf, copper pennies, zwiebach, scalloped potatoes with white sauce, black forest cake followed by classes for all ages and choir at 6:30. If you would like to donate items for the meal, check the sheet by the FLC entrance or with the church office.

STAFF APPRECIATION: Want to show your appreciation for our church staff? On Sundays, December 11 and 18 there will be bags in the west vestibule outside the sanctuary. Drop your monetary gift and/or card there. The Staff/Pastor-Parish Committee will be sure it gets to the staff. If you are unable to be at church those Sundays and wish to give a gift, please send it to Salem UMC, c/o SPPR, 115 Old Main, Newton, KS 67114.

GIVING: If you want to donate to the Church, and have it be for tax year 2016, you need to make sure it is in the offering, or give it to Suanne Eshleman (Church Financial Secretary) by Dec. 29. If it is received after this date, it will be on next year's (2017) statement of contributions.

SURVEY: The Harvey County Community Health Assessment survey awaits your input! Take 8 minutes and tell us what you think makes a healthy community. Then share this link with friends! (Survey closes Dec. 18.)

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HCCHA>

THANK YOU: I want to thank the Salem UMW ladies for their visit and gift. I really enjoyed visiting with them. Ethel Eshleman

FUND RAISER: Need a little extra spending money for Christmas? Take a chance in the 50/50 raffle being held by the Chisholm Middle School DC Trip 8th graders. Previous year's winner won approx. \$400! Buy 1 ticket for \$4 or 3 tickets for \$10. See one of them at the table in the west entryway Dec. 4 & 11, before & after church. Drawing will be held on Dec. 14.

VOLUNTEERS: Materials have arrived and we are ready to begin construction on the Audio/Visual Booth enlargement project. We are looking for volunteers (electricians and carpenters-anyone who can operate saws, drills, tools and sheet-rocking) to help with construction. Our plan is to tear down the existing setup after Church on a Sunday (date to be decided) and build the new one in afternoons/evenings and have it ready to go by the following Sunday. If you would like to help with the project, please contact Don Gruver or Aaron Teel.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: The Children's Christmas Program will be Sunday, Dec. 18 at 6:00 pm. Refreshments served following the program in the FLC.

CHOOSE CHRISTMAS HYMNS: Remember to pick up a slip at the entry to the sanctuary and fill in your choice of Christmas hymns to sing during worship on Christmas Day.

VOLUNTEER FAMILY FUSION: We are in need of volunteer(s) to watch the children during the FF meal (5:45 pm) until they go to their classes at 6:30 pm. Ashli will not be able to supervise during this time.

This Week at Salem

Sunday: December 11th
 9:00 am Sunday school
 10:00 am Worship
 11:00 am FLC Reserved

Monday: December 12th
 6:00 pm Girl Scouts-Basement
 6:15 pm FLC B-ball Practice
 7:00 pm Trustee meeting

Tuesday: December 13th
 9:00 am Commodities Dist.
 9:30 am Companions
 11:00 am FLC Red Hat
 6:00 pm Red Bird
 6:00 pm FLC B-ball Practice
 7:00 pm Live Nativity meeting

Wednesday: December 14th
 9:30 am Advent Study "Sent"
 4:00 pm Basement Reserved
 5:45 pm FLC FF Meal
 6:30 pm Classes, Youth, Choir

Thursday: December 15th
 1:00 pm Piece Keepers
 6:00 pm FH Reserved

Friday: December 16th
 1:00 pm FH Reserved

Saturday: December 17th
 9:30 am Children's Practice
 10:00 am FLC Reserved

Sunday: December 18th
 9:00 am Sunday school
 10:00 am Worship
 12:00 pm FH Reserved
 6:00 pm Children's Program

**Monthly Need for General Budget
 November**
 \$23,817.00

Income in November to pay bills
 \$20,130.45

Year to Date Expenses
 \$240,632.53

Year to Date Income
 \$244,829.21

Memorial Book Open To

Edward Paul Carper
 Karon Embry

Last Week Year Ago

Worship	135	150
Sunday School	69	0

Worship Leaders

Head Usher *Bob Swickard*

Song Leader *Ruth Williams*

Liturgist *Kim Storer*

Acolyte *Reid Golubski*

AV *Don Gruver*
 Lorna Preston
 Aaron Teel

Nursery *Lori Jolliff*

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	<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 Kirchner</i>
Choir Director	<i>Ruth Williams</i>
Child Care	<i>Cindy Gruver</i>
Janitor	<i>Tony Martinez</i>