

# Announcements

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

**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. 24 = Canned meat - tuna, beef stew, chicken, chili. Dec. 31 Everything you forgot the past weeks

**STAFF APPRECIATION:** Want to show your appreciation for our church staff? On Sundays, December 10 and 17, there will be bags in the west vestibule outside the sanctuary. Drop your monetary gifts and/or cards there. The Staff/Pastor-Parish Relations Committee will deliver them to the staff after the service on Dec. 17. If you are unable to be at church those Sundays and wish to give a gift, please send it by Wednesday, December 13 to Salem UMC, c/o SPPR, 115 Old Main, Newton, KS 67114.

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you want to give an offering to the Church, and have it be for tax year 2017, you need to make sure it is in the collection, or give it to Suanne Eshleman (Financial Secretary) by **Thursday, Dec. 28.** If it is received after this date, it will be on next year's (2018) statement of contribution.

**FIFTH SUNDAY NOISY CHANGE OFFERING:** The 5th Sunday Noisy Change Offering on Dec. 31 will go to the Harvey County Special Olympics. Harvey County Special Olympics local program is completely operated by volunteers. They operate in Harvey County and serve Marion County, also. Some of the cities include Newton, Halstead, Hesston, Hillsboro, and Peabody. The mission is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills, and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

**THANK YOU:** Thank you to all the helped with the Live Nativity: those that helped set up and clean up, actors, greeters, directors of traffic, those working with costumes, those working at the cookie table, those donating cookies, and a special thank you to the Live Nativity Committee for their leadership – Teresa Soyez, John & Karol Smith, Neal Williams, Don Gruver, Aaron Teel, Bob Swickard.

## Christmas Eve Service, Dec. 24

**Join us to celebrate the birth of Jesus!**

5:00 pm: First United Methodist Church, 801 N. Main, Newton  
 7:00 pm: Salem United Methodist  
 11:00 pm: Salem United Methodist

## This Week at Salem

**Sunday: December 17<sup>th</sup>**  
 9:00 am Sunday school  
 10:00 am Worship  
 2:00 pm FLC Reserved

**Monday: December 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Tuesday: December 19<sup>th</sup>**  
 9:30 am Companions  
 6:30 pm Girl Scouts –basement

**Wednesday: December 20<sup>th</sup>**  
 5:45 pm NO FUSION  
 6:30 pm Choir Practice  
 6:30 pm Youth Christmas Party

**Thursday: December 21<sup>st</sup>**  
 4:00 pm FLC Reserved  
 6:00 pm FH Reserved  
 7:00 pm Advent Study

**Friday: December 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
 1:00 pm FH Reserved

**Saturday: December 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Sunday: December 24<sup>th</sup>**  
 9:00 am Sunday school  
 10:00 am Worship  
 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Ser.  
 11:00 pm Christmas Eve Ser.

**FAMILY FUSION:** NO FAMILY FUSION DEC. 20, DEC. 27, JAN. 3.

**NEWSLETTER:** Please have items for the January 2018 newsletter into the church office by Wednesday, Dec. 27.

**Monthly Need for General Budget November**  
 \$23,822.83

**Income in November to pay bills**  
 \$22,683.06

**Year to Date Expenses**  
 \$254,049.72

**Year to Date Income**  
 \$213,135.93  
 100% of M&Ms paid

## Memorial Book Open To

Glenn Weinert  
 George Helmer

## Last Week Year Ago

<b>Worship</b>	119	128
<b>Sunday School</b>	68	79

## Worship Leaders

<b>Head Usher</b>	<i>Bob Swickard</i>
<b>Song Leader</b>	<i>Ruth Williams</i>
<b>Liturgist</b>	<i>Judy Shifflett</i>
<b>Acolytes</b>	<i>Reid Golubski Madelyn Bomberry</i>
<b>AV</b>	<i>Don Gruver Lorna Preston Aaron Teel</i>
<b>Nursery</b>	<i>Lisa Golubski</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.

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