

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

Jan. 1 Everything you forgot the past weeks

FAMILY FUSION: NO FAMILY FUSION DEC. 21, 28 OR JA. 4.

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.

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.

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.

DOUBLE DUTY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: The Double Duty Class will be using Gene Eshleman's book "Developing a Relationship with God" starting in January. We would like to invite anyone in the congregation to join us. It will be a discussion type class on one of the 52 devotions each week. If you are interested in joining us, please let us know so we can have a book for you.

VOLUNTEER: Salem is in need of someone on the second Monday of the month to pick up boxes of commodities from Wichita that will be distributed on the second Tuesday of the month. If you would be willing to do this please contact Judy Shifflett.

THANK YOU: Dear Members of Salem UMC: On behalf of the clients, volunteers, and staff of St. Matthew's Payee Program I want to thank you for your generous donation to the program. Your donation has gone into our client needs fund to assist clients with extra costs such as dental bills or large utility bills. Our clients are the poorest of the poor. Your kindness means a great deal to them and to us. Please remember us in your prayers. Thank you again. Sincerely, Katie C. Reese, Director

FUND RAISER: Eat at Arby's this Sunday, Dec. 18, between 11am-1pm, and you'll be helping the Chisholm Middle School Washington, DC, trip students. Arby's is hosting this community "give back" event and will be donating a portion of the proceeds back to the 8th graders going on the trip. **You must mention "CMS" with your order or give them a flyer that students will be handing out as you enter Arby's doors for your purchase to count!** Thank you!!

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

THANK YOU: Thank you to Companions in Christ for the gift and the visit. Irene Sattler

SINGLES DINNER: The Singles Dinner scheduled for Monday, Dec. 19 has been cancelled.

CHILDREN/YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL: The Children's Sunday school classes and Youth Sunday school class will **NOT** meet on Christmas, Dec. 25.

This Week at Salem

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

Monday: December 19th
 6:00 pm Girl Scouts-Basement
 6:15 pm FLC B-ball Practice

Tuesday: December 20th
 9:30 am Companions
 6:00 pm FLC B-ball Practice

Wednesday: December 21st
 4:00 pm Basement Reserved
 NO FAMILY FUSION

Thursday: December 22nd
 1:00 pm Piece Keepers
 6:00 pm FH Reserved

Friday: December 23rd
 Church Office Closed
 1:00 pm FH Reserved

Saturday: December 24th
 7/11 pm Christmas Eve Service

Sunday: December 25th
 10:00 am Worship

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
 \$248,776.50

Memorial Book Open To

Hugh Kenneth Giggy
 Stella Giggy
 Gertrude Sturd
 Bernard Sturd

Last Week Year Ago

Worship	131	162
Sunday School	79	74

Worship Leaders

Head Usher	<i>Bob Swickard</i>
Song Leader	<i>Ruth Williams</i>
Liturgist	<i>Dana Shifflett</i>
Acolyte	<i>Taylor Rickard</i>
AV	<i>Don Gruver</i> <i>Lorna Preston</i> <i>Aaron Teel</i>
Nursery	<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.

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>