



Poinsettia in Honor of

Ruth Preston and Gail, Jason, Gage, & Jase Marsh;
by Lorna Preston
Jan Swickard;
by Patty Briar & Jim Hanke
Our children and grandchildren;
by Greg & Karen Jaworsky
All our family;
by Archie & Sheila Schmidt
Our Parent: LaDonna Unruh;
by Randy & Melinda Voelker

Poinsettia in Memory of

My Family;
by Lorna Preston
E.C. & Dorothy Roberts;
by Patty Briar
Glen & Velma Briar;
by Patty Briar
Donovan Briar;
by Patty Briar
Vern & Pearl Lewallen (parents of Sandra);
by Robert & Sandra Crider
Leo Rogers, David Spellman, Bill Friday;
by T.J. Friday
Howard & Lois Simons;
by Cindy Simons
Daughter Linda;
by Marvin and Shirley Hinde
Donovan Smith;
by Betty Smith



Poinsettia in Memory of

Keith L. Jolliff;
by Jo Ann Jolliff; Bruce & Lori Jolliff; Rusty, Lisa & Kate Jolliff;
Joe, Lindsay, Chloe & Keira Jolliff
Ruth Kimerer;
by Philip Kimerer
John Kennedy;
by Joan Kennedy
All our deceased loved ones;
by Archie & Sheila Schmidt
Harley Dearth Decker and James Decker;
by Carmelita Decker, Teresa Soyez,
and the Shane Saylor Family
Norman Duesterhoeft;
by Carol Knouse
Our Parents: Lester Unruh and Bill & Nyla Voelker;
by Randy and Melinda Voelker
Larry Wells and Faith Wells;
by Mary Wells
Paul & Helen Shifflett;
by Dana & Judy Shifflett
Elmer & Mary Betz;
by Dana & Judy Shifflett

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. 31: Everything you forgot the past weeks.**

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 **Sunday, Dec. 31.** 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: From the staff at Salem thank you to all in the Salem congregation for their kindness and generosity this Christmas Season.

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

THANK YOU: My family and I would like to thank the congregation of Salem United Methodist church for all of the prayers, love, and generosity that have been expressed to our family during this time of loss. We express our gratitude to those who visited Larry in the hospital while he was ill. We are truly grateful to those who helped serve and prepare the meal for the funeral as well as those who helped with the funeral service. I am grateful for the love of our congregation. Mary Wells and Family

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT: Raelene and I want to thank you for the Christmas cards, treats and other gifts from the congregation. We appreciate your support and kindness. Ron and Raelene Kite

This Week at Salem

Sunday: December 24th
 9:00 am Sunday school
 10:00 am Worship
 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Ser.
 11:00 pm Christmas Eve Ser.

Monday: December 25th
 Church Office Closed
 Pastor Vacation till 1-2

Tuesday: December 26th
 Church Office Closed
 Companions
 Girl Scouts –basement

Wednesday: December 27th
 10:00 am Prayer Wrap
 5:45 pm NO FUSION

Thursday: December 28th
 6:00 pm FH Reserved
 7:00 pm Advent Study

Friday: December 29th

Saturday: December 30th

Sunday: December 31st
 9:00 am Sunday school
 10:00 am Worship

FAMILY FUSION: NO FAMILY FUSION DEC. 27 or JAN. 3. Will resume JAN. 10.

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
 \$256,553.61

Year to Date Income
 \$215,812.08

100% of M&Ms paid

Memorial Book Open To

Linda Nelson
 Shirley Cowan

Last Week Year Ago

Worship	104	92
Sunday School	51	49

Worship Leaders

Head Usher	<i>Bob Swickard</i>
Song Leader	<i>Ruth Williams</i>
Liturgist	<i>John Smith</i>
Acolytes	<i>Taylor Rickard</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.

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>