

Announcements

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

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.

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.

<h2 style="margin: 0;">Poinsettias</h2> <p>I (we), _____ would like _____ Poinsettia(s) in honor of,</p> <p>_____</p> <p>I (we), _____ would like _____ Poinsettia(s) in memory of,</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The cost of the poinsettias is \$12.00 each. Deadline for ordering is Monday, December 11, 2017.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Poinsettias may be taken with you after any of the services Dec. 24, 2017.</p> <p>Total amount: \$ _____</p>
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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.

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.

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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, Dec. 6 for the Family Fusion Meal at 5:45 pm followed by classes for all ages and choir practice at 6:30 pm.

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.

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.

ADVENT STUDY: Ron is leading an Advent Study at both 10 am and 6:30 pm Wednesdays from November 29 to December 20. We will use the DVD study "Not a Silent Night" which studies the birth of Christ from Mary's viewpoint. Come and focus on the meaning of the Christmas season.

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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. 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

THANK YOU: Once again the Community Thanksgiving Dinner was a huge success. About 1083 people were served and \$2300+ was donated to Harvest of Love. Thank you to Bob and Jan Swickard and Trip and Glenda Triplett for their leadership and many hours of work in this worthwhile project. Thank you also to all of those from Salem that worked at the dinner or contributed items/cash for the dinner. This event touches the lives of many in the Newton community and is a vast operation that requires many volunteers. Think about next year and evaluate if your family would like to spend part of their Thanksgiving Day giving to others in the community.

UMW Christmas Dinner

United Methodist Women will have their Christmas dinner on Tuesday, Dec. 12th at 6:00 pm in the FLC classrooms. Bring a covered dish and a \$10 gift in a gift bag for girl's ages 10 to 18 at Ember Hope/Youthville. All ladies are invited and encouraged to attend.

ADVENT STUDY: Advent Study on Thursdays at 7 pm beginning Dec. 7 in the Crusader's room. Maybe you have prior commitments on Wednesday evenings and work during the day. Ashli will be leading an Advent study using certain lessons from the book *Contemplative Vision* by Juliet Benner. You do not need the book to read in between sessions. The time together will be spent reflecting on scripture and the artwork that goes with the scripture to see how it intersects with our own lives.

This Week at Salem

Sunday: December 3rd
 9:00 am Sunday school
 10:00 am Worship
 12:00 pm FLC Reserved

Monday: December 4th
 10:00 am Memorial Service

Tuesday: December 5th
 9:30 am Companions
 6:30 pm Girl Scouts –basement

Wednesday: December 6th
 4:00 pm FH Kitchen Reserved
 5:45 pm FLC FF Meal
 6:30 pm FF classes, choir

Thursday: December 7th
 8:00 am Clothes to Open Door
 1:00 pm Piece Keepers
 6:00 pm FH Reserved

Friday: December 8th
 6:00 pm Live Nativity

Saturday: December 9th
 10:00 am FLC Reserved
 6:00 pm Live Nativity

Sunday: December 10th
 9:00 am Sunday school
 10:00 am Worship
 6:15 pm FLC/FLC classroom 4-H

Monthly Need for General Budget November
 \$23,822.83

Income in November to pay bills
 \$22,683.06

Year to Date Expenses
 \$241,804.41

Year to Date Income
 \$210,772.52

85% of M&Ms paid

Memorial Book Open To

Roy Laswell
 Don Claassen
 Florence Claassen

Last Week Year Ago

Worship	134	143
Sunday School	63	65

Worship Leaders

Head Usher	<i>Bob Swickard</i>
Song Leader	<i>Ruth Williams</i>
Liturgist	<i>Children/Youth</i>
Acolytes	<i>Taylor Redington</i> <i>Makenzie Dick</i>
AV	<i>Don Gruver</i> <i>Lorna Preston</i> <i>Aaron Teel</i>
Nursery	<i>Jennifer Saylor</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>