

Acolytes for December

December 4: Presleyann Saylor
December 11: Taylor Rickard
December 18: Reid Golubski
December 25: Taylor Redington

Liturgists for December

December 4: Teresa Soyez
December 11: Kim Storer
December 18: Judy Shifflett
December 25: Matt Willis

Ushers

Non SS persons = ushers for December

Nursery for December

December 4: Jennifer Saylor
December 11: Lori Jolliff
December 18: Lisa Golubski
December 25: Erica Rickard

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.

Volunteers Needed

We are in need of volunteer(s) to watch the children on Wednesdays 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.

Salem News

Monthly newsletter of the Salem United Methodist Church

December 2016

Sunday Worship Schedule

9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship

Church Office Hours

Monday through Friday

9:00 am - 12:00 pm
1:00 pm - 4:30 pm

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Open Door

Want to know more about what Open Door clothing distribution is about, ask LaDonna Unruh or Jan Swickard. We leave the church at 8:00 am. We work at Open door until 11:00 - 11:30, go out to eat and are back in Newton around 1:00-1:30. To join us be at the church at 8:00 am Thursday, Dec. 15.

Worship Dec. 25

We will have worship service on Christmas day, Dec. 25 at the usual time of 10:00 am. Each Sunday school class can decide if they wish to meet. The youth and children's SS classes will be meeting at the usual time, 9:00am.

Children's Christmas Program

The Christmas Program will be Sunday, December 18th at 6:00 pm. Refreshments following in the Family Life Center. There will be a dress rehearsal and full run through on the morning of Saturday, December 17th. Time to be announced.

Salem UMC Mission:

Disciples making disciples
for Jesus Christ.

Received for Expenses

as of 11-27-16

\$236,489.46

Salem United Methodist Church Vision: Salem United Methodist Church is a joy filled body of Christ which invites God's people into a connected relationship where they might find acceptance, belonging, trust and unconditional love as they seek to live their discipleship.

Salem United Methodist Church

Here's what is happening!

December 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div style="border: 2px solid orange; padding: 10px; display: inline-block;"> Sunday Worship Schedule 9:00 AM - Sunday School 10:00 AM - Worship </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">  </div>				1 1:00pm - Piece Keepers 6:00pm - FH Reserved	2	3
4 COMMUNION 3:30pm - Pastor/choir Asbury Park 6:15pm - FLC/FLC class room 4-H Greeter W door: LaDonna Unruh E door:	5 6:00pm - Girl Scouts 6:15pm - FLC B-ball Prac- tice	6 9:30am - C in C	7 9:30am - Advent Study "Sent" 12:00pm - Executive UMW 1:00pm - UMW 4:00pm - Basement Res. 5:45pm - FLC FF Meal 6:30pm - classes, youth, choir meets with youth	8 1:00pm - Piece Keepers 6:00pm - FH Reserved	9 6:00pm - Live Nativity	10 8:00am - FLC Angel Tree Dinner 6pm 6:00pm - Live Nativity
11 11:00am - FLC Reserved Greeter W door: Joan Stahly E door: John Samuelson	12 6:00pm - Girl Scouts 6:15pm - FLC B-ball Prac- tice	13 9:00am - Commodities Distribution 9:30am - C in C 6:00pm - Red Bird Circle	14 9:30am - Advent Study "Sent" 4:00pm - Basement Res. 5:45pm - FLC FF Meal 6:30pm - classes, youth, choir party	15 1:00pm - Piece Keepers 6:00pm - FH Reserved	16 1:00pm - FH Reserved	17 am - Sanctuary Children's Christmas Program practice 10:00am - FLC Reserved
18 12:00pm - FH Reserved 6:00pm - Sanctuary/FLC Children's Christmas Pro- gram Greeter W door: Joan Stahly E door: John Samuelson	19 12:00pm - FLC Singles Dinner 6:00pm - Girl Scouts 6:15pm - FLC B-ball Prac- tice	20 9:30am - C in C	21 9:30am - Advent Study "Sent" 4:00pm - Basement Res. NO FAMILY FUSION	22 1:00pm - Piece Keepers 6:00pm - FH Reserved	23 Church Office Closed 1:00pm - FH Reserved	24 7pm/11pm - Christmas Eve Service
25 Greeter W door: Joan Stahly E door: John Samuelson	26 Pastor Vacation Church Office Closed 6:00pm - Girl Scouts 6:15pm - FLC B-ball Prac- tice	27 Pastor Vacation 9:30am - C in C	28 Pastor Vacation 9:30am - Advent Study "Sent" 10:00am - Prayer Wrap 4:00pm - Basement Res. NO FAMILY FUSION	29 Pastor Vacation 1:00pm - Piece Keepers 3:00pm - FLC Reserved 6:00pm - FH Reserved	30 Pastor Vacation	31 Pastor Vacation

Celebrating Birthdays & Anniversaries

December Birthdays

1 Travis Basye
 1 Javen Schmucker
 3 Ashley Murrell
 4 Tanner Gatz
 4 Ruth Preston
 6 Gavin Cusick
 7 Marcie Arrowsmith
 7 Andrew Stauffer
 7 Brian Stauffer
 7 Ryan Williams
 8 Grady Bott
 8 Jessica Motes
 8 Helen Scutt
 10 Colter Gutzman
 11 Kathy Devaney
 11 Deb Will
 12 James Baker
 12 Laci Conyers
 12 Joe Jolliff
 12 Robert Schmidt
 14 Presleyann Saylor
 16 Tim Bever
 16 David Briar
 16 Lois Musser
 16 Elda Pulaski
 20 Jerry Conyers
 21 Bob Brenzikofer
 21 Evan Hockett
 22 Zachary Roberts
 23 Betty Schmidt
 24 Tayla Teel
 25 Rick Golubski
 25 Michael Stauffer
 26 Lorinda Schreiber
 28 Todd Allen
 28 Kay Larson
 29 Ashley Crider

December Birthdays

29 Gage Marsh
 29 Heidi Porter
 30 Carol Schreiner
 31 Ashli Teel
 31 Jill Villarreal

December Anniversaries

4 Jack & Lorinda Schreiber
 11 Russell & Jane Naylor
 17 Garrett & Ashley Crider
 18 Robert & Janice Swickard
 22 James & Mary Anne Baker
 24 Nancy & Louis Crowl
 26 Barton & Heather Moore
 28 Dana & Judith Shifflett
 31 Jon & Kathy Ross
 31 Brad & Carla Schwabauer

If there are any Birthdays or Anniversaries missing or incorrect, please let us know in the church office.

Advent Study

Pastor is teaching an Advent Study, "Sent", at 9:30 am as well as part of Family Fusion at 6:30 pm. This study will run on Wednesdays through December 28.

December Message Titles

Series: God Sends Jesus, and Us

December 4: Jesus Sent to Reconcile Rom 15:4-7,13 2 Cor 5:14-20
 December 11: Jesus Sent to Set Us Free Luke 4:16-19 Luke 2:8-10
 December 18: Jesus Sent to Give New Life Isa 11:1-5 Matt 5:14-16
 December 25: Jesus Sent Because of Love

Poinsettia in Honor/Memory Of

If you would like to order a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one this season you may pick up an order form in the SUM church office or you may use the order form which is an attachment in this email. This order form is also on the SUMC web site. The cost is \$12.00 for each poinsettia. Orders are due into the church office by Monday, December 5, 2016. The poinsettias may be picked up after the service on December 18, 24, or 25.

Dear Salem UMC,

Aaron and I want to say thank you to our church family for blessing our family as we prepare baby William's arrival. It is so nice to have so much support as was seen at the baby shower. We greatly appreciate everyone's generosity, thoughtfulness, and prayers during this exciting time. Again thank you and we look forward to you meeting William in the near future.

Love in Christ Jesus,
 Ashli, Aaron, Tayla & William

NO FAMILY FUSION MEAL DECEMBER 21, 28 AND JANUARY 4.

Angel Tree

This is the 20th year Salem will be involved in Angel Tree. The dinner is on Saturday, Dec. 10. Angel Tree is a program to provide children who have a parent in prison with a Christmas gift. There are **7 family and 14 child angels** left on the table in the west narthex. You may select an angel and purchase a gift for a child.

Live Nativity

Salem UMC will have a Living Nativity on Friday, Dec. 9 and Saturday, Dec. 10 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Please bring a nonperishable food item for Harvest of Love. Refreshments will be served. All are invited.

Red Bird

Red Bird Circle will meet Tuesday, Dec. 13 at 6:00 pm in the FLC class rooms. Please bring a covered dish for the meal and a \$10 gift for the gift exchange.

From The Pastor

Christmas is a time of year many families gather to celebrate, catch up and exchange gifts. From before Thanksgiving to Christmas there is anticipation in the air for the children, but also for adults as they look forward to food and fellowship, thanksgiving, a change in routine, laughter, and festivities. In some homes, though, there will be no joy and some wait for the season, not with joy, but with dread. Maybe this will be the first set of holidays with someone absent from the celebration. Or maybe a loved one was lost at this time in year previous years and it is a harsh reminder of a loss from years ago. Others are too ill or disabled to be in a celebrative mood. Others are alone with no one to share a celebration. And amidst both the joy and the dread of the season, God comes. God sent Jesus to enter into our real lives; lives of joys and celebration, despairs and pain. For God sends Godself into humanity in the form of Jesus, who lived with us and like us for a time. God entered humanity through Jesus. Everywhere Jesus went, he embodied God and God's Kingdom and pointed us to God's love and grace. God sent Jesus, and the Holy Spirit to teach us about God. The living God continues to dwell among us. God is near in Jesus, Emmanuel. This season continue to look for the living God among us! Where do you see God at work? Where do you see Jesus teachings lived out? Where do you sense the Spirit? Where do you see Grace? And as we learn to live Grace-shaped lives, where would Christ and the Spirit send you for ministry with one who despairs. To whom would God send you to share the on-going message of the Good News of God sending Jesus to us and for us? Whose name does the Spirit whisper in your ear and send you as an ambassador of Christ? God sent Jesus, now we are Sent.

Ron

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>

Living Nativity

Salem is having the Living Nativity from 6—8 pm on Friday and Saturday December 9 and 10. 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.kscoxml.com, to volunteer. If you wish to donate cookies, please contact Karol Smith @ 285-2768. After worship services we will also be asking for donations for supplies. 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 _____
car greeter _____	animals/pens _____
costumes _____	actors/actresses _____
music _____	tents/stable _____
brochure _____	signs/advertising _____
manger _____	flow/guidance _____
sound _____	canned good donation _____
refreshments _____	lights _____
cross/star _____	
door greeters/instruction (inside) _____	
fill in where needed _____	

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 non-perishable 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. 4 Peanut Butter or meals in a box, can, or jar
Dec. 11 Dry stuff - pasta, beans, rice
Dec. 18 Baking stuff - flour, sugar, etc.
Dec. 25 Canned meat - tuna, beef stew, chicken, chili
Jan. 1 Everything you forgot the past weeks