

## Acolytes for November

November 6: Taylor Rickard  
November 13: Presleyann Saylor  
November 20: Reid Golubski  
November 27: Taylor Redington

## Liturgists for November

November 6: Dana Shifflett  
November 13: Suanne Eshleman  
November 20: Dana Shifflett  
November 27: John Bevan

## Ushers

Salem Servants = ushers for November

## Nursery for November

November 6: Jennifer Saylor  
November 13: Lori Jolliff  
November 20: Lynnette Redington  
November 27: Erica Rickard

## Honor Veterans Sunday

Join us at SUMC during the worship service on Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> to celebrate Veteran's Day and honor those in the military who have served and are currently serving our country. If you have not already done so and have a photo of a loved one that is currently or was in the military dressed in their military apparel, you may submit it to Bob Swickard so it can be part of the presentation honoring veterans on Sunday, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>. Please have these photos to Bob by Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>.

# Salem News

Monthly newsletter of the Salem United Methodist Church

## November 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.

## All Saints Sunday

If you have a loved one that has died since All Saints Day, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015, and would like to have them honored when All Saints Day is celebrated in church on Sunday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016, please turn their name into the church office by Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Children's Christmas Program

Children are beginning to practice Christmas songs for the Christmas program during Sunday School. The Christmas program will be Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm with cookies and fellowship following the program. The dress rehearsal and full run through will be on the morning of Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.

## Salem UMC Mission:

Disciples making disciples  
for Jesus Christ.

## Received for Expenses

as of 10-30-16

**\$216,359.01**

**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!

## November 2016

| Sun   | Mon   | Tue   | Wed  | Thu  | Fri   | Sat   |
|---|---|---|--|--|---|---|
| <p align="center"><b>Sunday Worship Schedule</b></p> <p align="center">9:00 AM - Sunday School<br/>10:00 AM - Worship</p>   |   | <p><b>1 Bazaar Prep</b><br/>9:30am - C in C<br/>10:30am - ASAP<br/>2:00pm - 4-H class room</p>  | <p><b>2 Bazaar Prep</b><br/>9:30am - Grace Study<br/>1:00pm - UMW<br/>4:00pm - Basement Res.<br/>5:45pm - FH Family Fusion Meal<br/>6:30pm - classes, youth, choir</p> | <p><b>3 Bazaar Prep</b><br/>1:00pm - Piece Keepers<br/>6:00pm - FH Reserved</p>                            | <p><b>4 Bazaar Prep</b></p>   | <p><b>5</b><br/>9:00am - SUMC Bazaar<br/><u>5:30pm - Youth Bonfire at Goessel</u></p> |
| <p><b>6 COMMUNION</b><br/>All Saints Sunday<br/>11:30am - FLC Teel Baby Shower<br/>Greeter<br/>W door: LaDonna Unruh<br/>E door:</p>  | <p><b>7</b><br/>8:00am - FLC set up voting equipment<br/><b>6:00pm - Girl Scouts</b><br/>7:00pm - Live Nativity Meeting</p> | <p><b>8</b><br/>6:00am - FLC Voting<br/>9:00am - Commodities Distribution<br/>9:30am - C in C<br/>10:30am - ASAP<br/>7:00pm - Red Bird Circle</p> | <p><b>9</b><br/>9:30am - Grace Study<br/>4:00pm - Basement Res.<br/>5:45pm - FLC Family Fusion Meal<br/>6:30pm - classes, youth, choir</p>                             | <p><b>10</b><br/>1:00pm - Piece Keepers<br/><b>6:00pm - FH Reserved</b><br/>7:00pm - Finance Committee</p> | <p><b>11</b> Veteran's Day</p>  | <p><b>12</b><br/>8:00am - FLC T-Giving Prep</p>                                       |
| <p><b>13</b><br/>Honor Veterans Sunday<br/>11:30am - FLC All Church T-Giving Dinner<br/>Greeter<br/>W door: Joan Stahly<br/>E door: John Samuelson</p>                          | <p><b>14</b><br/><b>6:00pm - Girl Scouts</b></p>  | <p><b>15</b><br/>9:30am - C in C<br/>10:30am - ASAP<br/>6:30pm - Education Team<br/>7:00pm - Worship Team</p>                                     | <p><b>16</b><br/>9:30am - Grace Study<br/>4:00pm - Basement Res.<br/>5:45pm - FLC Family Fusion Meal<br/>6:30pm - classes, youth, choir</p>                            | <p><b>17</b><br/>1:00pm - Piece Keepers<br/><b>6:00pm - FH Reserved</b><br/>7:00pm - SPPR Meeting</p>      | <p><b>18</b> Pastor out of office<br/><b>1:00pm - FH Reserved</b></p> | <p><b>19</b><br/>8:30am - FLC Reserved</p>  |
| <p><b>20</b><br/>W door: Joan Stahly<br/>E door: John Samuelson<br/>1:00pm - get out Christmas Decorations<br/>2:30pm - Trinity Hts. - Charge Conference<br/>6:15 - FLC 4-H</p> | <p><b>21</b><br/>12:00pm - FLC Singles Dinner<br/><b>6:00pm - Girl Scouts</b></p>   | <p><b>22</b><br/>9:30am - C in C<br/>10:30am - ASAP<br/><u>12:30pm - Youth Rake Leaves</u></p>  | <p><b>23</b><br/>10:00am - Prayer Wrap<br/>4:00pm - Basement Res.</p>  | <p><b>24</b> Church Office Closed<br/>8:00am - FLC Reserved</p>  | <p><b>25</b> Church Office Closed<br/>8:00am - FLC Reserved</p>       | <p><b>26</b><br/>8:00am - FLC Reserved</p>  |
| <p><b>27</b><br/>Hanging of the Greens<br/>Greeter<br/>W door: Joan Stahly<br/>E door: John Samuelson</p>   | <p><b>28</b><br/><b>6:00pm - Girl Scouts</b></p>  | <p><b>29</b><br/>9:30am - C in C<br/>9:30am - SUMC Staff Mtg.<br/>10:30am - ASAP</p>  | <p><b>30</b><br/>4:00pm - Basement Res.<br/>5:45pm - FLC Family Fusion Meal<br/>6:30pm - classes, youth, choir</p>   |                       |   |   |

# Celebrating Birthdays & Anniversaries

## November Birthdays

2 Cory Lehman  
 2 Caitlen Wedel  
 3 Nancy Crowl  
 3 Debra Smalley  
 4 Colbey Williams  
 5 Janae Voelker  
 6 Angel Guzman  
 6 Ashley Runnells  
 7 Anthony Rubin  
 7 Aaron Wald  
 8 Trenton Conyers  
 8 Bill Wilson  
 9 Kylie Miller  
 10 Jocelyn Dick  
 10 Gwen Phillips  
 11 Bryson Fair  
 11 Betty Smith  
 12 Corey Helsper  
 12 Erwin Olson  
 12 Glenda Triplitt  
 13 Sheila Williams  
 14 Wayne Kimball  
 14 Raelene Kite  
 18 Bill Will  
 19 Ken Bott  
 19 Cathy Willis  
 21 Sarah Branson  
 21 Jon Ross  
 21 LaDonna Unruh  
 23 Marti Siemens  
 25 Tyler Conyers  
 26 Steve Crider  
 26 Cindy Harms  
 26 Caleb Waltner  
 27 Mike Lewallen  
 27 Kelly Wharton  
 28 Eric Fair  
 29 Joe Faris  
 29 Ken Helsper  
 29 Jason Marsh

## November Anniversaries

2 JB & Lou Ensz  
 7 Craig & Cindy Simons  
 10 Patrick & Lynnette Redington  
 12 Marvin & Shirley Hinde  
 18 Lawrence & Mary Wells  
 22 Tom & Tonya Cowan  
 22 Anthony & Iris Rubin  
 23 Don & Teresa Stucky  
 24 Megan & Mitchell Wendt  
 26 Gail & Jo Ann Arrowsmith  
 27 John R. & Cindy Phillips

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

## Sermon on Web Site

The weekly sermons from worship may be found on the Salem web site, [saalemumc-newton.org](http://saalemumc-newton.org). On the home page look at the left side, click on SUMC sermons.

## Bazaar Baked Goods

Salem is in need of donated baked items for their Baked Goods Table. You may bring your items either Friday evening, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> or early Saturday morning, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>. THANK YOU!

## November Message Titles

**Series: Grace: More Than We Deserve. Greater Than We Imagine**

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|--------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--|
| November 6:  | Confession is a Grace | Psalm 51:1-10       | 1 John1:5-2:2                            |
| November 13: | Sustaining Grace      | Isa 30:18-22        | 2 Cor 12:7B-10                           |
| November 20: | Cascading Grace       | John 1:1-4,14,16-17 | 1 Tim 1:12,14, 2 Tim 2:1-2, 2 Peter 3:18 |
| November 27: | Hanging of the Greens |                     |  |

## College Care Packages

College Care Packages will be disbursed at church at Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>. If there is a college student that you would like to receive a college care package, please let Ashli know. We are able to be mail as well.

## Advent Study

Mark your calendar. Salem will have an Advent Study, *Sent: Delivering the Gift of Hope at Christmas*, taught by Pastor Ron beginning Nov. 30. It will be held at 9:30 am on Wednesdays as well as during the adult class time at 6:30 pm on Wednesdays as part of Family Fusion.

## SUMC Charge Conference

The Salem UMC Charge Conference will be Sunday, Nov. 20 at 2:30 pm at Trinity Heights UMC. All are welcome to attend this business meeting to review what has happened in the church this past year and what the financial plans are for the church in 2017.

## Baby Shower

Join the SPPR and Education Teams for a family baby shower for Ashli, Aaron, and Tayla Teel on Sunday, Nov. 6 following church in the Family Life Center. We will be celebrating with a light sandwich lunch so come for food, fun, and fellowship as we help welcome their soon to arrive baby boy! Needs specifically include baby boy clothes/items, and they are registered at Babies "R" Us. Please contact an Education Team member (Lisa Golubski, Erica Rickard, Rene Ensz, or Natalie Arnold) if you have questions. Thank you!

## SUMC Bazaar

The 15<sup>th</sup> annual SUMC Bazaar is November 5<sup>th</sup> in the Family Life Center. Come shop and enjoy breakfast or lunch. There is need of volunteers at 3:00 on November 5<sup>th</sup> to help with the cleanup and to put things back in order. The proceeds from the bazaar are divided with 90% going to Missions and Ministry and 10% to the Harvest of Love. Come support Salem UMC and help make the bazaar a huge success!!

## 2016 Harvest of Love Kick Off

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.

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| Nov. 6  | Breakfast Foods                               |
| Nov. 13 | Vegetables                                    |
| Nov. 20 | Fruit   |
| Nov. 27 | Soup  |
| 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          |

## November 29, 2016

On Nov. 29, you can extend the spirit of giving thanks into the Advent season again by participating in UMC #GivingTuesday. When you give online through The Advance at [www.umcmmission.org/give](http://www.umcmmission.org/give), 100 percent of your gifts goes directly to the project of your choice. Through The Advance, United Methodists can give to more than 800 United Methodist-related projects worldwide. Donors can also provide support for more than 300 missionaries. The projects meet a range of needs, from helping survivors cope with natural or civil disasters to helping establish new faith communities, feed and educate children, and equip hospitals and clinics.

## Angel Tree

This is the 20<sup>th</sup> 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. 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.

## From The Pastor

Our divisive election is just about on us. We may have differences of opinions on the candidates, but I think we can all agree on this – it will be a blessing to have the election over! A pause in TV ads and mailings, robo calls and surveys, surely, at least for a few days, before there is posturing for the 2020 elections.

It disappoints me how the parties and their candidates have carried themselves in this election. But it disappoints me more to hear some of the discussion around the elections on Facebook and on-line articles and in the news by Christians and Christian organizations that have lost their way in how we disagree with each other, respect each other, and represent Christ to the world.

Our faith should influence how we vote, but it should also influence how we speak to and about those with whom we disagree. Our political discussion should reflect not the ways of the world, but Christ-likeness. (Study and reflect on Eph 4:17-5:2 and Gal. 5:16-25) We need to hear fresh for our times what John Wesley said in Oct, 1774:

*"I met those in our society who had votes in the ensuing election, and advised them, 1. To vote, without fee or reward, for the person they judged most worthy: 2. To speak no evil of the person they voted against: And, 3. To take care that their spirits were not sharpened against those that voted on the other side."*

Wesley believed a Christian's first responsibility was to Christ's kingdom, but he thought it important we participate in elections and work for Christ's kingdom on earth. Our responsibility is to do our research (not taking other's spin) and to vote. I urge you to not sit the election out, disillusioned by your choices, but to vote. This is made easier reminding ourselves, no matter how the vote comes out, Jesus will still reign on November 9.

But what I am most concerned about is how we respect each other after this election. Can the church be a light to the world? We have much important work to be done for the country's, state's, and county's future. Can Christians lead in how we accept the results of the election and get to work for our children and grandchildren? I pray we can.

**Ron**



# Happy Thanksgiving

You are invited  
to a  
**Traditional—Homemade  
Thanksgiving Dinner  
November 13th**  
(following church in Salem FLC)

Your free-will donation  
goes to:  
**Homeless Shelter  
Salem UMC Budget**

Sponsored by  
**Salem United Methodist Women**

## Raking Leaves

Salem youth will raking leaves on Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12:30pm. If you would like your yard to be raked, please sign up on the spinning bulletin board in the west foyer. Also if you have any rakes that could be used, please sign up and bring them to the church by November 21<sup>st</sup> at noon with your name taped or written on the handle. There is also a sign up if you would like to help by helping transport youth and being present.

## Community Thanksgiving Dinner

The Community Thanksgiving dinner will be on Thanksgiving Day at Trinity Heights Church from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm. Check your calendar and see if you can help. We will need persons to prepare food in advance and we will need help on Thanksgiving Day. Signup sheets will be available. If you have any questions call Bob or Jan Swickard at 283-0343 or Glenda or Trip Triplitt at 283-6067. This meal is for everyone so come and join us that day and enjoy.

## Shoebox Ministry 2016

As we start to look toward the busy holiday season, we are constantly reminded of all we have and of all those in need. This is an opportunity to share in making the season even more memorable, not just for others, but for ourselves too. We will be gathering Christmas Shoeboxes for children who were affected by the summer floods. The final destination will be announced later. Please consider donating any small gifts that will fit in shoeboxes. The age brackets are: infant, toddler, 3-5, 6-8, 9-11, 12-14, 15 and up, boy or girl. If you want to fill an entire shoebox, donate items or money, you may be drop them off in the church office. Suggested items include small toys, combs, brushes, nail polish, socks, decks of cards, etc. \$1.00 items go a long way as a gift to those who have lost everything or have very little. We can always use empty shoeboxes too. If you have any questions or need items picked up, you may call Joyce at 217-2501. We will finish packing and wrapping the boxes the weekend of November 19-20, 2016. Thank you for your support in this mission outreach project.

## Living Nativity

Salem is having the Living Nativity 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.kscoxmail.com](mailto:sum@sum.kscoxmail.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. The next planning meeting you are invited to attend is Nov. 7. 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!!

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| 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 _____               |                            |

## Thank Offering

A Thank offering calendar and label will be handed out after church service on Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>. The World Thank Offering is an opportunity for individuals to respond to God's abundance and grace with spontaneous gifts of gratitude. The funds collected are used in the total program of mission carried on through United Methodist Women's national office in the United States and around the world. Join us in a gift of gratitude.