

Acolytes for September

September 4: Taylor Rickard
September 11: Mackenzie Sauerwein
September 18: Taylor Redington
September 25: Reid Golubski

Liturgists for September

September 4: Kay Larson
September 11: Cindy Simons
September 18: Suanne Eshleman
September 25: Glenda Triplitt

Ushers

Non SS persons = ushers for September

Nursery for September

September 4: Jennifer Saylor, Erica Rickard
September 11: Lori Jolliff
September 18: Lynnette Redington
September 25: Erica Rickard

Greeters for September

September 4: west doors: La Donna Unruh
east doors: Kay Larson
September 11: west doors: Joan Stahly
east doors:
September 18: west doors: Joan Stahly
east doors:
September 25: west doors: Joan Stahly

Acolyte Training

There will be acolyte training in the sanctuary during the Sunday school hour on September 25. This training is for anyone from third grade and older.

Salem News

Monthly newsletter of the Salem United Methodist Church

September 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 on Thursday, September 22. **Request:** Open Door has a need for children's hangers. If you have some to donate please put them in the clothing box. Thank you.

Bazaar Meeting

We will have a bazaar meeting on Sept. 7th at 9:00 a.m. in the Crusader Class room for anyone interested in helping.

Opportunity to Meet the New Bishop

The newly elected and assigned Bishop Rubin Saenz will visit the Hutchinson district on **Thursday, 27 October 2016**, at the Trinity UMC in Hutchinson (17th and Main). He will be available to greet laity at a reception from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

Salem UMC Mission:

Disciples making disciples
for Jesus Christ.

Received for Expenses

as of 8-28-16
\$174,591.30

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!

September 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
<div style="border: 2px solid blue; padding: 5px;"> Sunday Worship Schedule 9:00 AM - Sunday School 10:00 AM - Worship </div>						1 1:00pm - Piece Keepers 6:00pm - FH/FLC Reserved	2	3
4 COMMUNION	5 Church Office Closed For Labor Day 6:00pm - Girl Scouts	6 9:30am - C in C 10:30am - ASAP 6:30pm - Nominations Tm.	7 9:00am - Bazaar Meeting 1:00pm - UMW 4:00pm - Basement Res. 5:45pm - FLC Family Fusion Meal 6:30pm - classes, youth	8 1:00pm - Piece Keepers 6:00pm - FH Reserved	9	10		
11	12 6:00pm - Girl Scouts 6:00pm - FLC class rooms 4-H	13 9:00am - Commodities Distribution 9:30am - C in C 10:30am - ASAP 6:30pm - Nature & Care Team 7:00pm - Red Bird Circle	14 4:00pm - Basement Res. 5:45pm - FLC Family Fusion Meal 6:30pm - classes, youth, choir 7:30pm - FLC Reserved	15 8:00am - FLC Reserved 1:00pm - Piece Keepers 6:00pm - FH Reserved	16 8:00am - FLC Reserved	17 8:00am - FLC SUMC Garage Sale		
18 8:00am - FLC Reserved 3:30pm - Pastor/choir Asbury Pk. 6:15pm - FLC 4-H	19 8:00am - FLC Reserved 12:00pm - FLC Singles Dinner 6:00pm - Girl Scouts	20 9:30am - C in C 10:30am - ASAP 7:00pm - Worship Team	21 4:00pm - Basement Res. 5:45pm - FLC Family Fusion Meal 6:30pm - classes, youth, choir	22 8:00am - Clothes to Open Door 1:00pm - Piece Keepers 6:00pm - FH Reserved	23	24 8:00am - FLC UMM		
25 Stewardship Sunday (pledge cards) 9:00am - Acolyte Training 11:00am - FLC Reserved	26 6:00pm - Girl Scouts	27 9:30am - SUMC Staff Mtg. 9:30am - C in C 10:30am - ASAP	28 10:00am - Prayer Wrap 4:00pm - Basement Res. 5:45pm - FLC Family Fusion Meal 6:30pm - classes, youth, choir	29 Pastor gone through October 1 1:00pm - Piece Keepers 6:00pm - FH Reserved	30 1:00pm - FH Reserved			

Celebrating Birthdays & Anniversaries

September Birthdays

- 1 Cody Faris
- 1 Robert Sprout
- 2 Dean Shank
- 3 Milford Ediger
- 3 Kylie Moore
- 3 Kim Storer
- 5 Becky Bever
- 6 Shelby Faris
- 7 Brad Cook
- 7 Carol Kirchmer
- 8 Staci Ens
- 8 Janet Lane
- 8 Carly Willis
- 10 Rebecca Gaiser
- 10 Kati Snelling
- 10 Riley Thomas
- 11 Lori Jolliff
- 11 Natasha Peterson
- 11 Vera Sills
- 12 Elma Harms
- 14 Jim Adams
- 14 Mary Lewallen
- 15 Diane Foreman
- 15 Bruce Jolliff
- 16 Bruce Cook
- 16 Robert Hoch
- 17 Kermit Teppen
- 18 Sandra Crider
- 18 Rene Ensz
- 18 Neal Williams
- 19 Kayla Anderson
- 21 Caroline Rickard
- 21 Orville Schmidt
- 22 Rusty Jolliff
- 23 Jessica Williams
- 24 Beryl Laswell
- 25 Lisa Barham
- 26 Cattie Arrowsmith
- 26 Erin Morse
- 27 Pat Dorsett
- 27 Ned Ross

September Birthdays

- 28 Samantha Commons
- 29 Angie Weidenbener

September Anniversaries

- 1 Bob & Sandra Crider
- 6 Neal & Sheila Williams
- 12 Terry & Carol Sauerwein
- 16 Bruce & Lori Jolliff
- 16 Adrian & Luberta McCulloch
- 18 Jason & Gail Marsh
- 22 William & Veta Simpson
- 24 David & Kristine Peaney
- 25 Evan & Joyce Hockett
- 27 Brad & Rene Ensz

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

90 Celebration

A coming attraction for October, a covered dish dinner to celebrate those in our congregation who are 90 plus years old. Watch the bulletin for further details.

UMW

UMW will meet Wed., Sept. 7, at 1:00 in the FLC classrooms. Ladies join us. Enter through south FLC door.

September Message Titles

- September 4: Faith Takes the Long View
- September 11: Herding Cats
- September 18: Who Do You Chose?
- September 25: The Bride of Christ

Special Offerings on Oct. 2

For the first time we are combining 5 of the General Church offerings on one Sunday. Please consider contributing to one or more of the following special offerings on Oct 2. Envelopes for each will be available on a table in the back of the sanctuary. If you want to split your giving between a number of the offerings, please give instructions on the check or with your donation.

- Human Relations Day – supports community programs such as Youth offender rehab, community development, advocacy programs, etc.
 - Native American Indian – supports UM Native American Ministries
 - Peace with Justice – supports programs that advocate for peace and justice
 - World Communion – supports World Communion Scholarships and training programs
 - UMC Student day – supports UM scholarships and a UM student loan fund
- We hope you will contribute to at least one of these offerings on October 2.

Health Note

Are you concerned about your blood pressure? Have you checked it recently? If your blood pressure is extremely high, there may be certain symptoms to look out for, including:

- Severe headaches
- Vision problems/disturbances
- Difficulty breathing
- Blood in the urine
- Fatigue or confusion
- Chest pain
- Irregular heartbeat
- Pounding in your chest, neck, or ears

If you are experiencing any of these symptoms please seek your primary care physician. The best way to determine if you are having complications with hypertension (high blood pressure) is to monitor it on a routine basis to find trends. I will be available during Family Fusion for blood pressure checks. Feel free to let me know if you are wanting your blood pressure checked at any time, I will plan on having my equipment with me at all times.

Ginger Jones, Registered Nurse, Health Care Team

Flu Clinic

Salem will host a HV CO Health Dept. Flu Clinic on Sunday, Oct. 2 from 8:30 am to 11:30 am. Permission forms will be available in the church office toward the end of Sept. if you wish to fill it out ahead of time. Have your insurance card with you when you get your shot.

Free Bible Challenge

If you are willing to take the challenge to read "Through the BIBLE Made Easy" I will provide a copy at no charge to you. I only ask that after reading it, if you do not intend to read it again, you pass it on to someone else. These are some things I have done to make reading through the Bible easier:

- Removed excessive detail that does not alter the basic message - consider the description of the Tent of Meeting, Temple and the various sacrifices.
- Removed the genealogy passages and put them as charts in the Appendix.
- Added a chart showing the relationships of the kings of Judah^J and Israel^I to the Appendix. In the text they are identified by superscripts as above.
- Combined duplicate or near duplicate material.
- Combined the four Gospels. - Some liberty was required to mesh differing accounts of events and to determine the chronology.
- Removed some parallel phrases and flowery language that makes following the train of thought difficult.

It will take only 2.5 pages per day to read the entire Bible (Old and New Testaments) in a year. Sign up by September 4. Gene Eshleman

Noisy Change Offering

The Noisy Change Offering for October will go to the Representative Payee Program which is a program that helps individuals, who have Social Security benefits paid to them because of a diagnosis of mental illness or a developmental disability, manage their money. This program was started by Episcopal Social Services and has been in place for 20 years. The Representative Payee Program at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Newton serves 135 clients in Newton, Salina, McPherson, Hutchinson and Greensburg. This program helps people from becoming homeless because the rent and utilities are always paid and the clients have money for food. There is one person who write checks for the client, another person who enters checks into a computer accounting system, and a third person who reconciles those numbers with the client's bank statements. The Representative Payee Program employs three people on a part-time basis and has 30 volunteers who spend one to two hours a week meeting with clients. The volunteers come from St. Matthew's as well as other area churches in the community. For more information about the program or to volunteer, call 316-283-3465.

Sunday School

Sunday, September 4th (Sunday of Labor Day weekend) is the first day of the school year, in which children and youth classes will be split since we have been together all summer.

Choir

Like to make a JOYFUL NOISE? Join the Adult Choir at Salem. Perfect pitch or attendance are not required, only a willing attitude and ability to have a good time while praising God with song. Practice is each Wednesday in the Sanctuary at 6:30pm starting September 14th. We would love to have some new faces this year!

From The Pastor

A pastor tells of her 4-year old grandson and his first interaction with her cat when he came to visit. He had not been around cats before. The cat jumped up in the chair where the boy was watching TV. The pastor thought "great, they are going to get along fine," as the cat curled up in his lap and began to purr. But then she noticed that the boy was holding his arms away from the cat instead of petting it, "Why is she growling at me," he asked. Grandma had to explain the difference between a growl and a purr. She had heard the purr and thought that all was well; he had heard a growl and was afraid. Sometimes our reality depends on how we look at things, doesn't it. We see clouds and we can think how great it will be to get some refreshing moisture that renews the grass and crops; or we can fear the coming storm and the wind damage or flooding it might bring. We can see a new person and think of the possibility of a new friend; or we can see a stranger and fear the unknown. How we look at things makes a big difference. Times are tough for some economically, our politics are divisive, budgets are tight, and some face aging challenges or medical issues, life is always full of struggles. We could see only insurmountable challenges around us. Or we could see these challenges as opportunity, possibility, if we see through eyes of faith, if we see the way God sees. As Christians we need to strive to put on our God-vision glasses and see the world the way God sees. If we do that, I think we see God at work though faith, hope, joy, love and grace in every situation. As Christians and as Christ's church we need to join in God's work at redeeming people and situations, bringing hope to the hopeless, offering Christ to a world in need. For Jesus is still the hope of the world!

Ron

Sunday School

Sunday, September 11th– Sunday School Kick-Off - Education team will be providing doughnuts, fruit, milk and juice for the children and youth Sunday School classes in the Family Life Center during the Sunday School hour. This is also the day, in which we will be presenting 3rd grade Bibles during church.

Family Fusion

Our first Family Fusion will be September 7th

Meal at 5:45 pm

- Join us for fellowship!
- Food & supplies needed. Sign up on board next to Family Life Center.
- If there is a couple or few people that would be willing to supervise children between the time children finish supper (6ish) and the time they go to class (6:30), please contact Ashli through email (youth@sum.kscoxmail.com) or phone (at church 283-3620 or on cell (316) 765-3428). They enjoy time on the playground outside or playing tag when weather keeps them inside.
- Volunteers are needed from 6:30-7:30 in the nursery. Please contact Ashli if you are willing to fill this need.
- Children and adult classes are from 6:30-7:30. Adult study group will start with Revival: Faith as Wesley Lived It, a DVD based study by Adam Hamilton.
- Choir will be from 6:30-7:30 starting September 14th.
- Middle School Youth will meet 6:30-7:00. High School youth will meet 7:00-8:00 pm.

6:30 - 7:30:

Middle School Youth

6:30 - 7:00:

Middle School lesson.

High School down time activities taking place in the west foyer hallway, such as air hockey, shuffleboard or cards.

7:00 - 7:30:

Middle School/High School meet together for project oriented activities—prayer stations, mission projects, games that go along with the lesson, etc.

7:30 - 8:00:

High School lesson

Middle School downtime activities taking place in the west foyer hallway, such as air hockey, shuffleboard or cards.

If there is anyone that would be interested and willing to get to know our awesome youth, there are a variety of options:

- Being with them during their downtime (HS downtime - 6:30 to 7 and MS downtime - 7:30 to 8).
- Being part of their discussion group during the lesson (already prepared).
- Helping with projects whether during the 30 minutes together or when we go on outings.

All help will be appreciated as Salem youth are the up and coming generation of our church. Please contact Ashli through email (youth@sum.kscoxmail.com) or phone (at church 283-3620 or on cell (316) 765-3428) if you are interested in any of these opportunities.

On **September 14th**, youth will not be separate. Youth will be working to set up for Garage Sale from 6:30-8 pm. Youth and youth families are also invited to help from 6-8 pm on Thursday, Sept. 15th and 3-5 pm on Fri, Sept 16th. Garage Sale will be 8-3 on Saturday, Sept 17th. There will be timeslots to be signed up for, but we can use all the help we can get. Youth and youth families available will also be needed to finish sorting/boxing things up on Sunday.

All Church Garage Sale

All Church Garage Sale will be 8 am to 3 pm on Saturday, September 17th. Spread the word. Proceeds will go towards youth. Salem Youth will be sorting Garage Sale Items on Labor Day - Monday, September 5th at 1:30. If anyone has items to drop off and are looking for a specific time to do so, this would be a great time. Garage sale items can also be brought by the church during office hours on any day. They are being stored on the stage of Fellowship Hall. If items need picked up, please contact the church office. After church on Sunday, Sept. 18th, left over items will be available to those who around after church.