### Acolytes for September

September 3: Taylor and Caroline Rickard

September 10: Taylor Rickard September 17: Taylor Redington September 24: Presleyann Saylor

### Liturgists for September

September 3: Shana Hosford September 10: Cindy Simons

September 17:

September 24: Glenda Triplitt

### **Ushers for September**

Non Sunday school class members

### **Nursery for September**

September 3: Jennifer Saylor September 10: Lori Jolliff September 17: Lisa Golubski September 24: Erica Rickard

### **Family Fusion**

Salem invites you to grow in your faith and join us on Wednesdays beginning Sept. 6. Meal in the Family Life Center at 5:45 pm followed by 6:30 pm classes for all ages and choir practice. If you would like to volunteer to help with nursery, children or youth, please let Ashli know.

### Sunday School

Sunday school classes for children (Preschool & K-5<sup>th</sup>) will begin this Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. We would love to have your children. If you are interested in helping with Sunday school, please let Ashli know.



Monthly newsletter of the Salem United Methodist Church

## September 2017

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, September 21.

### Third Grade Bibles

Bibles presented to 3<sup>rd</sup> graders Sunday, Sept. 10.

### Benefits of Singing in a Choir

Strengthens Feelings of Togetherness; Regular Heart Rate; Decreases Stress and Depression; Reduces symptoms of Parkinson's and Lung Disease; Increases Life Expectancy. Join the Adult Choir at Salem this fall. Experience these benefits and have a good time too! Practices start September 6, 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm in the classroom across from the Pastor's office. Perfect pitch or perfect attendance are not required.

### **Acolyte Training**

There will be acolyte training on Sunday, September 10 in the sanctuary during the Sunday school time for anyone 3<sup>rd</sup> grade or older.

### **Salem UMC Mission:**

Disciples making disciples for Jesus Christ.

Received for Expenses as of 8-27-17 \$155,569.02

**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 Flacebook Church

# Here's what is happening!

## September 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
The UMW will meet Tuesday, Sept. 12 at 7:00 pm in the FLC class room. Jan Swickard will have the program and Teresa Soyez will be hostess. All Salem women are invited.					1	2 2:00pm - FLC Reserved
3 COMMUNION Hurricane Offering W door: LaDonna U. E door: Ila Jean S. 11:00am - FLC Youth	4 Church Office Closed	9:30am - C in C 6:30pm - Girl Scouts	6 4:00pm - Basement Res. 5:45pm - FLC FF Meal 6:30pm - classes, choir	7 1:00pm - Piece Keepers 6:00pm - FH Reserved	8	9
10 Hurricane Offering W door: Joan S. E door: Ila Jean S. 9:00am - Train Acolytes 10:00am - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Bibles 11:00am - FLC Youth 6:00pm - FLC 4-H	6:30pm - Nominations Committee	9:00am - Commodities Distribution 9:30am - C in C 9:30am - SUMC Staff Mtg. 6:30pm - Girl Scouts 7:00pm - Red Bird	4:00pm - Basement Res. 5:45pm - FLC FF Meal 6:30pm - classes, choir	1:00pm - Piece Keepers 6:00pm - FH Reserved	15 8:00am - FLC Reserved	16 8:00am - SUMC Garage Sale
W door: Joan S. E door: John S. 8:00am - FLC Reserved 11:00am - FLC Youth	18 12:00pm - FLC Singles Dinner	9:30am - C in C 6:30pm - Girl Scouts 7:00pm - Worship Team	20 4:00pm - Basement Res. 5:45pm - FLC FF Meal 6:30pm - classes, choir	21 8:00am - Clothes to Open Door 1:00pm - Piece Keepers 6:00pm - FH Reserved	22	23
24 Stewardship Sun. W door: Joan S. E door: John S. 11:00am - FLC Youth	25	9:30am - C in C 6:30pm - Girl Scouts 7:00pm - Finance Comm.	27 10:00am - Prayer Wrap 4:00pm - Basement Res. 5:45pm - FLC FF Meal 6:30pm - classes, choir	28 1:00pm - Piece Keepers 6:00pm - FH Reserved	29 1:00pm - FH Reserved	30 8:00am - FLC UMM Break- fast

#### Invitation from the Bishop

The Great Plains Conference is taking part in a 75-week effort (each conference takes 1 week) known as "Praying Our Way Forward." The overall theme comes from Ephesians 4:3, which instructs us "Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." This turning to God in prayer is an effort to unify our thoughts and meditations on our relationship with God and with one another even as a group of 32 people work together as the Bishops' Commission on a Way Forward to explore resolution to differing views on human sexuality and gender norms. The desire is for discernment, the unity of the United Methodist Church and that we can be witnesses for Christ in today's different ministry contexts and ever-changing world. Whether in your home or at your church - perhaps in some special place you have discovered for reflection - please take time each of the seven days from Sept. 3-9 (Great Plains Conference week) to pause for prayer. More information and resources can be found at http://www.greatplainsumc.org/videodetail/please-participate-in-week-of-prayer-9143722.

#### SUMC Garage Sale

There will be an All Church Garage Sale on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 3pm and Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> from noon to 2pm. We will take all donated items. Items may be left on the stage in Fellowship Hall. If items need picked up, give the church office a call. The proceeds from the garage sale will go to the church operating budget.

## Celebrating Birthdays & Anniversaries

## September Birthdays

- 1 Cody Faris
- 1 Robert Sprout
- 2 Dean Shank
- 3 Kylie Moore
- 3 Kim Storer
- 5 Becky Bever
- 6 Shelby Faris
- 7 Brad Cook
- 7 Carol Kirchmer
- 8 Staci Ensz
- 8 Janet Lane
- 8 Carly Willis
- 10 Rebecca Gaiser
- 10 Kati Snelling
- 10 Riley Thomas
- 11 Lori Jolliff
- 11 Vera Sills
- 12 Elma Harms
- 13 Jaylyn Arnold
- 14 Jim Adams
- 14 Mary Lewallen
- 15 Diane Foreman
- 15 Bruce Jolliff
- 16 Bruce Cook16 Robert Hoch
- 17 Kermit Teppen
- 18 Saundra Crider
- 18 Rene Ensz
- 18 Madelyn Whitsitt
- 18 Neal Williams
- 19 Kayla Anderson
- 21 Caroline Rickard21 Orville Schmidt
- 22 Rusty Jolliff
- 23 Jessica Williams
- 24 Beryl Laswell
- 25 Lisa Barham
- 26 Cattie Arrowsmith
- 26 Erin Morse
- 27 Pat Dorsett

## September Birthdays

- 28 Samantha Commons29 Angie Weidenbener
- If there are any Birthdays or Anniversaries missing or incorrect, please let us know in the church office.

### September Anniversaries

- 1 Bob & Saundra 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

### Sunday, Sept. 3

For fun feel free to come on Labor Day Sunday dressed as you dress for work.

### Hurricane Harvey Relief

We will take offerings the first two Sundays in Sept. for Hurricane Harvey relief.

### From The Pastor

Our Fall Kickoff was a great success. You only needed to watch the faces of the children and youth for a few minutes to see that! And adults too were having a great time whether just watching the crowd while eating a snow cone or whether trying out the obstacle course. We served over 140 and know some were here who did not go thru the line. We had some quests from the neighborhood even without the inflatables outside to advertise for us. There were surprising lines of adults as well as children to see the ambulance, fire truck, the Jaws of Life and to meet the police and get a sticker. Some asked me, who put this event on? My recollection is that Ashli shared this idea 3 summers ago, and we talked about it some the last couple years and then decided in mid-July that THIS was the year it was going to happen. And YOU got it done by a combination of the efforts of the Fun and Fellowship Team, the Christian Ed Team, the Evangelism Team, Salem Servants and the staff. And those teams drew in others to help as well. So the answer is YOU put on this event as a team of teams. Great job Salem! And what impressed me most? The flexibility and work that went into the last minute decision to move the inflatables inside due to questionable weather. (As it turns out we could have left them out, but it would have been SO uncomfortably humid.) Plans were shuffled, tables and chairs disappeared, the meal moved from the FLC to serving in our entry and eating in Fellowship Hall. And I did not hear any complaining, everyone just adjusted and you got it done. A special thanks to Ashli who orchestrated this shift. Smiles and laughter, good food and good fellowship, meeting and greeting some public servants and inviting the neighborhood. Yes I think we kicked off the fall very well. Come and join us for other activities and opportunities to have fun and learn about God. In worship Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> we think about county and state fairs and how we seek the prize of our faith. Family Fusion will begin Wednesday, Sept 6<sup>th</sup>.

### Ron

### September Message Titles

September 3: To Seek the Prize. September 10:DO Faith!

September 17:Picking Favorites.
September 24:Tongue Tied.

I Cor. 9:24-27 and Phil. 3:12 to 4:1 James 1:19-27 and James 2:14-26

James 2:1-13

James 3:1-12 and Matt 15:10-20

### Preparing for the Living Nativity

The Living Nativity Team met to get organized for this year's event, tentatively scheduled for November 8 and 9. They have identified some items they need and thought they would see if anyone in the congregation had the items they might loan or donate, before they purchased them. If you have any of these items that you could donate or loan, please contact Neil Williams or John Smith by the end of August/early Sept. Tents/ canopy shelters 10x10' or larger.

Extension cords 50' or longer.

Metal livestock panels (borrow only, we have no storage for them).