

# Announcements

**2018 HARVEST OF LOVE:** 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. 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 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. 16 Baking stuff - flour, sugar, etc.

Dec. 23 Canned meat - tuna, beef stew, chicken, chili

Dec. 30 Everything you forgot the past weeks

## Fifth Sunday Noisy Change Offering

The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Noisy Change Offering on Dec. 30 will go to AGAPE, which is a Non-Profit Clothing Closet and Food Pantry serving the Low-Income and No-Income families with free food and clothing. There are a lot of people in our community that need YOUR assistance as Agape is the ONLY way they have for clothing to wear and many times food to eat.

**GREETER:** If you would like to be a greeter at either the east or west doors periodically, please contact the church office, 283-3620.

## NO FAMILY FUSION MEAL/CLASSES DEC. 19, 26, AND JAN. 2

**STAFF APPRECIATION:** Want to show your appreciation for our church staff? Today 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. 16<sup>th</sup>. If you are unable to be at church those Sundays and wish to give a gift, please send it by Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> to Salem UMC, c/o SPPR, 115 Old Main, Newton, KS 67114.

**UPPER ROOM:** The January/February Upper Room Devotionals may be picked up at any entrance to the sanctuary as well as the east foyer.

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**WAYS TO GIVE TO SALEM:** Electronic giving options are available for making one time or regular offerings and special giving to Salem UMC. To give during worship or anytime using a smart phone use the QR code below or go to the App Store or Google Play, download "Give+Church". Choose 'Salem UMC' and follow the directions. For other electronic giving options such as direct drafts from your checking account, see Suanne Eshleman.



**THANK YOU:** Thank you to Teresa Soyez and Carolyn Windsor for volunteering in the church office while I was gone. Cindy Harms

**THANK YOU:** Many from Salem participated in a number of different ways in the Live Nativity. Whether you were in a leadership/organizational capacity, worked with costumes, donated cookies or worked in the kitchen, donated any of the items involved in the Live Nativity scene, worked as an actor, directed traffic or worked as a tech person, Salem appreciates your efforts to make the Live Nativity a success again this year. THANK YOU!

**OVM:** Come support Offender/Victim Ministries (OVM) at Mojo's December Community Soup Night! Bring your bowl to Mojo's Coffee Bar on Thursday, December 20 from 5-6:30 for homemade soup and live music by Ellie Bradley and Kate Szambecki. All proceeds will go towards OVM. For more information about the work OVM does in this community, visit [offendervictimministries.org](http://offendervictimministries.org).

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you want to give an offering to the Church, and have it be for tax year 2018, you need to make sure it is in the collection, or give it to Suanne Eshleman (Financial Secretary) by **Sunday morning, Dec. 30**. If it is received after this date, it will be on next year's (2019) statement of contribution.

**NEWSLETTER:** Please have items for the January newsletter into the church office by Wednesday, Dec. 26.

# Poinsettia in Honor of

Ruth Preston and Gail & Jason, Gage, Jase Marsh;  
 by Lorna Preston  
 Floriene Walker;  
 by Ron & Raelene Kite  
 All our family;  
 by Archie & Sheila Schmidt

# Poinsettia in Memory of

Larry Wells, Minnis Wells, Faith Wells;  
 by Mary Wells  
 Pearl & Tom French and John & Emily Fee;  
 by Mary Wells  
 All my family;  
 by Lorna Preston  
 Leo Rogers, David Spellman, and Bill Friday;  
 by TJ Friday  
 Donovan Smith;  
 by Betty Smith  
 Dan Kane;  
 by Ron & Raelene Kite  
 Howard & Lois Simons;  
 by Cindy Simons  
 All our deceased loved ones;  
 by Archie & Sheila Schmidt

## This Week at Salem

**Sunday: December 16<sup>th</sup>**  
 9:00 am Sunday school  
 10:00 am Worship  
 11:00 am FH Reserved  
 2:00 pm FLC Reserved  
**Monday: December 17<sup>th</sup>**  
 12:00 pm FLC Singles Dinner  
**Tuesday: December 18<sup>th</sup>**  
 9:30 am Companions  
 2:00 pm Funeral Dan Rowland  
**Wednesday: December 19<sup>th</sup>**  
 10:00 am Advent Study  
 5:45 pm NO FF MEAL,  
 CLASSES  
 6:30 pm Adult Choir Practice  
 6:30 pm Advent Study  
**Thursday: December 20<sup>th</sup>**  
 1:30 pm Piece Keepers  
 6:00 pm FLC/FH Reserved  
**Friday: December 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**Saturday: December 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
 9:00 am FLC Reserved  
**Sunday: December 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
 9:00 am Sunday school  
 9:00 am FLC Kitchen Res.  
 10:00 am Worship

# Welcome To Salem United Methodist

### Memorial Book Open To

Wilbur Sattler  
 Ned Ross

### Last Week Year Ago

<b>Worship</b>	104	120
<b>Sunday School</b>	61	68

### Worship Leaders

<b>Head Usher</b>	<i>Bob Swickard</i>
<b>Song Leader</b>	<i>Ruth Williams</i>
<b>Liturgist</b>	<i>Kim Storer</i>
<b>Acolytes</b>	<i>Caroline Rickard Madelyn Bomberry</i>
<b>AV</b>	<i>Don Gruver Lorna Preston Aaron Teel</i>
<b>Nursery</b>	<i>Lisa Golubski</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.

<b>Pastor</b>	<i>Ron Kite</i>
<b>Children/Youth Director</b>	<i>Ashli Teel</i>
<b>Church Treasurer</b>	<i>Staci Morales</i>
<b>Church Secretary</b>	<i>Cindy Harms</i>
<b>Organist/Pianist</b>	<i>Bob Wambold</i>
<b>Choir Director</b>	<i>Ruth Williams</i>
<b>Child Care</b>	<i>Cindy Gruver</i>
<b>Janitor</b>	<i>Tony Martinez</i>