

Announcements

CHRISTMAS CHILDREN'S SHOEBOX MINISTRY: This is an opportunity to share in making the season even more memorable, not just for ourselves but others as well. We are gathering Christmas Shoeboxes for the children in the local homeless shelter and foster children in the Newton area. Our goal is to have the boxes ready to go by December 3, 2018. Please consider donating any small gifts that will fit in a shoebox. The age brackets that boxes are based on are: infant, toddler, 3-5, 6-8, 9-11, 12-14, 15-18, for either boy or girl. If you want to do a complete box yourself, that is wonderful or you may donate items or financial contributions that will be used to complete other boxes. Boxes or contributions may be left at the church office or you may contact Kasha Stiner at 316-712-1889. Thank you for your support in this mission outreach project.

ANGEL TREE: This is the 22nd year Salem will be involved in Angel Tree. Angel Tree is a program to provide children who have a parent in prison with a Christmas gift. The Angel Tree is in the west foyer. You may select an angel from the tree and purchase a gift for a child. There are also Angel Tree food sacks that you pick up in the west foyer and fill with food. The party is on Saturday, Dec. 8.

ADVENT STUDY: An advent Study will be offered both at 10 am and 6:30 pm Wednesdays. It began November 28. We started the study ahead of the first Sunday in Advent (Dec 2) to allow enough weeks for the study. Our study this year will be a DVD based study by Max Lucado, Because of Bethlehem. Come and focus on the meaning of the Christmas season.

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. 2 Peanut Butter or meals in a box, can, or jar
- Dec. 9 Dry stuff, pasta, beans, rice
- Dec. 16 Baking stuff - flour, sugar, etc.
- Dec. 23 Canned meat - tuna, beef stew, chicken, chili
- Dec. 30 Everything you forgot the past weeks

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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.



Poinsettias

I (we), _____ would like _____

Poinsettia(s) in honor of, _____

I (we), _____ would like _____

Poinsettia(s) in memory of, _____

The cost of the poinsettias is \$14.00 each.

Deadline for ordering is
Monday, December 10, 2018.

The Poinsettias may be taken with you after any of the
services Dec. 23 or 24, 2018.

Total amount: \$ _____

PARKING SUNDAY, DEC. 9: Live Nativity will be Saturday, Dec. 8 from 6 pm - 9 pm and Sunday, Dec. 9 from 6 pm - 8 pm. Please be aware that for worship Sunday morning you will need to park in areas around the Nativity set up.

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

Staff Appreciation

Want to show your appreciation for our church staff? On Sundays, December 9th and 16th, 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. 16th. If you are unable to be at church those Sundays and wish to give a gift, please send it by Wednesday, December 12th to Salem UMC, c/o SPPR, 115 Old Main, Newton, KS 67114.

Live Nativity

Salem UMC will have a Living Nativity Saturday, Dec. 8 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm and Sunday, Dec. 9 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.

THANK YOU: Thank you for the sympathy cards and calls received for the passing of our son, Rick Schmidt. They are greatly appreciated. Orville and Betty Schmidt.

THANK YOU: Thank you to Tony Martinez for updating Salem's outdoor nativity and making a new wooden structure for the scene. Thanks Tony!

This Week at Salem

Sunday: December 2nd
 9:00 am Sunday school
 10:00 am Worship
 Hanging of Greens
 12:00 pm FLC Reserved

Monday: December 3rd

Tuesday: December 4th
 9:30 am Companions
 7:00 pm Finance Committee

Wednesday: December 5th
 10:00 am Advent Study
 5:45 pm FLC FF Meal
 6:30 pm Classes, Youth Group
 6:30 pm Advent Study
 6:30 pm Adult Choir Practice

Thursday: December 6th
 1:30 pm Piece Keepers
 6:00 pm FH Reserved

Friday: December 7th

Saturday: December 8th
 1:00 pm FLC Angel Tree Party
 6:00 pm Live Nativity

Sunday: December 9th
 9:00 am Sunday school
 10:00 am Worship
 6:00 pm Live Nativity
 6:15 pm FH 4-H

Welcome to Salem United Methodist Church



Memorial Book Open To

Milford Ediger
Arlene Ross

Last Week Year Ago

Worship	73	134
Sunday School	53	63

Worship Leaders

Head Usher *Bob Swickard*
Song Leader *Ruth Williams*
Liturgist *Lisa Golbuski*
Acolytes *Taylor Rickard*
AV *Don Gruver*
Lorna Preston
Aaron Teel
Nursery *Jennifer Saylor*

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.

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