

## *This Week's Calendar of Events*

### **Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:15 AM Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 AM Cross Training for Children (Narthex and Zoom)
- 9:30 AM Informal and LiveStream Worship Service (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:00 AM Gathering Worship Service (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:00 AM Seekers in Christ Sunday School (Room 115)
- 6:00 PM Sunday Night Youth Meeting (Youth rooms)

### **Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>**

- 6:30 PM Council Meeting (Room 212)

### **Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>**

- 5:00 PM Wednesday Night High School Youth Meeting (Youth rooms)
- 7:00 PM Articles of Religion Study (Zoom)
- 7:00 PM Women's Book Group (Room 115)

### **Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup>**

- 6:00 PM SCNS Show Off Night (111,112-114)

### **Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>**

- 9:00 AM SCNS Open House (111,112-114)

### **Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:15 AM Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 AM Cross Training for Children (Narthex and Zoom)
- 9:30 AM Informal and LiveStream Worship Service (Fellowship Hall)
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## **Youth group is back in-person!**

Join us Sunday mornings at 9:30 (please go to the service first!

All the students will be dismissed after the singing),

Sunday nights at 6pm, and Wednesday night high school at 5pm.

**Winter weather is upon us!** In the event of winter weather, the church office will follow the West Shore School District's (WSSD) delay & cancellation schedule. Sunday service cancellations will be broadcast on WHTM 27 & WGAL 8. The closings for the church will only be broadcast on the stations' apps and websites. Church closures will no longer be broadcast on the TV stations. If the WSSD cancels all evening activities, the church will cancel all evening activities as well. If the School district does not cancel evening activities, all group cancellations will be at the discretion of each group leader and he/she will be responsible for contacting the members of the group.



## *Salem Parish News – January 17, 2021*



### **Visiting Salem Today?**

We have a gift for you! Come to the Information table in either the Holy Grounds Café or outside Fellowship Hall. We invite you to fill out the Connection Card in our bulletin. We're glad you are here!



TODAY, the flowers in the Sanctuary are given in memory of Betsy Kline by Kerri and Dave Kline.

The 2021 Flower chart for Altar Flowers in the Sanctuary or Fellowship Hall is now available on the bulletin board across for the church office.



### **Cross Training in person & Zoom Sundays at 9:30 am**

In person students age 3 years – grade 5 will meet in the Narthex with Miss Tracey & her team during the sermon for Cross training. Kids are asked to wear masks for social distancing. For the Zoom link contact Tracey Michelsen at [tmichelsen@fcsalem.org](mailto:tmichelsen@fcsalem.org)

**NURSERY care available** at 9:30 am for children ages infant through 4 years old in room 106.

### **UPCOMING SERMONS:**

**TODAY—What Kind of Giver are You?** People are like three types of givers—the flint, the sponge and the honeycomb. We will look to what kind of giver we are and how we can be more faithful in our stewardship.

**Jan 31—State of the Union** The church council met many months ago and set out a vision for 2021. We will express this vision and implore the congregation to catch the vision. We are better together as we move forward in uncertain times.

**As you have heard, 2021 is the year of the volunteer for Salem Church.** There were a few roles previously filled by paid staff that volunteers now have the opportunity to fill. Hard choices needed to be made when we cut 20% out of the budget; these cuts amounted to over \$100,000. The kitchen and nursery will now be staffed by all volunteers. Once the pandemic is over, our youth ministry will need volunteers to help. Our Youth/Young Adult Director had her employment changed from full time to part time. Our Pastors also took a voluntary 5% reduction in pay. The finance committee is meeting regularly to assess the finances of the church. Please keep the church in your prayers and thank you for your financial support.

### **OUR FAITHFULNESS**

**Attendance**      **Tithes & Offerings**  
**(In person & Online)**      **(Budget \$10,000)**

12/27/2020	356	\$ 8,669.50
1/3/2021	374	\$13,638.00
1/10/2021	396	\$18,783.25

## Serve



The following people were elected at our Annual Church Conference to serve on the Church Council of Salem Church beginning 2021. The names in bold are new members on the Council.

**Class of 2021** Robyn Adams, Douglas Dyer, Nancy Hulsizer, Jeff Smith

**Class of 2022** Kathleen Alford, Brad Boyer, Karen Derrick, Michael Lehr

**Class of 2023** **Danielle Gross**, Karon Haring, David Kline, Jeff Strohecker

Thank you to Ellen Smith who served in the class of 2020. Please know that you and your work on behalf of Salem are so appreciated!

**Are you looking for a new volunteer opportunity in 2021?** Are you comfortable attending worship services? Consider this: Sunday morning TECH is looking to increase the size of the team. After you are trained, you can pick the service(s) and dates that work for your schedule. A trained volunteer will be with you on Sunday mornings. Sign up on the Connection Card to get more information or see a TECH team member following the service.

**Salem Community Nursery School is registering students** for the 2021/22 school year during January. We have a 3 year old class (AM—T/W/Th); two PreK classes (AM or PM—T/W/Th) and an advanced PreK class on Mondays. More information is available on our website [www.salemnurseryschool.com](http://www.salemnurseryschool.com) or by contacting Gina Curtis at [gcurtis@fcsalem.org](mailto:gcurtis@fcsalem.org)



**Did you know?** Five percent of a Giant or Karns grocery card purchase from FCSUMC goes directly to the ministries provided by staff and volunteers. Cards are available for purchase in the **church office during business hours**. Office hours are Mon—Thurs from 8:30am-3pm. If you call in advance they can be ready for pickup upon your arrival.



**Salem Cares**—In order for us, as God's people, to respond to your needs and the needs of others in our church family, it is important that you share when you or someone you know at Salem are having surgery or are facing a loss or other difficult life situation. Please share that information on the Connection card. It is better for us to have the information from multiple messages than not at all. Thank you!

**The Rev. Dr. Paul Stanley Wilcox Memorial Scholarship** is awarded to a deserving youth or young adult from Fishing Creek Salem UMC who has been accepted to their first year of post-secondary Education. This scholarship is established in honor of Pastor Paul's love for youth and education and to support and encourage the ministry and calling of all people. Contributions to the scholarship are accepted on a continuing basis. Please make checks payable to "FCSUMC" with "Wilcox Memorial Scholarship" in the memo line.

## Connect

**Winter Prayer Groups Forming** Pray through the winter with a few folks from Salem! Prayer groups will consist of two or three people. The groups will meet via Zoom or telephone once a week for about one hour of catching up, devotion, and prayer. Small Group Coordinator Susan Ryder, will offer groups prompts for prayer, but groups can choose to take their prayer in any direction they wish. Groups will begin forming midJanuary, and will last through March 20, the beginning of spring. Contact Susan Ryder [sryder@fcsalem.org](mailto:sryder@fcsalem.org) or 717-574-1960 with questions and at participate.

**Small Groups are meeting! Consider getting connecting with a group today!**

Group Name	Day & Time	Where	Contact
<b>LampLighters</b>	Sun. 7pm	Kline Home Indoors, masked	Dave Kline <a href="mailto:kline_dave_99@hotmail.com">kline_dave_99@hotmail.com</a>
<b>Seekers in Christ</b>	Sun. 11am	Church	Jerri Mulholland <a href="mailto:jerrilm2008@gmail.com">jerrilm2008@gmail.com</a>
<b>Traveling Together Toward God</b>	Mon. 7pm	Zoom	Harry Derrick <a href="mailto:hksj4@aol.com">hksj4@aol.com</a>
<b>United Methodist Women</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs	Church	Heidi Stahl <a href="mailto:hstahl@aol.com">hstahl@aol.com</a>
<b>Al-Anon</b>	Wed. 6:30pm	Zoom	Amy Kerstetter <a href="mailto:aker21@ptd.net">aker21@ptd.net</a>
<b>Believers in Faith</b>	Thurs. 7pm	Zoom	Robyn Adams <a href="mailto:rb2ada@aol.com">rb2ada@aol.com</a>
<b>Unbinding The Gospel</b>	Tues. 7pm	Zoom	Ellen Smith, Karen Derrick <a href="mailto:ellen.smith6@verizon.net">ellen.smith6@verizon.net</a> <a href="mailto:kdqwiltz@aol.com">kdqwiltz@aol.com</a>
<b>God in the Ordinary</b>	Daily	Facebook Group	Christy Musselman <a href="mailto:cmusselman@hotmail.com">cmusselman@hotmail.com</a>
<b>Spirit Growers</b>	Mon. 7pm	Zoom	Randy and Stacey Wilkinson <a href="mailto:sjwraw@comcast.net">sjwraw@comcast.net</a>

**UPCOMING ZOOM STUDY ON The The Articles of Religion Study** will be lead by Pastor Les on January 20 & 27 at 7:00 pm Meeting ID: 928 4312 4823  
Invitation link: <https://zoom.us/j/92843124823>

In a season were we seem to be focusing more or our differences, Salem church will offer a study based on the things we believe in common. They are called the Articles of Religion and have been the foundation of Methodist belief for hundreds of years. The Articles of Religion were edited and adapted by John Wesley and the first Methodists from the Articles of Religion of the Church of England, of which Wesley was a priest and many of the first Methodists were members. These 25 Articles of Religion include statements about the Holy Ghost, free will, and swearing an oath. You can find the articles at: <https://www.umc.org/en/content/articles-of-religion> We will examine each Article and discuss it meaning for our lives today.