

This Week's Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 22nd

- 8:15 AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 AM Informal Worship (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:00 AM The Gathering (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:00 AM Seekers in Christ Sunday School (Room 115)

Monday, November 23rd

- 9:00 AM Staff meeting (Welcome Center)

Tuesday, November 24th

- 6:00 PM Cub Scout Pack Meetings (Pavilion and Outdoor Space)
- 7:30 PM Boy Scout Troop Meetings (Pavilion and Outdoor Space)

Wednesday, November 25th

- 6:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsals (Welcome Center)
- 6:30 PM GriefShare (Room 210)

Thursday, November 26th

Happy Thanksgiving—Office closed

Friday, November 27th

Office closed

Saturday, November 28th

Sanctuary Christmas Decorating (Sanctuary)

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Small Groups

We can Connect and Grow, even during COVID, through Salem's Small Groups. Groups are meeting in a variety of ways and studying a variety of topics. Contact Susan Ryder, Small Group Coordinator at sryder@fcsalem.org or 717-938-1928 x116

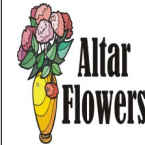


Did you miss the Choir's Virtual Singing of- *Draw the Circle Wide* or you want to see it again?? Check it out at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1w89kMtkeBmlEfkB2Imar9Gv-OfjJnq9M/view?usp=drivesdk>

Salem Parish News – November 22, 2020



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!



The flowers in the Sanctuary are given in memory of Joseph & Helen Ketrick by Kerri Kline and in honor of Birgit Novacek's birthday by Steve Novacek.

Copies of the Church Conference information packets are available in the church office.

The year 2020 has posed financial challenges to everyone. The church is no exception. Salem's income is down by over \$104, 00, resulting in the decision to reduce the budget. 2021 will be the year of the volunteer. As we make adjustments to staff hours, we will ask members to fill in the gap. We would also ask you to evaluate your present financial commitment to Salem and its ministries, recognizing that you too may be feeling financial pressure. Salem continues to be the hands and feet of Jesus, in our community and to one another. Our financial situation will hopefully improve in the near future, and when that happens we can adjust our staff and ministry budgets once again.

Advent is the four week season of preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas. Starting next Sunday Pastor Les will help us prepare through his **STARGAZING sermon series**, where we will be in awe and wonder of God, draw closer to God, keep our focus on Christ and prepare our hearts to celebrate.

If you can't be at FCSUMC in person, you can watch the livestream & archived livestreams directly on YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_edajFklfNmfy4AqGKSyvg



OUR FAITHFULNESS November 15, 2020
Attendance (In person & Online) 409
Tithes & Offerings - \$5,838.45
Budgeted weekly need—\$10,000

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

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



Connect

Are you ready to “shine God’s light to someone this Christmas?” For Christmas this year Salem will be working with the WSSD and local elementary schools to assist in gift giving. We encourage anyone with children to contact their child’s school to be included in our outreach this Christmas season. Watch the announcements for more information on you can assist with gift giving.



The link for the Hillside Angel tree is: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044EAEA92BAA8-hillside>

Advent Devotion videos—Starting in December watch Salem members as they offer reflections on the Season. In these twice a week videos, they will talk about:

- Being in awe & wonder of God at Christmas
- Drawing closer to God at Christmas
- Keeping Christ the Focus of Christmas
- Preparing your heart to celebrate Jesus Birth

Watch for the video links in the weekly Blast!, on Facebook and Salem’s YouTube channel https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_edajFklfNmfy4AqGKSyvg

Christmas Card Elves are needed to sort, pick up and deliver Christmas cards to FCSUMC member that aren’t able to be at church in person. Church mailboxes have been used to distribute Christmas Cards for years. It saves on postage and is such a fun treat for Salem’s Family. This year, many people will not be able to bring their cards in and/or pick up their cards from their mailbox. Sign up on the Connection card if you can help!

If you are in need of some assistance to send or receive Christmas cards with church family please contact the church office.



ADVENT EVENTS—Watch for more details:

Live Nativity and Story of St. Nick, 12/6/20, 5pm

Digital Hanging of the Greens - recorded

Star gazing event - 12/13/20, 6pm. Caravan from the church to go to a remote site.

Advent Worship Night - 12/18/20. 7pm.

A REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR??? **What is that?** A reverse Advent calendar centers our hearts on giving something rather than receiving something behind a small card board door each day. Pick up a box in Fellowship Hall or the Welcome Center to collect items that will be distributed at the next Food Pop-up on January 7th. More details are included on the brochure attached to the box.



Grocery Cards make great gifts. Giant & Karns cards are available for purchase in the **church office during business hours**. Office hours are Mon—Thurs from 8:30am-3pm.

Serve

THANK YOU—CUB PACK AND SCOUT TROOP 198 for the food donated to Soul Food Ministry from the Scouting for Food service project. The shelves are well stocked! Soul Food will deliver this food to the nearly 120 people it serves.

THANK YOU for all the food donations and volunteers that provided Thanksgiving takeout meals for nearly 350 people in our community.

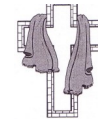


A Card Shower- is being held to celebrate the 75th birthday of Rev. John Halderman, Salem’s associate pastor from 2000-2006. Send cards to: Rev. John Halderman, 681 Deer Rd., Boiling Springs, Pa., 17007

Egg Making leadership has made the difficult decision to cancel egg making for 2021 due to the pandemic.

Milk and Dark Chocolate is available for your holiday baking need! Each bag is \$2 and they can be found in the Welcome Center.

ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS!!! Are you coming home for Thanksgiving and then finishing the semester online? If you are looking for a place to work on your classes away from home consider reserving a room here at the church. Rooms are limited and available by reservation on a first come, first serve basis.



Did you learn to knit or crochet while home over the last several months? Consider making a Prayer Shawl. Find out more by contacting Susan Huntsberger at 717-554-9321.

Like to Paint? The special events sign that often sits in the front lawn needs painting. If you are willing and able to do this, please contact Susan Ryder at sryder@fcsalem.org or 717-574-1960.



Altar Flowers in the Sanctuary or Fellowship Hall can be sponsored in honor or memory of someone or an event by signing up on the bulletin board outside the church office or by contacting the church office.

Caring **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!