

*This Week's Calendar of Events*

This Sunday	
7:30 AM	Informal Worship Team Set-up (Fellowship Hall)
8:15 AM	Morning Worship (Sanctuary)
8:30 AM	Informal Worship Team Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
9:15 AM	The Gathering Rehearsal (Room 110)
9:30 AM	Back to the Bible Adult Bible School Class (Room 210)
9:30 AM	Informal Worship (Fellowship Hall)
9:30 AM	Samaritan Adult Sunday School Class (Room 214)
9:30 AM	Simply Scripture (Library)
9:30 AM	Youth Sunday School (Room 115)
10:45 AM	Informal Worship Team Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
11:00 AM	Cross Training "One Room School House" (Rooms 112-114)
11:00 AM	Seekers in Christ Adult Sunday School Class (Rooms 115 & 214)
11:00 AM	The Gathering (Sanctuary)
3:00 PM	GS Jr Troop 20090 (Rooms 112-114)
7:00 PM	Sunday Night Lamplighters (Kline Home)
Monday	
10:00 AM	"Stand Up" Staff Meeting (Office)
6:00 PM	Girl Scouts 21125 (Rooms 112-114)
6:45 PM	Girl Scout Troop 20974 (Room 210)
7:00 PM	CDA (Chemically Dependent Anonymous) (Room 219)
7:00 PM	Monday Night Men's Basketball Ministry (Fellowship Hall)
Tuesday	
5:00 PM	Troop 284/Senior Center Christmas Party (Room 110 & Fellowship Hall)
6:00 PM	Vision Prayer Team (Office)
6:30 PM	Arrow of Light (Room 115)
6:30 PM	Bears (Room 210)
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6:30 PM	Lion (Rooms 112-114)
6:30 PM	Tigers (Room 111)
6:30 PM	Webelos (Room 211)
6:30 PM	Wolves (Room 214)
7:00 PM	Pastor's Advent Class (Room 212)
Wednesday	
6:15 AM	Men's Morning Cup of Jesus (Room 115)
6:00 PM	4th & 5th Grade Girls Group (Room 214)
6:30 PM	Men's Evening Cup Bible Study (Room 210)
6:30 PM	Sisters of Salem (Room 115)
6:30 PM	Wednesday Night Kids (Rooms 112-114)
Thursday	
5:00 PM	Sons and Daughters Youth Choir (Choir Room)
6:00 PM	Brownie Troop 20861 (Room 111)
6:00 PM	Girl Scout Troop 20088 (Room 113 & 114)
6:30 PM	4th and 5th Grade Guys Group (Fellowship Hall)
6:45 PM	Troop 198 PLC Meeting (Room 115)
7:30 PM	Troop 198 Meeting (Room 115)
Friday	
6:00 PM	West Shore YWCA Volleyball (Fellowship Hall)
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10:00 AM	Prayer Shawl Ministry (Room 115)
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**Altar & Flowers**

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given in celebration of Caleb Wert's 6th Birthday by his family and also in celebration of David Shreiner's Birthday by Bob and Bonnie Shreiner. The Flowers in the Fellowship Hall are given in Honor of Brendan Mudrick's Baptism by his Grandparents, Bob & Georgene Bingman and Tom & Theresa Mudrick.

**TODAY THROUGH BAPTISM**, we welcome *Brendan Chase Mudrick*, son of Drs. Michael and Hannah Mudrick, as the newest addition to the body of Christ and the kingdom of God. May God bless this child as he is surrounded by and grows in God's love.

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN**

**Child Care** at 9:00am & 11:00am for children up to 36 months in Room 106.

**Sunday School** for children 4yrs through 5th grade at 9:30, and for children 3yrs old through 3rd grade at 11:00am.

**Blue Christmas Service of Hope** will be held at 3 p.m., December 10th at Community UMC in New Cumberland. If you have lost a loved one and are in need of comfort and strength this holiday season join us for this worship service.

*Poinsettia Orders Are Due Today!*

Salem will continue the tradition of decorating the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall with poinsettias. The flowers will be in 6.5-inch pots with 5+ blooms of red, white or marbled. The flowers will be placed in the church for Christmas Eve and may be taken home after the last service in each location.



The cost is \$8.00 for each plant. Please make your check payable To Fishing Creek Salem and place it with the form (located in the Information Rack outside Pastor John's office) in Jeannie Pelen's mailbox.

**OUR FAITHFULNESS November 26**

Attendance - 336  
Tithes & Offerings - \$12,038.89

## Connect



### Youth This Week-

**HS/MS Sunday School** 9:45 a.m.—Youth Wing  
**Youth Group** HS/MS—NO MEETING TONIGHT

More for youth...

- Retreat is happening this weekend!
- Collecting Hats, gloves and scarves through 12/10/17
- Christmas Party 12/17/17 (6-8pm)
- Zeteo Retreat Feb 2-4, 2018

**Women of Light:** If you signed up for the trip to Allenberry Playhouse for *Best Christmas Pageant Ever the Musical*. Please be in the church parking lot today at 12:30pm. We will carpool to the show which starts at 2:00pm. Please note that this trip is for the show only. If you have any questions, give Jeannie a call at 717-579-5164. Get ready for a fun afternoon!



**Community Christmas Caroling** at Valley Green Townhouses. Sunday December 17th at :45pm. Cookies and drinks to follow. More details to come. Call/text Adrienne with any questions 717-329-

**The United Methodist Women** will meet on Thursday, December 14th, at 6:30pm in room 115 for our annual Christmas Party. Please bring soup or a dessert and a sandwich that can be cut into 4 pieces. We will be purchasing GIFT CARDS for the Mechanicsburg children's Home this year instead of bringing gifts. See the list of Gift Cards on the UMW bulletin board. We will also be helping a family from the Neighborhood Center Angel Tree. Come and enjoy good food and fellowship. All ladies of the Church and Community are welcome.

## Grow

### Small Group Highlight- Back to the Bible

A long-standing Salem Small Group, Back to the Bible takes being a follower of Christ seriously! It meets each Sunday (9:30 a.m., room 210) studying a variety of topics, dedicatedly lead by Kathy Alford. As a part of the group's service, it helps support a Camp Outreach missionary; World Vision; and inspired by the Under the Overpass book, plans to serve a meal at Harrisburg's Women's Shelter in December.



### Simply Scripture

"Experience the wonder of the first Christmas" through the Advent study, *A Savior Is Born* (Pete Briscoe). We will meet for 4 weeks in December on **Sunday mornings** (starting 12/3, excluding 12/24) at **9:30** in the library. Each session includes a short video, followed by a group discussion. Women, men, couples, and singles all welcome~ please join us! Contact Marcia Sadler ([msadler\\_pac@yahoo.com](mailto:msadler_pac@yahoo.com)) or fill our your Connection Card with interest/questions.

## Serve

Our **CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING** this year will be split. Half of the total offering will go to support Salem's ministries. The other half will go to the Red Land Community Action Program, REDCAP. REDCAP serves low income families in the Lewisberry and northern York County areas. It partners with other service agencies in our area to provide food, fuel, and utility assistance, and GED Classes. They also provide office space for Vocational Rehabilitation Service and for the WIC Program. Plan to give a **BIRTHDAY GIFT TO JESUS** through your Christmas Eve Offering.



### SALEM'S 5th ANNUAL COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER

Monday, December 25th, 1:00pm. ALL are welcome! Join us on this blessed day to dine together & celebrate the birth of our Savior!

Sign up on the Connection Card or call the Church Office to attend by December 19 **Help is also needed** to serve the Dinner. Sign up on the connection card to serve on Jesus' Birthday!



Mark your calendars for the **LIVE NATIVITY DEC 10th!** The Nativity with caroling is at 6pm with a 2nd showing at 6:45pm. There will be an Advent Dinner ( in fellowship hall) for our church family at 5pm. If your last name begins with A-N please bring a side dish & O-Z please bring a plate of cookies to share during the Nativity. The church will be providing the main course. There are still ways to help out! Sign up on the Connection Card!

### Item of the Month:

Mission Central helps other organizations with their charity work as well as their own. They provide space for the Bethesda Mission to collect and package food for those in need. This month we are asking for metal nail files for the hygiene kits. Please put the nail files in the bin marked "Mission Central" in Mission Corner

A very heartfelt thank you to all of you who donated winter clothing, footwear, and coats to our refugee family!!! Your generosity is very much appreciated by the Neupane family and by our refugee resettlement team. If, per chance, you took a card and forgot to bring the item last Sunday, please do still bring it to the church. The resettlement team visits with them each week and can still deliver your item to the family.



### CHRISTMAS EVE HOSPITALITY

On Christmas Eve we have a great opportunity to touch the lives of people who attend church only occasionally or not at any other time of year. We also have the privilege of celebrating the coming of Christ with those friends we see often. From the moment folks turn into our driveway it is our prayer that everyone would experience a warm welcome and the feeling that we have been expecting them. You can help to make this happen as you volunteer to be a part of our Christmas Eve Hospitality Team. Please see the Connection Card for all the opportunities for you to serve. Contact Marty Wagner for more info 717-574-1682 or [martyj78@ptd.net](mailto:martyj78@ptd.net)

### Gift Cards for Sale!

Grocery Gift Cards are Still Available. You can purchase a \$25, \$50 or \$100 card from the church for these stores: Karns, Giant, Darrenkamps & Weis! Cards can be purchased in the church office on Sundays from 9:15-9:30 am and 10:30-10:40 am. You may also stop in during any normal business hours.