

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 PACT (Room 215)
	9:30 AM Samaritan Adult Sunday School Class (Room 214)
	9:30 AM Youth Sunday School (Room 219)
	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 [Children])
	11:00 AM The Gathering (Sanctuary)
	12:00 PM Private Event (Room 115)
	3:00 PM Blue Christmas Service (Community UMC in New Cumberland)
	3:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 20264 (Room 212)
	5:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 20088 (Rooms 112-114)
	6:00 PM Youth Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00 PM Sunday Night Lamplighters (Kline Home)
Monday	
	8:30 AM "Stand Up" Staff Meeting (Office)
	8:45 AM Core Staff Meeting (Room 215)
	5:00 PM Basketball - Boys 5th-6th Grade Travel Team Practice (Fellowship Hall)
	6:30 PM Girl Scout Brownie Troop 20861 (Rooms 112-114)
	7:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (Room 219)
	7:00 PM Monday Night Men's Basketball Ministry (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00 PM Stephen Ministry (Room 212)
Tuesday	
	4:30 PM Private Meeting (Room 115)
	6:00 PM Arrow of Light (BSA) (Room 115)
	6:00 PM Bears (BSA) (Room 210)
	6:00 PM Lions (BSA) (Room 112-114)
	6:00 PM Tigers (BSA) (Room 111)
	6:00 PM Vision Prayer Team (Office)
	6:00 PM Webelos (BSA) (Room 211)
	6:00 PM Wolves (BSA) (Room 214)
	7:00 PM Advent Lite Church-Wide Study (Room 212)
	7:00 PM Hospitality Team Meeting (Welcome Center)
	7:00 PM Troop 198 Committee Meeting (Room 215)
Wednesday	
	6:00 PM Holy Grounds Cafe - Open to Everyone! (Welcome Center)
	6:00 PM Senior High Youth Gathering (Room 218)
	6:30 PM 4th and 5th Grade God's Girls Group (Room 211)
	6:30 PM Al-Anon (Room 214)
	6:30 PM Art and Advent (Room 215)
	6:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 20857 (Room 212)
	6:30 PM Men's Evening Cup (Room 210)
	6:30 PM Sisters of Salem (Room 115)
	6:30 PM Wednesday Night Kids (Rooms 112-114 and Fellowship Hall)
	7:00 PM Chime Choir Practice (Room 110)
Thursday	
	10:00 AM Northern York County Community Needs Meeting (Room 210)
	6:30 PM 4th-5th Grade Guys Group (Room 211)
	6:30 PM Pack 198 Committee Meeting (Room 215)
	6:30 PM United Methodist Women (Room 115)
	7:00 PM Girl Scout Leader Meeting (Room 210)
Friday	
	5:30 PM Pack 198 - Parents' Night Out (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00 PM Worship Night (Sanctuary)
Saturday	
	12:00 PM Private Event
	2:00 PM Susquehanna Folk Festival Planning Committee (Room 210)
	6:00 PM Basketball - 4th-6th Grade Guys Open Basketball (Fellowship Hall)
Next Sunday Special Events	
	10:30 AM Haiti Mission Trip 2019 Informational Meeting (Room 219)
	1:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 20296 (Rooms 112-114)

Salem Parish News – December 9, 2018

Visiting Salem Today? We have a gift for you! Come to the Welcome table in either the Lobby or the back of the Fellowship Hall. We invite you to fill out the Connection Card in our bulletin. We're glad you are here!



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 3 yrs old through 3rd grade at 11:00am.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given by Bob & Georgene Bingman with prayers for their unborn grandchild and by Phil & Sue Taylor in honor of Jackson Hedden's 12th Birthday. The flowers in Fellowship Hall are given by Kurt Williams in recognition of Reese William's 18th Birthday.



Please pray that seeds planted at Christmas Closet would take root and people will find the best gift of all—Jesus!



Advent Worship Night

Join us Friday, December 14th at 7pm in the Sanctuary for an evening of drawing closer to God through creative worship, praise,



and prayer. Childcare will be provided for ages 3 and under.

ENDING THE YEAR STRONG

I invite you to join me in ending the year strong in giving so that Salem Church can end the year strong in ministry. If you have missed the opportunity to share your regular offerings because of absence from worship, you may want to "catch up" with your giving. If God has blessed you in a particular way during this year, you may want to give an extra "thank offering" as a sign of your gratitude for all God has given you.

OUR FAITHFULNESS December 2nd

Attendance—320

Tithes & Offerings - \$12,546.50

Connect

Morning Sunday School (MS/HS) 9:15-10:30am in room 219

Sunday Night—Make Cookies for the Budget Inn (6-8pm)

Wednesday Nights—High School Group Night 6-7:30pm

12/16—Youth Christmas Party (6-8pm)



Blue Christmas Service of Hope will be held at 3 p.m. today 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.

When Grief Colors the Holidays—A free program on how to manage the absence of a loved one during the festive season. Dec 14th 7-8:30pm at York Hospital in Classroom 10 A/B in the Medical Education Pavilion. Call 717-851-2305 for reservations.

The United Methodist Women will meet on Thursday, December 13th at 6:30 pm 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. See the list of GIFT CARDS on the UMW Bulletin Board. **All Ladies of the Church are welcome**



FLAG RETIREMENT

Boy Scout Troop 198 will be collecting flags in December for a flag retirement ceremony at its annual winter camp at Hidden Valley Scout Reservation in Perry County. If you have any U.S. flags that are in need of a respectful retirement, please bring them to church on or before December 30th and drop them into the collection box that will be placed near the church mailboxes.

The Troop will also accept any other flags deserving a respectful retirement such as state, POW/MIA and service flags.

www.Troop198BSA.com



YEAR END GIVING—Fishing Creek Salem always appreciates the financial gifts that are given to support and grow our ministries of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ! God bless you for your faithfulness and generosity again this year. Please note that the Internal Revenue Service has rules on when taxable year donations can be counted. The IRS says that charitable donations to the church must be **received and/or postmarked by 12/31/2018** to count as a donation in 2018. Following these IRS regulations, donations received and/or postmarked after 12/31/18 must be counted as donations in 2019 (no matter what date may be associated with the gift).

Serve

SALEM'S 6th ANNUAL COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER

Tuesday, December 25th, 1:00pm

ALL are welcome!

Join us on this blessed day to dine together & Celebrate the birth of our Savior! RSVP by 12/20 by signing up on the Connection Card or calling the church office (7171-938-1928). You can also sign up on the Connection Card to Help with Dinner!



Haiti Mission Trip—June 22-29, 2019: Join us for a brief informational meeting next Sunday, 12/16, at 10:30 in the Youth Room (219). Come and learn more about this opportunity to serve, grow and go in faith! Contact Marcia Sadler (msadler_pac@yahoo.com, 717-938-0890) with questions, and/or mark your Connection Card. All are welcome, and we are especially praying for a presence of our youth this trip!



We are looking for **Greeters to serve on Christmas Eve** at all services. Needed are Greeters in the parking lot (traffic directors), opening doors at both entrances and Greeters inside as well. Nothing says welcome more than a warm handshake and smile! If you are interested, please fill out the Connection Card or contact Karen Derrick at 717-870-9784 or Karon Haring 717-512-3603.



Giving Tree

Salem's Giving Tree will be in the Welcome Center. Select a tag(s) from the tree, purchase the item (\$25 or less), wrap it, secure the tag on the outside of the gift (taped), and place the gift under the tree. Gifts need to be returned by Sunday, December 16th so they can be sorted and delivered to the families several days before Christmas.



Item of the Month: Mission Central sends health kits to people in need of basic items they are unable to provide for themselves. Band aids 3/4" x 3" are needed for these kits.

Please put the band aids in the bin marked Mission Central in Mission Corner.