

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)
10:30 AM Haiti Mission Trip 2019 Informational Meeting (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)
1:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 20296 (Rooms 112-114)
3:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 20264 (Room 212)
6:00 PM Youth Christmas Party (Fellowship Hall)
7:00 PM Sunday Night Lamplighters (Kline Home)

Monday

8:30 AM "Stand Up" Staff Meeting (Office)
5:00 PM Basketball - Boys 5th-6th Grade Travel Team Practice (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 21125 (Rooms 115)
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)

Tuesday

4:30 PM Private Meeting (Room 115)
5:30 PM Pack 198 - Christmas Party (Fellowship Hall)
7:00 PM Hospitality Team Meeting (Room 210)

Wednesday

5:00 PM Tiger Rock Martial Arts Holiday Party (Fellow Hall and Kitchen)
6:00 PM Holy Grounds Cafe - Open to Everyone! (Welcome Center)
6:30 PM 4th and 5th Grade God's Girls Group (Room 115)
6:30 PM Al-Anon (Room 214)
6:30 PM Art and Advent (Room 215)
6:30 PM Men's Evening Cup (Room 210)
6:30 PM Sisters of Salem (Room 211)
6:30 PM Wednesday Night Kids (Rooms 112-114)

Thursday

6:15 PM Girl Scout Troop 20109 (Room 214)
6:30 PM 4th-5th Grade Guys Group (Fellowship Hall)
6:30 PM Troop 198 Meeting (Room 115)
7:00 PM Women's Book Group (Room 212)

Friday

6:00 PM Basketball - 4th-6th Grade Guys Open Basketball (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday No Events Scheduled

Next Sunday Special Events

No Special Events Scheduled

Monday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

3:30 PM Pre-School and Parents Candle Light Service (Sanctuary)
5:00 PM Family Candle Light Service (Sanctuary)
5:00 PM Informal Christmas Eve Service (Fellowship Hall)
7:00 PM The Gathering Service (Sanctuary)
11:00 PM Traditional Christmas Eve Service (Sanctuary)

Monday, December 25 – Christmas Day

1:00 PM Christmas Dinner (Fellowship Hall and Kitchen)

Salem Parish News – December 16, 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!



Both of the flowers in the Sanctuary are given by Larry and Olive Gibney in honor of Andrew Smithmyer's 9th Birthday!

The December Flower Calendars have been removed. Contact Sandy in the church office if you would like to add flowers or if you have a change.



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.

Please pray that the folks invited to Christmas Eve Service would come, ready to receive the gift of Jesus!



Join us Christmas Eve as we get CLOSER to Christ!

- **3:30 pm—Young Children's Worship**, A shorter service, with glow sticks for candles, especially for young ones.
- **5:00 pm*—Family Service**, An informal service with families in mind (glow sticks for the kids)
- **5:00 pm*—Informal**, An intimate, informal service in the Fellowship Hall
- **7:00 pm*—Our Gathering Service**, The youth choir will share their talents. Hot chocolate and snacks to follow.
- **11:00 pm—Traditional Worship** with Communion, Salem's Choir will sing us into the Season!

Candle lighting at all services except 3:30

*Childcare available

Invite Friends to join you on Christmas Eve using the postcards in the bulletin and at the back of the Sanctuary and Fellowship Halls. There are also posters available to distribute in the community!

OUR FAITHFULNESS December 9th

Attendance—327

Tithes & Offerings - \$9,926.26

Connect

Morning Sunday School (MS/HS) 9:15-10:30am in room 219
 Sunday Night—6-8pm—Christmas Party and the last youth event of the year!



Since Christmas is Jesus' Birthday, you might consider giving a Birthday Gift for Jesus on Christmas Eve. This has been a tradition of our family for many years. This year, half of our **Christmas Eve Offerings** will go to the United Methodist Committee on Relief to help victims of the severe flooding in the Southern United States, & half will support Salem's ministries in the community.



The **Advent Lite Study** on Tuesday has been cancelled. Please call the office with any questions.

Thanks to everyone who met with Lifetouch to be photographed for the Directory. The resulting **donation from Lifetouch is \$642!**

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 12/31/18

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).



The **Flower Order Calendars** for 2019 are posted on the bulletin board outside the church office. You can purchase flowers for the church (Sanctuary \$16.50 and Fellowship Hall \$21.00) and then take them home after church on Sunday. Please contact Sandy in the office if you have any questions : office@fcsalem.org or 717-938-1928.



If you have an item for the **December 30th Announcements**, please have it to the church office by December 18th. The Church Office will have very irregular hours the week between Christmas and New Year's Day, so the bulletin will be done a week earlier. Thank you!



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!



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.



Reminder—Gifts for the Giving Tree are due today!

Thank you to the volunteers and those that donated to the Christmas Closet Breakfast. You helped make it a success!



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.