

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)
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 Soul Food Ministry Food Preparation (Room 115)
3:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 20264 (Room 212)
7:00 PM Sunday Night Lamplighters (Kline Home)

Monday – Christmas Eve

3:30 PM Pre-School and Parents Candle Light Service
(Sanctuary)
5:00 PM Family Candlelight 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)

Merry Christmas!

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

Wednesday

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)

Thursday

6:30 PM 4th-5th Grade Guys Group (Room 211)

Friday—Saturday

8:00 PM Pack 198 - Movie Night/Lock-in (Fellowship Hall)

Next Sunday Special Events

12:00 PM Families in the Field (Room 115)
1:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 20296 (Rooms 112-114)

Salem Parish News – December 23, 2018

Merry Christmas

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!



The flowers in the Sanctuary are given by the Brame Family in memory of John Brame. The Flowers in Fellowship Hall are given by Judy Conley in memory of Don Conley.



Thank you to all who participated and contributed to the 2018 Giving Tree ministry. You have really blessed a lot of families!

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 people coming to Christmas Dinner would find Jesus as well as a meal!

PRAY

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

OUR FAITHFULNESS December 16th

Attendance—322

Tithes & Offerings - \$13,964

Connect

While there are no more youth events until after the new year, we can look forward to what's coming! Zeteo is February 1-3, so if you haven't signed up already, get your things to Jess ASAP! Reminder that this event is only for 7th-12th graders. Youth events will resume Jan. 2 with the high school group, and Sunday school and evening youth on the 6th.



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.

Did you **miss getting your photo taken** for the new directory? Please contact Lifetouch (the photography company) to see if there is another church that can schedule an appointment for you.

1-866-756-0281

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.



Holiday Hours

The Office will be closed between Christmas and New Year's Day and will reopen on January 2nd for normal business hours. Merry Christmas!

Seamless: Understanding the Bible as One Story - New to the Bible? Want to refresh your knowledge of the Bible? Want a new start for the new year? Want to get out and meet new people? For these reasons and more... join us for a 7-week study that goes through the entire Bible and provides an overview of the people, places and stories of the Bible. We will meet at 9:30 on Sunday mornings in room 211 beginning on Sunday January 6th. Study facilitated by Laura Buzzard and Christy Musselman.

Sisters of Salem will be studying Priscilla Shirer's *The Armor of God*. All day, every day, an invisible war rages round you. A cunning devilish enemy seeks to wreak havoc on everything that matters to you – your emotions, your mind, your family, your future. Learn how to beat the devil by putting on the full armor of God every day. Beginning 1/9/19 from 6:15 to 8:00pm in room 211. Please contact Jeannette Payne for any questions 717-781-5136 or netty0826@gmail.com

Women of Light Global Dining Adventure—Join the Women of Light as we continue to experience cuisine from around the world. On 1/6 at 12:30 pm, we will dine at Yak N Yeti (213 3rd Street New Cumberland). We plan on meeting there, but if you need a ride, give Ginger (649-6419), Linda (774-0901) or Jeanie (579-5164) a call to make arrangements. Women of Light is open to women who are single, divorced or widowed. Join us for fun and fellowship! Sign-up on the sheet in the hallway on the Women of light bulletin board.

Serve



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.