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CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

Philippians 2:6-7

Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

The center of our Christmas experience is worship. Shepherds and wise men were called to kneel before the manger and honor the newborn King.

Preparing for Christmas

Our Sunday morning topics continue the series *The Christmas Experience*, giving insights to the people who actually lived the Story years ago. See the schedule below for topics.

Christmas Eve services

We offer a pre-Christmas Eve service on the 23rd for those who must travel or be away. Services on the 24th begin at 5 pm and run through the evening. Check for specific time, places, and format.

Christmas Sunday

After two days and seven services, and keeping our dedicated and essential volunteer corps in mind, we will consolidate our worship on Christmas morning, Sunday the 25th. We will gather at 10 am, blending our styles and liturgies and worship as one church family.

Christmas Eve Offering: Birthday Gift for Jesus

To bless others and honor Jesus, we invite you to give a special gift on Christmas Eve. Half of what is given will be used to support our own mission and ministry while the other half will be given to *Imagine No Malaria*, to diminish the impact of malaria in Africa.

We will fill our December with singing, sermons, prayers and fellowship. Use these days to feed your soul and encourage one another through our numerous opportunities to worship. Don't miss the chance for a Christmas Experience and to worship the newborn King. What happened then still changes everything now.

Pastor John

December Sermons:

The Christmas Experience

Dec 4: Experience God's Plan and Purpose

Dec 11: Experience God's Joy

Dec. 18: Experience God's Love

Dec 25: Christmas Day Worship – one service 10 am



Salem's Giving Tree IS HERE in the Welcome Center!
Select a tag(s) from the tree, purchase the item, wrap it,
secure the tag on the outside of the gift, and place the gift
under the Salem tree.

Gifts need to be *returned by Sunday, December 11th*
so they can be sorted and delivered to the families several
days before Christmas.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT &
ADVENT DINNER**

Join us for a time of fellowship with your church family
during this Advent season!
Sunday, December 11th, 5:30pm
in Fellowship Hall

Fried Chicken will be provided.
Last Names A-N, bring a side dish
Last Names O-Z bring a dessert

*Contact the church office OR
sign up on the Connection Card to attend.*



SALEM'S 4th ANNUAL COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER

Sunday, December 25th
1:00pm

ALL are welcome!

Join us on this blessed day to dine together & celebrate the birth of our Savior!

HELP US DECK OUR HALLS

Salem will continue our tradition of decorating the Sanctuary and
Fellowship Hall with poinsettias.

The flowers are available in 6.5" pots with 5+ blooms
of red, white or marbled.

The flowers will be placed in the church for the Christmas Eve
and may be taken home after the last service in each location
or after the service on Christmas day.

The cost is \$8 for each plant.

Please make checks payable to FCSUMC with "Poinsettias" in the memo.
Place payment with the order form in Jeannie Pelen's mailbox by Dec. 4th.

Order forms are available in the rack across from Pastor John's office.





Christmas Services at Fishing Creek Salem

402 Valley Road, Etters

December 23, 7pm - Sanctuary

December 24, 5pm - Sanctuary, Children's Choir

5pm - Fellowship Hall, Blended

7pm - Sanctuary, Celtic Christmas Eve

(Traditional music w/ an Irish flare)

9pm - Fellowship Hall, Informal

9pm - Chapel, Heritage

11pm - Sanctuary, Traditional

(led by Sanctuary Choir)

Childcare is available at 5:00pm & 7:00pm

Communion will be served at the 11pm service

December 25, 10am - Sanctuary, Blended



ANY BRASS PLAYERS (HIGH SCHOOL AGED OR OLDER) INTERESTED IN PLAYING ON CHRISTMAS EVE, CONTACT DAVE KLINE (774-4995).



To bless others and honor the birth of Jesus at Christmas, we invite you to give a special gift on Christmas Eve. Half of what is given at our Christmas Eve worship services will be used to support our own mission and ministry to the community while the other half will be given to *Imagine No Malaria*, an overseas initiative of the United Methodist aimed to diminish the impact of malaria in Africa.

In Sub-Saharan Africa, malaria kills a child every 2 minutes. But by using bed nets, providing access to diagnostic tests and medicine, draining standing water, and improving sanitation, malaria deaths have been reduced by more than half. "Imagine No Malaria" combines integrated health infrastructure, education and advocacy to address death and the debilitating effects of malaria in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Families in the Field's December Mission is to bring joy to the parking lots during "Candy Canes & Cart Return"!

Join us as we tag candy canes with the meaning of the candy as well as a listing of our Christmas Eve services.

We will take to the parking lots of local grocery stores, etc. to hand out holiday cheer.

We will meet on December 4th and begin with a potluck lunch at noon.

Families in the Field will NOT meet in January due to the holiday but will resume in February with a mission for the Linus Project.



ANNUAL REDCAP FUEL DRIVE

January 8—January 22

The winter is in full swing with its gusty winds and frigid temperatures, making our homes much more costly to heat and maintain a comfortable temperature. Unfortunately there are folks in our community that are not able to pay their fuel bills and must resort to sometimes unsafe methods of keeping warm. The alternative is to just be cold.

We here at Salem can help by giving to the Red Land Community Action Program. They will see that the monies raised will go to those most in need.

Checks can be made payable to FCSUMC with "Fuel Drive" in the memo.

2017 CHURCH COUNCIL

The following persons were elected at our Annual Church Conference to serve on the Church Council of Salem Church in 2017. The names in **bold** are new members on the Council.

Class of 2017

Harry Derrick
Erica Duda
Christopher Wolf
Judy Novinger

Class of 2018

Brian Davis
Stacey Wilkinson
Eric Musselman
Stephanie Sechrist

Class of 2019

Terry Duncan
Jo-Ann Howard
Mic Sadler
Joan Dean



Item of the Month: Mission Central sends birthing kits to women who need baby supplies. An item needed for these kits is receiving blankets.

Please place the blankets in the bin marked "Mission Central Item of the Month" located at the end of the hall outside Nursery School rooms (rooms 112-114).



Blue Christmas Service of Hope

If you have experienced the loss of a loved one and are in need of comfort and strength this holiday season, please join us to commemorate your loved ones.

Guest Speakers

Michael Gingerich, M. Div

Thomas Kaden, M. Div

Co-founder & President of Someone to Tell It To

Special Music

Elizabeth Beshore, Harpist

John Fay, Organist

Event Details

Sunday, December 4, 2016 at 3:00 pm

at

Community United Methodist Church

1601 Bridge Street, New Cumberland

Sponsored by:

*Community UM Church. Fishing Creek Salem UM Church
and Parthemore Funeral Home & Cremation Services*



Stephen Ministry

We encourage you to use the resources provided in the “CareNotes” displays located in the lobby, 2nd floor, and side entrance. “CareNotes” is a series of “people-helping booklets” world-wide. Abbey Press Publications produce CareNotes with two fundamental beliefs in mind:

The right words at the right time make all the difference in the world to people who are hurting.



Less can be more-when people are dealing with intensely emotional issues.

Take One – and take heart.

Give One – and give hope.

www.carenotes.com



Imagine fleeing your home for fear of persecution and then living in poverty in a refugee camp. Imagine being one of the lucky families selected to leave the refugee camp and relocate in the United States ... Far, far from home where you don't know the language or culture. Imagine being a member of Salem Church with the opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ.

Salem will be partnering with Catholic Charities to sponsor a refugee family. Planning will start early in 2017. Prayerfully consider if you are being called to be part of this life changing ministry. Contact Dave Kline (774-4995) with questions.

Check It Out!

Summer 2017

Salem Mission & Work Camp Opportunities

Northeast, July 24-28

Team up with Servants (a York County ministry that provides home maintenance and repair services to homeowners) and other volunteers to serve neighbors in need in Northeastern School District. Work may include: drywall, painting, roofing, flooring, yard work and other minor construction/maintenance tasks. The day begins at 7:00 AM with fellowship, breakfast, and packing lunches. Groups work from 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM, then come together for debriefing, devotions, and dinner at 5:00 PM. Participants then return home to enjoy their own hot shower and sleep in their own bed! Ages 14 and older are permitted. Fee is \$75 which helps to cover food, drink, and material costs. Volunteers may serve all 5 days or 1 or 2 depending on availability. Contact Person: Laurie Murry, lmurry@fcsalem.org

Haiti, August 5-12

Step out in faith and take a trip to Haiti in August 2017! A group from Salem will travel with Global Partners in Peace and Development (check out gpartners.org) to Port au Prince, Haiti.. There is no age restriction, and many different ministry opportunities are available, to include children's ministries/VBS, construction, medical, special needs/orphan care, and street evangelism. Total cost for the trip is \$1700, which includes essentially everything you need while travelling (food, lodging, ministry costs, airfare, ground travel, etc.). You will also need a passport and possibly some additional immunizations/medications. We will stay at the House of Hope, a beautiful missionary house with American hosts, Jim & Debbie Hambrick (check it out at <http://www.utwwk.com/all-project-list/house/>). Contact Marcia Sadler for more info or with questions/interest. (msadler_pac@yahoo.com, 938-0890)





“HOLIDAY BREAKFAST”

December 10, 2016

9:00 a.m.

The Women of Light will meet for breakfast at John’s Dinner on Limekiln Road on Saturday, December 10 at 9:00 a.m. Please bring a wrapped Christmas ornament for a gift exchange. Please sign up on the Women of Light bulletin board or call Linda Wrightstone at 774-0901.

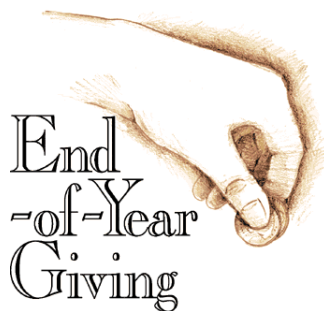


New members are always welcome! If you are a single lady and want to make some new friends, join us!

The United Methodist Women will meet on Thursday, December 8th 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. Also, please bring a \$5.00 wrapped gift for games, and an unwrapped gift marked with the value for the Children’s Home in Mechanicsburg. Come and enjoy an evening with good food and fun. As always all women of the Church and the Community are welcome.



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| Freddy Briggs | Evan Kline |
| Kyleigh Connor | Benjamin Lehr |
| Levi Culp | Levi Marakovits |
| Sophia Foland | Josef Novacek |
| Rowan Gaskill | Megan Sechrist |
| Jackson Hedden | Zakary Snyder |
| Anna Hetherington | Caleb Wert |
| Davis Holland | Reese Williams |
| Abigail Johns | |



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 12/31/2016 to count as a donation in 2016. Following these IRS regulations, donations received and/or post-marked after 12/31/16 must be counted as donations in 2017 (no matter what date may be associated with the gift).



LIBRARY NEWS

By Kathy Alford

Have you visited our Fishing Creek Salem Christian library recently? It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! Plan with your family to spend some time in our library to borrow some free items to help you prepare for this wonderful holiday! You will find CDs of Christmas music, DVDs of special Christmas movies, a nativity crèche to enjoy, Christmas books for all ages, and even Christmas puzzles, toys, and puppets! Please check it out!



The Back to the Bible Sunday School Class News

Continuing through Advent, the Back to the Bible Sunday School class will be studying *The Christmas Experience* by Kyle Idleman, along with the rest of our church. Kyle is the Teaching Minister at Southeast Christian Church in Louisville, KY with over 21,000 in attendance. He examines the Christmas story in detail, emphasizing how God chose each individual in the Christmas story for a specific purpose. We'll see as Joseph leads his family with selfless faithfulness, as Mary follows obediently God's plan for her life, and as shepherds struggle with doubt as they wonder... could this really be their Savior?

We would love for you to join us for this study. We meet Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:30 in room 210. Why don't you give us a try?

Lesson Schedule

Experiencing Christmas

December 4	"This Is God's Plan?"
December 11	"Immanuel"
December 18	"Gold, Frankincense, Myrrh"
December 25	Class will not meet



Save the Date!

The Easter Egg Project will begin on January 30th, and run on Mondays and Wednesdays thereafter through April 5th. Please consider joining this fun-loving group, whose profits benefit the church, and whose products benefit us all!!



P R A Y E R C H A I N

Please keep in your prayers these people who have had prayer concerns in the last month:

Alice (Linda Young's sister), Ann Marie (Anne & Mike Hayes friend), Jared Armes, Robert Armes, Rochelle Armes, Ashlynn & Brandon's marriage, Scott Binns, Jane Bittner, John & Charlotte Brame, Mike & Carol Brame & their parents, Brooks (Deb Oakley's friend's son), Jake & Fay Brown, Children, Chris & family, Velma Coffman, Greg Condon, Dale Cooke & family (death of wife Carol Cook), Ted Coomes, Melanie Cunningham, John Daly, Deb, Eugene & Gene Donnelly, Anna & baby boys, Ali & Matt Farmer, Kathy Ferree, Alice Gahring, Miranda Gallucci (Sue Taylor's friend), Sandra Gehr (Jo-Ann Howard's sister), Karen Groves Gopear & family (death of twin sister Sharon Groves Heister), Sue Gross (Danielle Gorss's mother-in-law, Lyle Gross' mother), Mary Gustin & husband, Haiti, Larry Hake (Jill Markley's uncle), Anne Hayes, Mel Hepburn, Gloria Hile, Hoffman Family, Hurricane Matthew & affected people, Carole Hutchison, Italy Earthquake, Barbara Jackson, Janey, Javon & Savannah, Joanne, June (Wendy Miller's aunt), Kathy (Jo McPartland's friend), Brian Keefer, Keith, Sandy Kline, Arlene Kowal, Larry, Sue Lucas' husband & their pregnant daughter, Marissa, Jill Markley's grandma, Mary Ann McAllister & family (death of husband, James), Paul McCreary, Jeff McKaughan (Sue Taylor's friend), Mike, Wendy Miller's son & her mother, Nancy Misottim Dottie Morrette, Sue Morrow, Mothers & fathers, Nan, Deb & Bob Oakley & family, Rick & Alice Orlandi, Martha Page, Peace in our Country, People having surgery, People with cancer, People with depression & mental illness, Karen Pepperman, Ryan Pepperman, President Elect, Chuck Pulis, Lillian Pusey, Margaret Rader & the Rader family, Rahcel & Eladio, Reeser family (death of Marilyn), Kyle Richetts, Jake Robbins, Jeni Rose, Shawn Rupp & children, Saltzer family, School students struggling, John Shank, Mark Shank, Paul & Shirley Sheaffer, Jo Small, JoAnn Hoover-Sneigart (Dennis & Karon Haring's siter), Kyle Snyder, Gina Stahlnecker & daughter Rose, Stephen (Heidi Stahl's son), Steve (Wendy Miller's husband), Elaine & Louis Steslow, Raymond Steward, Sandi Steward, Sue, Gil Trout, Krista Unger, Unity & Peace for United States, Veterans & Veterans Day, Jim & Lois Witters, WSSD Teachers & negotiations, Ward Yorks, Kyle Young, Ped Young, Sr. (Linda Young's husband), SalemCares Ministy, Stephen Ministers, and Salem's Military.

Do you have a prayer concern? Please call the Prayer Chain Coordinator, Fay Brown at 938-1190 or call Salem's Church Office at 938-1928 or email at www.office@fcsalem.org.



Dear Church Family,
Thank you all for the cards, prayers and kindness shown to me in the loss of Jim. I am blessed to have so many caring people to surround me and for God's great love for me.

Love to all, Mary Ann McAllister

Dear Salem Friends,
During my several health issues this past summer, I received many good wishes and "Get Well" cards and wishes. Please know how much I appreciated all of your concerns. Prayers are so uplifting and positive. Again, many thanks to all!

Sincerely, Lillian Pusey

Greetings from Willow!

Thank you for your ongoing support of Willow UMC. We are getting into the colder months and already getting calls for help with wood and heating oil. Thank you for helping us to believe and able to respond.

Blessings, Dan Wilcox

Dear Rev. Heisley-Cato, Rev. Overman & FCSUMC Members,
Thank you so much for your extremely generous monetary donation. We appreciate your kindness and support of our mission. In October we served 123 families that added up to 354 people. Thank you for helping us help our neighbors in need.

Nina Myers & Deb Trimmer
Co Directors of the RL Food Ministry



Friday, December 23rd: 8am-12pm
Monday, December 26th: CLOSED
Monday, January 2nd : CLOSED



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Sunday Worship at 8:15, 9:30 and 11:00 AM
Sunday School for all ages at 9:30AM; Adult Class at 11:00AM

