

This Week's Calendar of Events

TODAY:	7:30am	Informal Worship Set Up (FH), Informal Worship Rehearsal (FH)
	8:15am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	9:15am	The Gathering Rehearsal (110)
	9:15am	Middle School Youth, Christmas Gift Robbery (219)
	9:30am	Informal Worship (Fellowship Hall)
	9:30am	Cross Training (Sanctuary)
	9:30am	Adult SS Classes - Samaritan (115), Back to the Bible (210)
		Simply Scripture (Library)
	9:30am	Parents & Children Together (215)
	9:30am	New Member Class (214)
	10:45am	Informal Worship Rehearsal (FH)
	11:00am	"The Gathering" Worship (Sanctuary)
	11:00am	Cross Training "One Room School House" (112-114)
	11:00am	Seeker in Christ Adult Sunday School Class (115)
	11:00am	ALL Youth Worship Together (Sanctuary)
	6:00pm	High School Youth, Christmas Gift Robbery (219)
MON.	9:00am	Stand Up Meeting (Office)
	7:00pm	Chemically Dependent Anonymous (219)
	7:00pm	Monday Night Men's Basketball Ministry (FH)
TUES.	6:00pm	Vision Prayer Team (Office)
	6:30pm	Pack 198 Den Meetings (112-114,115,210,211,214)
	7:30pm	Troop 198 Committee Meeting (215)
WEDS.	5:45pm	Children's Choir (Chapel)
	6:00pm	Wednesday Night Kids Club (105,106,112-114)
	6:30pm	Table Talk (115)
	6:30pm	Sisters of Salem (115)
	6:30pm	4th & 5th Grade Girls Group (219)
	6:30pm	God & Family (215)
	6:30pm	God & Me (214)
	6:30pm	God & Me, Catholic (211)
	7:00pm	Chimechoir (110)
THUR.	6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal (110)
FRI.	7:00pm	Christmas Eve, Eve Service (Sanctuary)
SAT.		Christmas Eve
	5:00pm	Children's Choir Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	5:00pm	Blended Worship Service (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00pm	Celtic Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:00pm	Informal Worship Service (Fellowship Hall)
	9:00pm	Heritage Worship Service (Chapel)
	11:00pm	Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary)
SUN.		Merry Christmas!
	10:00am	Blended Christmas Day Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Fishing Creek Salem always appreciates the financial gifts that are given to support and grow the ministries of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ! God bless you for your faithfulness and generosity again this year. Please note that the IRS has rules on when taxable year donations can be counted. Charitable donations to the church must be **received and/or postmarked** by 12/31/16 to count as a donation in 2016. Donations received and/or postmarked after 12/31/16 must be counted as donations in 2017 (no matter what date may be associated with the gift).

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Altar Flowers The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Olive Gibney in honor of Andrew Smithmyer's 7th birthday. The flowers in Fellowship Hall are given to the glory of God in memory of Bruce & Mary Pirotte's birthdays by their daughter, Janis McCann.



2017 FLOWER CHARTS ARE UP!

Help beautify our worship spaces each Sunday! Sign up to sponsor flowers in honor of a special day or a special person. The charts are located across from the office windows.

SALEM'S REFUGEE FAMILY: Salem will be working with Catholic Charities to sponsor a refugee family in 2017. For more information, see the January Stimulus or contact Dave Kline (774-4995).

SAVE THE DATE! Family Movie Night

Disney's
Finding Dory

January 22nd @ 6pm
Stay tuned for details.

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.



CHRISTMAS OFFERING

A BIRTHDAY GIFT FOR JESUS

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.

OUR FAITHFULNESS December 18th

Attendance - 356
Tithes & Offerings - \$13,622.00

Connect

TODAY: 9:15am: Middle School Youth, Christmas Gift Robbery (Room 219)
11:00am: ALL Youth Worship Together (Sanctuary)
6:00pm: High School Youth, Christmas Gift Robbery (Room 219)

Dec. 20th 6:30am: High School breakfast at the Summit Restaurant.
 Bring money & a friend - first timers eat for FREE!

Dec. 25th: MERRY CHRISTMAS! No Youth Activities - enjoy worship and time with your families!

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!

Sign up on the Connection Card or call the Church Office to attend.

Christmas at Salem

Dec. 23rd - 7pm, Traditional (Sanctuary)

Dec. 24th - 5pm, Children's Choir (Sanctuary)
 5pm, Blended (Fellowship Hall)
 7pm, Celtic (Sanctuary)
 9pm, Informal (Fellowship Hall)
 9pm, Heritage (Chapel)
 11pm, Traditional (Sanctuary)

Childcare will be available at 5 & 7pm.
 Communion will be served at 11pm.

Dec. 25th, 10am, Blended (Sanctuary)



An idea of a WAY TO SHOW UP for a child this week:

Ask a child what is on their list this year and engage in a quick, heartfelt conversation.

Grow

JOIN SISTERS OF SALEM beginning Jan. 11th from 6:30-8pm in room 115 for a 6 week video series by Lysa TerKeurst as she helps women to explore the roots of rejection; the lies we believe as a result; and the truth about who God is, who we are, and what it looks like to live loved. Sign up on the Connection Card.

ALPHA AT VALLEY GREEN IN JANUARY: Salem would like to host Alpha at Valley Green Townhouses again this January. To do that, we need someone who lives in the complex to attend each evening and request the use of the club house. If you are willing to do this, or know someone who might, contact Marty Wagner (martyj78@ptd.net, 574-1682)

Serve

SALEM'S GENEROSITY IS AMAZING!

Thank you for supporting the various missions & ministries over the last month that have supported our local community!

- ◆ Red Land Food Bank - in addition to the very large amount of food that was donated, \$646 was provided.
- ◆ Family Promise - 3 families (14 people) had a safe and loving space in which to eat & sleep for a week.
- ◆ Local Fire & Police Stations - Families in the Field Ministry delivered cookie trays and "thank you for your service" cards.
- ◆ Thanksgiving Dinner - 80 people enjoyed a home cooked meal and fellowship.
- ◆ Community Christmas Closet - 275 families (approximately 500 people) were provided clothing, household items, stocking stuffers & Christmas gifts, a continental breakfast and Christian care.
- ◆ Giving Tree - 9 families (42 children, 15 adults) were provided gifts for Christmas.

STAINING PROJECT - Help is needed to stain portable pallet walls for our Cross Training Set. Times can be arranged as you are available. Sign up on the Connection Card & Tracey Michelsen will contact you to make arrangements.

HELP CLEAN UP VBS WORLD! Dec. 22 (6:30-8:30pm) and/or Dec. 29 (6:30-9pm).

Sign up on the Connection Card. Contact Tracey to help on other dates.

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 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.

THANK YOU! We would like to send out a HUGE thank you to Hal & Janie Baker for setting up refreshments & making coffee for the Informal Worship for the last 6 years! They have decided to hand the coffee pot over to some one else in January. If this is something you would enjoy doing please sign up on the Connection Card.

HELP WITH THE CHRISTMAS DINNER!

Sign up on the Connection Card to serve on Jesus' birthday!



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).