

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)
	9:30am	Informal Worship (Fellowship Hall)
	9:30am	Cross Training (Sanctuary)
	9:30am	Adult SS Classes - Samaritan (115), Back to the Bible (210)
		Simply Scripture (215)
	9:30am	Parents & Children Together (214)
	10:45am	Informal Worship Rehearsal (FH)
	11:00am	"The Gathering" Worship (Sanctuary)
MON.	11:00am	Cross Training "One Room School House" (112-114)
	11:00am	Seeker in Christ Adult Sunday School Class (115)
	9:00am	Stand Up Meeting (Office)
	7:00pm	Chemically Dependent Anonymous (219)
	7:00pm	Monday Night Men's Basketball Ministry (FH)
TUES.	7:00pm	Stephen Ministry (212,214,215)
WEDS.	5:45pm	Children's Choir (Chapel)
	6:00pm	Wednesday Night Kids Club (105,106,112-114)
	6:30pm	Table Talk (115)
	6:30pm	Men's Evening Cup of Jesus (210)
	6:30pm	Sisters of Salem (115)
	6:30pm	4th & 5th Grade Girls Group (219)
	7:00pm	Chimechoir (110)
		Christmas Closet Set-up
THUR.	6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal (110)
	7:30pm	Troop 198 Meeting (212)
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	9:00am	Community Christmas Closet
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	12:00pm	Families in the Field (115)



The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by the Orlandi's in honor of their grandsons, Kyle & Tyler's, 13th birthday and in honor of Cammie Richcreek's birthday by her family. The flowers in Fellowship Hall are given to the glory of God by Lisa Sgrignoli.



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 November 20th

Attendance - 356
Tithes & Offerings - \$10,517.00

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.

CHURCH WIDE ADVENT DINNER & CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT
Sunday, Dec. 11th at 5:30pm

Come enjoy a short show, dinner and fellowship with your church family! Fried chicken and drinks will be provided. *Last names beginning A-N should bring a side dish. Last names beginning O-Z should bring a dessert.* Sign up on the Connection Card to attend. Contact the Church office with questions.



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 Christmas Eve and may be taken home after the last service in each location or after services on Christmas Day. The cost is \$8 for each plant. Please make checks payable to FCSUMC with "Poinsettias" in the memo line. 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.

Connect



TODAY: NO Youth today, enjoy worship with your families!

Nov. 29th 6:30am: High School breakfast at the Summit Restaurant.
Bring money & a friend - first timers eat for FREE!

Dec. 2-4th: Youth Retreat



A New Member Class is being offered Sunday mornings at 9:30am beginning Dec. 4th. This is an 8 session class, skipping Christmas & New Year's Day. The emphasis is discipleship - following Jesus - and how we do that through the ministries of our church. If you'd like to be part of this class and join the membership of Salem sign up on the Connection Card. Contact the office with questions.



WOMEN OF LIGHT HOLIDAY BREAKFAST - The Women of Light will meet for breakfast at John's Diner on Limekiln Rd. on Sat., Dec. 10th at 10:00am. Please bring a wrapped Christmas ornament for a gift exchange. Please sign up on the WOL bulletin board or call Linda Wrightstone at 774-0901. All single women are invited!

Grow

SIMPLY SCRIPTURE ~ Join us Sunday mornings at 9:30 in Room 214 as we dig deep into God's word! Our upcoming studies, beginning 12/4, will be the Christmas story from Luke, followed by the gospel of Mark. Each week we focus on one chapter at a time to get a full understanding of the text. Come as often as you are able. Contact Marcia Sadler (msadler_pac@yahoo.com, 938-0889) with interest/questions, or sign up on the Connection Card.



GOING DEEPER: During this time of Advent and preparation for Christmas, we invite you to slowly, meditatively read **Philippians 2:1-11** each day. We are to ponder the incarnation - Jesus taking on human flesh - and how we treat one another because of his example.

Serve

REFRESHMENT DONATIONS & VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS CLOSET

Homemade or bought breakfast items can be dropped off anytime Friday, Dec. 2nd in the kitchen or brought to the church before 8:00am on the day of the event. Sign up to help on the Connection Card.



SALEM'S GIVING TREE IS HERE!!! Help local families with gift giving: Select a tag(s) from the tree, purchase & wrap the item, secure the tag on the OUTSIDE of the gift, place the gift under the tree by Sunday, Dec. 11th so they can be sorted & delivered several days before Christmas.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE ADVENT DINNER! Please see the Connection Card to sign up to help! Contact Bonnie Moody in the office with questions.

THANK YOU for your generous food donations to help the Red Land Food Bank! Local families will benefit from your generosity!

THANK YOU to all who served with Family Promise last week! We hosted 3 wonderful families who were very grateful for all of the ways that you served them!

FAMILIES IN THE FIELD is gearing up for the holidays with Candy Canes & Cart Returns for our December mission. Join us on Dec. 4th at noon for a potluck lunch followed by a mission to tag candy canes with the meaning of the candy as well as our Christmas Eve services. We will take them to parking lots of local grocery stores, etc. to hand out holiday cheer. Hope to see you there!



Item of the Month: Mission Central sends out various kits to all areas of the world after disasters and for humanitarian efforts. They are in need of 2 inch packaging tape for the boxes to be sent.

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