

## *This Week's Calendar of Events*

<b>TODAY:</b>	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)
	9:30am	Middle School Youth (219)
	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 (218,219)
<b>MON.</b>	9:00am	Stand Up Meeting (Office)
	9:00am	Core Staff Meeting (215)
	6:30pm	Council Meeting (215)
	7:00pm	Chemically Dependent Anonymous (219)
	7:00pm	Monday Night Men's Basketball Ministry (FH)
<b>TUES.</b>	6:30pm	Pack 198 Den Meetings (111,112-114,115,210,211,214)
<b>WEDS.</b>	6:15am	Men's Morning Cup of Jesus (115)
	6:00pm	Wednesday Night Kids Club (105,106,1120114,FH)
	6:00pm	Sisters of Salem (115)
	6:15pm	Children's Choir (Chapel)
	6:30pm	Men's Evening Cup of Jesus (210)
	6:45pm	4th & 5th Grade Girls Group (214)
<b>THUR.</b>	6:00pm	Christmas Closet Sorting (Ministry Workshop)
	6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal (110)
	7:00pm	Women's Book Group (212)
	7:30pm	Troop 198 Meeting (115)
<b>FRI.</b>		
<b>SAT.</b>	1:00am	ALL Youth Ropes Course (Ski Roundtop)
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## *Salem Parish News – October 16, 2016*



The flowers in Fellowship Hall are given to the glory of God by Rich & Yonnette Schneider in celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary.

**STACEY WERNER** has resigned as the Director of the Informal Worship effective November 30th. We are grateful for the service she given to this service.

**CHURCH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS** for 2017: It is time to nominate candidates to fill 4 positions on Council for a 3 year term. Each member of Council signs a covenant to exercise the following marks; Practice daily devotion & prayer, weekly worship, tithing or moving toward tithing, participation in a small group, and participating in at least one hands on mission opportunity each year. Please pray about persons you would like to nominate. Then list up to 3 nominees on the Connection Card.

*NOTE:* A list of past and current Council Members as well as Council responsibilities is available in the rack across from Pastor John's office.

*ADDITIONAL CHIMES* have been purchased as an anonymous gift to be used to make music to the glory of God.

**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 12th grade at 9:30 and for children 3yrs old through 3rd grade at 11:00am.

**A WOMEN'S RETREAT** "Finding My Voice" is being hosted at Salem on Friday, Nov. 4th. This spiritual retreat is being led by Rev. Dr. Susan Halverstadt, an elder in our Susquehanna Conference, now serving in the Williamsport District. You may find more details about the event in the rack across from Pastor John's office.

**The life of a child can be overwhelming. It can get messy from time to time. But, it's just a PHASE, don't miss it!** Each week, new ideas will be here to help you, YES all of you to connect with a child. You get to be someone in their church family who notices them and let's them know that they matter in this crazy world.

**THIS WEEK:** Pick 1 child or youth - \*Smile & say "hello" \*Tell them to have a great week \* Introduce yourself and find something you have in common.

### **OUR FAITHFULNESS LAST WEEK, October 9th**

Attendance - 307

Tithes & Offerings - \$11,042.50

# Connect YOUTH

**TODAY: 9:15-11am**, Middle School Youth, Room 219  
**11:00am:** Confirmation Class & All Youth Worship together at the Gathering  
**6-8pm:** High School Youth, Room 219

**Oct. 18th, 6:30am:** High School breakfast at the Summit Restaurant.  
 Bring money & a friend - first timers eat for FREE!

**Oct. 22nd, 1-5:30pm:** ALL Youth Ropes Course at Ski Roundtop

**Oct. 23rd, 9:15-11am:** Middle School Youth, Room 219  
**11:00am:** Confirmation Class & All Youth Worship together at the Gathering service  
**6pm:** High School Youth, Room 219

**SALEM CARES:** In order for us as God's people to respond to your needs and the needs of others in our church family, it is important that you share when you or someone you know at Salem are having surgery or are facing a loss or other difficult situation. Please share that information on the Connection Card or contact the church office. It is better for us to have the information in multiple messages than for us not to know at all. Thank you for your help.

**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT:** If you are in Kindergarten—7th grade and would like to sing with the Children's Choir at this year's Advent Dinner on Sunday, Dec. 11th you are welcome to join us for the Christmas season! Rehearsals will begin in late October and will be held on Wednesday evenings at 5:45 in the chapel. Sign up on the Connection Card or email or text Christina Higgins to participate. (chigginspsyd@frontier.com, 602-3457).

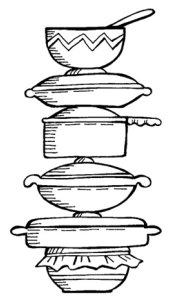
*LIVING MY FAITH - Keeping our faith at the CENTER of our life can be a challenge. Watch for "Living My Faith" videos to be shared during worship services once or twice a month and learn how people from Salem live their faith in practical and relevant ways every day. After all, faith was never meant to be something we entertain only on Sundays.*

## Grow

**SIMPLY SCRIPTURE** ~ Sunday mornings @ 9:30 starting 10/16, in Room 214. We will be studying the book of Micah, an Old Testament prophecy, as we prepare for the Advent season and the awaited Messiah. Sign up on the Connection Card or contact Marcia Sadler with questions (msadler\_pac@yahoo, 938-0890).

**GOING DEEPER:** We would like to challenge you to "Go Deeper" by reading the same passage of scripture for a few weeks. During the current sermon series on God's Grace the scripture passage is **Ephesians 2:1-10**. Read this daily through out the next few weeks. Absorb and meditate on God's Word for daily living.

## Serve



**MEALS MINISTRY** is in need of a few good cooks to fill their team. Do you like to cook and serve others in their time of need? The ministry is very flexible and you can serve as you are able. Please mark the Connection Card if you would like to join this ministry.

**MISSING YOUR FAVORITE DISH OR CASSEROLE FROM YOUR KITCHEN?** It may be in Salem's kitchen! Check the counter on the left as you enter the main kitchen to see if anything is yours. Items remaining by Thanksgiving will be donated to Christmas Closet.

**THANKSGIVING DINNER PLANNING MEETING** will be held Monday, Oct. 2th at 6:30pm in Room 211. All are welcome to be part of the planning even if you can't be there on Thanksgiving Day. Sign up on the Connection Card if you would like to be a part of the planning team.

**COMING UP ...** During the first 3 weeks of November we will hold our Annual Food Drive for the Red Land Food Bank. Pick up a couple of extra items when you grocery shop over the next few weeks.



**FAMILY PROMISE :** We are about a month away from our next Family Promise host week! Mark your calendars now and sign up to serve at: [www.volunteersignup.org/JAF4Y](http://www.volunteersignup.org/JAF4Y)

**4th Annual Christmas Closet is December 3rd!**  
**We are in need of your donations!**

Toys (older kids/preschool, bikes), Kids Clothes (infant—teen), Kids Coats, Personal Items (liquid hand and/or body soap, lotions, toothbrushes/toothpaste), Artificial Christmas Trees, Linens (Towels, blankets, comforters, bedsheets labeled w/size), Stocking Stuffers (coloring books, small new items for children).

**Help Sort Thursday, Oct. 20th, 6-7:30pm!** No experience necessary, no heavy lifting. Meet in the Ministry Workshop upstairs.



**Item of the Month:** Mission Central has been sending out cleaning buckets to people in the United States and all over the world when disaster hits. Most recently the kits have been sent to flood victims in the southern United States. The item needed for these kits are reusable (such as hand-wipes).

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