


*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 Samaritan Adult Sunday School Class (Room 214)
	9:30 AM Simply Scripture (Library)
	9:30 AM Youth Sunday School (Room 115)
	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)
	11:00 AM The Gathering (Sanctuary)
	3:00 PM Blue Christmas Service (Community UMC, New Cumberland)
	3:00 PM GS Jr Troop 20090 (Rooms 112-114)
	5:00 PM Advent Dinner (Fellowship Hall and Kitchen)
	6:00 PM Live Nativity (Pavilion & Outdoor Kitchen)
	7:00 PM Sunday Night Lamplighters (Kline Home)
Monday	10:00 AM "Stand Up" Staff Meeting (Office)
	10:15 AM Core Staff Meeting (Room 215)
	6:00 PM Girl Scouts Troop 20296 (Rooms 112-114)
	7:00 PM CDA (Chemically Dependent Anonymous) (Room 219)
	7:00 PM Monday Night Men's Basketball Ministry (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00 PM Stephen Ministry (Rooms 212, 214, 215)
Tuesday	6:30 PM Arrow of Light (Room 115)
	6:30 PM Bears (Room 210)
	6:30 PM Lions (Rooms 112-114)
	6:30 PM Tigers (Room 111)
	6:30 PM Webelos (Room 211)
	6:30 PM Wolves (Room 214)
	7:00 PM Pastor's Advent Class (Room 212)
	7:00 PM Troop 198 Committee Meeting (Room 215)
Wednesday	6:15 AM Men's Morning Cup of Jesus (Room 115)
	6:00 PM 4th & 5th Grade Girls Group (Room 214)
	6:30 PM Council Finance Meeting (Office)
	6:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 20857 Daisies (Room 212)
	6:30 PM Men's Evening Cup Bible Study (Room 210)
	6:30 PM Sisters of Salem (Room 115)
	6:30 PM Wednesday Night Kids (Rooms 112-114)
Thursday	5:00 PM Sons and Daughters Youth Choir (Choir Room)
	6:00 PM Brownie Troop 20861 (Room 111)
	6:00 PM Girl Scout Leader Meeting (Room 210)
	6:15 PM Girl Scout Troop 20109 (Room 214)
	7:00 PM United Methodist Women (Room 115)
	7:30 PM Troop 198 Meeting (Room 212)
	7:45 PM Gathering Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
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Friday	6:00 PM West Shore YWCA Volleyball (Fellowship Hall)
Saturday	No Activities Schedule
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*Salem Parish News – December 10, 2017*



The flowers in the Fellowship Hall are given by Phil and Sue Taylor in honor of Jackson Hedden's Birthday.

**2018 Flower Charts Are Ready!**  
 Help beautify our worship spaces each Sunday! Sign up to sponsor flowers in honor or in memory of a special day or a special person. The charts are located across from the office windows.

**Spread the Word!**



It's easy to invite friends and family to our Christmas Eve Services. Inside every bulletin there is an invitation for you to share (there are extras in the church office if needed). We also have posters in the back of each worship space. We invite you to post them throughout the community and in your work places!

**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! Please note that the IRS has rules for when taxable year donations may be counted: Donations to the church must be **received and/or postmarked by 12/31/2017**. Anything received after 12/31/2017 must be counted as a 2018 donation (regardless of the date associated with the gift).

**OUR FAITHFULNESS December 3**  
 Attendance - 350  
 Tithes & Offerings - \$14,127.00

**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.

**Blue Christmas Service of Hope** will be held at 3 p.m., today at Community UMC in New Cumberland. If you have lost a loved one and are in need of comfort and strength this holiday season join us for this worship service.



Tonight is the **Advent Dinner** and the **Live Nativity!** Join us for dinner at 5pm and be blessed by the Live Nativity at 6pm! There is a 2nd showing at 6:45pm.



# Connect

## Youth This Week—

**HS/MS Sunday School** 9:45 a.m.—Youth Wing  
**Youth Group** HS/MS—NO MEETING TONIGHT

## More for youth...

- Collecting Hats, gloves and scarves through today!
- Christmas Party 12/17/17 (6-8pm)
- Zeteo Retreat Feb 2-4, 2018



**Community Christmas Caroling** at Valley Green Townhouses on Sunday December 17th at 4:45pm. Cookies and drinks to follow. If you wish to join or to donate cookies please sign up on the connection card. Please bring your cookies (marked for caroling) to the kitchen by the morning of 12/17. Call/text Adrienne with any questions 717-329-2143.



**The United Methodist Women Christmas Party**—Thursday, December 14th, at 6:30pm in room 115. Please bring soup or a dessert and a sandwich that can be cut into 4 pieces. We are purchasing GIFT CARDS (list on UMW bulletin board) for the Mechanicsburg Children's Home this year. We will also be helping a family from the Neighborhood Center Angel Tree. All Ladies of the Church and Community are welcome.

### Gift Cards for Sale!

Grocery Gift Cards are Still Available. You can purchase a \$25, \$50 or \$100 card from the church for these stores: Karns, Giant, Darrennkamps & Weis! Cards can be purchased in the church office on Sundays from 9:15-9:30 am and 10:30-10:40 am. You may also stop in during any normal business hours.

## Grow

Ready for a significant spiritual step? A **New Members Class** helps us explore and establish our discipleship and full participation in the church. **Membership** Classes begin January 2 at 7pm and run seven weeks until February 13. Sign up on the Connection Card.

### Women in Prayer

A new Bible Study is forming. Women in Prayer will begin Wednesday, January 3rd from 6:30-8pm. The study will examine prayers in the Bible & literature on the discipline of prayer. Each session will end with personal & group prayer. Sign up on the connection card. Adrienne Wagner-Oliva & Nicole Wolf will co-lead the group.

## Serve

**Item of the Month:** Mission Central helps other organizations with their charity work as well as their own. They provide space for the Bethesda Mission to collect and package food for those in need. This month we are asking for metal nail files for the hygiene kits. Please put the nail files in the bin marked "Mission Central" in Mission Corner

Our **CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING** will be shared—half for our own ministries, the other half to REDCAP (Red Land Community Action Program). In November alone, REDCAP served 519 clients individually & 183 families with various services such as fuel & utility assistance, education & training, clothing & food. The Food Ministry served 166 families & 480 individuals while clothing vouchers helped 7 families & 19 individuals. You can help others this Christmas with your offering.



Next Sunday during the worship services, members of the **Refugee Resettlement Team** will be sharing about their involvement with the Neupane family. Be sure to join us and learn how the team is overcoming language and cultural differences to serve (and learn from!) a family who came to the area after living in a Nepali Refugee camp for 24 years.

With all of the holiday "busyness," is Family Promise on your radar? We are hosting December 24-31 and a lot of help is needed to make this ministry run smoothly. Contact Laurie Murry at [lmurry@fcsalem.org](mailto:lmurry@fcsalem.org), mark your Connection Card, or sign-up directly at: [www.volunteersignup.org/MB3DQ](http://www.volunteersignup.org/MB3DQ).

### SALEM'S 5th ANNUAL COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER



Christmas Day, 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 by December 19th. **Help is also needed** to serve the Dinner. Sign up on the connection card to serve on Jesus' Birthday!

**BIG NEWS!** Salem has been awarded by The Parish and Community Development Committee of the Susquehanna Conference, a one-year **Social Ministries grant** for 2018 for the Motel Ministry. This will allow Salem to expand ministry beyond what is currently being offered (Free Pizza Friday and Soul Food Ministry). We are going where the need is and plan to offer life skills, worship, Bible study, social activities and support to families who reside at the Budget Inn off of the Limekiln Exit of Route 83. Interested in being part of a planning and brainstorming group to help guide this ministry? Contact Laurie Murry at [lmurry@fcsalem.org](mailto:lmurry@fcsalem.org) or mark your Connection Card.

### 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 is 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. Contact Marty Wagner for more info 717-574-1682 or [martyj78@ptd.net](mailto:martyj78@ptd.net)

**COME SERVE WITH US**

Please be sure your **Giving Tree gifts** are under the Giving Tree, with the tags attached to the outside of the gift, by 9:00 PM this evening. Santa's Helpers will be sorting and delivering the gifts soon! Thank you to everyone who is assisting with this ministry and purchasing gifts! You are blessing 11 families this Christmas with your generosity!