

*This Week's Calendar of Events*

All Week

Family Promise (Rooms 211, 212, 214, 215)

This Sunday

- 8:15 AM Morning Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 AM Back to the Bible Adult Bible School Class (Room 210)
- 9:30 AM Samaritan Adult Sunday School Class (Room 214)
- 9:30 AM Simply Scripture (Library)
- 9:30 AM Youth Sunday School (Room 115)
- 10:00 AM Combined Morning Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:00 AM Cross Training "One Room School House" (Rooms 112-114)
- 11:00 AM Seekers in Christ Adult Sunday School Class (Rooms 115, 214)
- 5:00 PM Christmas Eve Service (Sanctuary)
- 5:00 PM Christmas Eve Service (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Service (Sanctuary)
- 9:00 PM Christmas Eve Service (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:00 PM Christmas Eve Service (Sanctuary)

Monday

1:00 PM Christmas Dinner  
Office Closed

Tuesday

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Wednesday

- 6:15 AM Men's Morning Cup of Jesus (Room 115)
- 6:00 PM 4th & 5th Grade Girls Group (Room 214)
- 6:00 PM Men's Basketball (Fellowship Hall)
- 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 and FH)

Thursday

6:00 PM Boy Scout Movie Night (Fellowship Hall)

Friday

No Activities Scheduled

Saturday

No Activities Scheduled

Next 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 GS Jr Troop 20090 (Rooms 112-114)
- 7:00 PM Sunday Night Lamplighters (Kline Home)

*Salem Parish News – December 24, 2017*



**Altar Flowers**

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God by the Oberdorf family and by James McCann. The flowers in the Fellowship Hall are given in memory of Lillian Conley by Don and Judy Conley.

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN**

Cross Training  
will Meet at  
10:00 am Today

**THE ROSEBUD** in the Sanctuary celebrates the arrival of Margaret Louise Miller. Margaret was born on 12/14/17 to Robert and Nicole Miller. The proud grandparents are Stephen and Wendy Miller and Sally Dalton. May God be with this child as she grows in wisdom and stature.



*Christmas Eve Services*



- 5pm**—Traditional Worship with our Youth and Children's Choirs (Sanctuary)
- 5pm**—Traditional & Contemporary Blended Service (Fellowship Hall)
- 7pm**—A Traditional Service with a Celtic Flair (Sanctuary)
- 9pm**—Informal Service, come as you are and share the joy (Fellowship Hall)
- 11pm**—Traditional Service with Choir, Organ & Brass Instruments and Holy Communion (Sanctuary)

*Childcare is available at 5:00 and 7:00pm  
Candle Lighting at all Services*

**\*\*Please Note—the chapel will NOT be open on Christmas Eve due to Family Promise**

*Christmas Eve Offering*

This year's Christmas Eve Offering will support Salem's ministry of service to our community and help fund REDCAP. Your gifts will assist nearby families with rent and utilities, helping them avoid homelessness. A single mother of three will better her situation with job training and budgeting classes. Every dollar donated will directly help people like these. Prayerfully consider what special gift you will make this season that will honor Christ and bless our neighbors.

**OUR FAITHFULNESS December 17**

Attendance - 393

Tithes & Offerings - \$12,840.50

## Connect

### Youth This Week—

HS/MS Sunday School 9:45 a.m.—Youth Wing

### More for youth...

- Zeteo Retreat Feb 2-4, 2018

### 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).

### 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.

## Grow

### New Members Class

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

Sign up on the Connection Card.

Join us!

### 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.

Please Note: The church office will be closed on December 25th and 26th in observance of Christmas and on January 1st for New Year's Day. Normal office hours will resume on January 2nd!

*Thank you* to everyone who served with the giving Tree Ministry and to all who purchased gift! Ten families (43 people) were served through your generosity!

## Serve

### FAMILY PROMISE

Homelessness doesn't stop over the holidays.

Help is still needed for this week—van drivers, dinner and evening hosts, clean-up, and laundry. Please sign up directly at [www.volunteersignup.org/MB3DQ](http://www.volunteersignup.org/MB3DQ) to share Christ's love and a few hours of your time!



**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.

### 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!

### Safe Sanctuaries

We are currently seeking a person to chair our Safe Sanctuaries Committee. Please contact Tracey Michelsen ([tmichelsen@fcsalem.org](mailto:tmichelsen@fcsalem.org)) or sign up on the Connection Card if you are interested.

**SAFE SANCTUARIES**

Reducing the Risk of Abuse in the Church for Children and Youth



**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

**COME SERVE WITH US**