



We would like to thank our Salem family for all your thoughts, prayers, cards, and for providing the food and helping with the luncheon following the celebration service. Also a special thank you to Pastor Nancy for all your trips to Asbury to visit and pray with our mother and grandmother! God bless you all! Mark and Brenda Buller; Mark and Holly Lawrence, Maguire and Hudson

# Salem News

Monthly newsletter of the Salem United Methodist Church

## November 2011

### Sunday Worship Schedule

9:00 am Sunday School

10:00 am Traditional Worship

### Church Office Hours

Monday through Friday

8:30 am - 12:00 pm

1:00 pm - 4:30 pm

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## Open Door Klothes Kloset

All volunteers interested are WELCOME at Klothes Kloset in Wichita on Ellis on either Tuesdays or Thursdays. It is helpful for the volunteer coordinator to know in advance how many are planning to be there. Those currently going monthly plan to leave Salem at 8 am on a Thursday every month, taking clothing and volunteering until 11:30. Following lunch in Wichita, we usually return to Newton by 1:30 p.m. Contact Ladonna Unruh or Charlotte Jost if you want more information. This month the clothes will be picked up Thursday, December 1, 2011.

## Church Conference

The Annual Church Conference will be held at Salem United Methodist Church at 6:30 pm on Sunday, December 4, 2011. This is a meeting to discuss church business of the 2011 year as well as upcoming business for the 2012 year. All are invited to attend.



A NOTE OF



## Thank You

Thank you for all of the cards, prayers, and kindness shown during my recent surgery and recovery. A special thanks to Charlotte and Diona for bringing us communion and to Pastor Nancy for her visits and support. Lorinda Schreiber



Thanks



for your  
Faithfulness

Received for Expenses

as of 10-30-2011

**\$187,530.00**

**Salem UMC Mission:**  
Disciples making disciples  
for Jesus Christ

**Salem United Methodist Church Vision:** Salem United Methodist Church is a joy filled body of Christ which invites God's people into a connected relationship where they might find acceptance, belonging, trust and unconditional love as they seek to live their discipleship.

# Salem United Methodist Church

## Here's what's happening!



## November 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>Worship Opportunities</b></p>		<b>1</b> Bazaar Prep 9:30am - C in C 6:30pm - Book Study	<b>2</b> Bazaar Prep 6:15pm - FLC Youth Mtg. 6:20pm - Children's Choir 7:00pm - Adult Choir	<b>3</b> Bazaar Prep 9:30am - Prayer Time	<b>4</b> Bazaar Prep 10:00am - Shalom Class Room Reserved	<b>5</b> SUMC Bazaar 9:00am - 3:00pm
<b>6</b> COMMUNION <b>All Saints Sunday</b> <b>Keynote Singers from KW</b> 2:00pm - Nominating Committee Mtg.	<b>7</b> 7:00pm - Trustee Mtg. 7:30pm - Girl Scouts 8:00pm - Worship Comm. Meeting	<b>8</b> 9:00am - Comm. Dist. 9:30am - C in C 9:30am - SUMC Staff Mtg. 11:00am - FLC Red Hat 6:30pm - Book Study 7:00pm - Red Bird	<b>9</b> 6:15pm - FLC Youth Mtg. 6:20pm - Children's Choir 7:00pm - Adult Choir	<b>10</b> 9:30am - Prayer Time 6:00pm - FH Reserved 7:00pm - Vital Congregation Committee	<b>11</b> Church Office Closed 10:00am - Shalom Class Room Reserved	<b>12</b> 8:00am - FLC and FH Reserved 
<b>13</b> 8:30am - Healing Service 10:00am - Honor Veterans and Fund Drive 11:30am - SUMC Thanksgiving Dinner in FLC	<b>14</b> Church Office Closed 6:30pm - Leadership Team Meeting 7:30pm - Girl Scouts	<b>15</b> Church Office Closed 9:30am - C in C 6:30pm - Book Study	<b>16</b> Church Office Closed 1:30pm - Fogleman Circle @ Parsonage 5:00pm - FLC Reserved 6:15pm - FH Youth Mtg. 6:20pm - Children's Choir 7:00pm - Adult Choir	<b>17</b> Church Office Closed 7:00am - FLC Big Brothers Big Sisters Breakfast 9:30am - Prayer Time 6:00pm - FLC Reserved 7:00pm - Dashboard Mtg. at Faith UMC in Hutch.	<b>18</b> 10:00am - Shalom Class Room Reserved 	<b>19</b> 
<b>20</b> 11:30am - Soup & Salad Pot Luck followed by decorating the church for Christmas	<b>21</b> 8:00am - FLC and FH Reserved 7:00pm - Nominating Committee Mtg. 7:30pm - Girl Scouts	<b>22</b> 8:00am - FLC and FH Reserved 9:30am - C in C 9:30am - SUMC Staff Mtg. 6:30pm - Book Study	<b>23</b> 8:00am - FLC and FH Reserved 10:00am - Prayer Wrap 6:15pm - FLC Youth Mtg. 7:00pm - Pastor/Choir at Asbury Park	<b>24</b> Church Office Closed 11:30am - Community Thanksgiving Dinner at SUMC 4:00pm - FLC Reserved	<b>25</b> Church Office Closed 10:00am - Shalom Class Room Reserved 8:00am - FLC Reserved	<b>26</b> 8:00am - UMM Breakfast at Breadbasket 8:00am - FLC Reserved 10:00am - FH Reserved 4:00pm - Practice Hanging of Greens
<b>27</b> First Sunday of Advent 10:00am - Hanging of the Green Service	<b>28</b> 7:00pm - Nominating Committee Mtg. 7:30pm - Girl Scouts	<b>29</b> 9:30am - C in C 7:00pm - PPR Meeting	<b>30</b> 6:15pm - FLC Youth Mtg. 6:20pm - Children's Choir 7:00pm - Adult Choir	<b>Sunday Worship Schedule</b> 9:00 AM - Sunday School 10:00 AM - Sunday Worship		



## Fall Fund Drive

Sunday, November 13 - \$12,000 goal - The amount received during the Fall Fund Drive will go to the Board of Trustees who will use the funds to seal up the brick wall of the sanctuary and start the repairs on the windows and interior of our

sanctuary. The adult Sunday school classes will gather in the sanctuary at approximately 9:45 a.m. for the presentation and announcement of their giving. The Sunday school bells will ring early for this reason. Let's meet the goal!



## Harvest of Love Nov. 1 - Jan. 1

Nov. 6	Breakfast foods
Nov. 13	Vegetables
Nov. 20	Fruit
Nov. 27	Soup
Dec. 4	Meals in a box, can, or jar
Dec. 11	Dry stuff-pasta, beans, rice
Dec. 18	Baking stuff-flour, sugar, etc.
Dec. 25	Everything you forgot the past 8 weeks



## Safe House

The Angel Tree project at the Safe House will provide gifts and clothes for over 125 children this year~ we are asking for your help!

Christmas is fast approaching and for some families in Harvey County it is a difficult time. The Harvey Co. Safe House is seeking community members that are interested in adopting children over the holiday season. The Safe House will provide a list with age, gender, size, and wishes of the child. If you would like to adopt a child or family, please contact Heather Boswell at 283-0350.



## Prayers for Our Military

As we progress through the next week please pray for the following military persons:

- **Captain Anthony Dey** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion Rangers back from Afghanistan, stationed at Ft. Benning, GA. (grandson of John R. Samuelson)
- **Captain Marissa (Dey) Touw** – 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division Air Assault, back from Afghanistan (granddaughter of John R. Samuelson)
- **SSG John R. Wilson** – Army Reserve stationed in Qatar until end of October 2012 (son of Bill and Donna Wilson)
- **Sergeant Michael R. Wilson** – Army Reserve was in Somalia now in Hutchinson, KS (son of Bill and Donna Wilson)
- **Derek Swoyer** (Air Force) in Alaska (grandson of Lester and LaDonna Unruh)
- **SSgt Matthew Rosine** (Air Force) has been in Afghanistan and Iraq (grandson of Bev Rosine)
- **Capt. Clint Carman** (National Guard) in Afghanistan (grandson in law of Bev Rosine)
- **SSgt Patrick Hilberling** (USAF) (nephew of Lorna and Dennis Preston)
- **SRA Zachariah Hilberling** back from Afghanistan - Air National Guard (great nephew of Lorna and Dennis Preston)
- **Sergeant First Class Andrew Bretches** – has served 3 tours in Iraq and is in Afghanistan (son of the late Ralph Bretches and Sue Bretches)
- **Captain Janet Payne** – US Army social services stationed in Germany (granddaughter of Orville and Betty Schmidt)
- **Daniel Dennett** (Army National Guard) – in Africa (grandson of Bob and Becky Jackson)
- **Lt. Mark Reed** - Doctor in US Navy deployed to Kuwait (grandson of Milford and the late Donna Ediger)
- **Second Lt. Trenton Conyers** – US Army at Fort Rucker, AL (son of Jerry Conyers)
- **Tyler Conyers** – Army National Guard (son of Jerry Conyers)

If you have relatives in the military that you would like SUMC folks to pray for, please let the church office or the pastor know.



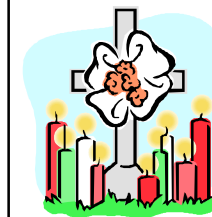
## Thanksgiving Month

November is Thanksgiving month. Each Sunday during worship we will express our thanks for things/circumstances/people in our lives for which we are thankful.



## Big Brothers Big Sisters Breakfast

SUMC is hosting the Big Brothers Big Sisters Breakfast again this year on Thursday, November 17, 2011, at 7:00 am in the FLC. SUMC does this as a community service project. We are asking for donations of muffins, coffee cake, sweet rolls, fruit, and juice for this breakfast. Please bring these items to the FLC kitchen on Wednesday, November 16, 2011. Thank you so much for helping Salem to help this organization.



## All Saints Sunday

If you have a loved one that has died since All Saints Day in 2010 and would like to have them honored when All

Saints Day is celebrated in church on Sunday, November 6, 2011, please turn their name into the church office by Tuesday, November 1, 2011.



## GREETERS SCHEDULE

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November

## THIS MONTH USHERS

Congregation persons are  
ushers for November



## Acolytes for November

November 6: Kylie Moore and Karly Moore  
November 13: Trev Golubski and Joel Golubski  
November 20: Kayla Anderson and Lindsey Voth  
November 27: Cattie Arrowsmith and Emily Peaney



## Community Thanksgiving Dinner

The Community Thanksgiving dinner will be on Thanksgiving Day at Salem UMC from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Salem will be the host church for the meal this year. Check your calendar and see if you can help. We will need help to prepare food in advance and decorate and we will need help on Thanksgiving Day. Sign up sheets will be available starting Nov. 6th at the church. If you have any questions call Bob or Jan Swickard at 283-0343 or Glenda or Trip Triplitt at 283-6067. This meal is for everyone so come and join us that day and enjoy a great meal and fellowship time.



## Jewelry for the Bazaar

Time to be thinking about the Salem Church Craft Fair and Bazaar on Nov. 5. The church will be having a jewelry booth again this year. Clean out your jewelry boxes and bring to the church items that you no longer wear. Jewelry boxes are also welcomed. Call Jan Swickard @ 283-0343 if you have any questions or would like items to be picked up.



HEALING  
SERVICE

## Healing Service

A Healing Service will be held on Sunday, November 13, 2011. The service will be held at 8:30 am in the SUMC chapel. All are invited to this service that will consist of music, scripture, and prayer directed to provide comfort and consolation to those who are suffering with pain and/or grief as a result of difficult situations in their lives. This service will be held the second Sunday of every month.



BOARD of TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees will meet Monday, November 7, 2011, at 7:00 pm.



## Honor Veterans Sunday

As Veterans Day approaches, SUMC would like to honor veterans in the SUMC congregation. In order for us to implement our plans we need the names of the vets and the branch in which they served. Please send this information to the church office. Also, we would like pictures of the vets to use during the worship service on Nov. 13. We have a few but would like pictures of all the vets so all can be included in our celebration. Please send or get your picture to Bob Swickard at [rswickard@cox.net](mailto:rswickard@cox.net). Also, please include name and branch of service with your picture. Thank you.



## Liturgists for November

November 6: Rose Roberts  
November 13: Cathy Willis  
November 20: Dana Shifflett  
November 27: Carly Willis

## Hanging of the Greens

Hanging of the Greens will be Sunday, November 27, 2011. the first Sunday of Advent. Please join us in a wonderfully unique hanging of the greens worship service at 10:00 am to celebrate the beginning of the Christmas season.



## Children's Christmas Program

The Children's Christmas Program will be December 18, 2011, at 4:00 pm. Practice takes place during the Children's Choir time each Wednesday from 6:20 pm to 6:50 pm. We would like all children to attend as many practices as possible. If you have questions please contact Ruth Williams at [will-ruth@pixius.net](mailto:will-ruth@pixius.net) or 620.983.9071.



## Turkey and all the trimmings!!!

Everyone is invited to the Church Thanksgiving Dinner in the Family Life Center following the worship service on November 13. The ladies of the church will provide everything for the traditional home cooked meal. Donations will be accepted with proceeds divided between the Asbury Park Good Samaritan Fund and Youthville. We are blessed to be a church family who cares for one another. Let us share this meal in the name of Christ as we celebrate the bounty of the season and "pay it forward" to these vital local missions. United Methodist Women will host the event. See you there.



### A Word From Our Pastor

As you are most likely aware, we are now entering into the "holiday zone". These next two months will be filled with activities in our homes, our communities and our churches. I want to remind us that Thanksgiving is the often forgotten holiday. Not much decorating happens. Not many songs are sung. We do come together to eat-and sometimes over-eat but not much is mentioned on CNN or Fox News (we report, you decide) or MSNBC about Thanksgiving other than the President pardoning the turkey. Should Christians be different? God's Word challenges us to "give thanks in everything", 1 Thessalonians 5:18. Joan Bel Geddes wrote this,

For all the good things I do have,  
and for all the good things I have had,  
and for all the good things I will have,  
for what I am,  
for what I have been,  
for what I can be,  
for what I shall be,  
thank you, God."

How can we, as Christians, begin to live our lives with thanksgiving in our hearts? I believe it comes with regular, steady, practice and intention. Here are some suggestions centered around Thanksgiving day that may help:



1. The pilgrims had a custom of putting five kernels of corn on each empty plate before a dinner of Thanksgiving was served. The five kernels were chosen because prior to the first harvest life was so hard that the daily ration was five kernels of corn per person. This year give each person at your table five kernels of corn (candy corn may be used) and ask them to drop the kernels in a basket and tell what they are thankful for-one thanksgiving for each kernel.
2. Give an unlit votive candle to each person at your home. As each candle is lit, give thanks to God for the blessings you have had this year.
3. Start a thanksgiving journal. Write in it daily what you are thankful for. Studies have shown that people who do this regularly are healthier, report fewer physical symptoms and feel better in general than people who journal about negative life events.
4. If all this is too much, try recording at least one thing each day for which you can thank God. Remembering corrects our own egos. We often pat ourselves on the back when things go well and blame God when they don't.

Research shows that people who daily count their blessings report higher levels of alertness, enthusiasm, determination and energy. The benefits of being grateful are remarkable! John Milton, a Christian poet, once wrote about every gray cloud having a silver lining. Making a determination to give thanks no matter the circumstance will train us to look for it. Continuing to do it day after day ensures that gratefulness will become a normal way of living. The Psalms tell us, "It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to God's name." May we be a people who never forget to say thanks.

*Pastor Nancy*



Thank you for the cards you sent for pastor appreciation month. I have enjoyed reading them and will save them to read again another day. A pastor can't be a pastor without a congregation, so I want you to know how much I appreciate all of you. You are a blessing to me. Love, Pastor Nancy





## Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee will meet on the following dates:

- Sunday, November 6 at 2:00 pm
- Monday, November 21 at 7:00 pm
- Monday, November 28 at 7:00 pm.

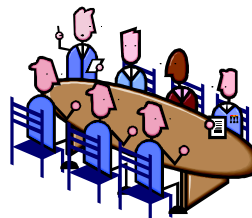


## Soup & Salad Potluck Decorate Church for Christmas

Sunday, November 20, 2011, there will be a Soup & Salad Potluck Dinner immediately following worship in the FLC. After the dinner, we will decorate the church for Christmas. All are invited to enjoy a good meal and help make our church look beautiful for the Christmas Season.

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## Worship Committee



The Worship Committee will meet on Monday, November 7, 2011, at 8:00 pm.

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## Vital Congregation Committee

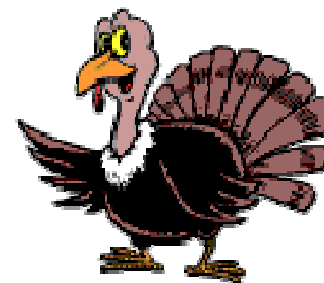


The Vital Congregation Committee will meet on Thursday, November 10, 2011, at 7:00 pm.

## Christmas Parade



The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Newton Lion's Club Christmas Parade of Lights will be December 1, 2011, at 6:30 pm. The Lion's Club has invited area churches to help keep Christ in the Christmas parade. We would like Salem to participate in the Christmas parade in two ways. We would like for Salem to have a float in the parade as well as to participate in the closing Candlelight Walk (a mass walking group representative of all area congregations, wearing red, white or green, walking and singing **Silent Night** with candles). For the float SUMC would need a hay rack or trailer, generator for lights, theme, and people to prepare the float as well as those to ride on the float during the parade. If a SS class, UMW, UMM, youth, or some other church group would be interested in taking care of the float, please contact Pastor Nancy or the church office. If you would please consider walking in the closing Candlelight Walk as an individual or family, please let Pastor Nancy or the church office know. Help SUMC remind folks of the true meaning of Christmas by participating in the Lion's Club Christmas Parade on December 1.



# Celebrating Birthdays & Anniversaries

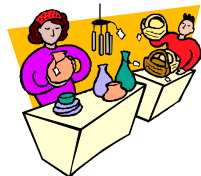
## November Birthdays

- 1 Lynn Clark
- 2 Cory Lehman
- 2 Caitlen Wedel
- 3 Nancy Crowl
- 3 Loren Mitchell
- 5 Charlotte Jost
- 5 Janae Voelker
- 6 Lindsey Jones
- 6 Ashley Runnells
- 7 Aaron Wald
- 8 Trent Conyers
- 8 Bill Wilson
- 9 Logan Fike
- 9 Kylie Miller
- 10 Jocelyn Dick
- 10 Gwen Phillips
- 11 Bryson Fair
- 11 Betty Smith
- 12 Corey Helsper
- 12 Erwin Olson
- 12 Glenda Triplitt
- 13 Sheila Williams
- 14 Wayne Kimball
- 18 Gary Loyd
- 18 Dennis Preston
- 18 Bill Will
- 19 Ken Bott
- 19 Louis Crowl
- 19 Lindsey Shry
- 19 Cathy Willis
- 21 Sarah Branson
- 21 Jon Ross
- 21 LaDonna Unruh
- 22 Lawrence Kurth

- 23 Marti Siemens
- 25 Tyler Conyers
- 26 Steve Crider
- 26 Cindy Harms
- 26 Caleb Waltner
- 27 Mike Lewallen
- 27 Les Unruh
- 27 Esther Watts
- 27 Kelly Wharton
- 28 Eric Fair
- 28 Evelyn Scheffler
- 29 Joe Faris
- 29 Ken Helsper
- 29 Jason Marsh
- 30 Lorene Grapengater

*If there are any Birthdays or Anniversaries missing or incorrect, please let us know in the church office.*

## Happy Birthday



### SUMC Bazaar, Nov. 5

**VOLUNTEERS** are needed to assist with various areas of Salem's annual bazaar on November 5. If you are interested and willing to help with the bazaar, please select an area in which you would like to serve and contact the person listed below in your area of choice.

Salem Crafts - Pastor Nancy  
 Salem Bake Sale - Shirley Hinde  
 Salem breakfast, lunch, and silent auction - Ruth Preston, Lorna Preston  
 Jewelry - Jan Swickard  
 Clean up after 3:00 pm - Dick and Margie McGlachlin



## November Anniversaries

- 2 JB & Lou Ensz
- 12 Marvin & Shirley Hinde
- 18 Lawrence & Mary Wells
- 22 Tom & Tonya Cowan
- 23 Don & Teresa Stucky
- 26 Gail & Jo Ann Arrowsmith
- 27 John R. & Cindy Phillips

**Celebrating**   
*An Anniversary This Month*



### Good Samaritan Fund

On the first Sunday of the month (Communion Sunday) baskets will be placed at the front of the Sanctuary if you would like to donate to the Good Samaritan Fund during Holy Communion. These funds will be used for people in desperate need of immediate help.