



At Salem our mission is to **GROW** Disciples of Jesus Christ

God
Relationships
Outreach
Worship

"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, both now and the day of eternity. Amen."
2 Peter 3:18

We hope you've all been in our narthex lately and have seen our new sign and updated logo that refreshes our church mission statement! Coming soon...4 new colorful banners for the sanctuary that each highlights the four vital components of Salem: God, Relationships, Outreach, and Worship!



We invite you to embrace Salem's mission, so that we can be the church that is envisioned in our ministry plan. This can only happen if we offer our gifts and graces that God has already given to us, through his Holy Spirit.

On January 8, 15, 22, and 29, there will be a sermon series on Salem's mission. Preachers include Pastor Jorge, Pastor Michelle Lacock, and Pastor Rosy. Here is the schedule:

January 8: **G**od rooted living

January 15: **R**elationships nurtured within and beyond the congregation

January 22: **O**utreach which empowers people in need

January 29: **W**orship that is welcoming and Spirit-filled (Contemporary Worship Service)

Come and grow as disciples of Christ with us. May the Lord bless us and keep us in the year ahead!

Food Pantry Sunday is January 8th

Donating to the Food Pantry's is a wonderful way to "give back" to the community. Please consider providing ongoing monthly support by: 1) Place your monetary donation in an envelope, label it "Food Pantry" and drop it in the collection plate. It will be sent to the Pantry and will allow them to purchase items like milk and eggs. 2) Bring in non-perishable food items or personal care products (shampoos, soaps, toothpaste, etc.). Both of these options will help keep the Pantry's shelves full. Thank you for your generosity!



Altar Flowers

2017 Flower Chart

The flower chart for 2017 is on the kiosk, and there are many open dates to provide flowers for worship on Sunday mornings. Please consider flowers or a plant in memory of a loved one, to celebrate a special day (anniversary, birthday, etc.) or just to add beauty to our sanctuary. Thank you!



Sarah Circle Christmas Luncheon

Winter Sunday Morning Bible Study:

"Creation: A Divine Cycle"

10:10 am Sunday mornings

The apostle Paul used the phrase, "the fullness of time" to convey his understanding of salvation. This phrase is also applicable to all the ways in which our ever-faithful God works in nature, throughout history, and in our lives today. God acts in the fullness of time, and when the time is right.

Join Pastor Jorge for this Bible-based and Christ-focused series that is an approved resource by the General Board of Discipleship of the United Methodist Church. Grab a cup of coffee, some refreshments, and meet us in the Adult Classroom.



Thank You Note from Harriet Young

"Thank you to my Salem family for all your prayers, cards, and well wishes. It really does help to know so many people are supporting me."



Santa BREAKFast 2016

What a wonderful December we had at Salem! It began with the *Breakfast with Santa* on Saturday, December 3rd. What a delightful morning! We enjoyed singing songs, making a craft, and a visit and photo with our very special guests, Santa and Mrs. Claus. Thank you to all who were involved in planning and preparing for this special morning. We also thank our youth for helping serve our children and guests.

The next morning, we enjoyed the Christmas presentation of "A Charlie Brown Christmas" during our morning worship. What a wonderful job the children did on this play! We applauded them all, and also want to thank the adults who played a part in bringing this joyful event to our Salem congregation.



A CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS



Undie Sunday

Coming soon! Undie Sundays
January 22-February 19

Salem will be participating in the Undie Sunday Giving Campaign to help fill Hope Center's Clothing Closet again this winter. More details will follow, but it's not too early to start watching for sales on socks and underwear! These are two items that Hope Center has trouble keeping in stock for their clients. All sizes are welcome! Our collection starts on January 22nd. The Outreach Team thanks you!



January Birthdays

Jan. 2	Dan Kelley
2	Bill Young
5	Roy Tomaszczak
5	Connor Fischer
7	Greg Lutzen
8	Richard Dick
8	Josh Lindsay
8	Zachary Buxengard
11	Ken Schimpf
12	Carol Becher
13	JonaLee Feller
15	George Agpoon
15	Brian Campbell
16	Brennen Fischer
19	Gladys Roszkowski
30	Eileen Fischer
30	JoAnn Hauenstine
31	Judy Roberts

LECTIONARY



<u>January 1</u>	Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 Ephesians 3:1-12 Matthew 2:1-12
<u>January 8</u>	Isaiah 42:109 Psalm 29 Acts 10:34-43 Matthew 3:13-17
<u>January 15</u>	Isaiah 49:1-7 Psalm 40:1-11 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 John 1:29-42
<u>January 22</u>	Isaiah 9:1-4 Psalm 27:1,4-9 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 Matthew 4:12-23
<u>January 29</u>	Micah 6:1-8 Psalm 15 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 Matthew 5:1-12

Serving Salem in January

Sunday, January 1

Greeters: Bob & Bonnie Stuempfig
Acolyte: Isaac Chapin
PowerPoint: Harriet Young
Worship Leader: Kim Newton
Liturgist: John Klopp
Children's Time: Pastor Jorge
Flowers:
Refreshments:

Sunday, January 8

Greeters: Terry & Sue Risic
Acolyte: Seth Hernandez
PowerPoint: John Klopp
Worship Leader: Maggie Bringa
Liturgist: Sheryl Crusan
Children's Time: Bill Pardoe
Flowers:
Refreshments:

Sunday, January 15

Greeters: Greg & Kim Newton
Acolyte: Zachary Buxengard
PowerPoint: Paul Becher
Worship Leader: Kermit Bohning
Liturgist: Bonnie Stuempfig
Children's Time: Maggie Bringa
Flowers:
Refreshments:

Sunday, January 22

Greeters: Ed & Betty Padgett
Acolyte: Sydney Hernandez
PowerPoint: Gary Wollenzien
Worship Leader: Amy Manns
Liturgist: Betty Henderson
Children's Time: Kim Newton
Flowers:

Sunday, January 29

Greeters: Kermit & Pat Bohning
Acolyte: Cole Cochran
PowerPoint: John Klopp
Worship Leader: Bonnie Stuempfig
Liturgist: Peggy Barnes
Children's Time: Pastor Jorge
Flowers:
Refreshments: