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# The Peace Talk

Salem United Church of Christ- P.O. Box 205, 302 S. Main St. Wanatah, IN 46390

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November 2016-January 2017

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## Calendar of Events:

**Nov. 6-** Totenfest, Pew communion, daylight savings time ends

**Nov. 13-** Veteran's Day, Coffee Hour after worship service

**Nov. 20-** Thanksgiving Sunday, pew communion; Youth Fellowship meeting 11 a.m.

**Nov. 27-** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

**Dec. 10-** Trim the Tree at 1:30

**Dec. 11-** Congregational Meeting for budget, calendar, and elections

**Dec. 18-** Christmas Communion at 10 worship service

**Dec. 18-** Children's Christmas Program at 4 p.m.

**Dec. 18-** All church Christmas party and meal is after the Children's Program

**Dec. 24-** Christmas Eve service at 7:00 p.m.

**Dec. 24-** Candlelight service at 11:00 P.M.

**Dec. 25-** Christmas Day 10 am Service by the Elders

## Pastor's Column

We had had a marvelous fall season together: attendance was superb on September 11 as I was installed as your part-time pastor and the fall Sunday School program began! This fall, we have taken in new members and baptized another baby. Clearly, we are headed in the right direction. Thank you for welcoming Joe and me into the church family and for working so hard on the parsonage! Thanks for recognizing my service among you on Pastor Appreciation Day with the lovely bouquet of gorgeous flowers!

As of now, Joe and I will plan to move into the parsonage on Wednesday, November 9. We will need volunteers at the parsonage to help us unload the boxes. Our Thanksgiving worship service at Salem will be on Sunday morning, November 20. After that, Joe and I are departing for California to be with our two youngest sons (and other friends and family) for Thanksgiving. Our very own Melissa Smoker will fill the pulpit on November 27 (which is the First Sunday in Advent this year). As is the case every 7 years, Christmas Eve falls on a Saturday and so we shall hold two worship services here on Christmas Eve. On Christmas morning, the elders will put together a simple Christmas morning worship service. This decision was made based on a congregational survey taken on October 23. Joe and I are so thankful to be with you here at Salem and we look forward to moving into the parsonage and being your neighbors!

Read more about our many opportunities and activities at Salem in this edition of *The Peace Talk*.

Blessings, Pastor Victoria

## Salem Council News

The parsonage is almost ready for Pastor Victoria and Joe; gutters will be replaced within the next week or two. Please sign up to help if you are available for the Wednesday, Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> moving party! Thank you to everyone who helped with getting the parsonage ready inside and outside!



## Daily Advent Devotionals

**The first candle** on the Advent wreath has been called the Prophecy candle, opening up the period of waiting for the birth of Christ.

Hymn: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Sunday: Matthew 21:1-11  
Monday: Genesis 3:1-15  
Tuesday: Genesis 22:1-19  
Wednesday: Isaiah 11:1-10  
Thursday: Isaiah 25:6-10  
Friday: Romans 15:4-13  
Saturday: 1 Peter 1:7-13

**The Shepherd's Candle** is the third candle, a symbol of sharing Christ joyfully.

Hymn: "Hark the Glad Sound!" The Savior Comes!

Sunday: Matthew 11:2-11  
Monday: Isaiah 61:1-3  
Tuesday: Micah 5:2-4  
Wednesday: Isaiah 35:1-10  
Thursday: Jeremiah 23:22-31  
Friday: Psalm 22:22-31  
Saturday: Isaiah 49:1-13

**The Bethlehem Candle** is the second candle. It symbolizes the preparations being made for the coming of the Christ child.

Hymn: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Sunday: Matthew 3:7-12  
Monday: Isaiah 2:1-5  
Tuesday: Isaiah 55:1-13  
Wednesday: Luke 1:26-36  
Thursday: Isaiah 40:1-11  
Friday: Malachi 3:1-4  
Saturday: Matthew 3:1-12

**The Angel's Candle** is the fourth candle. It represents love and the Savior's final coming.

Hymn: "Joy to the World"

Sunday: Luke 21:25-33  
Monday: Isaiah 24:21-25  
Tuesday: Mark 13: 24-31  
Wednesday: 2 Peter 3:8-14  
Thursday: Isaiah 51:3-5  
Friday: John 12:35-50  
Saturday: Romans 16:25-27

## **Christmas Gifts for White's Residential & Family Services**



Once again this year we will be gathering items to donate to White's Residential and Family Services. They have approximately 30 children ages 12-17 are in need of a variety of items, please bring in your donation by Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

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|-------------------------|--------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Kleenex                 | Books        | Playing Cards     | Spiral Notebooks |
| Hats                    | Markers      | Crocheted Afghans | Blankets         |
| Gloves                  | Crayons      | Teddy Bears       | Men's Sweaters   |
| Coats                   | Puzzle Books | Lip Balm          | Jig Saw Puzzles  |
| Scarves                 | Socks        | Shampoo           | Arts & Crafts    |
| Small Toys: Rubik cube  | Toothbrushes | Bar Soap          | Body Wash        |
| Legos, Playdoh, nerf BB |              | Toothpaste        | Deodorant        |

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## Children's Program and Christmas Party



You are cordially invited to attend the Salem Sunday School Christmas Program presented by Salem Sunday School on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. Offering will go to Heifer International, an organization Salem has supported many times in the past. The Sunday School will be saving money to buy animals ranging from flocks of geese to llamas, pigs, trio of rabbits, goats or heifers for milk.



Everyone is invited to stay and celebrate Jesus' birthday with a meal in memorial hall. The Ladies Fellowship is sponsoring the meal and the Sunday School children are bringing in cookies. If anyone in the congregation wishes to contribute to the meal please feel free to do so, all food contributions are welcome!

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**Christmas Eve Worship Service** will be held on Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

**Candlelight Service** will be held on Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 pm



**Christmas Day Sunday-** Services will be held at 10:00 a.m. The elders of the church will be giving a shortened service.

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**Christmas Tree Trimming-**

The trimming of the Salem Christmas Tree will be on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. Bring your holiday spirit and helping hands to the church ready for the Christmas season.



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**Rummage Sale Recap 2016-**

Rummage sale receipts totaled \$1,061.60 All receipts for this year's sale will be going to replace carpet in the parsonage. Thank you to all who participated in set up, sale, bringing in merchandise, and tear down. All remaining items were taken to Good Will of Valparaiso.



## Pork Chop Dinner Recap 2016

Dinners Sold at Door @\$12	281	\$3,372.00
Carry Out Meals @\$12	133	\$1,596.00
Dine In Extra Chops @\$4	14	\$56.00
Carry Out Extra Chops @\$4	25	\$100.00
Sold at End 3 for \$10	105	\$390.00
Hot Dog Meals @\$5	13	\$65.00
Complimentary	3	\$0.00
Donation		\$3.00
Free Will Harvest Home	39	<u>\$65.00</u>
	<b>600</b>	<b>\$5,647.00</b>

**Gross Receipts** **\$5,647.00**

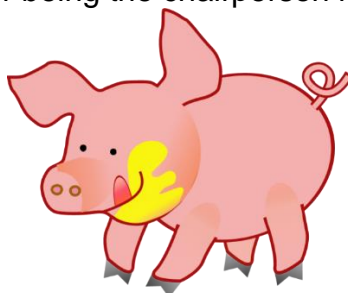
<b>GFS</b>	<b>\$320.46</b>	potatoes, gr beans, apple sauce, butter
<b>Sams</b>	<b>\$144.06</b>	silverware, plates, lemonade
<b>GFS</b>	<b>\$65.48</b>	bacon, margarine, onions, etc
<b>Sims Meat Processing</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>	chops
<b>Advertising</b>	<b>\$12.50</b>	posters joint with Lions & Sacred Heart
<b>Staples</b>	<b>\$65.16</b>	church promo on placemats, tickets
<b>Coulter's Produce</b>	<b><u>\$89.30</u></b>	seasoning, charcoal
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b><u>\$2,196.96</u></b>	
<b>Net Profit from Pork Chop Dinner</b>	<b><u>\$3,450.04</u></b>	

Thanks to the following for their donations of supplies and/or facilities

Bagnall Family	rolls from Fingerhut
J-MARt bp	ice
Coulter's Farm Produce	facilities
Wanatah School	facilities
Salem Members & Friends	servers, dessert makers, cookers, etc
Wanatah Students & Staff	gym set up help

anyone else inadvertently omitted from the list above

A special thanks to all those who gave their time to make the event a Huge success!  
Thank you to Juli Charlesworth for being the chairperson for this event.



## ***Poinsettia Order Form***



I wish to order \_\_\_\_\_ red poinsettia(s) at \$11.00 each to be a part of the sanctuary decorations at Salem Church during the Advent and Christmas seasons.

I would like the bulletin to note that my poinsettia(s) were given as:

**In Loving Memory of:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Or**

**In honor of:**

\_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose payment with this form and place it in the offering plate or mail to the church. Deadline for poinsettia orders is Sunday, December 4, 2016.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Youth Fellowship News:**

**Next Meeting:** Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Memorial Hall for a Holiday party! We will play games, make a craft and have lunch. All girls and boys ages 8 and older are welcome to join us!



### **Salem Youth Fellowship:**

We haven't talked to you about Youth Fellowship for quite a while now and thought you might still like to get together for the outing we had promised (Over three years ago...wo how time flies). It's always a joy to see you and are amazed at how you've all grown up so much and are now involved with making decisions about your adult lives, either planning on colleges, tech schools, or other careers.

We are once again involved with Youth Fellowship here at Salem Church and have started planning for two separate groups according to age and interests. The younger kids are excited about the program and are looking forward to it.

If you would like to bring your group back together and invite a friend to join us for the outing, it's possible to perhaps go to Zao Island for some fun and pizza, or to Inman's for bowling, games and food. Our thought is to have the outing in November (after church service) due to everyone having such a busy schedule.

Our faith is an important building block all throughout our lives and we are blessed to have Salem UCC and our church family to help us along the way. We'll be in touch as we try to put an outing together and you can reach us at (219) 531-1979, if you have any questions or comments.

God Bless you,

Jim & Rae Manhart  
Kerri Parks







**Totenfest for 2016 –**

Totenfest will be held on Sunday, November 6, 2016

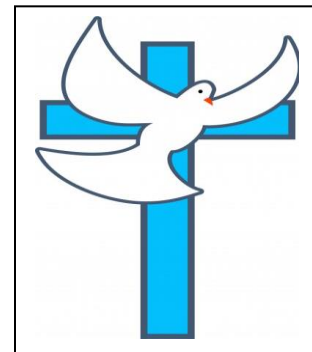
A candle will be lit for the following people:

Donald Guse	81 years, 3 mo., 19 days	1935- November 7, 2015
Robert Homan	82 years, 2 mo., 27 days	October 24, 1933-Jan. 20, 2016
Donna Jordan	61 years, 4 mo., 25 days	September 14, 1954-Feb. 8, 2016
Eleanor Schuelke	95 years, 0 mo., 17 days	April 5, 1921- April 22, 2016
Bonnie Christoph	82 years, 1 mo., 9 days	April 17, 1934- May 26, 2016
Doris A. Gormat-Jones	67yrs. 3 mo., 6 days	May 15, 1949- August 21, 2016
Caroline Batzka	50 years, 4 mo., 10 days	April 12, 1966- August 22, 2016
Don Grieger	84 years, 0 mo., 7 days	October 19, 1932-October 26, 2016
Robert Pierce	94 years, 1 mo., 14 days	February 22, 1922-April 5, 2016

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***Memorials for Caroline Batzka-***

Paul & Carolyn Homan	Louise Grieger
Rae & Jim Manhart	Greg & Deb Smoker
Don & Joyce Miller	Ed & Carol Marks
Gerry & Bill Rosenbaum	Marlene Mitzner
David Homan	Ann Weinkauff



***Memorials for Doris Ann Gormat-Jones-***

Paul & Carolyn Homan	Don & Joyce Miller
Rae & Jim Manhart	Greg & Deb Smoker
Dale & Cheryl Bagnall	Ann Weinkauff
Larry & Becky Pierce	

***Memorials were also given for Deloris Grieger-*** by Don & Joyce Miller

***Memorial was given for Calvin & Dolores Grieger-*** by Bernell Grieger

***Memorial was given for Dorothy M. Masek-*** by Tim & Donna Brown

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**OUR CHURCH'S WIDER MISSION**

There have been some questions regarding our church's offering to OCWM ("Our Church's Wider Mission"). This is the mission arm of our church and by contributing to OCWM through our denomination, our mission dollars go further than they will go alone. (We are always stronger together.) There is a lot of information which is available for you on the webpages managed by the United Church of Christ ([www.ucc.org](http://www.ucc.org)) and also by the Indiana Kentucky Conference ([www.ikcucc.org](http://www.ikcucc.org)). Check out these webpages for the very detailed information available there. Shorter, printed information is available in our narthex for your review. We certainly can hold a question and answer session with much more information at a later time. In short, our church can support OCWM with "basic support" and this is good use of our funds. We do not need to support the various "special offerings," if we do not choose to do so.





## **Happy Birthday**

### **October:** New addition for 2016

10/30-Calen Poort

### **November:**

11/1- Jerry Smoker

11/7- Tina Randall

11/10-Daniel Serrato

11/24-Madison Wolff

11/6-Brain Batzka

11/9-Jeanette Nuske

11/13-Talytha Holtz

11/25-Dakota Grieger

11/7- Deb Smoker

11/9-Laurie Costell

11/19-Drelah Grieger

11/27-Tim Guse

### **December:** 12/1- Tim Grieger

12/6-Ashley Riegle

12/11-Gordon Boyd

12/17-Daniel Morrow

12/20-Allison Parks

12/23-Mitchell Wolff

12/30-Mark Grieger

12/4-Jaye Mitzner

12/7- Morgan Wolff

12/11-Gerald Werner

12/18-Juli Charlesworth

12/21-Suzi Carpenter

12/24- Ed Marks

12/30-Drew Galbreath

12/5-Julia Boldt

12/8-Roger Haman

12/16-HarroldMaupin

12/19-Jim Manhart

12/22-Kyle Homan

12/27-Stephen Stultz

12/30-Ryan Lippold

### **January:**

1/5- Steve Bos

1/8- Don Peters

1/21-Ross Lehman

1/24-Tennley Werner

1/7- Gwen Dean

1/13-Tyler Mack

1/23-Gary Cauley, III

1/25-Cathy Homan

1/8-Barb Kuss

1/14-John Wilinski

1/23-Caitlyn Stout

1/27-Jess McGinley



## **Happy Anniversary!**

### **November:**

11/1- Fred & Patti Kem

11/7- Matt & Jenni Smoker

11/30- Scott & Suzi Carpenter

### **December:**

12/11-Jerry & Kelli Smoker

12/13- Tom & Laurie Costello

12/20- Elwood & Drelah Grieger

### **January:**

1/5- Jacob & Jill Smoker

1/25- Ed & Carol Marks

