

Youth & Family Ministries

December 2016

ALL CHURCH

deck
THE
halls

ALL AGES are welcome to join us as we deck the halls for the Advent & Christmas seasons on Dec 4 starting at 4pm. We'll work together, have fellowship and share a meal. Please sign up in the Gathering area so we know how many people to plan for. Please see Julie Sukowaty or Marsha Meyer if you have questions about this event.



Christmas Cookie Bake Sale Dec 3 & 4

In the gathering area after worship

Stock up on Christmas goodies!

Proceeds will benefit the 2017 Back Bay Mission Trip

Sponsored by SR Youth Fellowship

Donations of cookies, bars, candy, etc. are appreciated. Please bring items to church by Saturday, Dec 3 from noon-4



Salem's All Church Christmas Program on Dec 17 at 4:30pm

Musical selections presented from the Chancel Choir, Women's Choir, Salem House Band, and Sunday School children as well as the play:

'Christmas Eve at Angel School' presented by children of our Sunday School

Quick Reference

We welcome God's children of all ages to join us in worship on Saturday afternoons at 4:30 or on Sunday mornings at 8:30.

Confirmation Classes meet on Wednesday nights. Classes begin at 6:15 and end at 7:30 unless otherwise noted on the syllabus.

Sunday School meets on Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45. Except when otherwise noted on the Sunday School calendar. Children beginning 4K through 6th grade from our church and community are welcome to participate in Sunday School.

Confirmation classes meet on Wednesday nights beginning at 6:15pm. Students are welcome to enroll as early as 7th grade. Our Confirmation program is a 3 year program that combines study of scripture, faith application, prayer, worship, discipleship, and fellowship.

JR Youth Fellowship is open to children from 3rd-6th grade. JR Youth meets once a month from September-May. They generally meet after Sunday School until noon, except when they have special activities or events planned.

SR Youth Fellowship welcomes youth from 7th - 12th grade.

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Sticky Faith is an intergenerational faith formation and fellowship opportunity that happens on the 3rd Wednesday of the month Sept-April. Sticky Faith is open to all. Children may attend without parents when they are in 3rd grade-12th grade. ALL AGES ARE WELCOME!

youth FELLOWSHIP

JR Youth Fellowship NEWS

JR Youth (3-6 grade) will meet in the youth room on Dec 11th for our Christmas party on Dec 11 from noon-until 2pm. We plan to go and see SING! on Dec 28 (time to be determined) at Marcus Cinema in Sheboygan. Signup by Dec 18 so we know how many tickets to reserve. If you have any questions please contact the advisors for JRYF:

Annette Bunyea (627-6621) or Marsha Meyer (892-0115)

What's coming Up for JR Youth?

Dec 4 Deck the Halls 4pm

Dec 9-10 Living Nativity

Dec 11 Christmas Party noon-2pm

Dec 17 All Church Christmas Program 4:30pm

Dec 18 Christmas Caroling 4-6pm

Dec 21 Sticky Faith

Dec 28 SING!

Jan 8 Meeting 10:45-noon

We'll start Hugs N Cookies after that

SR Youth Fellowship NEWS

SR Youth (7-12 grades) will meet in the youth room on Dec 11 from 6:30-8pm for our Christmas Party! We'll continue to work on planning a scrapbook workshop as a fundraiser for Feb 4.

Christmas Cookie & Candy Bake Sale on Dec 3 & 4!

Signup when you can help on the Youth Fellowship bulletin board in the CE hallway

If you have questions about SR Youth you can contact one of our advisors Susan Clarke (627-0875) or Marsha Meyer (892-0115)

What's coming up for SR Youth?

Nov 25 Candy Making 6pm

Dec 3 & 4 Bake Sale

Dec 4 Deck the Halls 4pm

Dec 9-10 living Nativity

Dec 11 Christmas Party 6:30-8pm

Dec 17 All Church Christmas Program

Who wants to usher? Signup!

Dec 18 Christmas Caroling

Dec 21 Sticky Faith 5:30-7:30pm

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STICKY FAITH

developing faith that
will last a lifetime

Sticky Faith, our intergenerational, midweek faith formation ministry meets next on December 21 for a Christmas celebration!
Pizza, fun and games! Hope to see you there!



A reminder: Classes BEGIN at 6:15pm, please arrive early and be ready to begin at 6:15

Nov 30 regular Confirmation Classes are in session

Dec 14 Prayer Workshop 6-7:30pm

Dec 21 Sticky Faith

Dec 28 NO Classes Christmas Break

MAKE SURE YOU SIGN UP FOR CONFERENCES, there is a schedule on our bulletin board!

Workbooks MUST be turned into your instructors by Dec 21 for updating

SEE SR YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES TO GET MORE INVOLVED IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH



Christmas Play Practice Oct 30
10:45-11:30am

Play practice will begin on Oct 30!

Play practices are scheduled for:

Nov 27, Dec 4 from 10:45-11:30am and Dec 11 from 10:45-noon

Music rehearsals will happen during Sunday School. Mandy will begin working on music with the kids soon. Copies of the words and music are available on the Sunday School bulletin board for you to practice at home.

Our Sunday School offerings are supporting our sponsorship of the Family Village Farm in India. Please keep their ministry in your thoughts and prayers as you prepare your offerings.

Sticky Faith is another great opportunity for your family to do this faith formation thing together. Remember that growing in our faith is a lifelong thing, why not connect with others? It's not just for the kids. ;) Sticky Faith meets next on Dec 21 from 5:30-7:30pm. Join us!



Christmas Caroling

December 18 4-6pm

There is something special about this Christmas tradition that warms the heart. Join in the fun! We'll leave the church at 4pm and meet up at Culver's after we've sung our hearts out ☺

Thank You!

A huge thank you to all that helped or donated items for the Soup Supper! Your generosity is appreciated ☺



Living Nativity

Salem UCC will be hosting a living nativity on
Friday, December 9th

&

Saturday, December 10th

From 6:30pm-8:30pm

A living nativity is a reenactment of the events surrounding the birth of Jesus.

There will be a program of scripture and music, which will accompany live animals, and the costumed characters of Mary, Joseph, shepherds, wise men and angels.

Refreshments will be served in the Gathering Area



Pizza Sale Fundraiser

We'll be taking orders from

Jan 8-Feb 12

**Pizza pick up will be on Feb 25 at
noon**

**Please sign up to help make
pizzas on Feb 25 from 8am-noon**

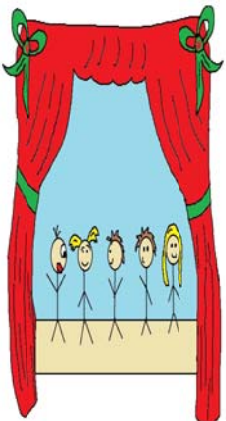
What's in the Box?



What's in the Box? It's anyone's guess.... and they do, guess that is.

The children's sermon series will begin on the first Sunday in Advent (November 27).

We will reveal 'What's in the Box?' at the Church's Christmas Program on December 17th at 4:30pm



Parts have been given out and we are ready to begin rehearsing

Children with play parts should meet in the Youth Room following Sunday School for practice.

Nov 27 & Dec 4 until 11:30am.

AND on Dec 11 until noon.

If you have any questions, please ask.



Tubing Outing

(for families, JR or SR Youth)

Jan 15 from 1-4pm at Sunburst

\$20 per person

Signup deadline is Jan 8



Advent & Christmas Season's at Salem

- November 27 1st Sunday in Advent Worship at 8:30am
(Sunday School Children Singing in worship, "What's in the Box?" begins, & White Gift Sunday.)
Sunday School at 9:45am
Christmas Play Rehearsal 10:45-11:30am
Fireside Christmas Show bus is leaving at 12:30pm (advance tickets only)
- December 3 Worship at 4:30pm
Christmas Cookie & Candy Bake Sale following worship
- December 4 2nd Sunday in Advent Worship at 8:30am ('What's in the Box?' continues)
Christmas Cookie & Candy Bake Sale following worship
Sunday School at 9:45am
Christmas Play Rehearsal 10:45-11:30am
Deck the Halls 4pm
- December 9 Living Nativity 6:30-8:30pm
- December 10 Worship 4:30pm
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Sunday School at 9:45am
Christmas Play Rehearsal 10:45-noon
JR Youth Fellowship Christmas Party noon-2pm
SR Youth Fellowship Christmas Party 6:30-8pm
- December 17 All Church Christmas Program 4:30pm
- December 18 4th Sunday in Advent Worship at 8:30am
featuring the Chancel Choir's Festive Music Celebration
9:45am Sunday School
Christmas Caroling 4pm
- December 21 Sticky Faith 5:30-7:30pm
- December 24 Christmas Eve Worship at 4:30pm & 10pm
- December 25 Christmas Day Worship at 10am
- January 1 Worship at 10am