

Sunday: 11-22-20
9:30 AM
Worship (nursery with Bob & Kathy McCollow)
Last day to turn in shoeboxes
Congregational meeting following the service

Tuesday: 11-24-20
7:00 PM
Women's Bible Study

Wednesday: 11-25-20
7:00 PM
Thanksgiving Eve Service-bring canned good or gravy packets

Sunday: 11-29-20
9:30 AM
Worship (nursery with Bob & Denise Pugh)

Announcements:

Today, the **Budget Reports** will be voted on and new **Officers** chosen with a **Congregational Meeting** after the service. Officers will be installed and trained January 17, 2021. **Shoeboxes** are due today.

The Women's Bible Study is this Tuesday at 7 PM. **The Thanksgiving Eve Service** is this Wednesday the 25th.

Please continue collecting **gravy packets**. The goal for our church this year is 650 packages to donate to the Salvation Army by December 6th. We have collected over 300 packets to date.

If you would like to donate \$5 to decorate the church with **poinsettias**, please give your money to Carla Breese or Lisa Lloyd. We are targeting 40 poinsettias.

Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the **December newsletter**. Submit them to secretary@salemchurch.cc.

Upcoming Birthdays
29th Kathy McCollow 30th Mike Breese

Upcoming Anniversaries
28th David & Jean Owens



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Prayer Concerns:

Connie Bassett (breast cancer)
Barry Coil (stroke)
Kathy Comer
Cathy Donnal (health issues)
Catie Emery (nightmares)
Melissa Fallis (Warren Summersett's granddaughter)
Stephanie Gamble (eye issues)
Suzanne Hadley-Himes (recurrent cancer)
Jerry Holscher
Dale Kiesza (leg operation)
Nancy Lautzenheiser (colon cancer)
Karen Lentz
LuAnn (family issues)
John Lloyd
Donald Martin
Carol Matthews (Lou Gehrig's disease)
David Morris (Zeb)
Marian Morris
Judy Jones Muhn (health issues)
Ione Owens
Marjorie Rhodes
Derek Sellers (Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy)
Doug Smith (Jen Pugh's father)
Mary Strayer (cancer)
Betty Tennant
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Raymond Young
The area Nursing Homes and their residents

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TEACHING POINTS

First. Jesus is the Shepherd God who is intimate with His sheep and their needs and hurts.

Second. He is personally in charge.

Third. He is the coming King.

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY PASSAGE

“Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds, the leaders of Israel. Give them this message from the Sovereign LORD: What sorrow awaits you shepherds who feed yourselves instead of your flocks. Shouldn't shepherds feed their sheep (Ezekiel 34:2 NLT)?

ACTION POINT

Today, we celebrate Christ the King Sunday as we conclude the Christian Lectionary Year A. We look to Jesus as the Good Shepherd and healer who loves and cares for us, and who will one day return in His glory. Let us allow ourselves to trust God. Let us embrace hope. Let us overcome the past and live in God's future. Everyone here can point to some pain from the past that nags at us. Maybe it even has robbed our lives of joy. Overcoming such pain is not easy or quick. Ezekiel assures us, though, that God knows our pain, cares about our pain and is seeking us out to bring us wholeness. Sometimes, God works through support groups, pastoral counseling, or therapy. We do not have to give in to the pain; we do not have to let it win. God is working for us and in us. Let us open ourselves to God's grace. Praise the King who is coming again!

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I wanted to go to sleep,
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“Richard Jackson”

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