



Sunday Services 8:30 & 10:30 am • Children's Church 10:30 am



The **2025 Christmas at Noon Concerts** included (from top left): Willamette Singers, a small chamber vocal ensemble; the Iris Duo, piano duets; and Just For Fun Singers, a local chorus.

CWF Tea & Treasures

Christian Women's Fellowship thanks you for your generosity!

Thank you, SFCC, for all you do to support our CWF fundraising events with your donations, time, talents, support, and shopping.



The Christmas Tea & Treasures

Sale earned **\$1,110.95!** Thank you to Linda Olson, Joan Lloyd, Tina McArthur, and Nancy Stebbins for helping choose and organize items for the treasures sale, setting up the Treasures "store," selling at the store, and cleaning up and storing items after the sale.

Every dollar earned will benefit local charities. We look forward to more fundraising events in 2026!

~Linda Olson, Treasurers Sale coordinator



Sunday, February 1

THANK YOU to YOU for DREAMING GOD'S DREAM and supporting this wonderful church through your tithing and talents in all things in 2026.

JD and Arty Day will cook breakfast so come downstairs anytime you can to the Fellowship Hall and let's have breakfast together!

Again, THANK YOU for seeing God's dream for this your family congregation!

In Christ, Giving & Sharing and Caring Ministry Teams

Pastor's Message from Co-Senior Minister, Michelle Harris-Gloyer

New Year's Blessing to You, God's Beloved!

January 6th is Epiphany—the 12th day of Christmas and the end of the Season of Christmas. I always embrace the 12 days of Christmas because there is simply too much mystery and too many hopes to fit into one Christmas Day. And likewise—there are too many questions and dreams to fit into one New Year's Day reset.

On Epiphany Sunday in worship, we marked the Magi's visit to encounter Jesus. We remember these wise ones following a bright star as the way God guided them. Those physically present in worship on January 4th were invited to choose a small (face-down, surprise) "angel card" or "star card" with one word on it to give some focus in 2026.



In worship on Epiphany Sunday, January 4, individuals chose one "star word" that might be a guiding light in 2026.



The one word on the card is a value, a characteristic, or an action/practice. The word may be different if it is enacted or if it is received. For example, if your word is "Mentor"— You may follow an urge to connect with a mentor (new or previous); you might feel called to offer being a mentor for someone(s) else; or maybe both. A word can have various meanings, and our first association with a word might not be the meaning we need to focus attention on. "Healing" can be physical, mental, emotional, or spiritual.

"Grief" might be about healthy processing of the death of a loved one— or grieving the loss of a job, home, relationship, physical ability, or something else. Essentially, what your word "means" could be varied or layered and may take some time to discern.

The Magi had to continue to discern how to follow God's lead— making their way from the east following the star... encountering King Herod... finding Jesus... listening to their dreams that told them to NOT return to Herod and to go home by another way. Your guiding word may make sense right away—or in four months, or at the end of the year.

You may have picked a word, or it may seem as though a word picked you.

Whether or not you are pleased with your word, I pray that you received a word that you need in this time of your life. You are invited to wonder and pray about it. Write about it and have conversation about it. And pray about it some more. Listen for God's leading.

If you were not physically in worship on January 4, and you would like a star word—please contact me, and I would be happy to prayerfully draw a word for you and let you know what that word is.

May God's light guide you — Pastor Michelle



January 8-22

Kristi Austin	January 9
Mary Ann Smith	January 11
Sandi Skoog.....	January 12
Joan Behen.....	January 17
Wayne Smith	January 17
Bruce Gilbertson	January 22

Prayers For

Elisa Bledsoe, healing from hip replacement surgery
Leslie Carlisle, pancreatic cancer
Robin Crom, recovering from gallbladder surgery
Susan Crom, pancreatic cancer
Lisa Gallagher, healing from shoulder tendon surgery
Judy Gilbertson, healing from open heart surgery
Christy Knox, healing from lumbar fusion surgery
Betty Patterson, healing from fall, hematoma and TIAs

Worship Attendance

December 21	in-person	online
8:30.....	22	
10:30	99	205
December 24	in-person	online
6:00 pm.....	73	355
11:00 pm	89	
January 4	in-person	online
8:30.....	19	
10:30	97	146

Save the Date Salem FCC Women's Retreat

Saturday, March 7 • Details coming soon.

Special Thanks

It may seem at times as though your efforts are unseen or unnoticed but you give leadership, structure, spirit, and strength to Christ's church in this place!

Thank you for serving in these 2025 Leadership roles:

BOARD

Penny Blackwell, Chair

Bruce Gilbertson, Vice-Chair

Joyce Zook, Secretary

Arty Day, Treasurer

Lisa Barnes

Rosealee Clemens

David Decker

Pat Force

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Bambi Rux

Dennis Turner

Terry Witter

ELDERS

Orin Bruton

Margaret Cleveland

Mindy Force

Pat Force

Doris Jackson

Irene Jones

Joan Lloyd

Nduta Nyoro-Cayton

Shari Ridings

Dennis Turner

Chris Whitehead

Terry Witter

DEACONS

Penny Blackwell

Kathy Boles

Betty Charnholm

Gene Clemens

Rosealee Clemens

DEACONS Continued

Faith Coleman

Arty Day

JD Day

Barbara Decker

Bruce Gilbertson

Leanne Griffin

Audrey Hirsch

Barbara Holler

Lorna Johnson

Joan Lloyd

Bob Olson

Linda Olson

Kim Resch

Bambi Rux

Sandi Skoog

Loyst Streeter

Stuart Tennant

Doug Wilson

Linda Wilson

Joyce Zook

Celebrating Christmas

What a beautiful Christmas Eve we had at Salem First Christian Church! It is such a special time to celebrate together in worship.

THANK YOU to everyone who attended Christmas Eve, shared the light, and offered special gifts in worship at SFCC!

Extra gratitude to:

MUSICIANS

Band: Brian Smith (worship leader), Stephanie Fussner, John Goergen

Choir: Lisa Gallagher (director), Penny Blackwell, Margaret Cleveland, Marilyn Fine, Gary Frame, Joyce Frame, Barbara Holler, Doug Johnson, Lorna Johnson, Irene Jones, Bambi Rux, Mary Ann Smith, Carol Talley, Dennis Turner, Dena Turner, Hannah Vowell, Joyce Zook, Melissa Davey (accompanist)

Joyful Singers: Christy Knox (director), LJ Fussner, Patience Fussner, Hannah Hoopingarner, Henry Hoopingarner

Special Music: Melissa Davey, Stephanie Fussner, Elizabeth Hirsch, Talia Lenker, Rochelle Rafn, Hannah Vowell, Patience Fussner

NATIVITY PARTICIPANTS: Clayton Davey, Madelyn Davey, LJ Fussner, Leanne Griffin, Hannah Hoopingarner, Henry Hoopingarner, Elizabeth Krummel, Rachel Krummel, Bob Olson, Linda Olson, Ethan Ownby, Monique Ownby, Shari Ridings and Hannah Vowell

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY LEADER: Elizabeth Krummel

COSTUMES: Margaret Cleveland

ADVENT CANDLES & WORSHIP LEADERS: Margaret Cleveland, Susan Latham, Orin Bruton, Cecilia Larson, Elizabeth Hirsch, Penny Blackwell

TECH TEAM: Chris Martin, Shawn Hill, Steve Fine

BULLETINS: Melissa Houston

COMMUNION PREPARATION: Marilyn and Steve Fine

DEACONS, COMMUNION, & CANDLES: Leanne Griffin, Linda and Bob Olson, Rosealee Clemens, John Goergen, Stephanie Fussner, Doug and Lorna Johnson, Joyce and Gary Frame, Penny Blackwell, Mary Ann Smith

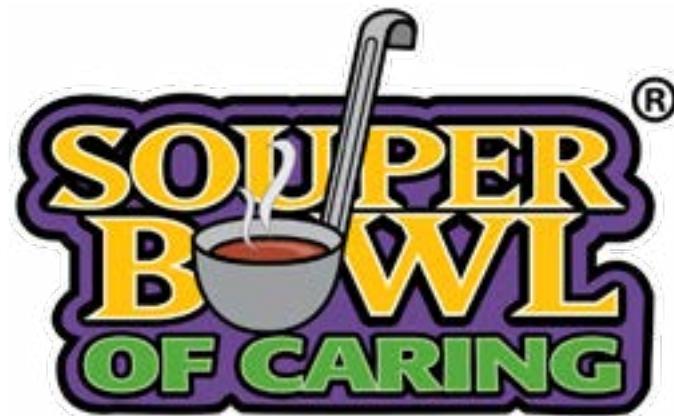
COOKIE BAKERS: Melissa Houston, Marianne De Stefano-Hill, Barbara Resch

RECEPTION TABLE HOSTS: Joe and Kim Resch

DECOR ADJUSTMENTS & CANDLE PREP: Lorna Johnson

GREETERS: Rosealee Clemens, Gene Clemens, Jessica Steele, Dena Turner, Dennis Turner, Bob Krebs, Martha Romo

ELDERS: Shari Ridings, Dennis Turner, Irene Jones, Nduta Nyoro-Cayton



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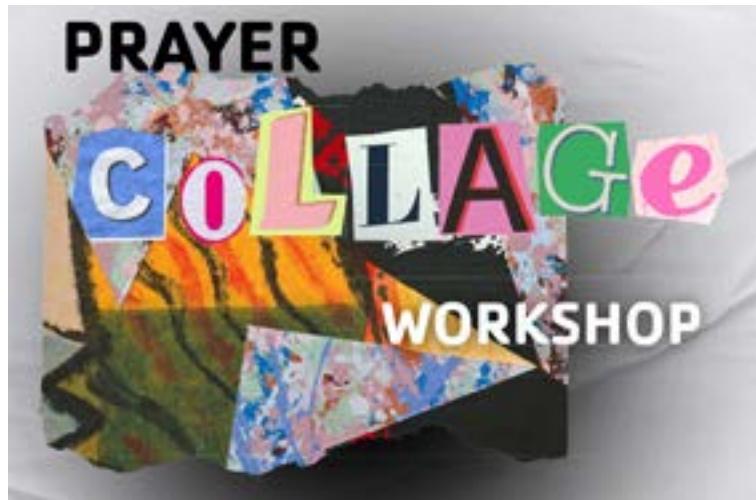
Tackle Hunger Challenge—Souper Bowl of Caring

Salem FCC will be running a food drive to help fight food instability. It revolves around the popular football game that is on February 8. We have a “Souper Bowl” table set up in the Narthex to collect non-perishable foods through February 8. All the donations go to Marion-Polk Food Share. Proteins are often the harder food group for families of limited means, so peanut butter, tuna, and chili are great ideas. Help fight hunger!

Snack Bag Ministry

Church Family, we are truly a giving and sharing church, and we are trying very hard to educate our unsheltered neighbors that our Snack Bag days are Monday and Tuesday from 10:00 am to noon. If you are approached at other times (especially on Sunday mornings) please refer them to the printed list of daily free meals taped to the serving window. Any questions please reach out to either Steve or myself. On Sunday mornings you can find us just inside the Sanctuary door by the piano or at Coffee Fellowship. This ministry team has a huge heart to serve within our financial means and guidelines. I know we would do way more to help if only we could.

Thank you all, Marilyn and Steve Fine



Prayer Collage Workshop

January 24, 10:00 - 11:30 am
Capitol Room at the YMCA

The SFCC Praying Ministry Team is hosting a workshop at the YMCA, just down the block at Cottage and Court Streets. The workshop will use images, imagination, and intuition as a simple and enjoyable way to talk to God and listen for God. By hosting this event at the Y, instead of within our own church walls, we invite the participation of attendees from our wider community. Have a friend or family member you would like to join you at this workshop? Space is limited. Reserve a spot through Pastor Michelle: michellehg@salemfcc.org.

Let us pray:

Dear God—May those who want a new way to pray, or who need to see an image to connect with you and your call in this season, find their way to a seat at these workshop tables. AMEN.

Recycle Christmas Cards for RK Foundation

Recycle your Christmas cards for the RK Foundation in Kenya—a community program and resource center for children. The cards will be sent to the children in Kenya who have most likely never received a card. These pretty ones will bring them so much delight and joy! Never mind the cards will arrive after Christmas. What to do:

- Tear off the message part of card.
- Optional, write a simple message of hope and love to a child on the blank side.
- Give them to Nduta or put them in the RK Foundation Kenya Giving Tree box in the Narthex, or drop them off in the church office.

In His service, Nduta

Call for Musicians and Singers!

Is the new year calling you to more boldly proclaim your faith? Our Praise Team, AMPT, invites you to consider bringing your instrumental or vocal talent to this dynamic ministry. With convenient Sunday morning rehearsals, and flexible scheduling, this just might be the ideal next step in your faith journey!

Contact Brian Smith (BrianS@salemfcc.org) or the church office for additional information.



CWF Book Sale February 6-8

Our annual Book Sale is fast approaching, and we are encouraging you to bring in your books this month, with the final day being February 4. Please tell your neighbors and friends, too! We do not accept Reader's Digests, Video tapes, textbooks or magazines. We do accept books, puzzles and games, DVD's and CD's, and office supplies. Please bring them to the assigned table in the Fellowship Hall.

Penny Blackwell, Book Sale Chair

Serving Volunteer Opportunity!

Union Gospel Mission Valentine's Day Lunch
February 14

Please join us for a special Valentine's Day to share God's love. We will be preparing and serving the UGM community a hamburger lunch with all the trimmings, including a special Valentine's Day treat for dessert.

We need about 16 volunteers from our church. There are three different jobs/shifts you can sign up for:

8:00 – 9:30 am: Food prep and cooks (4 people)
11:15 am – 12:45 pm: Servers (6 people)
11:15 am – 12:45 pm: Dining room servers (6 people)

If you want to volunteer, look for the sign-up sheets in the Narthex on Sundays, or email Dena Turner at denaturner5@hotmail.com and let her know which shift you would like.

Let's show God's LOVE and be the hands and feet of Christ here in Salem!



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Office Closed

The Salem FCC Office will be closed on Monday, January 19, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.



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The **chalice** symbolizes the central place of communion in worship for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The X-shaped cross of the disciple, Andrew, is a reminder of the importance of evangelism and the ministry of each person.

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