

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

Tuesday: 12-1-20
7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

Sunday: 12-6-20
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Jeff & Kelly Lloyd*)
5:00 PM Trustee meeting

Tuesday: 12-8-20
7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

Announcements:

The **Women's Bible Study** is on Tuesdays at 7 PM during December.

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 509 packets to date.

The **Advent Breakfast** is cancelled this year because of the Governor's orders.

The **Youth Christmas Program** is on December 13th; there will be a holiday reception in the Prayer Room. There will also be a Christmas craft exchange for homemade crafts during our shut-in time; see Carol Emery about ideas.

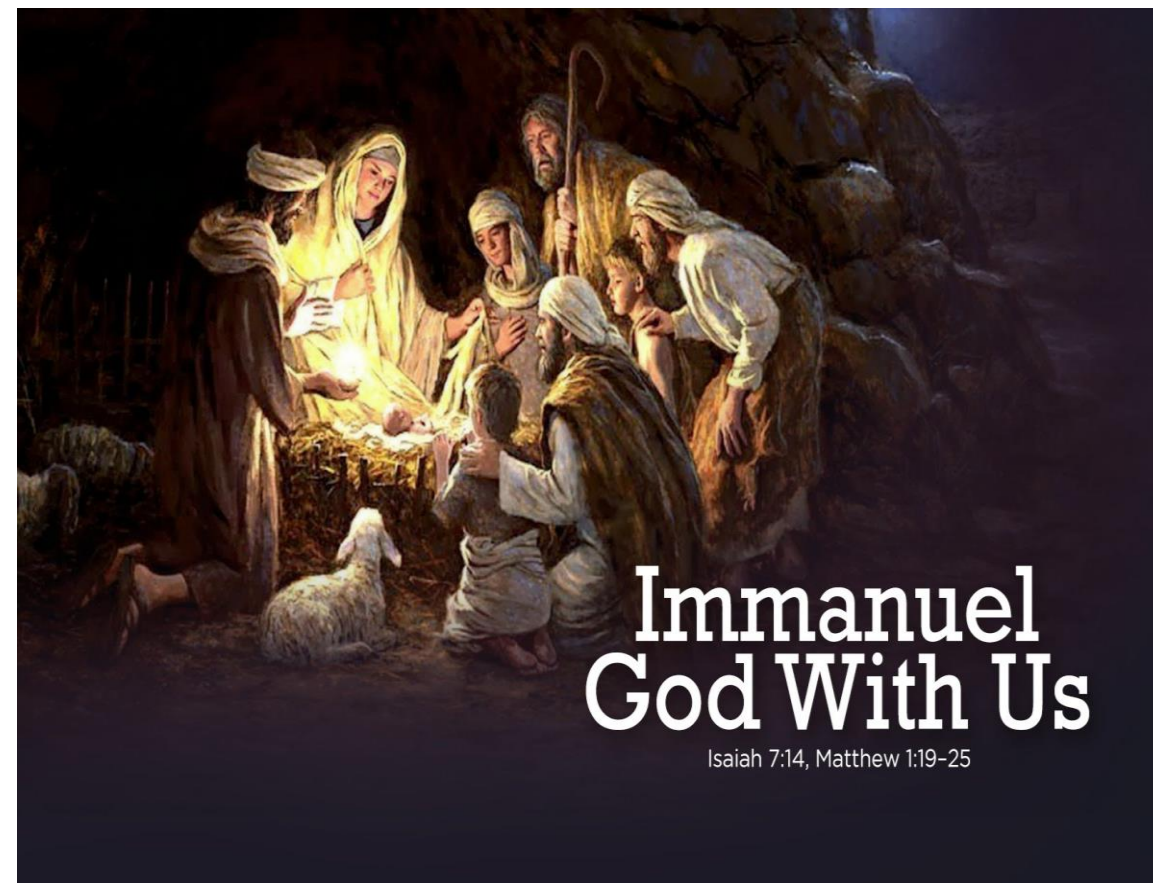
If you would like to donate \$5 to decorate the church with **poinsettias**, please give your money to Carla Breese or Lisa Lloyd. We are targeting 40 poinsettias.

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

Upcoming Birthdays

29th Kathy McCollow
Nov 5th Dave Owens

30th Mike Breese
8th Paige Thatcher



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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)
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TEACHING POINTS

First. O Come Emmanuel, we need You.

Second. O Come Emmanuel and stay with us.

Third. O Come Emmanuel and have Thine Own Way.

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY PASSAGE

Yet you, LORD, are our Father. We are the clay; you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand. (Isaiah 64:8 NLT).

ACTION POINT

You see, the best thing that you and I can do today is to pray: “*Have Thine own way, Lord, have Thine own way. Thou art the potter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me after Your will, while I am waiting, yielded and still.*” The God about whom Isaiah wrote so long ago and whom we meet in Jesus Christ is none other than the master architect of human life. God's touch can change us when we are out of tune with lives that are battered and scarred by years of sinful living. As we continue to celebrate this wondrous Christmas season, let this be a time when we draw close to God and discover again the steadfast love of God. He is the God who suffers with us, and the God who redeems us with amazing grace and mercy.

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