



salem
United Methodist Church

1321 Salem Church Road
Irmo, SC 29063

Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday
8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon
1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
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March 2018

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 am

Sunday School: 9:30 am

Salem's Story

Please join us for our free community event:



Breakfast with the Easter Bunny!

Children of All Ages:

- Have your picture made with the Easter bunny and receive a photo to take home
- Enjoy a breakfast of pancakes and cereal
- Hear the Easter story, told by Pastor Gary Phillips



When: Saturday morning, March 17, 2018

Where: Salem United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

Time: drop in, 9:00 - 10:30

All events will be going on all morning!

March 2018

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 Lenten Study 5-6	5 Love 10 Cavin 11:30 Faith 6:30	6 Bible Study 9	7 Joy 10	8	9	10
11 Lenten Study 5-6 Acolyte training 5	12	13 Bible Study 9	14 Ash Wednesday Service 7	15	16	17 Breakfast with the Easter Bunny 9-10:30
18 UMM 8 Lenten Study 5-6	19 UMW Exec. 10:30	20 Bible Study 9 Over 50's @ 11:30 SPRC 7	21	22	23	24
25 Lenten Study 5-6	26 Lunch Bunch @ Fusco's 12	27 Bible Study 9	28	29 Maundy Thursday Service 7pm	30	31

March Youth Schedule

<u>March 4</u>	<u>March 11</u>	<u>March 18</u>	<u>March 25</u>
Sunday School—9:30a.m.	Sunday School—9:30a.m.	Sunday School—9:30a.m.	Sunday School—9:30a.m.
W.A.Y. Youth Music 4:00p.m.	W.A.Y. Youth Music 4:00p.m.	W.A.Y. Youth Music 4:00p.m.	W.A.Y. Youth Music 4:00p.m.
Sr High—Small Groups Jr High—Youth Group 5:00—6:00 p.m.	Sr High—Youth Group Jr High—Small group 5:00—6:00 p.m.	Sr High—Small Groups Jr High—Youth Group 5:00—6:00 p.m.	Sr High—Youth Group Jr High—Small Groups 5:00—6:00 p.m.
Final Deadline For Spring Retreat Sign-up. ONLY 2 Spots left!!	Confirmation Retreat Weekend @ Lake Junaluska	Start Signing up For Salkehatchie!!	No Youth April 1 or 8. Spring Break

CPR CLASS AT SALEM!

Did you know...Four out of five cardiac arrests occur outside of the hospital? Bystander CPR can double or triple a victim's chances of survival. Salem will be hosting a **HeartSaver CPR** course on Sunday, April 22 at 12:30pm. Cost of the course is \$40 per participant. A light lunch will be provided by the church immediately after the worship service for those participating. If you are interested in learning CPR, or taking a refresher course, please contact Michelle Page at 803-629-3434. The life you save with CPR may be the life of someone you love!

Upcoming Activities

April 22-Church Wide Comedy Show and Dinner w/ Johnny W.
April 27-29- Youth Spring Retreat

Salkehatchie Summer Service 40th Anniversary Celebration

Come join us on March 10th at Union UMC in Irmo from 1:00-5:00. We will celebrate 40 years of Service with Fellowship, Worship, and Reflections.



FIGHT FOR WILLIAM: SATURDAY, MARCH 24TH

SASS Defense will be holding two self defense classes for women/girls at Union UMC in Irmo. All proceeds from these classes will go directly to the Anderson Family. As many at Salem are aware, William was diagnosed with a Stage 4 Wilms Tumor in November. To register or for more information about SASS Defense please visit www.sassdefense.com/william. For questions, contact Renee Lindler at 803-586-9626 or renee76@thelinders.com.

10:00-11:30 am The Sassafras Class- 1st-5th grades suggested plus a Guardian (\$40.00)-Train with her in order to safeguard instincts, decision making skills, and her ability to course an intentional scene and fight back should she ever need to, all in a class designed to feel more like play than preparation.

1:00-3:00 pm SASS 1- Ages 12+ with all skill levels welcome. (\$30.00)- Step into the course that awakens our mind and prepares your body to prevent and prepare for some of life's worst case scenarios. In this course we physically focus on grabs, chokes and abduction scenarios as well as what mentally goes with training for all of it.

Memorial and Special Gifts

Building Fund

In loving memory of Charles Hill by

Lee & Janice Ayers

In loving memory of Jim Ray by

Jim & Peggy Lewis

In loving memory of Robert Cook by

Fred & Donna Cole

Sandra Durst

Sara Loyd

In loving memory of Gene Brantley by

Don & Miriam Lovett

In loving memory of Mark Welcker by

Cindy Bollinger

Brenda Miller

Larry & June Salters

Playground Fund

In loving memory of Caitlin Hill by

Bill & Claudia Dubose

Health & Welfare

In loving memory of Gene Brantley by

Dan & Carla Jennings

In loving memory of Mark Welcker by

Dan & Carla Jennings

Cemetery Fund

**In loving memory of Lurleen Bouknight,
Eula Meetze, Joe Harrell, Ruby Weed,
and Minnie Lee Koon by**

Jimmy & Brenda Dye

Music Ministry

In loving memory of Mark Welcker by

Jimmy & Brenda Dye

**In honor of Adam Cullum, Miriam
Lovett, and Sarah Bridges by**

John & Linda Gibbons

Over 50's



Back by popular demand...

Shealy's Bar-b-que will be catering our next time of fellowship. Join us on Tuesday, March 20 at the church at 11:30. The charge for the meal will be \$8 per person. Be sure to call and RSVP by March 14. We hope to hear from you!

Ladies' Lunch Bunch



March 26 @ Fusco's Market (11:30)

April 23 @ Lizard's Thicket of Irmo (12:00)

Thank you notes received by the church will be placed on the bulletin board near the glass door entrance, for all to enjoy.

UMW Woman of the Year

Linda Gibbons was recognized as Salem UMW's Woman of the Year for 2017. She is very active at Salem, from helping with bereavement meals, to participating in Bible study and as a greeter on Sundays. She also serves as a Lay Delegate to Annual Conference and is currently the President of the United Methodist Women. In addition to her service amongst us, Linda is a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. Congratulations Linda on this well deserved honor!

Greetings Salem family!

One of the many things I try to do with my article is to keep you informed of the happenings at the church. That is a pretty tall order since I'm competing with the bulletin, minutes of each committee, and the circle of friends that can get the word out with lightning speed. To some this may be old news, so bear with me.

This month I wanted to talk about the parking lot/driveway gate and how it came to be.

As many of you know, a few years ago we learned that the DOT would be installing a signal light at Farming Creek Road. So we asked if we could make it a 4 way light to help alleviate traffic congestion at the main intersection of Salem Church Road after church services. After some negotiations, an agreement was made for the 4 way traffic light to be installed. That opened up a problem we didn't anticipate. Our parking lot became a secondary road for people coming and going on Salem Church Road. Now being good Christians that we are, if on occasion people used our parking lot and driveway to access the signal light, we may have turned the other cheek. However, that's not what happened. We witnessed some "wanna be" NASCAR drivers that would cut across the middle of our parking light at what could be considered a high rate of speed, at least for a parking lot. We had already posted signs in hopes of minimizing traffic but that didn't seem to faze any one, and then the second problem arose. We witnessed concrete trucks, equipment vehicles, and trucks of all kinds making our new driveway their thru-way and personal truck stop.

The Trustee's decided before a child or adult gets run down by a wayward vehicle we should try and control the situation; thus a lockable gate on the new second outlet driveway was conceived. Our original idea of having the extra driveway to help with traffic flow is still realized by the gate being unlocked and opened for Sunday services, large church events, and funerals. Our ushers have graciously taken this on as part of their duties.

The Trustees hope the installation of a gate for the safety of our congregation was the right call to make and that you will support our decision. We certainly do not want to stain our reputation as one of the friendliest church's around. Maybe this brief history will help everyone understand how the gate came into existence.

It's the season of Lent, and I pray you reflect and prayerfully ask the Lord for guidance in your life and the life of our church.

God Bless !
Terry Snider