

# Salem United Methodist Church

1321 Salem Church Road  
Irmo, South Carolina 29063  
Established 1873  
September 2, 2018



Back to school time is an important time of the year for families and especially for students. While everyone is excited and focused on attempting to maintain a routine again, we encourage you to include Sunday School in your weekly agenda. Salem now maintains six adult Sunday school classes, plus middle and a high school class, as well as 2 children's Sunday School and nursery. Our downstairs wing has previously only served our children, but with the help of many volunteers, we are working to incorporate space for a variety of age groups in our downstairs area.

We are excited about our new look downstairs and encourage you to come check us out. We hope to see you in Sunday School at Salem and look forward to the opportunity to provide a nurturing environment for all ages.

## HOME COMING

We will celebrate Homecoming at Salem on Sunday, September 16. We are excited to welcome back into our midst, the Rev. Bill Childs. Rev. Childs served Salem from 1989 to 2001.

A covered dish luncheon will follow the service. Family Ministries will provide the meat and drinks, with the congregation contributing side dishes and desserts. We look forward to a wonderful time of worship and fellowship!

## September 2, 2018 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Order of Service

*The color is red to denote the Presence of the Holy Spirit  
in our lives and our worship*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

**\*Call to Worship, 2164** Sanctuary

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true. With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.*

**\*Song Fest**

Prayer Concerns and Requests

Pastoral Prayer

**Offertory** with Ecuador Mission Video

**\*Doxology, 95**

**Children's Time** Janice Ayers

Introduction of the Ecuador Team

Sermon John Goodale & Heather Magann

**The Communion Meal** Presider: Bishop Carder  
Servers: Mike Haas, Melinda Hydrick, Dolly Kent, Cheryl Morgan

**\*Hymn, 2243** *We All Are One Mission*

**\*Benediction** Eve Haas

**\*Postlude** (A Time of Greeting and Fellowship)

*\*Indicates that the Congregation stands. If standing is uncomfortable,  
please remain seated and continue with your participation.*

**Bold Titles** indicate Congregation Participation.

The communion service vessels being used today  
have been presented to Salem by  
the Iglesia Evangelica Metodista Unida Del Ecuador.

## *A Welcome to our Guests!*

*We are honored that you are worshipping with us. Please complete the "red book" registration to record your presence. Also, please introduce yourself to those around you and visit our Welcome Center. We have a welcome gift for our first time guests in the welcome center. Please stop by the desk at the close of the worship service. We hope you will return to join us again in Worship!*

## STEWARDSHIP AND ATTENDANCE

### Week of August 26, 2018

Needed each week to fund unified budget \$13,640.71  
Unified budget received \$10,200.00  
Needed to meet budget year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund) \$463,784.14  
Unified budget received year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund) \$390,134.40

### Attendance

Worship 207 Sunday School 59

## PLEASE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER:

**Generations Irmo** — Ruth Martin  
**Harbor Chase Memory Care** — Shirley Saladino  
**Lexington Extended Care** — Gary Hewson  
**Pruitt Health** — Ed Brower  
**Springfield Place** — Doris Monts  
**White Oak Manor** — Emily Manley  
**Homebound** — Linda Carder, Betty Jaco  
**Special Prayers** — Scott Butler, Jack Cullipher,  
Faye Derrick, Carla Jennings, Barbara Pereira,  
Shirley Santopadre

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

**Ushers:** Lead – David Thomas  
Jason Hill, Tony Hill, Kyle Nash,  
Michael Nash, Ben Rainey  
**Greeters:** Sandra Durst  
Bill & Sandra Sills  
**Trustee:** Sandra Durst  
**Acolyte:** Ella Hodges  
**Nursery:** Sheri Hood, Kendall Smith

## Ecuador Team Members:

Janice Ayers, John Goodale, Eve Haas, Mike Haas,  
Melinda Hydrick, Dolly Kent, Heather Magann, Cheryl Morgan,  
Gary Phillips, Terry Snider, Trish Snider

## Flower Ministry

The flowers which grace the Holy Altar today are given to the Glory of God and in honor of our Ministry Team by Larry and June Salters.

## Camp Meeting Sundays

Next Sunday Mr. Jim Wessinger will tell the story of his journey of faith. Except for homecoming Sunday, each week of camp meeting we will hear the faith stories of members of our congregation. We welcome their openness and thank them for sharing with us. **On Homecoming Sunday, September 16, the Rev. Bill Childs will be our guest preacher.**

## NEW Sunday School Class

Reverend Phillips is facilitating a **new Adult** Sunday School class geared towards young to middle aged adults. The idea is to bring together a group of parents with children, those likely to have children or single adults who don't already have a Sunday School home. It's a diverse group, but one that could easily include you if you don't already attend Sunday School. This new class will be facilitated initially by Reverend Phillips and will meet in Room 111 downstairs in the Children's Department. If you'd like to know more, please see Pastor Gary or Tina Overton for further details. We would LOVE to have a full room so make plans to join us at any time!

## OASIS

What is OASIS, you ask? It is an acronym for "Older Adults Sharing in Service". Many of you are familiar with the "Over 50's" group here at Salem. A Committee has been formed to better define who we are. No age restrictions. Everyone is invited to attend the OASIS events. It is a way for adult Church members to bond together and enjoy one another in a relaxed setting. The Committee has some exciting events coming your way. **Our first event will be a fun and games filled luncheon in the fellowship hall on September 18th at 11:30 AM. Bring a covered dish and a friend and watch for future announcements of upcoming socials.**

## Precept Study of Colossians

We will begin a 9 week study of the book of Colossians on Tuesday morning, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00. Colossians is a very relevant book today because of the similar spiritual conditions that existed then and now. The town of Colossae was situated in a location that brought many travelers and traders to the city and with them came many pagan religions and ideas. False teaching, then as now, was threatening the church. Paul heard of the temptations these new believers were experiencing and wrote to encourage them (and us) to remain faithful to the truth of the gospel.

Join us on Tuesday mornings as we explore the supportive words of the apostle Paul to the church there and learn how we, too, can be better prepared to handle this current day situation.

This study is open to anyone who is interested in going deeper into knowing and understanding the Bible. If you would like to join us, or have questions, please contact Dolly Kent at 803-240-2831 or [DHKent12@aol.com](mailto:DHKent12@aol.com).

## UMW News

Our four circles (Cavin, Faith, Joy and Love) will begin their regular monthly meetings again this month. Please check your church calendar in the Newsletter or Bulletin for times and places for our regular meetings. We look forward to seeing our regular members and encourage all ladies at Salem who have not joined a circle yet to visit us. Our UMW is involved in many different mission activities, and we welcome all who would like to participate.

## COMING SOON!!

Cavin Circle will be selling Rada Cutlery after Sunday School Classes. Vegetables peelers and regular paring knives will be on hand to purchase. Brochures and samples will be provided to view for other products you might be interested in for gifts, holiday needs or just because.



Preparing to Hear  
from God  
A 7-Session Bible Study  
from Priscilla Shirer

A common question of many Christians is, "How can I know when God is speaking to me?" Priscilla uses the account of God speaking to Samuel in 1 Samuel 3 to show how God speaks to Christians and how we can discern His voice and position ourselves to respond. In this exciting adventure, participants will discover how God spoke to Samuel, Samuel's response, and how He speaks to believers today; they will be encouraged to listen and respond to God's voice; and by listening to God's voice and obeying Him, women will experience spiritual growth, Christian discipline, and the desire to serve.

All women are invited to join this study which will meet in the sanctuary on Thursdays from 6:30-8:30 pm, September 13 – October 25.

The only cost is the member book which is \$12.99. Books will be available for purchase the first night of Bible study, or you may purchase your book ahead of time at Lifeway Christian Store. (Please let me know if you pre-purchase your book.)

If you are interested in participating, you may register in **one** of the following ways:

1. Call or text Donna Corley at 803-629-4697. Please include your name.
2. Email Donna Corley at [salemladiesbiblestudy@gmail.com](mailto:salemladiesbiblestudy@gmail.com). If emailing, please type "Bible Study" in the subject line.
3. Complete the registration below and place it in the offering plate or return it to the church office.

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I would like to participate in the women's Bible study entitled  
**He Speaks to Me: Preparing to hear from God**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail  
address \_\_\_\_\_

## Epworth Children's Home Work Day Offering Next Sunday!

Next Sunday is the annual Work Day offering for Epworth Children's Home. This tradition dates back decades when Methodists were challenged to give a day's pay to the children at Epworth. While the emphasis has shifted a bit over the years, it is still important that we come together to provide spiritual, educational, emotional and physical support for the children at Epworth. As you consider what God is calling you to give to support our church's ministry to children, remember Christ's command to let the little children come to him. He embraces them, welcomes them, loves them and teaches them. Epworth is answering this call to let the little children come. Your generous contribution to our church's ministry enables transformation to happen for the children who call Epworth home. Epworth does not receive apportionments from the United Methodist Conference. This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry. For more information about Epworth Children's Home, visit them on the web at [www.epworthchildrenshome.org](http://www.epworthchildrenshome.org).

## Sharing God's Love

Our **5th Annual Golf Tournament** will be held on **September 10**. If you wish to get a foursome together or just want to play, please contact us by calling 803-732-3188 or email us at [sharinggodsllove.net](mailto:sharinggodsllove.net). We really have a great time of fellowship and fun. There will be an assortment of prizes for all categories.

**Our current and most needed items are:** school-age gentle used clothing, heat & eat food, such as spaghetti's, ravioli, stew, chili, spaghetti & spaghetti sauce, and jelly.

*Boxes are located in each Sunday School Room and a cart is in the hallway next to the Fellowship Hall entrance. 287 items were carried to SGL on August 30. Thanks to the congregation for your support of the "Back to School Program".*

<b>Sunday, September 2</b>
9:30 A.M. . . . . Sunday School for all ages, Nursery provided
10:30 A.M. . . . . Morning Worship
5:00 P.M. . . . . Kid's Club
<b>Monday, September 3</b>
<i>Office closed</i>
<b>Tuesday, September 4</b>
7:00 P.M. . . . . AA Meeting
<b>Wednesday, September 5</b>
10:00 A.M. . . . . Joy Circle
7:00 P.M. . . . . Choir Practice
<b>Thursday, September 6</b>
7:00 P.M. . . . . Lake Murray Association Meeting
7:00 P.M. . . . . AA Meeting
<b>Saturday, September 8</b>
7:00 P.M. . . . . AA Meeting

*The Church office will be closed on  
Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> for Labor Day.*

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday  
8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
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Phone 803-781-1626

*In case of an emergency, call  
843-209-9273 or 803-422-9400*



### OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Gary Phillips — Pastor  
Sarah Bridges — Director of Music  
Marissa Hill — Communications Coordinator  
Beth Chastie — Business/Finance Manager  
Miriam Y. Lovett — Organist  
Jim Magann — Youth/Outreach Ministries  
Tina Overton — Director of Creative Ministries  
Marie Wicker — Administrative Assistant

**THIS WEEK AT SALEM**