



**salem**  
United Methodist Church

**November 2018**

**Sunday School: 9:30 am**

**Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 am**

# Salem's Story



We are only about 6 months away from our Youth Mission Trip to Ecuador. We are working on raising funds for the Youth to go impact and also be impacted by our time in Ecuador. This month we will have 2 fundraisers:

**November 18** - Following Youth Sunday we will have a luncheon for everyone to enjoy. The menu has not been determined yet and it will be a donation only event.

**November 30** - Child Care for Shopping - It is getting close to the time of year where many will have to go shopping and taking the kids is not an option. The youth and some adults will provide a night for you to do the shopping you need to do. We will have food, fun and all sorts of things from 6:00 - 10:00p.m. We hope you will take advantage of this time. This is a donation only event.

let's do  
**lunch!**



## Salem Kids

Rehearsal for the Children's Christmas Play will start promptly at 4:30 on Sundays and will lead into Kid's Club at 5:00. The children will wrap up each week at 6:00. We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to allow your children to be a part of our Christmas Play as well as enjoy a time of fellowship and nurturing in Christ via Kid's Club! We look forward to seeing you next Sunday!



## November Events

- November 1 World Thank Dinner, 6:30 pm
- November 3 Come 2gether Work Day, 6:30 am, Union
- November 4 Commission on the Way Forward, 5 pm
- November 11 Pledge Sunday
- November 13 Oasis Thanksgiving Feast at the Salters'
- November 28 Commission on the Way Forward, 5 pm

# Youth

Youth Group will continue each Sunday in November with a couple of changes. November 18th, we will go out to eat for the night. November 25th will be no youth due to Thanksgiving Break.

## November 18

YOUTH  
SUNDAY  
2018

Sunday, November 18 will be Youth Sunday at Salem UMC. Join us as we have a service based on Unity among all of us. We will be speaking and leading from Ephesians 4:2-7 and Colossians 3: 12-17. We hope you will make plans to Worship with us on this date.

## Committee Meetings



**November 13-** Program Council, 7 pm

**November 19-** UMW Executive Meeting, 10:30 am



Join the ladies of Salem for fellowship and fun at

12 pm, on November 26, at Lizard's Thicket.

## UMW World Thank Dinner

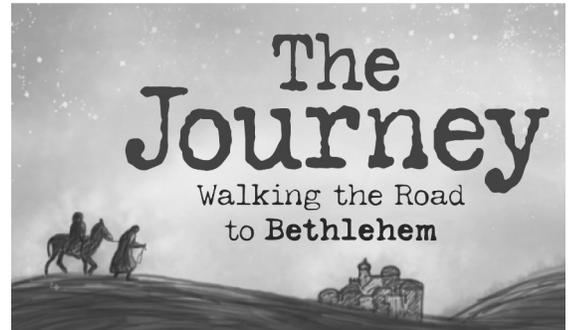
Mark your calendars for the World Thank Dinner on November 1, 2018, at 6:30 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall. This event is sponsored by our UMW. It is open to anyone who would like to join us. Tickets can be purchased at \$12 each from any UMW member beginning early October. Beth Greer from Life and Godliness Ministries will be our guest speaker/singer. Please join us for dinner and an inspiring message. Contact Linda Gibbons if you have further questions.



The Methodist men will meet on Sunday, November 18 at 8:00 a.m. with breakfast and program. This month we will be joined by Breigh Corely of Lutheran Services who will be sharing with us the work they do for Refugee and Immigrant Services. We hope all men will join us for this time.

## NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

If you would like to receive this newsletter by e-mail, please send an email to [marissahill211@gmail.com](mailto:marissahill211@gmail.com). Anyone who would like to submit an article or item for the December newsletter should do so by November 26, 2018. Please send anything newsletter-related to [marissahill211@gmail.com](mailto:marissahill211@gmail.com). Thank you!



## Announcing a new Advent Study

Last Lent, there was a group that took in hand a study of the passion of the Lord that was created by Adam Hamilton. In that study (24 Hours that Changed the World) he took a moment by moment look at the last day of the human life of the Christ. This Advent, we will be offering the prequel to that study: The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem. This is a moment by moment look at the birth of Jesus. The study will be a five week experience beginning on Sunday night, November 25 and concluding on Sunday night, December 23. Each session will begin at 5 pm and conclude at 6 pm. The book can be purchased on your own (print and electronic versions are available), or we will provide them at a cost of \$8.00. If you get your own you, will need to purchase the expanded edition.

Because of space constraints, we will need to limit the class to the first 25 enrollees. Call the church office to register.

### *From Our Church Family*

"Thank you for your loving heart and your helping hands." Words cannot express how deeply grateful we are for our wonderful church family. Thank you all so much for your prayers, generosity, love and support this past year. You all have truly been a blessing.  
Much love, Cory, Ashley, and Clare Anderson

We would like to express our gratitude to the members of Salem UMC for their kind expression of sympathy in the passing of our wife and mother, Betty Davis.  
The family of John and James Davis

# Memorials and Special Gifts Received

*In Loving Memory of William Anderson*

**Playground Fund**

Dan and Carla Jennings  
Ron and Deborah Joye

*In Loving Memory of Martha Chapman*

**Video Repair Fund**

Ron and Deborah Joye

*In Loving Memory of Anne Clary*

**Building Fund**

Ron and Deborah Joye

*In Loving Memory of Adam Cullum*

**Music Fund**

Ron and Deborah Joye

*In Loving Memory of Robert Cook*

**Building Fund**

Ron and Deborah Joye

*In Loving Memory of Betty Davis*

**Building Fund**

John and Linda Gibbons  
Warren and Johnnie Metts  
Bill and Sandra Sills  
**Church on the Lake**  
Eleanor Mahnken  
John and Alison Post and family

**General Fund**

Larry and June Salters

**Video Repair Fund**

Ron and Deborah Joye

*In Loving Memory of Pat Davis*

**Building Fund**

Ron and Deborah Joye  
Nick and Eileen Leoncavallo

**General Fund**

Dan and Carla Jennings  
Larry and June Salters

*In Loving Memory of George Fann*

**General Fund**

Dan and Carla Jennings  
**Playground Fund**  
Ron and Deborah Joye

*In Loving Memory of Catherine Idee Faust*

**General Fund**

Dan and Carla Jennings

**Video Repair Fund**

Ron and Deborah Joye

*In Loving Memory of Judy Landrum*

**Video Repair Fund**

Ron and Deborah Joye

*In Loving Memory of Reese Massey*

**Video Repair Fund**

Ron and Deborah Joye

*In Loving Memory of Billy Sox*

**Building Fund**

Ron and Deborah Joye

*In Loving Memory of June Thomas*

**Building Fund**

Michael and Cynthia Albi  
Faye Derrick  
Anna Mary and Creighton Forrest  
Ted and Pete Hornsby  
Ron and Deborah Joye  
George and Juanita Kelley  
John and Ruby Wood Kelly  
Jim and Marie Lewis  
Don and Miriam Lovett  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Marsh  
Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Marsh  
Jan Prosser

Jerry and Shirley Quatman

Salem OASIS

Henry Stuckey

David and Martina Thomas

**Cemetery Fund**

Brady and Mary Bouknight

**General Fund**

Dan and Carla Jennings

Larry and June Salters

Norm and Barbara Thomas

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*In Honor of Gary Phillips*

**Audio/Video Fund**

Family of Martha W. Chapman

**Salem**



**Bazaar**

**Come & shop & eat...**

there will be over 35 vendors with various home made crafts, soaps, candles, wooden bowls, paintings, seasonings, baby items, children's clothing, women's clothing, dish towels, pottery, Christmas items, scarves, jewelry, 31 products, Usborne Books, Pampered Chef, Mary Kay, Avon, Tupperware, Pink Zebra, food for lunch & so much more!

## Special Conference Presentation

On Sunday evening, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 and on Wednesday evening, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:30, there will be an informational presentation on the business of a specially called General Conference of the United Methodist Church. The presentation will be in the Sanctuary. This Conference will take up the business of making a decision coming out of the report of The Commission on the Way Forward and has the potential to alter the United Methodist Church.



Rada Cutlery is being sold by Cavin Circle! Come see us between Sunday School and Church Service near the Fellowship Hall!

## Cemetery Update

Our Salem Church Cemetery has served our church family for as long as the church has been in existence. We have some markers that date back to the Civil War era. It's been managed and maintained by a number of church members over the years. In 2012, it was brought to the attention of the Board of Trustees that we were running out of space. After some discussion, it was determined the cemetery would not be expanded so we need to get a clear understanding of what was available to church members and what was reserved.

As a Trustee, I was asked to take on this task by Mitch Houston and have worked with the Cemetery Committee and the Trustees for the last six years. I'm happy to say we are finishing up the project in November 2018. Mr. Keith Corley has stepped up and will take on the role as Cemetery Chair, as well as continuing to serve as a Trustee. Thank you, Keith, you will do a great job for the people of Salem!

As to the concern of running out of space, we do have limited space available. There are a total of 769 plots in the entire cemetery, in which 379 already have burials. We currently have 181 reserved plots and 26 in a pending state (working through various issues), thus leaving 183 burial plots available for church members. Looking at the percentages, we are over 70% either already used or reserved.

Over the last six years, as the committee worked through the various issues, we have heard a number of rumors about our efforts and most are incorrect. We tried to move the management of the cemetery from a Family plot reservation system to an Individual plot system focused on church members. The distinction for Family plot to Individual means that instead of a cluster or two to ten spots bearing only a family name for the group of spots, individual names will be listed. In other words, instead of a span of four plots designated as "Jones," there would be four spots together designated as Sam Jones, Jane Jones, Billy Jones and Sally Jones with each individual designated for a particular spot.

We never set out to upset anyone. We just tried to record and document all the "hand shake" agreements that had been made over the years and make those agreements visible for everyone, using the church office as our place of records. Part of making all the agreements visible, we realized we needed to update the Cemetery Rules and Guidelines from the previous version which was last updated in 1992 from a 1989 writing. So, in the fall of 2017, our Administrative Council approved those updated guidelines. We also began sending out confirmation letters for these reserved burial plots. If you believe you have a burial plot reserved and have not received a confirmation letter, please call the church office at your earliest convenience so we can review and rectify the situation.

In summary, the Cemetery Committee has had a tough task to complete, asking members about their understanding of the agreements without upsetting people. It's been an adventure that we are glad to put behind us.

God Bless, Terry Snider



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# November 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> Fellowship Hall reserved 12 pm <b>World Thank Dinner</b> 6:30 pm <b>Women's Bible Study</b> 6:30-8:30 pm <b>Lake Murray Association</b> 7 pm AA 7 pm	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>  <b>Come 2gether Work Day</b> 6:30 am at Union UMC  AA 7 pm
<b>4</b> Report on Commission on the Way Forward 5 pm <b>Children's Play Practice</b> 4:30-5 pm <b>Kids Club</b> 5-6 pm <b>Youth</b> 5-6:15 pm	<b>5</b> Love Circle 10 am <b>Cavin Circle</b> 11:30 am at church <b>Faith Circle</b> 6:30 pm	<b>6</b> Precept Bible Study 9 am  AA 7 pm	<b>7</b> Joy Circle 10 am  <b>Choir Practice</b> 7 pm	<b>8</b>  AA 7 pm	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>  AA 7 pm
<b>11</b> Pledge Sunday 10:30 <b>Children's Play Practice</b> 4:30-5 pm <b>Kids Club</b> 5-6 pm <b>Youth</b> 5-6:15 pm	<b>12</b> Veteran's Day Church Office Closed	<b>13</b> Oasis Thanksgiving Feast at the Salters' 11:30 am <b>Program Council</b> 6:30 pm AA 7 pm	<b>14</b>  <b>Trustee Meeting</b> 7 pm <b>Choir Practice</b> 7 pm	<b>15</b>  AA 7 pm	<b>16</b> Fellowship Hall Reserved	<b>17</b>  AA 7 pm
<b>18</b> UMM, 8 am <b>Youth Sunday</b> 10:30 am <b>Youth Fundraiser Lunch</b> <b>Children's Play Practice</b> 4:30-5 pm <b>Kids Club</b> 5-6 pm <b>Youth (Dinner)</b> 5-6:15 pm	<b>19</b> UMW Executive Meeting 10:30 am	<b>20</b>  AA 7 pm	<b>21</b> Thanksgiving Holidays Church Office Closed  <b>Choir Practice</b> 7 pm	<b>22</b> Thanksgiving Holidays Church Office Closed  AA 7 pm	<b>23</b> Thanksgiving Holidays Church Office Closed	<b>24</b> Thanksgiving Holidays Church Office Closed  AA 7 pm
<b>25</b>  <b>No evening Youth or Children's Events</b>	<b>26</b> Ladies Lunch Bunch 12 pm <b>Lizard's Thicket</b>	<b>27</b>  <b>SPRC</b> 7 pm AA 7 pm	<b>28</b> Commission on the Way Forward 5 pm <b>Choir Practice</b> 7 pm	<b>29</b>  AA 7 pm	<b>30</b> Parents' Shopping Night <b>Youth Fundraiser</b> 6pm-10 pm	

## A note from Pastor Gary:

Sunday October 14<sup>th</sup> was designated as Pastor Appreciation Sunday. The members of the Staff Parrish Relations Committee (SPRC) were sneaky in making some plans to highlight the day and the pastors in our midst. On Sunday morning, people arrived to find a big billboard and special notices marking the day. While a lot of the attentiveness was directed in my direction, the light was also shined on those other persons that have served and continue to serve in ministerial roles in our midst.



As a result, I am grateful for several things that come to mind. First, I want to thank the members of the SPRC and indeed the congregation as a whole, for your willingness to accept me as your pastor. Yes, I was appointed, and you had little choice about that part. But you have welcomed me, not only into the pulpit, but into the life of the congregation and even into the midst of your lives. I think you for that and I hope to live faithfully into that. That welcome has been offered in varied and many ways, ranging from conversations, to cards, to a willingness to work alongside of me, even to hand delivered Banana pudding.

Secondly, about those other persons that fulfill ministerial roles. This congregation has a long history of having retired pastors in its midst. That history has allowed you to allow them to be here as their own person. They are given the respect they deserve (and all of the folk we have here really do deserve it) but not overburdened with expectations. That is a gift that not many congregations could offer. Well done! You will be aware of most of these individuals, but just to remind you: there is Bishop Kenneth Carder (who teaches us regularly about kindness, gentleness and grace), Rev. Larry Salters (who lives right out loud, enjoying himself at every turn), Rev. Bill Childs (former pastor that has retired back to our family, who will share a story and a smile at the drop of a hat), and Paul Perry (ministerial student intern that reminds us our beginnings in faith and in giving it expression). Added to their number now is Rev. Bob Vincent (formerly the pastor of Shady Grove UMC and now working with the Conference Foundation). And, of course, we sadly mark the loss of Rev. Reese Massey (who reminded us regularly to take it all seriously ...but not too seriously). I'm glad to have or have had each of them at my elbow. I'm grateful, too, that the SPRC remembered their place in our family.



Thank you so much for your support of Sharing God's Love. With your love, support, and prayers we are able to assist those in need in our community. We are thrilled to announce we raised over \$5,500 from our Fall Yard Sale. What a blessing!!!! Many thanks to all who participated. **Our current needs:** girls & boys winter clothes especially girls shirts, and we urgently need

canned meats i.e., tuna, chicken, salmon, Vienna sausages, ham and spam. These canned meats are especially helpful for those unable to cook.

*Boxes are located in each Sunday School Room and a cart is in the hallway next to the Fellowship Hall entrance. 157 items were carried to SGL on October 10th.*

## Come2gether Workday

Join us on Saturday, November 3, for a day of work helping repair local homes in need. We will be doing this work in conjunction with Union UMC. The day will begin with breakfast at 6:30 am at Union followed by work until about 4:00 pm. Lunch also will be provided. We are asking all that would like to help to please contact Jim Magann or Tommy McLendon by Sunday, October 28. We need numbers to have proper amount of food and work prepared.



# Help Us Fill the Shelves at Sharing God's Love



After the Oasis tour of Sharing God's Love, one of our church members commented, "It doesn't really hit home until you see the empty shelves in the pantry."

Thank you for your continued donations to Sharing God's Love!

## Christmas Poinsettias

If you would like to place a poinsettia in the Church for Christmas, or make a donation to our Building Fund in honor of or in memory of a loved one, please complete the form below. Poinsettias will be \$13.00 each. A listing of all poinsettias and donations will be inserted in the bulletins on Sunday, December 16th and Sunday, December 23rd. **Poinsettias may be picked up after the Christmas Eve service on December 24th.** Please place the completed form along with payment marked, "poinsettia" in the offering plate, or drop it by the Church Office. **The deadline for receiving forms and payment is Sunday, November 11th.** Names only please, no special messages will be added. **Please print clearly.**



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### Poinsettias

In Loving Memory of:

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In Honor of:

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Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

Total # of Poinsettias @ \$13.00 each \_\_\_\_\_.

Total amount enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_.

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**In Lieu Of Poinsettias, Donation to the Building Fund**

In Loving Memory of:

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In Honor of:

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Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_.



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**Church Office Hours**

Monday - Thursday  
8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon  
1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
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Anyone interested in being a part of a weekend of cleaning up and helping rebuild in the Pee Dee region, particularly Conway, please

mark your calendars for Friday November 30 and Saturday, December 1. We will be taking a group to the area to assist in efforts to help those affected by the storms begin to get back on their feet. If you can go both days, great, however if you can only do one day, that will be wonderful also. The sign-up deadline for this weekend is November 18.

For more information about this project, please contact Tommy McLendon at 803-530-4398.



## Oasis Outing

Our next event is always one of our most well attended events. The Thanksgiving feast hosted by the Salters will be held on Tuesday, November 13, at their Lexington home at 11:30.

The address is 113 Murray Vista Circle, Lexington, but everyone is encouraged to meet at the church at 11:00 to carpool due to limited parking availability. Please RSVP as soon as possible for this event so that we may enable

the Salters to properly prepare for us. We hope to hear from you and look forward to our time of fellowship together.

