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United Methodist Church

**December 2018**

**Sunday School: 9:30 am**

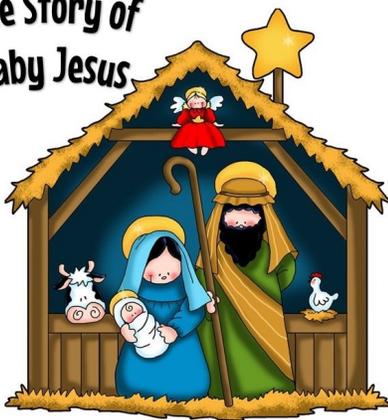
**Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 am**

# Salem's Story

for  
**UNTO**  
us a  
*Child*  
is **BORN**  
isaiah 9:6




The Story of  
Baby Jesus



**Children's  
Christmas  
Program**

**December 16,  
10:30 am**



**December 8, 9 am - 2 pm**

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!

## Committee Meetings



**Finance Committee**—  
December 11, 6:30 pm  
**Church Council**—  
December 11, 7 pm  
**UMW Executive**—

## Cemetery Information

The updated Cemetery Regulations and Cemetery Reservation Form have been uploaded to our Salem webpage, salemumcsc.com. To get to the regulations and reservation form, click on “Forms and Gifts.” There is also a link on the main page that says “Click here to see the new Cemetery Regulations and Registration Form.”

## 2019 Flower Calendar



Altar Flowers

The 2019 Flower Calendar has been placed in the Welcome Center. Cost is \$75 for two arrangements and is a thoughtful way to honor or memorialize someone special. The arrangements are yours to take following the service. Please help support the church in this meaningful manner.

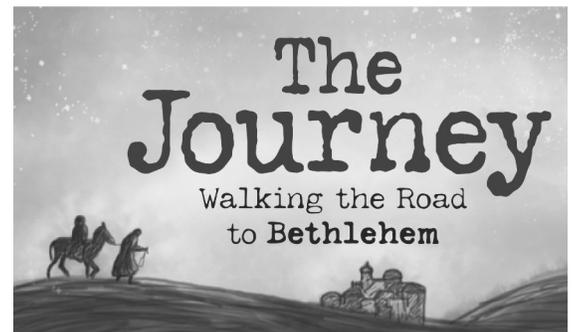
## United Methodist Men

Sunday, December 16th, the Methodist Men will welcome Britt Dove of SLED Computer Crimes Division. Britt was originally scheduled to speak in September but had to reschedule due to the Hurricane and responsibilities through work. He will be sharing with us some of the newest concerns in computer crimes and what to watch out for. He will also share what we can do to not only protect ourselves but also our families. We look forward to having all men join us on December 16th.



## Advent 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 that kicked off November 25 and will conclude 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. If you have not signed up but would still like to participate, please contact the church office.



For any ladies that just want to get together for fellowship time over

lunch, we will meet on Monday, December 31 at 12 pm at Doza Rizen.

## NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

If you would like to receive this newsletter by e-mail, please let Marissa Hill know at marissahill211@gmail.com. Anyone who would like to submit an article or item for the January newsletter should do so by December 24, 2018. Please send anything newsletter-related to marissahill211@gmail.com. Thank you!

# Oasis Christmas Drop In

Join us for a Christmas drop in on Tuesday, December 18 at 5:00 in the church Fellowship Hall. Put on your favorite Christmas casual attire and bring your favorite covered dish as well as an inexpensive fun gift to participate in the Left/Right gift exchange. Don't feel like bringing a gift? No worries, you will just laugh at others as they enjoy playing a game that challenges their listening skills! Lots of music entertainment will also be provided. We hope to see some of you who would normally like to participate, but can't during the day due to work or other obligations.



## Memorials and Special Gifts Received

*In Loving Memory of Jay Martindale*

**Building Fund**

Larry and June Salters

*In Loving Memory of  
Ruth and Carlisle Metts*

**Cemetery Fund**

Joyce Metts Grimes

*In Loving Memory of June Thomas*

**Building Fund**

Theron and Dale Hegler

*In Loving Memory of  
Mr. and Mrs. Tally Weed*

**Building Fund**

Dan and Carla Jennings

*In Loving Memory of  
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Weed*

**Building Fund**

Dan and Carla Jennings

*In Loving Memory of  
Inis and Charles Whitten*

**Cemetery Fund**

Joyce Metts Grimes

***In Honor of***

*Mr. and Mrs. Homer Jennings*

*Mr. and Mrs. Will Jennings*

*Tally Jennings*

*Ron and Deborah Joye*

*Erika Joye, Canyon and Juni*

*Emme, Furman and Bazen Lovett*

*Angela Quarles*

*Brock Sandish*

**Building Fund**

Dan and Carla Jennings

***In Honor of***

*Warren Metts for his birthday on*

*October 25th*

*Warren and Johnnie Metts' wedding  
anniversary, November 19th*

**Cemetery Fund**

Mike and Tammy Szucs



# Why Facebook and Instagram?



Someone recently asked why we as a church use Facebook and Instagram instead of sticking to something simple, like e-mail. As Communications Coordinator, I want to outline the different ways in which the church publishes information.

First of all, if you are comfortable with e-mail, great! Be sure you are signed up to receive the bulletin and newsletter by e-mail. If you prefer to read church announcements on paper, be sure you are signed up to receive the Newsletter by mail and pick up your bulletin each Sunday. Our most recent newsletters and bulletins are also on the church webpage, salemumcsc.com. Go to the web address and click “newsletter” or “bulletin” to see the latest.

To answer the question of why we are using social media to share what is going on in our church, I'll use a quote from Andrew Conrad, author of 10 Powerful Statistics on Church Social Media Use. He says, “as churches grow and adapt to the era of omnipresent Wi-Fi and smartphones, social media has become one of the most effective- and necessary- ways of reaching new members.” When others are considering coming to Salem, they are very likely to look us up on social media and will want to see what types of programs and activities we have to offer. For members, our Facebook and Instagram pages provide reminders of upcoming church events throughout the week. Facebook and Instagram also provide a platform for questions, comments, videos, and links for more information. For “events,” such as the Harvest Happening and Bazaar, Facebook users are able to click “interested” or “going,” and Facebook will notify their friends and others in the community of the event, including the time, date and location. It’s a wonderful advertisement and outreach to the community! We want to reach as many people as we can, and social media is a great way to share what is going on in our church with those who are already involved at Salem and those considering getting involved.

If you are not on Instagram or Facebook, you can still go to salemumcsc.com and scroll down to see our latest Facebook and Instagram posts without actually having to sign up for Facebook or Instagram.

Please be assured that if you are not on social media, you are not missing any information. We simply post the announcements from the bulletin and the newsletter on social media throughout the week. It’s an important ministry of the church, and I welcome any comments or suggestions on improving the communication of the great things happening within our church community.

Sincerely,

Marissa Hill

Communications Coordinator, marissahill211@gmail.com

- | How to Stay Informed |                                 |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1.                   | E-mail                          |
| 2.                   | Paper (Bulletin and Newsletter) |
| 3.                   | Website                         |
| 4.                   | Facebook                        |
| 5.                   | Instagram                       |

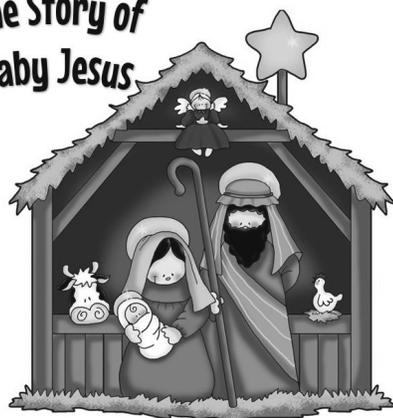
## Flood Repair Workday

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



**Our current needs:** jelly, spaghetti sauce, spaghetti noodles, winter clothing for children. *Boxes are located in each Sunday School Room and a cart is in the hallway next to the Fellowship Hall entrance. 171 items were carried to SGL on November 5th.*

## The Story of Baby Jesus



Our children are excited to bring to you "The Story of Baby Jesus" which will be presented to our congregation and special guests during the Sunday morning worship hour on **December 16th**. Be sure to reserve this date on your calendar so that we may honor their hard work in bringing us this performance! We look forward to this special Sunday.



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

# Youth

## Bazaar Help

December 8

Salem UMC will be holding their annual Craft Bazaar and the Youth going to Ecuador will be serving soups and wrapping presents to help raise funds for the trip. Those going must be present to help, but youth not



## Christmas Party

December 16

Join us from 5-6 pm for our annual Christmas party. Wear all Green and Red and bring two things!!!!

1. A gift for Gift Exchange between \$5-\$10. Make sure it would be something you would be ok receiving. There will be a prize for the silliest gift!

2. Your Favorite appetizer dish to share with the group.



going on the mission trip are invited to come help as well!

## Luminaries

December 24

We will be setting out Luminaries for Christmas Eve services and will be selling them in church for a few weeks leading up to the time. We would love anyone who would be willing to help set them out that night around 4:30 pm.



## Downstairs Decorating and Setup

December 20-21

The Youth voted on and decided to move to the Downstairs area. We have already been having Sunday School down there. We want to make a full move down to that area for Youth beginning the first Youth Group of 2019. That means we will need to begin setting things up and painting, decorating, etc. If you would like to be a part of that, join us from 8 am -2 pm these two days to help set things up.



## Special Missions Recognition Award

The women of UMW would like to congratulate Callie Dunn on receiving this year's Special Missions Recognition award for her support of UMW, Faith Circle, Church on the Lake, SPRC Committee and with our homebound members and homeless missions among her other contributions for Salem.





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> <b>Missions Committee Flood Repair Workday</b>  AA 7 pm
<b>2</b> <b>Choir Practice</b> 2-4 pm <b>Children's Play Practice</b> 4:30 pm <b>Kid's Club</b> 5-6 pm <b>Youth Group</b> 5-6 pm	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  AA 7 pm	<b>5</b>  <b>Choir Practice</b> 7 pm	<b>6</b>  AA 7 pm	<b>7</b> <b>Bazaar Setup</b> taking place all day	<b>8</b> <b>Bazaar</b> 9 am-2 pm <b>Choir Practice</b> 9 am-12 pm  AA 7 pm
<b>9</b> <b>Christmas Cantata</b> 10:30 am <b>Children's Play Practice</b> 4:30 pm <b>Kid's Club</b> 5-6 pm <b>Youth Group</b> 5-6 pm	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <b>Finance Committee</b> 6:30 pm <b>Church Council</b> 7 pm AA 7 pm	<b>12</b>  <b>Choir Practice</b> 7 pm	<b>13</b>  AA 7 pm	<b>14</b> <b>Decorating for Children's Christmas Program in the Sanctuary</b>	<b>15</b> <b>Children's Play Practice</b> 10 am-1 pm (lunch included)  AA 7 pm
<b>16</b> <b>UMM</b> 8 am <b>Kid's Club</b> 5-6 pm <b>Youth Christmas Party</b> 5-6 pm	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  AA 7 pm	<b>19</b>  <b>Choir Practice</b> 7 pm	<b>20</b> <b>Youth Downstairs Decorating/Setup</b> 8am-2pm  AA 7 pm	<b>21</b> <b>Youth Downstairs Decorating/Setup</b> 8am-2pm	<b>22</b>  AA 7 pm
<b>23</b>  <b>No Children's or Youth Activities</b>	<b>24</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b> 5:30 pm <b>Christmas Eve Service</b> 7:00 pm <b>Christmas Eve Service</b>	<b>25</b> <b>Christmas Day</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b>  AA 7 pm	<b>26</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b>	<b>27</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b>  AA 7 pm	<b>28</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b>	<b>29</b>  AA 7 pm
<b>30</b>  <b>Kid's Club</b> 5-6 pm <b>No Youth Group</b>	<b>31</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b> <b>Ladies Lunch Bunch</b> Doza Rizen 12 pm					



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**Church Office Hours**

Monday - Thursday  
8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon  
1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
803-781-1626  
website: salemumcsc.com



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Sunday, December 9, we will have our annual Christmas Cantata during Worship at 10:30 am. Join us for this moving service which finds its roots in the agape fellowship meal of the early Christian church. This Love Feast coupled with a traditional service of Lessons and Carols and will be a blessing to all of us.

*Lessons and Carols*  
*Love Feast*