

Salem United Methodist Church

1321 Salem Church Road
Irmo, South Carolina 29063
Established 1873
March 10, 2019

Being Reconciled with God: A Lenten Perspective II Corinth. 5: 20

	<i>March 10</i>	
Luke 4:1-13	Being dependent on the Holy One	
	<i>March 17</i>	
Luke 13:1-9	Believing in our own goodness	
	<i>March 24</i>	
Luke 13:31-35	Believing that we have it made	
	<i>March 31</i>	
Luke 15:1-32	Laying claim to "our" place	
	<i>April 7</i>	
John 12:1-8	Giving expression to a Hollow Empathy	
	<i>April 14</i>	
Luke 22:14-56	Living out of a mob mentality	
	<i>April 18 (Maundy Thursday)</i>	
John 13:1-35	True servanthood modeled	

Frist Sunday of Lent March 10, 2019 A Service of Word

The color purple is used to denote sorrow over our separation from God

Prelude
Procession & Lighting of the Candles
Chiming of the Hour

***Choral Call to Worship, 2214** *Lead Me, Guide Me*
Lead me, guide me, along the way, for if you lead me, I cannot stray. Lord, let me walk each day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

***The Gathering**
The seasons of Advent and Christmas lead us into a journey that is characterized with Joy and Hope and Peace.
The journey to Bethlehem is filled with "Alleluia" and "Amen". We blend our voices with those of the angels as they sing of praise and glory.
We talk of light and life; our faces are beautiful with smiles, our eyes crinkle in delight.
We dream of God with us, in the midst of our lives, sharing in all that is good and right. It is a time of knowing God's Love in our lives.

***Hymn, 2014** *Alleluia*
If you have a prayer request, please fill out the blue prayer card and the ushers will pick them up during the singing of the hymn.

The season of Lent sets us on a journey that turns a corner into darkness and quiet.
The journey to Jerusalem begins in wilderness and is fraught with dangers, toils and snares.
Yet it is a journey that we must take trusting in God.
This journey of self-examination, of self-realization can be frightening, for in it we see ourselves as we are, not as we wish others to believe we may be. "Lord help us", is our cry, "Lord be with us in our time of trial. Lord, Love us yet. Amen."

A Moment with the Children
We invite children ages 3-7. Children can be picked up after worship service in the bride's room located off the Welcome Center.

An Act of Discontinuance
When Jesus came down from the mount of Transfiguration, he began to tell his disciples that he would be betrayed and crucified.
Sometimes we lose our alleluia.
Jesus did not enter into glory before he stretched out his arms on the hardwood of the cross.

Sometimes we lose our alleluia.
Jesus told his disciples, "If you want to become my followers, deny yourselves and take up your cross and follow me."
Sometimes we must let go of our alleluia.
At Easter we will again take up our celebration of goodness in our lives, we will celebrate the Resurrection and sing "Christ is risen."
In God's own good time, we will find our alleluia!
For the days of Lent, for this time in our lives, we will set aside our joy; we discontinue our singing and saying, "Alleluia."
Sometimes we let go of our alleluia. In the name of Christ our Lord, Amen.

The Choral Anthem *On Eagle's Wings*

Prayer for Illumination
Bring your Word near to us this day, O God,
By the power of your Holy Spirit, help us to respond to your Word with our whole lives. Amen.

Old Testament Reading, 528 *Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16*
Epistle Reading, 149(NT) *Romans 10:8b-13*
*Gospel Reading, 57 *Luke 4:1-13*

***Hymn, 2112** *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley*
Sermon "Dependence on the Holy One"

Prayer of Confession and Absolution
O God, our refuge and fortress, forgive us when we fail to trust in you. We fall into temptation; we are swayed by false words; we speak false words of our own. We choose ease and comfort over your demanding claims upon us and our lives. In turning from you, we settle for less than the abundant generosity you intend. Forgive us, we pray. Do not let us be put to shame, O God. Hear us as we call to you and show us your salvation. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Offertory
***Doxology, 95**
***Hymn, 116** *The God of Abraham Praise*
During the singing of the final hymn you are invited to the chancel rail to share your prayers.

***Benediction**
***Choral Response**
*Chiming of the Holy Trinity
***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.*

STEWARDSHIP AND ATTENDANCE

Week of March 3, 2019

Needed each week to fund unified budget \$13,746.61
Unified budget received \$13,561.00
Needed to meet budget year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund)
\$123,719.49
Unified budget received year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund)
\$100,886.50

Attendance

Worship 148 Sunday School 84

PLEASE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER:

Brookdale Assisted Living — Mavis George
Carroll Campbell Place — Ruth Martin
Generations (Chapin) — Gwen Parnell & Ira Parnell
Lowman Home — Betty Jaco
Pruitt Health — Ed Brower
Springfield Place — Doris Monts
Tyborne UCP — Jessica Gore
White Oak Manor — Emily Manley
Homebound — Linda Carder, Leroy Gibson, Dale Jenkins
Special Prayers — Jim Bagwell, Donald Grooms,
Barbara Pereira, Judy Wrenn
Lexington Hospital — Faye Childs

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

Ushers: Lead – Carey Page
Tony Mims, Braxton Overton,
Kendall Smith, Steven Smith,
Mike Thacker
Greeters: Linda Gibbons,
Ralph Payne, Janet Shirley
Trustee: Steven Smith
Acolyte: Mason Vyskocil
Nursery: Edie Shuford, Julia Rose Hood
Children's Church: Brittany Mullins

Flower Ministry

The flowers which grace the Holy Altar today are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Jack Cullipher whose birthday would have been on March 27th by Betty Cullipher.

Our Christian Sympathy

We would like to express our heartfelt sympathy to **Jackie Smith** and family upon the death of her mother-in-law, **Vivian Smith**.

Usher Training

There will be an Usher Training class after worship service today. This training is for everyone that will be serving this year. *Thank you for your continued service to Salem UMC.*

Adult Lenten Focused Study

There will be an adult Lenten focused study presented on Sunday evenings **beginning this Sunday, March 10th, at 5:00**. The study will begin with an overview of the history of Lent and Lenten practices along with an introduction to the study book *“He Chose the Nails: What God did to Win Your Heart”* by Max Lucado. The Study Guides will be available in the church office and the first night of the study. The price of the book is \$8. Dolly Kent, Gary Phillips and Paul Perry will lead the discussion times. The sessions will conclude on Sunday, April 14th.

Murder Mystery Dinner

Join us on **Saturday, March 16 at 6:00** as the youth conduct one of their final two fundraisers for Ecuador. We will be hosting a Murder Mystery Dinner. Join for a great meal and see if you are able to solve the mystery. This will be a ticketed event at \$25 a ticket. Childcare will be offered on this night as well. *Please let us know today if you will need childcare.*

OASIS News

Join us for our Scavenger Hunt and potluck luncheon on **Tuesday, March 19 at 11:30** in the fellowship hall. We promise you'll not only have fun learning more about your church and worship but also about your friends! Be sure to bring your favorite vegetable, fruit, meat, salad or dessert to share so we'll have lots of goodies to enjoy. Please call the church office with your RSVP and the item you will be bringing. We look forward to our time together and hearing from you!

Sharing God's Love

Our current needs are jelly, tea bags, cold cereal, children's clothes-all sizes and small household kitchen items. *Boxes are located in each Sunday School Room and a cart is in the hallway next to the Fellowship Hall entrance. 110 items were carried to SGL on Feb. 25th.* *A special thank you to all the Sunday School Classes and anyone else that donated to the SGL cart.*

United Methodist Men's Breakfast

Join us on **Sunday, March 17**, for a great time of fellowship and breakfast as well as a great program. This month we will be joined by Mansa Joseph. Mr. Joseph is an Assistant Principal at Irmo Middle School. He is a former Teacher of the Year for Lex/Rich School District 5 and Runner-Up State Teacher of the Year for South Carolina. He graduated from Clemson University where he played football and was part of the “Call Me Mister Program.” He is still involved in the program which recruits young men to get into the education field and learn about being a male leader for younger young men. He will share his story and encourage the men of the church to be positive examples for our youth, our future leaders.

Ladies' Lunch Bunch

The Salem ladies will be meeting together for fellowship time over lunch, we will meet at 12 pm Monday, March 25, at Hokkaido (close to the Ballentine Walmart). All ladies are welcome!

Spring Yard Sale

Can you believe it, our Spring Yard Sale is just around the corner. It will be **Saturday, March 30**. We will be accepting donations until Wednesday, March 27.

Sharing God's Love is in need of a volunteer on Monday's to receive and fold clothing (9:00am - 12:00pm). Please call us at 803-732-3188 if you can help. Also, we would appreciate any funds you can donate to "Keep the Lights On" for those in need.

Many thanks for all you do to help Sharing God's Love assist our community with their needs. God bless each of you.

Ark Encounter

Spanning 510 feet long, the modern engineered marvel mazes visitors young and old! The Adult Education committee is attempting to determine the level of interest within our congregation for a possible trip to the Ark Encounter. While the details of a potential trip are yet to be determined, the Ark is located in Williamston, KY and would likely entail overnight travel of 2 to 3 days. If this trip interests you, we would love to hear from you. Please call the church office to relay your interest or contact Dolly Kent, chair of Adult Ed by **April 1**. We look forward to hearing from you!

Church-Wide Work Day

The Trustees are organizing a church-wide work day scheduled for **March 30th at 8:30 am**. You don't have to be highly skilled to come and lend a hand as we will be doing a variety of tasks around the building, both inside and out. One of the items identified that needs some attention is cleaning the fluorescent light fixtures in all areas. These are not a part of the normal cleaning routine so taking the covers off and wiping them down is needed after many years of use. We will be washing the outside windows and screens and installing door stops, just to name a few other tasks. The list is growing so if you know of something that needs our attention for the work day, please let one of the Trustees know. There are eight Trustees so we will have eight separate teams working from a predetermined list of items. We would love to have you join us! Mark your calendars for March 30th!

UMW Mission Focus

Salem's UMW mission focus for the month of February/March is the Wallace Family Life Center in Bennettsville, SC. The center provides educational and religious programs to enrich the lives within the community. There is currently a need for adult Bibles. If you have any gently used Bibles you can donate, we would love to pass these along so that others can benefit. The center is also attempting to start a reading program for children and is accepting donations of "gently used" or new books. Books appropriate for kindergarten through 7th grade are being requested. If you have questions, contact Beverly Bouknight, Linda Gibbons or ladies of UMW.

There will be a donation box appropriately labeled in the Welcome Center and the Narthex beginning this Sunday through the end of March. The UMW would like to thank you in advance for any contributions you can make towards this project and others throughout the year.

Scripture Readings for next Sunday:

Genesis 15:1-18, Psalm 27, Philippians 3:17-4:1, Luke 13:31-35

A Welcome to our Guests!

We are honored that you are worshiping 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!

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Sunday, March 10

9:30 A.M. Sunday School for all ages, Nursery provided
 10:30 A.M. Morning Worship
 5:00 P.M. Kid's Club
 5:00 P.M. Youth Group Meeting

Tuesday, March 12

9:00 A.M. Bridge Group Meeting
 7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Wednesday, March 13

7:00 P.M. Choir Practice

Thursday, March 14

6:30 P.M. Women's Bible Study
 7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Saturday, March 16

6:00 P.M. Murder Mystery Dinner
 7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

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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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
 Paul Perry — Seminarian Intern
 Marie Wicker — Administrative Assistant

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 through Resurrection eggs by Pastor Gary Phillips



When: Saturday morning, April 6, 2019

Where: Salem United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

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

All events will be going on all morning!

Please RSVP by emailing sassyhill1@gmail.com or completing this form and placing it in the offering plate.

Number of children attending: _____

Parent's name or names: _____