

Salem United Methodist Church

1321 Salem Church Road
Irmo, South Carolina 29063
Established 1873
March 24, 2019

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

March 24
Luke 13:31–35 Believing that we have it made

March 31
Luke 15:1–32 Laying claim to “our” place

April 7
John 12:1–8 Giving expression to a Hollow Empathy

April 14
Luke 22:14–56 Living out of a mob mentality

April 18 (Maundy Thursday)
John 13:1–35 True servanthood modeled

Third Sunday of Lent

March 24, 2019

A Service of Word

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

Prelude
Chiming of the Hour

The Invitatory
O Lord, open wide our lips and our mouths shall sing out your praise. Amen and Amen. The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers. Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place? Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully. They will receive the blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God of their salvation. Such is the company of those who earnestly seek him, who seek the face of God. Come, together let us seek the face of God in this time of holy worship.

*Procession & Lighting of the Candles **Choral Call to Worship**,
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 Opening Call

The Lord our God is the author and giver of all good things, we are thankful for all God’s mercies.

We are blessed with the gift of life and a holy hand that guides us through it.

We live in thanksgiving for friendship and for duty, for good hopes and precious memories, for the joys that cheer us and even the trials that teach us to trust.

We are blessed with the saving knowledge of the Christ, with the living presence of the Holy Spirit (the comforter), with the church, (the body of Christ), with the ministry of Word and Sacrament, and all other means of grace. In all of these we are called to humbleness and service. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Hymn, 140 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*
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.

*Affirmation of Faith, 881 The Apostle’s Creed

*Gloria Patri, 70

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.

*Hymn, 116

The God of Abraham Praise

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, open your Word by your Holy Spirit,
so that we may believe your promises to us. Amen.

Old Testament Reading, 488 Psalm 27:4, 7–13

Epistle Reading, 186(NT) Philippians 3:17–21

*Gospel Reading, 72 Luke 13:31–35

The Choral Anthem *Lonesome Valley*

Sermon “Believing That We Have It Made”

Prayer of Confession and Absolution

Merciful God, you have made us citizens of heaven, but we confess that we have set our minds on earthly things. We have let our desire for security restrain our commitment to serve the poor. We have let our fear of danger curb our obligation to love our enemies and we have seen enemies at every turn. We have let our desire to impose our will override the calling on our life to heed your will. Yet, you know the desires of our hearts and nothing is hidden from you. By the power of the Holy Spirit, conform our sin-weakened bodies to the glory of Christ, that we may be the body of Christ for the world. Amen.

God, our light and our salvation, does not forsake us or leave us with our sin. In Christ we are forgiven and offered the gift of healing repentance. Thanks be to God!

Offertory

*Doxology, 95

*Hymn, 2001 *We Sing to You, O God*
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.

Scripture Readings for next Sunday:

Joshua 5:9–12, Psalm 32, 2 Corinthians 5:16–21, Luke 15:1–32

STEWARDSHIP AND ATTENDANCE

Week of March 17, 2019

Needed each week to fund unified budget \$13,746.61

Unified budget received \$8,287.00

Needed to meet budget year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund) \$151,212.71

Unified budget received year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund) \$124,247.50

Attendance

Worship 229 Sunday School 86

PLEASE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER:

Brookdale Assisted Living — Mavis George

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 — Faye Childs, Donald Grooms,

Barbara Pereira, Judy Wrenn

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

Ushers:	Lead – Carey Page Tony Mims, Braxton Overton, Kendall Smith, Steven Smith, Mike Thacker
Greeters:	Ralph Payne, Janet Shirley Sandra Sills
Trustee:	Steven Smith
Acolyte:	Elyse Flores
Nursery:	Eddie Shuford, Kendall Smith
Children's Church:	Tracy Shores

Flower Ministry

The flowers which grace the Holy Altar today are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Virgil R. Autry by Barbara L. McWhite.

Our Christian Sympathy

We would like to express our heartfelt sympathy to **Anita Weed** and family upon the death of her sister, **Luvelle Terrio**.

We would like to express our heartfelt sympathy to **Heath Newman** and family upon the death of his mother, **Mary Frances "Frankie" Newman**.

NURSERY RENOVATION

Our nursery area is getting a new look, and we are so excited!
The Anderson family is spearheading this endeavor and Salem is ever so thankful for their role in this ministry. As of **this Sunday**, our nursery has been temporarily relocated to the Friendship classroom located immediately across the hall. (Special thanks to this class for sacrificing their space in order for this to happen. During this time the Friendship class will be meeting in the conference room in the administrative portion of the building.)

We are looking forward to seeing the results of this labor soon, but ask for your patience as we move forward on the renovation in the coming weeks.

OASIS Event/ Bloomin' Buddies

April 16 is the date for our next event! We will be working on a mission project. The mission project will include preparing flower pots for shut-ins. Bring a sandwich and we will provide the trimmings. If you have any gardening supplies to contribute to the event, please contact Nancy Schmidt. More details to follow.

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!

Sharing God's Love

Our current needs are jelly, tea bags, cold cereal, paper towels, spaghetti sauce, mac & cheese and children's clothes large sizes. 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.

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! *A list of tasks is posted in the Welcome Center. Lunch will be provided.*

Here's your chance- Ark Encounter!

Salem is partnering with Dutch Fork Baptist (located right up the street) on an Ark Encounter trip. The date for the trip is **May 8-11, 2019**. There are currently 18 seats available for this trip. The cost is \$450 per person and includes hotel, breakfast, transportation, dinner cruise, as well as admission to the Ark, Creation Museum and the Newport Aquarium. If you are interested in the trip, a \$200 deposit is required as soon as possible. **Spots will be filled on a first come basis.** Flyers regarding the trip are located in the Welcome Center and Narthex as well as in the church office. While all arrangements are being handled by Dutch Fork Baptist, we would like to maintain a record of all Salem individuals that sign up. If you sign up for the trip, please notify the church office, Dolly Kent or Tina Overton.



EASTER LILIES

This Easter you will have the opportunity to place a lily in the church, or make a donation to our building fund in honor or in memory of a loved one. The price per lily is \$15.00. (Checks should be made payable to Salem United Methodist Church, designated *Lilies*).

A listing of all lilies/donations will be inserted in the Easter bulletin. Please fill out the form below and deposit it in the offering plate with your payment or you may bring it to the church office.

The deadline for receiving forms and payment is Monday, April 1st..

Names only please, no special messages will be added.

Please print clearly.

LILIES

In Loving Memory of:

In Honor of:

IN LIEU OF LILIES, DONATION TO THE BUILDING FUND

In Loving Memory of:

In Honor of:

Given by: _____

Total # of lilies @ \$15.00 each _____.

Total amount enclosed \$ _____.

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.

Sharing God's Love - 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 Mondays 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.

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!

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: _____

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Sunday, March 24

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
5:00 P.M. Lenten Bible Study

Monday, March 25

12:00 P.M. Ladies' Lunch Bunch @ Hokkaido
5:30 P.M. Evangelism Committee Meeting
7:00 P.M. Missions Committee Meeting

Tuesday, March 26

9:00 A.M. Precept Bible Study
7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Wednesday, March 27

7:00 P.M. Choir Practice

Thursday, March 28

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

Saturday, March 30

8:30 A.M. Church-wide Workday
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

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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