



salem
United Methodist Church

March 2020

Sunday School: 9:30 am

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 am

Salem's Story



Keepin' It Real Ministries

Working alongside Pastor Oscar Gadsden and the volunteers of Keepin' It Real Ministries, fifteen members of Salem United Methodist Church (all pictured) served a meal to approximately 70 homeless people in Finlay Park in downtown Columbia on Sunday, February 2nd. Every Sunday afternoon, rain or shine, Keepin' It Real Ministries invites the homeless and less fortunate in the community to worship in the park, which includes singing, testimony, and a message. This ministry depends on churches like Salem to provide the food and to help share in worship, fellowship, and caring for the people. Salem has partnered with Keepin' It Real to furnish the meal three times each year (the first Sunday of February, June, and October) for the past several years. Among other ways this ministry assists the homeless and less fortunate is collecting and distributing clothing, blankets, and personal items two mornings a week and also collecting and distributing household items and furniture to those in need. This time also allows for individual prayer and counseling. Salem recently held a coat drive, and coats collected were delivered to Pastor Gadsden in Finlay Park on Sunday and were much appreciated! Thank you to all who donated! We strive to be a blessing to the homeless but find ourselves equally blessed by the experience. All are invited and encouraged to join us on future outings to the park. If you are unable to help in this way, perhaps you have household items or furniture you would like to donate. For more information about Keepin' It Real Ministries contact Tommy McLendon or Cheryl Denton.

Youth Group Changes:

I want to thank all who attended the Youth and Parent Open Forums in February to discuss different areas of the Youth Program. We have made a few changes to the set up that we will use for the remainder of the year. Youth group will begin at 5:00 and last until 6:00 p.m. and Youth Music will be 6:00 until 6:15 p.m. We will also change what we do weekly so that each week will be different from the week before so you never know what to expect. We hope to see all of you at Youth each week to see what is going on!

March Youth Group Schedule

March 1 - Youth Group

March 8 - Small Groups

March 15 - Destination Unknown (You have to come to see what this is)

March 22 - Youth Group

March 29 - Destination Unknown (Again, show up to see what we do and where)

Important Dates to Remember

March 20-22 - Confirmation retreat

April 5 - Youth Small Groups and Battle Bows Contest

April 26 - Confirmation Sunday

May 1-3 - Spring Retreat

May 31 - Graduation Sunday

Spring Retreat

May 1-3

Get your deposit in (\$50) ASAP to join us on the Spring Retreat to Bonclarken and Green River Adventures. It will be a great weekend for everyone. The total cost will be \$200 and is due by April 5. Contact Jim at jimmagann@gmail.com with any questions.

Celebration of Mentors

On Thursday March 26th, 2020 The Youth and Children will be hosting a celebration of Mentors at Salem. Youth and Children are encouraged to invite a mentor in their lives (teacher, counselor, administrator, coach, etc.) who has been influential in their lives so far. This dinner is a celebration of the community members who love our children and youth and we want to thank them for everything they do. All children and Youth will be given invitations on February 23rd at Youth Group and Kids Club, one to have for their family and one to give to their mentor. **All families and Mentors are asked to RSVP by March 16th** in order for us to have enough food and such for the event. Children and Youth are also asked to prepare a short and simple sentence or two about their Mentor and why their Mentor is so important to them. Dinner will begin at 6 that evening and the program will begin at 6:30. We hope to see all of our Children, Youth, and their mentors at this exciting first time event! Please contact Noelle Magann at maganrn@gmail.com with any questions or Call the church office at (803) 781-1626.

Mission of the Month—March

Please join the mission committee this month as we collect items for Hygiene Kits for Veterans through the Columbia Veterans Administration Health Care System. We will collect the following items to be packed up at the end of the month and send to the local VA Hospital:

Shampoo/Conditioner

Body Wash/Bar Soap

Deodorant (male and female)

Shaving Cream (male and female)

Razors

Lotion

Children's Sunday School Needs Your Help!

Are you interested in helping the children of Salem learn more about Christ? We are in need of a few members of the congregation who would be willing to join the teaching rotation for children's Sunday school. Teachers work in pairs so you're not alone, all curriculum is provided, and you typically serve once every 5-6 weeks. Plus, you're helping grow the future of our church! To join this integral ministry or to learn more, please contact Sheila Thacker or Ashley Anderson.

Sheila – sheilathacker11@gmail.com; 803.446.8170

Ashley – Ashley.poppell@gmail.com; 678.300.0029

UMW News

All women at Salem are invited to the UMW's Prayer and Self-Denial Meeting which will be held in our Social Hall on Saturday, March 21st, at 9:30 A.M. A light brunch will be served at 9:30 as we gather. The meeting will follow immediately after that. Our guest speaker will be Sandra Love, our Columbia District UMW President.

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for this general meeting of the UMW. Our offering for the day will go to women, children, and youth. When we give money to A Call to Prayer and Self Denial, we rise to meet God and become part of local communities across the world.

Ladies Lunch Bunch

March 23 Tonella's Pizza Kitchen @12

1349 Dutch Fork Rd.

April 27 B's Restaurant @11:30

2742 N. Lake Dr. (Near Publix)

May 26 (Tuesday) Golden Bay Seafood @12

6164 St. Andrews Rd.

June 22 Hokkaido @12

1100 Dutch Fork Rd., Suite K

July 27 El Poblano @12

2371 Dutch Fork Rd.

On Sunday, February 16, June Salters, Salem's UMW President presented the 2019 Woman of the Year Award to Mrs. Carol Doty. Carol has been a member of Salem for ten years. She has been active in our OASIS group and the UMW. She first joined the Martha Circle and served as their Circle Leader. Later, she joined the Cavin Circle. She is an active participant in UMW activities at Salem and also attends a lot of the Columbia District UMW meetings. She presently serves as our recording secretary for the UMW Executive Committee. She is a very caring person and is always willing to help in any way she can. Congratulations Carol!



Deputy Shawn Powers with the Richland County Sheriff's Department came and spoke to the Oasis group this week and shared some important information with the group on Emergent and Non emergent situations. While 911 is always the number to call for Emergency situations, there also exist a non emergency number when you wish to pass along or report a community concern to law enforcement. That number is listed below as well as Shawn Powers' personal cell and email address.

803-252-2911 Non Emergency

803-309-4918 Shawn Powers' cell

spowers@rcsd.net

Safe Sanctuary Training

Safe Sanctuary training set for two dates. **Sunday, March 8th at 9:15** and **Sunday, April 19th at 5:00**. These sessions will be held in the Fellowship Hall.

Memorials and Special Gifts

Homer Jennings	Tommy and Allison McLendon	Building Fund
Homer Jennings	Larry and June Salters	Building Fund
Homer Jennings	Inez Hyatt	Building Fund
Homer Jennings	Lee and Janice Ayers	Building Fund
William "Bill" Page	Tommy and Allison McLendon	Adult Missions Fund
William "Bill" Page	Mike and Gwen Sitsch	Ecuador Mission Fund
William "Bill" Page	Lee and Janice Ayers	Building Fund
Lurleen Bouknight	Jimmy and Brenda Dye	Cemetery Fund
Eula Meetze	Jimmy and Brenda Dye	Cemetery Fund
Joe Harrell Sr.	Jimmy and Brenda Dye	Cemetery Fund
Ruby Weed	Jimmy and Brenda Dye	Cemetery Fund
Minnie Lee Koon	Jimmy and Brenda Dye	Cemetery Fund

Oasis

Mark your calendars now for an outing to the Newberry Opera House. We will meet at the church on Tuesday, March 17 at 10:00 to carpool to the Opera House. We will participate in a guided backstage tour of this Event venue and learn what goes on behind the scenes. Afterwards, we will enjoy lunch on your own at one of three places: Silverspoon Tea Room, The Grille on Main St and The Cabana. IF you are feeling more adventurous, you may also want to shop or take in the Newberry museum while you are there. Please call the church office to RSVP so we can determine an appropriate headcount and number of drivers needed.

Feeding the Soul Event

Fun, food, and fellowship feeds our souls, so its time to eat! Family ministries is hosting a church wide pitch in lunch immediately following worship on Sunday, March 29th. We will provide the meat and salad, you bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share.

This photo was taken Thursday, February 6th, at the Soup Cellar of Washington Street United Methodist Church in Columbia. A group of women from Salem volunteers there the first Thursday of each month making sandwiches and serving a lunch meal to the homeless.



March

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>Mar 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 9:30am Sunday School ● 10:30am Worship 	<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 10am Love Circle ● 11am Cavin Circle ● 6:30pm Faith Circle 	<p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 7pm AA 	<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 10am Joy Circle ● 7pm Choir Practice 	<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 7pm AA 	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 7pm AA
<p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 8am Blood Drive ● 9:15am Safe Sanctual ● 9:30am Sunday School ● 10:30am Worship 	<p>9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 6:30pm Bridge Group ● 7pm AA 	<p>10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 6:30pm Bridge Group ● 7pm AA 	<p>11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 7pm Choir Practice 	<p>12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 7pm AA 	<p>13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 7pm AA 	<p>14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 7pm AA
<p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 9:30am Sunday School ● 10:30am Worship 	<p>16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 10:30am UMW Exec. I 	<p>17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 10am Oasis ● 7pm AA 	<p>18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 7pm Choir Practice 	<p>19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 7pm AA 	<p>20</p> <p>Lake Junaluska Confirmation Retreat</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 9:30am Prayer and Se ● 7pm AA 	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Lake Junaluska Confirm.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 9:30am Sunday School ● 10:30am Worship 	<p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 12pm Ladies Lunch B ● 7pm Missions Comm 	<p>24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 7pm AA 	<p>25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 7pm Choir Practice 	<p>26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 6:30pm Celebration o ● 7pm AA 	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 7pm AA
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Thank You Notes

A special thank you for all your prayers, cards and acts of kindness during my recent surgery. I'm healing well and so appreciate each of you! To God give the Glory! Patty Bagwell

United Methodist Men

Mr. Mark Hilinski was the guest speaker for the UMM's breakfast meeting on Sunday, February 16. We had approximately 60 members and guests in attendance. Mr. Hilinski shared Tyler's story, and information about the Hilinski's Hope Foundation. Hilinski's Hope Foundation is a non-profit organization formed to promote awareness and education of mental health and wellness for student athletes. The Foundation's mission is to educate, advocate, and remove the stigma associated with mental illness, while funding programs that provide student-athletes with the tools and resources that support their mental health and wellness. If you would like to donate to the foundation, you can visit their website, hilinskishope.org or text H3HOPE to 44321. Upcoming guest speakers for the Men's Group are Russell Brewton on March 15 and Craig Hewitt from the Hewitt Foundation on Sunday, April 19. Russell will be speaking about the past year he has spent in the Middle East and Craig will provide information about the Hewitt Foundation.

