



**salem**  
United Methodist Church

**July 2020**

**Sunday School: 9:30 am**

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

# Salem's Story

## Welcome Back!

We will meet together Sunday, July 5, to worship the Lord together!

"Preaching on the Porch", an outdoor service, will be held on the church grounds at 8:30 each Sunday until Woodmen of the World is permitted to open again. Please bring your own chair and an umbrella if you choose. The 10:30 service will be held in the sanctuary.

You will notice changes in our worship service put in place to safeguard you. What needs to be said further is that the most important part of the re-launch is that only those who feel ready, those who feel healthy, those who feel safe being in crowds should attempt to return. Please be careful and honest with yourself. The truth of the matter is that re-launching is a bit scary for everyone. We have heard news reports of churches that have attempted to open their doors and gather together, only to have a report of a member becoming ill with the Covid 19 Virus. In some instances, the entire group has had to be self-quarantined for 14 days after.

Precautions are being taken, plans are in place and are adjusted accordingly on a regular basis, but the reality remains...gathering together is risky, even to worship the most holy God almighty. Please, please, please consider carefully. If you are high risk, if you are feeling ill in any manner whatsoever (Covid symptoms or something else), if you are the least little bit hesitant ... stay home. We will see you in a couple of weeks. Better that, than having all of us faced with a closed door once again.



Plans are being made to continue streaming the service at least throughout the summer, longer if need be. It is on Facebook. However, if you do not Facebook you can go to the church website, [salemumcsc.com](http://salemumcsc.com), scroll down past the section on the front page titled "New and Noteworthy", and you will see our Facebook feed. You can watch there. Watch that same space for daily devotions and for Daily Prayers by church members.

We look forward to seeing everyone again soon!

**Need an  
Upper Room Devotional?  
Call or email the church office!**  
[smethodist@aol.com](mailto:smethodist@aol.com)

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## June Youth News

### **“For the Love of” Game Show**

Have you ever wanted to be on a REAL Game Show? if so, this is not it. However it IS a Game Show and it IS Fun. During the summer months we will be filming a new Game Show called "For The Love Of". Gary Phillips will be your host and the team Captains are Jim Magann and Sarah Bridges. There is trivia, there are crazy games and it all ends with an insane punishment for

### **Green River Trip Update**

After much thought and consideration, and with the utmost concern for the health and safety of our Youth, I have decided it best not to take a trip to Green River or The Gorge this summer. With numbers going up in both South Carolina and North Carolina, it is safest to not travel and hit spots where virus numbers are high and expose anyone. I will work on getting money back to those who have paid a deposit. If you prefer, I can arrange to have the money moved over as a tithe to the church.

Thank you for your understanding, and stay well!

### **Summer Distance Bible Study**

We will continue our summer Distance Bible study in the Book of Proverbs during the month of July. Each week a full study of a chapter will come out and will be followed by several days of questions focusing on a smaller group of verses from that chapter. I hope everyone takes part in this and if you have questions please let me know at [jimmagann@gmail.com](mailto:jimmagann@gmail.com)

## Sunday School Resumes!

Sunday School is set to resume when Church resumes on Sunday, July 5. I will be there for anyone who plans to attend Sunday School and we will practice social distancing in the room downstairs. Masks inside are strongly encouraged.

## Upcoming Dates and Changes

**Confirmation Sunday** - July 26 at 10:30 service

**Graduation Recognition** will now be August 2. This will be a sending forth service for High School and College graduates. All graduates are welcome to attend either service as we will recognize them at both.

## Thank You Notes

"Hope everyone is doing well. My family and I are doing good. Hope we will all be back together soon. God Bless and stay well." - Mary Rye

"Salem Methodist Family and Staff,  
Just wanted you to know we are thinking of you during this time. Thankful we have a FATHER who can lead, who we can depend on and put our trust in. Praying for you and your families to stay healthy and safe." With distant hugs, Craig, Crystal (Hewitt Foundation)

"Dear Salem Folks,  
I miss all you people very much. I'm doing good and still taking care of myself and attend church. Thank you very much for your notes and prayers." May God bless you all, Ruth S. Hilliard

"Will and I are still at home per doctor request. Our home phone #803-345-7413. We miss church and hope all are well. Thanks for the calls." - Betty N.



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1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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