



**salem**  
United Methodist Church

**June 2020**

**Sunday School: 9:30 am**

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

# Salem's Story

## Together Again

On Sunday July 5<sup>th</sup> Salem U. M. Church will re-launch our in-person worship!

That is, we will resume, if nothing happens between now and then to disrupt that. The 8:30 Church on the Lake service and our 10:30 Sanctuary Service will begin on the same day. You should expect changes in both services. A letter went out to most Salem households detailing those changes.

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 ought to 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) and if you scroll down past the section on the front page titled "New and Noteworthy", just below that is our Facebook feed. You can watch there. Watch that same space for daily devotions and for Daily Prayers by church members.



## June Youth News

Worship will resume on July 5th. This day we will also resume with in-class Sunday School in the Youth Room. We will spend some time this summer focusing on our weekly study of Proverbs. I do hope to see everyone there!

### Green River Trip Update

I have spoken with Green River and the Gorge. They are opening back up but however they are required to follow state mandated guidelines for doing so. Everything that they do requires a mask. This may be okay for the zipline but complicated for the river. At this time, I may make it a trip just for the zipline. I will let everyone know soon and the trip will be sometime in

Upcoming Dates:

**July 12-**  
Graduation  
Recognition Sunday

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### Farmer's Market

Our farmer's market is expanding

Beginning NOW, we are adding to our farmers market. We began last summer with Livingston Farms selling fresh veggies and fruits. They began this year by offering a \$10 and \$25 grab box of fruits and veggies or just veggies. You can go to their Web site and place a specific order of things you want. We've added a specialty farmer this year. Ms. Audrey Lecordier lives down the road from Salem and has launched an all organic farm called, The Good Life Farm. She is part of a Clemson Incubator Farm project. Again, you can check her produce out at her website.

And we are adding non-farm products as well. Bennies Bee's will be coming from Rock Hill most Fridays to offer his fresh harvested honey, Susan's Succulents and Cacti are coming from Blythewood to offer her wears and Viola of The Garden Soapery from Santee is coming every other weekend to sell her home-made soap, candles, lotions, etc. We hope to add to that list in the weeks ahead. If you know of someone that might be interested contact Pastor Gary or Jennifer Hodges.

The market (the church parking lot) is ongoing on Friday afternoon beginning at 4:00 and lasting until about 7:00. Come shop in the open air.





# Memorials

Name of Deceased	Donor(s)	Fund
James S. Carder	Larry & June Salters	Building
L.E. Outlaw	SCFB Federation	Building
L.E. Outlaw	Dan & Carla Jennings	Building
L.E. Outlaw	Brady & Mary Bouknight	Cemetery
Marguerite Mayer	Nick & Eileen Leoncavallo	Building

## Faith Circle

### Mother's Day and Father's Day Bulletins

July 2020

Although we will miss celebrating Mother's Day and Father's Day together as a congregation, Faith Circle still plans to honor all of the special people in our lives in the same way we usually do-with our Annual Mother's Day and Father's Day bulletins. These bulletins will be included with the July newsletter. These annual fund raisers allow Faith Circle to carry out the many mission projects we support through the United Methodist Women as well as supporting Salem's Homeless Outreach Ministry and community and congregational needs.

Please honor all those special women (mothers, grandmothers, aunts, sisters, and friends) and special men (fathers, grandfathers, uncles, brothers, and friends) by listing their names on the forms for each. Put the forms, along with payment of **at least \$1.00 per name**, in an envelope marked "**Faith Circle.**" Checks should be made payable to "**Faith Circle.**" Please be sure to fill out all the information on the form and **print clearly!** Honor those living on the "in honor" of lines, and remember those who are deceased on the "in memory" of lines. We regret that due to space we are unable to print special messages-**only the names** of those we wish to honor in this special way. Please drop these off at the church office. Thank you!

**Deadline is Thursday, June 18 2020.**



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**Church Office Hours**

Monday - Thursday

8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon

1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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## **Thank You Notes**

"A note to thank you for the phone calls and for the Upper Room. It is nice to be remembered."

-Betty Nash

"I pray that during this time of testing we would show the world, our faith, our hope, but above all our charity (love). God richly bless you all!"

-Ralph Payne