



**September 2020**

**Preachin' on the Porch:** 8:30 am

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

# Salem's Story

## EPWORTH'S ANNUAL WORK DAY OFFERING — SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER, 13<sup>TH</sup>

This year will be much different as many of us are unable to gather for worship as was the case for the Epworth Mother's Day offering in May. Even though the ways of receiving the offerings has been impaired, the goal is still the same: that each church member contribute a minimum of \$6.00. Epworth is not an apportioned item thus the success of these offerings is vital for the support of God's work through Epworth.

### Who We Are

For more than 120 years, Epworth Children's Home has grown and adapted to the individual needs of children by providing quality care grounded in faith and responsibility for our neighbor. Established in 1895 by the South Carolina Annual Conference of what is now the United Methodist Church, Epworth Children's Home was originally named Epworth Orphanage. Situated in the heart of the state, the Home is located on 32 peaceful acres in Columbia, South Carolina.

Children come to Epworth through private and government placements. Each placement is the result of a fractured family system where children have experienced abuse, neglect or significant loss. Over 70 staff members surround nearly 80 children with an array of comprehensive services that meet their emotional, physical, educational and spiritual needs. Much care and expertise go into assessing the strengths and weaknesses of each child. An individualized plan is developed for each child as staff members, counselors and volunteers work together to break the cycle of abuse, neglect and shame and replace it with an opportunity for each child to live a life of self respect, responsibility and productivity.

The generous financial support of those who have come before and those who partner with Epworth each day are combined to help provide the daily needs of a safe and nurturing environment for the children on campus. Each year, nearly 80% of the general operating budget to provide care to the children comes from the generous giving of congregations, individuals and businesses – past and present. When you make a gift to Epworth, you are ensuring each child receives the basics of food and shelter, but more importantly, your gift serves to provide a campus pastor for spiritual direction, counseling and therapy staff, educational tutors and cottage parents who guide each child through his or her journey.

Epworth's history has shown that when the community stands together, investing in comprehensive care transforms the life of a child. We invite you to stand with us.

## Children's Corner

**Congratulations to Thomas Brewton!**  
Thomas collected the most items in the shortest amount of time in the recent children's ministries virtual scavenger hunt. Thank you to everyone who participated in this fun activity!



## Roastery-a ministry of Oliver Gospel

Coming in September!

A NEW way to Engage and Transform lives TOGETHER!



Do you love coffee? Well you can help! Oliver Gospel is freshly roasting its very own coffee on site and will be making it available for sale. Every purchase goes 100% back into Oliver Gospel's mission to serve those in need. Training in areas like customer service, management, and sales will provide a path to a bright future. What a wonderful feeling to know the coffee you drink is actually changing lives. Would you like to be the first to know when you can buy coffee from Oliver Gospel? Fill out our online form at [olivergospel.org](http://olivergospel.org). Are you interested in volunteering? Contact Dustin Smith at [dustin.smith@olivergospel.org](mailto:dustin.smith@olivergospel.org).

## Educational Material

While some of our Sunday School classes are continuing to function in some way for those who are comfortable, we want those who choose otherwise to still be able to have access to materials they may find helpful or encouraging during this time. For the classes utilizing the Cokesbury curriculum, we are continuing to receive a supply of those books as well as the Upper Room devotional. If you would like a Sunday School book or Upper Room mailed to you, please call the church office and we will be glad to do so or you may drop by the office and pick one up Monday through Thursday. Also, we have been working hard to organize our books in our church library and encourage you to come and check out one of our many good books. (*Special thanks to June Salters for her work on the Library project!*)



## Committee Meetings/Facilities availability

We would like to remind everyone that our building is always open to any committee or group within the church that would like to meet. We have several rooms that are set up for social distancing. While we are unsure as to how long we will remain in this new normal, we encourage any committees who wish to plan and find creative ways to serve our congregation during this time to feel free to do so. Please contact the church office if you wish to reserve a space.

# Youth News

*Sunday Night Youth Group Resumes Sunday, September 13 at 5:00 p.m.*

Join us as we begin meeting after a long time apart. We will meet outside each week as weather permits with fellowship, fun and brief devotions. We will have a 2v2 or 4v4 volleyball tournament this night so come ready to have fun!

Our feedback indicates most everyone will be utilizing the hybrid face to face option for school, so hopefully everyone is comfortable with this approach in meeting.

*Sunday School will tentatively start Sunday, October 4*

We will meet in the Fellowship Hall in order to spread out and adhere to the County guidelines of wearing face masks while inside. If schools go full virtual upon that date, we will delay the start of Sunday School. We will continue to be cautious with our decision making when dealing with inside space meetings. More details forthcoming.

## E-Giving

Please prayerfully consider giving to Salem United Methodist Church through our e-Giving program. Scan the QR code below to be taken to Salem's donation page to present your offering.



You can also visit the link: <https://giving.ncsservices.org/App/Giving/ncs-2365>

## Newsletter Information

If you would like to receive this newsletter by e-mail, or if you have questions, comments, or articles for the newsletter, please send an e-mail to [smethodist@aol.com](mailto:smethodist@aol.com) or call the church office 803-781-1626.

Anyone who would like to submit an article or item for the October newsletter should do so by **September 17th**.

## Sharing God's Love

**Our current needs:** 1 lb. box of sugar, 2 lb. bag of flour, 1 lb. bag of rice, small container of grits, jelly, crackers, tea, coffee, snacks, cake mix, frosting, pancake mix and syrup.

**School supplies needed:** book bags, children's face mask, spray bottles, water bottles, gloves, new children's socks and underwear to start the new school year.

*Boxes are located in each Sunday School Room and a basket is in the hallway next to the Fellowship Hall entrance.*

# FAITH CIRCLE — CHILDREN'S DAY BULLETIN

## October 2020

The women of Faith Circle are again planning a very special bulletin to honor or remember all those children who are special to us...our own children and grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and children of friends, etc. Given the current situation of many people continuing to practice social distancing and not returning to in-person worship yet, we plan to handle the Children's Day bulletin in the same way we did the Mother's Day and Father's Day bulletin, which is to publish it through the October newsletter.

We thank the congregation for your support of our Mother's Day and Father's Day fund-raising projects and ask for your support of this bulletin. Faith Circle uses funds raised through these three bulletins and the December bazaar to fund many mission outreach projects.

Unfortunately, because of Covid-19, the bazaar will not be held this year, resulting in the loss of a large portion of our funds, so we are relying on the generosity of the congregation through our bulletins to help carry out our mission work. Upcoming projects we are hoping to support are: *Bethlehem Center-Columbia and Spartanburg, Epworth Children's Home, Killingsworth, Sharing God's Love, School District 5 Backpack Program, Keepin' It Real Thanksgiving Meal for the Homeless, Washington Street Soup Kitchen, Adopting a Family for Christmas, and the Youth-Foreign Mission Fund.*

Please honor/remember all those special children by listing their names on the form. 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 in the offering plate or send to the church office (Attn: Faith Circle, P.O. Box 237, Ballentine, SC 29002). Thank you!

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to "Faith Circle."**

**Deadline is Sunday, September 13, 2020**

# Memorials

In memory of	Given by	Fund
Betty Jaco	Joan & Les Tweed	building fund
Betty Jaco	David & Martina Thomas	building fund
Betty Jaco	Don & Miriam Lovett	building fund
Betty Jaco	Larry & June Salters	general fund
Betty Jaco	Brenda Ramage	building fund
Betty Jaco	Peggy & Jim Lewis	building fund
Betty Jaco	Salem OASIS	building fund
Betty Jaco	Jim & Marie Lewis	building fund
Betty Jaco	James & Sandra Devold	building fund
Betty Jaco	Sarah & Jerry Bolton	building fund
Betty Jaco	Juanita Kelley	building fund
Ken & Betty Jaco	Ticcy & Ernie Smith	building fund
Charles Lovett	Larry & June Salters	general fund
Emma Davis sister	Larry & June Salters	general fund
Frank Burke	David & Martina Thomas	Salkehatchie
Frank Burke	James David Lindler	Hand Bell Fund
Gwendolyn Lovett Berry	Larry & June Salters	general fund
Joyce B. Ayers	Susan & Bill Price	building fund
Judith Stewart	James David Lindler	Hand Bell Fund
Marguerite Mayer	David & Martina Thomas	building fund
Raymond Irwin	Joan & Les Tweed	building fund

# Honorariums

In honor of	Given by	Fund
Warren & Johnnie Metts	Mike & Tammy Szucs	Cemetery

# Notes From Our Church Family

I would like to thank everyone for the calls, cards, prayers, and thoughts following my recent fall and hospitalization.

Thank you, Linda Walker

I would like to thank all of my Salem friends for the calls, card and prayers during my recent illness and hospitalization. The prayer chain has been praying for me for a long time as have other church members. I have moved and am no longer a member at Salem but the church and its people will always be a special part of my life. Thank you all again for your friendships.

Love, Daisy Massey

Dear Salem Family,  
I have appreciated all the cards, but want you to know I am doing great and not homebound.

Juanita

All,  
Thank you to everyone who took the time to make and bring us dinner during this difficult time. My family and I greatly appreciate it and each of you.

Jessica Mack

Hello to everyone,  
I hope all of you are staying well from this Covid 19 virus. I am staying most of my time in the house. When I go out even in the yard I have my mask and gloves on. Since I will be 91 this month, I will or may not be going to church for a while yet.  
I do miss my church and everyone.

God bless all of you,  
Inez

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Dear Salem Family,  
There are no words to adequately express my gratitude to each of you for the overwhelming support you have provided to me since my cancer diagnosis in April. Each and every act of kindness has been so appreciated! From the phone calls, the visits, the texts and messages of encouragement, the cards, and especially the prayers – I am so blessed to be part of this church family. I'm thankful also to be included in the Salem Prayer Chain, as it's the result of everyone's prayers that I am doing as well as I am.  
Thank you all for your continued support along my journey. I truly see the love of Christ in each of you.  
Love to all, Judy Price

Hope all is well. We are all well! Watching church online. Y'all are doing a great job!

Mary Rye

I do want to thank EVERYONE; from our pastor and all our leaders, to all of the office staff, as well as ALL church members who have been, and are, working hard to keep us ALL connected as much as possible during this difficult time.

Carol Doty

Ira and I are sincerely grateful for your many prayers and other kindness' during my convalesce following my broken ankle.

Love, Gwen Parnell



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#### **Church Office Hours**

Monday - Thursday

*Office hours are flexible during this time. If you need to see someone in the office please call ahead.*

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website: salemumcsc.com



#### **OUR MINISTRY TEAM**

Gary Phillips — Pastor

Bill Childs — Pastor of Visitation

Ashley Anderson — Children's Ministry

Sarah Bridges — Director of Music

Stephanie Knott — Pianist

Angie Lain — Business/Finance Manager

Miriam Y. Lovett — Organist

Jim Magann — Youth/Outreach Ministries

Tina Overton — Director of Creative Ministries

Marie Wicker — Administrative Assistant

#### **Join the 28th Annual**

#### **Killingsworth Golf Tournament!**

Monday, September 14, 2020  
9:00 am Tee Time



Captain's Choice & Shotgun Start

Registration is \$80 per person.  
Cart, greens fees, range balls, prizes and lunch are included.

All proceeds go to Killingsworth, Inc. Contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.  
ID 57-0659510

Register online

The Windermere Club

1101 Longtown Road East

Blythewood, S.C. 29016