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United Methodist Church

December 2020

Early Worship: 8:30 am
Sunday School: 9:30 am
Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 am

Salem's Story

Christmas Eve 2020

As we move into the season of Advent and reflect upon the birth of our Lord and Savior, we are mindful of the ever present challenging times we continue to face. Social distancing has become the norm and it is "for now" the world in which we live. Our desire is to continue to find ways where we can still be together as a church family, yet distance ourselves so that everyone feels protected.

Our Christmas Eve services have long been the most well attended services of the year, thus yielding the need for two services in the past. This year will be a bit different. Salem will host **one service on Christmas Eve at 5:30.** This service will be a bit musical in nature and centered around a program called "The Christmas Candlelight", adapted from "A Christmas Candlelight Drama" by Melody Mosley Morris. The singing will be done predominantly by the choir in small groups. Our worship committee will be taking additional precautions to ensure everyone's protection. The fellowship hall will be set up to provide for overflow as every other pew in the sanctuary will be roped off in order to meet social distancing expectations. As has become our custom, this service will be livestreamed allowing families to join in. We will continue to ask for masks to be worn and continue to provide them along with hand sanitizers at our entrances.

We are looking forward to this special time but remain cautious and aware of the fact that everyone will not be comfortable gathering for this special service. Many of our families gather together on Christmas Eve prior to or after our service and enjoy a family meal. We hope that if you continue your meal traditions but decide that communal worship is not a comfortable place for you as of yet, that you will join us via Facebook livestream and allow our service to be somewhat of an appetizer or dessert portion of your meal.

The Christ child is upon us. May we welcome Him with open arms regardless of where we may be physically this Advent season.

Children's Corner

Children's Sunday School Schedule:

December 6th December 20th

Attention all Children and Parents of Children:

This year our Christmas Production is going to look a bit different. We will be having a **"live nativity" during our December 20th 10:30 worship service**. Essentially, we will dress our children in costume and they will process to the front of the church. There will be no speaking parts or singing. If your child is interested in participating, please let Ashley Anderson know by December 2nd. We will want to make sure we assign roles and get costumes in order. We will have one dress rehearsal at a date TBD just to make sure everyone has what they need and knows where to go.

Christmas Mission Project:

This year we will once again collect items for the Child Life team at Prisma Health Children's Hospital. Since March, all playrooms have been closed down at the Children's Hospital, so this year it may be even more important to flood the Child Life closets with toys and gifts for the patients. Let's do our part and help those families receiving treatment during the holidays. An itemized list is available on the website, in the Welcome Center, and in the office. Deadline is December 16th.

Pledge Cards

There are still those who have not pledged. If you have not completed one, pledge cards are available in the Welcome Center and the Narthex. Please be sure to fill one out and place in the offering plate. You may also email the office with "Pledge Card" in the subject line or you can call the office and ask for Angie. This will be kept confidential. Thanks to all for your support of Salem.

Caroling, Cocoa, and Cookies

Join us for church wide festivities on **Sunday, December 20th from 4 - 5pm.**

We will sing our favorite carols, eat cookies and drink hot cocoa, social distancing style!

We will gather in the main parking lot. Bring a chair and your favorite blanket so you can be comfortable singing, answering Christmas trivia, and hearing "Twas the Night Before Christmas".

Anyone who wants to bake cookies to share at the event, please bring to the church no later than the morning of December 20th. We will be wrapping individually for easy grabbing. Please note if your cookies contain peanuts. Email your cookie recipe to autumnesmith452@gmail.com as she will be creating a cookie book to share.

We are inviting all friends and family of Salem to join us in spreading Christmas cheer this year!

Light up the Night

Honor your loved ones by reserving your luminary bag by Sunday, December 13. A commemorative bulletin insert will be printed for the Christmas Eve Service.

Please note: *Names received after Dec. 13 are not guaranteed to be printed in bulletin due to time needed to get everything created and printed.*

Minimum donation of $1.00 per bag

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You may add additional names on a separate sheet. The funds will assist in offsetting costs for the next Foreign Mission Trip. The youth trip has been postponed from this Spring (April 2021) until Spring of 2022.

Youth News

Sunday, December 13, 2020 **All raised funds go to Prisma Children's Hospital Toy Shop**

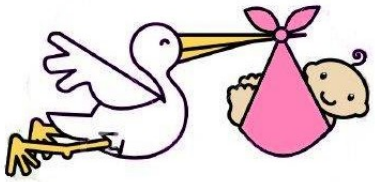
During this year's Christmas Party at the Vyskocil House, we will have a team take the Polar Plunge. ALL church members and their families, friends and neighbors will be able to select who has to "Take the Plunge"!!! If you donate more money to the Youth Team (all youth wanting to participate) then they have to take the plunge. If you donate more money to the Church Staff team (Jim, Gary, Sarah, and Tina) then THEY have to take the plunge. Whoever you want to have to jump is who you give more money to. You can drop money off at church office, at Worship services or go to the Church Website and do the following: Click Donation Tab - Select "Youth" on options - Then select which team you want to give to by typing that team name in the tag line. You then go through the process on that page of giving what you want for the teams. *Please take part in this fundraiser to help make it a little more special Christmas for the Children and Families at Prisma Children's Hospital.*

Notes From Our Church Family

Thank you to all of my Salem family for your prayers and many expressions of concern during the recent passing of my mother. It is comforting to have a caring church family during difficult times and I am grateful to be a part of this congregation. Mike Haas

I wish to thank everyone for the cards and prayers during my recent hospital stay and surgery. Power of Prayer is real. Steve Smith

New Baby



Emma Rose Martin
was born November 13 to
Tiffany and Adam Martin.
Excited siblings are Gracie and Elijah.
Proud grandparents are Phillip and Millie Fore.

Memorials & Honorariums

In memory of	Given by	Fund
Frank Burke	Paul and Cheryl Lundy	Building fund
J Steven Faust	Ron & Deborah Joye	Building fund
J Steven Faust	Larry & June Salters	General fund
Charlene Haas	Ron & Deborah Joye	Building fund
Ruth McConnell	Larry & June Salters	General fund
LaVerne McMillan	Phillip & Millie Fore	Building fund
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Wayne Sills	Ron & Deborah Joye	Building fund
Wayne Stockton	Phillip & Millie Fore	Building fund

In honor of Bishop Carder for his 80th birthday by John and Emma Davis.

Christmas Poinsettias

In Loving Memory of:

Joyce Ayers by E.L. Ayers

Donald Becker by Sherri, Derek & Andrew Becker

Judith Becker by Sherri, Derek & Andrew Becker

Mrs. Ernestine Dekle by John & Linda Gibbons

Mrs. Mary B. Gibbons by John & Linda Gibbons

Louise O'Sheal Younginer by Don & Miriam Lovett

Donald & Betty Drafts by Sam & Sandra Pressley

William Anderson by Bill & Sandra Sills

Parker & Haley Hewitt by Bill & Sandra Sills

In Love and Honor of:

Lee & Janice Ayers by E.L. Ayers

Hilliard Grandchildren by Grandpa & Grandma Hilliard

Lynda Faulkenberry by Carey & Michelle Page

Bishop Carders 80th Birthday by Susan & Bill Price

Faith Circle by Susan Price

Jessica & Matt, Chandler & Molly, Preston by Susan & Bill Price

Jimmy & Brenda Dye by Bill & Sandra Sills

Molly Kate Shealy by Bill & Sandra Sills

Building Fund Donations Given

In Loving Memory of:

Jack Cullipher by Betty Cullipher

Mott & Bill Troublefield by Gloria Gordon

John Hilliard by Hilliard Family

Trey Dooley by Dan & Carla Jennings

Mrs. Charlene Haas by Dan & Carla Jennings

Mr. Homer Jennings by Dan & Carla Jennings

Mr. & Mrs. Carl Weed by Dan & Carla Jennings

Mr. & Mrs. Eugene "Red" Weed by Dan & Carla Jennings

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Tally Weed by Dan & Carla Jennings

Christopher Mark Jones by Bill & Evelyn Jones

David Arnold Jones by Bill & Evelyn Jones

Mrs. Lucy Virginia Kvaternik Jones by Bill & Evelyn Jones

Vernon Kathleen "Kay" Salley Jones by Bill & Evelyn Jones

Mr. William Copeland Jones, Sr. by Bill & Evelyn Jones

Building Fund Donations Given

In Loving Memory of:

Dr. George McSwain Smith by Bill & Evelyn Jones

Mrs. Leon Evelyn Morgan Smith by Bill & Evelyn Jones

Dudley Ray Williams by Bill & Evelyn Jones

Will & Nellie Joye by Ron & Deborah Joye

Carl & Margie Weed by Ron & Deborah Joye

Eula Mathias O'Sheal by Don & Miriam Lovett

Betty Davis by Eleanor Mahnken & Jim Davis

George & Evelyn Hundt by Eleanor Mahnken & Jim Davis

Fred & Helen Kraics by Eleanor Mahnken & Jim Davis

June Thomas by Larry & June Salters

Frank Burke by Bill & Sandra Sills

LaVerne McMillan by Bill & Sandra Sills

Judith Stewart by Bill & Sandra Sills

Rev. & Mrs. George Baker by Mary George & Steve Smith

Michael Runge by Mary George & Steve Smith

Building Fund Donations Given

In Love and Honor of:

Joan Creech by Gloria Gordon

Helen Riddle by Gloria Gordon

Ruth Hilliard by Hilliard Family

Little Miss Ryann Jennings by Dan & Carla Jennings

Ms. Tally Jennings by Dan & Carla Jennings

Mr. & Mrs. Will Jennings by Dan & Carla Jennings

Deborah & Ron Joye by Dan & Carla Jennings

Furman, Emily, Bazen & Leo Lovett by Dan & Carla Jennings

Mr. Brock Sandish by Dan & Carla Jennings

Steve & Mary George Smith by Dan & Carla Jennings

Mavis George by Ron & Deborah Joye

Dan & Carla Jennings by Ron & Deborah Joye

Emily & Furman Lovett, Bazen & Leo by Ron & Deborah Joye

Angela Quarles by Ron & Deborah Joye

Anita Weed by Ron & Deborah Joye

John Davis by Eleanor Mahnken & Jim Davis

Elizabeth Young by Eleanor Mahnken & Jim Davis

Ed Thomas by Larry & June Salters

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Children's Sunday School 9:30	7 Community Outreach Meeting 6:00	8 SPRC Meeting 6:30	9	10	11	12
13 Youth Party 4:30 Polar Plunge 6:00	14	15	16 Newsletter & Christmas Mission Deadlines	17	18	19
20 Children's S S 9:30 Program 10:30 Cookies, Cocoa, Caroling 4:00	21	22	23 Office Closed	24 5:30 Service Office Closed	25 Merry Christmas	26
27 No Confirmation	28	29	30	31		

Office Closed this week

Notes

Sunday's

_8:30 Outside Worship Service
_9:30 Sunday School
10:30 Worship Service
_3:30 Confirmation
_4:00 Salem Ringers
_5:00 Youth Group

AA meets every
Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 7:00

Choir Practice 7:00 Wednesday

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OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Gary Phillips — Pastor

Bill Childs — Pastor of Visitation

Ashley Anderson — Children's Ministries

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

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 or call the church.

Anyone who would like to submit an article or item for the **January** newsletter should do so by **December 16**.

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 you offering.

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