



Sunday Mornings

Sunday mornings seem to be reemerging here at Salem. Things are starting to reformulate.

We begin the day with an **8:30 outdoor service** (it's outdoor with weather permitting). This service is on the cemetery side of our property. That service will last until we are able to re-establish the Church-on-the-Lake service beside the water's edge.

At 9:30 our Sunday School classes are meeting. The Children's Class and Youth Class are in the downstairs area every week. The Crossroads Class is downstairs as well. All of the upstairs adult classes are currently meeting in person. Each has their own way of doing things. Some are practicing social distancing, wearing masks and providing zoom capabilities for those that are not ready to be in the building. Others are not. Please check with your class leaders to know what your class is offering. If you have not been in Sunday School and are ready to give it a try, but don't know where to start...call the office during the week, almost anyone there can help you find a place to start.

At 10:30 our sanctuary service begins. We still offer masks and have sanitizer available and we still track attendance just in case. We are offering a nursery for babies from birth to 35 months during this service.

In the evenings the **Confirmation class** begins at **3:30**, and the **Youth Group** meet at **5:00**. You never know what the youth will be up to, so check with Jim. They might be doing a scavenger hunt, they might be deep in Bible Study, they may break out for small group conversations or they may be sharpening their beauty shop skills. The children's program, **Escape**, meet at **5:00** every other Sunday. They will be meeting outside near the playground weather permitting.

All of that on Sundays. During the rest of the week there are daytime Bible studies, night time studies, choir practices, committee meetings, senior luncheons, prayer gatherings, and the farmers market on Friday afternoons. We hope you will soon find a place and that it will feel good to be among the body of Christ again.



Happy Mother's Day!

The *Mother's Day* bulletin will be available in the Welcome Center, office and online.

If needed, one can be mailed to you.

Thank You!

Thank you for all who participated to make the Mother's day bulletin a great success - We raised a little over \$800 to use in various ways in our community and church family needs.



Salem UMC Children

Children's Sunday School is back! Join us on Sunday mornings at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

Join us for in-person VBS, June 21-24. See flyer insert for more details.

Children are invited to join us every other Sunday evening from 5-6 pm for "Escape", a time of fellowship and fun. **May 9th and May 23rd.**



Outdoor Worship Service

On weather permitting Sundays, our 8:30 service offers attendees the opportunity to remain in their car and listen to the service on their radio. Simply dial into **FM 95.7** and enjoy. We ask that you park in the cemetery side of our parking lot.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Ages 4 through rising 5th graders

JUNE 21-24

5:30-7:30 PM

*5:30-6:00-

Bring your own picnic dinner



Register at:



[HTTPS://SALEMUMCSC.MYCOKESBURYVBS.COM](https://SALEMUMCSC.MYCOKESBURYVBS.COM)

Join us on our quest for the king's armor at Knights of North Castle!



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New Study

A new study will be offered to all ages, youth through adult beginning Thursday, May 27 - Thursday July 8. The study is **"The Walk; Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life"** by Adam Hamilton. Jim Magann will lead these in the Fellowship Hall from 6:00PM - 7:00PM. The cost of this study is \$10 for the Participant book. If you are interested in signing up for this study, email Jim at jimmagann@gmail.com.

Please Welcome

Kyle Cook-McCrary is as a pre seminary attendee exploring a call to ministry. Kyle spent most of his growing up years at Salem. He completed his undergraduate work at Southern Wesleyan. Kyle will be assisting in leading worship for the next while to gain some practical experience before shipping off to pursue the academic experience.



YOUTH NEWS

Youth Sunday School has resumed in full each week and we will continue where we left off, discussing the Books of the Bible. We will be focusing on the New Testament for the next several months.

Confirmation Sunday is Sunday, May 23 at the 10:30 service. We invite everyone to join us on this day as we welcome four young people into the life of the Church.

We are collecting information for all **graduates**. If you have a child graduating this year, please send their names as you want them printed in the bulletin, where they are graduating from and their next steps. Please also let us know about any college graduates, or any other schooling. Please do so by Sunday, May 23.

Youth Schedule for May

Sunday School each week at **9:30 AM**

May 2 - Confirmation **3:30** - Baptism & Confirmation

Youth Group **5:00** - Small Groups

May 9 - No Confirmation or Youth Group (Mother's day)

May 16 - Confirmation **3:30** - Covenant Membership Vows

Youth Group **5:00** - Water Wars

May 23 - Youth group - Day Trip to Zoo

May 30 - No Youth Group

Youth Group will continue on an every other week basis in the summer. Specific schedule will be sent as time draws near.

Missions

For the month of May the Missions committee will be collecting for the **Prisma Children's Hospital**. We normally do this through the Children's Ministry and Ashley Anderson, but the children at this hospital always could use a little more love and a little more of people thinking about them. We will collect all kinds of different toys for them to have while there or to get at their store. The list is similar to that which is used at Christmas and has things ranging from craft and art items, to Barbie's and clothes to video games and more. A list of all the items on their wish list will be posted in the church. Please drop these items off at any time during the month of May.



Nurses Honor Guard

The Nurses Honor Guard of South Carolina recognizes those individuals who have dedicated their lives to the profession of Nursing. The purpose of this organization is to provide comfort to the family and let them, as well as the community, know the value of each nurse we are honoring.

The Nurses Honor Guard of South Carolina considers it a privilege to participate in the memorial services of fellow nurses and celebrate their years of service.

To request our services or to join the Nurses Honor Guard visit website: www.nurseshonorguard.com

You may also email us directly at: nurseshonorguardsc@gmail.com.

Morning Prayer Time

We would like to invite everyone to join us each week for a time of prayer. We will meet in the church parking lot at **7:00 A.M. every Wednesday** to pray for many different things as a church. This is for EVERYONE, children, youth, adults and even friends that may not be a part of our church family. If it rains, we will meet in the Sanctuary but otherwise we will remain outside so that we may be able to stay spread apart a bit. We look forward to seeing you. For more information, contact Jim Magann at jimmagann@gmail.com.

Face Masks



We are in a difficult time. There are those who have received their vaccine, those who are waiting to get their vaccine and those who will choose not to be vaccinated. Some feel perfectly fine being in public and some who feel vulnerable. Regardless of your position, hopefully, we all wish to be able to return to our sacred space to be part of worship.

Salem U.M. Church has not required the use of masks for persons within our building. This was out of a concern for those for whom wearing a mask posed a difficulty. We have encouraged their use. We do so now more than ever. This is to provide an environment of Christian hospitality towards those who wish to return to in-person worship but are hesitant about potential exposure. Please prayerfully consider making use of a mask and its welcoming representation to others.

Farmers Market



Our market has resumed each Friday from 4-6 in the church parking lot with a variety of vendors. Make plans to drop by each Friday to survey the goods and purchase some of your favorite vegetables, crafts and other miscellaneous items on hand!

OASIS

Join us for a **Cinco de Mayo** style meal at the church on **Tuesday, May 18th** at 11:30! Our lunch will be catered and we'll enjoy a time of fellowship together. This will be our last opportunity to gather before our break for the summer months. *The only thing that is required of you is to RSVP by Wednesday, May 12th so that we may adequately prepare.* You can do so by calling the church office. We look forward to hearing from you!

Make A Wish Foundation

The mission of **Make A Wish Foundation** is summed up in this simple statement: "Together, we create life-changing wishes for children with critical illnesses."

It is their belief that when a wish comes true it creates strength, hope and transformation for a child:
It gives a child the strength to fight against and even overcome a critical illness,
It renews hope, uplifting spirits and encourages a belief in the impossible,
It forever transforms the life of children, their families and their community,
It unites neighbors, friends and entire communities in life changing experiences.

Make A Wish traces its inspiration to Christopher James Greicius, an energetic 7-year-old boy battling leukemia who wishes to be a police officer. In 1980, his Phoenix community came together to make his wish come true. Little did Chris know that his wish would create a movement that would transform millions of lives.

Since then **Make A Wish Foundation** has granted over 75,000 wishes in the U.S. and over 500,000 in 50 countries worldwide.

Some of those wish fulfillments have included meeting the cast of a favorite movie, meeting a unicorn, being a cowgirl, getting to have a blue electric guitar.

A donation made by the Mission Committee has been made on behalf of the people of Salem U.M. Church. In so doing they have included you in the fulfilling of wishes for critically ill children that we will never know. They will know that we are followers of Jesus Christ by the love we share.



Memorials & Honorariums



Building Fund

*In loving memory of Ralph Banks by
Phillip & Millie Fore*

*In loving memory of Lynda Faulkenberry by
Sandra Durst*

*In loving memory of Jim Lewis, Sr. by
Sandra Durst
John & Linda Gibbons*

*In loving memory of LaVerne McMillan by
Sandra Durst*

*In loving memory of Emily Fisher Manley by
Melba & Mike Arthur
Sandra Durst
James, Kim & McKinley Fisher
Phillip & Millie Fore
John & Linda Gibbons
Dan & Carla Jennings
Jim & Marie Lewis
Don & Miriam Lovett
Gloria B. Martin
Salem OASIS
Jan Prosser
Larry & Ann Wood*

*In loving memory of Wayne Sills by
Sandra Durst*

*In loving memory of Ruth Smith by
Sandra Durst*

Columbarium Fund

*In loving memory of Emily Fisher Manley by
Larry & June Salters*

Children's Ministry

*In loving memory of Emily Fisher Manley by
Barbara Pereira*

*In loving memory of Doris Monts by
Faith Circle
Sandra Durst
Robert & Christine Lowman*

General Fund

*In loving memory of Kenneth Koon by
Barbara Pereira*

*In loving memory of Jim Lewis, Sr. by
Barbara Pereira*

*In loving memory of Emily Fisher Manley by
Donnie H. Jameson
Ron & Deborah Joye
Greg & Trisha Mayer
Steve & Mary G. Smith*

*In loving memory of Doris Monts by
Robert & Margaret Davis*

Nursery Fund

*In loving memory of Doris Monts by
Barbara Pereira*

*In loving memory of Ruth Smith by
Barbara Pereira*

OASIS Fund

*In loving memory of Margie Weed by
her family*

Salkehatchie Fund

*In loving memory of Frank Burke by
Sandra Durst*



Congratulations to Jessica & Stuart Yarborough on the birth of their daughter **Kayleigh Jarrett Yarborough** born April 16. Salem grandparents are Jerry & Sandra Durst, great grandmother Barbara Pereira and two proud big brothers Briggs & Hank.



FAITH CIRCLE FATHER'S DAY BULLETIN

The women of Faith Circle are again planning a very special bulletin to honor or remember all those men who are special to us...fathers, grandfathers, uncles, brothers, friends, etc.

To list the names of special men you would like to remember in our Father's Day bulletin, please fill out the form found on the back of this page, and put it, along with payment of **at least \$1.00 per name**, in an envelope marked "Father's Day." 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. We are sure you will want to include all those men who are special to you. Please give to any member of Faith Circle or drop in the offering plate.

Money raised through this bulletin will be used for mission projects of the United Methodist Women as well as mission projects such as the Homeless Outreach Ministry, Salkehatchie, and congregational and community needs.

Deadline is Sunday, May 16, 2021

In honor of _____
By _____

In memory of _____
By _____

Please make checks payable to "Faith Circle."

May 2021



Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

						1 Wedding
2 VBS Mtg 5:00	3 Faith Circle 6:30 Trustee Mtg 6:30	4 Worship Committee Mtg 6:30	5 Joy Circle 10:00 6 Bible Study FH	6	7	8
9  Mothers Day 5:00 Escape No Confirmation No Youth	10	11	12 6 Bible Study FH	13	14 Wedding	15 Playground Workday 8:30- 12:00
16	17	18 OASIS 11:30 Newsletter Deadline	19 6 Bible Study FH	20	21	22
23 Confirmation 5:00 Escape Outreach Zoom 6	24 6:30 Missions Meeting	25	26	27 6 Bible Study FH	28	29
30 Fellowship Hall reserved No Youth	31 Memorial Day Holiday					

Notes

Sundays

8:30 Outside Worship Service
9:30 Sunday School
10:30 Worship Service
3:30 Confirmation
5:00 Youth Group

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Choir Practice
Morning Prayer Time
Farmers Market

Weekdays

7:00PM Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday
7:00PM Wednesday
7:00AM Wednesday
4:00PM Friday



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803-781-1626
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Worship Hours

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

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 **June** newsletter should do so by **May 18th**.

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>