



Farewell

I have never liked writing newsletter articles. I have minister friends that relish the opportunity to speak “out of the pulpit” to the congregation as a whole. I have other minister friends that like to use the newsletter as an opportunity to teach about church life. I just don't like tasks that have to be done over and over again. You do the dishes and someone is eating on them again, you take out the trash and someone has a banana peel in their hand again, you preach one sermon and it's time for another one. And then you throw in newsletter articles and I just throw my hands in the air. You may have noticed that I don't do them often.

But then, Marie suggested that it might be important for me to do one this month, a little later Tina came to my office door and sort of dropped the hint that maybe ...just maybe ... I ought to put something in the newsletter. Peer pressure never ends.

But they are right I need to say something.... I need to say that thing that is hard to say, that is hard to put into words. What was the song that the Von Trapp kids sang as they slipped out of the concert hall and out of Austria? “So long, farewell, auf Wiedersehen, adieu. Adieu, adieu, to yieu and yieu and yieu, So long, farewell, au revoir, auf wiedersehen, adieu.” Yes, that is a good start. “So Long, farewell, auf Wiedersehen, Adieu.”

But more than that, “Thank you”, as well, thank you for allowing me to be part of your congregation and part of your life. You have, many of you, admitted me into some of the hardest moments of your life and into the happiest ones as well. I do not take that lightly. I hope I have served you well in both instances.

To others of you, there is the, “My apologies” that needs to be said. I have failed you, I have not done what needed to be done, I have faltered in my duties. There is no denying or avoiding it. I simply have and you have my regrets and my apologies. Please know there was no malice or bad intent ...simple oversight on my part. I do not deserve your forgiveness. Please know that I am aware of the failings that are all mine.

In the grander scheme of leadership of the congregation as a body, it is my hope that I have led well and leave you better and stronger than I found you. I think that is every pastor's intent. My design was to develop strong committees that were ready to set the course for their own ministry. In some instances that has worked better than in others. We are, after all, going on to perfection.

Throughout my years of ministry I always felt like I could see, at least a short way ahead if not multiple steps down the road. I knew where we were going and how to get there. In Gilbert and in Charleston when I could no longer see that ... I knew it was because I had finished my work. It was time to move on to new tasks. In recent months I have not been able to see the way forward. I'm not sure what the next steps are that this church needs to take. This time I don't think it's because my work is done. There are so many things that are in flux. This time I believe it's because the work is done with me. Part of the Wesley Covenant prayer says, “Put me to doing ... let me be employed for you or let me be set aside for you, let me be full, let me be empty... I freely and with a willing heart give it all to your pleasure and disposal.” This is my prayer. And so it is.

Farewell, thank you, my apologies. May God bless you as surely as God has blessed me. And don't be shy about dropping by if you are ever in Lake Junaluska country.

Gary D.

VBS June 21-24!
See flyer for details and how to
register a child or a volunteer.
We hope to see you there!!



Salem UMC Children

Upcoming Escape
Dates:
June 6th
June 20th

Anyone who may be interested in volunteering with children's ministries,
please let Ashley Anderson know (ashley.poppell@gmail.com / 678.300.0029).
We would love to find a spot that fits best for you!



YOUTH NEWS

Youth will continue during the summer on an every other week schedule.
We will meet on June 6 and 20.

June 6 will be a summer cookout with location to be finalized and

June 20 will be service night helping set up for Vacation Bible School.

The rest of the summer dates will be:

July 4 & 18

August 1, 15 & 29

Youth will kick off a new year on **September 12!!!**

There will be a new study on **July 5, 12 and 19**. It will be called:

The Wesley Challenge by Chris Folmsbee

21 Days of 21 Questions to engage your Physical, spiritual and emotional lives
and your relationship with God and Others.

Please contact Jim Magann at jimmagann@gmail.com if you would like to sign up.

Cost will be \$10 for the book.

Join Us in Welcoming Our Confirmands

As you know, four of our youth at Salem had been preparing for this day since November. They met for weeks and have shared in this journey of faith and we welcomed them on May 23rd into the fellowship of our Church.

*Charles Bradley Cole
Michael Thomas Smith
Madison Reese Strait
Henry Mason Vyskocil*



Church on the Lake

Woodman of the World will be opening up and allowing Church on the Lake to begin **July 4th**. At that time, our current outdoor service at the church will transition to the lake. This service will continue to start at **8:30** and last approximately 45 minutes. The address for the lake service is 2000 Johnson Marina Rd, Chapin. We are looking forward to being reunited with everyone at the lake and hope to see you there!

OASIS

A big thanks goes out to the *family of Margie Weed* for hosting our *Cinco de Mayo meal* this past week. Our Oasis group will not meet again until September. We look forward to some fun events planned as we ease back into our routines. If you would like to know more about this group, make plans now to join us for our **kickoff event in September**. Details forthcoming!

Blood Drive

SUMC is partnering with the American Red Cross to host a blood drive for our community. Mark your calendar for **Tuesday, July 6th from 12-5 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall**. More information on how to register coming soon!



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

If needed, one can be mailed to you.

Columbarium Coming to Salem!

As you may know, a small group of individuals have been hard at work over many years to bring the possibility of a columbarium to Salem. We are excited to announce that this project is finally coming to fruition. Our cemetery committee in collaboration with Tony Snelgrove will be managing the installation. While the committee is still working on reservation information and guidelines, you will begin to notice prep work for the install near our existing cemetery. A concrete pad will be poured soon and the unit itself will then follow shortly after. Look for more information in our bulletins and newsletter on details about the individual units, costs, and how to reserve a space. A sincere thanks to this committee and the trustees for the efforts put forth into this project!

Missions

The Missions Committee recently provided a Chick fil a meal for the staff of H.E. Corley Elementary School in appreciation for all the administration, teachers and staff do for the children and families of that school. We at Salem UMC would like to thank ALL those in our local schools for all they do, especially in a year like the one we have been through this past year.

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.



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, June 6, 2021

In honor of _____
By _____

In memory of _____
By _____

Please make checks payable to "Faith Circle."



Memorials & Honorariums



Building Fund

In loving memory of Emily Fisher Manley by
Lou Holmes
Dianne B. Owens

Children's Ministry

In loving memory of Doris Monts by
Lou Holmes

OASIS Fund

In loving memory of Emily Fisher Manley by
Eleanor Mahnken

Building Fund

*In love and honor of the marriage of Ashleigh
Rhiannon Eargle to Christopher Michael Weidensee*
by
Frank and Lynn Eargle

General Fund

In love and honor of Richard McManus by
Ryan and Maria Cole

Thank you

5-6-21



Congratulations

Ashleigh Rhiannon Eargle &
Christopher Michael Weidensee
on their wedding on May 1st.

*Salem United Methodist,
Thank you all so much for the wonderful
lunch you provided for us this week. It was
just what we needed this time of year - to be
thought of and loved on! We are thankful for
your support of H.E.C.*

*The Reading Intervention Team
Katherine Andes, Kelly Still, Kathryn
Meetze, Kellee Edwards, Barbara Fredrick,
Dana Charles*

Thank You

In the fall of 2019 we had big plans for the development of a Visiting Pastor staff position to enable better, more consistent care for those members of our congregation that are in need and deserve the attentiveness of a minister in their home. A position was created, a budget was appropriated, and a person was identified to fill that role. The Rev. Wm. (Bill) Childs, former pastor of Salem, recently retired and came back to be a part of our community, agreed to take on that role in a limited capacity. And then 2020 hit. He was not able to visit; he was limited to making phone calls. After a year of being so limited and not being able to fulfill the role he agreed to, and with the anticipated change in pastoral leadership, **Rev. Childs has recently relinquished his role as our visiting pastor.** To quote his letter of relinquishment, "I also strongly feel that our new pastor coming in July, Rev. Jeff Childress deserves the opportunity to choose and build his own team with whom he would prefer to do ministry. I know Jeff and feel that he will be an excellent pastor for Salem! I stand ready to assist him in any way I possibly can, but I do not feel that he should be "saddled" with me, a former and retired pastor, for the outset of his ministry here." While the sentiment is appreciated, it is with regret that we lose Rev. Childs ... Bill, from our staff. To Rev. Childs we say, "Thank you for all that you have attempted and for all that you represent for the families and people of Salem UMC".

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:



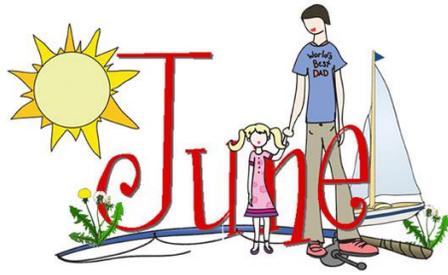
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Join us on our quest for the king's
armor at Knights of North Castle!



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2021

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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6 VBS Mtg 5:00	7	8 6:30 Finance Mtg 7:00 Council Mtg	9	10 6 Bible Study	11	12
13 VBS Meeting 5 Graduation Sunday	14	15	16 Newsletter Deadline	17 6 Bible Study	18 Guitar Recital 7:00	19
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VBS 5:30-7:30						
27	28	29	30	27 6 Bible Study	28	29

Sundays

Weekdays

Notes

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

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Choir Practice
Morning Prayer Time

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



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Church Office Hours

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803-781-1626
E-mail: smethodist@aol.com
website: salemumcsc.com
CCLI #1562077

Worship Hours

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

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 **July** newsletter should do so by **June 16th**.

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>

OUR MINISTRY TEAM



Gary Phillips — Pastor
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