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## Welcome

There's an old Beatles tune that says, "You say goodbye, and I say hello." In some ways this captures the sentiment of moving season in the United Methodist Church. Just as you and Pastor Gary are saying your goodbyes, Delaine and I are doing the same with the folks at St. Andrew UMC in Easley. And at the very same time, we are all preparing for our hellos and greetings to one another at the end of June. It's an emotional time for sure, but with the anticipation of change comes the excitement of new beginnings and opportunities and possibilities. I want you to know that Delaine and I eagerly anticipate our move to Irmo, and we know that God will lead all of us into fruitful ministry together at Salem.

As we are greatly looking forward to getting to know each and every one of you soon, we would like to use this opportunity to allow you to get to know something about us. So here is some introductory information for you.

I am a native of Easley, graduated from Easley High School in 1980, and received a B.S. in Administrative Management from Clemson University in 1984. (Easy now! I realize we are moving into Gamecock territory.) For 18 years I worked in a family-owned business in the machine tool distribution industry before being called to ministry. In 2004 I received a Master of Divinity degree and a Master of Arts in Counseling Ministry degree from Erskine Theological Seminary. Up until now I have spent my 19 years in ministry in the Anderson District, having served as a pastor of Salem UMC in Salem from 2002 to 2004, then as Minister of Congregational Care at St. Mark UMC in Seneca from 2004 to 2016, and as pastor of St. Andrew UMC in Easley from 2016 to 2021.

I met my wife, Delaine, in elementary school and we began dating in high school. We married following our graduation from Clemson in 1984. Delaine has just retired from a teaching career, having taught mostly in middle schools during her 30 years of teaching. Delaine and I have two adult children; our son, Emory, lives in Easley and works in Greenville, and our daughter, Georgia, and her husband, Andrew, both live and work in Lexington, SC.

We are truly excited about our appointment to Salem, and we are looking forward to being a part of the beautiful faith community there. See you soon!

Blessings,

Jeff

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## Welcome Celebration

Join us after worship service on July 11<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall for a drop in as we welcome our new minister, Rev. Jeff Childress and his wife, Delaine into our Salem family. We hope you will make plans to join us on this special day!



Salem UMC Children

**Thank you** to all of our volunteers and participants who helped make **VBS** a success this year!  
We look forward to next year being even more normal and bigger and better than ever!

Upcoming **Escape** Dates:  
July 4<sup>th</sup> & July 18<sup>th</sup>

All rising K5 - rising 5th graders are invited to join us for a fun-filled cooking camp July 5th-9th 6:00-7:30. The children will prepare and cook their own dinner each night and learn about the Beatitudes. \$40 includes all food and supplies, which the children will get to keep at the end of camp. Contact Heather Magann at [hmagann@gmail.com](mailto:hmagann@gmail.com) to register!

**Salem United Methodist Church**  
**\$40**  
1321 Salem Church Rd. Irmo SC 29063

**KIDS COOKING CAMP**

**July 5-9**  
**6:00 - 7:30PM**

Join me to also learn about the Beee-attitudes

**Menu**

- Mini Burger Bites
- Popcorn Chicken Salad
- Pit Stop Portable Pizza & Cookies (Choc. Chip & Sugar)
- Light-as-a-Feather Pancakes
- Pizza Planet Calzones & Raining Berry Turnovers

*All Children rising Kinder—rising 5th grade will love to learn to measure and create their own meals!!!!*

Register with Heather at [hmagann@gmail.com](mailto:hmagann@gmail.com)

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



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# YOUTH NEWS

Youth will continue during the summer on an every other week schedule.

**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](mailto:jimmagann@gmail.com) if you would like to sign up.

Cost will be \$10 for the book.



## Confirmation 2021

Salem United Methodist Church would like to welcome the Confirmation Class of 2021 into the life of the church and into, also, the family of Jesus Christ. Charles Bradley Cole, Michael Thomas Smith, Madison Reese Strait and Henry Mason Vyskocil have met weekly since October 2020 for about an hour and a half each week to learn not only what it means to be a true follower of Jesus Christ but also to be a lifelong serving member of the United Methodist Church. This has been a phenomenal group that their families and this church should be proud of and excited about. A special thanks also to Rev. Gary Phillips and Heather Magann for leading this group throughout the year.

## Congratulations to Our Graduates

Congratulations to each of these fine students for reaching this milestone in their lives. Salem is proud of you!

### **Chapin High School**

*Walker D. Bowers  
Andrew Charles Bykalo*

### **Dreher High School**

*Coby van Rosevelt*

### **Dutch Fork High School**

*Furkan Haltiwanger  
Elijah (Eli) Ryan Rogers  
Carson L. Royster*

### **Spring Hill High School**

*Bryson Stutts*

### **Clemson University**

*Joseph Lord*

### **Savannah College of Art & Design**

*Gordon Deane Collins*

### **University of South Carolina**

*Eve Miller Haas*

### **Wofford College**

*Morgan McCrary*

As Salem approaches the time to usher in a new minister, our staff had the opportunity to have a meet and greet luncheon with him. **Welcome** to the fold, **Jeff Childress**. Please join with us as we pray over the transition for our church and for Pastor Phillips and Pastor Childress as they each embark upon new journeys.



## Thank you

Thank you for all the cards, letters, prayers, thoughts and visits. I am doing fine and hoping to be back soon.

Bobby Lowman

## Nursery Coordinator

We are looking to hire a  
*nursery coordinator!*

If you or someone you know is interested in or would like to find out more about this position, please contact Ashley Anderson at 678-300-0029

or ashley.poppell@gmail.com.

## Thank You!!

Thank you all so much for your support for the *Mother's Day and Father's Day* bulletin. We raised over \$2100 this year that will go to local charities as well as be used in various ways and needs in our church and the community. We could not do it without the support from You. We appreciate each and every donation. Thank you all so much for participating and making this a HUGE success!

Faith Circle

## Thursday Evening Bible Study

Calling all ladies! Interest has been expressed in hosting another Thursday evening Bible study series at Salem. Previous studies have been a wonderful means of growing friendships and learning more about the word of God. If you are interested in participating and/or facilitating, please contact Tina Overton at toverton@sc.rr.com or call the church office. Having a number of facilitators would allow even more to share. You don't need to have all the answers, we learn together as we go along!

## Notable Relic!

From time to time, Salem is graced with notable relics and treasures that are worthy of our attention. The following small treasure has been donated and on display in the glass cabinet located in the John Wesley Fellowship Hall.

This 1874 book of "The Doctrines and Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South" is presented by LuAnne Sox Clements. It is dedicated in loving memory of her great grandparents, Mr. Fred and Mrs. Lula Weed.

## 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.**



## Memorials & Honorariums

### Columbarium Fund

*In loving memory of Kenny Koon, Emily Fisher Manley, Doris Monts, Margie Weed by Barbara and Norman Thomas*



## Flower Ministry/ Vases

If you are interested in honoring/memorializing or celebrating a special someone or occasion, our altar flower sign-up sheet is in the Welcome Center. Once flowers are used that Sunday, you may take them with you or donate them. If donated, Faith Circle uses this opportunity to share multiple arrangements with shut ins and those needing special encouragement. If you have any vases you can donate to this special cause, please drop them off in the office.





# July

# 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 6 Bible Study 7 Lake Murray Association	2	3
4 happy 4th JULY! Escape 5:00	5 Office Closed 6 Bible Study 6 Kid's Cooking	6 12-5 Blood Drive 6 Kid's Cooking	7 6 Kid's Cooking	8 6 Bible Study 6 Kid's Cooking	9 6 Kid's Cooking	10
11 11:30 Welcome Celebration	12 6 Bible Study	13	14	15	16	17
18 Escape 5:00	19 Newsletter Deadline 6 Bible Study	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

*Sundays*

*Weekdays*

## Notes

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

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7:00AM Wednesday

7:00PM Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday

Choir Practice

7:00PM Wednesday

Morning Prayer Time

7:00AM Wednesday



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### Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday  
8:30-12:00 1:00-3:30  
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 **August** newsletter should do so by **July 19<sup>th</sup>**.

### **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>

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### OUR MINISTRY TEAM



Jeff Childress — 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

