



Jeff's Journal

Finding a Rhythm.....

Moving and getting settled into a new church family and a new community can be a whirlwind of activities logistically, vocationally, and relationally. We are genuinely appreciating getting to know the good folks here at Salem, and we are starting to get our bearings here in the midlands.

At the 6-week point as I am writing this article, I am now beginning to find a rhythm to my days and weeks, allowing me to begin scheduling my time to include all of the aspects of being your pastor in hopefully an effective way. While I have been able to do some visits with some of you that are unable to be in worship with us at this time, there are many of you with which I will be making contact soon to get to know you, and I look forward to it.

Here are a few things that may be on your mind that I wish to speak to briefly:

First, is the situation with the Delta variant of the COVID virus. As I'm sure you are tracking in various news outlets and platforms, our area is among many across the south with a sharp rise in COVID cases, hospitalizations, and deaths. So, I want to encourage us to be as vigilant as we can to do our part to keep ourselves and one another safe. While I'm hesitant to mandate masks at Salem at this point, I do encourage you to consider wearing them during indoor gatherings and services, as I've noticed many of you are already doing. By doing so, we can hopefully continue to worship together and stay healthy during the coming winter months. I feel like we're beginning to get some traction in worship again, and I would hate to see that get disrupted again.

Second, I want to thank those who were able to participate in our home gatherings the past few weeks. From 5 gatherings (including staff), I have some very helpful information which I will now use to compile a summary of findings of what I have learned, and will share this with you soon as a way to help us formulate a focused ministry plan for our first year together.

Third, as mentioned in my article in last month's newsletter, you will find enclosed a contact information sheet that we are asking everyone to fill out and return to the church office so that we can begin a process of updating our membership database, enabling us to have proper numbers and email addresses to be able to contact you more efficiently. Thank you in advance for your help in this process.

And, lastly, our annual Charge Conference has been scheduled for October 17 at noon. In preparation for this our Committee on Lay Leadership (Nominations) will be meeting to identify individuals to serve in various ways in 2022. Please be in prayer for this process, as it is vitally important in helping us fulfill the work and ministry to which God is calling us. If there is a particular area where you would like to serve, please let me know that as well.

Blessings,
Jeff



Salem UMC Children

Our nursery is open from 9:15 through the conclusion of the 10:30 worship service.

Children's Sunday School (9:30 am) and Escape (5:00 pm) continue to meet weekly. Sunday School meets downstairs in the Children's Gathering Room. Escape meets on the playground side of the building and is a time for fun and fellowship in a more casual setting.

Please join us on Saturday, September 18th, from 3-4 pm for a **Back to School Bash Ice Cream Social**. We'd love for our children to come together for outdoor fun and an ice cream sandwich or popsicle. This will be a weather dependent activity. We hope to see you there!

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.

Volunteer

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 group will kick back off on Sunday Evenings beginning **Sunday, September 12**. The times will be 5:00 - 6:00 PM. All are invited and welcome and all are encouraged to bring friends to anything and everything that we do.

Deadline for **Fall Retreat deposit is due Sunday, September 5**. It is \$50 and the remainder will be due by the time we leave for the trip on September 24. The trip is to Myrtle Beach and there will be lots of fun to be had while we are there.

College Addresses

If you have a child that is off to college, please let us know their mailing address. We want to be able to support the young people while they are away from home with notes and goodies throughout the year. Please contact the church office at smethodist@aol.com with their address.

Oasis Kickoff

Our OASIS group is set to kick off again on **Tuesday, September 21 at 11:30** here at the church. Our guest speaker will be **Tom Poland, a Southern author** who has inspired and entertained many with his writings. We will also enjoy a catered meal by Tim Scott Catering. Menu includes: Pot roast w/Gravy, BBQ Chicken, Mashed potatoes, Squash casserole, Butter beans and Banana pudding. Cost of the meal will be \$8. Mark your calendars and make plans to join us as we kick off our year of monthly fellowship events! If you haven't joined us in the past, we encourage anyone 50 and over to come and be a part of our fun! Please call the church office or contact Tina Overton to RSVP. Visit tompoland.net if you would like to learn more about our guest speaker.

Ladies Lunch Bunch



Monday, Sept. 27th
at El Poblano in Chapin
at 12:00

Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men will return to their regular meetings on **Sunday, September 19** at a **NEW** start time. We will begin at **7:00 A.M.** in the Fellowship Hall. Breakfast will continue to be served and we are lining up speakers now. Make plans to join us the **third Sunday of each month.**



Precept Study of Daniel

The Tuesday morning Precept class will resume on **September 14th** with the study of **the book of Daniel**. This 2-part study will conclude in May. Participants have the choice of ordering a workbook that requires less homework than the typical Precept study, or the more comprehensive one that digs deeper into the visions of Daniel.

If you want your faith strengthened, if you want insight into the future, if you want to be lost in the wonder and awe of your God, if you want to know how to live in a society opposed to all you believe, then join us for this wonderful study. Daniel 11:32b states that “... the people who know their God shall be strong and carry out great exploits.”

For more information, call or text Dolly Kent at 803-240-2831.

Adult/Infant CPR Class

Did you know???.....The majority of cardiac arrests occur outside of the hospital setting. When bystander CPR is initiated, the chances of survival improve greatly. Come learn Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation skills (or renew your certification) at **Salem on Sunday, September 19, at 12:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall**. A light lunch will be provided. Cost of the class is \$35 per person. Please call the church office by **Tuesday, September 14th** to reserve your spot.

The life you save could be that of someone you love!

Thanks to ...

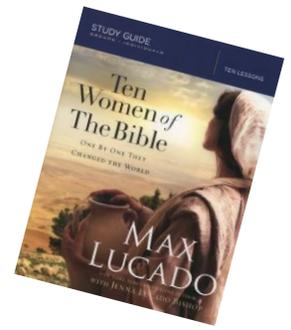
The Flower Bunch



81 arrangements have been delivered since March of 2021.

Thursday Night Women's Bible Study

Why Did God Choose These Women?



As we study the lives of the women in the Bible, we find important truths that God wants us to grasp. They lived in a different world than our own, but we find ourselves facing the same issues they faced. Yet even more, these women show us there is a God who sees us where we are and loves us for who we are. He is the one who hovers over all the pages of the Bible, shaping lives, rescuing hearts, healing sicknesses, raising what was dead to life, and assigning high callings to those who choose to follow him and have faith in him.

We are starting a 10-week women's Bible Study on Thursday, September 2, 2021 at 6:00 PM. We will meet in the Seekers Classroom initially. If you would like to join us please contact Heather Magann at hmagann@gmail.com or 843-446-7280 or call the church office. You can purchase the Study Guide by Max Lucado titled "**Ten Women of the Bible**" from one of the following: Christian Book Distributors, Cokesbury or Amazon. Please purchase your study guide as soon as you can so you will be ready to go at the start of the Bible study. Please contact Heather if you have any questions. We look forward to taking a deeper dive into The Word together!

The Twelfth Annual
Sharing God's Love
Benefit Golf Tournament



Monday, September 13, 2021

The Spur at Northwoods
201 Powell Road, Columbia SC 29203

Captain Choice - Shotgun Start at 9:00 a.m.

REGISTRATION FORM

For more Information go to
Sharing God's Love @
<https://sharinggodsllove.net> or
Contact Jim Sharp @ 803-727-
7297 or Ron Feaster @ 803-741-
4846

There are a few brochures in the
Welcome Center.

100% of the net proceeds will
benefit your neighbors in need in the Dutch Fork,
Irmo, St. Andrews and Ballentine communities.

Established in 1984, Sharing God's Love has faithfully provided thousands of families with food, clothing, personal hygiene items and financial aid for utility, medical and other emergency expenses. During 2020, 1,671 families, totaling 4,574 people, including 368 new clients, received assistance valued at \$613,690.00 plus \$609,556.00 assistance to other agencies. The supplies and funds are donated by churches,



businesses, individuals and groups. Sharing God's Love is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization and a portion of your tournament fee and all of your contributions are tax deductible.

**SHOTGUN START AT 9:00 O'CLOCK
CAPTAIN'S CHOICE**

FEE INCLUDES: 18 holes of golf, cart, goodie bag, drinks...plus food services if possible.

PRIZES

for the first, second and third place teams, closest-to-the-pin, longest drive, spectacular prize for a hole-in-one in keeping with past tournaments, plus door prizes.

Mission for the Month

This month the Missions Committee will be collecting gently used books for young people ages 3-18. These books will be given to Lowcountry Orphan Relief. This organization provides support services and aid to meet the needs of Lowcountry, and now Midlands, children identified as at-risk or suffering from abandonment, abuse and/or neglect. You may go to www.lowcountryorphanrelief.org to find out more about this organization. A new satellite facility has recently opened in Columbia. Please make sure these books are in good condition and are appropriate for young people to read. The books may be left in the baskets outside of the fellowship hall or may be left in the front office and designated to Jim Magann.

FAITH CIRCLE CHILDREN'S DAY BULLETIN

October 2021

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 and nephews, as well as children of friends, etc.

To list the names of special children you would like to honor or remember in our Children's Day bulletin, please fill out the form, and put it, along with payment of at least \$1.00 per name, in an envelope marked **"Children's Day."** Make checks 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 children, of any age, who are special to you!

We thank the congregation for your support of our 2021 Mother's Day and Father's Day fund-raising bulletins and ask for your continued generosity. Faith Circle uses funds raised through its three bulletins to fund many mission outreach projects. Some of the projects we support are: ***Bethlehem Center—Columbia and Spartanburg, Epworth Children's Home, Killingsworth, Sharing God's Love, School District 5 Backpack Program, Keepin' It Real Homeless Outreach, Washington Street Soup Kitchen, Adopting a Family for Christmas, and the Youth—Foreign Mission Fund.***

Please drop the envelope with your form and donation in the offering plate or send to the church office (Attn: Faith Circle, 1321 Salem Church Road, Irmo, SC 29063). Thank you!

In honor of _____
By _____

In memory of _____
By _____

**Please make checks payable to "Faith Circle."
Deadline is Sunday, September 19, 2021**



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 1955 banking ledger book was dedicated in loving memory of Harold & Mavis George by the family. Harold was treasurer of Salem UMC during this time.



Thank You!

*My Salem Church Family,
I want to thank everyone that called or sent me
a card for my birthday. I cannot express in
words how much it meant to me.*

God Bless all of you,

Inez Hyatt

Thank You

Thank you to all who contributed to the Palmetto Place UMW project. We appreciate your generosity.

Salem UMW

THANK YOU

Dear Salem UMC,
Thank you for facilitating such a lovely and memorable funeral for our mom/grandma Janet Prosser. She loved her church and its members dearly. Thank you to the crew that prepared and served lunch for all of us after the funeral.

Tina McCartha, Laura Barnes
& their families

Epworth Work Day Offering

Sunday, September 12th is the annual Work Day offering for Epworth Children's Home. This tradition dates back decades to when Methodists were challenged to "Give a Day's Pay" to the children at Epworth. While the emphasis has shifted a bit over the years, it is still important that we come together to provide spiritual, educational, emotional, and physical support for the children at Epworth. As you consider what God is calling you to give to support our church's ministry to children, remember Christ's command to let the little children come to him. He embraces them, welcomes them, loves them, and teaches them. Epworth is answering this call to let the little children come. Your generous contribution to our church's ministry enables transformation to happen for the children who are served by Epworth. Epworth does not receive apportionment dollars from the United Methodist Conference. This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry. For more information about Epworth Children's Home, please visit www.epworthchildrenshome.org.

Salem U. M. Church

Family Contact Information

Family Name _____

Family Mailing Address: _____

City, State & Zip: _____

Home Phone No. (If Any): _____

Physical Address: _____

City, State & Zip: _____

Head of Household, First and Middle Names: _____

Preferred Name: _____ Birth Date: _____

Cell No: _____ E- Mail Address: _____

Spouse First and Middle Name: _____

Preferred Name: _____ Birth Date: _____

Cell No: _____ E- Mail Address: _____

Anniversary date: _____

Others In Household

First and Middle Names: _____

Role In Family _____ Preferred Name: _____

Birth Date: _____

Cell No: _____ E- Mail Address: _____

First and Middle Names: _____

Role In Family _____ Preferred Name: _____

Birth Date: _____

Cell No: _____ E- Mail Address: _____

First and Middle Names: _____

Role In Family _____ Preferred Name: _____

Birth Date: _____

Cell No: _____ E- Mail Address: _____

First and Middle Names: _____

Role In Family _____ Preferred Name: _____

Birth Date: _____

Cell No: _____ E- Mail Address: _____

Location of Current Church Membership:

Address: _____

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*Return this to the church office by mail to Salem U. M. Church 1321 Salem Church Road,
Irmo, SC 29063, or by e-mail to Smethodist@aol.com, or simply drop it in the offering
plate on Sunday Morning.*



Memorials & Honorariums



Building Fund

In loving memory of Mavis George by

Peggy Braswell
Faye Derrick
Sandra Durst
Lou Holmes
Bill & Sandra Sills
Joan & Les Tweed

In loving memory of John Howard by

Faye Derrick
Sandra Durst
Connie Gibson
Lou Holmes
Bill & Sandra Sills
Mike & Gwen Sitsch

In loving memory of Quinton Meetze by

Don & Miriam Lovett

In loving memory of Jan Prosser by

John & Mary Benton
Rachel Benton
Becky & Scott Cameron
Rick & Cheryl Denton
David & Callie Dunn
Sandra Durst
John & Linda Gibbons
Carolyn Gilbert
Marsha Hodges
Salem UMW
Dan & Carla Jennings
Nick & Eileen Leoncavallo
Don & Miriam Lovett
Van & Cheryl Morgan & family
Brian & Mary Barnes & Holly Register
Camille & Philip Rowe
Salem OASIS
Rod & Lois Sheldon
Bill & Sandra Sills
Steve & Mary George Smith
Donna & Joel Smith
John & Martha Jane Squire
Twylla Cameron, Sandra & Garry Stacey
David & Martina Thomas
Joan Tweed

Cemetery Fund

In loving memory of Quinton Meetze by

Brady & Mary Bouknight
Phillip & Millie Fore
John & Linda Gibbons
Carolyn Gilbert
Warren H. & Johnnie G. Metts
Larry & June Salters
Steve & Mary George Smith

In loving memory of James Lee Royster by

Larry & June Salters

Columbarium Fund

In loving memory of Jan Prosser by

Larry & June Salters

General Fund

In loving memory of Maryellen Grimshaw by

Terren Engle
GJ Skene

In loving memory of Quinton Meetze by

Willa McLane

In loving memory of Jan Prosser by

Marie Wells & Robert Branham
Love Circle
Phillip & Millie Fore
Ron & Deborah Joye
Willa McLane

In loving memory of James Lee Royster by

Phillip & Millie Fore

Youth Fund

In loving memory of Maryellen Grimshaw by

Katherine Biesmann

Building Fund

In honor of Linda Koon by

Fellowship Sunday School Class

September 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Joy Circle 10:00	2 WBS 6:00	3	4
5	6 Office Closed for Labor Day Bible Study 6:00	7	8	9 WBS 6:00	10	11
12 Youth 5:00 6:00 Outreach Zoom Meeting	13 Cavin Circle 11 Faith Circle 6:30 Bible Study 6:00	14 Staff Meeting 10:30	15	16 Newsletter Deadline WBS 6:00	17	18  Back to School Bash Ice Cream Social 3-4
19 UMM 7:00 CPR Class 11:30 Youth 5:00	20 Bible Study 6:00	21 OASIS 11:30	22	23 WBS 6:00	24 Youth Retreat	25 Youth Retreat
26 Youth Retreat	27 Ladies Lunch Bunch 12 @ El Poblano's Bible Study 6:00 Missions @ 7	28 Blood Drive 12-5	29	30 WBS 6:00		

Notes

Sundays

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

Weekdays

7:00 PM Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday
7:00 PM Wednesday
6:00 PM Monday & Thursday

AA
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Bible Studies



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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

OUR MINISTRY TEAM



Jeff Childress — Pastor
Ashley Anderson — Children’s Ministries
Sarah Bridges — Director of Music
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 **October** newsletter should do so by **September 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 you offering.



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