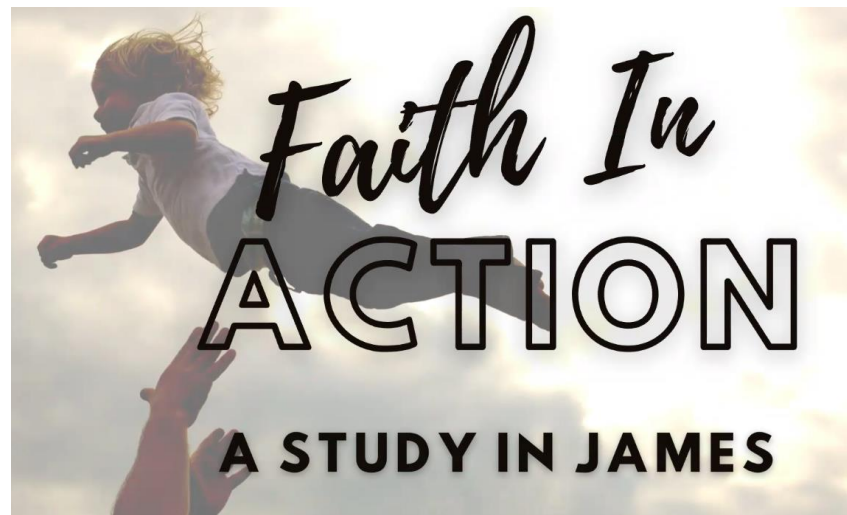


**Salem United
Methodist Church**

*1321 Salem Church Road
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Established 1873
September 5, 2021*



- August 29 James 1:17-27 Faith "Risk"
Topic: Faith takes risks.

- September 5 James 2:1-17 Faith "Acts"**
Topic: Faith manifests itself in actions.

- September 12 James 3:1-12 Faith "Doesn't..."
Topic: What faith calls us not to do.

- September 19 James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a Faith "Joyfulness"
Topic: Find joy in faith.

- September 26 James 5:13-20 Faith "Prays"
Topic: The faithful find power in prayer.

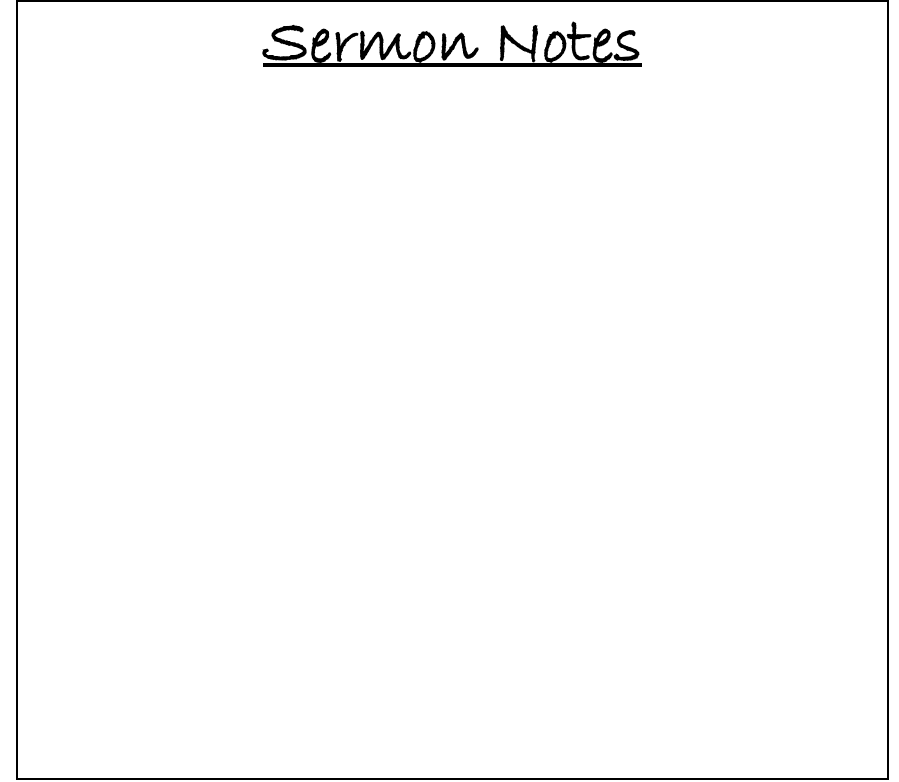
**September 5, 2021
15th Sunday After Pentecost
A Service of Word & Table**

PRELUDE
 *CHIMING OF THE HOUR and WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST
 *CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP 745 *Psalm 10*
"Defend the needy and the poor; let justice and peace abound."
 WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
 ***THE CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER**
 We gather this morning knowing we can trust God.
God is like the mountain: rock solid.
 We rejoice that God loves all the people:
the poor, the disabled, the outcast, the stranger.
 We are grateful we can depend on God.
God feeds the hungry, heals the sick, and restores relationships.
 Praise be to our Loving God.
We come now to offer our thanks and praise.
 Let us pray:
 Gracious God, we know that we cannot earn your love, because you give it so freely, but we can respond to your love. You call us to live holy lives out of gratitude for all that you have done for us. We thank you for people who are doers of the word and not hearers only. O God, may we be counted among them. Help us to hear your word and to find joy in doing what you call us to do. May we live our lives in thankful obedience. Amen.
 ***HYMN 548** *In Christ There Is No East or West*
 A TIME OF PRAYER
 ANTHEM *Living For Jesus*
 INTRODUCTION TO THE LESSON
 EPISTLE LESSON *James 2:1-17*
THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT
 ***HYMN 2263** *Broken for Me*
 PROCLAMATION *Faith "Acts"*
A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE II, PG. 12
 INVITATION
 CONFESSION AND PARDON
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
THE LORD'S PRAYER
THE SERVICE OF THE LAVABO
RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Let us pray:
Holy God, we give thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
 ***HYMN OF RESPONSE 664** *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

- *BENEDICTION
- *CHORAL RESPONSE
- *WE FOLLOW THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD
- *THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY
- *POSTLUDE AND DEPARTING
- *Indicates that the congregation stands. If standing is uncomfortable, please remain seated and continue with your participation.*
Bold titles indicate congregation participation.
- If you have a prayer request, please fill out the blue prayer card and place in the offering plate.



A Welcome to our Guests!

We are honored that you are worshipping with us. Please complete the "red book" registration to record your presence. Also, please introduce yourself to those around you and visit our Welcome Center. We have a welcome gift for our first-time guests in the welcome center. Please stop by the desk at the close of the worship service. We hope you will return to join us again in Worship!

September 5, 2021
15th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
8:30 WORSHIP A SERVICE OF WORD & TABLE

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 10*
“Defend the needy and the poor; let justice and peace abound.”

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

***SONG 1** *In Christ There Is No East or West*

1. In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north; but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.
2. In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find; his service is the golden cord close binding humankind.
3. In Christ is neither Jew nor Greek, and neither slave nor free; both male and female heirs are made, and all are kin to me.
4. In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north; all Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

***SONG 2** *Broken for Me*
(Refrain) Broken for me, broken for you, the body of Jesus, broken for you.

1. He offered His body, He poured out His soul; Jesus was broken, that we might be whole: *(Refrain)*
2. Come to My table and with Me dine; Eat of My bread and drink of My wine. *(Refrain)*
3. This is My body given for you; Eat it remembering I died for you. *(Refrain)*
4. This is My blood I shed for you; For your forgiveness, making you new. *(Refrain)*

EPISTLE READING James 2:1-17
Warning against Partiality

2 My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ² For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³ and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, “Have a seat here, please,” while to the one who is poor you say, “Stand there,” or, “Sit at my feet,” ⁴ have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵ Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶ But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷ Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

⁸ You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ⁹ But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. ¹¹ For the one who said, “You shall not commit adultery,” also said, “You shall not murder.” Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹² So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³ For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

Faith without Works Is Dead

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷ So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

PROCLAMATION Faith “Acts”

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING AND SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Let us pray,

Holy God, we give thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***CLOSING SONG** *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

1. Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing, the people of God from this dwelling take leave. The service is ended, O now be extended the fruits of our worship in all who believe. The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all. God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us to work for God's kingdom and answer the call.

2. With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living, the tasks of our everyday life we will face. Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring, embracing God's children of each tribe and race. With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us; unite us as one in this life that we share. Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Indicates that the Congregation stands. If standing is uncomfortable, please remain seated and continue with your participation. **Bold Titles indicate Congregation Participation.*

WORDS OF WELCOME

We bid you a warm welcome this morning. We hope you will join us and will tell others about this service. Please also consider joining us for Worship Services at 10:30 A.M.

STEWARDSHIP AND ATTENDANCE

Week of August 29, 2021
Needed each week to fund unified budget \$14,088.99
Unified budget received \$10,608.00
Needed to meet budget year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund) \$493,114.65
Unified budget received year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund) \$383,918.22

Attendance	On Line Viewing
Worship 144 Sunday School 41	164

PLEASE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER:

Generations of Irmo — Carolyn Brower,
Joyce Cook, Anita Weed
Harbison Shores — Mary Catherine Bickley Erskine
Lexington Extended Care — Ray Keith
Lowman Home — Gwen Parnell
Portside at Grande Dunes — Bill Oswald
Presbyterian Home — Mary Skenes
Rice Estates — Ed Brower
Tyborne UCP — Jessica Gore
White Oak Manor — Willard Nash
Special Prayers — Beverly Bouknight,
Leroy Gibson, Linda Koon, Voncille Meetze,
Margie Oswald, Molly Kate Shealy,
Barbara Thomas, Norman Thomas, Terry Waites, Bill Walker

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

Ushers: Lead – Keith Corley
Tom Marcos, Brandon Stutts
Sound Booth: Stephen Page
Trustee: Sandra Durst
Acolyte: Faith Magann
Communion Assistants: Bill and Sandra Sills
Nursery: Millie Fore, Kendall Smith

The nursery will be available during Sunday School and the 10:30 worship hour. Children's Church will resume at a later date.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Dillon and Mary Catherine Corley Greenway on the birth of their son, **Henry Thomas Greenway**, born on August 28. Proud big brother is Hudson. Salem grandparents are Keith and Donna Corley.

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.

Assisting with Communion

Communion is a sacred sacrament of the United Methodist Church and the distribution of the elements is one of several discipleship opportunities Salem would like to extend to its members. Communion is offered the first Sunday of each month. If you are interested in assisting Pastor Jeff with the sacrament of holy communion, we encourage your participation and ask you to place your name on the **sign-up sheet located in the Welcome Center**. Pastor Jeff will contact you prior to your participation to ensure you are adequately prepared.

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.

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.

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!

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.

Sharing God's Love

Our current needs: canned tomatoes, jelly, peanut butter, oatmeal, grits, hand towels, queen and king size sheets.

Drop off containers are located in each Sunday School Room, Church Office lobby and in the hallway next to the Fellowship Hall entrance.

135 items were delivered to Sharing God's Love on August 23rd.

Don't Forget Epworth Children's Home

Work Day Offering Next Sunday!

Next Sunday 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.

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Sunday, September 5

8:30 A.M. Outside Worship
9:30 A.M. Sunday School
10:30 A.M. Morning Worship
5:00 P.M. Escape

Monday, September 6

6:00 P.M. Bible Study

Tuesday, September 7

7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Wednesday, September 8

7:00 A.M. AA Meeting
7:00 P.M. Choir Practice

Thursday, September 9

6:00 P.M. Women's Bible Study
7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Saturday, September 11

7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Sunday, September 12

8:30 A.M. Outside Worship
9:30 A.M. Sunday School
10:30 A.M. Morning Worship
4:00 P.M. Lay Leadership Meeting
5:00 P.M. Escape
5:00 P.M. Youth Group
6:00 P.M. Outreach Zoom Meeting

*The Church Office will be closed
Monday for Labor Day.*

Exploring the Bible - Part 1

Join as we explore the most magnificent Book ever put together. There is no cost to this study, just bring a Bible. Contact Jim at jimmagann@gmail.com to sign up.

Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27, Oct. 4 at 6:00P.M.

Note: Bulletin Insert

Enclosed is 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.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday
8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
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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

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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>