



Jeff's Journal

Our Life Together.....

I'm sure we've all known the frustration and disappointment that come when things don't turn out exactly like we had planned. In fact, it has happened so often throughout our life experiences that we should be good at dealing with it, and we should have some finely-honed coping skills by now. But the fact is, we don't.

I sense we are all feeling this now as we head into the fall. When vaccines became available at the beginning of 2021 and COVID numbers were on the decline, it seemed we were heading into a summer season that would have the potential of returning us to life as we once knew it. We returned to worship and began singing again and saw the possibility of church returning to all we hoped it could be. We were excited that our children would move from virtual learning back into the classrooms of their schools.

But, it hasn't turned out exactly like we had planned. We are dealing with a Delta variant, and now the emerging Mu variant, of COVID-19. Infections, hospitalizations, and deaths are once again on the rise, and masks and social distancing are becoming a part of our lives yet again. We are experiencing pandemic fatigue. So how do we cope with this disappointment as we live out our life together here at Salem UMC?

Ultimately, we recognize and celebrate that we are not in this alone. We are a family that loves and cares about one another, extending our support and encouragement to each other along the way. As such, we also recognize that this is an opportunity for us to live into our identity as Christ followers, to love our neighbors as ourselves, making necessary sacrifices for the good of others. This results in a mutual spirit of being kind and courteous and non-judging toward one another. As we are committed to living this way, here are some of the ways that the recommendations below will come naturally as we navigate this life together:

- Masks are strongly encouraged for indoor worship and gatherings as a way to protect one another.
- Spread out when gathering indoors for worship, meetings, and events to promote social distancing practices.
- If you are not feeling well, or running a fever, stay home and get tested.
- If you or a family member have knowingly been exposed to someone with COVID, please stay home.
- If your child has been exposed at school and is required to quarantine, please extend the quarantine measures to include church gatherings and activities as well.
- Notify the church office if you test positive for COVID after attending a church event.
- Be patient, understanding and flexible. There may be meetings, activities, events, services, etc. that will need to be cancelled due to COVID exposure.
- If you're eligible, and have not done so, prayerfully consider getting vaccinated.

Friends, together, and with God's help, we will get through this. Let us not forget that we are a people of hope, committed to our life together, and motivated by love.

Blessings for the journey,
Jeff



Salem UMC Children

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.

Children's Christmas Program Practice begins October 3rd from 5-6 pm!

The Christmas Program will take place during the 10:30 worship service on Sunday, December 5th. If you'd like for your child to participate in this program and have not received a more detailed email from Ashley Anderson, please reach out to her for more information. ashley.poppell@gmail.com or 678.300.0029

Children's Sabbath is October 24th.

If your child would like to have a role in the 10:30 worship service and you have not already been in contact with Ashley Anderson, please reach out to her.



SALEM YOUTH

YOUTH NEWS

Fall Retreat – *The date has moved!!!* Due to numerous circumstances, we have moved the Fall retreat date. The new dates will be **Friday, November 5 – Sunday, November 7**. The cost is still \$150 plus any money you may want to take for your own things. You also need money for 2 meals out. The deadline for deposit is Sunday, October 10.

Doughnuts and Disciples Schedule

- October 3 – Discuss episode 2 of The Chosen
- October 10 – Watch Episode 3 of The Chosen
- October 17 – Discuss Episode 3 of The Chosen
- October 24 – Watch Episode 4 of The Chosen
- October 31 – Discuss Episode 4 of The Chosen

DOUGHNUTS EVERY WEEK!!! 9:30 A.M.

“Crossover” Youth Group Schedule

- October 3, 10, 17 Normal 5:00PM Youth Group Meetings
- October 24 – Assist with Trunk or Treat 5:00PM
- October 31 – Great Pumpkin Hunt 5:00PM



OASIS Game Day!

It's time for a change up! Join us for "game day" on **Tuesday, October 19th at 11:30**. We'll join together in some fun games of Fall Bingo. You'll have the opportunity to win some festive prizes and we'll cap off our time with a potluck type meal! Fried Chicken will be provided. We just ask that you **bring a side dish to share**. Please call the church office at 803-781-1626 and say you'll join us by Wednesday, October 13 so we can make proper food preparations.



Ladies Lunch Bunch

Monday, October 25th

Fusco's 11:30

College Student Addresses

If you have a young adult 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.

Methodist Men



Join us on **Sunday, October 17 at 7:00 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall for a time of great food and fellowship followed by a message from a new local agency called "Lowcountry Orphan Relief". The mission of Lowcountry Orphan Relief is to provide support services and aid to meet the needs of Lowcountry children identified as at-risk or suffering from abandonment, abuse and/or neglect. Make plans to join us the **third Sunday of each month**. Breakfast will be served.

Attention Ladies

The UMW would like to invite you to our **annual World Thank celebration**. This year's event will be held in our social hall on **Thursday, October 28th, at noon**. Purchase your ticket (\$8) at your October circle meeting or contact June Salters at 269-1290. We hope to see you there. All Salem ladies are welcome.

Weekly Monday Night Bible Study

EXPLORING THE BIBLE PT..2

What does the Bible say about...?

Oct. 11 – The Role of Women in the Church

Oct. 18 – Can Science and Religion Coexist?

Oct. 25 – What is the real meaning of Revelation?

Nov. 1 – God, The Bible, and Society: It all matters

Nov. 8 – Why does God let Bad Things Happen?

To sign up for these classes, contact Jim Magann at jimmagann@gmail.com. Classes are at 6:00PM in the Seekers Sunday School Class.

Mission Collection for October

During the month of October, we will be collecting new and VERY gently used **stuffed animals** to be given to the **Richland County Sheriff's Department** for children who are the victims of domestic issues. You may drop them off in the baskets outside the Fellowship Hall and there will also be a collection table at the Trunk or Treat on October 24.

Salem United Methodist
Church invites you to:

Trunk or Treat Drive- thru

Have a family friendly fun night
with treats on us!

Sunday, October 24th, 5 - 6 p.m.

1321 Salem Church Road, Irmo

*We will be collecting stuffed animal donations for
the Richland County Sheriff's Department



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UMW leaders
UMYF leaders
Sunday School Teachers
Program chairpersons



Let us Help You...

- Plan Christmas, Easter and Patriotic musicals from the music library.
- Enrich Sunday School lessons for all ages.
- Plan your activities, programs and retreats.
- Train your leaders and teachers.
- Supplement your day care and after school programming.
- Provide programming ideas for Family Nights, UMW and UMM meetings, outreach programs, short and long-term Bible studies.
- Inform confirmation and new member classes about the history of United Methodism, its beliefs and social principles.

All resources online with descriptions at
umcsc.org/resource_center

RESOURCE CENTER

We provide audiovisual aids and choral music to help with and enhance your ministry and educational programs. Resources are available for use in every local United Methodist church with services being extended to other denominations. We would like for your church/charge and district office to support the Resource Center through your membership and participation. Every minister, chairperson, Sunday school teacher, youth director, music director and group in your church will have additional resources to help them promote, educate and inform others about their area of concern.

Salem has a membership, so these resources are free.

Located in the United Methodist Center in Columbia, South Carolina, the Resource Center provides DVD and videotapes that cover almost every imaginable subject – Bible Study, youth programs, mission and stewardship, family growth, marriage enrichment, and spiritual development. Our music library provides seasonal music as well as praise and worship collections. We have resources for all age groups – from children to older adults.

THANK YOU

Dear Salem UMC,

Thank you for the cards, calls, flowers and most of all prayers for my time in the hospital and Rehab. I am getting stronger and better everyday and I don't believe that would have been possible without the loving hand of God and my kind Salem Family. I miss you all!

Love, Mary Skenes



Hi all!

Thank you so much to our Salem family for all the cards, calls, visits and prayers. I am blessed to be a small part of such an amazing Church family.

Beverly Bouknight

Hello,

Thank you for sending the Upper Room. I appreciate the phone calls and cards. This is a difficult time for Will and me. The prayers will help us get through.

Thank you,
Betty Nash

My Dear Sweet Ladies of Faith Circle,

You are my angels as this continues to drag out for me. You brighten my day. How lovely and the flowers lasted an extra week. Everything was just so thoughtful & caring. Please know how much this means to me! I love you!

*God Bless you!
Terry Waites*



Memorials & Honorariums



Building Fund

In loving memory of Margaret Harris by
Terry & Bunny Waites

In loving memory of Maryellen Grimshaw by
Steven & Cynthia Deig
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In loving memory of Rob Pruitt by
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Terry & Bunny Waites

Children's Ministry

In loving memory of Jan Prosser by
Barbara Pereira

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(Bench Purchase)

In loving memory of Carl & Margie Weed by
Ron & Deborah Weed Joye

General Fund

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Barbara Pereira

In loving memory of Quinton Meetze by
Nick & Eileen Leoncavallo

Nursery Fund

In loving memory of Mavis George by
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In loving memory of Quinton Meetze by
Richard Baretto
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Ann Edwards
Denise Green
David Hord
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Kermit King
Jim & Marie Lewis
Paul & Cheryl (Weed) Lundy
Alfred & Linda McGarry
Roswell Meetze
James R. & Carol R. Metts
Rick & Cindy Mooneyham
Barbara Pereira
Janice Simmons
Norm & Barbara Thomas
Robin & Rick Roberts, Mary Amanda, Stuart &
Grayson Williams

October 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Adult Education Mtg 5:00	4 Bible Study 6:00	5 Church Council 7:00 PBS 9:00	6 Joy Circle 10:00 Cavin Circle 10:00	7 WBS 6:00	8	9
10	11 Office Closed Faith Circle 6:30 Bible Study 6:00	12 Staff Meeting 10:30 PBS 9:00	13	14 Newsletter Deadline WBS 6:00	15	16
17 UMM 7:00 Charge Conference 12:00	18 Bible Study 6:00	19 OASIS 11:30 PBS 9:00	20	21 WBS 6:00	22	23
24 5-6 Drive thru Trunk or Treat	25 Ladies Lunch Bunch 11:30 at Fusco's Bible Study 6:00 Missions 7:00	26 PBS 9:00 9-4 Mobile Mammogram	27	28 World Thank Luncheon 12:00 WBS 6:00	29	30
31 Halloween						

Sundays

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

Weekdays

7:00 PM Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday
7:00 PM Wednesday
6:00 PM Monday & Thursday
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Choir Practice
Bible Studies

Notes





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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 **November** newsletter should do so by **October 14th**.

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



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