



Jeff's Journal

Inspiration from Paul and The Boys.....

Well, here we are heading into the month of February, and the first month of 2022 is already in the history books. It's just another reminder of how quickly time passes. As I've been thinking about this reality I find myself keenly aware that time is always of the essence. I feel in some ways a sense of urgency about living life each day in a way that will enable me to continue to grow and develop, and somehow make a difference.

For my birthday back in December, Delaine gave me a copy of the book, *The Boys*, written by Ron Howard and Clint Howard, which is a memoir of their lives. I feel most all of you know these names, but in case you don't, they were both child actors, with Ron and Clint being cast in *The Andy Griffith Show*, and later Clint starring in *Gently Ben*. Of course, Ron went on to continue roles in television and movies, ultimately becoming an acclaimed Academy Award-winning director and producer of movies and documentaries.

Their book is a recounting of their lives, growing up with parents who were in show business, raising boys who would also be in show business throughout their lives. While the book details many stories and experiences of the lives of these two actor-brothers, it is really a story of appreciation for their parents. As we might imagine, growing up as working actors, their childhoods were anything but normal. However, Rance and Jean Howard were intentional in raising their sons in such a way that they were able to experience some normalcy, and more importantly, protect them from the traps and snares of Hollywood.

Among many teachings of their parents that surface in the book, and ones that have remained with Ron and Clint into their adult lives, stem from their parents' midwestern upbringing and values. Teachings such as the importance of preparation – you don't just show up, but you always show up fully prepared and invested; a strong work ethic that is attached to honesty and emotional truth; coming into all settings and relationships with a collaborative spirit, recognizing it's not all about you; never losing connection with your roots – never let the business change who you are. Ron and Clint claim that they survived Hollywood because of their parents' intentionality and commitment to making sure they would.

Recently in my personal devotion time I read some of the Apostle Paul's letter to the Romans, which for me had a connection to *The Boys*. In Romans 12:1-2 Paul states, "Therefore, I urge you brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will." To live this truth takes intentionality and commitment on our part, every day. To be in this world and yet not be a part of it, aligns Paul's teachings with that of the Howards.

Time is of the essence. Perhaps we might be willing commit ourselves in 2022 to the preparation, discipline, collaboration, and emotional honesty to never lose connection with our spiritual roots – always remembering who and whose we are. This will require desire and intentionality coupled with commitment each and every day to embody the teachings, life, joy, love, and reconciling nature of Jesus. This takes preparation, being fully invested, and committed to this "way" of life. There's no question in my mind, that if we do, it will make a tremendous difference. Let's do this together!

Blessings for the journey!

Jeff



Salem UMC Children

Children's Church and Escape are Back!

Children ages 3-7 are invited to take part in **Children's Church** following the Children's Moment with Pastor Jeff. They may be picked up after worship in the Children's Church room across the hall from the nursery.

Escape has resumed meeting every Sunday evening from 5-6pm on the playground side of the church.

Don't forget to join us for **Children's Sunday School**
every Sunday morning at 9:30 downstairs!



SALEM YOUTH

YOUTH NEWS

Youth Sunday
Sunday, February 6

The youth will be leading the morning Worship Service on February 6. They will lead the congregation in prayer, liturgy, messages, scripture reading, and even assist in leading through Communion. The theme for this year's Youth Sunday is "Start swimming in the deep end, it's more fun". The message will be all about getting deeper into the Word of God and seeing how much more it has to offer than we ever imagined. We look forward to having everyone with us.

Confirmation will continue to be every Sunday at 3:30 P.M. in the Seekers classroom. Youth Group will follow at 5:00 each week EXCEPT Feb 13. We will take that night off. Sunday School also continues to take place at 9:30 A.M.

Oasis - February 15th

Join us on Tuesday, February 15th for a Valentine's chili cook off. Please call the church office or notify Tina Overton if you are interested in being a participant in making chili. (If can even be anonymous if you prefer!). We will award our cook off winner with a gift certificate and of course enjoy quality fellowship as we celebrate this holiday of LOVE! Call the church office by Thursday February 10th to RSVP.



Ladies Lunch Bunch

Ladies if you'd like to get together for fellowship time over lunch, meet us Monday, February 28th, at Panera Bread on Bower Parkway at 12:00.

Winter Wonderland Italian Lunch

Family Ministries is hosting a Winter Wonderland Italian lunch on **Sunday, February 13th** immediately following the worship service in the Fellowship Hall. We will be serving lasagna and spaghetti, so we are requesting an RSVP to make sure we are prepared. There are two ways to RSVP:

1. Call the church office
2. Email Autumnesmith452@gmail.com

"Dementia Through the Lens of Grace"

You are invited to join us to discuss "Dementia Through the Lens of Grace" led by Bishop Kenneth Carder Sunday, **February 13, 3:00 - 5:00, at Salem UMC**. From his experience as his wife's caregiver, his study of dementia, and his experience as volunteer chaplain of a memory care facility, he authored the book, *Ministry with the Forgotten: Dementia Through a Spiritual Lens*. This session will focus on how our faith enables us to live with courage and hope and ways the church can minister with people affected by dementia.



2022 Flower Calendar

The 2022 Flower Calendar has been placed in the Welcome Center. Cost is \$95 for two arrangements and is a thoughtful way to honor or memorialize someone special. The arrangements are yours to take following the service. If you would like to donate the flowers, they will be arranged into several different vases to be delivered to shut-ins and the sick. ***Please help support the church in this meaningful manner.***

Women's Bible Study

We will offer a new Bible study beginning **February 3, 2022** at 6:00. The study is entitled ***Forgiveness by Rodney Hogue***. If you are interested in participating in this 11 week study, text, email or call Heather Magann at hmagann@gmail.com or 843-446-7280.

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.

Methodist Men February 20th



Join us for fellowship, a great breakfast and a wonderful program that will be led this month by Betsy Goodale. Betsy has been appointed to chair the communications from the commission that has published a report that highlights poverty and poverty issues across our state, including the inability to get legal issues resolved. Please make plans to join us for this time with Betsy Goodale.

*All men are invited to join us. Make plans to join us the **third Sunday of each month** for breakfast.*



Memorials & Honorariums



Building Fund

*In loving memory of Jack Cullipher and
in honor of Betty Cullipher by
Jimmy Cullipher & Family*

*In loving memory of William & Althea Fogle by
William & Martha Fogle*

*In loving memory of Terry Haas by
Steve & Mary George Smith*

*In loving memory of Jeanette Page by
Lee & Janice Ayers
John & Linda Gibbons
Don & Miriam Lovett*

*In loving memory of James Underwood by
Joel & Rhonda Collins*

Cemetery Fund

*In loving memory of Jerry Griffin by
Larry & June Salters*

*In loving memory of Terry Haas by
Dan & Carla Jennings
Larry & June Salters*

*In loving memory of Jeanette Page by
Larry & June Salters*

*In loving memory of Jane Royster by
Larry & June Salters*

General Fund

*In loving memory of Terry Haas by
Nick & Eileen Leoncavallo*

Thank You!

Salem Church Family,
Thank you so much for all of your prayers, calls,
cards, meals, texts, flowers and being there for me
and Fred. All of these many acts of kindness have
meant so much to both of us.

Love and blessings,
Marie Wicker

Dear Salem United Methodist,
Thank you so much for your awesome donation to
Prisma Health Children's Hospital! You really have
spoiled us! Thanks for helping us bring joy and fun
into the hospital during these crazy times!

Have a very Merry Christmas!
Becca Kelly, Child Life Team Lead
P.S. Ashley – I loved seeing you!!

The Cole family would like to extend our deepest
appreciation for the outpouring of support during
Lily's accident and recovery from a severely broken
ankle. The cards, phone calls, visits, emails and
weekly status checks from the prayer group has
meant so much to us during this difficult time. We
feel so blessed that Lily's healing and recovery has
been amazing thus far. God has surely kept His
healing hand on her ankle throughout this event.

Ryan, Maria, Charles and Lily Cole



Salem is beyond wonderful letting the
Nurses Honor Guard practice here as we grow.
Thank you so much.

Kerry Glasser



February 2022

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | 1 | 2 Cavin, Joy & Love Circle 10:30 Fellowship Hall | 3 LMA Mtg 7:00 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 Youth Sunday Souper Bowl Sunday | 7 Faith Circle 6:30 Fellowship Hall | 8 Staff Mtg 10:30 Finance 6:30 Church Council 7:00 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 Winter Wonderland Lunch 11:30 Dementia Workshop 3:00- 5:00 | 14 Girl Scouts 6:00 | 15 OASIS 11:30 | 16 Newsletter Deadline | 17 | 18 | 19 Nurses Honor Guard Fellowship Hall |
| 20 UMM 8:00 a.m. | 21 Office Closed | 22 LMA 7:00 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 Missions 7:00 | | | | | |

Notes

Sundays
9:30 Sunday School
10:30 Worship Service
3:30 Confirmation Class
5:00 Escape
5:00 Youth

Weekdays
7:00 AM Wednesday
6:00 PM Monday
7:00 PM Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday
7:00 PM Wednesday
6:00 PM Thursday

AA
Bible Study
AA
Choir Practice
Women's Bible Study



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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
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Worship Hours

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

OUR MINISTRY TEAM



Jeff Childress — Pastor
Ashley Anderson — Children’s Ministries
Sarah E. High — 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



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 **March** newsletter should do so by **February 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>