



Jeff's Journal

Thanksgiving as a Way of Life

*And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And **be thankful**. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and **with gratitude** in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, **giving thanks** to God the Father through him.*

Colossians 3:15-17

As we move now into the month of November our minds are on holiday festivities, especially Thanksgiving Day with all of its traditions. I'm glad we set aside this day each year to gather with family and friends, and to pause to consider our many blessings for which we are thankful. Often it reminds us of so many things we take for granted.

As we prepare for this season of giving thanks, might we be more intentional in letting this be more than just a day or a season, but rather an open door through which we may learn to live each day with gratitude.

In our Christian Bible, there are several Hebrew and Greek words that are translated into the word or concept of thanksgiving. We see these 71 times in the Old Testament, and 72 times in the New Testament. The Greek word most often used is "eucharisteo". You may recognize that it is from this word that we get the word "Eucharist" in referring to the sacrament of Holy Communion. It reminds us of Jesus giving thanks before sharing the bread and cup with his disciples.

In Paul's letter to the Colossians, he is writing to encourage the people to stay strong against the heretical teachings they were hearing, and to do so they must model their lives after Jesus, the very image of God. Paul uses the metaphor of clothing, as he encourages them to clothe themselves in Christ. As the verses above state, the way to help us put on the spiritual garments Paul describes is to "be thankful" and have gratitude in our hearts, and to give thanks to God in whatever we do in word or deed.

I believe being able to live in gratitude makes for a healthier life spiritually, mentally, relationally, and physically. If we can continually focus on being thankful, then we will automatically complain less, be less angry, be less fearful, and see more positive in the world than negative. I believe this would enrich our lives tremendously. Let's give it our best!

Blessings for the journey!

Pastor Jeff



The new children's program is in full swing, and the children have experienced some exciting science experiments that have sometimes worked while others not as well. The children had a special visitor on October 16th and were able to learn all about Mongolia and how their culture is different from ours. During Sunday mornings the children have had fun learning how to make new recipes including Raspberry Turnovers and Homemade Honey Mustard Sauce all while learning important lessons from the bible and how food is a way to bring everyone together.

Encounter (9:30 A.M.)

November 6th: Music with Sarah

November 13th: Science with Professor Von Schniedelhofen

November 20th: Kitchen Konkocations w/Chef Janet

November 27th: Safari with Skeeter

Quest (4:00 P.M.)

Project WOW

Object Lesson – The Domino Effect

Tie Dye Surprise

*****No Quest*****





Memorials



In Loving Memory of Hugh Baker

Building Fund

Barr Price Funeral Home
Chuck & Heather Ford

Cemetery Fund

Larry & June Salters

In Loving Memory of Jerry Durst

Building Fund

Jim & Marie Lewis

Missions Fund

Lou Holmes

In Loving Memory of Voncille Meetze

Cemetery Fund

Lou Holmes

Hood Construction

In Loving Memory of Carlisle E. &

Ruth Cannon Metts

Cemetery Fund

Joyce Metts Grime

In Loving Memory of Willard Nash

Cemetery & General Fund

The family of Willard Nash

Thank You!

To my Salem Family I want to express our gratitude and thanks for all the prayers, messages, and calls that we have received while my father was in the hospital and after his passing. I am incredibly thankful for all the support we have received. There are so many people at the church who provided support to us and we as a family wanted to say Thank you for all the love.

With Love,

PJ and Peyton and the entire Baker Family.

Ladies' Lunch Bunch



Ladies if you'd like to get together for fellowship time over lunch, meet us on Monday, November 21st at 12:00 at Liberty on the Lake.

Methodist Men



Join us for fellowship and a great breakfast on

November 20 at 8:00.

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



SALEM YOUTH

Youth

Youth will head into November continuing their new study on "**Lies we believe about God**" where youth will learn the truth about the love and care God has for them in all they are.

November 6 – "God doesn't care what I am passionate about"

November 13 – "God is disappointed in me and sin separates me from God"

November 20 — we will work with Mrs. Lisa Lee and will be making tie-dye shirts. We will also begin discussing ideas for shirts that represent the Church's 150 years.

There will be **no Youth Group on November 27** for Thanksgiving Break.

Sunday School will continue to walk through the whole Bible.

Christmas Mission Project

This holiday season at SUMC we will be supporting the Prisma Health Children's Hospital Child Life Holiday Market. Donations are used to set up a "store" for inpatient families, and parents/caregivers are provided with tickets to redeem for gifts. The Holiday Market enables parents/caregivers to "shop" for holiday gifts and have them wrapped by the Child Life Specialists without having to leave the hospital. The Child Life department assists children from birth thru the teenage years so there is a wide-range of shopping opportunities – a list of their current biggest needs is provided below. Please be mindful that the infection control policy requires that all donations must be NEW with original tags and/or packaging and unfortunately they cannot accept socks. In order to support this mission, **we ask that all donations be left unwrapped and placed in the Narthex by Sunday, December 11th.**

High-Priority Items:

- Animal/character figurines
- Baby Einstein aquarium
- Beaded bracelet kits
- Boy clothes (toddler–teen)
- Coloring packs
- Crayola crayons (small packs)
- Crib mirrors
- Crinkle books for babies
- E-rated Xbox and PlayStation games
- Gift cards (Visa, Amazon, iTunes, Subway, etc.)
- Hot Wheels/Matchbox cars
- Light up/musical toys for toddlers
- Mega and Duplo blocks
- Pop-its/fidget toys
- Push trucks (ex: Tonka)
- Rattles and small baby toys, sound machines, link a doos
- School age/teenage games (ex: Sorry, Trouble, UNO, Monopoly, Jenga)
- Sippy cups
- Small Lego kits
- Stress balls (Nee-Doh or mesh)
- Superhero action figures

Infant Items:

- Teething rings
- Baby blankets
- Pacifiers
- Lullaby boxes
- Busy boxes
- Crib attachments
- Oballs
- Light-up/musical toys



Teen Items:

- Gift cards (iTunes, Starbucks, Walmart, Target, Amazon, etc.)
- Jewelry
- Lip gloss
- Nail polish/mani-pedi kits
- Remote control cars
- Balls (sports, Nerf)
- Journals
- Headphones
- Universal phone chargers (Android/Apple)
- Wireless speakers

Miscellaneous:

- Fleece blankets (bright colors & patterns for all ages)
- Current DVDs up to PG-13
- Pajama pants (all sizes)
- Underwear (all sizes)
- Tervis®-style tumblers
- Batteries (all types, especially C & D)
- Window clings
- Single-sized bed sheet sets (Bright colors & patterns and/or character-themed for all ages)
- Holiday themed wrapping paper/gift bags/tissue paper





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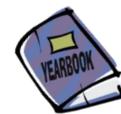


Craft Bazaar

We are planning to have the Bazaar this year on December 10 from 9 - 2. If you or someone you know is interested in being a vendor let Millie Fore (803-920-5261) or Sandra Durst (803-600-6206) know and they will send you the registration and information. We are excited to be able to do this indoors this time.

United Women in Faith

We will be revising our yearbook for 2023 in early December. If you know of any changes that we need to make to your information, please let June Salters, Marie Wicker, or your circle leader know by December 1. Thanks for your help. We want the information included to be accurate.



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.



OASIS Thanksgiving Feast

Make plans now to join us on Tuesday, November 15th at 11:30 for our annual Thanksgiving Feast in the fellowship hall. It's our most popular event of the year! We'll have a wonderful traditional thanksgiving meal catered by Tim Scott and enjoy a time of sharing and fellowship. There will be no monetary charge for this event, **BUT we ask that you bring an item(s) to donate to Sharing God's Love**. Items needed can be found under the "Sharing God's Love" portion of the bulletins. **Please be sure to RSVP by calling the church office or responding to Tina Overton by Wednesday, November 9th.**

Invitation to all Ladies of Salem UMC

to

Annual World Thank Luncheon

Sponsored by Salem's United Women in Faith

Thursday, Nov 10, at 11:30 A.M.

In Salem's Fellowship Hall

Lunch catered by Tim's Catering

Cost: \$11.00

Guest Speaker: Bishop Ken Carder

Contact one of the following ladies to add your name to the list of attendees.

June Salters 803-269-1290

Millie Fore 803-920-5261

Martina Thomas 803-530-9290

Miriam Lovett 803-622-8541

Mary George Smith 803-673-4793

REQUIEM

Gabriel Fauré

Sunday, November 6 at 4pm

Shandon United Methodist Church
3407 Devine Street, Columbia, SC

Combined Choirs of
Shandon UMC, Washington Street UMC,
Trenholm Road UMC, Salem UMC,
& Cayce UMC

Anna Flynn, soprano
Craig Coelho, baritone
Kyle Collins, baritone
Nicholas Shumate, conductor
Debbie Bauer, organ

Our Newsletter is Going Digital!

Following recent conversations with the Salem UMC staff and Church Council, beginning in January 2023, we will be primarily offering our monthly newsletter electronically, as a way to be better stewards of our resources. This will greatly reduce the use of paper, toner, postage, and time. We will still be offering printed newsletters for those who do not have a way to receive them electronically. If you need to continue to receive a paper copy, please contact the church office and let us know.

November 2022



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Precept Bible Study 9:00	2 Cavin, Joy, Love Circles 10:30 Seekers Classroom	3 Line Dance Class 2:00	4 6:00 Set up Fellowship Hall for Saturday	5 Heart of Columbia Chorus Fellowship Hall
6 All Saints Sunday Daylight Savings Ends Children /Youth Council Mtg 3:00	7 Faith Circle 6:30 FH	8 Precept Bible Study 9:00 Staff Meeting 10	9	10 World Thank Lunch 11:30	11	12 Nurses Honor Guard FH 10:00
13	14 Girl Scouts 6:00 Missions 7:00	15 Precept Bible Study 9:00 OASIS 11:30	16 Charge Conference 6:30 Newsletter Deadline	17	18 AA Fellowship Hall	19
20 UMM 8:00 FH	21 Ladies' Lunch Bunch 12:00 Liberty on the Lake	22	23 Office closed	24 Office closed Happy Thanksgiving!	25	26
27 Advent Study 5:00	28	29	30 8-5 Lifeline Screening			

Notes:

Sundays

9:30 Sunday School
10:30 Worship Service
4:00 Quest Children
5:00 Youth

Weekdays

7:00 AM Wednesday
7:00 PM Wednesday
7:00 PM Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday

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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

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 **December** newsletter should do so by **November 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>



OUR MINISTRY TEAM

- Jeff Childress — Pastor
- William Byrd — Pianist
- P. J. Garrett — Director of Children's Ministries
- Sarah E. High — 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