



Jeff's Journal

Becoming God's Church in Our Time and Place on the Map

As it is now officially Fall and we have wound down our summer travels and activities and returned to our more typical routines, I've been excited to see many of our ministry, missions, and administrative teams regathering in recent weeks and making plans for how we may best carry out our mission here at Salem UMC to be the church God is calling us to be in our time and place.

In every church I've served, and in nearly every church I hear described by my clergy colleagues, as groups gather to discern and plan a way forward, nostalgia tends to make its way into the conversation as we fondly remember the church of days gone by; a church reality that no longer exists. I share in those memories as well. And while we can celebrate those days, I want to invite us into a faithful stance that our best days as the church are not behind us, but still lie ahead, as God is always re-creating and doing a new thing. This too is exciting!

I read an article from Mark Tidsworth recently, founder and director of Pinnacle Leadership, regarding what he calls the "musts" in which churches need to be engaged to be adaptive and relevant in a rapidly changing world. Here is the link for the full article if you are interested: <https://www.pinnlead.com/blog/2022/9/13/what-churches-must-refuse-and-pursue-1>. Here are a few of the "musts" he proposes for the adaptive church moving forward:

Churches Must Refuse:

- To live off lingering nostalgic memories of previous success
- To try recreating a bygone era which appreciates church-as-we-knew-it
- To expect Christendom culture to feed us--members, while we passively stand by
- To tolerate mission-drift, energy draining institutionalism, or bloated organizational structures
- To continue irrelevant church practices, ministries, or programs
- To fearfully ignore the current concerns in the marketplace

Churches Must:

- Connect the deep spiritual hunger in our world with the robust Way of Jesus
- Live and contribute a winsome, different, and hopeful way of being in this world
- Accept that returning to church-as-we-have-known-it is impossible, accepting there is no going back anymore
- Proactively pursue this unprecedented transformation opportunity, entering the adaptive zone, making the most of this current opportunity
- Engage and welcome people wherever they are in their faith journey

I appreciate these insights as I think about each one of them individually, and I want to encourage all of us as we gather and discern who and what God is calling us to be in our time and place, that moving the conversation from nostalgia to possibility is both healthy and exciting. Maybe this can help guide our conversations moving forward. I'm honored to be on the journey with you!

Blessings for the journey!

Pastor Jeff

Sunday School (Encounter) and **Sunday Nights (Quest)** have been back for a full month now and the children have gotten to experience each of the new children's areas. Sunday mornings have included investigating in the new Science Lab, exploring on a Safari Adventure with Skeeter, and Cooking in the Kitchen. Sunday Nights have had the children getting involved with hands on, and sometimes messy activities to explore the Bible in a fun and new way. In October, we have special events coming up so make sure you join us to experience the excitement.



Upcoming Events:

*****Trunk or Treat is on October 23rd from 5:00 – 6:30 P.M.*****

*****Children's Worship is on October 30th. The children will present the worship service, and everyone will get to experience all that they have been learning.*****



William Preston Price & Molly Kate Shealy received their Bibles on September 18th

Encounter (9:30 A.M.)

- October 2nd:** Music with Sarah
- October 9th:** Science with Professor Von Schniedelhofen
- October 16th:** Kitchen Konkocations with Chef Janet
- October 23rd:** Safari with Skeeter
- October 30th:** Children's Worship

****Meet in the Sanctuary to Prepare for Worship Service****

Quest (4:00 P.M.)

- Project WOW
- Object Lessons
- Explore the World
- Trunk or Treat – No Quest**
- Mystery Night

Trunk or Treat
SALEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23RD
5:00- 6:30 P.M.

FACE PAINTING **GAMES** **CORN DOGS** **ICE CREAM TRUCK**
DUNKING BOOTH **COSTUME CONTEST** **CORN HOLE** **TREATS**

Youth group is moving along and we are having a great start to the year. We just returned from our Fall Retreat and had a great time in Myrtle Beach. We still have a lot more coming up.



The Youth will also be helping at the Trunk or Treat on October 23 from 4:30 - 6:30p.m. We will have a Dunk Booth there as a fundraiser for future activities next summer. We hope to see all youth every week and appreciate the support of all parts of the church.

Sunday School will continue each week from 9:30-10:15a.m. as we continue to journey through the Bible. Sunday nights will be from 5:00 - 6:00p.m. and we will continue to discover who we are as well as how to live with, love and minister to all others around us no matter who they are.



College Students

We at Salem want our **college students** to feel the love! Several times throughout the school year we send goodie packages along with a note to our college students so they know their church is praying for them. Help us not leave anyone out by updating your student's address. Many students on our list have probably graduated so we will use the updated addresses only. You can email Natalie Hilliard at arhnwh@yahoo.com or contact the church office with your addresses.



Ladies' Lunch Bunch

Ladies' if you'd like to get together for fellowship time over lunch, meet us on Monday, October 24th at 11:30 at Fusco's.



OASIS It's Tailgate time!



Join our Oasis ministry on **October 18th at 11:30** for our "tailgate" themed event! It's your chance to wear your favorite team colors and bring your favorite tailgate item to share with the group as we enjoy in a time of fellowship and fun together. You may even get an opportunity to *respectfully* "showcase your team!" Please be sure to call the church office to RSVP and indicate the item you plan to bring! We look forward to hearing from you!

Ecuador Mission Trip Meeting

Things are finally opening back up for a Mission Trip and we are looking to take a return trip to Ecuador in late **June of 2023**. We will have a meeting in the Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, October 9 after the 10:30 service**. If you are interested in going, please make sure to attend this meeting. The trip will be open to anyone who will be 15 and above by the trip date. John Goodale will lead this meeting to answer any questions and discuss the details as we have them right now. We hope to see many of you there.

Methodist Men



Join us for fellowship and a great Breakfast on **October 16 at 8:00**. *All men are invited to join us. Make plans to join us on the third Sunday of each month for breakfast.*

FAITH CIRCLE — CHILDREN'S DAY BULLETIN

October 2022

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, nephews, and children of friends, etc.

To list the names of special children you would like to remember in our Children's Day bulletin on Children's Sabbath, October 30, 2022, please fill out the form found on the back of this page, and put it, along with payment of **at least \$1.00 per name**, in an envelope marked "**Children's Day.**" Checks should be made 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. Please drop in the offering plate or give to any member of Faith Circle.

Money raised through this bulletin will be used for mission projects of the United Methodist Women as well as mission projects such as the Homeless Outreach Ministry and congregational and community needs.

In honor of _____
By _____

In memory of _____
By _____

**Please make checks payable to "Faith Circle."
Deadline is Sunday, October 16, 2022**



Memorials



In Loving Memory of Virgil Autry

Building Fund
Brother James Autry

In Loving Memory of Ed Brower

General Fund
Barbara Pereira

In Loving Memory of Bob Deese

Nursery Fund
Les & Joan Tweed

In Loving Memory of Jerry Durst

Building Fund
Juanita Kelley
Paul & Cheryl Lundy

Jay & Nancy Poston
Bill & Susan Price

Salem United Methodist Women
Bill & Sandra Sills
Worth & Susie Wells

Cemetery Fund
Dan & Carla Jennings

General Fund
Barbara Pereira

Missions Fund
Lee & Janice Ayers

Nursery Fund
Les & Joan Tweed

*In Loving Memory of
Quinton & Voncille Meetze*

Cemetery Fund
Barbara Pereira

In Loving Memory of Voncille Meetze

Building Fund
Paul & Cheryl Lundy

In Loving Memory of Ed Thomas

Building Fund
Paul & Cheryl Lundy

General Fund
Barbara Pereira

In Loving Memory of Norman Thomas

Building Fund
Paul & Cheryl Lundy

General Fund
Barbara Pereira

In Honor of Phillip Fore

Building Fund
Thrane Smith
Claudia Smith



**There is an open date of
October 23rd
on the Flower Calendar.**

Cost is \$95 for two arrangements and is a thoughtful way to honor or memorialize someone special.
Please help support the church in this meaningful manner.

Thank You!

To my Salem Family,
I honestly can't say thank you enough for all y'all have done for me during this difficult time. Thank you for the cards, food, memorials, calls, text, thoughts and prayers.

Love you all,
Sandra Durst

Flu/Covid Vaccine and Booster Clinic



A flu/covid vaccine clinic will take place on **Sunday, Oct. 9** in the **Fellowship Hall** during the **Sunday School hour and after the worship service**. We will offer the flu vaccine, the Covid vaccination and both the Pfizer and Moderna bivalent booster(s) as well. Please be sure to bring your driver's license and applicable insurance card. A short-sleeve shirt/top is also recommended. We thank Greg Mayer in advance for his willingness to provide this for our Salem family each year and hope you will take advantage of this "in-house" opportunity!



Beginner Line Dancing Class

There will be a beginner line dancing class starting **October 6 at 2 o'clock in the Fellowship Hall**. If you want to learn a few dances but didn't know where to start, this is the class for you. The class will go for an hour to an hour and a half for five weeks. We are wanting to keep the class small so we are limiting the number to 20 ladies. If you would like to sign up please contact Millie at 803-920-5261 by text or phone call. There is no cost.

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.

End Alzheimer's

We are looking for volunteers to join a team to raise money and help put an end to Alzheimer's. Amy Bundrick's mom passed away from Alzheimer's at the age of 59 in 2018. Amy is sponsoring a team and welcomes any support. **A walk will be held at Segra Park, 1640 Freed Street, Columbia, SC 29201 on Saturday, Oct. 8.** The name of the team is Nancy and registration starts at 9am with an opening ceremony at 9:45 am. Any questions or additional information can be obtained by contacting Amy Bundrick directly at 803-497-1015. Donations will be accepted.

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.

Thank You!!

We would like to thank every volunteer that helped make **Church on the Lake** such a blessing. There was a good crowd with some new faces that we hope to continue seeing at the 10:30 service. Thanks to all who helped set up chairs, helped with food and coffee, helped greet and hand out bulletins, provided our paper products, brought special decorations, took up offering and counted for attendance. It takes a team working together to make it possible... **So thank you very much.** A special thank you to Woodmen of the World for again allowing Salem to use this beautiful area for the summer. It is an amazing place to worship. Thank you Marie Wicker for preparing and printing our bulletins each week. Thank you Jeff Childress for bringing the message. Thank you Sarah High and Matthew Smith for sharing their musical talent.

We appreciate you all,
Phillip and Millie Fore



October 2022

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| | | | | | | 1 |
| 2 World Communion | 3 Faith Circle 6:30 | 4 Finance Mtg 7:00 (if needed) Precept Bible Study 9:00 | 5 Cavin, Joy, Love Circles 10:30 Seekers Classroom | 6 Line Dance Class 2:00 Women's Bible Study 6:00 | 7 | 8 |
| 9 Flu Clinic 8:30 Ecuador Mission Trip Mtg 11:30 Outreach Zoom Mtg 6:00 | 10 Girl Scouts 6:00 Office Closed | 11 Precept Bible Study 9:00 | 12 | 13 Line Dance Class 2:00 | 14 | 15 Nurses Honor Guard FH 10:00 |
| 16 UMM 8:00 FH | 17 Newsletter Deadline | 18 OASIS 11:30 Church Council Mtg 7:00 Precept Bible Study 9:00 | 19 Staff Mtg 10:30 | 20 Line Dance Class 2:00 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 Trunk or Treat 5:00-6:30 | 24 Ladies' Lunch Bunch 11:30 Fusco's Mission's 7:00 | 25 Precept Bible Study 9:00 | 26 | 27 Line Dance Class 2:00 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 Children's Worship | 31 | | | | | |

Notes:

Sundays

Weekdays



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

7:00 AM Wednesday
9:00 AM Tuesday
7:00 PM Wednesday
7:00 PM Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday

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Precept Bible Study
Choir Practice
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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
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 **November** newsletter should do so by **October 17th**.

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