



# Salem's Story

February  
2023

## Jeff's Journal

### Where are you finding hope?

If my memory serves me correctly, I am in my 10<sup>th</sup> year serving on the Board of Ordained Ministry for the South Carolina Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. While this can be time-consuming work, I have enjoyed serving the conference in this way.

The Board of Ordained Ministry works alongside District Committees on Ordained Ministry, the Bishop, and Cabinet in working with candidates for ministry in the United Methodist Church through a process of discernment, education, and other credentialing processes that bring these persons called to ministry to a state of readiness to serve the church. The United Methodist Church has established high standards for those who are to be ordained, so we have deep appreciation for those who complete the initial and ongoing work of serving the church.

The first week in February the Board of Ordained Ministry will be interviewing 27 ministry candidates – 11 candidates for commissioning, and 16 candidates for full ordination. This is an anxious time for these candidates and I ask that you be in prayer for them as they go through the interview process, which follows voluminous written work that is submitted to the Board covering theology, doctrine, Bible Study, and sermon preparation and delivery.

As I go through this process with the candidates each year, I always find myself filled with hope. I'm filled with hope for the future of the church when I see these gifted individuals, from all walks of life and backgrounds, called by God, and dedicating themselves completely to the work equipping them to serve. In more recent times, and especially now, with the future of our denomination uncertain, I find myself filled with hope more than ever by these individuals who, in spite of this uncertain future, feel the power and promise of God's call on their lives to still enter this process with great excitement.

I am reminded through all of this that we, God's people, are the church, regardless of institutional form. We are the body of Christ. As such, I am reminded that God has always been, and remains, faithful to God's church – God's people. As we acknowledge in our communion liturgy's *Great Thanksgiving*, "When we turned away and our love failed, your love remained steadfast." It is God's faithfulness, manifested in so many ways all around us, that allows me to live in hope. Hope, I believe, is the antidote to anxiety. As one of the great hymns of our faith states, in God we have "strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow. Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me."

So, as God remains faithful to us, the Church, may we remain faithful in being God's Church, Christ embodied in the world. There are still many among us who need to hear the good news and know of God's love, so let's do our best to be the church in its best form for a hurting world.

So, this is just one of many ways that I find hope abounding. How about you? Where are you finding hope these days?

Blessings for the journey!

Pastor Jeff



Salem UMC Children

## Children's News

We have kicked off our winter activities with the Children. We have started back with Sunday School and Sunday afternoon activities. We invite ALL children to come experience the Bible with fun, interactive activities.

\*\*\*Coming up in April – Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday after Church\*\*\*

### Upcoming Activities:

#### Encounter (9:30 A.M.)

- February 5<sup>th</sup>:** Music with Sarah  
**February 12<sup>th</sup>:** Science - Dancing Worms  
**February 19<sup>th</sup>:** Kitchen Konkotions with Chef PJ  
**February 26<sup>th</sup>:** Scripture Safari with Skeeter

#### Quest (4:00 P.M.)

- Strong Foundation Activity  
Super Bowl Fun Party  
Hopp Glider Activity  
Mystery Night

February is going to be a busy month for the Youth of Salem UMC. However, everything we are doing involves all of YOU!!! We will lead you in worship, cook you a meal and help you with your technological devices. We cant wait to do all of this with all of Salem UMC.



**Sunday, February 12, 2023**

**Theme: *Reading the Scriptures through a Jesus Lens***

The Youth will be leading worship for Salem UMC this date and will be leading the church into reading the scriptures in the way Jesus lived. Does the way you read it match the Jesus you follow?

### Youth Tech Support Night

**Sunday, February 19, 2023**

**4:30—6:00**

Do you struggle with your phone or tablet or even laptop? Do you wonder how to change things like font size or ring tones? Do you know what your device can really do? If not, come let the youth assist you. Contact Jim Magann at [jim-magann@gmail.com](mailto:jim-magann@gmail.com) to schedule a time with a youth.



# Salem United Methodist Church

## Sesquicentennial Celebration

Salem United Methodist Church was formed on March 30, 1873 under the leadership of Rev. J.C. Miller along with seven men and thirteen women. Over the next 150 years, Salem has grown in both building size and membership reaching this momentous occasion that we will be celebrating throughout the year.

### ***The theme for this celebration will be Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow***

We will be hosting three key events, each with a focus of yesterday, today, and tomorrow so be sure and save these dates:

**Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>** - In conjunction with Children's Ministries we will be hosting a Palm Sunday event with fun for all ages, focusing on the grand yesteryears of Salem

**Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup>** - Join us for a downhome BBQ lunch celebrating Salem's more recent times

**Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>** - Homecoming Sunday where festivities will look ahead to where God will lead us in the future

**We need your help!** We will spend time this year compiling a digital historical record that we all can look back on for years to come. Do you have any newspaper clippings, photos, or stories of Salem that you would like to share? Feel free to drop a copy off at the front office or email a digital copy to Autumnne Smith at [Autumnnesmith452@gmail.com](mailto:Autumnnesmith452@gmail.com).



Remember the can mission we have at the church. In memory of Don Derrick



## The Chosen Season 2 Bible Study

*Beginning: Tuesday, February 21*

*Time: 6 – 7:30 PM 9 Weeks*

*Fellowship Classroom*

Please email ([hmagann@gmail.com](mailto:hmagann@gmail.com)) or text (843-446-7280) Heather Magann if you would like to sign up for the study or if you have any questions.

## ***It's Baaaack!!!!***

After a couple of years off, the pancake supper is coming back!!

**Tuesday, February 21**

**4:30—6:30p.m.**

Come enjoy pancakes, grits, bacon and more for dinner and support the youth going to a Leadership Conference in Florida. The cost is donation only. See you there!!!

## ***Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner***



Thanks to ... *Faith Circle*

*Some of the  
arrangements  
delivered in January*

*We are in need of bud vases.*



## Salem United Women in Faith — Morning Circles

Cavin, Joy, and Love Circles will meet on Wednesday, February 1, at 10:30 A.M. in the Seekers Classroom. All members of these three circles are urged to attend this meeting. We will consider plans for combining the three circles into one joint morning circle. Your input is important as we consider this merger.

We also will accept pledge money from those members who were unable to meet in January.

## OASIS

**A big thank you to Janet Haas and friends** for providing our soups at our last Oasis event! Our group is continuing to grow and we encourage everyone to reach out and extend an invitation to participate in our ongoing opportunities!

Join us again on **Tuesday, February 21 at 11:30** as we enjoy a pot luck meal and some entertainment by "Chuck Knows Church!" Call the church office at 781-1626 to let us know that you'll be attending and the item you plan to bring by Wednesday February 15<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to hearing from you and enjoying a fun time of fellowship together!

## *Ladies' Lunch Bunch*



*Ladies' if you'd like to get together for fellowship time over lunch, meet us on Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 at Golden Bay Seafood on St. Andrews Road.*



# Memorials & Honorariums



## Building Fund

### In Loving Memory of Beverly Bouknight by

Loretta Blair, Cavin Circle, Rick & Cheryl Denton, Sandra Durst,  
Phillip & Millie Fore, Carolyn Gilbert, Jim & Marie Lewis,  
Don & Miriam Lovett, Tommy & Allison McLendon,  
Johnnie Mitchell, Salem United Women in Faith,  
Steve & Mary George Smith, Worth & Susie Wells, April White

### In Loving Memory of Ed Brower by

Sandra Durst

### In Loving Memory of Joanne Childress by

Sandra Durst, Phillip & Millie Fore

### In Loving Memory of Rosemary Craft by

Sandra Durst

### In Loving Memory of Earline Durst by

Sandra Durst, Phillip & Millie Fore

### In Loving Memory of Jerry Durst by

Sandra Durst

### In Loving Memory of Colie Faust by

Phillip & Millie Fore

### In Loving Memory of Charlie Grooms by

Phillip & Millie Fore

### In Loving Memory of Donald Grooms by

Sandra Durst, Rick & Cheryl Denton, Phillip & Millie Fore,  
Carolyn Gilbert, Don & Miriam Lovett, OASIS,  
Salem United Women in Faith, Steve & Mary George Smith,  
Leslie & Joan Tweed

### In Loving Memory of Ray Keith by

Phillip & Millie Fore

### In Loving Memory of Gene Kizer by

Ted & Pete Hornsby

### In Loving Memory of Voncille Meetze by

Sandra Durst

### In Loving Memory of Pauline Spotts by

Steve & Mary George Smith

### In Loving Memory of Ed Thomas by

Sandra Durst

### In Loving Memory of Norman Thomas by

Sandra Durst

## Building Fund

### In Loving Memory of Red Weed by

Phyllis & Eli Huffman

## Cemetery Fund

### In Loving Memory of Beverly Bouknight by

Brady & Mary Bouknight, Dan & Carla Jennings & family,  
Larry & June Salters

### In Loving Memory of Donald Grooms by

Brady & Mary Bouknight, Larry & June Salters

### In Loving Memory of Ray Keith by

Brady & Mary Bouknight

## Faith Circle

### In Loving Memory of

Beverly Bouknight, Rosemary Craft, Jerry Durst, Gerda Hallman, Betty Skenes, Jack & Flo Skenes, Margie Weed

### In Honor of

Brenda & Jimmy Dye, Faith Circle Ladies,

Journey Sunday School Class

by Walt & Sharon Greene

## General Fund

### In Loving Memory of Hugh Baker by

Orrs Baptist Church

### In Loving Memory of Beverly Bouknight by

David & Martina Thomas

### In Loving Memory of Donald Grooms by

Nick & Eileen Leoncavallo, David & Martina Thomas

### In Loving Memory of Ernie Pereira by

Deborah Evans

## Music Fund

### In Loving Memory of Beverly Bouknight by

John & Lisa Lee

## General Fund & Youth Leadership Conference

Salem United Women in Faith

# Thank You Notes

To Faith Circle:

Thank you to all my sisters for the cards, flowers, text and phone calls.

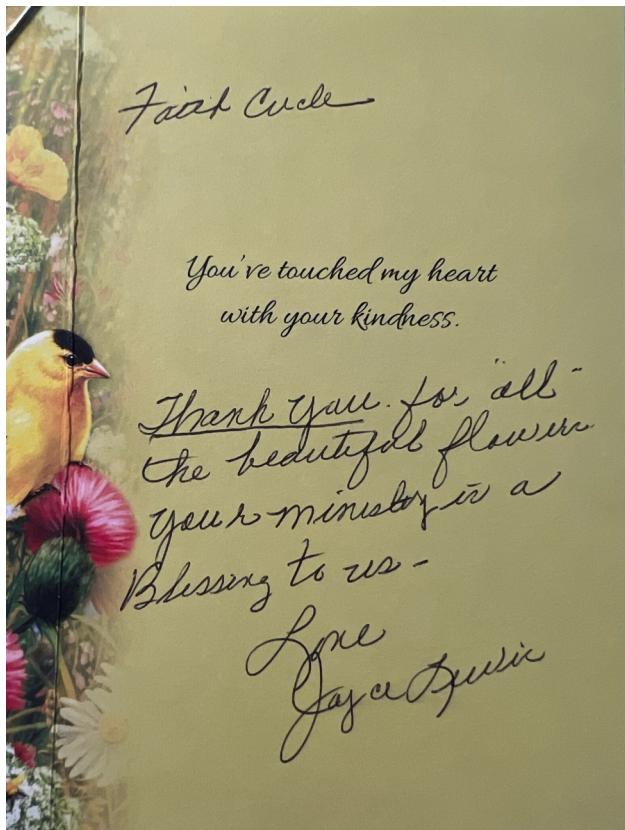
You have lifted my spirits in so many ways. Looking forward to seeing your smiling faces in the new year.

Sisters in Christ,  
Sharon Greene

Dear Faith Circle,

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers and prayers during my mastectomy journey. We are so thankful for our Salem family.

Much love,  
*Ashley*



To Journey Sunday School Class:

Thank you for the fruit basket, calls, texts and cards. I miss you all and hope to see you soon.

Happy New Year,  
Sharon Greene



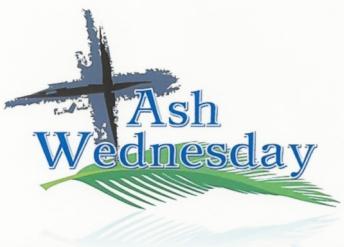
Dear Salem United Methodist Church,

You did it again - thanks for another amazing donation to Children's Hospital! From our wish list items to the wrapping paper - everything will be used to brighten kids' day & bring a little holiday magic. We so appreciate your hearts, gifts & generosity!

Many thanks!

The Child Life Team

P.S. Prayers for healing for Ashely



# February 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Cavin, Joy, Love Circles 10:30 Seekers Class	2 LMA 7 Seekers	3	4
5	6 Faith Circle 6:00 FH Missions 7:00	7 150 <sup>th</sup> Celebration Mtg 6:30	8	9	10	11
12 Youth Sunday <i>UMWF Exec Mtg 11:30</i>	13 Girl Scouts 6:00	14 Staff Mtg 9:30 Finance Mtg 6:30 Council Mtg 7:00	15	16	17 Newsletter Deadline	18 Nurses Honor Guard 10:00 DFCS FH 7:00
19 UMM 8:00 FH Youth 4-6 in Fellowship Hall Tech Support	20 Office Closed Presidents' Day	21 OASIS 11:30 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 5:00-6:30 <i>Bible Study begins 6:00</i>	22  Service 6:30	23	24	25
26	27	28 Ladies' Lunch Bunch 11:30 @ Golden Bay Seafood		<i>Love one another as I have loved you.</i>		

~~Notes:~~

## Sundays

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

## Weekdays

- 9:00 AM Tuesday
- 6:00 PM Tuesday
- 7:00 AM Wednesday
- 7:00 PM Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday
- 7:00 PM Wednesday

- Precept Bible Study
- Bible Study
- AA
- AA
- Choir Practice



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United Methodist Church

1321 Salem Church Road  
Irmo, SC 29063

## Methodist Men

Join us for fellowship and a great Breakfast  
on **February 19 at 8:00**.



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

## 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.

## 2023 Flower Calendar

The 2023 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.**

### 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 **March** newsletter should do so by **February 17<sup>th</sup>**.



### **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  
Dustin Tanner — Audio/Visual/Communications Director  
Marie Wicker — Administrative Assistant



### **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>