



Jeff's Journal

Let's Talk Like Christians

Very recently I came across the "Guidelines for Holy Conferencing" on the website of the South Carolina United Methodist Church. As United Methodists, part of our connectional structure comes through our conferencing together. These guidelines have been in place for some time to help us remember how we are to represent ourselves, as Christ-followers, in our conversations together. As I read them again recently, it struck me that these guidelines would be most beneficial for each one of us in our everyday conversations with our family, neighbors, and friends, especially in what sounds like such a loud and angry world. I've included them for you below. Let's give it try and see if we can make a difference, at least wherever we are.

Blessings for the journey!
Pastor Jeff

Guidelines for Holy Conferencing What God Expects of Us

"As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ... 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 3:12-14,17 (NRSV)

- Every person is a child of God. Always speak respectfully. One can disagree without being disagreeable.
- As you patiently listen and observe the behavior of others, be open to the possibility that God can change the views of any or all parties in the discussion.
- Listen patiently before formulating responses.
- Strive to understand the experience out of which others have arrived at their views.
- Be careful in how you express personal offense at differing opinions. Otherwise, dialogue may be inhibited.
- Accurately reflect the views of others when speaking. This is especially important when you disagree with a position.
- Avoid using inflammatory words, derogatory names, or an excited and angry voice.
- Avoid making generalizations about individuals and groups. Make your point with specific evidence and examples.
- Make use of facilitators and mediators.
- Remember that people are defined, ultimately, by their relationship with God – not by the flaws we discover, or think we discover, in their views and actions.

Children's News



Salem UMC Children

April was a fun-filled month celebrating Easter and focusing on giving back! We celebrated Palm Sunday with the Egg Hunt and on Easter the kids decorated the Cross. The kids helped make goody bags to contribute to the Epworth Project. They also spent time writing notes and making gift baskets to Thank-A -Teacher!



Upcoming Activities:

We will continue with our morning and evening activities for the children including science, cooking, and music. On MAY 21st from (3:00 - 4:30 P.M) we will close out the year with a fun-filled OUTSIDE WATER EVENT! Come experience the BIG Water Slide and Slip-N-Slide !



Time Travelers
VBS 2023 June 26 - 29
Ecclesiastes 3:11
Journey through the
Timelessness of God

Mark your calendars now to join us for

Vacation Bible School 2023. We are going to take a trip every night through a different decade. We have the time machine set to journey through the 60's, 70's, 80's and 90's. Come learn how God transcends time and no matter *when or where* you are, God is there and always teaching us. You may register to be a Volunteer or even register your child to attend at VBSmate.com/Salemtimetravelers.

This VBS is sure to be fun for EVERYONE!!!! If you have any questions please contact

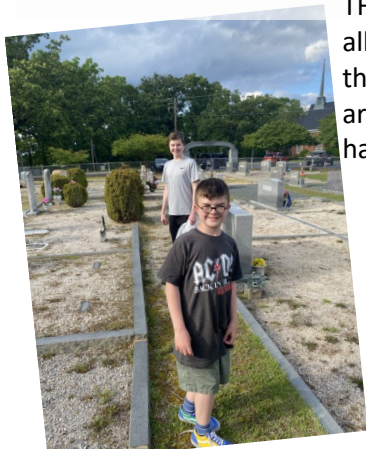
Jim at jimmagann@gmail.com or PJ at garrett.patriciaj@gmail.com.





Youth News

The Month of April was a month of service for the Youth at Salem UMC. They helped with the Egg Hunt, Sesquicentennial lunch, work at Epworth, made gifts for local teachers and more. On April 16, the youth spent the evening helping clean-up and straighten up several areas of the church. They worked in the Sanctuary to make sure all pews had Hymnals, Bibles, TFWS books and fresh, sharpened pencils. They also put the Fellowship Hall together and got all the stacked chairs off of the walls and put them away. They swept the walkways, cleaned up the Cemetery, and wiped any cobwebs and bugs out of windows around the church. The youth are working hard to be the hands and feet of Christ in all they do in the month of April and have many more service activities lined up down the road.



May Sunday School

We will be completing our series on "ACT" learning how we are to be in our relationship with God.

We will meet 9:30—10:15a.m. in the Youth Room.

We hope to see everyone there!!!

May 7 Youth Group with Mrs. Lisa

Make plans to attend youth group from 5—6pm with Mrs. Lisa as she will lead this night for everyone. She also hinted at having treats for everyone!!!

May 14 Messy game Night

Join us from 5—6p.m. for a night of fun and LOTS of mess. Dress in stuff that can get messy as we start closing the year in lack of style with completely messy fun!!!

May 28 Graduation Sunday

We will be honoring our graduates during the 10:30 service. If you have a child graduating high school or even college, please let us know by Sunday, May 14. List their names as you want them printed and where they are graduating from.

May 21 Fundraiser Luncheon

The youth going to Florida Leadership Week will be hosting a Fundraiser Lunch of Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, and Salad. It will be donation only and all funds assist with the cost of the conference this summer. It will be held immediately after church on May 21.

Parent Meeting 4:00p.m.

Parents and youth are invited to a meeting as we discuss all the changes for Youth for 2023/24. We will also discuss summer plans. Those who have a child moving into 6th grade next year are invited as well.

End of Year Water Fun

Join us from 5:00—6:30 for fun on 20 ft waterslide and extra long inflatable slip n slide to close out the year. We will also have chicken and fries for dinner for everyone!!

What's Going On in the United Methodist Church?

Many of us may be asking this question in light of reports of some of our United Methodist churches voting to disaffiliate from our denomination. So, what is this all about, and what does it mean for Salem UMC? What are we to be doing, if anything? Please plan to join us on Sunday, May 7, at 6:00pm in the sanctuary for an informational meeting to learn more about the current landscape of our denomination. Our Columbia District Superintendent, Rev. Fran Elrod, will be present to lead us in this meeting. There will be a Q&A portion of our gathering, and Rev. Elrod is asking that we submit any questions in advance of the meeting as a way to save time and cover the questions on your minds. You may submit your questions by email to Pastor Jeff at jwchildress@umcsc.org, and he will compile them and submit them to Rev. Elrod. We hope you will be able to join us on May 7.

Church on the Lake

Our Church on the Lake service will begin this year on **June 4th** and run through **September 3rd**. We are thankful to offer this 8:30 am service each Summer in addition to our 10:30 regular worship opportunity. The service will be at the Woodmen of the World location at 2000 Johnson Marina Rd., in Ballentine.

Consider joining us for this casual alternative worship hour. We look forward to seeing you this Summer!



Easter Sunrise Service



Ecuador Mission Trip 2024

Salem UMC will be taking another trip to Ecuador in Spring of 2024. The dates are set to be March 30 - April 6, with an estimated cost of around \$2000. The trip will focus on relational missions with a school of Elementary School age children in the Mountains of Ecuador.

If you would be interested in being a part of this Mission Trip, there will be ***an interest meeting on Sunday, May 21 at 12:30p.m. in the Seekers Sunday School room.*** This will be right at the end of the Youth Fundraiser lunch. This trip will be open to anyone who will be high school age through older adult. Please join the meeting if you would like to attend.

FREE Paper Shredding!

Please join us for a "Free Paper Shredding Event" hosted by **Shred360** to benefit Operation Enduring Warrior on **Tuesday, May 23** from 11:00am-1:00pm at the Salem United Methodist Church parking lot. They will accept monetary donations for **Operation Enduring Warrior**, a 501c charity organization that helps our service members transition from military to civilian life. As a veteran owned company, this is extremely important to **Shred360** so all donations are GREATLY appreciated! In an effort to shred your sensitive documents in a timely manner, attendees are limited to **(3)** three boxes (copy paper box or smaller) or **three** bags (kitchen trash bag or smaller) per vehicle. There is no need to remove binders, binder clips, paper clips, staples, rubber bands, or CDs/DVDs prior to shredding.



**OPERATION
ENDURING
WARRIOR™**

Date: May 23, 2023
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Location: Salem United Methodist Church, Salem Church Road,
Irmo, SC, USA



Salem United Methodist Church Sesquicentennial Celebration

Salem UMC was formed on March 30, 1873. Over the next 150 years, Salem has grown in both building size and membership reaching this momentous occasion that we are celebrating throughout the year.

The theme for our celebration is Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow!

Below are a few pictures from our "Yesterday" celebration held on April 2nd.



We will continue to celebrate 150 years at Salem with more events.

Join us during the worship hour on Sunday, **May 14th** for the reenactment of Salem's original dedication.

We will then bridge the gap from "Yesterday" to "Today" on Sunday, **July 9th** with a special BBQ lunch and musical guests!

Help celebrate Salem's 150th year with a celebratory T shirt! Order forms can be found in the Welcome center. Once completed, place your order form in the offering plate or turn into the church office. Cost of the shirts are \$15.



Memorials



Building Fund

In Loving Memory of Franklin Hydrick by
Tommy & Allison McLendon

In Loving Memory of Ted Jones by
David & Martina Thomas

Epworth Work Fund

In Loving Memory of Bill Oswald by
Jim & Marie Lewis

General Fund

In Loving Memory of Beverly Bouknight by
Jim Wessinger & Amy Kelly

Nursery Fund

In Loving Memory of Theresa Dickinson by
Joan & Les Tweed



To Salem United Methodist Church members,
Thank you so much for the prayers, cards,
phone calls and flowers I received during my
recent hospital stay and recuperation period. I
know all the prayers helped me get through a
difficult time.

With love,
Peggy Lewis

I would like to thank
everyone for their
thoughts, prayers and
memorials sent in
remembrance of Bill.

Thanks ,
Margie Oswald
and family

Congratulations



Congratulations to Chris and Carrie
Corley on the birth of their son,
Ellis Callahan Corley, born on April
18th. Proud Salem grandparents
are Keith and Donna Corley.

Thanks to ... *Faith Circle*
for the arrangements
delivered in April.



Salem United Women in Faith Executive Committee

will meet in the Administration Building's conference room immediately
following the church worship service on **May 7, 2023**.

Salem Morning Circle

will meet for lunch on
May 3, 2023, at 11:30 A.M.

We will meet at
J.R. Cash's Grill
502 Lexington Avenue
Chapin, SC 29036



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Join us for our cook out at Woodmen of the
World on Tuesday, **May 16th at 11:30**. We will
enjoy hamburgers and some fun activities. We
are asking that everyone bring a side dish for
this event. Please call and **RSVP by Thursday,**
May 11th and be sure to indicate what side item you would like
to bring to avoid duplicate items. It's our last gathering of the
season before we break for the summer, so be sure to put it on
your calendar and feel free to bring a friend!

Ladies' Lunch Bunch



*Ladies' if you'd like to get together for
fellowship time over lunch, meet us on
Monday, May 22nd at 11:30 at
Higher Ground located at
211 Chapin Road, Chapin.*



FAITH CIRCLE FATHER'S DAY BULLETIN

The women of Faith Circle are again planning a very special bulletin to honor or remember all those men who are special to us...fathers, grandfathers, uncles, brothers, friends, etc.

To list the names of special men you would like to remember in our Father's Day bulletin, 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 **"Father'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 men who are special to you. Please give to any member of Faith Circle or drop in the offering plate.

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

Deadline is Sunday, June 4, 2023

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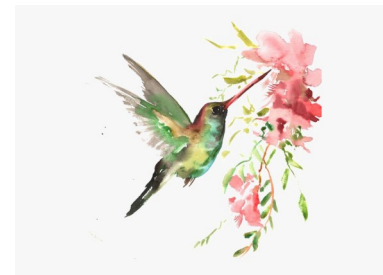
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In memory of _____

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May 2023



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Faith Circle 6:00 FH	2	3 Salem Morning Circle 11:30 JR Cash's Grill	4	5	6
7 UMWF Executive Meeting 11:30 UMC Mtg 6:00	8 Girl Scouts 6:00	9 Staff Mtg 9:30	10	11	12	13
14 	15	16 OASIS 11:30 Cookout	17	18	19 Newsletter Deadline	20 Nurses Honor Guard 10:00
21 Confirmation Sunday UMM 8:00 FH Ecuador Mtg 12:30	22 Ladies' Lunch Bunch 11:30 @ Higher Ground	23 Shred 360 11-1	24	25	26	27 AA 5:30 FH
28 Graduate Sunday	29  Office closed	30	31			

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

Truthseekers 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 **May 21st at 8:00.**

All men are invited to join us for breakfast.



“Tidy Up” Our Cemetery

In an effort to “tidy up” our cemetery, we are asking for your assistance with removing any old/worn debris and unused flowers. Any help you can lend towards this project would be appreciated as we enter into a new spring season and look to freshen up and continue to honor our loved ones who have gone on to be with the Lord.

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



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 — Coordinator of Children/Youth Ministries

Tina Overton — Director of Creative Ministries

Dustin Tanner — Audio/Visual/Communications Director

Marie Wicker — Administrative Assistant



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.**

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 **June** newsletter should do so by **May 19th**.

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 your offering.



You can also visit the link:

<https://giving.ncsservices.org/App/Giving/ncs-2365>