



## Jeff's Journal

### ***"We are losing our listening."***

A few years back I watched a TED Talk video in which Julian Treasure, an international speaker on sound and communication skills, began his talk by saying, "We are losing our listening." He stated that we spend 60% of our communication time listening, but we only retain 25% of what we hear. So, we're not very good at it. Losing our listening is different from losing our hearing, as he describes "listening" as, making meaning from sound.

Oddly enough, Julian believes we've been losing our listening over time due to advancements in our communication technologies. For a long time, human communication was oral, so listening was a premium skill that human beings developed. Once we were able to put things in writing, that important skill of listening was slightly diminished as we were able to read and re-read things if we missed it orally. This skill has become increasingly more diminished over time as we can now record and video and rewind to catch things we miss as our minds wander. So, our listening skills have become dulled.

As we are now in the long liturgical season after Pentecost, often referred to as Ordinary Time, I want to invite us to focus our minds and hearts on the Pentecost event of Acts 2 in order to contemplate on an ongoing basis what that means for us.

When the disciples of Jesus were filled with the Holy Spirit, Luke tells us they began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. As a result, all who were living in Jerusalem could understand what the Galilean men were saying, as they could now hear it in their own native languages. This led them to ask the question, "What does this mean?", and this is still a good question for us to consider today.

At a foundational level, this event of some 2,000 years ago reminds us that the gospel of Jesus Christ is universal. The gift of God's salvation is offered for everyone, and the Holy Spirit seems to make sure everyone listening understands that. At a more local or individual level, perhaps it leads us to wonder – what if we actually listened to each other, and heard each other? What if the Holy Spirit still speaks to us through others? What if we're not listening?

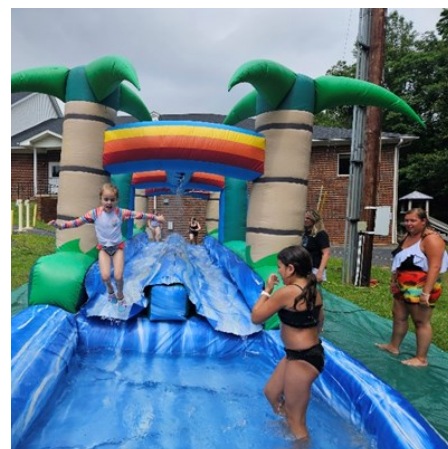
Maybe, Pentecost moments happen to us and around us every day. If we take the time to listen to each other, truly listen, then maybe we can begin to better understand our differences in ways that will draw us together, just like it did for our friends in Jerusalem so long ago.

Blessings for the journey!  
Pastor Jeff

# Children's News



Salem UMC Children



## Upcoming Activities:



June 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> (6:00 – 7:30 P.M.)

**STEM without the M Camp (Science / Technology / Engineering)**

Come experience the Building Blocks of Faith with hands-on activities exploring the Bible with Science, Technology, and Engineering!

**Registration Deadline:**  
**Sunday June 4, 2023**

**Cost: \$50**

**Summer Camp Registration**



June 26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> (5:00 – 7:45 P.M.)

**Time Traveler's Vacation Bible School**

Journey through the Timelessness of God as we journey through the 60's, 70's, 80's and 90's and discover how GOD is ALWAYS THERE and TEACHING US!

**VBS Registration Link:**







## Youth News

The Summer is here and its time to change things up a bit. We will not be meeting on Sunday evenings for the summer but will have several different activities throughout. We are going to combine service ministry with fun activity each time to make for a full day. We are excited about what we have in June.

### **Tuesday June 13 11:00a.m. - 3:00p.m.**

We will meet at the church to make sandwiches for the Homeless downtown to be given out by the Missions Committee. Once we are done there we will leave to eat lunch at Mellow Mushroom downtown and then head to Escapology for some Escape Room fun. The cost for the day will be \$40. Please RSVP with Jim so we can have enough Escape Rooms and adults.

### **Tuesday, June 20 9:00a.m. - 3:00p.m.**

We will be volunteering at Sharing God's Love from 9 to noon helping in the areas they need. We will then leave there and go to Groucho's for lunch and then Stars and Strikes for some fun bowling. Bring \$15 for bowling plus lunch money and any money for games you want to play. Please RSVP to Jim for this so we can reserve enough lanes.

### **Thursday, June 22 Noon - 3:00p.m.**

We will eat some great Pizza and help set up a lot of areas for Vacation Bible School. We need excited, willing and creative youth helping with this. No RSVP needed but just come ready to make something really exciting for our children.

### **Monday June 26 -Thursday, June 29 Vacation Bible School 4:30p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

Join us for these times to assist anywhere you can or even want to for vacation Bible School. We always want youth to help with children because they love having the youth with them. Please go to the VBS information page of this newsletter to get the link to sign up.

## *Welcome Salem Confirmand*

*Clare Olivia Anderson*

daughter of Cory & Ashley Anderson



### **CLASS OF 2023 GRADUATE RECOGNITION**

Tyler Andrew Hodges	Dutch Fork High School
Rachel McCrary	Dutch Fork High School
Hope Mitchell	Dutch Fork High School
Noelle Magann	Coastal Carolina University
Braxton Cole Overton	The Citadel
Judah Rendelman	University of South Carolina





# 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 Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup> reenactment of Salem's original dedication.



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

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

***Please RSVP to the church office (803-781-1626 or [smethodist@aol.com](mailto:smethodist@aol.com))  
no later than July 5<sup>th</sup>.***

***Help celebrate Salem's 150<sup>th</sup> 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 & Honorariums



## Building Fund

In Loving Memory of Ted Jones by  
Nancy Benson Chambers

## General Fund

In Honor of Don & Miriam Lovett by  
Carol Marse

In Loving Memory of her Mother & DIL by  
Sharon Wilson

My Church Family,

I want to "Thank all of you" for my many cards, calls and most of all your prayers. Also, I "Thank" Jeff and Delaine for coming to NHC and giving me communion. That just made me feel so wonderful. I am gaining strength everyday. I hope I can soon be back to Sunday School and Church. God Bless all of you.

Love, Inez

On Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, I spoke with a very sweet lady in the Church office whose name I cannot remember. It was raining all day, they were installing new light, hit the water main, then a bad accident occurred at the intersection of Salem Church and North Lake. As you can imagine all the above put traffic in a gridlock and posed a serious safety risk to the residents trying to get into and leave Salem Church Road. When I explained the situation to her, she quickly agreed to open the Church gates and allow the residents to use the Church's light for safety. Please accept this small donation as a sign of our appreciation of you ensuring the safety of all the residents that reside on Salem Church Road. God Bless, Rob Lyon, Mason Holley, Darra & Skip Irish

## Church on the Lake

Our Church on the Lake service will begin this year on **June 4<sup>th</sup> and run through September 3<sup>rd</sup>**. 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.

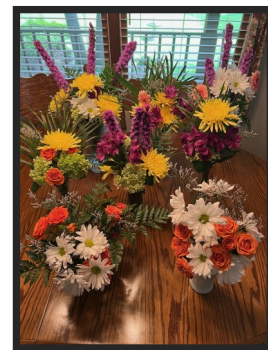
***There will be a drop-off container for Sharing God's Love at the Church on the Lake site.***

*If you would be interested in helping set up and break down each week or want to help in other areas, please contact Phillip Fore at 920-9657.*

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



Thanks to ... *Faith Circle*  
for the  
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ments  
delivered  
in May.



## Ladies' Lunch Bunch



*Ladies' if you'd like to get together for fellowship time over lunch, meet us on  
Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:30  
at Social Grill*



## 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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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 LMA 6:30	2	3
4 Church on the Lake starts	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Community Outreach Mtg 6:00	12	13	14	15	16 Newsletter Deadline	17 Nurses Honor Guard 10:00
18 	19	20	21 	22	23	24
25 Safe Sanctuary training 5:00	26 Ladies' Lunch Bunch 11:30 @ Social Grill	27 Blood Drive Mobile 12-4	28	29	30	
	VBS					

*Notes:*

*Sundays*

*Weekdays*



8:30 Church on the Lake  
9:30 Sunday School  
10:30 Worship Service

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  
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Choir Practice



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## 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



### 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.

## 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 **July** newsletter should do so by **June 16<sup>th</sup>**.

## Ushers Needed

This is an important ministry in our church and volunteers are needed. Ushers play a vital role in the life of Salem United Methodist Church by welcoming members and newcomers, as well as performing their important part in the worship service. You will enjoy this gratifying ministry experience, usually one to two months each year. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center if you are interested in serving as an usher, or contact the church office at 803-781-1626.

## 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>