



Salem's Story

August
2023

Jeff's Journal

Moving Forward

While the last official day of summer isn't until September 22nd, as we move into the month of August we recognize that the summer vacation season is drawing to a close, and teachers and students will soon be returning to the classrooms. It's also a time when we begin to think about fall and cooler temperatures on the distant horizon.

With various aspects of our personal, professional, and communal lives, we also recognize that we are moving forward with a newness of life: a new school year, a new or renewed routine, a resettling of life following summer activities.

This is also the case in our faith communities as well. In good Methodist fashion, this is a season here at Salem where we begin to think about and plan toward our fall Charge Conference, nominations, budgeting, etc. While these things may sometimes seem perfunctory in nature, I hope we will take this upcoming season seriously and plan our moving forward with great intention.

As we have been having an exciting year celebrating our 150 years as a faith family at Salem UMC, our concluding celebration in September will be a time to focus on how we move forward as a church. It will also be an exciting time of visioning and dreaming about where we go from here.

As such, in September, every Salem disciple will be given the opportunity to determine which of the various ministry offerings they feel the Spirit leading them to participate. We will have a listing of discipleship opportunities that will be distributed at that time as a way to help you discern your passions and callings. Between now and then, I invite you to begin to prayerfully think about how you may be involved in the life of the church. Also, beyond any ongoing ministries, if there are new ministry opportunities that you are feeling led to start, please feel free to share those with me and we will determine how we might move forward and make it happen.

As we read in Isaiah 43:9, God speaks through the prophet to the people of Israel, saying, "Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." As God seeks to do new things here with us, let's eagerly seek to capture the vision and dream God-sized dreams together as we move forward.

Blessings for the journey!

Pastor Jeff



Salem UMC Children

Children's News

Upcoming Events:

August 8th – 10th (6:00 – 7:30 P.M.)

MESS-TERY Camp

Come SEE what MESSES we will be getting into! It's a Surprise for Everyone!

Registration Deadline:

Sunday July 30, 2023 Cost: \$50



August 6th – Saluda Shoals Park

12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Come enjoy a day of fun in the sun at Saluda Shoals Splash Pad. Children and Youth Families bring a picnic lunch to enjoy at the Covered Shelter next to the splash pad!



Beginning August 20th Children's Sunday School will be moving to a NEW TIME!

Salem Kids Worship

(10:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.)

Come DISCOVER the WONDER of Jesus and the Bible with LEGOS, SCIENCE, COOKING and MUCH MORE EVERY SUNDAY MORNING!

QUEST Begins August 20th!

QUEST – A Journey through the Bible

(4:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.)

We will be journeying through the Bible in a Year!
Come discover it ALL with HANDS-ON SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS, GAMES, and ADVENTURE!



ART CAMP: We had a fun, glittery, messy week at Art Camp. The kids created light up boards, night lights, and used water guns to make different types of art all while learning about different symbols of faith. They had fun playing a memory / matching game with the symbols and Bible Verses. Check out some of the art the kids made! They even made a banner to hang downstairs in the children's area. Come check it out!



Vacation Bible School

We would like to thank everyone who helped with Vacation Bible School this year. We had a fantastic week and had numerous positive compliments from parents and church members about all of it. We had a great week meeting Mr. Rogers, Wonder Woman and even Woody and Buzz. The children made tie-dyed t-shirts, hippie headbands and even learned songs to play on their own bucket drums. They also challenged the Checker King and tried to solve Rubik's cubes.

The best part of the week was the response of the children to the Sharing Gods Love Challenge. Each night they were challenged to see if their group could bring more items than the others and if they did, they got to do something to one of the adults from throwing pies in their face, dumping buckets of ice water on them and even covering them in silly string. The final night was a big challenge to see if they could bring 100 jars of peanut butter and 100 jars of jelly. They blew that out of the water and brought 358 jars. They brought a total of 572 items to be given to Sharing God's Love.

It was a great week overall and we thank EVERYONE who helped.



Youth News

August is here and that means it is getting close to time to crank things up again....not that the youth ever slowed down. It has been a fun and busy summer helping with VBS, volunteering at Sharing Gods Love, going bowling, tubing, escaping rooms full of puzzles. The Summer isn't over yet though. There is still more to come in August including kicking things off for youth group and this year we will have separate programs for Jr and Sr High so watch for times and activities

August 6 – Picnic and Tubing at Saluda Shoals

We will meet at the Water Oak shelter at Saluda Shoals for a great picnic and fellowship followed by Tubing at Saluda Shoals. The cost is \$15. Any child who is a rising 6th graders is allowed to join the youth on this activity if they choose. WE MUST have adults help with the tubing on the river. Bring your own picnic lunch and join us at 12:00 to eat and then go tubing. Tell them at the gate you are with Salem UMC; your admission has been paid.

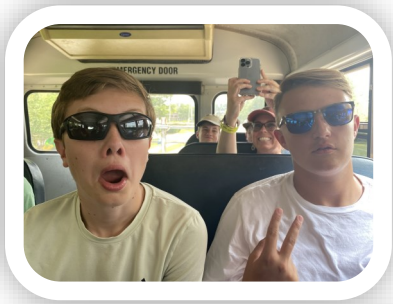
August 20 – Kickoff Events

Jr High Kickoff will be a cookout Pool party at the Vyskocil House (133 Charlie Griner Rd) at 12:00p.m. – 2:00p.m. Bring swimsuit and towel for great food and fun.

Sr High Kickoff will be a cookout and lake fun at Greg and Trish Mayers house (371 Hollywood Road, Columbia SC, 29212). Join us from 5:00 – 7:00p.m. and bring swimsuits and towels for fun.

Remember!!! Friends are always invited to everything we do!!!

Sr High Fall Retreat!!! It's time to start signing up for the Sr High Fall Retreat. The dates are Sept. 15-17 to Myrtle Beach. This is open to all 9th-12th graders and friends. The cost is \$175 and includes transportation, lodging, activities, 2 breakfasts and Saturday night meal. Sign-up and get your \$50 deposit in now!!!! Deadline is Sunday, Sept 3!!! If you bring a non-church member friend there is a \$25 discount!!!



July 18th
Salem youth
rafting the Saluda River



OASIS

Oasis will kick off their fall calendar with a "Tailgate Party" on **Tuesday, September 19th at 11:30**. Plan to dress in your favorite team attire and bring your favorite tailgate food. Be sure to RSVP by calling the church office at 781-1626 and let us know what item you can bring!

Upcoming Acolyte Training

On **September 10th at 3:00 P.M.** we will hold Acolyte Training in the Sanctuary! This training is required for anyone who wants to serve during our worship service. This will be a great refresher for anyone who wants to continue serving in this role and offers a great way for new volunteers to be involved in our worship service! We would love to have anyone from 6th Grade to Adult participate and help begin and end the Worship service and lead us out into the world to be the light of Christ.

Church on the Lake

Our Church on the Lake service will **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 is 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.

Finance Committee Meeting

Finance Committee will meet on **Tuesday, August 8th at 6:30 pm.**

Church Council Meeting

Church Council will meet on **Tuesday, August 8th at 7:00 pm.**

Al-Anon

Al-Anon, a 12-step group for families and friends, meets on Tuesdays at noon at Chapin CCC (formerly Chapin UMC). Call 803-465-1609 if you have questions.

AA

AA meets at 7:00 pm every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evening. They also meet every Wednesday morning at 7:00 am, here at Salem UMC.





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!

Join us **Sunday, September 17th**, for a **Homecoming** event where we will be celebrating 150 years at Salem United Methodist Church as we look towards the future of our church.

Lunch will be an old fashioned picnic immediately following the service in the Fellowship Hall.

Salem will provide fried chicken for everyone. We ask that you bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share!



United
Women
in Faith



The United Women in Faith at Salem will be hosting a Birthday Bash honoring Epworth Children's Home on **August 19th at 10:30** in the Fellowship Hall.

Please join us to hear more about the mission of the home and to have some light refreshments. A love offering will be collected.

Ladies' Lunch Bunch



Ladies' if you'd like to get together for fellowship time over lunch, meet us at 11:30 on Tuesday, August 29, at Silver Fox Grill 7444 Broad River Rd., Irmo.



Sullivan has a little brother!

William MURPHY Woods

born June 28th.

Congratulations!

to Josh & Caitlyn Woods on the birth of their son.
Proud Salem grandparents are Carey & Michelle Page.



Thanks to ...

Faith Circle



*for the
arrangements
delivered in July*





Memorials

Building Fund

In Loving Memory of Joyce Farmer by

Tom & Jeanette Pope

In Loving Memory of Shirley Sisk Hart by

Mike & Melanie Owen

In Loving Memory of Cory Powers by

Brenda Miller

In Loving Memory of Barbara Thomas by

William & Ellisa Culp

Rick & Cheryl Denton

Faye Derrick

Jim & Marie Lewis

Greg & Trisha Mayer

Ann Purcell

Jack & Betty Stevens

Cemetery Fund

In Loving Memory of Joyce Farmer by

Warren & Johnnie Metts

In Loving Memory of Barbara Thomas by

Tammy M. & Michael Szucs

Choir Fund

In Loving Memory of Barbara Thomas by

David & Karen Monts

Epworth Fund

In Loving Memory of Barbara Thomas by

Dan & Carla Jennings

Brandon & Kim Stutts

General Fund

In Loving Memory of Joyce Farmer by

Lori Branham

Kimberly Cheek

Nancy Lee

Steven Smith

In Loving Memory of Barbara Thomas by

John & Linda Gibbons

Julie King

Robert & Christine Lowman

Frank & Sarah Parker

Larry & June Salters

Steve & Mary George Smith

Honorarium to Church on the Lake Fund

In Honor of Phillip Fore by

Lou Holmes

August



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3 LMA 6:30	4	5
6 Children/ Youth Family Picnic after church @ Saluda Shoals	7 Community Outreach Meeting 6:00	8 Finance Meeting 6:30 Church Council Meeting 7:00 Kid's Camp 6-7:30	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 UWF Birthday Bash 10:30
20 Promotion Sunday	21 Newsletter Deadline	22 LMA Qtrly Mtg 6:00	23	24	25	26
27 Weed Reunion	28	29 Ladies' Lunch Bunch 11:30 @ Silver Fox Grill	30	31		



Notes:

Sundays

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

Weekdays

7:00 AM Wednesday
7:00 PM Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday
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United Methodist Church

1321 Salem Church Road
Irmo, SC 29063

Worship Hours

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

Church Office Hours



Monday - Thursday
8:30-12:00 1:00-3:30
803-781-1626



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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 **August** newsletter should do so by **July 17th**.

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>



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.***