

Salem United Methodist Church

1321 Salem Church Road
Irmo, South Carolina 29063
Established 1873



September 17, 2023
The 16th Sunday after Pentecost

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The color green is used to denote growth, reminding us of our journey of growing in discipleship and faith.

THE GATHERING AND WITNESS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

PRELUDE *Salem Ringers*

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CHIMING OF THE HOUR and WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

Our God is a loving and generous God, eager to grant us the wisdom we seek. As we gather in worship, let us open our hearts to God-sized dreams. May we trust that God will provide the wisdom we need to pursue these dreams.

We come before our Lord with open hearts and minds, seeking wisdom as we capture God's vision, knowing that these divine plans for us are greater than our own.

Just as Solomon asked for wisdom, we ask God for guidance.

God will grant us wisdom to navigate the challenges of life; to make decisions that honor God and bless others.

May we be filled with the Holy Spirit in this place, that we may be vessels of God's wisdom.

As we seek to make a difference in this world, may our dreams be aligned with divine purposes.

Let us pray:

Gracious God, like Solomon long ago, we, too, come before you acknowledging our need for your wisdom in our lives. As we dream God-sized dreams, grant us the insight and discernment we require to follow your will and bring glory to your name. Help us to rely on your wisdom and to seek it above all else. May our dreams align with your divine purpose, and may we become instruments of your love and grace in this world. Amen.

*HYMN 139 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Children ages 3 through 5th grade will be dismissed following the Children's Moment to attend Kid's Worship. Parents may pick up their children downstairs following the conclusion of the service.

A TIME OF PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY 95

ANTHEM *Cornerstone*

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

INTRODUCTION TO THE LESSON

SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Kings 3:1-15

*HYMN 577 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

PROCLAMATION Series: *Dreaming God-Sized Dreams...*
Today: *...Even When We Need Wisdom*

RESPONSE TO THE SPOKEN WORD *I Dream of a Church*
Chancel Choir

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 885 *A Modern Affirmation*

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic, and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

We believe in God the Father, Infinite in wisdom, power, and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good. We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of Man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death. We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need. We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in our example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth, Amen.

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 451 *Be Thou My Vision*

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE 383 *This Is a Day of New Beginnings* (v 1,4)
1. *This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember and move on, time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that's gone.*

4. *Christ is alive, and goes before us to show and share what love can do. This is a day of new beginnings; our God is making all things new.*

*WE FOLLOW THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*POSTLUDE AND DEPARTING

Indicates that the congregation stands. If standing is uncomfortable, please remain seated and continue with your participation. **Bold titles indicate congregation participation.*

STEWARDSHIP AND ATTENDANCE

Week of September 10, 2023

Needed each week to fund unified budget \$14,137.77

Unified budget received \$10,027.01

Needed to meet budget year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund) \$523,097.49

Unified budget received year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund) \$471,195.32

Attendance

Worship 155 Sunday School 66

On Line Viewing

124

Epworth's Work Day offering

\$1,700

PLEASE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER:

Brookdale — Mary Skenes

Carroll Campbell Place — Barbara Rolin

Generations of Irmo — Carolyn Brower,
Joyce Cook, Dot Corley

Harbison Shores — Mary Catherine Bickley Erskine

Lowman Home — Gwen Parnell, Anita Weed

Tyborne UCP — Jessica Gore

Special Prayers — Freddie Butler, Bob Davis, Leroy Gibson,
Inez Hyatt, Lee McMillan, Barbara Pereira, Shannon Robertson,
Bill Rolin, Claudia Smith, Terry Waites

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

Ushers: Lead – Randy Hilliard
Bill Sills

Trustee: Sandra Durst

Sound Booth: Dustin Tanner

Acolyte: Pierce Rhodes

Nursery: Claressa Poppell, Maggie Brewton

Flower Ministry

The flowers which grace the Holy Altar today are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Deborah Joye's birthday by Ron Joye.

A Welcome to our Guests!

We are honored that you are worshipping with us. Please complete the "red book" registration to record your presence. Also, please introduce yourself to those around you and visit our Welcome Center. We have a welcome gift for our first-time guests in the welcome center. Please stop by the desk at the close of the worship service. We hope you will return to join us again in Worship!

Youth Activities



One of our youth has created a new **announcement page** for all Youth Activities. This will be emailed weekly to parents and if anyone else is interested in seeing all we have going on, just scan this code and also a link to page is <https://www.smores.com/km5vu>. There is a lot going on so make sure you check it out and maybe see if there is something you would like to help with or be a part of.

Bible Study Offerings at Salem

There are currently three ongoing Bible Studies being offered at Salem. Please check the calendar on the back of this bulletin for days and times.

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 to provide information.

CPR Certification Class

Salem will host a CPR certification class on **Sunday, September 24th at 12:00** in the fellowship hall. A lunch will be provided for all those attending. The cost for the class will be \$50 and can be paid on the day of the class. Please call the church office at 803-781-1626 or email Michelle Page at Michelle.Page@prismahealth.org in order to reserve your space.

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!

TRUNKS NEEDED!

We need YOU to help make Salem's Trunk or Treat 2023 a night to remember! If you are able to decorate your vehicle on **Sunday, October 29th from 5-6:30 p.m.**, please contact Jennifer Hodges at 865.437.7950.

Ladies Lunch Bunch

Ladies if you'd like to get together for fellowship time over lunch, meet us on **Monday, September 25, at 12:00 at Zorba's on St. Andrews Road**. Next month will be Tuesday, October 24th, Brookland Baptist Church, 1066 Sunset Blvd., W. Columbia. More details will come but we will meet in church parking lot to carpool around 11a.m.

ALS 5K Walk

One of our Salem disciples, Sharon Greene, was diagnosed with ALS last November, and would like for us to know that there is an ALS 5K Walk planned for **Saturday, October 7th** at the Canal & Riverfront Park. Here is the link for more details if you would like to participate or donate to Sharon's team.

<http://web.alsa.org/goto/TeamSharon23>

Sharon would love for everyone to purchase a T-shirt for \$20... 2 options... soft material. Option 1: relaxed fit with thicker cotton material. Option 2: modern fit with a thinner cotton material (you would order a size up with this option. Must order by 9/22!!!

Salem United Women in Faith

Salem United Women in Faith **Executive Committee** will meet in the Administration Building's conference room immediately following the church worship service on **October 1, 2023**.

Thanks

Thanks Salem for your support of two recent Community Outreach sponsored events: 124 cars passed through our **Shred360 Event**, while collecting \$273 in financial donations as well as numerous non-perishable items to be donated to Sharing God's Love. Additionally, our **American Red Cross Blood Drive** was this past Wednesday and 15 people donated and 17 units were collected for a wonderful cause. Thanks to everyone who participated and/or plans to participate in the future!

Committee Chairpersons are requested to submit their committee's 2024 budget requests to the church office by **Monday, September 25, 2023**.

Thank you,
Don Lovett
Chairman, Finance Committee

FAITH CIRCLE CHILDREN'S DAY BULLETIN
October 15, 2023

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 15, 2023, 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 Women in Faith as well as mission projects such as the Homeless Outreach Ministry and congregational and community needs.

Deadline is Sunday, October 1, 2023.

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Sharing God's Love

Urgent Pantry Needs: Oatmeal, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Spaghetti Noodles, Pasta Sauce, Pasta Dinners, Rice Dinners, Lunch Combos (SpaghettiOs, Ravioli, etc.), Chili, Pork & Beans, Canned Beans, Dry Beans, Crackers (Ritz or Saltines), Snacks, Powdered Milk, Macaroni & Cheese, Jello, Elbow/ Shells/ Penne Pasta, Tomato Sauce/ Tomato Paste, Canned Tomatoes, Chef Boyardee Lunches, Beanie Weenies, Chicken & Dumplings, Stew, Instant Potatoes, Instant Grits, Canned Fruit, Coffee, Tea and Fruit Drinks.

Household Items: New Underwear and Socks for Adults & Kids, Full, Queen and King Sheets Bed Linens and Comforters, Blankets - All Sizes, Hand Towels, Bath Towels, Wash Cloths, Pots, Pans, Plates, Glasses, Cookware, Bakeware, Kitchen Linens, Small Appliances, Diapers all sizes, but especially larger sizes.

Drop-off containers are located in each Sunday School Room, Church Office lobby and in the hallway next to the Fellowship Hall entrance.

151 items were delivered to Sharing God's Love on Aug. 24th.

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Sunday, September 17	
9:30 A.M.	..... Sunday School
10:30 A.M.	..... Morning Worship
11:30 A.M.	..... Homecoming Lunch
4:00 P.M.	..... Nominations Meeting
4:00 P.M.	..... Quest
4:30 P.M.	..... Jr. High Youth Group
5:30 P.M.	..... Kid's Music
Tuesday, September 19	
9:00 A.M.	..... Truth Seekers Bible Study
11:30 A.M.	..... OASIS
7:00 P.M.	..... AA Meeting
Wednesday, September 20	
7:00 A.M.	..... AA Meeting
7:00 P.M.	..... Choir Practice
Thursday, September 21	
6:00 P.M.	..... Multiply Bible Study
6:00 P.M.	..... The Chosen Bible Study
7:00 P.M.	..... AA Meeting
Saturday, September 23	
7:00 P.M.	..... AA Meeting
Sunday, September 24	
9:30 A.M.	..... Sunday School
10:30 A.M.	..... Morning Worship
12:00 P.M.	..... CPR Class
4:00 P.M.	..... Nominations Meeting
4:00 P.M.	..... Quest
4:30 P.M.	..... Jr. High Youth Group
5:30 P.M.	..... Sr. High Youth Group
5:30 P.M.	..... Kid's Music

Sharing God's Love

Fall Yard Sale

Saturday, October 7th.

We will be accepting large item donations at Sharing God's Love until
 Friday, October 6.
 Other donations may be collected at the church.

Sharing God's Love is in need of volunteers to serve one Saturday a month. This would be ideal for small adult bible study groups or families. **The hours are 9:00 am to noon.**

If interested, please contact Shari Selke at (803) 732-3188.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday
8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
1321 Salem Church Road, Irmo, SC 29063
CCLI #1562077



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E-mail: smethodist@aol.com



Phone 803-781-1626

*In case of an emergency,
call 864-985-2456 or 803-422-9400*

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Jeff Childress — Pastor
William Byrd — Pianist
P. J. Garrett — Director of Children’s Ministries
Sarah E. High — Director of Music Ministries
Angie Lain — Director of Accounting
Miriam Y. Lovett — Organist
Jim Magann — Coordinator of Children/Youth
and Missions Ministries
Tina Overton — Director of Creative Ministries
Dustin Tanner — Coordinator of A/V Tech and Communications
Marie Wicker — Administrative Coordinator

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>