



# Salem's Story

September  
2023

## Jeff's Journal

### ***Embracing Change and Building the Future Together***

Greetings Salem family and friends! As we step into the beautiful month of September, I am reminded of the journey we have been on together. Last month, I shared with you the incredible opportunities that lie ahead for all of us to engage deeply in areas of discipleship and ministry in the coming year. Your response so far is heartwarming and encouraging. Your willingness to dedicate your time, talents, and love to the various facets of our church's life is a testament to the strong spirit that defines Salem United Methodist Church.

As we dive into the exciting events lined up for September, I want to remind you of our final celebration event on September 17, commemorating our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a church. This "Homecoming" celebration event will be a day filled with joy, reflection, and a deep sense of gratitude for all the generations that have carried the torch of faith through the years. This event reminds us of the rich history that has shaped us and the legacy we carry forward into the future.

Speaking of the future, that is where our focus lies now. The world around us is evolving at an unprecedented pace, and with each shift, new opportunities and challenges arise. We, as the Body of Christ, have the privilege and responsibility to adapt and respond to these changes. Just as the rotary dial landline phones have given way to sleek mobile devices, our methods of reaching out and ministering must also evolve to remain relevant and effective.

We must acknowledge that just as 8-track music cassettes have become obsolete in a streaming world, an "8-track church" that clings to outdated approaches becomes less effective in reaching a diverse and dynamic community. This realization isn't meant to disregard our traditions but to reinvigorate them with fresh perspectives, strategies, and tools. Our message of the Good News remains timeless, but the mediums through which we communicate it can and should evolve.

As we re-engage after the summer vacation season, our calendar is filling up with a multitude of events and ministry activities that offer opportunities for fellowship, growth, and service. I urge you to stay updated by carefully reading the monthly newsletters and weekly bulletins. Additionally, our website will be regularly updated with the latest information, helping you plan your schedules so you can fully engage with our church community. We are excited to let you know that we are working on a new, fresh, and interactive website that we hope to introduce sometime this month.

Finally, during the month of September, the Lay Leadership Development/Nominations team will gather to discern and identify disciples who they feel are equipped to serve in various administrative and ministry roles. This is in accordance with the guidelines set out in the *Book of Discipline*, ensuring that our church life is well-organized and vibrant. I encourage you to be open to serve if called upon, as your participation will play a crucial role in guiding and nurturing our church community.

As we move forward, let's embrace the changes around us as opportunities for growth. Let's dream together about the exciting path God is calling us to walk as the Body of Christ in our local community. With hearts full of hope and a commitment to serving one another, I am confident that Salem UMC will continue to shine brightly as a beacon of faith, love, and grace.

Blessings for the journey!

Pastor Jeff

## Salem Kid's 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!

**\*\*Ages 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade\*\***



## Children's News

### 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!

**\*\*For Children in Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade. Younger siblings aged 3 or 4 are welcome to attend when accompanied by a parent or grandparent. \*\***



Beginning September 10<sup>th</sup>

(5:30 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.)

### Music and Theater

Come enjoy our new music and theater program led by Sarah. This will be for both Children and Jr. High Youth. Come explore your creativity while getting ready for the Christmas play in December. This will be a program that will continue in the Spring with a performance planned for April!

### Mark Your Calendars

#### for our Upcoming Events:

October 15<sup>th</sup> – Children's Sabbath (Children will lead Worship Service)

October 29<sup>th</sup> – Trunk or Treat (5:00 P.M. – 6:30 P.M.)

December 3<sup>rd</sup> – Children's Christmas Play (4:00 P.M.) in the Sanctuary!



## Youth News

Youth Group is back in full swing each week with new set-ups and additional meetings. Make plans to join us each week for one or more of the following:

**Sunday School - 9:30a.m. Sunday Mornings** in the Youth Room, studying Coach Woodens Pyramid of Success.

**Jr. High Youth Group - 4:30p.m. Sunday Afternoons** in the Youth Room. We are studying the Book of James.

**Sr. High Youth Group - 5:30p.m. Sunday Afternoons** in the Youth Room. We are Studying Messy Spirituality.

**Drama and Music** - This is open to everyone 8<sup>th</sup> grade and below and will meet on **Sunday Afternoons at 5:30p.m.**

**Deep Dive Bible Study - 6:00 - 7:30p.m. Thursday Evenings** in the Youth Big Room. We are studying the book "Multiply" by Francis Chan on making Disciples. This is open to adults as well.

**Sr. High Fall Retreat** - If you have not already, make sure to sign up to join us on our Sr. High Fall Retreat **Sept. 15-17**. We will be going to Myrtle Beach to do all sorts of fun activities that help you reach deep to become more than you thought you could. The cost is \$175 and if you bring a non-church member friend, then you will receive a \$25 discount on your trip. Sign up NOW if you have not already.

**Upcoming Activities** - Oct. 8 service Night with Aldersgate Special Needs.  
Oct. 29 Trunk or Treat  
Dec. 9 Habitat for Humanity Project during Craft Bazaar



# Join us for the



## 150th Celebration of Salem United Methodist Church

17 September 2023 | at 10:30 am

Followed by lunch in the  
Fellowship Hall at 11:30 a.m.

Please RSVP by September 12th  
[smethodist@aol.com](mailto:smethodist@aol.com)

*A luncheon will immediately follow 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!*

***Please RSVP by September 12th either by phone (803-781-1626) or email ([smethodist@aol.com](mailto:smethodist@aol.com)).***

### 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

## OASIS



Oasis will kick off their fall calendar with a "Tailgate Party" on **Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> 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!

### 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.*

And on

Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>,

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.

## 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 Morning Circle*

will meet in the Seekers Classroom on September 6, 2023, at 10:30 A.M.



## FREE Paper Shredding!

Please join us for a "Free Paper Shredding Event" hosted by **Shred 360** to benefit Sharing God's Love on **Friday, Sept. 1**, from 12:00pm-2:00pm at the Salem United Methodist Church parking lot. Nonperishable and monetary donations will be accepted. 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.



## Blood Drive

**Tuesday, September 12**  
**12PM — 4PM**

To make an appointment, scan QR code or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter Sponsor Code: **SALEMUMC**.



## Sharing God's Love

### Fall Yard Sale

**Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>.**

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  
Benefit Golf Tournaments have  
been extremely successful  
Please consider being a Sponsor  
of this year's event:*

- ◆ \$500 Corporate Sponsor, ◆ \$350 Ministry Sponsor,
- ◆ \$200 Hole-in-One Sponsor, ◆ \$150 Hole Sponsor.
- ◆ donate some form of door or goodie bag prizes.

If you have any questions, or would like to give,  
please contact:

Jim Sharp at 803 727-7297  
(skinsfan128@aol.com)

OR

Ron Feaster at 803 741-4846  
(rdfeaster@gmail.com)

**CLASSIC CAR - CLASSIC TRUCK - MODERN CAR - MODERN TRUCK -**  
**NEED 4 SPEED**  
**CRUISER- SPORTS BIKE- PEOPLE'S CHOICE - BEST IN SHOW**  
**CARS, TRUCKS & BIKE SHOW**  
**September 16, 2023**

**Spectators Free!!    \$20 Registration Fee    Vendors Space \$25**

**CASH PRIZES!**    **50/50 Raffle**  
**Hippie Chicks Food Truck**  
**Vendors**

**Registration 9am-11am    Judging starts 11am**  
**Event Time 11am-2pm    Awards 1:30**

**Salem United Methodist 1321 Salem Church Road, Irmo**  
**Need4Speed.Irmo.SC@gmail.com**

Benefits 2 Local Charities Kind Hearts Inc and Special Olympics (via Dreamride.org)

## Epworth Work Day Offering

**Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>** is the annual Work Day offering for Epworth Children's Home. It is important that we come together to provide spiritual, educational, emotional, and physical support for the children at Epworth. As you consider what God is calling you to give to support our church's ministry to children, remember Christ's command to let the little children come to him. He embraces them, welcomes them, loves them, and teaches them. Epworth is answering this call to let the little children come. Your generous contribution to our church's ministry enables transformation to happen for the children who are served by Epworth. Epworth does not receive apportionment dollars from the United Methodist Conference. This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry. For more information about Epworth Children's Home, please visit [www.epworthchildrenshome.org](http://www.epworthchildrenshome.org).



### Fourteenth Annual

## Sharing God's Love Benefit Golf Tournament

**SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

Monday, September 11, 2023 at The Spur at Northwoods  
Captain's Choice - Shotgun Start at 9:00 a.m.

**The registration form is  
available at  
[www.sharinggodsllove.net](http://www.sharinggodsllove.net)**

# Thank You Notes



## Church on the Lake

Thank you to all the volunteers for Church On The Lake this summer. We have a great group that goes above and beyond and we appreciate each one of you.

We saw some new faces this summer and hope they will join us at Salem.

We look forward to next summer!  
Thanks again, Phillip & Millie

Dear members of Faith Circle,

"Thank you all" so very much for fixing the flowers from Church in a vase and sending to me. I sure do appreciate them. The ones I have now are just beautiful.

God Bless and keep all of you safe.

Love,

Inez

I wish to thank the Salem staff and congregation for their prayers, cards, emails, calls, and other expressions of support during my recent surgery and recovery. Such support is indicative of Salem's compassion and care for one another, and I am honored to be a recipient of that care.



Ken Carder

To Faith Circle and members of Salem Church,

We want to say thank you for the flowers, cards, phone calls and prayers we received during the loss of our Grandson. It's been a very heartbreaking time and we appreciate just knowing others have us in their thoughts. Thank you so much.

Love, Peggy & Jim Lewis

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



## Acolyte Training

On **September 10<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.



Salem will host a CPR certification class on **Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Michelle.Page@prismahealth.org)  
in order to reserve your space.



## Memorials & Honorarium

### Building Fund

In Loving Memory of Joyce Farmer by

Julian Barton & Kay Davis

Phillip & Millie Fore

Priscilla McCullough

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Powers

In Loving Memory of Barbara Thomas by

Phillip & Millie Fore

Paul & Cheryl (Weed) Lundy

### Cemetery Fund

In Loving Memory of Carol Outlaw by

Dan & Carla Jennings

### Epworth Fund

In Loving Memory of Barbara Thomas by

Barbara Pereira

### Epworth Back to School Fund

In Honor of Ron Joye by

Dan & Carla Jennings



## **David Jeremiah Study**

The Tuesday morning Truthseekers Fall Bible Study will begin on **Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**. We are going to view Dr Jeremiah's DVDs entitled "***Where do We Go From Here? How tomorrow's prophecies foreshadow today's problems***". This is a 10-part study covering today's conditions and situations as they relate to the events to come. We will explore how we as Christians should be reacting now in light of this knowledge.

There is no workbook and No HOMEWORK. We will begin at 9:00 a.m. on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is welcome! For more information, call or text Dolly Kent at 803-240-2831.

## **Multiply**

This Bible study is open to all Youth and adults. It will be held every **Thursday starting September 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 - 7:30p.m.** in the downstairs area in the large Youth Meeting room. Multiply is a study based on the Francis Chan book of the same name. This study will lead us into following the command of Christ when he said for us to go and make disciples. We will learn what it means to be a disciple and then how to make other disciples. There will be a book to go along with this study so sign ups are needed in order to get enough books for everyone. Contact Jim Magann at [jimmagann@gmail.com](mailto:jimmagann@gmail.com) to sign up. This is a Long Term study and will last approximately 24 weeks.

## **The Chosen, Season 3**

Join us as we view the third season of The Chosen and discuss the lessons from this show. This study is open to everyone and will be held in the Fellowship Classroom every **Thursday at 6:00 - 7:30p.m.** starting on **September 7<sup>th</sup>**. Please contact Heather Magann at [hmagann@gmail.com](mailto:hmagann@gmail.com) to sign up. This study is approximately 8 weeks.





# SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Shred 360 12-2	2
3  Last Church on the Lake Service	4  Labor Day Office Closed	5	6  Salem Morning Circle 10:30	7  LMA 6:30  Bible Studies @ 6:00	8	9
10 Acolyte Training 3:00 Nominations Mtg 4:00 Confirmation 5:30 Kid's Music 5:30	11 Community Outreach Zoom Mtg 6  Faith Circle 6 Girl Scouts 6	12  Bible Study 9:00  Blood Drive 12-4	13  SPRC 6:00	14  Bible Studies @ 6:00	15	16  Nurses Honor Guard 10:00  Vintage Car Show 11-2
17 Home coming 150 <sup>th</sup> Celebration Kid's Music 5:30 Nominations Mtg 4:00	18  Newsletter Deadline	19  OASIS 11:30  Bible Study 9:00	20	21  Bible Studies @ 6:00	22	23
24 CPR Class 12-4 Kid's Music 5:30 Nominations Mtg 4:00	25 Ladies' Lunch Bunch 12:00 @ Zorba's St. Andrews Rd	26  Bible Study 9:00  Finance Meeting 7:00	27	28  Bible Studies @ 6:00	29	30

*Sundays*

*Weekdays*

*Notes:*

9:30 Sunday School  
 10:30 Worship Service  
 4:00 Quest  
 4:30 Jr. High Group  
 5:30 Sr. High Group  
 5:30 Kid's Music

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

Bible Study  
 Choir  
 AA  
 AA  
 Bible Studies



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United Methodist Church

1321 Salem Church Road  
Irmo, SC 29063

### Worship Hours

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

E-mail: smethodist@aol.com  
website: salemumcsc.com  
CCLI #1562077



### 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

## **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.

## **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>

## **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 **October** newsletter should do so by **September 18<sup>th</sup>**.