

# Salem United Methodist Church

1321 Salem Church Road  
Irmo, South Carolina 29063  
Established 1873



November 19, 2023  
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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

Good morning beloved community of faith! Today, let us gather with joy in our hearts, united in the spirit of worship.

**We gather to continue to work out our salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in us to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.**

In the presence of our gracious God, let us commit ourselves to the journey of faith, with reverence and awe.

**We gather acknowledging that it is God who empowers and guides us in fulfilling His divine purpose.**

Let us pray:

**Most gracious God, ignite within us a passion for obedience, a hunger for righteousness, and a commitment to fulfill the good purposes you have set before us. As we gather in worship, may our lives be living testimonies of your redeeming love and the power of your Spirit at work within us. Amen.**

\*HYMN 593 *Here I Am, Lord*

### THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*Children ages 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> 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 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

### PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

INTRODUCTION TO THE LESSON

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Philippians 2:12-13*

\*HYMN 92 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

PROCLAMATION: *Proceed with Passion!* Rev. Faye Stephens

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *An Affirmation of Thanksgiving*  
**In gratitude and faith, we gather today to acknowledge the blessings that surround us. With hearts full of thanksgiving, we affirm our belief in the power of gratitude and the goodness of our Creator. We acknowledge the countless gifts that have been bestowed upon us and the love that sustains us. May our faith in thanksgiving be a guiding light, leading us to share our abundance with others and to embrace each day with a spirit of joy and appreciation. Amen.**

### SENDING FORTH

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE 2172 *We Are Called*

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE 102 *Now Thank We All Our God* (verse 2)  
*O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us; and keep us still in grace, and guide us when perplexed; and free us from all ills, in this world and the next.*

\*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.*

### *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!*

## STEWARDSHIP AND ATTENDANCE

### Week of November 12, 2023

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

Unified budget received \$14,595.00

Needed to meet budget year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund) \$650,337.42

Unified budget received year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund) \$571,848.47

### Attendance

Worship 147 Sunday School 72

### On Line Viewing

## PLEASE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER:

**Brookdale** — Mary Skenes

**Carroll Campbell Place** — Barbara Rolin

**Generations of Irmo** — Carolyn Brower,

Joyce Cook, Dot Corley

**Lowman Home** — Gwen Parnell, Anita Weed

**Tyborne UCP** — Jessica Gore

**Special Prayers** — Peyton Baker, Freddie Butler,

Bob Davis, Inez Hyatt,

Bob & Mindy Kuenzli, Lee McMillan,

Barbara Pereira, Shannon Robertson,

Bill Rolin, Claudia Smith, Terry Waites

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

### Ushers:

Lead – Keith Corley

Jim Lewis

Heather Magann

David Schmidt

### Trustee:

Randy Hilliard

### Sound Booth:

Dustin Tanner

### Acolyte:

Faith Magann

### Nursery:

Claressa Poppell

PJ Garrett

## Flower Ministry

The flowers which grace the Holy Altar today are given to the Glory of God by Don and Miriam Lovett, who are celebrating their 51<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary.

## Our Christian Sympathy

We would like to express our heartfelt sympathy to Inez Hyatt and family on the death of her sister, Barbara Martindale.

## Welcome Rev. Faye Stephens!

We are pleased to welcome the Rev. Faye Stephens to the pulpit this morning for Stewardship Sunday. Rev. Stephens is a retired United Methodist Pastor in the South Carolina Conference. She graduated from Columbia College and Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, and has served three churches in the Anderson District. She has been at Mt. Horeb Church for 14 years, serving as the Congregational Care Pastor (now as part time) and part of the Preaching Team.

Rev. Stephens was the wife of Mike Stephens for 52 ½ years before his death in November 2021. She has two children (Angie and Tyler); son in law Steven Seshun, and daughter - in - law Jennifer Stephens, and three granddaughters, Annika, Harper, and Finley.

In her free time, she loves to watch the Lady Gamecocks play great basketball! Welcome Rev. Stephens!

## Ladies Lunch Bunch

Ladies' if you'd like to get together for fellowship time over lunch, meet us on **Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, at 12:00** at El Poblano Mexican Restaurant, 2371 Dutch Fork Rd., Chapin.

## Salem Missions Team Christmas Project

This year the Salem UMC Missions Team has chosen to support the Midlands Orphan Relief Organization for Christmas. This Organization provides support services and aid to meet the needs of children identified as at-risk or suffering from abandonment, abuse and/or neglect. Their Christmas Project is called "Midlands Orphan Relief Stocking Drive". How this will work is you will select a stocking from the tree, or basket, in the Welcome Center and Narthex. In that stocking is a tag with a gender, age and item list to purchase. You will purchase what is on that list and return it to the church in the same area that you got the stocking by no later than **Sunday, December 10**. Please do not wrap the presents and also do not stress about sizes as the items will be given to the right children. Please do not purchase toys or games, etc. The Missions Committee thanks everyone for joining in this project for this year.

Follow us on Instagram and Facebook (salemumcofirmo) weekly for Pastor Jeff's *Wednesday in the Word*. It's a great midweek encouragement to get you through the rest of your week until we meet again on Sunday.

## OASIS

Join us for our Tacky Christmas party on Tuesday, December 12 at 11:30! Come dressed in your tacky attire and enjoy a catered meal from Tim Scott's catering consisting of Tuscan chicken, bowtie pasta, salad and a dessert! The cost of the meal will be \$10 and it's important to RSVP by Thursday, December 7th. You can RSVP by calling the church office or by contacting Tina Overton. Come join us for the festive event and bring a friend!

*Thank you, OASIS, for your generous giving of \$486 collected at our Thanksgiving luncheon for the benefit of Sharing God's Love Food Bank! Your contributions will go a long way in providing meals to those in need during this Holiday season.*

## HOLIDAY MEAL DONATIONS NEEDED

\$10 - \$25 Grocery Gift Cards  
(for Turkeys & Pies)  
Instant Mashed Potatoes  
Boxed or Packaged Stuffing  
Gravy - Bottled or Mix  
Macaroni & Cheese  
Rice or Rice Mix  
Canned Cranberry Sauce  
Canned Yams or Sweet Potatoes  
Canned Green Beans  
Canned Corn  
Canned Mixed Vegetables  
Canned Collard Greens  
Canned Cream of Mushroom Soup  
Canned or Bag Fried Onions  
Cornbread Mix  
Bisquick Mix  
Flour  
Pickles  
Olives  
Coffee & Creamer  
Tea & Sugar  
Paper Products  
Paper Towels or Napkins  
Storage Bags  
Trash Bags all Sizes

## SHARING GOD'S LOVE

147 FRIARSGATE BLVD, IRMO

## 2024 Flower Calendar

The 2024 Flower Calendar has been placed in the Welcome Center. Cost is **\$96 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.*



## Christmas Poinsettias

If you would like to place a poinsettia in the Church for Christmas, or make a donation to our Building Fund in honor of or in memory of a loved one, please complete the form below. Poinsettias will be \$13.50 each. A listing of all poinsettias and donations will be available on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>. **Poinsettias may be picked up after the Christmas Eve service on December 24<sup>th</sup>.** Please place the completed form along with payment marked "poinsettia" in the offering plate, or drop it by the Church Office. **The deadline for receiving forms and payment is Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>.** Names only please, no special messages will be added. **Please print clearly.**

### Poinsettias

In Loving Memory of:

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In Honor of:

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### In Lieu Of Poinsettias, Donation to the Building Fund

In Loving Memory of:

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Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

Total # of Poinsettias @ \$13.50 each \_\_\_\_\_.

Total amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

## THIS WEEK AT SALEM

### Sunday, November 19

9:30 A.M. .... Sunday School  
10:30 A.M. .... Morning Worship  
4:00 P.M. .... Quest  
5:00 P.M. .... Youth

### Tuesday, November 21

9:30 A.M. .... Truth Seekers Bible Study  
7:00 P.M. .... AA Meeting

### Wednesday, November 22

7:00 A.M. .... AA Meeting  
7:00 P.M. .... Choir Practice

### Thursday, November 23

7:00 P.M. .... AA Meeting

### Saturday, November 25

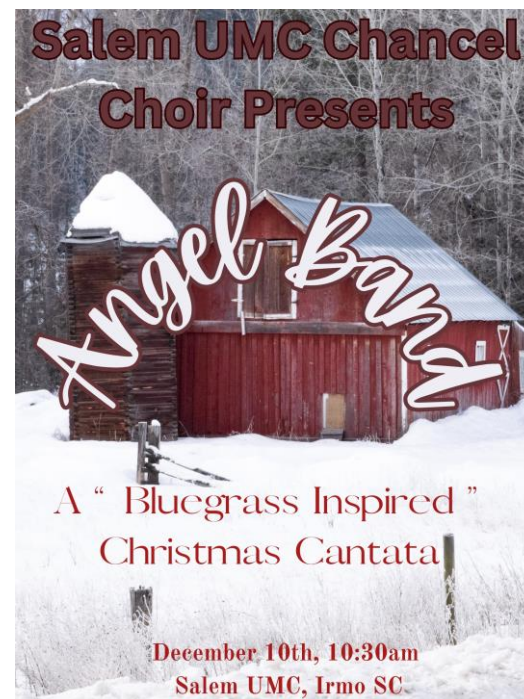
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### Sunday, November 26

9:30 A.M. .... Sunday School  
10:30 A.M. .... Morning Worship  
4:00 P.M. .... Quest  
5:00 P.M. .... Youth

## Craft Bazaar

We are planning to have the Bazaar this year on **December 9<sup>th</sup> from 9 - 2**. If you or someone you know is interested in being a vendor let Millie Fore (803-920-5261) or Sandra Durst (803-600-6206) know and they will send you the registration and information. We are excited to be able to do this indoors this time.



The church office will be closed the week of Thanksgiving.

### 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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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>