

Salem United Methodist Church

1321 Salem Church Road
Irmo, South Carolina 29063
Established 1873



February 11, 2024

Youth Sunday and Souper Bowl Sunday

The color green is used today in this Ordinary Season after the Epiphany representing a time of spiritual growth as we move toward Lent.

THE GATHERING AND WITNESS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

PRELUDE

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS EV Horton

Rise Against Hunger moment Mason Vyskocil

*CHIMING OF THE HOUR and WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP Faith Magann

We worship the God who inhabits our world and indwells our lives.

We need not look up to find God, we need only to look around: within ourselves, beyond ourselves, into the eyes of another.

We need not listen for a distant thunder to find God.

We need only listen to the music of life, the words of children, the questions of the curious, the rhythm of a heartbeat.

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And who indwells our lives.

* SONG *10,000 Reasons* (by Matt Redman)

THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT Lily Cole and Madison Strait

A TIME OF PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER Charles Cole

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY 95

ANTHEM *Shines the Light*

TESTIMONY Kenzie Griner

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Jeremiah 29:12-13 Claire Tanner

*SONG *Canticle of the Turning* (Trad. Irish)

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 17:27 Molly Vyskocil

PROCLAMATION: *Finding God is Not Hard*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881 *Apostles' Creed* Michael Smith
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

*SONG *All My Days* (by Mark Miller)

*BENEDICTION Peyton Baker

*CHORAL RESPONSE 2164 *Sanctuary*
Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true. With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

*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!

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STEWARDSHIP AND ATTENDANCE

Week of February 4, 2024

Needed each week to fund unified budget \$14,724.81

Unified budget received \$17,468.01

Needed to meet budget year to date (Inclg. bldg. fund) \$73,624.05

Unified budget received year to date (Inclg. bldg. fund) \$85,791.01

Attendance

Worship 155 Sunday School 66

On Line Viewing

190

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 — 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 – Ryan Cole

John Hood

Jim Lewis

Brandon Stutts

Trustee:

Steven Smith

Sound Booth:

Dustin Tanner

Acolyte:

Sherri Puette

Nursery:

Millie Fore, Robin Jones

Flower Ministry

The flowers which grace the Holy Altar today are given to the Glory of God by David and Nancy Schmidt in memory of their nephew, Keith Maciejewski.

Our Christian Sympathy

We would like to express our heartfelt sympathy to the family of David Siddons upon his passing.

Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, February 14, at 6:30 we will gather for an Ash Wednesday Service including the imposition of Ashes. This service is our traditional beginning of the Lenten Season of repentance.

Ladies Lunch Bunch

Ladies Lunch Bunch will meet **Monday, February 26, at 12 at Zorbas on St. Andrews Road.**

Youth/Mission

The Youth Ministry and Missions Team will be bringing a church-wide mission project to Salem UMC. We will bring "**Rise Against Hunger**" to the church on **Sunday, March 3**. On this day we hope to have many church members of all ages from 4-99 helping pack meals for those in need in Africa. There will be three packing shifts and all participating will have a blast taking part in this. The youth took part in the project when they were in Florida this past summer. However, before this date comes, we will be collecting money that will determine how many meals Salem UMC will provide. For example, \$4000 will provide 10,000 meals. **Today is the last day for donations and sign ups.** Please join us at the Rise Against Hunger table in the Welcome Center after the morning worship services to take part or ask questions. www.riseagainsthunger.org

*As we continue to acquire sign-ups and collect donations for the Rise Against Hunger Project, we also will be taking all donations made on "Souper Bowl" Sunday and giving them to this project to end Hunger in places beyond our backyard. **As of Sunday, Feb. 4, we have collected \$3120 of the minimum goal of \$4000.***

Pancake Supper

The Youth and Missions Team of Salem UMC will be having their annual **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**. This meal will be on **Tuesday, Feb. 13th from 4:30p.m - 6:30p.m**. The meal will be a Valentine's theme and we will serve pancakes, bacon, sausage, grits and TONS of pancake toppings. The meal is donation only and all funds will go towards Rise Against Hunger and other Youth Missions. We hope everyone will come out and enjoy a great meal for a great purpose.

OASIS

Let's play Bingo! What better way to celebrate President's Day and the red, white and blue than by playing a good old-fashioned game of Bingo and a pot luck meal? Join us on **Tuesday, February 20th at 11:30** for this event. We'll have lots of fun prizes to choose from and even better food prepared by attendees. Please call the church office to **RSVP by February 15th** and let us know what meat, vegetable, side dish or dessert you are willing to bring to complete our menu! We hope to hear from you soon!

Sharing God's Love

Current Pantry Needs: Cereal, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Coffee, Spaghetti Noodles, Elbow Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Mac & Cheese, Pasta Dinners, Rice Dinners, SpaghettiOs, Ravioli, Canned Meats, Chili, Corn, Diced Tomatoes, Crackers (Ritz or Saltines), Snacks, Juice, Canned or Powdered Milk.

Household Items: New Underwear and Socks for Adults & Kids, 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.

We are collecting Easter Baskets and Fillers now thru March. Bibles and Children's Books would be especially appreciated!

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

208 items were delivered to Sharing God's Love on Feb. 8th.



- Life Line Screening is coming to **Salem UMC** for a one-day Preventive Healthcare Screening.
- Life Line Screening goes beyond regular checkups to look inside your arteries for signs of plaque build-up.
- On **Tuesday, March 5th, 2024**
- Pre-registration is required. There are three different ways to sign-up:
 - Call toll free: **1-844-591-7098**
 - Online: **LLSA.SOCIAL/HC**
 - Text: the word "**circle**" to **216-279-1607**

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.**



Epworth Foster Care Program



Foster Care First Night Bags

Help support foster families by putting together bags for the first night of a new placement.

Items to include:

- Duffle bag
- Underwear or diapers
- Baby Wipes
- Socks
- T-shirt
- pajama set
- blanket
- towel and washcloth set
- Lovie or stuffed animal
- Book
- Toothbrush/toothpaste
- Hair Brush
- Coloring Book and crayons

Sizes Needed:

- Newborn
- 0-3 Months
- 3-6 Months
- 6-9 Months
- 9-12 Months
- 18 Months
- 24 Months
- 2T
- 3T
- 4T
- 5T
- XS (4-5)
- Small (6)
- Medium (7-8)
- Large (10-12)
- XLarge (14-16)
- Adult Small

First Night Bags

Epworth has a Foster Care Program in which they need supplies for a program called “First Night Bags”. When a child goes to a Foster Home, Epworth likes to send a bag with that child - some personal items that will help the child and foster home with some essentials for that first night. If you would like to help with this project you can purchase any of the items. You can purchase one item or several. Leave them marked accordingly in the church office during the month of February through **March 10th**. **Faith Circle**, along with anyone that would like to help, will put these bags together at a date to be announced, probably in mid-March. Thank you in advance for helping with this project.

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Sunday, February 11
 9:30 A.M. Sunday School
 10:30 A.M. Morning Worship

Monday, February 12
 6:00 P.M. Girl Scouts
 6:00 P.M. Trustee Meeting

Tuesday, February 13
 9:30 A.M. Precept Bible Study
 4:30 P.M. Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
 7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Wednesday, February 14
 7:00 A.M. AA Meeting
 6:30 P.M. Ash Wednesday Service
 7:00 P.M. Choir Practice

Thursday, February 15
 7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Saturday, February 17
 10:00 A.M. Nurses Honor Guard
 7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Sunday, February 18
 9:30 A.M. Sunday School
 10:30 A.M. Morning Worship
 4:00 P.M. Kid's Quest
 5:30 P.M. Youth Group

Follow us on Instagram ([saleumcofirmo](https://www.instagram.com/saleumcofirmo)) 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.

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>

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday
 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
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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 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