

# Salem United Methodist Church

1321 Salem Church Road  
Irmo, South Carolina 29063  
Established 1873



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*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

\*CHIMING OF THE HOUR and WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

**\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER**

People of God, welcome! Surely God is in this place!

**We come to worship and to rest in God's presence.**

Breathe deep, for the goodness of God surrounds us.

**The Holy One who sustains the universe is near.**

When we are tired, worn down, and carrying heavy burdens,  
God is with us.

**God strengthens us that we might help carry one another's burdens.**

So, let us join together in wonder and thanksgiving for God's  
love that lifts us up on wings like eagles.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Let us pray:

**O God, we are gathered here under the shelter of your wings,  
nurtured by your love, and encouraged, then, to fly by faith on  
the wind of your spirit. You have spoken to us, saying "They that  
wait upon the Lord, shall renew their strength, they shall mount  
up with wings as eagles." Teach us how to wait, then, that we  
may learn how to fly. Amen.**

**\*HYMN 2272**

*Holy Ground*

## 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

OFFERTORY

**\*DOXOLOGY 95**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 40:21-31

ANTHEM

*On Eagle's Wings*

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

INTRODUCTION TO THE LESSON

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1:29-39

**\*HYMN 2151**

*I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me*

PROCLAMATION:

*With Wings Like Eagles*

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

**A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE II**

**HYMNAL PAGE 12**

INVITATION

CONFESSION AND PARDON

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE SERVICE OF THE LAVABO

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Let us pray:

**Holy God, we give thanks for this holy mystery in which you  
have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world  
in the strength of your spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the  
name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## SENDING FORTH

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE 569** *We've a Story to Tell to the Nations*

\*BENEDICTION

**\*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!*

## STEWARDSHIP AND ATTENDANCE

Week of January 28, 2024

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

Unified budget received \$37,438.00

Needed to meet budget year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund) \$58,899.24

Unified budget received year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund) \$68,323.00

### Attendance

Worship 182    Sunday School 80

### On Line Viewing

194

## 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

Jim Lewis

Bill Sills

Brandon Stutts

### Trustee:

Steven Smith

### Sound Booth:

Dustin Tanner

### Acolyte:

Sandra Sills

### Nursery:

Martina Thomas, Susan Price

## Flower Ministry

The flowers which grace the Holy Altar today are given to the Glory of God by Joyce, Jim & Marie and David & June Lewis in memory of Jim Lewis, Sr.

## Our Christian Sympathy

We would like to express our heartfelt sympathy to Barbara Pereira and family on the death of her daughter, Sandra Durst.

We would like to express our heartfelt sympathy to Heather Magann and family on the death of her father, James Whitlow.

## 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. **We will promote and take donations and sign-ups each week through Feb. 11.** 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](http://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, Jan. 28, we have collected \$2119 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. 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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.

**Salem Morning Circle will meet in the Seekers Classroom on February 7, 2024, at 10:30 AM.**

## 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup>** 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!

## Ladies Lunch Bunch

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

## 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.*

**212 items were delivered to Sharing God's Love on Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>.**

## 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:	Sizes Needed:
Duffel bag	Newborn
Underwear or diapers	0-3 Months
Baby Wipes	3-6 Months
Socks	6-9 Months
T-shirt	9-12 Months
pajama set	18 Months
blanket	24 Months
towel and washcloth set	2T
Lovie or stuffed animal	3T
Book	4T
Toothbrush/toothpaste	5T
Hair Brush	XS (4-5)
Coloring Book and crayons	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 10<sup>th</sup>**. **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 4**  
 9:30 A.M. . . . . Sunday School  
 10:30 A.M. . . . . Morning Worship

**Monday, February 5**  
 6:00 P.M. . . . . Faith Circle

**Tuesday, February 6**  
 7:00 P.M. . . . . AA Meeting


**Wednesday, February 7**  
 7:00 A.M. . . . . AA Meeting  
 10:30 A.M. . . . . Salem Morning Circle  
 7:00 P.M. . . . . Choir Practice

**Thursday, February 8**  
 7:00 P.M. . . . . AA Meeting

**Saturday, February 10**  
 7:00 P.M. . . . . AA Meeting

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

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.



- 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 5<sup>th</sup>, 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**

### 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  
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*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>