

The Salem Visionary

But be Doers of the Word, and not Hearers only. James 1:22

"Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions." **Joel 2:28**

December 1, 2018

God's Time

Early in the Methodist movement, John Wesley gathered with folks in their homes. His agenda was intentional. His practices included worship, fellowship and prayer. Wesley's end result was to make disciples for Jesus.

Beginning in January, Salem will schedule some home meetings. We'll gather together and share our dreams for the church. We'll fellowship, we'll worship and we'll pray.

Our most important agenda item will include a discussion concerning discipleship. Our priority: How can we work together in helping to make disciples for Jesus?

A few months ago I preached a message concerning these upcoming gatherings. I have prayed much about this opportunity. If you contacted me then about your interest I will be in touch with dates and times. If you were not led at that time to participate, but would now consider participation, you can still contact me. These gatherings will be God time—Kairos gatherings. We will have God discussions. We will pray much and stay focused on the mission of the church to make disciples.

Please consider this opportunity for evangelism! Want to know more? Just ask!

Grace and Peace,

David

Carry the cross  **and follow me.**
Luke 14:27, NRSV

Merry Christmas from Salem UMC!!



Christmas... what a special time of year! With the help of numerous adults, youth, and children, Salem has been transformed into a beautiful representation of the true meaning of Christmas, the celebration of the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. We invite each of you to join us for all our Christmas Worship Opportunities.

Maranatha ServiceDecember 2nd 6pm
Salem Fine Arts Academy RecitalDecember 9th 4pm
Christmas CantataDecember 23rd 11am
Christmas Eve service.....December 24th 6pm



Please take time to walk through the Church and see all the beautiful decorations and amazing Nativity Scenes. The preparation of our church in celebration of the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is truly breath taking. We encourage you to spend some time in remembering what Christmas is all about, the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true and absolute meaning of Christmas!

Mission & Outreach

Family Promise



Ten 4' table top Christmas trees, a large selection of ornaments, tree toppers, hooks, with HOPE & LOVE arrived Wed, Nov. 14 at the Family Promise facility on Bragg Blvd. The staff was so happy to receive the items which will be distributed to the families living in the transitional housing on the campus of Family Promise. If you are interested in joining TEAM BARGAIN HUNTERS-after Christmas shoppers -please contact Debbie Moody who stores the items for ten months.

GENTLY used dishes, glasses, cookware, towels, sheets & comforters are always needed for families. Generally any household items are needed. Our team enjoys providing new items as well: mops,

brooms, & cleaning supplies. Most often families are setting up housekeeping for the FIRST TIME & quite often "have nothing".

Salem's WEEK OF FOOD PROVISIONS is late Jan.; details will be in Salem's January newsletter. Please continue to pray for the success of the families in Family Promise.

We are co-workers in God's service; You are God's field, God's Building.
1 Corinthians 3:9 (NIV)



Food Pantry



Thanks to the generous support to Salem's Food Pantry and the Circle of Faith Sunday School class we were able to provide a Thanksgiving meal to approximately 18 families this year. What a wonderful outreach to our community.



The Juanita Warren Circle will be having their Christmas Dinner Party on Tuesday, December 11th at 6:00 pm at Heath's in Dunn. Please let Betty Smith (308-6467) know if you plan to attend or not. We will be able to order from the menu. It is always a great time of fellowship when we get together. Please respond by December 3rd so we can finalize the number with Heath's.

Angel Tree



The annual **Angel Tree** will be ready for individuals to adopt an angel and provide a gift for the individual. Salem has adopted one family with five children from our partner in education, Armstrong Elementary School. The children have requested clothing items and toys. The family has also requested household items including cleaning supplies, small appliances, and hygiene items. We will also provide food gift certificates to our family.

All families of the church are challenged to become involved in this outreach ministry. The angel tree will be on display Sunday, December 2 in the Upper Fellowship Hall prior to Sunday School, in the Narthex before and after Worship Service, and in the lobby prior to and after the evening Maranatha Meal and Service. If all angels are not taken, the tree will be on display Sunday, December 9th as well.

If you would like to participate in this ministry but are unable to shop, you may make a monetary donation (designate angel tree), and a member of the committee will shop for the angel gift. If there are any extra funds, additional food certificates and/or other expressed needs will be provided.

The angel must be attached to your wrapped gift or gift bag when delivered to the church office. **All gifts must be delivered to the church office by 5pm on December 14th.** If there are any questions, please feel free to call Heather Kurtz at 818-2299. Thank you for your support of our annual **Angel Tree**.

In Memory Of...

Glen Bullard

Sandy McDaniel Elizabeth Moore

Margaret McLaurin

Judith Burge Helen Smith
Kenneth & Denise Sykes Della Patterson
Mary Barbara & Dan Raynor Edna & Darvin Edwards
Dr. Henry & Joyce Wright

Wayne Smith

Judith Burge

Helen Vick

Sandy McDaniel

Earline Buck

Sandy McDaniel

Methodist University Hall of Fame



Methodist University held its 2018 Hall of Fame inductions recently. The 1986 baseball team was inducted becoming the second baseball team to earn the honor. Salem's own Henry Bowden was a member of this team and was part of the induction ceremony. What a great accomplishment!

Congratulations Henry and the 1986 Methodist University Baseball Team.

What's Going On At Salem?

Please note the insert in this month's newsletter for a calendar of events. On the last Sunday of each month, a calendar will be placed in the Narthex for anyone that would like to pick one up. A copy will also be attached to the emailed newsletters and inserted in the mailed ones. You can remove it and place it on your refrigerator, etc. to have easy access to all the amazing things that go on at Salem. Please remember these will go out the last Sunday of the month so if your group has anything that needs to be included, it needs to be into the office by the 22nd of each month.



Prayer Needs

Members

Rachel Dawson	Shirley McLaurin	Darvin Edwards
Margie Odom	Lorraine Kirkwood	Lisa Motes-Johnson
Ruth Cain	Debbie Cain	Shelia Cain
Norma Carver	Sam Cain	Pat Baker
Hilda McGill	Bruce Sykes	
Vance & Dorothy Melvin		
Sallie Darden-Heritage Place	Jerry McLaurin-Highland House	
Joan Cheshire-The Crossing at Wayside		
Paula Johnson-Haymount Rehab		
Joan Lovick—Haymount Rehab		

Family & Friends

Evelyn Moore	Triston Russ
Brenda Richardson	William Sledge, Sr.
Aaron Hojnicky	John Edwards
Jennifer Billings	Janice Belden
Victor Hottel	Leon Horne
Bobby House	Eli Gilder
Barry Lane	Patsy Jackson
James Chambers	Shelia Cain
Alissa Faris	Raul Santiago
Nevis Ruffin	Mary Stevens
Lucy Smith	Diane Fuller
Linda Carter	Josh Powell
Stacey Faircloth	Jim Blanton
Kenneth Adams	Ann Savage
Brandon Westbrook	Laura Leach
Martha Enzor	Vernata Cherry-Britt
Nicole McGuinness	Kay Edwards
Bob Jones	Marilyn House Parkins
Patsy Butler	J.M. Butler, Jr.
Erica Sutton	Eddy Clark
Brian Ramage	Fratricelli Santiago
Ada Milagroski	Keith McClung
Jeffrey Phillips	Dan McDaniel
Jimmy McDaniel	Denise Rhodes
Mark Kelly	Brian Wallum
Barbara Williams	Janet Olivier
Brad Roberts	Betty Parks
Betty Thompson	Lee Spruill
Camrin Hales	Floyd Collins
Core & Sam Presley	Angie Baker
Betty Draughon	Hunter Hedgecoe
Kaitlyn Caulder	Alice Townsend
Floyd Collins	Connie Walker
J'mair Bronson	David McLemore
Bruce Boughman	Cici Shaw
Dina Gibson	Sammy Williams
Darla Clark	Kenneth Fulcher, Jr.
Marshall Spain	Mika Martin

*We always thank
God for all of you
and continually
mention you in
our prayers.*



2018 Staff Christmas Love Offering

Each year Salem UMC has the opportunity to take up a love offering. The staff works hard all year to provide the congregation, friends, and community with all that is needed to enable ministry to happen. The love offering is divided among the Pastor, office and program ministry staff. The love offering will be taken up thru December 9th. You may place your contribution in the offering plate on Sunday morning (designated as love offering), mail it in, or drop it by the Church Office. Thank you for caring and providing a means to show your appreciation for all that they do.

—*Staff Parish Relations Committee*

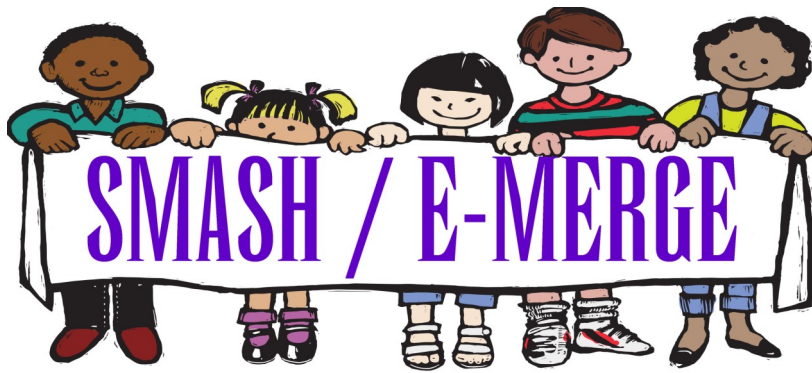


It's Poinsettia Time! We have placed the poinsettias around the Sanctuary for beautiful decorations. The cost per poinsettia is \$20. If you would like to place one in honor or in memory of someone please complete the information below. Please note you can put multiple honors and memorials for one plant.

Celebrating Thanksgiving with Salem Preschool

Salem Preschool celebrated Thanksgiving with all their children on Friday, November 16th. All parents and grandparents were invited to join in the wonderful celebration complete with a home cooked traditional Thanksgiving meal. The different classrooms had prepared special items with their classes to show off the many things they had learned. It was a wonderful day!






On November 2nd the SMASH staff had a team building night beginning with a pot luck meal and carpooling to the Escape Factor downtown. We were separated into two different rooms to begin the battle of the young verses the old. I am proud to say the "Old" prevailed.

On Friday December 7th we will have a Christmas "Pancakes & Pajamas" extended hours. Cost is \$25.00 per child. We will be open from 6:00-11:00 pm. We will be having a pancake buffet, crafts, cookies, dancing, and a special visitor from "Santa"; the "Grinch" will appear at the dance. We will end with a Christmas movie. You do not have to be a registered SMASH/e-Merge student to attend. Registration forms are available in the SMASH office or at the sign-in/sign-out table.

SMASH/e-Merge provides an amazing ministry to the children of our community. We strive to provide a loving, Christian, educational, fun, and safe environment for the children to thrive. With that being said, we are in need of some major repairs and upgrades to our existing playground. SMASH/e-Merge is currently researching ideas to raise funds and/or donations to accomplish this goal. If you would like to donate to our playground fund or have fundraising ideas that would help us upgrade our playground, please contact Denise at the Church Office. We greatly appreciate all your support!

<u>Prayer Room</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
Dec. 2nd Pam Wooten	Dec. 2nd Owen Diggers	Dec. 2nd Lisa Sessoms
Dec. 9th Betty Ann Crawford	Dec. 9th Tessa Lewinski	Dec. 9th David & Donna Drake
Dec. 16th Jean Outlaw	Dec. 16th Berkeley Swicegood	Dec. 16th Keith & Betty Mengle
Dec. 23rd Angie Britt	Dec. 23rd Grayson Marsh	Dec. 23rd John & Betty Ann Crawford
Dec. 30th Heather Kurtz	Dec. 30th Zeke Gorman	Dec. 30th Myra Roberts

<u>Altar Flowers</u>	<u>Financial Report</u>																																	
	<p>December 2 - Della Patterson</p> <p>December 9-30 - Mary Talley</p> <p>We have the 2019 Calendar displayed on the Church Bulletin Board. Please stop by the bulletin board or contact the church office or Carolyn Hardin at 910-484-1454 if you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary. Due to allergies of some members please NO LILIES</p>  <p>Altar Flowers</p>	<p>Needed Weekly \$11,841.73</p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>Nov 4, 2018</td><td>\$13,155.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Nov 11, 2018</td><td>\$5,078.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Nov 18, 2018</td><td>\$6,256.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Nov 25, 2018</td><td>\$5,850.00</td></tr> </table> <p>Year to Date November 2018</p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>Budget needed to date</td><td>\$556,352.30</td></tr> <tr><td>SMASH & Preschool Reimb.</td><td>\$25,000.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Tithes & Offerings</td><td>\$368,260.80</td></tr> <tr><td>Total Monies Received</td><td>\$393,260.80</td></tr> </table>	Nov 4, 2018	\$13,155.00	Nov 11, 2018	\$5,078.00	Nov 18, 2018	\$6,256.00	Nov 25, 2018	\$5,850.00	Budget needed to date	\$556,352.30	SMASH & Preschool Reimb.	\$25,000.00	Tithes & Offerings	\$368,260.80	Total Monies Received	\$393,260.80	<p>Building Fund</p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>Nov 4, 2018</td><td>\$635.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Nov 11, 2018</td><td>\$500.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Nov 18, 2018</td><td>\$0.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Nov 25, 2018</td><td>\$200.00</td></tr> </table> <p>Memorials</p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>Nov 4, 2018</td><td>\$370.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Nov 11, 2018</td><td>\$0.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Nov 18, 2018</td><td>\$50.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Nov 25, 2018</td><td>\$40.00</td></tr> </table>	Nov 4, 2018	\$635.00	Nov 11, 2018	\$500.00	Nov 18, 2018	\$0.00	Nov 25, 2018	\$200.00	Nov 4, 2018	\$370.00	Nov 11, 2018	\$0.00	Nov 18, 2018	\$50.00	Nov 25, 2018
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Weekly Regular Activities

Website Address...www.salemfnc.org

Regular Sunday Activities

9:30-10:00 Refreshments UFH

10:00-Sunday School

11:00 Worship

5:00 Youth

5:00 **"Joy Club" (Children's Activities)**
(every other Sunday)

Monday Activities

3:30 Children's Choir

Tuesday Activities

9:30 Bible Study

Please check with your group leader to determine any changes in scheduling.

*******PLEASE NOTE CHANGES ABOVE DUE TO RENOVATIONS**

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JOY CLUB



The children had a fabulous time painting and decorating cupcakes and cookies November 18. The decorated goodies were shared with the church office and with the staff at Bethesda, as well as with moms and dads. The children had worked on crafts and color sheets all month long to ensure we had enough for all of the residents at Bethesda to enjoy for the Thanksgiving holiday. They will continue to make some Christmas decorations to share with some of our homebound residents and any special requests we receive from the congregation.

The children will continue to work on their paintings during JOY Club on December 2 and December 16th from 12:00 to 3:00. On December 2nd the children will help to bag and tag some treats that will be used for our "random acts of kindness" mission. The treats will be given to some of our local stores' employees (IGA, Food Lion, Dollar General, etc.) with a note from Salem attached. Some of these people will need some kindness and love in their life during the stressful holiday shopping season (hint, hint, be nice to our cashiers while shopping). December 16th will also be the children's Christmas party, so if you would like to volunteer, please let me know. I will need to have a head count for the party in order to have the right amount of supplies. As always, thank you for letting me spend time with your children. You can call or text Staci at 337-378-4815.





In November we began our new lesson series, Masterpiece. This series is focused on how we are God's greatest creation in all of creation. We are also discussing in this series about where our value originates. In November we also went to Pilgrimage as a group. Pilgrimage is one of the events hosted by the North Carolina United Methodist Conference that thousands of students attend. It was a great event with fantastic speakers. We were really able to grow closer together that weekend and see how we can begin to plug in to what God is doing in and around us.

As 2018 comes to a close we are excited to see what 2019 has in store for us as a ministry. We have great events planned, inspiring lessons focused around the gospel and teaching valuable lessons, and are looking forward to what God has in store.

We want to thank volunteers or, as we call them "The Crew" that has made some of our events, weekly meetings, and many other things happen. Without their dedication we wouldn't be able to do as much and make as big of an impact on these students. If you are even considering helping with this ministry I would encourage you to talk with our Youth Director. This ministry needs dedicated people who are willing to serve these teenagers. We have many different ways you could serve, and one of the greatest ways that you can serve these teenagers is by being present. Just by being a part of this ministry you would be making an impact. One of the greatest things we as leaders in this ministry can do is see a teenager grow closer to God.



Upcoming Events:

December 2nd Maranatha – Youth will meet at 5pm but will attend Maranatha instead of a regular youth night.

December 15th Christmas Party – Beginning at 6pm. We will begin at 6pm, bring a 5-dollar gift for a gift exchange and come prepared to have fun. It will be a night of games, food, and fun.

December 23rd No Youth

December 30th No Youth

January 5th Rescheduled Basketball Tournament - January 5th, 2019 we will be hosting a Basketball Tournament. Do you think your team can win? This is a great opportunity for us to have fun, collect food for the food pantry and to see which team is the best. Register at Salemfncc.org/tournament today!

Feb. 8-11 Youth Winter Retreat – Coastlines – On February 8-10, 2019, the Salem United Methodist Church Youth will be having their Winter Retreat. They will be going to the beach! This weekend will be focused on growing closer together and closer to God, as well as service, sharing stories, worshiping, and learning about what it means to be on the mountain and by the coast.

Register by December 17th and the fee will be \$25.

Register between December 18th and January 20th and the fee will be \$30.

Register between January 21st and February 1st and the fee will be \$40.

Register at Salemfncc.org/Coastlines

March 22nd Winter Jam Tour



Preschool News

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from the Preschool! The preschool is very delighted to have the Christmas holiday approaching. We would like to extend a big thank-you to everyone that attended our first Thanksgiving luncheon on **November 16th**. We had a wonderful turn-out with so many smiling faces, warm atmosphere, and lots of laughter. We had over 50 parents and grandparents along with their little ones who

enjoyed a warm, bountiful lunch. Once again thank you for making our first Thanksgiving luncheon a huge success. Santa is on his way and will be making his arrival on **December 14th**. The children can have their picture taken with Santa at **9:00 a.m.** They will finish the day with a Christmas celebration in exchanging gifts, movies and a special treat at **2:00 p.m.**



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