



THE SALEM VISIONARY

"STAYING CONNECTED"

June
2021

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

From the Pastor...

In 1969 there was a movie by the name of Support Your Local Sheriff. It is a western comedy starring, among others, James Garner, Joan Hackett, Bruce Dern and Jack Elam. The story line for the movie is centered around the small town of Calendar, Colorado. Because of a recent gold discovery, the town has suddenly come to life along with an accelerated growth in the crime rate. Although the town's leaders try to secure the services of a sheriff, they have little luck as everyone they hire is either run off or killed. Jason McCullough is a character played by James Garner who is just passing through. Being strapped for cash, he decides to accept the position of sheriff. He makes it clear that he is "basically on the way to Australia" and is only passing through.

What transpires is filled with humorous situations out of which Garner keeps having to work through. By the time we get to the end of the movie, Garner falls in love with Hackett's character along with the town. He never got to Australia although he continued claiming that was his intention. The town he was passing through became his hometown.

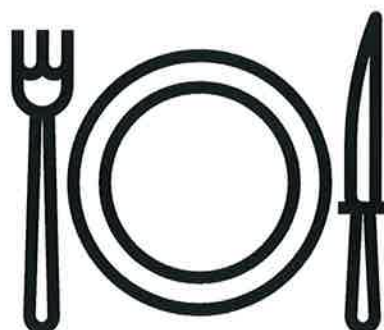
Nine months ago, Gail and I arrived in Eastover. No, I was not on my way to Australia, but I knew that it was a temporary stay. Eventually I knew that there would come a day in which I would mount my Ram and ride off into the sunset. Although I wish there were closer parallels between the character that Garner played and the character that I am, one thing is for sure. Temporary though it may have been, you have made Eastover feel like home. Gail and I have thoroughly enjoyed our time here. The fact is, this community has really been home in so many ways. We are truly grateful for all the ways you have welcomed us into the Salem family. You are a wonderful congregation, and you care for your pastor so well. Although it seems far too inadequate, **thank you** is all I know to say.

I know that Gil and Linda Wise will experience the same thing that we have. The comfortable home, warm people and strong congregation will make them just as welcomed as we have been. Goodbyes are never easy but sometimes they are necessary. I shall be praying for you and your ministry as you move into the future. We may not all be able to go to Australia, but we can certainly go forth in the name of Christ, even if we are separate one from another.

"The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace." Num. 6:24-26

Still in One Peace,
Francis

Farewell Luncheon



We will have a farewell luncheon for
Pastor Francis following the 11am
Service on Sunday, June 27th.

Children and Youth Ministries

This month we celebrated moms and April showers bring May flowers!! We have some exciting things planned for this summer because it is VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL time!

Vacation Bible School at Salem United Methodist Church is just around the corner, and we would love for your child to come and be a part of the fun! VBS will be offered for kids age 3 right on up to those who just completed 5th grade, July 19th through July 23rd from 9:00am to 12:30 PM. Doors will open each morning for check-ins. All children must be checked in and out each day by a parent/guardian or chaperone that is at least sixteen years of age or older. We can't wait to explore the depths of the ocean in search of knowledge about its Creator-and you're invited as a SEA agent in training!

I would love to have your help in organizing and putting VBS together! I need extra hands in the following areas:

Games

Crafts

Science Activity

Team Lead

Snack Time

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Caitlin Craven

SUMC Children's Director



We had a great Taco Bout Youth Ministry Night! We enjoyed some great food, we played taco trivia and learned about where the Salem Youth Ministry is heading for the 2021 – 2022 school year! We are excited about what's to come. We also need more volunteers for the coming season in youth ministry. If you are interested or have questions about serving in the youth ministry please contact David Helbig, our Youth Director at Davidh@salemfncc.org.

Coming up soon is our Waterworks day! June 26th, from 1-4 pm we will play various games with water, water balloons, sponges, and more! It's going to be a great day filled with fun! Don't forget to bring a towel and clothes that can get wet! Starting June 16th, we will be offering small group training for small group leaders throughout the church. We will be meeting at 6:00pm – 7:00pm. We will be meeting on June 16th, June 23rd, June 30th, July 14th, July 21st, and July 28th. We will be looking over the Serendipity Small group training Manual. We are excited as we best prepare our leaders for leading small groups!



Upcoming Events:

6/6 – No Youth

6/26 - Water Works at Salem UMC 1-4 pm

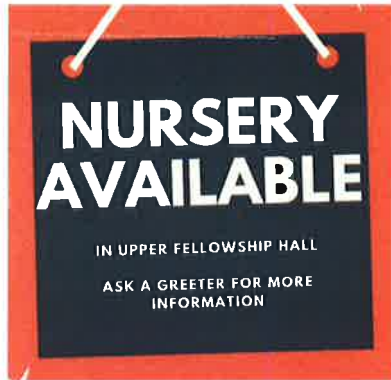
7/24 - Block Party - 10 am - 1 pm



Children and Youth Ministries

Thank You

Volunteers



Our Nursery is open again during the 11am service. If you are able to help volunteer in the rotation please contact the church office or Betty Ann Crawford.

Thank you to the group of ladies who put together these goodie bags from Salem UMC for Armstrong Elementary Teachers for Teacher Appreciation week!

DEFIBRILLATOR'S LIFE SAVING DEVICE Installed at Salem Church

MUSIC

Two defibrillators are installed @ Salem Church. One is located at the restrooms near the office (at the water fountain) and the other by the elevator near the dining hall (just outside the restrooms).

Generally, 911 will coach the person using the device, and the defibrillator coaches as well.

Defibrillator is a treatment for life-threatening cardiac arrest. Remember these locations as during an emergency every second counts.

SPECIAL THANKS to Russell Humphires & Frank Moody for installing and procuring the defibrillators.



July 4th is the first Sunday with our new Pastor, and we'd love to have you help with the choir. Thank you to all of you who participate and help with the choir every Sunday. Choir practice is on Tuesdays at 7pm. If you are interested please contact Gary.

Mission and Outreach

Food Pantry

Myra Roberts snagged "DEAL OF THE MONTH" for Salem's Food Pantry in May.



She purchased 78 one pound (plus) Tyson chicken packs, many of which were breasts! Total cost: \$ 36.00 !! The food was nearing the "best by" date, but quickly frozen & happily received by community folks. ITEMS NEEDED are peanut butter, jelly & canned meats. Food bundles are gifted out on Thursday from 9 am – 11 am & other times by prior arrangement.

Family Promise

"Salem's Mission to Homeless Families in Cumberland County"

Does this photo look like last month's newsletter photo? Yes! This 2 ½ QT Corning Ware (gently used) was donated in time to add to the set featured in May's newsletter !! Five pieces (including four lids) are part of the gift package. Gently used kitchen items are collected year round.



OUR NEXT WEEK OF SERVICE is in August. Extra mile giving funds are needed by the end of June. See Debbie for details.

Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will succeed.

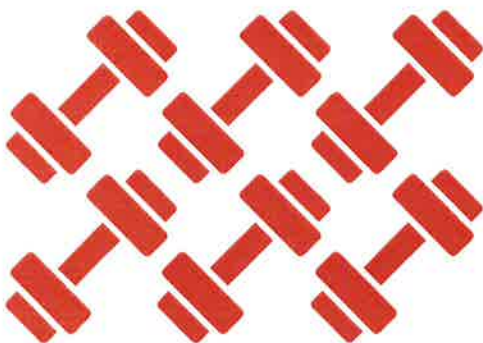
Proverbs 16:3 (NLT)

Silver Sneakers

Starts Back June 1st 2021

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays 10am-11am
in the Dining Hall

If you have any questions please contact Melodie Malcolm at malcolmm0216@gmail.com



Preschool and SMASH Ministries

Summertime is Here..... The SMASH/e-Merge kids are out for the summer, and we have lots of activities planned, hoping to bring some normalcy to their lives. We will be going to Raven Rock on June 4th, Movies on the 16th, and Dinosaur World on the 23rd. Other activities planned will be making Tie Die shirts, Giant Game Day, Sunset Slush, and possibly the Zoo. We currently have 81 kids enrolled and are looking forward to a great summer.

We are almost at full capacity in the preschool and are looking forward to fun times this summer we plan to venture out with a few Field Trips for our 3 and 4-year old class to include going to the splash pad and Fascinate-U Children's Museum. We are planning a Water Day and a day to go to the Park.



Salem UMC
Graduation Sunday
is June 13th.

Budget Needed Monthly

\$ 44,166.67

Total May Offering & Tithes

\$ 27,281.88

May Building Fund Deposits

\$ 575.00



Year to date May 2021

Budget needed to date

\$ 220,833.35

Tithes & Offerings

\$ 159,927.98

Total Monies Received

\$ 179,015.43

NC Conference Events

- Lay Servant Ministries Training: Spiritual Gifts will be offered virtually on June 5th and June 12th from 0900 to 1200 on ZOOM. The Reverend Benny Oakes, pastor of First UMC in Elizabeth City, NC, and Suzanne Nelson, Beacon District Lay Servant Ministries Co-Director, will facilitate this course. Please register online at Spiritual Gifts - June 5th and 12th. - Beacon District - NCCUMC.

- Lay Servant Ministries Training: Living Our United Methodist Beliefs is offered by the Beacon District Lay Servant Ministries Team on August 14th, 2021. It will be held virtually (via ZOOM) from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm that day. This session will be facilitated by Ginny Crocker, Beacon District LSM Co-Director, and Tom Santa, Beacon District Lay Leader. Please register online at Living Our United Methodist Beliefs Offered - Beacon District - NCCUMC.

- Lay Servant Ministries Training: Leading Public Prayer, a required course to achieve Certified Lay Speaker, will be offered by the Gateway District Saturday June 5th, 2021 between 0900 AM and 5:30 PM virtually on ZOOM. Reverend Vermel H. Taylor, pastor of Galilee United Methodist Church in Laurinburg, NC will be facilitating the class. Please register online at Leading Public Prayer - June 5th - Gateway District - NCCUMC.

Salem United Methodist Men



The Salem Men's SPECIAL FATHER'S DAY Breakfast will be on Sunday June 20th, 2021 at 8 AM. Please join us for a wonderful country style breakfast of scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, biscuits, cheese grits, hot coffee and some excellent camaraderie!!!

Prayer Requests

Prayer Line:
(910) 446-3415

Call and leave a voicemail or text your prayer request.

Church Members

Darvin Edwards Conrad Kurtz
Lorraine Kirkwood Jean Lugar
Lisa Johnson Gilda Horne
Derotha Fink Bill Roberts
Sandra Williams Della Patterson
Jennifer Partney Ann Hobbs
Carolyn Hardin Gail Daniel
 Family of Bob Boughman

Jerry McLaurin-Highland House
Sallie Darden-Heritage Place
Paula Johnson-Haymount Rehab
Lynn Baker-Fayetteville Manor
Shirley McLaurin- Bethesda

****If you know of someone that needs to be removed from the prayer list please let the office know. Thank you!**

Family and Friends

Evelyn Moore, Jennifer Billings, Janice Belden, Victor Hottel, Leon Horne, Bobby House, Barry Lane, Patsy Jackson, James Chambers, Raul Santiago, Nevis Ruffin, Mary Stevens, Diane Fuller, Linda Carter, Josh Powell, Stacey Faircloth, Jim Blanton, Kenneth Adams, Laura Leach, Martha Enzor, Vernata Cherry-Britt, Nicole McGuinness, Kay Edwards, Bob Jones, Marilyn House Parkins, J. M. Butler, Jr., Erica Sutton, Eddy Clark, Brian Ramage, Ada Milagroski, Jeffrey Phillips, Denise Rhodes, Brian Wallum, Betty Parks, Betty Thompson, Camrin Hales, Cora & Sam Presley, Angie Baker, J'mair Bronson, Cici Shaw, Sammy Williams, Darla Clark, Mika Martin, Thomas Hoffler, Holly Midgette, Shenee Ruffin, Priscilla Sellers, Sandra Jones, Sharon Dunn, Jonah Nelson, Tommy Sexton, Tiffany Mullins, Giridhar Sadhu, Julia Sessoms, Wayne O'Neil, Carol LeToile, Drew Smith, Gary and Brenda Wilson, Vickie Knoch, Leslie Jackson, Bobbie Gray, Kathy Smith, LB Faircloth, Nathan Gainey, Larry Hall, Charlie Williams, Tim Kinlaw, Dana Kelly, Lauren Albright, Ted Heine, Doug Maars, Melvin Arthur Haire Jr, Gary Ivey and Family, Ruth Heidinger, Andy Nichols and Family, Linda Disbrow, Gloria Schultz, Ginny Podorski, Haley Tyndall, John Butler, Kelsey and Justin Smith, and Tony Malinski

Memorials

Bob Boughman

Kenneth and Denise Sykes

Lexi Owens

Neva Stallings

Honor

Helen Crumpler

Carlene Strickland