



# Salem Matters

Salem United Methodist Church  
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Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors  
Monthly Newsletter – January 2011



## ***Prayer Ministry***

*Prayer is such a wonderful mystery of faith. We don't always understand it, but we have wonderful examples, both Biblically and personally of how faith works in the lives of others. Following a recent study and the movement of the Holy Spirit, Salem is beginning several new prayer ministries.*

*†A new prayer room will be set up in Room 8 in the very near future. This room will include special places to kneel, sit, write, doodle, and more. There will be many supplies and visual aids for those who feel a need to be in intentional prayer in a special place. Sometimes we just need to be out of our daily spaces and routines in order to hear the still small voice of God.*

*†Located in this room will also be an ongoing prayer list with details about the many prayer concerns that come into our church each week. You will be invited to pray for these and may even decide to write to those for whom we are praying. This quiet space will allow us to do mighty works of faith for others.*

*†Also in this space will be a weekly prayer meeting during our worship services. We have leaders who preach, sing, speak, and serve in a variety of ways during our morning worship times. Should we not be lifting these people up to the Lord that the things they say, sing, and do to the glory of the Lord work in and through the lives of those in the sanctuary? Can we pray that the Lord uses them to touch others in the name of our Risen Christ? Shouldn't we be expecting God to be in the very presence of all that we are about on Sunday morning? Bathing these leaders and the worship of Salem in prayer will be the focus of these groups on Sunday morning.*

*If you would like more information about these various prayer ministries or have an idea to share to improve on these plans, please see Jenny Reilly or Pastor Janice. We welcome feedback and above all PRAYER as we fully invite God to be part of the ministries at Salem through prayer.*

*"Touch someone – not once, but always"*

## Thank You Notes

After attending Salem United Methodist Church as an active member since 1947 and missing much of the past year at Sunday school and worship services, I want to tell the congregation how much more the church family, each of you, means to me. As we begin a New Year, not knowing what the future may hold for me, I want Pastor Janice and each and every member here at Salem Church to how very humble I feel to look back at the hundreds of ways many of you have remembered me in the past three years. I feel the constant prayers. Thank you most sincerely for every visit, card, e-mail, phone call, gift or other remembrance. You have made me aware of how God sends His children even into the local community to carry on His work. You have been a great blessing to me. I appreciate being a part of such a thoughtful and caring church family. May God continue to keep us all in His care through the coming year.

Love and Blessings,

*Sarah Nixon*

### *To Our Wonderful Church,*

*Thank you for your generosity and expression of appreciation through the Staff Love Offering. Your kindness with this gift is one of the many ways you have blessed us this year. Your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness to God and Salem United Methodist Church, as we strive to be the Spirit of Jesus alive in the world today, makes our time here exciting and meaningful. Thank you for supporting us in so many ways for this special gift of thanks at the holiday season.*

*Your Salem Servants,*

*Pastor Janice, Jenny, Cheryl, Monica, Debbie, Joy, Miriam, and Ray*

## BUDGET REPORT

### DECEMBER 2010 OFFERING DISTRIBUTION:

Budget (Operating Expense and Ministry) Received:

\$ 17,072.00

Building/Capital Improvement Funds Received:

\$3,050.00

### YEAR TO DATE (AS OF 12/12/10)

#### OFFERING DISTRIBUTION:

Budget (Operating Expense and Ministry) Received:

\$ 417,769.88

BUILDING/CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS RECEIVED:

\$ 35,340.00

## Wednesday Night Dinners at 5:30pm



**Jan. 5:** Breakfast Casserole, Grits, Gravy, Biscuit, Dessert

**Jan. 12:** BBQ, Baked Beans, Slaw, Chips, Desserts

**Jan. 19:** Chicken/Dressing Casserole, Carrots, Corn, Desserts

**Jan. 26:** Roast Beef Sandwiches, Macaroni Salad, Pickle, Chips and Desserts

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#### **Church Office Hours:**

Monday–Wednesday 8:30am–2:00pm

Thursday 8:00am-2:00pm, Closed Friday

**Website:** [www.salemunitedmethodist.com](http://www.salemunitedmethodist.com)

**Webmaster:** Crystal Cody (volunteer)

**Salem Matters:** Articles due 20th of each month

**Please email newsletter articles to** [salemmatters@bellsouth.net](mailto:salemmatters@bellsouth.net)

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## Food for Thought at the Beginning of a New Year

At the beginning of a new year, I am sharing the entire version of the Serenity Prayer, and words from Dr. Rick Warren for food for thought and direction for living during this year:



### The Serenity Prayer

God grant me the serenity to accept the things  
I cannot change;  
the courage to change the things I can;  
and the wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time; enjoying one moment at a time;  
accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;  
taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is,  
not as I would have it;  
trusting that He will make all things right  
if I surrender to His Will;  
that I may be reasonably happy in this life  
and supremely happy with Him forever in the next.

-Reinhold Niebuhr

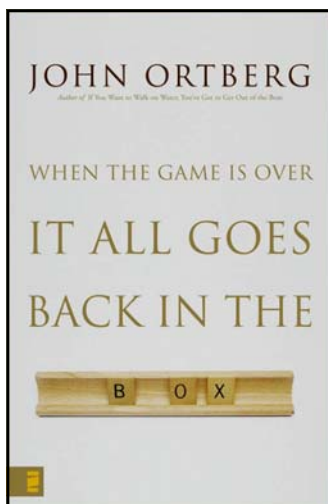


In his book, *The Purpose of Christmas*, Rick Warren tells us that the path to the peace of God comes through living and enjoying one day at a time, accepting what cannot be changed instead of worrying about it, trusting in God's loving care and wisdom, and surrendering to his purpose and plan for your life. Jesus makes this promise: "Come to me, all you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

*Matthew 11:28-29 New Living Translation*



In Christ's love,  
*Janice*



## When the Game Is Over, It All Goes Back in the Box

CONTINUING Wednesday Night Study 6:30-7:30 PM

IT JUST GETS BETTER! JOIN US!

Sessions 4, 5, and 6 on Wednesdays, January 12, 19, 26

"A promotion. A new house. The rewards of winning at life's game can be thrilling. But eventually everything goes back into the box, and what ultimately matters is whether we've played according to God's rules. John Ortberg uses popular games and his trademark gift of storytelling to help us live our lives for the things that really count." Join us for the remaining 3 sessions after Christmas (Jan. 12, 19, 26).

Pastor Janice is facilitating. For more information contact:  
janicecombs@bellsouth.net or 704-483-5055, x302.

## More from Pastor Janice — Two Opportunities:

### What Is GriefShare?

GriefShare is for people grieving the death of a loved one. It is a support group and seminar to help you deal with grief. It has been very helpful at many other churches. Below is information from the website [www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org) and news about the next series of 13 sessions here at Salem—beginning in January. You are welcome to start for the first time OR to come back. Debbie Homce is facilitating with Pastor Janice and Judy Holmes assisting. Contact us for more information. Please share this information with people who have lost loved ones.

“It may be hard for you to feel optimistic about the future right now. If you’ve lost a spouse, child, family member or friend, you’ve probably found there are not many people who understand the deep hurt you feel.

This can be a confusing time when you feel isolated and have many questions about things you’ve never faced before. GriefShare groups meet weekly (for 13 weeks) to help you face these challenges and move toward rebuilding your life. Each GriefShare session has three distinct elements:

1. Each week your GriefShare group will watch a video seminar featuring top experts on grief and recovery subjects. These videos are produced in an interesting-to-watch television magazine format featuring expert interviews, real-life case studies, dramatic reenactments and on-location video.
2. After viewing the video, you and the other group members will spend time as a support group, discussing what was presented in that week’s video seminar and what is going on in your lives.
3. During the week you will have the opportunity to use your workbook for further personal study of the grieving process and to help sort out your emotions through journaling. Your group will spend time discussing questions and comments from the workbook study.”

**GriefShare — Begins Thursday, January 27, 6:30 to 8:00 pm**



It’s here at Salem on Sundays from 5:00 - 7:00 pm!

It’s NOT too late to come. You may join at any of the 13 sessions. Larry Franklin and Pastor Janice are facilitating and Judy Holmes is assisting. Get in touch with one of us if you are interested in participating or just want more information. [janicesalem@bellsouth.net](mailto:janicesalem@bellsouth.net) or 704-483-5055, ext. 302 or [larryfranklin@carolina.rr.com](mailto:larryfranklin@carolina.rr.com).

**DivorceCare website: [www.divorcecare.org](http://www.divorcecare.org)**

**DivorceCare (for people who are separated or divorced)** meets weekly for 13 sessions to help you face challenges and move toward rebuilding your life. Each DivorceCare session has two elements:

**A Seminar with Experts** During the first 30–40 minutes of the meeting, each DivorceCare group watches a video seminar featuring top experts on divorce and recovery subjects. These videos are produced in an interesting-to-watch television magazine format featuring expert interviews, real-life case studies, and on-location video.

**A Support Group with Focus** After viewing the video, DivorceCare group participants spend time as a support group, discussing what was presented in that week’s video seminar and what is going on in the lives of group members.



## NATURAL CHURCH DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

This is a brief update of the Natural Church Development process. Plans are being made to move to 3 services at Salem:

- 8:30 Traditional
- 11:00 Contemporary
- 11:00 Traditional

Sunday School will be in between the two service times.

Council has charged the worship task force, led by Joe Thomas, to lay out the details for all three services. The task force is considering the following:

- The 11:00 Contemporary service would begin with Scripture/singing then, Pastor Janice preaching at 11:05 and leaving to go upstairs by 11:25.
- The 11:00 Traditional service would have a full choir, and a Lay Speaker (Worship leader) to conduct the service until Pastor Janice arrived about 11:35 for the sermon.

Recently, the decision making process for the 11 am Contemporary service was approved by Council. The major task ahead of this committee is the pursuit of a worship leader. There is a desire to have this person come on board to assist in the formation of the new service. The task force will produce a documented plan to be reviewed/agreed upon by the Staff Parish Committee, Finance Committee, and Trustees prior to going to Council for approval in February 2011.

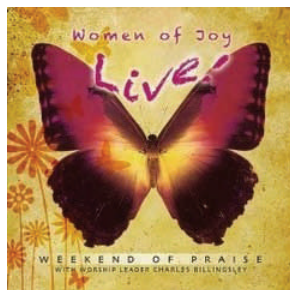
If you are going to be new to Council in 2011 please communicate with your departing 2010 peer to come up to speed quickly on this issue so we can come to resolution in February.

## What Is Lay Speaking?

The lay speaking ministry is a training opportunity for laity who would like to use their witness, leadership, and service to inspire others to a deeper commitment to Christ and more effective discipleship. This may include the interpretations of the Scriptures, doctrine, organization, and ministries of the church.

**Lay Speaking helps church members be effective leaders. It does NOT mean you have to speak in worship services unless you feel called to serve in this way. There are a variety of ways to serve.**

Salem UMC is privileged to host Lay Speaking Training for the Lake Norman District on February 7, 14, 21 and 28. Information and registration forms are in the Mission Hall. Contact Pastor Janice if you have questions.



## WOMEN OF JOY EVENT

Remember to sign up for the Women of Joy event. The event will be May 13-15, at Myrtle Beach, SC, but reservations need to be in by the first of the year to receive a 10% discount and to reserve one of the closest lodgings to the event. The price for the weekend is approximately \$209 (depending on how many people to a room) which includes motel room and all WOJ events. A \$25 deposit is needed when we make our reservations and full payment will be due in March. If you would like more information check out the website: [www.womenofjoy.org/events/myrtlebeach](http://www.womenofjoy.org/events/myrtlebeach) or call Carol Duggins (704) 907-8983.

## Thank you

Many thanks to all who have participated in the Music and Arts Ministries during 2010!

The Lord is smiling down on Salem UMC as He has been lifted up through so many talents, from so many wonderful people.

“And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands for us; yes, establish the works of our hands.” Psalm 90:17

## Multi Media News!

With fresh and new ideas around the bend regarding a Contemporary service, we will be recruiting more volunteers to help with multi-media. This not only includes operating the equipment during worship, but, creating programs/videos for these worship services. Some computer training is helpful, but, not required. Training on the job is always an option. Try it! You might like it! Your interest in participating is interesting to us! Please contact Cheryl, Director of Music and Arts as to your availability to participate through this ministry.

## Sound Technicians Needed!

Along with Multi-Media goes Audio/Video. Your ideas and talents are needed to help with all services. No matter which service you choose to attend, your gifts are needed and welcomed. (No training is necessary, but, we do ask that you be 16 and older.) Please contact Cheryl, Director of Music and Arts as to your availability to participate through this ministry.



## Music Schedule

**Jump for Joy**  
(4yr - 2<sup>nd</sup> grades) &  
**Kids for Christ**  
(3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grades)

Rehearsal is held Wednesdays during Children's Education beginning at 6:15pm.

**Messengers of Joy**  
**Adult Sanctuary Choir**

Rehearsal 7:00pm -8:30pm Wed.  
Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

**Hims of Praise**  
**Men's Choir**

Rehearsal 5:45pm – 6:45pm Wed.  
Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

**New Creation**

Rehearsal 12:15pm – 1:30 m Sun.  
Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

**Areas of Music and Arts: that we would love for you to be a part of:**

Quartets; trios;  
solo's – vocal and instrumental;  
ensembles – vocal and instrumental;  
dance; sign language; drama;



## To a New Year!

Let us continue to use our spiritual gifts to the Glory of God, as He uses us to build His kingdom!

“For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another, having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them; if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.”

Romans 12:4-8



## FIRST PLACE

CHURCH GROUP in the Denver Christmas Parade

What a wonderful, freezing, soggy, beautiful, fun time we had on Salem's parade float! The children ringing hand bells were sharing their gifts of music, and as they sang and led those along the parade route in “Jingle Bells”.

Thank you to each and everyone for a job well done!



“I made a New Year's resolution to eat more fruit, but surely I can't be expected to go through with it after that!”



**JOY TO THE WORLD!** This study teaches us that Christian Mission is our response to the Good News that God is present in Jesus Christ, who came into the world with a message of forgiveness, joy, and hope for all of God's creation. It will be held at Rocky Mount UMC in Mooresville on Saturday, January 22 from 9 to 1. All UMW are invited to take part in this study – in fact, this is a great lesson for all United Methodists. Please let me know if you plan to attend since we need a count for lunch. If you cannot go to the study, we have the book upon which it is based.

Linda Cook, from St. James UMC, is our new Salem UMW *Shepherdess*. We plan to invite her to our meetings whenever she can come.

We will go back to having Unit meetings (all three circles together) each quarter starting in March. These will be on Sunday afternoons.

The 2011 schedule for Salem UMW is posted in the Mission Hall.

*The World Thank Offering was the focus of the Circle of Friends November meeting. Our treasurer, Christy Cook, presented the program on where this money goes and gave out the new Mission Giving brochure. We had all saved change during the year for this offering and we turned this over to Christy to send to the District.*

**The January item for East Lincoln Christian Ministries is instant mashed potatoes.**



Circle of Friends will meet January 10th, at 10 am at the church.



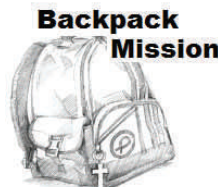
Helping Hands Circle will meet on January 17th, 10 am, at the home of Sue Murdock.

**Tabatha's Hands Circle Group**



New UMW Group - Tabatha's Hands

Tabatha's Hands will meet twice in January. First, Wednesday, January 5th, 6 pm, we'll gather at the home of Elinor Heerman's for Yankee Chicken and Dumplings. Then on the third Wednesday, January 19th, at 5:15 pm, we'll come together again in the Christian Life Center for eats, needlework and lots of sharing. If you are interested in knowing more about our sisterhood, please call Elinor Heermans at 704-840-8080.



Thank you everyone that has contributed to the Food Backpack Mission with food and/or money. We are blessed to be able to provide food backpacks to 10 children at Pumpkin Center primary and Pumpkin Center Intermediate Schools.

These children really benefit from your gracious donations.

You can continue to help this great mission by making a donation via an offering envelope and write in Food Backpack Mission, or you may place food items in the green bin in the mission hall for the Food Backpack Mission.

Food items that we run short of very quickly are: soups, canned fruit, canned pasta (Ravioli, spaghetti, etc.) and canned vegetables.



If you have questions about the Food Backpack Mission, please check with a Circle of Friends member or Anita Clark (anita5110@yahoo.com or 704-483-5110).



## Salem UMC Charge Conference Report 2010

Sunday, October 31, 2010  
**CELEBRATING Some of the Ways  
We Have Seen  
God Working Through Salem**



### Mission Endeavor today (October 31, 2010)

- Our youth and a number of adults are engaged in reverse Trick or Treat at the Gates

### Local Missions, Mission trips

- Rethink Church, Impact Day (June 5)
- Working with UMAR in district
- Large number of members involved with East Lincoln Christian Ministries (as many as 45)
- Two Senior High Mission Trips to Granite Falls, one to Guatemala
- One Middle High Mission Trip to Atlanta (31 youth and adults)
- 3 members participating in Conference Costa Rica Building Team
- Back Pack ministry (food for children at Pumpkin Center school)
- Crop Walk
- See additional outreach endeavors under Middle/Senior High, UMM, UMW, and Summer/after school programs

### Natural Church Development: Inspirational Worship Services

- Database of Spiritual Gifts, demographics, meeting needs of Salem and looking outward
- Involving Children and youth in worship to greater degree
- “Field trips” to successful UM churches
- Meeting with pastors gathering information
- Bathing the endeavor in prayer
- Committed to excellence
- Variety of task forces working in this area

### Walk to Emmaus

- An emphasis on spiritual renewal in our church
- 10 have participated, others on a waiting list

### Evangelism Ministry Team

- Greeters, visits, phone calls, cards
- Looking outward instead of just looking inward
- GriefShare, DivorceCare (reaching inward and outward)
- Growing Prayer Shawl Ministry (reaching inward and outward)
- Rev. Scott Ireland preaching 5-30 on Evangelism

### Growing Spiritually – Giving to God

- Currently involved in the midst of the New Consecration Sunday Campaign

### Expanding Christian Education and Discipleship from Sunday School

- Forming many more small groups on several nights and days during the week
- Short term Studies
- Young Adult SS class
- Activities and studies for all ages on Wednesday nights

### Emphasis on Middle High and Senior High

- Including participation in a number of Conference opportunities
- Stop Hunger Now
- Choose2Share Christ
- Samaritans Feet mission project
- Tsunami Retreat
- Sleep out for Hunger
- Guatemala Mission Trip- collected 200 pair of shoes
- Destination Heaven- Winter Retreat
- Baked cookies for Kiaros
- Made Agape for Emmaus Walk
- Attended Winter Jam
- Jonas Ridge Tubing
- Worked Fall Festival
- Models for Missions
- Youth worship service



### 18 Professions of Faith in 2010 to date

- Total of 22 new members to date in 2010



**Creation of Congregational Care Ministry Team**

- Care Angels (revamping of Care Teams) •Expanding visitation program
- Caregiver Support Group
- Goal: Development of Stephens Ministry as soon as we can

**Variety of Church Music and Fine Arts Groups for all ages**

**New UMW Circle: Tabatha’s Hands (knitting and crocheting group)**

**Eight Lay Speakers**

**Participating in Workshops/Mission endeavors**

- January 2010 DLC: 16 participants from Salem •Lay Leadership on August 28: 2 participants from Salem •Evangelism Event on September 17: 7 participants from Salem •Longing to Belong on September 26: 3 participants from Salem •Impact Day on June 5: 8 participants from Salem plus additional youth

**Additional Outreach Endeavors**

- Trunk or Treat/Fall Festival •Concert for Cancer Victim •Salem SAM (after school ministry) has grown to 45 participants • Blessing the Animals •Scrapbooking •Fitness (with devotions) •Recreation •Sports including basketball and coed softball •Denver Christmas Parade •Health Kits for Haiti

**Summer programs**

- Preschool •Story Hour off site in coffee shop •summer “camp” for 10 weeks •Bible studies off site (also during the winter) •VBS: Hero Headquarters



**United Methodist Men**

- Working at the church and ELCM •Preparing and delivering 70 Thanksgiving meals •Hosting fundraiser for injured person

**United Methodist Women**

- Silent basket auctions for Missions •Reading program •Involved in Missions in a variety of ways •Giving significantly

**Girl Scout Troup sponsored at Salem this year**



**Mark Your Calendars: Lake Norman District Leadership Conference**  
**Saturday, January 15 8:00 am—12:30 pm**  
**For ALL church leaders—more details in this newsletter**

## Spiritual Gifts

We each have these gifts, given by our Creator, that are to be used for the glory of God's kingdom. Are you using yours? Do you even know what gifts you have and how they could be used in making disciples for Christ and serving God's children of all ages? Check out the table near the elevator for a copy of a very simple survey. This survey will help you discover your spiritual gifts and begin the process of knowing how to put those to use. The survey may be taken home, filled out at your convenience and then returned for the results. There will also be a class beginning in February for learning more about your SHAPE and how to use these gifts in service for God. See Jenny Reilly for more information.



## Three Simple Rules Sunday School Study

John Wesley shared three very simple rules for daily living. Bishop Reuben Job wrote a very simple book about these rules. Now you have the chance to study and explore ways to incorporate these rules into your daily life. Six sessions provide extended reflection for adults on three principles of Christian life: do no harm, do good, and stay in love with God. Each rule has a session to help you understand the rule and a session to help you explore ways to practice the rule. The study, led by Jenny Reilly, begins on January 2 at 9:45 in Room 9.

## Thanks to Donations...

...we have purchased a CRICUT cutting machine. This is a machine that cuts out shapes and letters and other things needed for bulletin boards, cards, and various activities. If you need this tool to help your ministry area, please see Jenny Reilly. Thanks to those individuals who made donations to children's ministries. It made this tool for all of our ministries possible.

# Kids Korner

## SPARK for Children

**Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm**

January and February will bring us three simple rules that each of us needs to follow. Do you know what they are? Do you know who said them? Do you know how we can live out these three simple rules? Come and experience stories, games, music and more as we learn about being better people.

## Winter Lock-In for 3rd-5th Graders

**January 16-17 @7:00 pm**

Join us for a time of games, movies, food, and LOTS of fun. Bring a sleeping bag, pillow, game to share, and an extra friend or two. Register with Jenny Reilly by Wednesday, January 12. Make sure your parents watch their email for more details. Parent volunteers are needed to help with breakfast or to sleep over. Join the fun!



### HEY KIDS!

Have you always wanted to help welcome others to Salem, or help with the offering?  
Have you really wanted to read the scripture verse during the worship service?  
Then let Jenny Reilly know so she can train you and add you to the rotation of servants that give their time and talents each week.



# January Youth Calendar

**Wired** Sunday School every Sunday at 9:45 in the youth room.

**Plugged In** Bible Study each Wednesday at 6:30 pm. Our study for January will be about the Three Simple Rules. Come find out what they are and how you can live by these rules. Don't worry...they are not your parent's rules. Middle School Youth meet in room 10 and Senior High meet in Youth Room.

## Surge

Usual schedule is 5:30 dinner followed by program. But check the calendar!

### Middle School

- 2<sup>nd</sup> No UMYF Surge  
 9<sup>th</sup> **WinterJam** – see info on this page for more details  
 16<sup>th</sup> **Night of Service** – We will be planning some games and setting up for the children's Lock-In. Then you can stay and help them enjoy their night of fun. Pick up by 10:00 pm  
 23<sup>th</sup> **Blanket Play** – We will do some team building and fun games with blankets. And our devotion will deal with a blanket as well. Can you guess which story? There is a prize for the one who comes with the answer!  
 30<sup>th</sup> **Q&A** All Youth Gathering with Monica & Jenny

### Senior High

- 2<sup>nd</sup> No UMYF Surge  
 9<sup>th</sup> **WinterJam** – see info on this page for more details  
 16<sup>th</sup> **Snowone Like You**  
 Each of us is one of God's unique creations. We will explore how we are like snowflakes and no two are alike.  
 21-23 **C2SX**Weekend  
 23<sup>rd</sup> No regular Senior High Youth  
 30<sup>th</sup> **Q&A** All youth Gathering with Monica & Jenny

## WINTERJAM

January 9 2010

TimeWarner Cable Arena

We will leave the church at 2:00 and return around 10:30.

Tickets are \$10

Bring money for food and items from your favorite band.

Parent drivers are needed. Please let Jenny or Monica know if you would like to join this awesome outing.

**DRESS WARM!!**



## SAMARITAN'S FEET Event Update

Saturday, January 29

8:00-1:00

Salem UMC CLC

Everyone is invited to help us reach children in the Lincoln County community as we place new shoes on the feet of these children.

We need 75 volunteers to help with the shoe store, crafts, registration and more.

To volunteer, see Monica.

**Salem United Methodist Church**  
**Statistical Report for Consecration Sunday 11/21/10**  
**Includes cards received through 12/07/2010**



A total of 93 giving units (husbands and wives or single persons) completed *Estimate of Giving Cards* as of 12/07/10.

A total of 29 of these giving units increased their financial commitment above their last year's amount.

A total of 93 giving units that completed *Estimate of Giving Cards* committed a total of \$361,126.00.

Based on last year's giving records, we can expect to receive \$134,028.72 during the coming year from people who have consistent giving patterns during the past twelve months who have not completed *Estimate of Giving Cards*.

Based on the average total of loose offerings during the past three years, we can expect to receive \$3,111.44 during the coming year from that source.

Church income from non-donor sources such as interest, rentals, and fees: \$4,788.83.

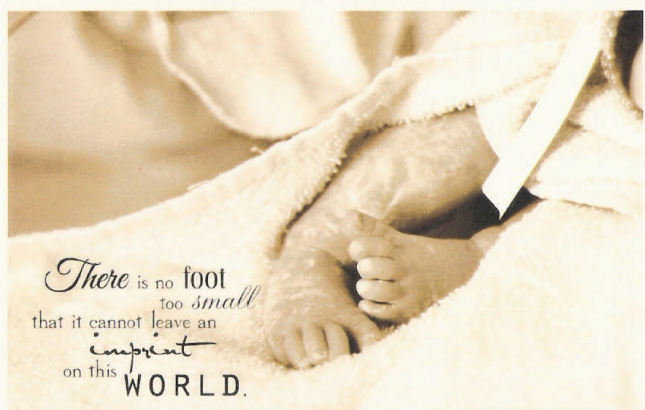
This gives us a grand total of \$503,054.99 anticipated income for the next twelve months.

The total income for our general operating budget during the last twelve months (12/01/09 - 11/30/10) was \$441,070.25.

Next year, we can expect our operating budget income to increase by \$61,984.74.

This is a 12.32% percent increase in total giving above last year.

**Thanks be to God and His faithful followers at Salem United Methodist Church!**

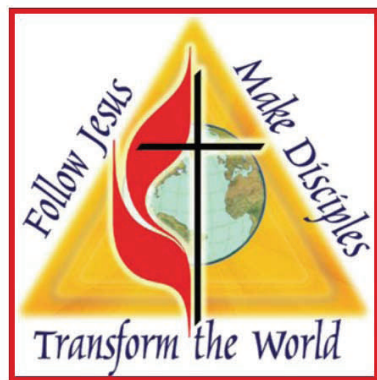


*To our Church Family:* It is so hard to put into words how grateful we are for your love and support throughout our journey with Skylar. Your prayers mean more to us than you will ever realize. Skylar gave us a beautiful gift through this journey...She helped us to realize how loved we really are, by friends and family and by God. On Skylar's birthday, God's love surrounded us and gave us peace beyond all understanding. Anything is possible through God. Thanks to everyone for your donations but more importantly for your prayers and love. Thanks just isn't enough.

With all our love and gratitude,

*The Brooks Family*

*Shannon, Mike, Jaden and Skylar.*



# Lake Norman District Leadership Conference

Saturday

January 15, 2011

(Inclement Weather Date is January 29, 2011)

Mt. Zion UMC, 19600 Zion Street, Cornelius, NC 28031

Registration Begins at 8:00 a.m.

**Need Child Care?**

E-mail Beverly Parker-Reece at [pgbeverly@carolina.rr.com](mailto:pgbeverly@carolina.rr.com) or call her at 704-392-2387. Provided for Children up to age 10

**Conference Schedule:**

**Registration**

8:00 - 8:30 a.m.

**Worship**

**“On the Edge of the Promise:**

**Joshua 1:1-9**

**Rev. Beth Crissman**

8:30 - 9:25 a.m.

**Session I**

**“Nuts & Bolts of the Church”**

9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

**BREAK**

10:30 - 10:50 a.m.

**Session II**

**“Program Ministries”**

10:50 - 11:50 a.m.

**Centering Prayer**

12:00 - 12:30 p.m.

## SESSION I CHOICES

Extreme S/PPRC Makeover	<i>Rev. Beth Crissman</i>	Evangelism	<i>Rev. Jamie Hamrick</i>
Local Church Finance—Discussion/Q&A	<i>Yvonne Gritt</i>	Dashboard Indicators	<i>Sam Smith</i>
A New View of Stewardship – Thinking Beyond the Offering Plate	<i>Lauralee Bailey</i>	Part I—Partners in Ministry—The Role of the Church Secretary	<i>Dianne Beam</i>
A New View of Stewardship – Thinking Beyond the Offering Plate	<i>Lauralee Bailey</i>	Appreciative Inquiry for Laity	<i>David Zietlow</i>
Reaching Closure: Practical Tips for Running A Meeting	<i>Phil Smith</i>	Appreciative Inquiry for Clergy	<i>Peg Aldridge</i>
		Trustees	<i>Rev. David Snipes</i>

## SESSION II CHOICES

Centering Prayer	<i>Rev. Dr. Lillie M. Jones</i>	Part II—Partners in Ministry—The Role of the Church Secretary	<i>Dianne Beam</i>
Missions	<i>Dwaine Morgan</i>	Young Adults Ministry	<i>Rev. Ashley Pickerel</i>
Children’s Ministry	<i>Rev. Sarah Davis</i>	Following Up On Power of 3 Goals	
Re-Creation in the Church Family	<i>Sherry Washam</i>	Planning a Comprehensive Ministry for Older Adults	<i>Rev. Doug Watts</i>
Faith Coaching	<i>Terry McRee</i>	What Every Church Member Need to Know About Poverty	<i>Rev. Alexis Coleman</i>
IMPACT Community 2011	<i>Rev. Roger Sailors</i>		

For a detailed description of the sessions, please get a brochure in the mission hall or refer to our December ‘Salem Matters’ newsletter which is online at [www.salemunitedmethodist.com](http://www.salemunitedmethodist.com)



**BIRTHDAYS:**

- 2 Pamela Carlson  
David Keck
- 3 Julia Gibson  
Bob Tallent
- 4 Kathy Henley  
Jonas Love  
Connie Nartker  
Taryn Giles-Robinette
- 5 Cathy Dyer
- 6 Karl Dearnley  
Beth O'Brien
- 8 Jennifer Hardin  
Judy Watson  
Isabella Bradham
- 9 Lauren Gorowski  
Addie Thoms  
Allison Wright
- 10 Harlen McGuire  
Devin Stroupe
- 11 Harry Loomis  
Sean Page  
Nita Wilson
- 13 Salem Fowler  
Jane Harris
- 14 Sue Hooks  
Samantha Mozina
- 15 Rebecca Ross  
Donnie Sigmon
- 16 Brittany Cody
- 18 Brenda Hager  
Terri Shenigo
- 19 Pamela Melton
- 20 Betty Stegall
- 21 John Duggins  
Terry Francey  
Kathryn Thorne
- 22 Crystal Cody  
Jennifer Frix  
Dena Sigman
- 26 Jim Beam  
Justin Frix  
Gene Harris
- 31 Mika Langdon

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

- 2 Jerry and Betty Stafford
- 12 Rick and Marie Moore  
Joe and Shirley Turbyfill
- 18 Pete and Kitty Gilbert

**GIFTS TO SALEM**

**IN MEMORY OF:**

**Gerry Connor**

- David and Carol Tench
- Gary and Carol Tench
- Joe and Katy Hollingsworth
- SUMC Crusaders S.S. Class
- David, Janice, Zach and Hannah Springs
- Jim and Frances Mundy
- Bill and Judy Farris

**Gene Beard**

- Jack and Marilyn Robbins
- Tony and Christy Cook
- David, Janice, Zach and Hannah Springs
- Joy Isenhour
- Jim and Frances Mundy

**Skylar Brooks**

- Joy Isenhour

**Mike Kolbay**

- Jim and Frances Mundy

**Sam Nixon**

- Bill and Judy Farris

**Bet and Grady Jones**

- Bill and Judy Farris

**Lorene and Roscoe Stroupe**

- Bill and Judy Farris

**Agnes and Albert Robinette**

- Bill and Judy Farris

**Myrtle and Irvin Duckworth**

- Bill and Judy Farris

**IN HONOR OF:**

**Sarah Nixon**

- Adult Fellowship S.S. Class

**Alex Mozina**

- Jan and Elinor Heermans



**Remember  
Our  
Members  
in the  
Military**

- Floyd Bollinger
- Nick Bosiak
- Steve Clarkson
- Steven Crowder
- Rich DuBreuil
- J. T. Duggins
- Robert Hendrix
- Paul Johnson
- Michael Weston Lockman
- Marc McPherson
- Brandon Mitzel
- David Newman
- Danny Nichols
- Kevin Oakes
- Joshua Parrish
- Michael Reynolds
- Preston Sellers
- Austin Smith
- Josh Thompson
- Tony Trevet
- Todd Williams

(Please let us know of any changes or updates for any of our military folks.)



## UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

**District Leadership Conference** at Mt. Zion UMC, Saturday, January 15, 8:30 am  
**Winter Lock-In**, Grades 3rd - 5th, January 16-17, 7 pm  
**WinterJam**, Sunday, January 9th, Youth will leave the church at 2 pm  
**C2SX, Youth Event**, January 21-23,  
**Samaritan's Feet Event**, Saturday, January 29, Salem UMC, CLC, 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

### MONTHLY EVENTS

**Holy Communion** - 1st Sunday  
**New Member Sunday** - 2nd Sunday  
**Caregivers Support Group** - 1st Friday 10:00 AM  
**Circle of Friends** - 10:00 AM, 2nd Monday at Salem  
**Helping Hands** - 10:00 AM, 3rd Monday  
**Tabatha's Hands** - 3rd Wednesday - 5:15 pm  
**United Methodist Men** - 7:30 AM, 1st Saturday  
**Newsletter Deadline** - 20th of each month

### WEEKLY EVENTS

#### Sunday

8:30 AM Traditional Worship  
 9:30 AM Coffee Time – Meeting Room  
 9:45 AM Sunday School for All Ages  
 10:45 AM Praise and Worship Service-Sanctuary  
 12:15 PM New Creation Practice (not 1/2)  
 5:00 PM DivorceCare  
 5:30 PM 'Surge' Youth Ministries

#### Monday

9:30 AM Staff Meeting (not 1/17)  
 2:30 PM SAM After School Care (not 1/17)  
 6:00 PM Girl Scouts (Rm. # 1)

#### Tuesday

2:30 PM SAM After School Care  
 6:30 PM Fitness

#### Wednesday

2:30 PM SAM After School Care  
 5:30 PM Community Dinner  
 5:45 PM Hims of Praise Practice  
 6:30 PM 'It All Goes Back in the Box' Bible Study  
     (resumes 1/12)  
 6:30 PM Nursery  
 6:30 PM 'SPARK' for Children  
 6:30 PM Young with the Restless  
 6:30 PM 'Wired In' Youth Bible Studies  
 7:00 PM MOJ Choir Practice

#### Thursday

2:30 PM SAM After School Care  
 6:30 PM Fitness

#### Friday

2:30 PM SAM After School Care

### JANUARY MEETINGS

**Monday, January 10th**, Evangelism Meeting  
**Tuesday, January 11**, Church Council Mtg., 7 pm (MR)  
**Tuesday, January 18**, NCD Meeting (MR)  
**Finance Meeting:** (Date and Time TBA)



### New Classes

David Keck will be teaching a class based on one of the UMW Reading Program books: *Being a Christian in the Wesleyan Tradition*. This is a great book on what it means to be a United Methodist and will be open to all.

The class will be held on Thursday mornings from 10 am to 11:30 am starting January 13. The book is \$9.25 and is one you'll want to keep or pass on to another UMW Unit. Please let Nancy Luckey or David Keck know if you are interested.

A study on *CHRISTIANITY'S FAMILY TREE - What Other Christians Believe and Why* will begin on Tuesday, January 11th and continue for ten sessions. This adult class will meet from 7:00 - 8:30 pm at 198 S. Pilot Knob Road, Denver (Lorinda Schwartz' home) and use the book by Adam Hamilton. To sign up, purchase a book, and/or receive information about the study, please contact Elinor Heermans at (704) 840-8080.



### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

**Monday-Wednesday**  
**8:30am-2:00pm,**  
**Thursday**  
**8:00am-2:00pm**  
**Friday - Closed**

**The church office will be closed**  
**Monday, January 17 for the**  
**Martin Luther King Holiday.**