



Salem Matters

Salem United Methodist Church
378 N. Pilot Knob Road, Denver, NC 28037
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Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors
Monthly Newsletter – March 2011



**Sunday,
March 13, 2011
Christian Life Center
Drop in between
9:30 am - 12:30 pm**

Have you ever wondered..... ?

- What are some of the missions that Salem UMC supports?
- What types of outreach are people of Salem currently doing?
- What community needs are being met by people in our church family?
- What community needs are not being met?
- What local, national and global missions are supported by the Western North Carolina Conference?

Then come to the **Missions Fair on Sunday, March 13th**
Drop in between 9 am to 12:30 pm in the Christian Life Center
Snacks and information about Missions and Outreach will be available.

*If you are currently in leadership for a mission of Salem and you have not been contacted about providing information or a display,
or

If you are involved with a community volunteer organization and would like to provide information at the Mission Fair, please contact Barb Lauro or Sandy Race.

"Touch someone - not once, but always"



BUDGET REPORT

FEBRUARY 2011 OFFERING DISTRIBUTION:

Budget (Operating Expense and Ministry) Received:

\$ 27,065.34

Building/Capital Improvement Funds Received:

\$1,941.20

YEAR TO DATE (AS OF 02/20/11)

OFFERING DISTRIBUTION:

Budget (Operating Expense and Ministry) Received:

\$60,130.34

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS RECEIVED:

\$ 4,216.20



SALEM DRIED APPLE FRIED PIES FUNDRAISER SALE

The Crusader's Class will be fixing the Wednesday Night Dinner on March 2nd. At this time, they will offer for sale or order pick up **dried apple fried pies**. This fundraiser is to support the class's projects for 2011 such as ELCM's special events, fruit baskets for the shut-ins, youth events and more.

TO PLACE ORDERS CALL JUDY FARRIS

@ (704) 483-2998.

Special orders after this date will be considered.

Wednesday Night Dinners at 5:30pm



Menus:

- March 2:** Ham, green beans, mashed potatoes, dessert
- March 9:** Grilled chicken quarters, crock pot mac and cheese, salad, rolls and dessert
- March 16:** Soup, Sandwiches and dessert
- March 23:** Roast beef sandwiches, macaroni salad, pickle, chips and dessert



Dear Salem Church Family,

Thank you for your support of Tim's Eagle Scout Project at the Church (the outdoor worship area). He has completed all of the requirements, passed his Board of Review and earned the rank of Eagle Scout. We cordially invite you to attend the Eagle Scout Court of Honor to be held on Sunday, March 27, at 3 pm in the Sanctuary. Please stay for the reception dinner immediately following the ceremony.

Sincerely, Steve and Sarah Froneberger

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Salem Matters: Articles due 20th of each month

Please email newsletter articles to salemmatters@bellsouth.net

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“Worship Testimony Guidelines”

We are so blessed by the ways God touches our lives, inspiring, comforting, and guiding us. I attended our Western North Carolina Conference Mission to Ministers on February 1 and was privileged to learn from Rev. Lillian Daniel, pastor of First Congregational Church, UCC, Glen Ellyn, Illinois. Below is an excerpt from Worship Testimony Guidelines. How is God calling you to witness your faith? I pray these guidelines from Rev. Lillian Daniel will be of help to you.



Pastor Janice

People of faith are called to testify to God's power and presence in their lives. A testimony is your spoken story about how you have experienced God, offered in the context of community worship.

Below are some practical guidelines to help you prepare and present your testimony:

1. No Godless testimonies.
2. But given that, you can talk about anything as long as God, Jesus, or the Holy Spirit are also there.
3. Testimonies should be no more than 6 minutes.
4. Please practice your testimony out loud to be sure of your timing.
5. Testimonies take place at both services. Please try to keep them identical.
6. You will not be introduced, so include your name as part of the beginning. Do not assume that people know who you are already, particularly when we have guests.
7. Please be ready to step up as soon as the last worship segment is complete. No pauses for travel time in worship.

Content/What should I say?

Tell us about how you have experienced God in your life. Tell us more about yourself than we would know from meeting you at coffee hour or at a party. Talk about the real things you have gone through, and you will find yourself deepening your relationships in the congregation and with God.

Testimonies should not have an agenda. Many of them end up reflecting on the value of our congregation in someone's life, some end up encouraging stewardship or a particular ministry of the church, but they don't have to. The main focus should always be God, working through you in your life. The most memorable testimonies are stories that take risks.

Remember that testimonies are public. We are a church open to all, including the stranger and the newcomer, so be aware that whatever you share can be talked about freely by those who heard it. You can be deeply personal without being private.

Remember the first time guest when you prepare your words. In your testimony, don't refer to people by their first name as if everyone there will know whom you mean. Write your testimony so that it will mean as much to the first time guest as the long term member.

Some people like to review their life's faith journey as part of their testimony, but please remember that you do not have to do this. Perhaps God is calling you to reflect deeply on one particular event or story in your life. Stories are key. They help people to relate to you and therefore to God. Humor is always appreciated. Let your personality shine through. You will be blessed by this experience.

Excerpted from Tell It Like It Is by Rev. Dr. Lillian Daniel.

More From Pastor Janice —

The Season of Lent



Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. *Lent* comes from the Anglo-Saxon word *lencten*, which means "spring." The season is a time of preparation for the celebration of Easter. Historically, Lent began as a period of fasting and preparation for baptism by converts and then became a time for repentance and atonement for all Christians. Because Sundays are always little Easters celebrating the resurrection, they are not included in the forty days of Lent. The liturgical color is purple denoting penitence.



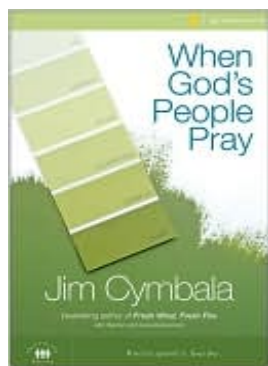
Ash Wednesday

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (Wednesday, March 9, this year) and reminds us of our mortality and our sinfulness in the light of God's redeeming love in Jesus Christ. The use of ashes as a sign of mortality and repentance has a long history in Jewish and Christian worship. A traditional part of the Ash Wednesday is the Imposition of Ashes (the minister and/or other worship leaders dip a thumb in ashes and make a cross on the forehead of each worshiper.) **Taking part in this ritual is both a powerful way of participating in the call to repentance**



6:30 pm Mar. 9

and reconciliation and a visible sign of one's commitment to observe a Holy Lent by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's Holy Word. It is traditional to save the palm branches from the previous Passion/Palm Sunday and burn them to produce the ashes for the service.



When God's People Pray

**Six Sessions
on the Transforming Power of Prayer**

Has been rescheduled and will now begin

Wednesday, March 16, 6:30—7:30 PM

Fitness at Salem

Salem United Methodist Church will start the Spring Session of Faith, Fitness and Fellowship on Thursday, March 10. This session will run for 13 weeks and meets on Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The cost is only \$30 total.

The fitness class has welcomed back Kelly Merck who will be the Thursday night instructor. She joins Angie Lockman, who teaches class on Tuesday nights. The instruction is for both the seasoned and beginner participant for exercise. Both men and women are welcome. Workouts include steps, floor exercise, weights and cardio. To join, just please come at 6:15 on the first day to fill out release forms. All are welcome.

You do not have to be a member of Salem UMC to participate.

MUSIC AND ARTS MINISTRIES

Director of Music & Arts – Cheryl Barker 704-483-5055 Ext 310 or cherylsalem@bellsouth.net Cell: 704-530-5657



MARCH MUSIC SCHEDULE

- March 2** 5:45 HOP
6:30 Children
7:00 MOJ
- March 9** NO REHEARSALS
"Ash Wednesday Service"
- March 16** 5:45 HOP
6:30 Children
7:00 MOJ
- March 23** 5:45 HOP
6:30 Children
7:00 MOJ
- March 30** 5:45 HOP
6:30 Children
7:00 MOJ



Multi Media News!

With fresh and new ideas around the bend with our New Worship Service Schedule, 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!

Please contact Cheryl, Director of Music and Arts as to your availability to participate through this ministry.

Children's Special Music Sundays

February 27 - 11:00 Worship Service
"The Word of God Speaks"

March 13 - 11:00am Worship Service

April 3 - 11:00am Worship Service
"That's Why We Praise Him"



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. (No training is necessary, but, we do ask that you be 16 and older.) If you are interested, please contact Cheryl, Director of Music and Arts.

Messengers of Joy Special Anthems for March

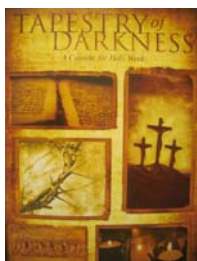
March 6 "Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

March 9th - Ash Wednesday Service
"The Battle Belongs to the Lord"
"Remember Me"

March 13 "Think About His Love"

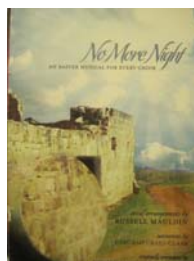
March 20 "God So Loved the World"

March 27 "Heavenly Father"



April 22

Good Friday Worship Service
"Tapestry of Darkness"
Presented by Messengers of Joy



April 24

Easter Sunday Worship Service
"No More Night"
Messengers of Joy & New Creation

Hims of Praise Special Music

March 20

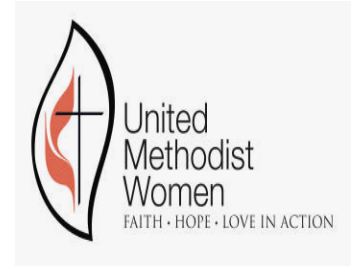
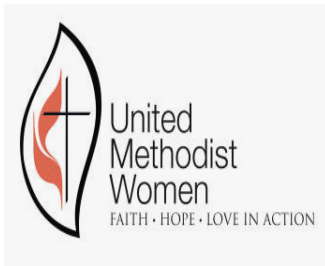
March 26

United Methodist Women's
Prayer Breakfast

LAKE NORMAN DISTRICT UMW PRAYER BREAKFAST 2011

**“COMBINING HEARTS
AND HANDS”**

Saturday, March 26



Speaker: **Rev. Terri Vilagos**
Associate Pastor at Hawthorne Lane UMC
Chaplain at NC-1DMAT
Chaplain at Carolinas Healthcare System
Special music by our own *Hims of Praise*
Salem United Methodist Church

Registration followed by Meal: 9:15 AM Program Begins: 10:00 AM Cost: \$5.50 per person

“A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial”
Theme: ***Give the Gift of Love***
March 5, 10am – Tuckers Grove UMC

Please join us for our second Lake Norman District UMW cluster service. Love Offerings from this service will support the Retirement Benefits Fund which provides pensions and health care for retired UMW deaconesses and missionaries.

Please continue to bring items for the birthing kits for Haiti which we will take to the Prayer Breakfast to go to UMCOR. The *Circle of Friends* will assemble the kits at our March meeting.

Birthing Kit Items



- **1 small bar soap 1 oz. to 2 oz. size**
do not remove from original packaging
small bars such as those found in hotels **are** acceptable
- **1 square yard of clear plastic sheeting ***
must be 4 millimeters thick
- **3 - 12 inch long pieces of cotton string** (must be clean – no yarn)
- **1 single edge razor** (must be covered for safety)
(regular shaving razors are not acceptable)
- **2 receiving blankets 30”x 30” or 32”x 32” size**
no thermal or fleece blankets please

**Rose Marie Young can purchase this item for you from her daughter’s store.*

The item for E L C M for March is DRY SPAGHETTI NOODLES .



Helping Hands Minutes from February Meeting

The Helping Hands Circle met at the home of Pamela Peer on February 21 and began the meeting with a unison reading of The UMW Purpose.

A sign up sheet was circulated for volunteers to help with the Prayer Breakfast on March 26. The District women are providing paper plates and cups and will set up on Friday, March 25. We will provide picnic packs, which consist of a knife, fork, salt, pepper and a napkin. We are expecting about 350 women. Friday afternoon we will assemble the breakfast casseroles and cut up the fruit. The casseroles will be finished at members' homes and baked and returned to church in the morning. Juice, coffee, water and pastries will also be served.

Funeral dinners were discussed and a sign up sheet was circulated for volunteers to assist with them. There are 4 teams with 10 people on a team so the same people aren't asked to help each time.

A trip to King's Kitchen in uptown Charlotte was suggested for our next outing. It is a non-profit restaurant serving Southern cuisine. They hire former prisoners to help them reenter society.


In the future members should call or email the Circle hostess to confirm their attendance or absence before the meeting.

There has been a schedule change for the April meeting. Judy Broussard will be the hostess and June McIntyre will host the November meeting. Jean Workman will co-host the June picnic at Sue Hook's home.


Mary Finch gave a very timely president's quiz program since our meeting was on President's Day.

We closed the meeting with a prayer and circle hug and enjoyed lunch and fellowship.

Helping Hands Circle will meet on March 21st, 10 am, at the home of Kim Riley.



Tabatha's Hands Circle
meets on the 3rd
Wednesday at
5:15 p.m. just before the
Wednesday Night Dinner.



Circle of Friends will
meet Monday,
March 14th,
10 am, at the church.

Food Backpack Mission:



Backpack Mission Thank you to the Salem Youth for collecting 101 packages of soup, pop corn, and pasta bowls during the Youth Super Bowl Party. If you would like to be a part of the food backpack mission, there are several ways you can help: You may make a donation via an offering envelope and write on the envelope '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: canned vegetables, canned fruit, canned meats and canned soup.

The 7 boys and 3 girls from Pumpkin Center Primary and Pumpkin Center Intermediate Schools really benefit from your gracious donations. Thank you!

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).



Mark your calendars! September 9-11

Everyone is invited for this time of fellowship, play, and enjoying God's world. Make your reservations by calling Jellystone Park in Marion, NC. Be sure to tell them you are with Salem UMC. We will have a group tent site if you are interested, which makes a very cost-effective option for families on a budget. There are also camper/rv sites as well as cabins. This is our third year and we want it to be our best! So be part of this experience and sign up today. See Phil or Wendi Riddle for more information.

Caregiver Support Group

March 4 at 10:00 in Room 13

This monthly gathering gives support and encouragement to those who have the important responsibility of caring for a loved one. Please share this support group with others who serve as a primary caregiver.



The following people have committed to spending 72 hours with other Christians seeking to find a closer walk with the Lord and we invite you to be in prayer for them - Pastor Janice Combs, Mandy Hilton, Eddie Hilton, Debbie Homce, Sarah Beard, Brenda Stowe, Pat Lauro, and Barb Lauro.

Emmaus brochures are available outside Jenny's office and in the narthex. For more information, contact Jerry Ennis at 704-483-5696.

Men's Walks

March 10-13

April 14-17

September 15-18

October 20-23

Women's Walks

March 24-27

April 28-May 1

Sept. 29-October 2

November 3-6

Spiritual Gifts

Have you been feeling the need to participate more in the life of the church or to do more in God's name? Are you unsure as to what that looks like and the opportunities available that could use your particular gifts and passions? We each have these gifts, given by our Creator, that are to be used for the glory of God's kingdom. Please see Jenny Reilly to take a simple survey that can begin your process of discovering your spiritual gifts, your passions, and God's greatest needs for your gifts and time.



Prayer Ministry

There are some in our church who are faithful in praying for others and those who like to write notes of encouragement. There are also people who are often lifted up in prayer who are not church members. We want to intersect these gifts and these needs to strengthen an intercessory prayer ministry. We need addresses and names of those who might gain from being lifted up with a note of encouragement during their struggles. Please send these to the church office or include them on the back of the prayer request cards on Sunday morning.

If you wish to share your time and gifts by writing notes, setting up the prayer room, or other ways as we expand this ministry, please see Pastor Janice or Jenny Reilly.





Wired

Wednesdays 6:30pm-7:30 pm

March 2nd- Serving from the Heart- studying to find your Gifts and Talents for service

March 9th- Ash Wednesday Service

March 16th- Serving from the Heart- studying to find your Gifts and Talents for service

March 23rd- Serving from the Heart- studying to find your Gifts and Talents for service

Plugged In

Sunday 10:00am -10:45 am

March 6th-27th We will continue the Claim the Life Series. Youth are being introduced to the nature of faith, God, in whom we have faith, being saved by faith, living as a community of faith, living faithfully, and faith eternal. Key topics for February are Authority, Doubt, Trinity, and Confession.

Senior High Surge

Sunday 5:30pm -7:00 pm

March 6th- Volleyball and Board Games

March 13th- "To Save a Life" Study
'Lowering the Waterline

March 20th- "To Save a Life" Study
"You're Not Alone"

March 27th- "To Save a Life" Study
"Say Something...Do Something"

Youth Mission Teams Update

Our Senior High youth will be going to Puerto Rico June 26-July 2. In addition to building relationships, we will be repairing houses in Ponce.

Our Middle School Youth will be going to Chicago, Illinois July 10-16. Our focus will be on hunger and poverty. Registration and deposit are now due.

March Youth Calendar

Middle School Surge

Sunday 5:30pm -7:00 pm

March 6th- Volleyball and Board Games – Bring your favorite board game to play or enjoy a game or two of volleyball. Something for everyone.

March 13th- St. Patrick's Green and Gold Night – Enjoy some of your favorite green things through some crazy games and then look for the pot of gold!

March 20th- It's Not About Me!

March 27th- Youth Choice Awards – Which of our youth would you choose as the winner of friendliest, craziest laugh, best basketball player, most improved youth member? Youth vote on this night! And the award goes to...YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN!

Middle School Kaleidoscope Retreat

Registrations due by March 13. Forms are available at the Wired Youth Board.

Want to know more about Wired Youth Ministry? Check the board outside Monica's office for forms and more information.



Kids Korner

SPARK for Children

Sing, play, act, reach, know!

March 2 - Special Night (and time) of Service.

We will be leaving in small groups to go and Do Good for others in our church family.

Please be here by 6:15!!! We will return by 7:45 after sharing some gifts we have been making on Wednesday nights.

March 9 – No SPARK – Ash Wednesday Service at 6:30 pm.

March 16, 23, 30 – A new series begins!

Come find out what our new theme will be and remember that friends are always expected.

Winter Lock-In

For all 3rd-5th graders

Friday, March 18 at 7:00 pm.

Bring your sleeping bag, favorite game, and other items you need for our night in! Then we will head to Northcross Lanes for a game of Laser tag and some arcade fun and pizza lunch. We will return by 12:30. Please see Jenny Reilly to register by Wednesday, March 16. Friends are always welcome.



**Come mix it up at
Salem's VBS this summer!
Sunday, June 26 –
Wednesday, June 29**

In this unique summer experience, everyone can be a chef, adding just the right ingredients to carry out God's recipe. Lots of "service with a smile" opportunities for everyone as we cook up some fun that will be shared with others. Look for the blue forms outside Jenny's office.



God's Big Backyard Summer Wonders Preschool Day Camp

Registration is now open for this ministry that keeps skills sharp and allows children the chance to know more about God's great world.

Spread the word!

Forms are located outside Jenny's office.

Summer with the Sun Daycamp

Registration will begin in March for this always popular ministry for the Denver community. Be sure to share the word and get registrations in as soon as possible. Some weeks filled up quickly last year.

Please see Caroline Rinehart, Director of Salem S.A.M. or call her at 704-517-0389.



Salem Children Do Good

Our Salem Children are remembering the three simple rules – Do No Harm, Do Good, and Stay in Love with God. They have worked to come up with some very special ways to Do Good around our church and community and we hope you will join them in this challenge. Be looking for ways you can support their mission projects at the Mission Fair on Sunday, March 13.



Looking Ahead Butterfly Brunch

Saturday, April 16
More details coming in
the April newsletter

Angel Food Ministries

Angel Food Ministries is being offered in our community at Unity Presbyterian Church. Everyone is welcome to purchase food through this ministry, with no income qualification or time commitment. You can purchase a box one time or every month. For more information, check out the website: www.angelfoodministries.com or contact Barb Lauro, who can give you a local contact at Unity. The following is some information from the website:

Angel Food Ministries is a non-profit, non-denominational organization dedicated to providing food relief and financial support to communities throughout the United States. The program began in 1994 with 34 families in Monroe, Georgia (between Atlanta and Athens), and has grown to serve hundreds of thousands of families every month across 45 states. Angel Food Ministries crosses denominational lines and has spread the good news of the gospel of Christ through salvation tracts that are placed in each food order.

Angel Food is available in a quantity that can fit into a medium-sized box at \$30 per unit. Each month's menu is different than the previous month and consists of both fresh and frozen items with an average retail value of approximately \$60. Comparison shopping has been done across the country in various communities using a wide range of retail grocery stores and has resulted in the same food items costing from between \$42 and \$78.

Generally, one unit of food assists in feeding a family of four for about one week or a single senior citizen for almost a month. The food is all the same high quality one could purchase at a grocery

store. There are no second-hand items, no damaged or out-dated goods, no dented cans without labels, no day-old breads and no produce that is almost too ripe.

Also offered are specialty boxes such as steaks, chicken and pork. Many participants in this bonus program appreciate the expanded choices. Additionally, there is no limit to the number of units or bonus foods an individual can receive, and there are no applications to complete or qualifications to which participants must adhere. Angel Food Ministries also participates in the U.S. Food Stamp program, using the Off-Line Food Stamp Voucher system.

RELAY FOR LIFE

As one of our missions, we will take part in the Relay for Life, April 29-30, 2011. We hope we will have a big response from Salem. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Mission Hall if you want to be a member of our team. Our team name is "Cross-eyed for A Cure".

We will need walkers and helpers to set-up and cook our food to sell that night. Look for more info. in upcoming bulletins and the April newsletter.

Captain and Co-Captain: Diane Keeney and Judy Gibson



WEDNESDAY - MISSION CENTERED MINISTRY

Description: Staying focused on the mission of "making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world" is essential for being a fruitful congregation. The afternoon of this seminar will explore with participants a variety of issues around the mission. Included are the factors that cause congregations to make decisions and plan ministries that are more reflective of personal preference and comfort than the mission of Jesus Christ. The seminar will then center on the importance and process of developing spiritual leaders that can help a congregation stay centered on the mission. The specific process that will be discussed and detailed is out of our Wesleyan heritage that was at the core of the Methodist movement when laity were dynamically involved in the living out of the mission. That process is the class meeting, where a model of a 21st century class meeting with its key factors will be experienced and clarified. This seminar will also give practical tools for aligning ministry consistently with the mission, especially at the times of planning and reporting -- including results based ministry descriptions for the sake of the mission.

IN THE EVENING, this seminar will focus attention on developing a congregation's ability to do the work of evangelism. The process shared is a model of developing in stages the competencies and confidence for persons to share their faith in Jesus Christ -- using the educational system as an analogy. The model starts with "elementary school" evangelism which is service evangelism -- using service as a means of evangelism. Then, participants will explore "middle school" evangelism of faith sharing in their small groups. After that comes the "high school" evangelism of testimonies in worship. Next is "college level" evangelism of invitational evangelism and proven strategies to engage the congregation in inviting others. And finally, then comes "graduate school" evangelism -- sharing our faith with someone not of faith in order to help them come to faith. And by following this simple process one step at a time, a congregation can be developed to do the mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world consistently and well.

THURSDAY - THE RACE TO REACH OUT

This exciting seminar is based on the award-winning book, The Race to Reach Out by Douglas Anderson and Michael Coyner. The Race to Reach Out has won OUTREACH Magazine's 2004 Best Outreach Resource in the area of Church Connection as "an effective resource for church follow-up, connection and assimilation of guests or unbelievers toward biblical community within a local church."

This seminar will help pastors and lay teams understand the unique and important ministry of hospitality and assimilation of newcomers to help them experience a life-transforming encounter with Jesus Christ. As Lyle Schaller shared, "Systems produce what they are designed to produce." So learn how to design an assimilation system that produces disciples, and not inactive members. The insights from this seminar help participants to develop an effective process of assimilation and discipling by focusing on helping newcomers to belong to the church and to Christ -- not primarily on membership as the goal. Using the analogy of a relay race to describe this exciting ministry, the goal is assimilation -- and membership is the "victory lap"! The seminar guides participants in developing a consistent and effective assimilation process of newcomers that starts with attracting newcomers; moves to hospitality when they arrive; identifying them as newcomers for follow up; responding to them quickly; making a listening visit to hear their needs, interests, talents, and gifts; inviting them to a place to participate and belong, based on the listening; and then inviting to membership after they are assimilated and discipled. Participants will learn practical skills, strategies, and models to be equipped for this essential ministry of connecting people to the church and to Christ in the race to reach out! Bring a team of several persons because this ministry takes a dedicated, motivated team to do it well.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Keith Bingham - keith@lewisvilleumc.org or 336-945-3203

Sponsored by the Winston-Salem District Evangelism Task Force



BIRTHDAYS:

- 1 Theresa Jones
- 2 Teresa Dearnley
- 3 Emily Lauro
Michael McCutchan
Candice Williams
- 5 Sarah Froneberger
Amy Gordon
- 7 Faye Zarins
- 10 Mason Wright
- 11 Rick Moore
- 13 Chris Clark
- 14 Ellen Caldwell
- 15 Lewis Turbyfill
- 16 Marcus Henley
- 17 Carol Duggins
Alexandra Mozina
James Sigman
Joanne Tallent
- 18 Joyce Plaxco
- 19 Billy Farris
Kim McGuire
- 20 David Birdsong
Kyler Smith
- 22 Glenn Jermalowicz
- 23 Cameron Pressley
Shirley Turbyfill
- 24 Lauren Strenke
- 25 Sarah Boggs
Andrea Greene
Trent Greene
Laney Hilton
Tom Miersch
Carol Ann Tench
Justin Wilson
- 26 Randy Goforth
Kisha Jermalowicz
Reagan Wallace
- 27 Rosalie Cramer
- 28 Renee Reilly
- 29 Jack Bradham
Judy Holmes
Jerry Nixon
- 30 Judy Farris
Steve Froneberger
Charles Henley
Carolyn Plaxco
Pete Riley
Riley Scoggins
- 31 Emily Moss

ANNIVERSARIES:

- 3 Joel and Sheila Graham
- 5 Steve and Valerie Schmieder
- 8 Jerry and Diane Ennis
- 9 Ed and Vickie Good
- 11 Charles and Robbie McDonald
- 18 Kevin and Addie Thoms
- 20 Pat and Barb Lauro
- 24 Glenn and Kisha Jermalowicz
Al and Judy Lovin
- 30 Jack and Mary Ann Bradham

GIFTS TO SALEM

IN MEMORY OF:

SAM NIXON

Bill and Judy Farris

BLANCHE TALLENT

Joyful Christians Sunday School Class

ROGER YOUNG

Sarah Beard

WALLY YARBROUGH

Bob and Joanne Tallent



- 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

We would like to update the list of our military folks. If you have updates on those serving in the military, please notify the church office at salemmethodist@bellsouth.net or (704) 483-5055.



March 20, 2011

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

Memorial Service for Blannie Tadlock - Sunday, March 6th, 3:00 pm

Lay Leader Graduation, Sunday, March 6th, 3:00 pm @Pleasant Grove UMC, Charlotte, NC

Ash Wednesday Service, March 9th, 6:30 PM

Mission Fair, Sunday, March 13, 9:30 - 12:30 (drop-in) - CLC

Lock - In: Friday, March 18, 7:00 PM Lock-for 3rd, 4th and 5th graders

District UMW Prayer Breakfast - Saturday, March 26,
(Registration begins at 9:15 AM, Program begins at 10 AM.)

Eagle Scout Ceremony for Tim Froneberger - Sunday, March 27, 3 PM in the sanctuary

MONTHLY EVENTS

Holy Communion - 1st Sunday
New Member Sunday - 2nd Sunday
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
Caregivers Support Group - 1st Friday 10:00 AM

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday

8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service
 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
 4:30 PM Ensemble Rehearsal (not 3/6)
 5:30 PM **Surge** - Middle School and High School Youth
 4-6:00 PM DivorceCare (through 3/13)

Monday

9:30 AM Staff Meeting
 2:30 PM SAM After School Care
 6:00 PM Girl Scouts (Rm #1) (1st and 3rd Mondays)

Tuesday

2:30 PM SAM After School Care
 6:30 PM Fitness
 7:00 PM Bible Study (7:00-8:30pm) at Lorinda Schwartz's home

Wednesday

2:30 PM SAM After School Care
 5:30 PM Community Dinner
 5:45 PM Hims of Praise Practice (not 3/9)
 6:30 PM 'When God's People Pray' Bible Study (not 3/9)
 6:30 PM Nursery (not 3/9)
 6:30 PM 'SPARK' for Children (not 3/9)
 6:30 PM Young with the Restless (not 3/9)
 6:30 PM **'Wired In'** Youth Bible Studies (not 3/9)
 7:00 PM MOJ Choir Practice (not 3/9)

Thursday

2:30 PM SAM After School Care
 6:30 PM Fitness
 6:30 - 8 PM GriefShare (Room #13)

Friday

2:30 PM SAM After School Care

MARCH MEETINGS

Tues., March 1, 7 PM - Evangelism Meeting (MR)
 Tues., March 1, 7 PM - Finance Meeting
 Tues., March 8, 7 PM - Church Council Mtg. MR



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

March 13, 2011

Remember to set your
clocks forward one hour
before you go to bed.

**CHURCH
OFFICE
HOURS**



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*Note New Thursday
Hours*

Monday-Wednesday
8:30AM-2:00PM
Thursday
8:30AM-2:30PM
Closed Friday