



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 – May 2011



Thank you to everyone who made the Lent, Holy Week, and Easter experiences a true blessing! From the Bible studies, Butterfly Brunch, Journey to the Cross prayer station experience, Maundy Thursday Communion, Good Friday Tenebrae Service, and all of our Easter Day celebrations, we pray this season of the church year strengthened your spiritual journey and inspired you to be a more faithful follower of the Risen Savior.

"Touch someone - not once, but always"



BUDGET NEWS

	YTD Thru		Yr. To Yr. Difference	
	4/18/2010	4/18/2011	Increase (Decrease)	
			\$	%
Offerings designated to:				
Building/Capital Improvement	\$ 9,040.00	\$ 10,852.95	\$ 1,812.95	20.05% Increase
Cemetery/Driveway	\$ 1,552.00	\$ 12,078.00	\$ 10,526.00	678.22% Increase
Missions/Misc.	\$ 6,825.00	\$ 7,521.50	\$ 696.50	10.21% Increase
Budget (Oper. Exp. And Ministry)	\$ 136,021.15	\$ 131,920.31	\$ (4,100.84)	-3.01% Decrease



Missions Spotlight



Amy's House is a shelter for women as part of the Lincoln County Coalition Against Domestic Violence. It provides 24 Hour Crisis Line, Crisis Counseling, Court Advocacy/ Accompaniment, Information and Referral, Emergency Transportation, Support Groups for Women, Emergency Housing, Direct Services, Community Education, Shelter. Right now Amy's House is especially in need of cleaning products and 39 gallon trash bags. They also can always use combs and brushes, any kind of personal hygiene items for women, and monetary donations. If you can help with any donations, please place them in the box in the Missions Hall labeled "Amy's House". Thank you!

Salem youth served ABCCM (Asheville Buncombe County Christian Ministries) Veterans Quarters, Monday, April 19th, by unloading 4300 pounds of food, sorted cans and filling boxes with food for local families in need. The group then toured several other ABCCM ministries which included Steadfast House, a center for homeless mothers and children, Ministry Center which is an assistance center for food, medical, clothing and counseling for local residence. Each facility was full of individuals in need of support help and love. The youth were able to tour and ask each director questions witnessing firsthand how the community was making a difference in the lives of others. In order to continue our efforts in assisting others in need, please contact Monica Childers or the Mission Committee of any needs in the community and lets be the Spirit of Jesus Christ alive in the World.

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How to Deal with Conflict: P.A.U.S.E.

Prepare

Affirm relationships

Understand interests

Search for creative solutions

Evaluate options objectively and reasonably



The PAUSE Principle from Peacemaker Ministries:

“Even when you manage to resolve personal offenses through confession and forgiveness, you may still need to deal with substantive issues, which may involve money, property, or the exercise of certain rights. These issues should not be swept under the carpet or automatically passed to a higher authority. Instead, they should be negotiated in a biblically faithful manner.



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MINISTRIES

“As a general rule, you should try to negotiate substantive issues in a cooperative manner rather than a competitive manner. In other words, instead of aggressively pursuing your own interests and letting others look out for themselves, you should deliberately look for solutions that are beneficial to everyone involved.

“As the Apostle Paul put it, “Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others” (Phil. 2:3-4; see Matt. 22:39; 1 Cor. 13:5; Matt. 7:12).

“A biblical approach to negotiation may be summarized in five basic steps, which we refer to as the PAUSE Principle:

Prepare (pray, get the facts, seek godly counsel, develop options)

Affirm relationships (show genuine concern and respect for others)

Understand interests (identify others' concerns, desires, needs, limitations, or fears)

Search for creative solutions (prayerful brainstorming)

Evaluate options objectively and reasonably (evaluate, don't argue)

“If you have never used this approach to negotiation before, it will take time and practice (and sometimes advice from others) to become proficient at it. But it is well worth the effort, because learning the PAUSE principle will help you not only to resolve your present dispute but also to negotiate more effectively in all areas of your life.

“Because God has reconciled us to himself through Christ, Christians can be reconciled to one another.”
- from *Peacemaker Ministries*

More from Pastor Janice:

Words of Wisdom from Dr. James Howell, Senior Pastor at Myers Park UMC

eFollowingJesus2011 - an end to blame

In the great film based on John Irving's *The World According to Garp*, Helen and Garp are terribly, painfully estranged, she having hurt him severely, both emotionally and physically. Unable to speak, Garp scribbles a note and hands it to her: "I don't blame you." After a few moments, he writes another note: "I don't blame me, either." Then he wisely says to her, "Only in this way can we be whole again."

You don't need to be a Christian to understand the futility of blame; and yet, from the perspective of the wonder of salvation in Christ, we can take a special, holy joy in the shedding of blame - because in Christ "there is now no condemnation" (Romans 8:1). The diagnosis of precisely who is to blame, at whose feet fault is to be laid, may hook our interest; but the only thing blame achieves is pouring cement around something that can't be changed and feels bad enough already.

Everett Worthington writes that healing only begins once we realize the obvious: the past cannot be undone, and heaping blame or any other negatives on the situation only makes things worse. Forgiveness begins with a decision not to let blame block progress, and the insight that blame often misunderstands and oversimplifies complex situations. Without empathy, Worthington says, we never move toward forgiveness, healing and peace - and blame only blames, instead of trying to get inside the other person's head and heart, to try to understand the reasons behind what may be terribly inexcusable behavior, or may turn out to have been quite unintentional!

In dealing with us, God doesn't assess blame; God seems to accept the past with all its wounds and blemishes and simply forges ahead in mercy with us: "Remember not the former things; for behold, I do a new thing" (Isaiah 43:18). The whole point of the Gospel is that God became flesh, entered into our existence to redeem us from the inside out; we might thus say God empathizes. "For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses" (Hebrews 4:15). "As a father pities his children, so the Lord pities us... He knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust" (Psalm 103:13). If we are the grateful recipients of such a gift of empathetic compassion from God, we might be able to replace blame with understanding - and find the way, by God's grace, to forgive, to let go of blame, to discover God's "new thing."

eFollowingJesus2011 - reconciliation

Clearly the way we've been thinking about forgiveness reaches far beyond what society settles for. Forgiveness isn't a warm fuzzy feeling; forgiveness isn't forgetting (can your brain really forget?); forgiveness isn't saying Oh it doesn't matter. Christian forgiveness insists that the other person, and your own life both matter so much that you have to do something; you have been forgiven by the immense, surprising, wonderful grace of God - and so then you forgive. This kind of holy forgiveness isn't the end; we aren't done at all when we say I forgive. We are just beginning! We seek the restoration of the relationships, or the forging of a new, richer relationship.

Paul made a remarkable statement, an ennobling invitation: From now on, regard no one from a human point of view... If anyone is in Christ he is a new creation... This is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:16-18).

I love the language: God has given us a ministry!!! I am grateful God gave me a ministry, that God called me to the work I have; but God calls not just the clergy but all Christians into ministry - and it is this ministry: regard no one from a human point of view... Reconciliation is your ministry! Paul said, Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another as God in Christ has forgiven you (Ephesians 4:32); and You should forgive and console him, so he may not be overcome by excessive sorrow (2 Corinthians 2:7). Jesus not only told us to forgive 70 times 7... but indicated our relationship with God is hampered if we haven't made peace with others. Not only did Jesus invite us to pray Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; he also said if you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Make friends quickly with your accuser (Matt 5:23).

Reconciliation with those with whom we are at odds, with those who are different, requires courage, commitment, a listening ear, and frankly time, and a willingness to struggle on when it's frustrating. Reconciliation also hinges on the merciful power of God: if we think we can't pull off reconciliation, we recall Paul's faithful words, "I can do all things through him who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13).

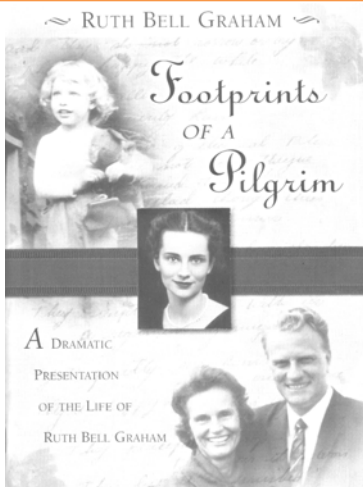
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Footprints Of A Pilgrim



...takes a journey with one of the most Beloved Christian women of our time - Ruth Bell Graham. Find out where one Pilgrim's footprints started and where They've led to an incredible dramatic presentation of this story of perseverance, strength, and love.

"Footprints of a Pilgrim touched me deeply because this is the Ruth I have loved for almost 60 years." - Billy Graham

MAY 21, 7:00PM **MAY 22, 4:00PM**

Salem UMC Sanctuary
(Light Refreshments Served Prior to Performances)

Free Admission

Donations will be given to Youth Mission Trip to Puerto Rico in June

CAST OF 6: Cheryl Barker; Judy Broussard; Jerry Ennis; Emily Moss; Tom

MAY MUSIC SCHEDULE

May 4 **5:45 HOP**
 6:30 Children
 7:00 MOJ

May 11 **5:45 HOP**
 6:30 Children
 7:00 MOJ

May 18 **5:45 HOP**
 No Children's
 Rehearsal
 7:00 MOJ

May 25 **5:45 HOP**
 6:30 Children

Children's Special Music Sundays

May 22 - 11:00am Worship Service

Messengers of Joy Special Anthems for May

May 1 - Holy Humor Sunday
"On the Road to Emmaus"

May 8 - Mother's Day
"Thank You For the Song"

May 15 - "Fairest Lord Jesus"

May 22 - "That's Why We Praise Him"

May 29 - "Behold What Manner"

Hims of Praise Special Music May 15

May 29th
7:00PM

Special Music and testimony by all.

See you there!



Happy Mother's Day



"Let's take the corn flakes just in case."

Some Biblical Expressions of Praise

Declaring of thanks (Heb. 13:15)
Musical instruments and dancing (Psm. 150:4)
Psalms, hymns, & spiritual songs (Eph. 5:19-20)
By lifting our hands (Psalms 134:2)
By being loud (Psalms 33:3, 95:1-6)

Clapping hands and shouting (Psalms 47:1)
Singing praise songs (Psalms 9:11)
Making a joyful noise (Psalms 98:4)
By being still (Psalms 4:3-5, 46:10)





UMW SEEKS TO BECOME SEPARATE CHURCH AGENCY

Directors of the Women's Division approved a proposal to structurally separate from the General Board of Global Ministries while continuing to work together in mutual areas of mission. Next the General Conference will need to approve the proposed structural changes.

In some local churches United Methodist Women "Units" are active and working, while in other churches the life of the UMW is in its circles, and "Units" rarely meet. To reflect this, local UMW would be called just that, *local UMW*, rather than *the local Unit of UMW*, leaving us free to organize in ways that best suit our needs. This is the case at Salem now. Also changing is the number of required local, district, and conference officers. The only "required" officers named in the Constitution will be President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Our WNCC UMW Spiritual Growth Retreat is June 17-18 at Lake Junaluska. The theme is "*Peace, Popcorn, and Pansies*". Rev. Dr. Heather Murray Elkins will be our leader. She is Professor of Worship, Preaching, and the Arts at Drew Theological School and the Graduate Division of Religion at Drew University. Dr. Elkins is an Elder in the UMC, an author, and an inspirational speaker and storyteller. Registration is open until May 23.

The item for East Lincoln Christian Ministries for May is canned baked beans



Tabatha's Hands Circle

Tabatha's Hands Circle meets on the 3rd Wednesday (May 18) at 5:15 p.m. just before the Wednesday Night Dinner.



Circle of Friends will meet Monday, May 16th, 10 am, at the church.



Our April circle meeting was hosted by Judy Broussard with Judy Gibson as her co-hostess. We reviewed the UMW District Prayer Breakfast. In May we will be meeting at Sarah Froneberger's home with Sandy Race co-hosting. Our annual picnic will be at Sue Cook's home in June. We are still hoping to go to the King's Kitchen on July 18. There will be no meeting in August.

Sue Murdock gave the program entitled "Just Because Moments". It was based on the following Bible verses: Proverbs 3:27; Proverbs 15:23; and Philippians 2:1-5. The premise was how small gestures can be a blessings to others. Many suggestions were given regarding what types of gestures we can make.

Please remember to notify the hostess about your ability to attend the next meeting.

Helping Hands Circle will meet on May 16th, 10 am, at the home of Sarah Froneberger.

Food Backpack Mission

The 2010/2011 school year is almost over. We have 5 more weeks. Time has just flown by. The Food Backpack Mission has helped a total of 11 children with food over the weekend during this school year. This is all **THANK YOU** to **YOU** for making a donation via an offering envelope and writing in Food Backpack Mission or by placing food items in the green bin in the mission hall for the Food Backpack Mission.

Food items that we are currently short on are:
Canned Fruit and Canned Veggies.

The 6 boys and 4 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.



April 24 – June 12, 2011
Reading Plan for the Book of Acts
from Western North Carolina Annual Conference

Sunday, April 24, 2011 Acts 1:1-26	Friday, May 06, 2011 Acts 9:1-19a	Wednesday, May 18, 2011 Acts 15:1-35	Monday, May 30, 2011 Acts 21:27-36
Monday, April 25, 2011 Acts 2:1-13	Saturday, May 07, 2011 Acts 9:19b-31	Thursday, May 19, 2011 Acts 15:36-16:10	Tuesday, May 31, 2011 Acts 21:37-22:16
Tuesday, April 26, 2011 Acts 2:14-47	Sunday, May 08, 2011 Acts 9:32-43	Friday, May 20, 2011 Acts 16:11-40	Wednesday, June 01, 2011 Acts 22:17—23:11
Wednesday, April 27, 2011 Acts 3:1-16	Monday, May 09, 2011 Acts 10:1-33	Saturday, May 21, 2011 Acts 17:1-15	Thursday, June 02, 2011 Acts 23:12-35
Thursday, April 28, 2011 Acts 4:1-22	Tuesday, May 10, 2011 Acts 10:34-48	Sunday, May 22, 2011 Acts 17:16-34	Friday, June 03, 2011 Acts 24:1-27
Friday, April 29, 2011 Acts 4:23-37	Wednesday, May 11, 2011 Acts 11:1-18	Monday, May 23, 2011 Acts 18:1-23	Saturday, June 04, 2011 Acts 25:1-22
Saturday, April 30, 2011 Acts 5:1-16	Thursday, May 12, 2011 Acts 11:19-12:5	Tuesday, May 24, 2011 Acts 18:24-19:10	Sunday, June 05, 2011 Acts 25:23-26:11
Sunday, May 01, 2011 Acts 5:17-42	Friday, May 13, 2011 Acts 12:6-25	Wednesday, May 25, 2011 Acts 19:21-40	Monday, June 06, 2011 Acts 26:12-32
Monday, May 02, 2011 Acts 6:1-15	Saturday, May 14, 2011 Acts 13:1-12	Thursday, May 26, 2011 Acts 20:1-16	Tuesday, June 07, 2011 Acts 27:1-12
Tuesday, May 03, 2011 Acts 7:1-8:1	Sunday, May 15, 2011 Acts 13:13-52	Friday, May 27, 2011 Acts 20:13-37	Wednesday, June 08, 2011 Acts 27:13-38
Wednesday, May 04, 2011 Acts 8:2-25	Monday, May 16, 2011 Acts 14:1-20	Saturday, May 28, 2011 Acts 21:1-16	Thursday, June 09, 2011 Acts 27:39-28:6
Thursday, May 05, 2011 Acts 8:26-40	Tuesday, May 17, 2011 Acts 14:21-28	Sunday, May 29, 2011 Acts 21:17-36	Friday, June 10, 2011 Acts 28:7-16

2011 WNC Annual Conference Theme is *Inspire the Living Faith*

***Inspire the Living Faith*, drawn from a Charles Wesley hymn, is the theme for this year's Annual Conference at Lake Junaluska, June 8-12.**

Bishop Larry Goodpaster said, "My hope and prayer is that this will not just be a theme for four days in June, but will become the message that launches a renewed passion for extending the Gospel in our communities, among our neighbors, and around the world."

Several changes for this year's conference include:

- Each district will hold a conference briefing session in May.
- The Clergy Session begins on Wednesday, June 8, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Opening Worship with Holy Communion is Wednesday, June 8, 7:30 p.m.
- Forum and discussion groups for laity are scheduled for Wednesday afternoon; Thursday morning for clergy.

Bishop Goodpaster is asking every member of each church to prepare for Annual Conference by:

- Setting aside intentional times of prayer for the sessions during worship services between Easter and the opening of Annual Conference.
- Reading, studying and reflecting upon the Book of Acts during the Great Fifty Days (Easter to Pentecost). He's inviting clergy to preach and teach from Acts, as well.
- Taking up a special conference offering at some point and send it to the conference by the lay member of the local church who will place it in the offering plate during the Friday night missions celebration. This year it is designated for the Central Conference Pensions Initiative.
- Logging on to live streaming of the conference sessions via the Internet. Details are forthcoming in an upcoming edition of WNCC e-NEWS.

To subscribe to WNCC e-News or for more information: <http://www.wnccumc.org>

Summer Tuesday Night Bible Study



This six week study begins June 21 at 7:00 pm and will run through July 26. *Christianity and World Religions* by Adam Hamilton will be our topic of study. Please see Elinor Heermans for more information and to register so materials can be ordered.

Laity Service Awards

Congratulations to the following members of our congregation who were selected to represent those members of our church who do so much behind the scenes to make a difference in the church, community and world:

Anita Clark, Judy Holmes & Haley Parker, youth recipient.

These ladies will be recognized at the Laity Award Banquet on May 19.

Walk to Emmaus

Registration for Walk to Emmaus fall weekends are now being accepted. 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

September 15-18

October 20-23

Women's Walks

Sept. 8-11 (new!)

Sept. 29-October 2

November 3-6

Prayer Room

New stations focusing on the book of Acts in preparation for Pentecost will be in place the first week of May. Stop by for a few minutes and visit one station or stay as long as you need to go through the entire room and feel God's presence in your life through prayer.



Kids Korner

SPARK for Children

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

Sing, play, act, reach, know!

For Children ages 4 through 5th Grade

May will have a focus on the Holy Spirit and the book of Acts. We will finish with a party on May 25. It is always more fun with a friend, so be sure to invite and bring one or two each week.

Mission Possible 2011

Learn about mission organizations, make items, take things, and serve in the name of Christ. **First date is June 23.** The additional dates and trip information will be available this month on the website. **Adults interested in serving as leaders for this may see Jenny Reilly.**



Come mix it up at Salem's VBS!
Sunday, June 26 –
Wednesday, June 29
 Register today online!

CALLING ALL HELPERS

VBS Training

June 5, 2011

2:00-4:00 pm

Please see Jenny Reilly for more information about Shake It Up Café!

Children's Church
May 8, 15, 22, 29
During the 10:45 Service



GOD'S BIG BACKYARD

Summer Preschool DayCamp

See Jenny Reilly for more information



Summer with the Son

School Age DayCamp registration has begun. Contact Caroline Rinehart at 704-517-0389.

September 9-11

Make your reservations by calling Jellystone Park in Marion, NC, indicating you are with Salem. See Phil or Wendi Riddle for more information.





May Youth Calendar

Wired

Wednesdays 6:30pm-7:30 pm

"Tempting Stuff"

Helping Teenagers Battle Everyday Temptations

May 4th – The Heart Condition: The temptation story

May 11th – Selfish Temptations

May 18th – Do Nothing Temptations

May 25th – Dishonest Temptations

Plugged In

Sunday 10:00am -10:45 am

May 1st – The Body of Christ, "We are in this together"

May 8th – The Body of Christ, "You are the Body"

May 15th – Sacraments, "Making connections with God"

May 22nd – Saints, "Saints of All Sorts"

May 29th - Kingdom, "What do you see?"

Surge

Sunday 5:30pm -7:00 pm

May 1st – Movie "Soul Surfer"

May 8th – Mother's Day, No Surge

May 15th – "The Glove"- Each youth is asked to bring a glove of your choice to wired this night.

May 22nd –Got "G.U.T.S?"

May 29th –The Lifeboat, Wear your summer attire - excluding bathing suits



Take Stock in our Youth

Salem Middle School Youth will be sharing the love of Christ in **Chicago, Illinois**, July 10-16. The trip will focus on hunger and poverty. We would like to extend an opportunity for you to be a part of Gods mission for our youth by purchasing Stock in our program. The stock sale is a fundraiser extended to friends, family, church members, and area businesses to support the mission efforts of Salem Youth. Each youth is selling stock in themselves to offset the cost of the trip. With a stock donation of \$10.00 or more, you the "Stock Holder" will have a vested interest in the mission and are invited to a special stock holder's dinner to be held in August, following the trip. Stock can be **purchased May 1- June 5th**. See **Jenny or Monica** for details.

Remember our upcoming Puerto Rico fundraisers!

Community Dinner

Wednesday, May 18th, 5:30-6:30

(A portion of proceeds will assist the Puerto Rico Mission Team)

Models for Mission, Train Exhibit May 19-22 in the CLC

Fish Fry

Saturday, May 21st

5:00-8:00 pm in the Meeting Room/ CLC

Come enjoy a night out with family and friends or stop by and pick up a delicious dinner for the whole family

Twin Tops Fish or chicken tenders

(Plates include fish or chicken, coleslaw, French fries and dessert)

Tickets are \$8

and can be purchased in advance from a Senior High Youth or in church office.

Join the youth in raising money for their trip to Puerto Rico on June 26th.

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



BIRTHDAYS:

- 2 Elinor Heermans
Dan Reilly
- 3 Austin FitzPatrick
Andrew Jones
- 4 Georgia Fowler
- 5 Ernie Estep
Scott Cloninger
Erica Burnell
- 6 Savannah Riddle
- 8 Tina Robinette
- 11 Debbie Gorowski
Jennifer FitzPatrick
- 12 Diane Ennis
Ellis Robinson
- 13 Nathaniel Scoggins
Christa Reilly
- 14 Don Combs
- 15 Sarah Webb
- 19 John Brice, Jr.
Teresa Watkins
- 20 Andrea Robinson
- 21 Charles Stowe
Tiffany Kolbay
Tracy Zilker
Austin Greene

- 22 Jeff Faucette
Tonya Auvil
- 23 Laura Sigman
- 24 Janice Rankin
Steve Schmieder
Bob Poole
Jacob Plaxco
Nick Dyer
- 25 Mary Rudolph
- 27 Pauline Miller
- 28 Cayce Connor
- 29 Tim Tench
Zack Spring



ANNIVERSARIES:

- 3 Chad and Melissa Cipriano
- 7 Mike and Debbi Harrington
- 10 John and Carol Duggins
Tim and Rhonda Tench
- 12 Sid and Caryn Scoggins
- 14 Doug and Jean Wilson
- 19 Jim and Nita Wilson
- 20 Carl and Jean Robinson, Jr.
- 22 Ronnie and Cheryl Barker
- 23 David and Janene Birdsong
- 29 Eddie and Mandy Hilton
- 31 Jerry and Vicki Nixon

GIFTS TO SALEM

IN MEMORY OF:

GAITHER AND KATIE SIGMON

Ken and Anne Sigmon

BLANNIE TADLOCK

Jim and Frances Mundy
Bill and Helen Burch
Beulah Musser
Harold and Carolyn Cook
Dan and June McIntyre

Roger Young's Birthday

Rose M. Young

IN HONOR OF:

MONICA AND JENNY

Steve and Sarah Froneberger

In honor of the wedding of Robert Cooke and Sue Hooks

Eric and Ellen Caldwell



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| Nick Bosiak | Brandon Mitzel |
| Steven Crowder | David Newman |
| Rich DuBreuil | Danny Nichols |
| J. T. Duggins | Kevin Oakes |
| Robert Hendrix | Joshua Parrish |
| Paul Johnson | Michael Reynolds |
| Wes Lockman | Preston Sellers |
| Austin Smith | Tony Trevet |
| Marc McPherson | Todd Williams |



We welcome **Colby Whittaker** as our summer ministry intern from Duke Divinity School. Colby's first Sunday will be May 22. Colby is excited about learning more about ministry in the local church. Colby, a native of Kentucky, is most eager to share with us in the areas of preaching, teaching, and working with adults, and will assist with children and youth ministries.

More details about a small group study with Colby will be in the June newsletter.

Salem is blessed to have ministries and a place that is great for teaching and guiding future church leaders. Please be part of this learning time for Colby and be sure to come give him a warm greeting (and an invitation for coffee or a home-cooked meal) on May 22).



UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

Model Train Display - May 19-22 in CLC
Fish Fry - Saturday, May 21st, 5:00-8:00 PM in the Meeting Room/CLC
Reader's Theatre: "Footprints of a Pilgrim" - May 21, 7:00 PM, May 22, 4:00 PM
5th Sunday Hymn Sing: May 29, 7:00 PM

MONTHLY EVENTS

Holy Communion - 1st Sunday
New Member Sunday - 2nd Sunday
Helping Hands - 10:00 AM, 3rd Monday
Circle of Friends - 10:00 AM, 3rd Monday at Salem
Tabatha's Hands Circle - 5:15 PM 3rd Wednesday
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
 4:30 PM Ensemble Rehearsal
 5:30 PM **'Surge'** Youth Ministries

Monday

9:30 AM Staff Meeting (5/30 no meeting)
 2:30 PM SAM After School Care (not 5/30)
 6:00 PM Girl Scouts (Rm #1) (1st and 3rd Monday's)

Tuesday

2:30 PM SAM After School Care
 6:30 PM Fitness (not 4/19)

Wednesday

2:30 PM SAM After School Care
 5:30 PM Community Dinner
 5:45 PM Hims of Praise Practice
 6:30 PM Bible Study "When God's People Pray"
 6:30 PM Nursery
 6:30 PM **'SPARK'** for Children
 6:30 PM Young with the Restless
 6:30 PM **'Wired'** Youth Ministries
 7:00 PM MOJ Choir Practice

Thursday

2:30 PM SAM After School Care
 6:30 PM GriefShare - Rm 13
 6:30 PM Fitness (not 5/19)

Friday

2:30 PM SAM After School Care

MAY MEETINGS

Tues., May 3, 7:00 PM - Finance Mtg. Rm. 13
 Tues., May 3, 7:00 PM - Evangelism Meeting (MR)
 Tues., May 10, 6:00 PM - Mission Committee
 Tues., May 10, 7:00 PM - Church Council Mtg. (MR)

MENUS:



May 4: Potato/Salad Bar, fixens, dessert
May 11: Ham, potatoes, green beans and dessert
May 18: BBQ, baked beans, slaw, chips, dessert
May 25: Ravioli, salad, garlic bread, dessert

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

**The church office will be closed
Monday, May 30th for Memorial Day.**

A Note of Thanks

Thank you and may God bless you! I want to let you know I really appreciate the Easter basket. This was so sweet of you all! Robert and I have really enjoyed it. You all are special to us!

Thanks again!



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VISION STATEMENT

God calls

***Salem United Methodist Church
to be the Spirit of Jesus
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Address Service Requested



SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:30 AM - Traditional Worship Service
9:45 AM - Sunday School for All Ages
10:45 AM - Blended Worship Service

Summer Book Reading

The Circle of Friends would like to bring attention to the church library and take in books that your children have out grown. There will be a table (Food Backpack Mission table) in the mission hall during the months of June, July, and August to share children's books. These would be children books for all ages (birth to 18). There will be a book check out list.

How you can share:

1. During the month of May-Donate books that your children have out grown. Place them in the Food Backpack green bin.
2. During June, July, and August encourage your child/children to stop by the table and select books to take home and read.
3. Then you can return the books for another child to enjoy or keep them for repeat reading.

At the end of the summer we will donate the books to the church library, to the Food Backpack children for the 2011/2012 school year, to the local schools or to the ELCM. So no matter where your donated books end up they will have a special home.

If you would like to participate in the book sharing or have questions, please check with a Circle of Friends member or Anita Clark (anita5110@yahoo.com) or 704-483-5110).

Happy Reading!

