



Salem Scriptures

February 2022



We will return to in-person Worship on Sunday, February 13th

At 10:00 am. In our sanctuary! Please join us. Wear your mask if you like, and we will do everything we can to eliminate risks.

We continue to sanitize the building and are very appreciative of our new cleaning person, Hannah Mullett, who cleans the church regularly on the second and fourth Fridays.



FEBRUARY MEETINGS

Finance and Church Council

Monday, FEBRUARY 21 st
at the regular times—6 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.



The Quilters meet on
Wednesdays
in the Quilt Room from
10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
Bring your lunch, needle/thread,
and join this happy group!
We have great discussions, laughs,
fellowship, and truly enjoy
our time together!



Killian Reddy	Feb. 2
Nancy Vaughan	Feb. 3
Donna Smith	Feb. 16
Colette Johnson	Feb. 17



Pat Kennedy and Steve Maxvill
February 14th

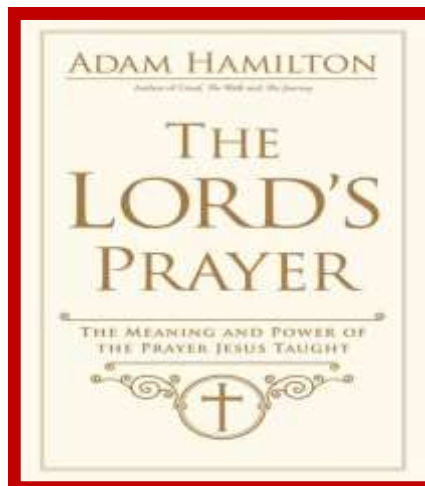
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Future Meetings:
May 14, 2022 @ 9:30 a.m.
August 13, 2022 @ 9:30 a.m.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays in Lent
March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
In-Person @ Fellowship Hall
Books are \$14
Order today from Pastor Nancy
Orders must be in by February 13

Troop 471 will continue to meet at SUMC
Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
However, SUMC will not renew the Charter
previously held by this church. We support
the Scouts and appreciate very much our
association with this fine group of young
people.



SOUPER
BOWL
sunday



SUNDAY FEBRUARY 13
We will be IN-PERSON!
Bring in non-perishable
food items

**Sign up to provide flowers
for Worship Services!
Look for this chart
in the Narthex.**



NEWS UPDATES

The cushions on the choir loft chairs have been replaced with fabric that (hopefully) will not bleed onto clothing! Thank you Charles and Carol for taking care of this situation!

Our Trustees have repaired the roof over the choir room, the shed, and the AC in the sanctuary. The trim on the front of the building has been painted (THANK YOU to Rainer Braun). The lawnmower has been repaired and is ready for spring! And Scouts have cleaned up the grounds.

We do not have urgent repairs to be made right now, but we do need to continue to be good stewards of this facility.

**The United Methodist Men
Will meet in the
Fellowship Hall
on Saturday, March 5th
for Breakfast!
All men of the church are
welcome to attend!**



**The United Methodist Women
will meet on
Sunday, February 20,
immediately following
the 10 a.m. worship service.**

**All women of the church
are welcome to attend.**

Our sweet Girl Scout, Brooke Jones, is selling those delicious cookies and would love for you to order a whole bunch of boxes (think “Thin Mints”)

Here is the link to her web page and you can order from there. If you want to pay a slight charge for delivery, the cookies will come to you via a delivery system, or you can mark that you prefer Brooke to deliver to you directly.

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**MEALS ON WHEELS
VOLUNTEERS
THANK YOU in ADVANCE
We need volunteers for MARCH
Greg Chandler**



Delight in Giving

"May God..who reached out in love and surprised you with gifts of unending help and confidence, put a fresh heart in you..."

2 Thessalonians 2:16 - 17



Our Ash Wednesday service will be held at 7:00 p.m. on March 2nd.

**If you would like to have ashes imposed upon your forehead,
you may come by the church from 7:00-8:00 am.**

Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and praying. Christians make a cross on their foreheads because they feel shame and guilt about their sins. People help the poor and needy by providing essential things like clothing and food. We make the sign of the cross on our foreheads to remind us of our sinful nature and God's forgiveness. It marks the start of Lent, the 40 Days of penitence.

PASTOR'S PEN

A word from the heart

Rev. Nancy Vaughan

One of the most difficult tasks for any pastor is writing something timely and well, you know, brilliant for the monthly church newsletter. I have to admit, I've always been partial to February. It's the shortest month and usually there's just nothing to do because it's cold, it has only one decent holiday (Presidents Day) that used to be something else but I can't remember. Anyway, we are already in February, 2022, nearly TWO YEARS after we first heard of COVID-19. Who knew two years ago we would still be talking about this?

It is tragic that so many people in our world have contracted this virus, some survived with trauma, some have claimed the promise of the Resurrection, and some may have had it and did not even know. I am not a specialist in medical dialogue, however, I do know that we should be moving back toward some kind of new normal that will include this virus or some deviation of it, in our society, our world, forever. Meanwhile, take care of yourselves and your families. Eat healthy food, exercise, and rest. After this long ordeal, our spirits need a lift, too.

And that is why we have this community of faith called the Church. Without this connection, it would be ever so much harder to survive trials, sickness, grief, loss, etc. The Church is the Body of Christ in the world, and our task is to make disciple of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Every one of us as Christians has a gift that God can use for this task.

Our sermon series that began in January and will continue through February is titled, "Love Never Ends." It is about the amazing and endless love of God. We are studying the letters Paul wrote to the church at Corinth. The church there was somewhat like our churches today – almost negligent of their task to make disciples.

February 6 – 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

February 13 – 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

February 20 – 1 Corinthians 15:25-38, 42-50

February 27 – 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Our Lenten Bible Study will begin on March 1 and run for six weeks on Tuesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall. We will be using the new study by Adam Hamilton on The Lord's Prayer. This is a fresh interpretation on a familiar text that will enhance our understanding of this cherished prayer. Order your book today!