



2023 Salem Scriptures

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Building Trust

“And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.” Psalm 9:10

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.” Proverbs 3:5-6

“The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.” Psalm 28:7

Many of us know or realize that the scriptures often speak of how we ought to trust in the Lord, even with all our hearts and with all our might. However, if we are honest, trusting can be a challenge for many of us. As we have all experienced challenges and trials in our lives, we may find it difficult to trust. Yet, knowing we would have trouble in life, our Heavenly Father filled His Word with reassurance and promised that it is good to Trust in Him. The Lord’s Word promises we can trust in Him because He never leaves or forsakes us, and that when we trust He leads us, and He helps us. Although some may find it challenging to trust, God has given us His Word, His presence, and His community in the body of Christ so that we can learn to build trust once again.

Pastor Craig Groschel once wrote these words, where we worry the most is where we trust God the least. Ouch! Those are words that go straight to our hearts. No matter what we may be facing, either together as a church, or as individuals, whether it is exciting and new, or venturing into the unknown, our Lord is worthy of Trust. Our Lord knows the whole picture, and nothing takes Him by surprise. With the Lord, we have no reason to fear because He is omniscient (all-knowing), and as we seek His face, together or by ourselves, He leads us, helps us, establishes us. He even promises that He has already gone before us. With these encouraging words let us be a people who are willing to build Trust in the one who is worthy of Trust. Let us be a people that believe that as we Trust in Him and seek His face, His wisdom, and His presence, we are assured He will lead us according to His will and good purposes. Today, sit with the Lord, take a slow deep breath, and ask the Lord to lead you, with His grace, to release to Him whatever may be worrying you most. Trust in Him, that He knows exactly what He is doing! Allow the Lord to help you build trust one prayer, one moment, and one breath at a time.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Abbie

AUGUST MEETINGS

Finance and Church Council

August 21, 2023 at 6:00 pm

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, August 5 / UMM Men's Breakfast

Social Hall 8:00 am

Sunday, August 6 / Boy Scouts Rain Gutter Regatta

Parking Lot 2:00 pm

Sunday, August 20 / NO UMW MEETING

Monday, August 21 / Finance Committee Meeting

Social Hall 6:00 pm

Monday-Thursday / Aug 28-31, 2023

Meals on Wheels/See Linda Becker

Sign up sheet on bulletin board in lobby

Church Bazaar Quilt (Queen size)

Just a quick
peek at the
gorgeous Ba-
zaar quilt!
Tickets will be
available soon!
90X102"



WELCOME to our VISITORS

We are so very glad you have chosen to worship
with us here at Salem UMC.

We would love to get to know you better!

Perhaps you have a desire to become
part of the church family here.

Pastor Abbie will contact you if you like and set
up a time to get together for coffee or lunch.

Of course, you may contact her
(leave a message) at 804-832-3474.

August Birthdays

8/8 Mike Denbow
8/12 Ramona Braun
8/14 Dan Spagone
8/16 Jana Macias
8/19 Jennifer Peck Bradley
8/27 Charity Quick
8/28 Abigail Quick
8/30 Christopher Meehan
8/30 Carol Tabor



8/16 Donna & Danny Smith

**The United Methodist Men
will meet in the Social Hall for
breakfast on Saturday, August 5, at 8:00 am
Come enjoy some Christian
fellowship and delicious food.**



**The UMW will not meet again
until September, 2023
NO MEETING IN AUGUST**

Salem UMC Trustees / Church Council Info

The church finance report for June was Beginning Balance: \$15,968.96 Total Tithes: \$5,976...Expenses: \$7,739...Ending Balance: \$14,205.96. Emergency Reserve Fund: \$12,156.18 (\$8,000 CD Form) \$2400 was spent on new church windows.

Please notify Stan Moss of any repair requests or concerns.

BAZAAR UPDATE

This is a good time to get together items for a themed silent auction basket for the bazaar. Suggestions for the theme could include sports, cooking, game night, snacks, crafts, the list is endless. Add a list and value of all that's in the basket. Erin Buchanan has agreed once again to help assemble your basket if needed. These baskets will be placed around the perimeter of the social hall for bids that will conclude at 1 pm on bazaar day.

Consider rooting some indoor or outdoor plants to sell. Please label with the plant name, as well as, care instructions.

Please bring in all donations for the bazaar by mid-September, so there will be plenty of time to sort and place them in their proper areas.

Our annual bazaar is Salem's big fund raiser and community outreach. Everyone is needed to participate in one and preferably many ways to make this year's bazaar a success. Sign up to help out the week before the bazaar and/or the day off. Work in the cafe', outside area, buy quilt tickets, bake for the bake sale. Most of all, tell family, neighbors, friends, and those in your work place to come on out Saturday, October 7th from 8-2 for fun, bargains, good food. And fellowship all for a good cause.

A special “Thank you” to our Troop 471 scouts for their continued help with tasks and chores around the church. They power-washed the sidewalk & bricks; trimmed several trees, and cut down 3 trees; cleaned out the front flower beds and cleared the ditches, just to name a few. We truly appreciate their efforts and endeavors.



CHURCH CHUCKLE

One beautiful Sunday morning, a reverend said to his congregation; we will be changing our style of service, but all will depend on you. A \$100 sermon will last for five minutes, a \$50 sermon will last for fifteen minutes, and a \$20 sermon will last for an hour. Now let's take the offering and see which one I will deliver.

Gardeners Needed / No experience necessary!!

We are in need of anyone who could help with weeding the front beds and sprucing up the outside of the church. You could spend as much or as little time as you want.



Please send any church event pictures to saleumcvb@gmail.com to include in our newsletter. We love to see your smiling faces!!



Supplies for Preschool

Once again this year, we will be taking up monetary donations...so needed, and much appreciated, supplies can be purchased for our six preschool classes here at Salem. Disinfectant wipes, tissues, and paper towels will be given out to each classroom before school begins. Let's show our support to Salem's preschool teachers. Carol Higgins will have an envelope available, for cash donations only, until Sunday, August 13th.



Special ladies enjoying the July 2023 Quilt Retreat...all I can say is "AMAZING"

Such talent. For information on quilting, contact Deb Grabeel and Evelyn Swanberg

Salem UMC Ice Cream Social...Good music, ice cream and fellowship!!!

