

**SALEM**  
United Methodist Church  
*Changing Lives Together*

## 2024 Salem Scriptures January Edition

### **A Greeting from Pastor Matthew Martin**

I would like to take this moment to wish the family and friends of Salem UMC a Happy new year. During the season of advent we spent time preparing for Christ's Birth. We celebrated Christmas and now that Christmas has passed many of us have already taken down the Christmas decorations and stored them away until the end of 2024 when we get to start the celebrations all over again. The children will be going back to school, things will return to normal. It will seem like even though we just changed the calendar to the month of January things will be the same. There is a scripture that comes to mind and that is 2nd Corinthians 5:17. "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here." During this year we are going to have the opportunity to grow together through worship, Bible Study and fellowship. I am excited to see what God has in store for the Salem United Methodist Church. One of the ways we can grow together as a church is by praying together for God's will to be done. I would like you to join me for the next month at 12:00 P.M. in praying the Lord's Prayer.

Our Father, who Art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever Amen.

As we pray this prayer together let's see what God's will is for us and for the Salem United Methodist Church. Please feel free to share what God is telling you.

Another thing we need to do is be intentional about praying if you miss the 12:00 P.M. time please pray at another time that works best for you.

I am looking forward to seeing what God has in store for Salem UMC.

*Blessings,*  
Pastor Matt



- 1/1 Andrew Porter
- 1/1 Danny Smith
- 1/3 Erika Connolly
- 1/7 Justin Grabeel
- 1/7 Priscilla Sunderland
- 1/9 Charlotte Flagg
- 1/10 Jerry Dixon
- 1/12 David Flagg
- 1/20 Juliana De Guzman
- 1/25 Jonathan Jones
- 1/25 Brayden Porter
- 1/28 Jackson Quick
- 1/28 Eliana Trinh

### Holiday Decoration Removal

January 7th, 2024

Following worship service church members can come and assist with holiday decor removal and put away church decorations.



### United Methodist Women Meeting

January 21st 2024

Following church worship service.

### Comic Section

#### PRAYER PUPS BY JEFFREY SMITH



### Ornament Exchange Dec 2023





## Light Refreshments after Worship



January 28th, 2024

Join us for some light refreshments right after Sunday Worship!



### Breakfast

February 3rd, 2024

8:00 am

Ladies are welcome to join!



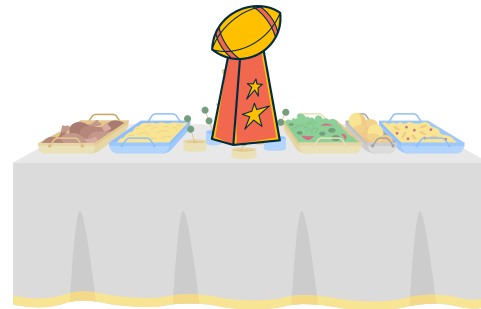
## Sunday School

At 8:15am starting  
Feb 4th, 2024 before  
worship

## Super Bowl Luncheon

February 11th, 2024

Join us for lunch right after  
Sunday Worship!



## Finance & Church Council Meeting

January 15th, 2024 at 6:00pm



If any members have any news or events they would like to share please let us know! You contact the church office at 757-471-2406 or email us at [salemumcvb@gmail.com](mailto:salemumcvb@gmail.com)!

God loves you all!