



# 2023 Salem Scriptures

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Pastor Abbie Brooks and her husband Michael Brooks were joined in Holy Matrimony in the spring of 2023. Together, they have a blended family of three children, Laura-Lynn, Maxwell, and CJ (Colin). Pastor Abbie has served in full-time ministry for over 4 years and volunteered for many more. She has served at Good Hope UMC in Chesapeake, VA as lead Pastor for 3 years, and served full-time as the Director/Minister of Youth and Young Adult Ministries at Baylake UMC in Virginia Beach. She is a life-long United Methodist! Currently, Pastor Abbie is a Licensed Local Pastor and is degree seeking at Regent University. Prior to pursuing her call to full-time ministry, she was a chef/cook for over 16 years.

This said, I look forward to prayerfully discerning and serving alongside Salem UMC as we continue to be maturing disciples that make disciples for Jesus Christ.

“See, I am doing a new thing!  
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?  
I am making a way in the wilderness  
and streams in the wasteland.”

Our Lord and Savior is surely doing a new thing, a new thing at Salem UMC, a new thing in the lives of His people, and new things in the community of the Body of Christ. More than ever, it is vitally important that we stand together, fully rooted in sound Biblical teaching, and persistent in prayer! May it all be for God’s glory!

### Altar Flower Sign-Up Chart

A new 2023 flower chart is up in the Narthex. Sign up for your special dates: birthdays, anniversaries, memorials, or just because. Bring your flowers in on Sunday morning, they can be store bought or from your garden. Contact Evelyn Swanberg at 757-471-4957 for more information.

## JULY MEETINGS

### Finance and Church Council

July 17 2023 at 6:00 pm

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**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

Friday, June 30—Monday, July 3

Quilt Retreat / Social Hall / See pg 4

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Saturday, July 1 / UMM Men's Breakfast

Social Hall 8:00 am

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Sunday, July 9 / Welcome Luncheon for Pastor Abbie

Social Hall / Following Service

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Sunday, July 16 / NO UMW MEETING

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Monday, July 17/Finance Committee Meeting

Social Hall 6:00 pm

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Saturday, July 22 / Amazing Grace Ice Cream Social

Social Hall from 6-8 pm

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### Church Bazaar Quilt

Just a quick  
peek at the  
gorgeous Ba-  
zaar quilt! It  
is king size  
and hand  
quilted  
with love. 



### 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 757-471-2406.

### July Birthdays

7/2 Rachal Nolin  
7/5 Rhonda Meehan  
7/9 Greg Chandler  
7/14 Don Bradford  
7/14 Lynn Elliott  
7/17 Gabrielle Jaljulio  
7/18 Terry Spagone  
7/20 Cohen Jones  
7/22 Mamie Hutchison



### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

7/7 Betty & Jerry Dixon  
7/7 Rainer & Ramona Braun  
7/7 Craig & Sharon Nolin  
7/21 Gordon & Carol Tabor  
7/24 Barry & Anne Haughey  
7/26 Jim & Linda Becker

**The United Methodist Men  
will meet in the Social Hall for  
breakfast on Saturday, July 1, at 8:00 am  
Come enjoy some Christian  
fellowship and delicious food.**



**The UMW will not meet again until  
September, 2023**

**NO MEETING IN JULY**

### **Salem UMC Trustees / Church Council Info**

The church finance report for May was Beginning Balance: \$16,065.85...Total Tithes: \$7,480...Expenses: \$7,576.89...Ending Balance: \$15,968.96. Emergency Reserve Fund: \$15,234.06 (\$8,000 CD Form)

Please notify Stan Moss of any repair requests or concerns.

## **BAZAAR UPDATE**

### Donations for Bazaar

Donations for the annual bazaar are now being accepted. Maybe you have an attic, garage, or overstuffed closet to clean out. As you do your spring cleaning, consider donating to the church bazaar to be held October 7<sup>th</sup>. Place your donations inside the social hall door or call Carol Higgins at 757-285-0673 to meet you up at church. These donations will be sorted ahead of time and boxed up for the area where they will be sold.

We can use dishes, glassware, kitchen items, décor, crafts, toys, garden equipment, books, and furniture. We do not accept large appliances, baby cribs or car seats, very large furniture (sofas, recliners), tv's, computers, or VHS tapes.

Also, remember we do not take in clothes for the bazaar.

## PASTOR'S PEN

*A word from the heart*

*Rev. Nancy Vaughan*

**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

The teacher asked children to draw a story from the Bible. Tommy was drawing a picture of an airplane.

Ah, a cute mistake on the flight into Egypt, she thought. She asked, “Who’s in the plane?”

Tommy said that’s Mary, Joseph, and the baby Jesus.

Who’s in the front seat? Oh, that’s Pontius, he’s the pilot.

#### QUILT RETREAT DETAILS:

FRIDAY, June 30 / 9:00 am—6:00 pm

SATURDAY, July 1 / 9:00 am-6:00 pm

SUNDAY, July 2 / 11:30 am—6:00 pm

MONDAY, July 3 / 9:00 am—6:00 pm

### Gardeners Needed / No experience necessary!!

We are in need of anyone who could help with weeding the front beds and sprucing up the out-



Please send any church event pictures to [salemumcvb@gmail.com](mailto:salemumcvb@gmail.com) to include in our newsletter. We love to see your smiling faces!!



## ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Saturday, July 22, 2023

6:00 pm until 8:00 pm

Salem United Methodist Church Social Hall

Music provided by Amazing Grace

Free to all, bring friends and family



## FAREWELL LUNCHEON FOR PASTOR NANCY

The Salem UMC UWIF provided a beautiful farewell luncheon for Pastor Nancy on Sunday, June 11 following the service. If you left hungry, it was your own fault!!



From top left to right: Pastor Nancy and Stan Moss surrounded by friends and family. Pat Kennedy and Deb Grabeel checking on the amazing luncheon supplied by the UWIF and numerous congregation members. Mike Elliott sampling the delicious desserts.

Bottom left to right: So many Salem UMC members and friends enjoying great food and fellowship. Officer Jones taking a break to join the celebration. Finally sitting down to enjoy the fruits of their labors...Deb Grabeel, Carol Higgins, Josephine Jones, Margaret Haché. Thank you all!!