



2023 Salem Scriptures

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Salem UMC
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Together, as a community, may we reflect on this Prayer written by Saint Francis and the Scriptures. May we truly consider, how are we called to be ambassadors of peace.

Psalm 34:12-14

“Whoever of you loves life and desires to see many good days,
keep your tongue from evil and your lips from telling lies.
Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.”

Peace Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master,

grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled, as to console,

to be understood, as to understand,

to be loved, as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.

In what areas of our lives and in which relationships, both individually and as a community, can we be instruments of peace, sharing hope, light, comfort, understanding, and love?

-Pastor Abbie

Church Website: <http://www.salemumcvb.org/>

Church FaceBook Link: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100066638183374>

SEPTEMBER MEETINGS

Finance and Church Council

September 18, 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, September 2 / UMM Men's Breakfast

Social Hall 8:00 am

Wednesday, September 6

Worship Committee Mtg / 2:00 SH

Salem UMC Preschool begins

Sunday, September 17 / UMW MEETING

Adult SS Class / Following Service

Monday, September 18/ Finance Committee Meeting

Social Hall 6:00 pm

Friday, September 22 / Social Hall

Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner

4-9 pm

Church Bazaar Quilt (Queen size)

Just a quick
peek at the
gorgeous Ba-
zaar quilt!
Tickets are
available now!
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.

September Birthdays

9/1 Sue Jones

9/2 Josephine Jones

9/8 Charles Higgins

9/16 David Higgins

9/20 Margaret Haché

9/30 Brittany Johnson



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

9/2 John & Evelyn Swanberg

9/4 John Morgan De Guzman

9/16 Mike & Lynn Elliott

9/18 Charles & Carol Higgins

9/27 Craig & Deb Gabeel

**The United Methodist Men
will meet in the Social Hall for
breakfast on Saturday, September 2,
at 8:00 am
Come enjoy some Christian**



**The UMW will meet on
September 17, 2023
In the Adult SS class
Following the service**

Salem UMC Trustees / Church Council Info

The church finance report for July was Beginning Balance: \$ 14,205.96 Total Tithes: \$8,312.23...Expenses: \$5,859.70...Ending Balance: \$16,658.49. Emergency Reserve Fund: \$12,156.18 (\$8,000 CD Form)

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.

BAZAAR UPDATE

From Carol Higgins

October 7th , Salem's Annual Bazaar, will be here before you know it! There are so many opportunities for each and every one of you to help make our upcoming bazaar a success. Please get the word out to neighbors and friends, put the information on your community Facebook, take a flyer and post it at work or in your residential area. If you haven't already signed up to assist with the bazaar in some way, consider doing that. You can purchase quilt tickets. Prepare baked goods. Make a silent auction basket. Help price and organize during the week before the bazaar. Be part of the fun on the day of the bazaar itself. Pray for good weather, (preferably, sunny clear skies with a gentle breeze and 70 degrees).

On Friday, September 29th , at 9 we will be putting the lobby furniture away, covering the books in the library, placing tables in rooms and getting the church ready for the donations to be distributed. Come help if you are able.

Then, Saturday, September 30th , at 9 with the help of our Boy Scouts, the boxes of donations will be brought out of the shed and taken to specific rooms. Volunteers are needed to direct the scouts to various rooms, finish setting up inside areas, place posters around, etc. This is not a time to unload boxes that starts the next day.

Blue Jean Sunday is on October 1 st . Dress casually and prepare to help out in many ways from unloading merchandise to hanging the quilt in the social hall. Lunch will be provided and after a few announcements we will all get to work. All during that week before the bazaar you are encouraged to come and price and organize. Later that same week, tables will be set up outside under tents and boxes from the yard shed brought out and set up. Another opportunity to help.

Again this year the Scouts will be here to help us pack up when that 2 o'clock hour comes and we all are tired. Please let them know how appreciative we are to have them at our church.

Come out to support Salem and enjoy the Christian fellowship as we work together. Smile and let the community know what a loving and friendly church we are.

These are the supplies that were purchased for the pre-school from your generous donations. Each of the six preschool rooms received paper towels, disinfectant wipes, and tissues.



CHURCH CHUCKLE

One day, a man was walking along the beach and came across an odd-looking bottle. Not being one to ignore tradition, he rubbed it and, much to his surprise, a Genie actually appeared.

"For releasing me from the bottle, I will grant you three wishes," said the Genie.

The man was ecstatic. "But there's a catch," the Genie continued.

"What catch?" asked the man, eyeing the Genie suspiciously.

The Genie replied, "For each of your wishes, every lawyer in the world will receive DOUBLE what you asked for."

"Hey, I can live with that! No problem!" replied the elated man.

"What is your first wish?" asked the Genie.

"Well, I've always wanted a Ferrari!"

POOF!

A Ferrari appeared in front of the man. "Now, every lawyer in the world has been given TWO Ferraris," said the Genie. "What is your next wish?"

"I could really use a million dollars..." replied the man, and

POOF!

One million dollars appeared at his feet. "Now, every lawyer in the world is TWO million dollars richer," the Genie reminded the man.

"Well, that's okay, as long as I've got MY million," replied the man.

"And what is your final wish?" asked the Genie.

The man thought long and hard, and finally said, "Well, you know, I've always wanted to donate a kidney..."

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!!

**Boy Scout Troup 471 had a “Rain Gutter Regatta” 8/6/23.
Looks like there were several winners and LOTS of fun!!**



God Loves YOU

Always Has

Always Will



Recruit Deguzman, Kobe M.
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Kobe will be in Boot Camp for about 6 weeks. He would love to receive notes from the Salem UMC family showing our love and support.