



2022 Salem Scriptures May

As we begin the fifth month of 2022, it feels right to look back over the last 2 1/2 years and think about how God helped us through the many trials each of us has faced. I can't



help but think about how God is with us now, and will be with us forever. We here at Salem UMC are staying the course, becoming stronger in our faith walk with Christ, and growing as disciples. We have a bright future in this community and yet... each person in our Salem family is very much needed and extremely important to the cause of Christ here in our area and even throughout the world, as we represent to everyone we meet daily what it looks like to be a Christ-follower. Is our talk sweet? Are our actions motivated by love like Christ's love? Do we reach out to the ones who need to hear the Good News that we have a Savior and that our lives aren't doomed to just vanish into a vapor? See, as Christians, we wear the name of Christ because our lives have encountered Truth. We are nourished by the body and blood of Christ in Holy Communion, and we are baptized into the body of Christ, the community of faith.

My personal challenge and I would invite you to share it, is to live like Jesus every day. Y'all, it isn't always easy, because our sinful nature jumps in and we say or do something that doesn't sound at all like Jesus! The Christian life is private, yes, because there are chapters in all of our lives we don't want people to read. But... our Christian walk is very much supposed to be in Community with other Christ-minded folks. The Bible



MARCH MEETINGS

Finance and Church Council

Monday, May 16th
6 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.
AND

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

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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



Please notify the church office or
pastor if you have a request for prayer.



5-2	Deb Grabeel
5-3	Linda Becker
5-5	Norma Benscoter
5-19	Betty Dixon
5-21	Kenley Porter
5-28	Jeremiah Quick
5-31	Pat Kennedy



Jim & Theresa Howe	5-18
Zach & Brittany Johnson	5-22
John & Michelle Streter	5-25
Roger & Janet Peck	5-26

Fall Bazaar



It is time to gather donations for the annual fall bazaar!

Please consider Volunteering your time

to help sort and store the donations, too!

**If you are interested in serving on the planning committee for
The bazaar, please contact Carol Higgins or call the church office.**

**You are quite welcome to put together a basket or a collection of
items for the silent auction, too!**



**CHILI LUNCH for
EVERYONE!**

**Sunday May 22
After Worship!**

**Who makes the BEST? Come and see. And
taste! Bring your friends and family!**

Somebody please make chicken chili!!

**The United Methodist Men
Will meet in the
Fellowship Hall
on Saturday, May 7th
for Breakfast!
All men of the church are
welcome to attend!**



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

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

(pastor's note, continued from front page)

The Bible tells us to not forsake meeting together. Hebrews 10:25 says, And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

Each person has been given God-gifts that are designed to build up the community. Romans 12:6-8 tells us so. Bring your gift, invite a friend, and come to church. You may find what you feel like has been missing for the last 2 1/2 years.

Ross Fulcher recently moved to Harmony in Suffolk. However, this past week he had a stroke and is in hospital there. Keep Ross and his family in your prayers.

Also, Pastor Nancy will be traveling to the Nashville, TN area next week for the funeral of her brother in law, Larry Lane.

We are also praying for Deb Burks' daughter Chrissy, who lives in San Diego, in the recent loss of her husband.



AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED!

The silent auction 'baskets' that Erin has prepared for the the last few bazaars have been a big hit! While our guests look them over in the social hall, they are , also, noticing the quilts, the baked goods, and, of course, the Salem Cafe'.

This year each of us have the opportunity to contribute a themed 'basket' (display boxes from Sam's Club or Costco make great containers instead of baskets). These can be made up individually, together as a family, or many can get together to donate for the cause. Let's, also, use our talents and consider donating artwork, a lap quilt, baby blanket, etc. to the silent auction.

Some of the popular themes in the past were: holiday themes (Halloween, Thanksgiving, or Christmas), game night, snack basket, baking themes, sports. But don't limit yourself, think up your own theme.

Make sure you include the value of the items you donate.

It would be wonderful to have at least a dozen baskets for the auction. Thank you in advance for helping to make our bazaar a success.

HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

By the middle of June we are hoping to have a bazaar committee in place. Erin Buchanan will not be chairperson this year and we so appreciate all she's done in the past few years to make our bazaar so organized and successful.

This year we will need a new chairperson or event co-chairs, a committee that can actively take various roles in planning, setting up, and overseeing this year's bazaar. More manpower will be needed for setting up rooms, the outside areas and readying the church. We were stretched to a minimum last year.

Our annual bazaar, on October 1st this year, helps us to be recognized in the community. It gives an opportunity to showcase our church and brings in needed financial help.

Please consider being part of the bazaar committee and signup today in the Narthex or contact Carol Higgins.

A signup sheet for volunteering in the individual rooms, etc. will be available in the near future.