

SALEM SCRIPTURES

Salem United Methodist Church Newsletter

February 2017

1/2 Truth's sermon series

We are working on our sermon series 1/2 truths. They are simple phrases. They sound Christian – like something you might even find in the Bible. February 5 will be “God helps those who help themselves”. February 12 “God won’t give you more than you can handle”. February 19, “God said it, I believe it, that settles it”. We will finish February 26 with “Love the sinner, hate the sin”. We’ve all heard these words. Maybe we’ve said them. They capture some element of truth – yet they also miss the point in very important ways. Join us as we search for the whole truth.

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- Rev. Adam Hamilton



Bill McClung

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Souper Bowl of Caring

MORE THAN 25 YEARS AGO, the Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group: "Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat." Since that day, more than \$125 million has been raised for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that is transforming the time around the Big Game into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving.

Through this mission, young people learn what it's like to make a positive difference in the world – as they collect food, raise money and volunteer to work in charities that provide shelter to the homeless, food to the hungry and compassion to those in need. Be part of this movement that is sharing God's love with those in need. Please give generously on Super Bowl Sunday. Our youth will have collection pots at the doors. All donations will be given to the Courthouse Community United Methodist Church Food Pantry.

Big Game Food Drive.

Have a strong feeling about the Big Game? Will it be the Falcon's or the Patriots? Sunday February 5, show your predicting skills, by placing canned food items in the box of the team you think will win the game.

At the end of our service we will share who the congregation has picked. Then watch the game to see if our choice comes true. The real winners of this day will be a local church food pantry as we bring to them the canned food items collected.



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CHURCH CALENDAR



Weekly Calendar Items

Youth Group/ Adult Sunday school – Sunday @ 9:00 a.m.

Worship Celebration – Sunday @ 10:00 a.m.

Karate in Fellowship Hall – Monday and Thursday at 5-8 p.m.

Pre-School Praise and Worship in the Fellowship Hall – Tuesday @ 10:10-10:30 a.m.

Girl Scouts – Tuesdays @ 6:00 p.m.

Ladies Quilting Group in the Quilting Room – Wednesday @ 10:00 a.m.

Boy Scout Troop 471 – Wednesdays 6-9 p.m.

- United Methodist Men. Join the men of the church for their monthly breakfast meeting on the first Saturday, February 4 at 8:00 a.m. We gather for food and fellowship. There is a time of study and spiritual growth and planning service opportunities to grow in faith. All men of the church are encouraged to attend and be an active part of this vital ministry to men.
- Our February meeting of the Finance Ministry will be Thursday the 9th at 6:30 p.m.
- United Methodist Women . All ladies of the church are invited to attend the February 19th meeting in the Fellowship Hall. The meeting will be at 11:15 after worship. Come and learn more about the important mission of women around the world.
- Church council. Our monthly meeting will be Monday February 20 at 6:30 p.m. Everyone from the church is welcomed and encouraged to attend. Bring ideas for ministries we should be doing or was to live out evangelism to grow God's kingdom.
- Cub Scout Pack 471 Blue and Gold Banquet Saturday February 25, 4-8:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Ash Wednesday March 1

Ash Wednesday worship on March 1st at **1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.** Ash Wednesday emphasizes a dual encounter: we confront our own mortality and confess our sin before God within the community of faith. The form and content of the service focus on the dual themes of sin and death in the light of God's redeeming love in Jesus Christ.

The use of ashes as a sign of mortality and repentance has a long history in Jewish and Christian worship, and the Imposition of Ashes can be a powerful nonverbal and experiential way of participating in the call to repentance and reconciliation. This practice is the historic focus of Ash Wednesday observance and gave the day its name. It is traditional to save the palm branches from the previous Passion/Palm Sunday service and burn them ahead of time to produce the ashes for this service. Alternatively, ushers may distribute small cards or pieces of paper on which each person may be invited to write a particular sin or hurtful or unjust characteristic. This would then be placed on the Altar.

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