



2023 Salem Scriptures

June Issue
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To all my Salem UMC family:

This is the article I have put off writing. Why? Because I am struggling with writing my final newsletter to the beautiful Salem family! In the recent weeks, there have been a lot of changes around here, and more are coming. You will be welcoming Abbie Koke Brooks and her new husband and three children. I know you will shower this sweet family with the Salem goodness and love. You have shown me the same throughout my five years here. You make it difficult to say goodbye! You exhibit God's love and light to everyone!

Of course, you know that Stan Moss and I were married on April 22, and many of you were there to celebrate with us. You made the day very special with your presence! Remembering you will always include that day! As we have moved two households into one, we have come across many photos and documents that mark the time here. I have found Church Council minutes from 2018, B.C. (before Covid!), and sermons that I thought were pretty good, but re-reading them convinced me of your patience! I loved looking at the old Lay Leadership lists of who held each position in the church. Many of you have worn multiple hats!

Here's the thing: I also found documents from my former three charges! Reading over those names and yours reminded me of something very important to the Church. You have all been made in the Image of God (the Imago Dei), which refers fundamentally to two things: first, God's own self-actualization through humankind, and second, God's care for humankind. To say that humans are in the image of God is to recognize the special qualities of human nature that allows God to be made manifest in us.

In Genesis 1:27, we read "God created man in his own image..." We are in the image of God in our moral, spiritual, and intellectual nature. We mirror God's divinity in our ability to utilize the unique qualities, different from other creatures, and to mirror the image of God. We have freedom to choose or deny this likeness to God. Yet, in the many lovely persons I have encountered in "my" churches, I am grateful for their dedication to following God and striving to grow in his image.

So, I can and will, look back on my time at Salem, with love and fond memories. You hold a special place in my heart. My prayer for you is that you will continue your quest for wholeness in Christ's life and teachings. Grace and Peace, Nancy

New Address: 463 Cooper Garrett Road, Moyock, NC 27958

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.

March MEETINGS

Finance and Church Council

June 19, 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

May 30—June 1

Meals on Wheels

Saturday, June 3, 2023 @ 8:00 am

UMM Breakfast in the Social Hall

Sunday, June 11, 2023 Following Service

Farewell Luncheon in the Social Hall

Wednesday June 14—Friday, June 16

UMC Annual Meeting

Sunday, June 18 2023 / Following Service

Monday, June 19, 2023 / Social Hall

Finance Church Council Mtg

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 Nancy 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 757-630-7136.

June Birthdays

6/8 Richard Owens
6/9 Emma Buchanan
6/10 Michael Higgins
6/11 Jeanne Flagg
6/12 Mike Elliott
6/13 Ross Fulcher
6/13 Gordon Tabor
6/21 Kasey Sutryk



June Anniversaries

6/3 Terry & Dan Spagone

The United Methodist Men

**will meet in the Social Hall for
breakfast on Saturday,
June 3, at 8:00 am.
Come enjoy some Christian**



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

NO MEETING IN JUNE

Salem UMC Trustees / Church Council Info

The church finance report for May will be included in the July Newsletter
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 7th. 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

In his beautiful book, “I Shall Not Want,” Robert Ketchum tells of a Sunday School teacher who asked her group of children if anyone could quote the entire 23rd Psalm. A golden-haired, four-and-a-half-year-old girl was among those who raised their hands.

A bit skeptical, the teacher asked if she could really quote the entire psalm.

The little girl came to the front of the room, faced the class, made a perky little bow, and said, “The Lord is my shepherd, that’s all I want.”

She bowed again and went and sat down.

That may well be the greatest interpretation of the 23rd Psalm ever heard.

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!!