

# SALEM SCRIPTURES

Salem United Methodist Church Newsletter

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## Rehab Addict

I love the show “Rehab Addict” on the DIY network. What I love about this show is how the start Nicole Curtis takes an old home and brings it back to the way it would have looked at the time it was built. My favorite season was last year when she bought back a home her grandfather had built. Folks who later had bought the house redid it in different ways. So she bought it and restored it room by room, to the way it looked when her grandparents lived their. It turned out beautifully in the end.

What I loved about that season is how it took a sacred space that was formative in her life and in who she is today, and restored it. She gave it a new life that was essentially the way that home had touched her before. In many ways that is what Lent is about for us in the church today. We seek to strip back the many layers of things that have changed how we look and act so we can get back to the person we were when we first came to know Christ. Some times we get so busy with life we do not realize how we have done things to hinder our faith.

How are working to rehab our spiritual lives in this season to reconnect to God in Jesus Christ. What do we need to stop doing to focus more on God? And what do we need to start doing in order to deep that connection. I pray we will find was to do this as we go together on this Lenten Journey.

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## Elizabeth River District Board of Missions Dinner

The annual Mission Dinner will be held at Hickory UMC at 5 pm. The Rev. Nancy Robinson, a Mission Advocate with the General Board of Global Ministries will be the guest speaker. The cost is \$5/person. Each church can reserve up to six (6) spots. Please send one check made out to "Elizabeth River District Board of Mission."

The Menu for the evening will be as follows.

Hickory Barbecue

Grilled Chicken

Baked Beans

Cole Slaw

Potato Salad

Rolls

Assorted Dessert

Those encouraged to attend are the Untied Methodist Women's president, Untied Methodist Men's president, a missions person, the pastor and any others who would like to attend. If you are interested in attending, please let Pastor Bill know. [Pastor.bill.mcclung@gmail.com](mailto:Pastor.bill.mcclung@gmail.com) or call the church office.



## United Methodist Men

All men are invited to join the United Methodist Men for their monthly breakfast meeting on the first Saturday of each month. We meet at 8:00 am for a filling breakfast as well as a time of devotions and planning for upcoming work projects.

Our Untied Methodist Men also serve our church faithfully by cleaning the hallways, classrooms and sanctuary each week. They are always looking for others to help in this faithful service to our congregation. Usually we meet at 9 a.m. with 4 or 5 folks cleaning throughout the building.

Mark your calendars for April 28 as we will hold our annual spring "Barbecue" dinner to rias money for the Heart Havens Ministry. For more information about this important ministry, visit their web site <http://www.hearthavens.org/>

# CHURCH CALENDAR



## Weekly Calendar Items

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.

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's Breakfast**– Saturday March 3, 8-9 a.m. @ the church.
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- **Finance Committee Meeting**—Tuesday March 13 @ 6:30 p.m.
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- **Sunday March 18**—evening. Serve dinner at the Judeo Christian Outreach Center for the homeless.
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- **Church Council Meeting** Monday March 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the Adult Classroom.
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- **Maundy Thursday Worship**—Thursday March 29 at 7:00 p.m.
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- **Easter Sunrise**—April 1 6:30 a.m. on the church grounds. Breakfast will follow.
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- **Easter Resurrection Celebration**—Sunday April 1 at 10:00 a.m.
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- **P.I.N. ministry feeding the homeless**– Sunday April 1 at 1:45– 4: 15 p.m. Help us celebrate new life by offering life to others through a warm meal. We just need people to serve the meal.

# Holy Week Happenings

**Palm Sunday — March 25, 2018** 10 a.m. Palm/Passion Sunday recapitulates the beginning and the end of Christ's final week in Jerusalem. We move from a triumphal procession and its stirring of hope as our entrance rite to hearing of a very different kind of procession, a forced march with a crucifix, to conclude it.

**Maundy Thursday — March 29** 7 p.m. Holy Thursday, or Maundy Thursday, marks the last conversation Jesus has with his disciples, a conversation grounded in what he calls a new commandment . He illustrates and underscores the new commandment by washing the disciples' feet: "Love one another as I have loved you."

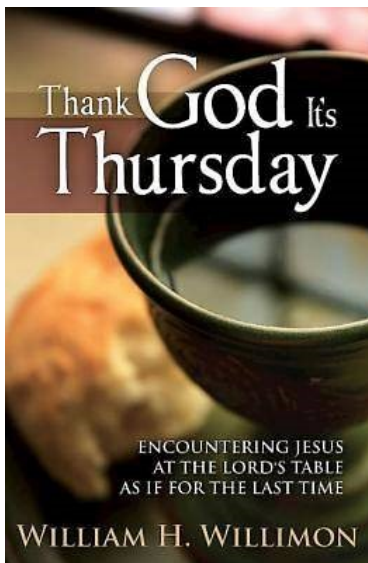
**Easter Sunrise — April 1, 2018** 6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise is an early morning service built on the framework of the Great Vigil of Easter. It moves from contemplation to celebration.

**Easter Sunday — April 1, 2018** 10 a.m. Easter Sunday is the principal Easter Sunday morning service of word and sacrament celebrating the resurrection of Jesus and kicking off the Easter Season of fifty days (through the Day of Pentecost).

## Lenten Bible Study– Thank God It's Thursday

Following the book of John, Will Willimon focuses on Jesus' teaching of his disciples prior to his own death but also before their own hour of decision. The climax of the Gospel is when Jesus pours out his life on the cross—surely an enactment and demonstration of the power of God's self-sacrificial love.

So to sustain and fortify his followers for the difficulties ahead, Jesus prepares them by teaching and offering sacraments of self-giving, through which they (and we) experience the grace and presence of the risen Lord. This book can equip Christians to face their hardships as they humbly serve with the promise of God's abiding presence already made good by his outpouring of sacrificial love. Written with the clarity, depth, and insight that are Will Willimon's trademark, this book offers afresh the challenge and grace of the message of the Resurrected One.





“37Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? 38And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? 39And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?” 40And the king will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” (Matthew 25:37-40; <http://bible.oremus.org/> )

Jesus Call to his followers to care for those ignored by society is very clear. We will be judged by how we cared for those who could not care for themselves. We at Salem church have made a bold faith move to spend more intentional time serving and caring for those who can not care for themselves. This mission work will help others , while helping us grow in faith at the same time. To accomplish this mission work we partner with three organizations.

First is People In Need (P.I.N.) ministry. “PiN exists to provide food, clothing, shelter, and free medical care for people that are either homeless or extremely poor. The ultimate focus is to help the homeless of Hampton Roads transform their lives by meeting them where they are and sharing a God that loves them and wants a relationship with them.

We are blessed to share these multiple outreach opportunities with you and your

community.” (<https://www.pinministry.org/home> )

Second we partner with The Judeo Christian Outreach Center. (J.C.O.C.) “One of our objectives is to feed our homeless residents and neighbors a good, wholesome meal once a day. That totals more than 85,000 free meals annually to both residents and non-residents at a cost of approximately \$2.00 per meal. Everyone in the community is welcome to join us for dinner, homeless or not.

Our Community Dinner is served Monday-Friday at 6:00 PM and Saturday-Sunday and all major holidays at 3:00 PM. Our Community Breakfast is served Saturdays at 8:00 AM.” (<http://jcoc.org/about-us/feeding-programs/> )

Third we work with Meals on Wheels of Virginia Beach. “ As an independent, non-profit organization started in 1974, Meals on Wheels of Virginia Beach strives to provide home delivered meals to the elderly, convalescing, and the handicapped Monday thru Friday every week.

This outstanding community service is directed to those people who are unable for various reasons to prepare food in their home for themselves. In many cases, this service provides the critical difference allowing recipients to delay, or even to avoid, institutional care.” (<https://mealsonwheelsofvirginia-beach.weebly.com/>)

We have agreed to the serve others on the following dates. Sunday March 18, dinner J.C.O.C.. Here we cook meals for the homeless. Easter Sunday April 1 1:45-4:15 p.m. P.I.N. Sunday’s at P.I.N. the food is prepared by Grand Affairs. We just serve the food. Sunday May 6, dinner

J.C.O.C. This dinner we will need to prepare. Saturday May 12 breakfast 6:45

P.I.N. They provide the ingredients and we cook them. Meals on Wheels May 29-June 1st picking up meals at Sentara Nursing Home off of Rosemont home at 9:30 a.m. and then delivering the route given to us. Sunday July 1, 1:45-4:15 p.m.

P.I.N. we just serve the food that is prepared.

All of these important times of feeding “the least of these” require your help. Please prayerfully consider one or two times when you might be able to serve others on behalf of Jesus. For more information you may contact Beth Gibson at [bgibson852@gmail.com](mailto:bgibson852@gmail.com) or call 757.646.2192



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