



# 2023 Salem Scriptures

November Issue  
Salem UMC  
2057 Salem Road  
Virginia Beach, VA 23456  
757-471-2406

Psalm 107 1-3 the Psalmist writes “O give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.”

In a few weeks we are going to be celebrating Thanksgiving. Many of us are going to be gathering around the table giving thanks for the many blessings that God has given us. What are some of the things that you are thankful for? One of the things I am thankful for is being appointed to Salem United Methodist Church. I have been appointed as your interim pastor until the end of June. I am from the State of Indiana, I have served in the United States Navy from 2002-2014. Currently I am working full time as a Security Assistant for Commander Navy Region Mid-Atlantic, where I assist with supply and processing background checks for the government.

I have been married since October 17th 2015, this past year we celebrated our 8th wedding anniversary. We have a 5 year old daughter named Mary, and a 1 year old yorkie named Harley. I am looking forward to being your pastor and getting to know and work with each of you. I am excited to see what God has in store for the Salem United Methodist Church community.



Please feel free to contact me for anything you may need.

Have a blessed Thanks Giving

Pastor Matt Martin

Left to right: Tabatha and Pastor Matt Martin...with daughter Mary

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

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

## November MEETINGS

### Finance and Church Council

November 20, 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 November 4 /UMM Breakfast at 8:00am

\*\*\*\*

Sunday November 12 / Bishop's Oyster Bash

Camp Occohannock 2pm—6pm

\*\*\*\*

Saturday November 18, Charge Conference 8:30am—  
2:00pm at Oak Grove UMC

\*\*\*\*

Sunday November 19 —UMW Meeting

Adult SS Class / Following Service

\*\*\*\*

Monday November 20 /Finance Church

Council Social Hall at 6:00pm

\*\*\*\*

Saturday November 25, Advent Decorating @ 2:00pm

\*\*\*\*

Monday—Thurs / Nov 27—30

Meals on Wheels

### 2023 Bazaar Quilt Winner

Fran Madole

Congratulations



### 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.

### November Birthdays

11/1 Barry Haughey

11/1 Craig Nolin

11/3 Austin Jones

11/4 Matthew Borloz

11/4 Rainer Braun

11/5 Bob McKown

11/15 Jessica Jones

11/16 Melody Morris

11/20 Norma Jordan

11/22 Rachel Jones

11/28 Marina Braun



**HAPPY  
ANNIVERSARY**

**11/11 John & Lori Reddy**

**11/26 Mike & Sue Denbow**

**The United Methodist Men  
breakfast will be held Saturday November 4th  
at 8:00am.**

**We look forward to seeing you at our next  
gathering!**



**The UMW will meet on  
November 19, 2023  
In the Adult SS class  
Following the service**

### **Salem UMC Trustees / Church Council Info**

The church finance report for September was Beginning Balance: \$ 13,166.86 Total Tithes: \$6,754.00. Expenses: \$8,646.29. Ending Balance: \$ 11,274.57. Emergency Reserve Fund: \$12,156.18 (\$8,000 CD Form)

Please send any church event pictures to [saleumcvb@gmail.com](mailto:saleumcvb@gmail.com) to include in our newsletter. We love to see your smiling faces!!



## Salem's UMC Trunk or Treat 2023!

Thank you to Rachel & Sharon!



## **WE NEED YOU!!!**

Saturday, November 25 / ADVENT DECORATING / 2:00 PM

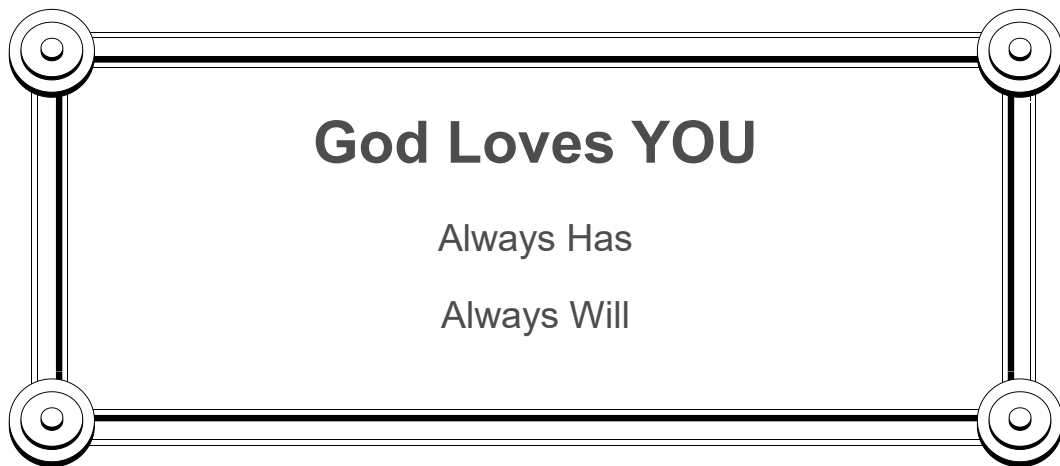
Please join us on Saturday, November 25 to decorate the sanctuary for Advent. Can you believe it's that time of year already? This is just the beginning.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.



Thanks to Cub Scouts who will  
maintain our flower beds!





## **Holiday Food Drive 2023**

Beginning November 5<sup>th</sup> through December 17<sup>th</sup> we will be collecting gift cards from local food chains for families during the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays.

Rather than canned foods and non-perishable food items this year, please consider adding to your weekly grocery shopping trip and purchase a gift card or two. Gifts will be equitably distributed to those identified families prior to each major holiday.

Place your gift card(s) in an envelope marked Holiday Gift Card and turn them in either to the church office or in the Sunday Offering plate.

If you know of a family needing some holiday cheer, we ask that you provide the information to Pastor Matt as soon as possible.

Thank you for your generosity!

Contact Deb Grabeel 757-647-0711