

SALEM SCRIPTURES

Salem United Methodist Church Newsletter

November 2017

Church Tailgate Party Saturday November 4 @ 12 pm.

Come join us at the home of Bob and Jean McKown 2260 Salem Rd. for a fun celebration of faith and football. Everyone is asked to bring a tailgate food dish to share. Drinks will be provided by the McKown's. We will enjoy some college football for the afternoon as we spend time in fellowship.



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All Saints Sunday. November 5 @ 10:00 a.m.

All Saints (November 1 or the first Sunday in November) is a day of remembrance for the saints, with the New Testament meaning of all Christian people of every time and place. We celebrate the communion of saints as we remember the dead, both of the Church universal and of our local congregations. For this reason, the names of persons in the congregation who have died during the past year may be solemnly read as a Response to the Word.

As of the printing of this Newsletter, we have only had one church member, claim the promise of resurrection and join the church eternal.

Patsy Monds—passed January 1, 2017



Thanksgiving Baskets

As the coolness of fall approaches we begin to think of times of family gatherings. One of our annual traditions at Salem is lead by the United Methodist Men as they provide food baskets for needy families in the community. We partner with Virginia Beach Social services, our pre-school and work of mouth to find families in need. We will be collecting the following items in the Narthex until November 15th.

- Cans of Soup
- Light Chunky Tuna
- 1 LB Spaghetti
- 2 LB Macaroni
- Boxes of Hamburger Helper
- Boxes of Tuna Helper
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Yams
- Canned fruit
- Saltine Crackers
- Pasta Sauce
- Mac & cheese
- Cranberry's (Jellied)
- Box of instant potatoes
- 5 LB bag of potatoes
- Boxes of Turkey stuffing
- Boxes of instant rice
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly or Jam
- Turkey Gravy (can or jar)
- Boxes of cereals
- 1 dozen eggs
- 1 Gallon milk
- Turkey's are being provided by the Church

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 November 4, 8-9 a.m. @ the church.
- Church Tailgate at Mckown's– Saturday November 4th.
- Tuesday November 14th at 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting in the Adult Classroom.
- Stewardship Commitment Sunday, November 19th during 10 am worship. Worshipers are asked to fill out a card that morning and bring it do the altar during our last hymn.
- United Methodist Women will meet Sunday November 19th, after worship.
- Monday November 20 at 6:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting in the Adult Classroom.
- Thanksgiving Day.

Finance Committee

The narthex, pastor's office and preschool wing have undergone quite a transformation! The walls are freshly painted and the old blue carpet is gone. In its place there is new carpet and laminate flooring in the quilting room and classrooms. These improvements have resulted in many positive comments from both pre-school parents and Bazaar guests.

Here is how the finances worked out. The total cost of the project was right around \$21,000. We had saved approximately \$13,000 over the past couple of years from the annual pre-school tithes. In addition, we received a very generous donation of \$5,000. This left us with a \$3,000 difference which we covered by withdrawing \$3,000 from the Emergency Reserve Fund. As a result, this fund is currently below the level where we would like it to be.

We ask everyone to prayerfully consider making a special donation to replenish this fund. To do so, simply write "Emergency Reserve Fund" in the memo line of your check and drop it in the collection plate on any Sunday. Thank you in advance for your consideration and generosity!



Quilt Retreat

Join other quilters for a time of relaxation and sharing at our FIRST quilting retreat. Leave your kids, husband, work worries, and cooking behind and pamper yourself with an undisturbed sewing time in a small group environment. We will provide you with a full day of open sewing, a 6 foot table for your use, irons & ironing boards, cutting surfaces, non-stop coffee & tea, show & tell opportunities, soothing music throughout the day, special door prizes, access to the kitchen and a catered mid-day meal. Bring fat quarter(s)/fabric to trade plus a 12 ½ red, white & blue theme 9 patch block for a charity quilt (to be determined at the event).

Location: Salem UMC, 2057 Salem Road, VB 23456

When: Saturday, November 10th from 9am – 7pm

Cost: Donation basis for facility use and luncheon

What to Bring: Snacks to share, personal covered cup/mug, your sewing project (s), sewing machine & supplies, power strips, extension cords, extra lighting (if desired), extra fabric for our fabric swap, show & tell project(s) plus your charity block/materials.

Limited Seating Must RSVP NLT November 5th: Deb Grabeel 471-4065 or Blenda Brush



Stewardship Sunday– November 19 @ 10:00 a.m.

Generosity is a matter of action, intentions, and heart. One way to describe it is the grateful outpouring of gifts to others, out of our love for God. Outpouring is a terrific description, since the priceless treasure of the gospel (and all the gifts of covenant, relationship, and life that go with it) comes from God and is meant to be poured out, through our living, upon others. Paul states this directly in 2 Corinthians 4:5-7, when he says, "We have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us."

Whether for fancy purposes or everyday usage, the "unadorned pots of our daily lives" (as The Message puts it) highlight the fact that all of who we are and what we have comes from God and is to be used for God's purposes. God can use our uniqueness, even our limitations, weaknesses and eccentricities, to communicate God's powerful presence and love.

Generous living is not just about giving money, or even just about giving. It has to do with the whole of who we are and how we care for our neighbors (see Mark 12:28-31). Each of us brings our heart, mind, soul, and strength. The Old Testament word for "heart" is literally the leaning or thrust of our lives. We might call it our lifestyle or nonverbal witness. In other words, it is how we steward 100 percent of our lives, not just the "religious" sector or the percentage we give away.

So how do we lead stewardship in our local church? By nurturing generous living in our personal lives and in our life together as part of our congregation and Christ's interconnected, connectional church. <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/nurturing-generous-living>

God Will Take Care of You.

11The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 12I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, "At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God." (Exodus 16:11-12 NRSV)

As we come to the harvest time of year, we often "thank" God for the blessings we have received. Yet too often we don't really acknowledge the ways that God takes care, and provides for us. We tend to think of going to work and earning what we need.

But this time of year when farming was a great part of our nation, folks would work together to get crops put away for the winter. But they would also generously share what they have with others. Especially those who did not have food to eat.

The Exodus story of being fed manna from heaven should remind us that at one time we were totally dependent on God to provide for us. Since God provided for us then and now, we should want to be generous to others also.

Here at Salem UMC we show that generosity through the annual Thanksgiving Food basket drive. We give back to God in our pledges to the 2018 church ministry budget. And we celebrate God's generosity through giving of our selves in God's service. When we do these things we find, that indeed, "God Will Take Care" of us.





Annual Fellowship Dinner and Ornament Exchange.

Saturday December 2, 6-9 p.m.

Bring a covered dish to share . Sign-ups begin late November. Childcare will be provided.

Don't forget to bring your wrapped ornament (~ \$10-15 value) . And wear your track shoes....you may need them!

Rules will be provided at the event.

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Give us a call for more information about our services and products

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