



SALEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

September
& October
2017

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Ministry doesn't take a vacation!

Summer at Salem has included a successful Vacation Bible School under the direction of Stacie Wiatt. Dozens of children encountered the love of Jesus through the efforts of dedicated volunteers. Monthly worship at Haven beach continues as we focus on "Celebrating God's Creation." Lay members with backgrounds in science testify to their experience of creation and faith. In late July, seven rising 4th to 6th graders, Amy Shaw and Amy Bohanon joined me on a two-day experience called "Helping Hands" at Woodlake UMC outside of Richmond. It is a fantastic opportunity for young children to see what a mission trip is like. In August, the youth group took its summer trip to Baltimore to explore Methodist history at Lovely Lane and Old Otterbein, serve in an inner city soup kitchen and have some fun in the Inner Harbor.

After three weeks of training in Atlanta, Salem member Jennie Diggs was commissioned with her fellow Global Mission Fellows, and we sent her off with our love and prayers during worship on August 13. Jennie will serve for two years in Nome, Alaska. You can e-mail Jennie at JDiggs@umcmmission.org. If you would like to support her financially, you can send donations to the UMC Advance which supports the Global Mission Fellows:
<<http://www.umcmmission.org/Give-to-Mission/The-Advance>>
Use Jennie's missionary code #3022372. Please pray for Jennie and her family as she responds to God's call to serve.

I'm inspired; are you? Come to worship, join a small group, and engage in service. Let's pray to hear and heed God's call in our own lives.

*With love and blessings,
Pastor Meghan*



Jennie Diggs is a Global Mission Fellow with the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries, engaged in a two-year term of service. She was commissioned in August 2017.

The Global Mission Fellows program takes young adults ages 20-30 out of their home environments and places them in new contexts for mission experience and service. The program has a strong emphasis on faith and justice. Global Mission Fellows become active parts of their new local communities. They connect the church in mission across cultural and geographical boundaries. They grow in personal and social holiness and become strong young leaders working to build just communities in a peaceful world.

Jennie is from the Virginia Annual Conference in the United States where she is a member of Salem United Methodist Church in the city of Mathews. She studied at Richard Bland College in Petersburg, Virginia, and Rappahannock Community College in Saluda, Virginia. She has worked in public education and publishing.

“I grew up in church and I cannot recall a time when I did not consider myself a Christian; after going on my first mission trip to

Honduras in 2013, my faith took on a new sense of importance in my life.”

A later mission trip to Togo in Africa was prelude to a call to pursue longer-term service, leading to her application to the Global Mission Fellows program. Jennie is serving at the Nome Community Center in Nome, Alaska.

E-mail Jennie at JDiggs@umcmmission.org

You can donate to The Advance which supports the Global Mission Fellows

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By the time you are reading this, it will be near the end of August. Where has the summer gone? Most of us have taken a vacation, stay-cation, or time off to enjoy the summer. Yet here we are, knocking of Fall's door. Football has started, hurricane season is in full force, and we are starting to hear of Christmas decorations in the stores. If you are like me, it seems that as we get older, time has a way of moving faster in our lives. As kids, the days, weeks and months seemed to take forever. Now, they go by in the blink of an eye.

Not much has happened with the Administrative Board since the last newsletter. We did not meet in July, as we take that month off since so many people are out on vacation. At our August meeting, we were few in number, but had a lot of items to discuss.

The Administrative Board decided to recommend that the Buoys and Gulls Preschool continue with their monthly payment to the church for helping to cover costs like electricity, paper products, copy paper, etc. Last year, the Preschool tried to itemize the individual items in their budget, but this year we are recommending a straight payment to make it easier for accounting and tracking.

Building and Grounds recommended that we replace the rotten guttering and the storm door in the old fellowship hall that was damaged during the storm earlier in the year. The Board approved this, but since our funds are running behind, we decided we could only pay for these much needed repairs by using our savings funds. The Parsonage Committee discovered that the exterior of the parsonage required some badly needed painting. We got an estimate to do the painting for \$500. The Board approved this and also recommended that we pay for this needed work by using our savings.

We need to thank Sonny and Ronnie for doing the storm door replacement for the cost of the door only. We also need to thank William Earl Sadler for doing the parsonage painting at such a great price. Thanks to you all.

As always, please feel free to attend any Administrative Board meeting and offer your voice in God's service.

Thank everyone for everything that you do for the Church and our community. God Bless.

Glenn Mantell, Administrative Board Chairman



If you are not receiving messages on our One Call Tell All phone system and wish to be added, or have any changes to your phone number or to add additional phones, please contact either Jim Drummond at 725-3199, or Christy Brown at 725-5087. This system is used to announce church closings due to inclement weather, special events, and other important information.



A Stewardship Note

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This is a note to advise you of Salem's financial conditions. As of the last Sunday in July, the contributions to both our General and Mortgage Funds have been in a general decline. The below numbers show our contribution through the end of July, 2017:

<u>Fund Number / Description</u>	<u>Amounts</u>
100 General Fund	101,042.32
110 Building/Mortgage	16,178.00

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Weekly Requirement</u>	<u>Average Received (Weekly)</u>	<u>Over/Under vs. Budget (Weekly)</u>	<u>Over/Under vs. Budget (Projected, Yearly)</u>
GENERAL	3,584	3,259	-325 UNDER	17,225 UNDER
MORTGAGE	625	522	-103 UNDER	5,459 UNDER

Summary:

For our General Fund, at the end of July, we have fallen behind our budget by about \$325 each week. This is a shortfall at the end of July of \$10,175 versus our budget. If this continues, our shortfall for the year will be \$17,225. Much of this has been covered by withholding those expenses that can only be delayed for a while without invading our savings/reserves.

For our Mortgage Fund we have contributed, including proceeds from our fund raisers, about \$103 less each week than our Board had previously agreed to pay (\$625). The shortfall at the end of July is \$3,193. The Board has since, however, changed that commitment to at least the minimum payment under the refinanced rate (\$1,233). Had this not been done, we would have run out of Mortgage Fund cash in late summer.

Summary:

The above trends are of great concern to all of us. This Church does great things in this community in fulfilling our Lord's Great Commission. If we are to continue in this work, we must each seriously examine our financial commitments and personal support. An increase of a few dollars by each of us will surely work wonders.

In His Name,

Alvin Ingram



We are participating in the Snack Pack Program again this year. We are fixing about 50 Snack Packs each week. So any and all help will be greatly appreciated. If you would like to make a donation please make your check out to Salem United Methodist Women. Also if you are shopping and can pick up some of the items that would be appreciated too.

We will not have a UMW Sunday this year but we will have a candleburning service on Sunday, September 10th. The forms will be in the bulletin and the support of our church family will enable us to continue our ministries,

Mark your calendar for Saturday, **November 11th** for our annual prayer breakfast. Sara Hogge will present our program, which will be our World Thank program that we always do in November. **LETS GIVE THANKS!** There will be a short planning session after the program.

Mark Saturday, December 16th. on your calendar. That is the date for our Christmas Store at the Riverside Convalescent Center. Start now to gather your gifts and gift bags, etc. Items for the store may be left in the Boyd Gunn Class Room. We need them by December 3rd. It is the special event of the year for us and for the residents at the center! We also need help on that day!



LILLY HOPKINS CIRCLE



The Lillies will meet on Wednesday, September 13. at the home of Juanita Long at 7:00 p.m. Ruby Ingram will present the program

The October meeting will be on Wednesday, the 11th. at 7:00p.m. Carolyn Morris will be the hostess. Juanita Long will present the program.



New Bible Study

Glenn Mantell will be leading a new Bible Study beginning in October, running for 6 weeks on Sunday evenings. The actual start date and time is yet to be determined. The study is entitled "The Problem of Evil: Why Do Bad Things Happen?" The cost of the study will be \$5.00 for the student study guide.

Evil is real and ever present in our world where wars, disasters, and personal pain persist. In the midst of it all, the response is often the same: Where is God? Why would He let this happen? Although no one has all the answers, we can find hope and encouragement to help us think through these questions about evil and why God allows it, in the Bible study.

In the six lesson study, author Os Guinness introduces the problem of evil and examines the difference between evil and suffering, and provides seven steps to help us conform to the reality of evil. If you have ever wondered why bad things are happening in the world, or to you, this may be a study for you.

A signup sheet will be placed on the front pew in early September if you are interested in taking this study and examining why evil is a part of our lives and why you can trust God to sustain you when bad things happen. The study is interactive, so please be prepared to discuss your concerns and feelings about evil in the world.

AGAPE CIRCLE NEWS

Agape Circle will meet on **Wednesday, September 13th at church at 7:00 p.m.** for pack the Snack Packs.

The month of October the Agape Circle will meet on **Wednesday, October 11th at 7:00 p.m.** at the home of Christy Brown.



This fall, Thursday's Kitchen becomes ***Thursday Fellowship*** from September 7th until December 7th (no Thursday Fellowship on November 23rd - Thanksgiving Day). At 6:30 p.m., all will gather for an intergenerational time of devotion in the Fellowship Hall. Age groups will then separate for activities from 6:45-7:30 p.m. Children (ages K-6) will rehearse for the Christmas musical (Mark your calendars—December 10!), youth will join Chandler Rogers for Bible study, and adults will meet with Pastor Meghan for Bible Study. Nursery care for children (pre-K0 provided. On the first Thursday of every month (September 7, October 5, November 2 and December 7), we have a cover dish meal beginning at 5:45 p.m.

Boyd Gunn Class News.....

The Boyd Gunn Class is happy to report that the steeple cross is finished (Sonny Daniel's masterpiece) and we hope that by the time you get this newsletter the work will be completed on the steeple and the cross in place.

We will meet on Sunday, September 10th after worship for a covered dish luncheon and class meeting.

We will again be sponsoring a Yard Sale on Saturday, October 21, so be saving items (in good repair) for this event. Items can be left at church in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday or Friday. **Please price your items before leaving them at the church.** If you do that we won't have to stay at church so late on Friday night. We are also asking the church family for bake sale items and home made jams and pickles, etc. as well. They need to be at church on Friday night or very early on Saturday morning. The proceeds from this project will be given to the Mortgage Fund, where it is much needed. We will be grateful for any and all help. We welcome other classes to pitch in and help us. It is, after all, for the good of all!

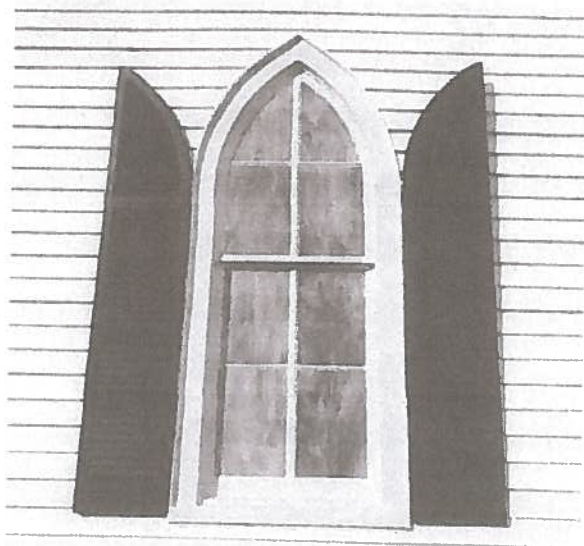
"A Day of Unity and Impact Through The Love of Christ"



On Saturday, August 26 from 2-6PM, Salem will join several other local churches to bless local children with a backpack giveaway, fun, food and games. This a great ecumenical event that shows that when the body of Christ works together, no matter our differences, we can make a greater impact for the common good. Pastor Meghan needs volunteers for the elementary school age activity table — we will have crafts, bubbles, play-do. If you can donate an hour or two of your time that Saturday, please contact Meghan at meghanclayton@vaumc.org. Thanks to all who brought donations of backpacks and supplies!



On September 19, Salem will sponsor the community blood drive at the Piankatank Ruritan Club. This event falls one day before the one year anniversary of Pastor Meghan's secondary postpartum hemorrhage. She will be raising awareness for maternal health and would love your help. If you are interested, please let her know at meghanclayton@vaumc.org.



Thank you to all who donated to restore the beautiful Salem windows! We had a great day of celebration on July 16, thanks to Glenna Hudgins, Kevin Hogge and Sonny Daniels. To God be the glory!

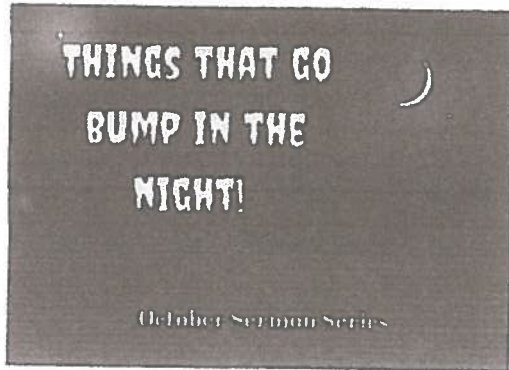
On July 16th the Sanctuary Windows were dedicated. A Quarter of a window was given by the Mary Jo Robins Class, and was not included in the dedication bulletin. This was unintentional, and we apologize for the mistake. A plaque has been placed.

Upcoming Sermon Series

Hometown Heroes

Making A Difference Every Day

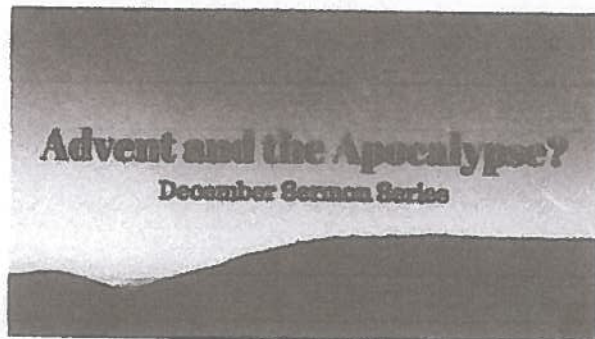
On Sundays, September 10, 17, and 24, Salem will honor the people who serve God by serving others, like those in the Mathews County school system, law enforcement, emergency response volunteers and more!



During the spooky month of October, we consider the things that keep us awake at night and how our faith can help us cope with our anxieties.



John Wesley instructed, "Earn all you can, save all you can and give all you can." How does this apply to our daily life? Our November sermon series will address our "riches."



Christmas and the End Times? Hmmm. What does the first coming of Jesus have to do with the return of our Lord, and how does it affect us?



Happy Birthday

SEPTEMBER

05 Carolyn Rowe
 06 Kathryn Tatterson
 10 Rachel Sterne
 11 Lindsay Haywood
 11 James Clayton
 12 Kara Royall
 13 Blaine Callis
 14 Glenn Mantell
 14 Ellen Rowe
 16 Adam Greve
 18 Lillian Hudgins
 19 Warren Waddell
 22 Michael Munn, Jr.
 23 Hannah Davis
 23 Robert Ramsey
 24 Joyce Cherry
 24 Julia Royall
 24 Richard Smith
 25 Adam Murphy
 25 Harmony Smith
 26 Christina Tomcany
 27 Christy Brown
 27 Quinton Shepherd
 30 Anne Carole Daniels
 30 Austin Sadler
 30 Michael T. Stewart



OCTOBER

01 Ryan Morgan
 02 Toni Thorp
 03 Stevie Shaw
 03 Stacie Lane Thomas
 05 Joe Diggs
 05 Cory Richardson
 07 Sterling Ray Hudgins
 07 Richard Lee Stewart
 08 Ashby Morgan
 11 Janet Dehoux
 11 Jason Powell
 13 Brittany Owens
 15 SonnyDaniels
 15 Kim Hubbard
 19 Colton Sadler
 20 Tyler Murphy
 22 Roland Foster
 22 Debbie Richardson
 25 Sandy Diggs
 26 Bev Diggs
 26 Juanita Long
 26 Teresa Stewart
 31 Mary Jo Robins

Prayer List

Durwood Anderson
 Joe Belvin
 Rev. Bill & Connie Clark
 John Cobaney
 Lou Ann Diggs
 Susan Emery
 Henry Guill
 Lilian Hudgins
 Lois Jenkins

Pal Jackson
 Carolyn Kennedy
 Louise LeBron
 Matt & Corey Long
 Christine Mcree
 Carolyn Morris
 Paul Morris
 Grace Moyer
 Clyde & Peggy Royals

Myrtle Sheppherd
 Janice Slaughter
 Mike Slaughter
 Tami Stewart
 Bill Tatterson
 Countess Turpin
 Bud Ward



Nursing Home Bound

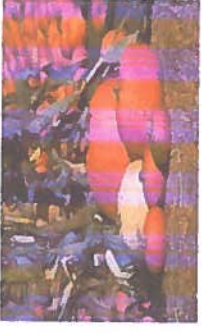
Jeanette Armstead
 Mildred Diggs
 Betty Durkovich
 Martha Ellen Hall


Alice Hatcher
 Judy Mitchem
 June Rowe
 Erma Webb



October 2017

User: Paul Bing
Greeters: New Fellowship Class



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion (World Wide)	2 Choir 7 pm	3	4 Administrative Board 7 pm	5 Thursday Fellowship 5:45 pm (covered dish)	6	7
8 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30 am	9 Choir 7 pm	10	11 Agape Circle 7 pm Lilly Hopkinns Circle 7 pm	12 Thursday Fellowship 6:30 pm	13	14 Yard Sale/Bake Sale
15 Mortgage Sunday	16 Choir 7 pm	17	18	19 Thursday Fellowship 6:30 p.m.	20	21 
22 Food Bank Sunday	23 Choir 7 pm	24	25	26 Thursday Fellowship 6:30 pm	27	28
29 Beach Service 8 am	30 Choir 7 pm	31 Halloween				

September							November						
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New Testament

Every word listed is contained within the group of letters on the next page. Words can be found in a straight line horizontally, vertically, or diagonally. They may be read either forward or backward.

ACTS	MARK
COLOSSIANS	MATTHEW
CORINTHIANS	PETER
EPHESIANS	PHILEMON
GALATIANS	PHILIPPIANS
HEBREWS	REVELATION
JAMES	ROMANS
JOHN	THESSALONIANS
JUDE	TIMOTHY
LUKE	TITUS

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