

SALEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
NEWSLETTER



June/July/August

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**SHALOM!, ALOHA!, Hasta la  
Vista!, Au Revoir!, Auf Wiedersehen!  
and Sayonara but NOT Good Bye!**

You know the old saying, "time flies when you're having fun." It sure has, flown that is. And it sure is, fun that is. In just a couple weeks we will have been together for six months; six wonderful, exciting, fulfilling, rewarding, and sometimes challenging but always FUN months. This has been our "most excellent adventure"! The music, the worship, the Sunday School, the Bible studies the fellowship and the food-all excellent! Susan and I are so grateful to God and to ALL of you! **Graetia! merci  
Beaucoup!, Danke sehr!, Grazie!**

**Arigato! Thanks!** We leave you with the words of Paul that you have brought to life here: Your life in Christ makes you strong, and his love comforts you. You have fellowship with the Spirit,<sup>[a]</sup> and you have kindness and compassion for one another. I urge you, then, to make me completely happy by having the same thoughts, sharing the same love, and being one in soul and mind.

Don't do anything from selfish ambition or from a cheap desire to boast, but be humble toward one another, always considering others better than yourselves. And look out for one another's interests, not just for your own. Christ's Attitude (Philippians 2: 1-5).

**Love God and love each other**

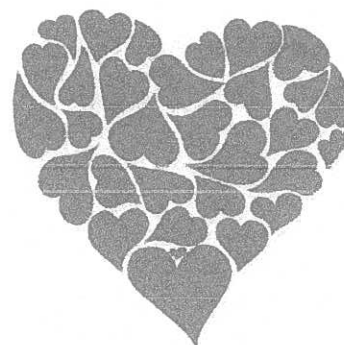
**Be generous with hugs and warm words**

**Be patient and respect each other**

**Be kind and tender hearted**

**Pray Often**

**Live with a thankful Heart**



**MATHEWS COMMUNITY**

**TENT REVIVAL**

**Sponsored by Salem United Methodist Church**

**"Get All Excited!"**

**June 6-8, 2018 (Wed.-Fri.)**

**(6/6 FREE KICK-OFF Cookout 6:15-7:00 p.m.)**

**7 p.m. Nightly**

**On the Grounds of Salem UMC—1099 Salem Church Rd., Diggs, Va.**

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Billups, Relevant Church 6/7, Rev. Kevin English, Salem UMC 6/8***

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***Canned Goods or Financial Donations for Hands Across Mathews  
& Toiletry Items for Avalon Women's Shelter--collected nightly.***

## SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT



Do you know what the hardest word or words to say in the English language are? No, it's not the longest word found in Webster's Dictionary, or a word taken from a foreign language. And it's not "I'm sorry" or "I apologize." The hardest word to say is "goodbye." We are OK saying it when we leave someone and we know we will see them again soon, or when we finish a telephone conversation. However, when we tell someone "goodbye" and we don't know when we will see them again, we have a hard time saying it.

Some cultures have decided to use the same word as a greeting and a farewell. The Hawaiians use "Aloha" in this manner. The French use "Salut." The Italians "Ciao." The Germans "Servus." I like this method, as I feel as if the farewell portion is just an extension of the greeting, so there is no definitive closure. Kind of like saying "until we meet again." Maybe we should all take a lesson from the Hawaiians, and treat each encounter as if it is an extension of the last.

So, why am I contemplating the word "Goodbye" here? Because in several weeks, we will be saying goodbye to Reverend Kevin, Susan and Tate here at Salem. It will be extremely hard to say goodbye to someone who has endeared himself to us in such a short time. And it is not only Reverend Kevin, but Susan and Tate have also become a part of our church family in such a very short time. As is often the case when a Pastor and their family leave us, we seldom, if ever, really ever see them again. Goodbye becomes a final farewell.

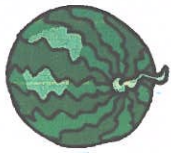
So, you ask, why is this so hard for someone who has only been involved with us for so short a period of time? Well, let me tell you why. God sent Pastor Kevin to us at a time when we were in turmoil. We had just lost Pastor Meghan. We had attendance issues, money issues, preschool issues, and leadership issues. We were a church under attack by Satan, and Satan was getting the upper hand. Pastor Kevin was sent to us just as Pastor Bill Clark was, he was sent to us by God because we needed him.

In Pastor Kevin's short time with us, he has shown us how to love each other again, as Agape Love. He has shown us how to forgive, how to have Christian fellowship, and most importantly, how to heal. He has lead us in Bible Studies that has opened our eyes to the war that is being fought each and every day between good and evil. He has shown us how to equip ourselves through the Full Armor of God to combat the forces of evil that try to separate us from God. Through his leadership and guidance, we are once again becoming the church that God intended us to be. Thank you Pastor Kevin for being whom we needed, when we were in our greatest need.

I for one do not wish to say "goodbye" to Pastor Kevin, Susan and Tate, as I fear that I may never see them again, as I feel God has great plans in store for them. Suffice it for me to say "Aloha" or "Ciao". I hope that you feel the same way.

Until we meet again ..... if not here on Earth, then when we get to Heaven.

Ye Ole Christian



## CHURCH PICNIC

The church picnic will be held on Monday, July 23, 2018 at the Mathews Yacht Club. Swimmers can arrive at 2:00 p.m. A life guard will be on duty.

Come and bring your favorite foods and beverage, enough for your family. We eat at 6:30 p.m.

Swimming can continue after supper until 9:00 p.m.

Plates, cups, ice, utensils and napkins will be provided by the church.



## BOYD GUNN CLASS NEWS....

The Boyd Gunn Class wishes to thank everybody who helped make our Mother's Day Bulletin a success. The proceeds will be put to good use. We will be having our annual yard sale in October so we are asking you to save up your yard sale items for us. And remember our motto ~ "No Junk."

We continue to have bible based Sunday School lessons that enrich us. We welcome any and all who would enjoy Christian fellowship and Bible study.

## FATHER'S DAY

The Agape Circle will once again sponsor the Father's Day Bulletin. Anyone interested in placing a name in honor or in memory of someone, please see Faye Respress. A listing is \$1.00 each and deadline is Sunday, June 10, 2018



### MY EARTHLY DAD

By Mary Fairchild

"Dear Heavenly Father,"  
I begin every prayer,  
But the man I see  
He is the image  
Of the Father divine  
Reflecting the nature of God,  
For his love and care  
And the faith he shared  
Pointed me to my Father above.



## **Go! Team at Salem UMC**

The Go! Team has been hard at work at Salem! During the month of April we met at church to make goodie bag devotionals for the residents at RCC-Mathews. We then traveled to the nursing home to pass them out to residents in time for Easter. At the end of the month we participated in the Mathews County Roadside Cleanup and collected trash from the ditches along Salem Church Road. Everyone really enjoyed getting down in the ditches with their boots!

On June 15<sup>th</sup> we will be traveling with members of our church to Harbor Park to watch a Norfolk Tides baseball game. We are excited about this fun time of fellowship with church members! On July 11<sup>th</sup> we will be having a day at the beach! Mrs. Tomcany will be at Hallieford Beach from 10 AM until 2 PM for a day of fun! Wear your bathing suit and sunscreen, bring a lunch and a towel and let's have some fun! Go! Team members are invited to bring a family member and a friend if they would like!

At the end of July we will be sponsoring a "Drop the Change" fundraiser on Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup> and July 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you have any spare change in your pockets, we'll have a jug for you to drop it in. We will take this money to help us buy items for the annual "No Walls" community day that takes place each August. After rolling the change, backpacks and school supplies will be purchased to give out to the community on this day.

The Go! Team is definitely busy and we thank you for all of your support! If you have a rising 3<sup>rd</sup> grader who would like to be a part of the Go! Team, please let Christina Tomcany know so she can add your child to the mailing list!



Pictured left to right: Sam Tomcany, John Stephen Shaw, Adam Greve, Seth James and Ray Hudgins.

# CONNECTING THE CHURCH IN MISSION

 **GLOBAL MINISTRIES**  
The United Methodist Church

 **GENERATION  
TRANSFORMATION**  
GLOBAL MISSION FELLOWS



Happy Spring!

It's hard to believe that eight months of my two year term as a US-2 have already passed by. I am really enjoying life here in Nome. I haven't been everywhere in the world, but I feel like I can safely say that Nome is different than anywhere else.

Experiencing Iditarod was amazing, and it was a great opportunity to see how the community reacts to it's moment in the spotlight. I now consider myself an Iditarod superfan, and I'm eagerly awaiting next year's race

It was a busy winter at the food bank, but thanks to many generous donations, we made it through. That being said, hunger is not a seasonal problem, and keeping our community donations room stocked is a year round concern. I would encourage you to remember your local food bank throughout the year, because hunger does not disappear no matter what season it is.

I have just returned from the Global Mission Fellows midterm event, where I was able to reconnect with my fellow Fellows in Washington D.C. It was wonderful to reconnect with them, and discover that even though we are separated by many miles, we all face similar challenges in our daily work.

Thank you as always for your continued support and love, it really does mean so much to me.

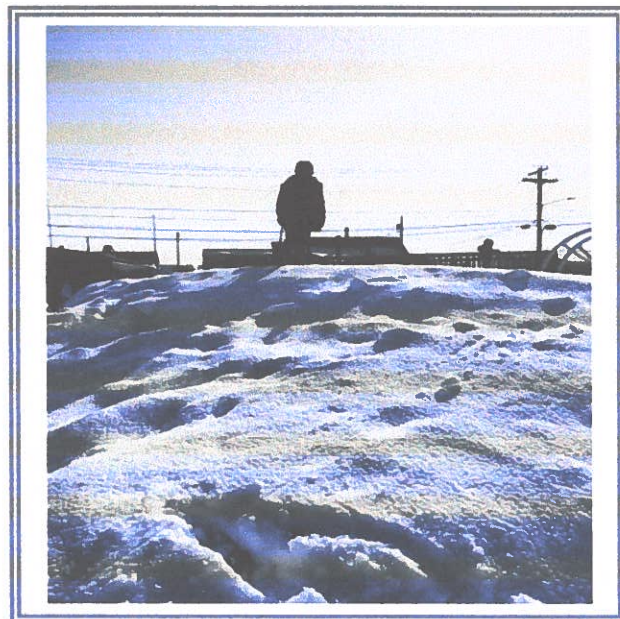
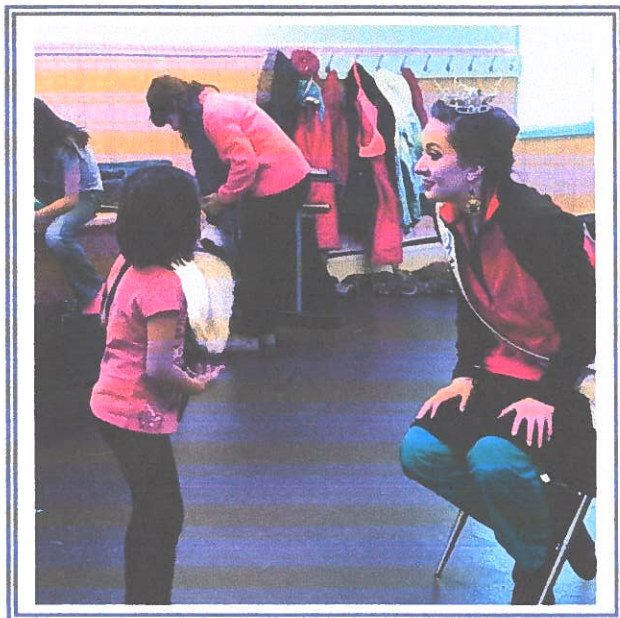
## Please Pray...

- For the youth as the school year ends soon and they face the transition away from the familiar routine and security that a school day provides.
- For those in the community experiencing hunger and homelessness.

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Nome is a very transient town, and the children I work with definitely know that. Ever since I arrived, most of them have been aware of the fact that my missionary term only lasts two years. They know what it's like to have adults come into their lives and only stick around for a little while, and this has been challenging for me as I've tried to connect with them over the past eight months. They have an independent spirit that I both admire and am saddened by, because the fact that they are trying to be so self sufficient at such a young age means that they have had to develop this skill for their own emotional survival.

The Boys and Girls Club, which is under the umbrella of the Community Center and is where I spend the majority of my working hours, is open for all youth ages seven to eighteen, but every Friday we reserve the last two hours of the night just for the teens.

Ever since I started working here, I have been impressed by the fact that teenagers who can choose what they do with their free time consistently choose to come to us on Friday nights. This really speaks to the fact that before I even arrived, the Boys and Girls Club and its staff had a good reputation with teenagers, who can be a tough bunch to impress.

I've never been great at connecting with teenagers, even when I was one, and at first this was no different. Teen night used to be my least favorite part of the week, until one night a teen who would barely speak to me for six months extended her hand to me as I walked down icy steps.

It was then that I began to understand that trust takes time, and that although some connections are slow and hard to see, they are one of the most important parts of this job.

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It's hard to believe that summer is rapidly approaching, which means Vacation Bible School is too! Salem will be hosting VBS Monday, June 18<sup>th</sup> – Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5:30 p.m.-8 p.m. for ages 3-6<sup>th</sup> grade. Last year we provided dinner for the children and it went very well. We would like to continue that again this year. Our closing celebration for friends and family will be Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. This year our curriculum comes from Cokesbury titled, **Rolling River Rampage: Experience the Ride of a Lifetime with God!** Along the river, children discover that life with God is an adventure full of wonder and surprise and that they can trust God to be with them through anything. Relevant music, creative crafts, fun, recreation, and memorable Bible stories will help kids know that God is always with them as they ride the rapids of amazing grace! The Bible stories will include: The call of the Twelve Disciples, Martha and Mary, Zacchaeus, the Passover Meal and the Great Commission.

If you could help with preparations, dinner for our children each evening or with anything during the week, please let me know. We have been fortunate in the past to have large numbers during the week, but it takes many helpers to make it successful. Like in past years, I am also asking for any donations to help with purchases such as t-shirts, dinner and renting a blow-up house and snow cone machine for Friday's celebration. The children love closing our week with such fun and we are looking to continue that this year if possible.

I have taken on the leadership role of VBS this year and I am very excited! I love to see the children so excited to learn Bible stories and ways to serve God. This is an amazing opportunity for us all to serve our God as we lead our young children to Christ. It is because of your kind hearts and donations that we are able to make this such a special week!

Love,  
Tyler Murphy



## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN ~ UNIT NEWS



The Snack Pack Program continues to be a project for United Methodist Women. We are fixing 52 (averaging about \$6.00 each) 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 and give it to Sara Hogge. Also if you are shopping and can pick up some of the items that would be appreciated too. We wish to thank those who help in getting the items and those who help pack them.

On August 8, 2018 United Methodist Women will meet at the home of Christy Brown at 7:00 p.m. This will be our annual pledge service. Sara Hogge will present our program.

We appreciate Christy's hard work on the Variety/Talent Show and thank all who participated. It was a fun night.

### LILLY HOPKINS CIRCLE.

The Lillies will meet on Wednesday, June 13 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Glenna Hudgins. Anne Carole Daniels will present our program.

The place for the July Meeting will be announced at a latter date.

The August meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. before the UMW unit meeting at the home of Christy Brown.

## **AGAPE NEWS**

For the month of June there will be no meeting.

The Agape Circle will not meet in July. But remember to continue to give your monthly contributions to Sara during this time, since their quarterly dues will need to be paid. Also, remember the Agape Circle have a couple of needs that they plan to support in the future.

The Agape Circle will meet on Wednesday, August 8, 2018 at 6:15 p.m. before the Unit meeting at Christy's at 7 p.m.

## GRADUATES HONORED

As has been the custom for many years, the William Davis Class will again this year honor our graduating seniors.

This year we have two seniors who will be graduating. They are Lauren Jones and Emma Hudgins.

On Sunday, June 3, the class will present Bibles to these graduating seniors and wish them God's blessings!



With the future  
at hand may you  
continue to pursue  
excellence.

May wisdom and  
insight guide you,  
as you strive to build  
bridges, not walls.

Celebrate this  
achievement and  
always know a blessing  
is with you.  
For the spirit of success  
is your own.

## BEACH SERVICES

Dear Friends,

On April 29, 2018, we began our monthly worship at the beach. Services are held the last Sunday of the month, April-October at 8 am at Haven Beach. It is an informal time of worship with song, prayer, Scripture reading and a brief reflection. If you feel led to share a word in a very casual environment this is the perfect opportunity to give witness of how God has blessed you. If you are in need of more information, please call Christy Brown at 694-9582

Our speakers for the next several months are:

May 27 - The Super Sunday School Seven

June 24 - Rev. Kevin and Susan English

July - 29 - ?

August 26 - Nelda Gibbs and Diane Bing

September 23 - ?

October 28 - ?



# Happy Birthday



## June

01 Bill Long	20 Andy Diggs
04 Darlene Shaw	20 Josh Dehoux
04 Tristan Haywood	20 Roy Insley
05 Sue Mitchem	24 Tracy Gaskins
06 Ruth Matthews	24 Rhoda Ramsey
07 William Earl Sadler	26 Michael Stewart, Jr.
11 Susan Rowe	27 Judy Mitchem
11 Melanie South	28 Rob Norris
13 James Walter Robins	28 Carter Cole Stern
14 Debbie Hunley	30 Jennie Diggs
16 Bruce Waddell	
19 Mike Gaskins	

## July

01 Drew Greve	17 Seth Diggs
01 Abigail Hudgins	18 Jim Drummond
02 Meghan Clayton	20 Lindsey Daniels
04 Megan Shepherd	23 McKinley Wiatt
06 Tom Robinson	24 Jason Allan Robins
08 William N. Munn	26 Rusty Mitchem
09 Aiyanna Persinger	27 Diane Bing
10 Danna Ingram	28 Kati Smith
13 Camden Gaskins	29 Andrew Greve

## August

01 Allie Foster	19 Anna Foster
05 Greg Robins	19 Ricky Wiatt
06 Judy Dixon	20 Ashley Robins
07 Carolyn Morris	21 Judy Jackson
08 Mary Valdrighi	23 Joy Drummnd
09 Jamie Wilks	23 Kevin Hogge
11 Freddie Dehoux	23 Michael A. Wiatt
11 Jackson Dehoux	26 Lauren Jones
11 Abigail Ramsey	27 Christopher Dehoux
11 Jeanie Smith	29 Sarah Wilks
12 Michael Mantell	29 Cheryl Ligon
13 John Persinger	30 Sis Thomas
14 Brantley Powell	31 Paulette Insley
18 Brandon Gibbs	

## Prayer List

Cheryl Baranski  
Tate Bennett  
Rev. Rita Callis  
Bert Faulkner  
Suzanne Fisher  
Joe Harper  
Diane G. Hudgins  
Ruby Ingram  
Mike Jenkins  
Carolyn Kennedy  
Mary Anne King  
James Ralph Mitchem  
Christine Montgomery  
Patty Morgan  
Rob Norris  
Raymond Owens  
Frankie Pruitt  
Leland Respress  
Jayce Robins  
Austin Sadler  
Danny Shuber  
Richard Smith  
Michael South  
Mary Stewart  
Ricky Stewart  
Tami Stewart  
Ben Willaims

## NURSING HOME BOUND

Betty Durkovich  
Martha Ellen Hall  
Alice Hatcher  
Judy Mitchem  
June Rowe  
Erma Webb



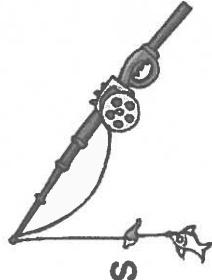


Usher: Glenn Mantell

Greeters: Lowry Hudgins Memorial Class

# June 2018

Happy Father's  
Day



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Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30 p.m. Children's Promotion Sunday	10	Choir 7 p.m.							11	12	Administrative Board 7 p.m. No Agape Circle Lilly Hopkins 7 p.m.							13	14	15	16
Mortgage Fund Sunday Father's Day Annual Conference	17	No Choir							18	19	VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 5:30-8:30 P.M.							20	21	22	23
Food Bank Sun. Bible School Commencement Beach Service 8 a.m.	24	Choir 7 p.m.							25	26								27	28	29	30

# July 2018

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# August 2018

Usher: Paul Bing

Greeters: Mary Jo Robins Class

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Enjoying Your Summer?

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# The Beatitudes

These words are part of the Sermon on the Mount and appear in Matthew 5:3-12. Words can be found in a straight line horizontally, vertically, or diagonally. They may be read forward or backward.

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CHILDREN OF GOD

MERCIFUL

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SEE GOD

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