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**Jesus, undeterred, went right ahead and gave his charge: "God authorized and commanded me to commission you: Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you. I'll be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20, MSG)**

Greetings!

The summer months have arrived and many of us are looking forward to the various ways in which we will enjoy the beauty of God's creation: going to the beach, sailing, fishing, hiking, etc. At times, that may mean that you will miss a worship service (or two) to spend with family and friends. One Sunday, several years ago, I went trail riding with a few ladies from our barn. Knowing that I served in a congregation as a youth leader, some of the people on the ride began a dialogue with me about church. One woman mentioned that she did not attend church because she didn't have anything to wear, another mentioned that it had been so long since she had attended church that she would feel out of place. Others asked questions about the differences in denominations and shared their faith experiences. It was a lively and friendly conversation and in the midst of it was God. We were having an informal worship service under God's beautiful sky, with the wild flowers and trees as the paraments, horses as pews, and our joys and concerns of a life based in faith lifted as prayers to God.

John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist Movement, always taught about practical faith and how the good news of Jesus Christ should be shared in a way that every person could understand it clearly . . . even when we are enjoying our hobbies or relaxing. Each of us has been commissioned to go out into the world to make disciples of Jesus Christ; this summer sharing your faith may take place on a beach or in the bleachers. Wherever you go and whatever you do this summer, **go with God and know that God is with you day after day after day.**

Don't forget to be here for worship as often as you can! Our prayers are with each and all – and we ask for your prayers for the life of Salem UMC - all summer long.

Peace be with you!  
Pastor Bertina

## ***Stewardship Note, May 2019***

Dear Congregation and friends,

This is a note concerning taxes, charitable giving, and a look at our contributions so far, that is, through 33% of this new budget year.

### **Tax Year 2019 Concerns:**

In case you missed it in the last newsletter, the information regarding the tax free nature of MDR's that are donated to charity (i.e. Salem Church) is repeated here:

For 2019, if you are 70 ½ and have a conventional IRA, you are required to take out a certain amount every year (called MDR's) from that account AND PAY INCOME TAX on what you take out! You can avoid those income taxes by directing the financial institution to send them (all or whatever portion you decide) to your Church. If you are affected by the above, we suggest you contact your tax person or financial advisor for their advice.

### **General Fund Contributions: \$46,405**

Our contributions to the General Fund have been much like those of the previous years: under budget. That is, we have averaged about \$500 UNDER our budget requirements each week. If we project that out for a full year, that would be a shortfall of about \$26,000 for the year. This has been a trend over the last few years. We have offset this shortfall by judicious control over those expenses that we could delay or avoid, but eventually we will encounter expenses, like our Apportionments, that we cannot delay. We would like to see this change in 2019.

### **Mortgage Fund Contributions/Remaining Debt: \$6,868 / \$195,041**

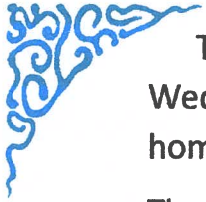
For 2019, we have given \$6,868. We are averaging each week about 100 over the minimum required by our mortgage. As of the end of March 2019, we had retired our original debt to \$195,041. That is somewhat below the half way mark. We have wanted pay extra towards the principal, but our overall contributions have fallen somewhat, and we have not been able to do that consistently. We must remember that barely meeting our minimum mortgage payments is not consistent with retiring our mortgage debt as soon as possible. Also, when we renegotiate our mortgage interest rate in 2021, we can expect an interest rate increase.

*Alvin Ingram*



## PRAYER BREAKFAST

Men's Prayer Breakfasts will be held on Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, July 14<sup>th</sup> and August 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 am in fellowship hall.



The Agape Circle will meet on Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at the home of Laura Holmberg.

The Agape Circle will not meet in the month of July.

The Agape Circle will meet on Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm before the Unit meeting at 7 pm at the home of Glenna Hudgins



## 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 9, 2019.

## A FATHER'S DAY POEM

By Anonymous

A Dad is a person  
who is loving and kind,  
And often he know  
what you have on your mind.

He's someone who listens,  
suggests, and defends.  
A dad can be one  
of your very best friends!

He's proud of your triumphs,  
but when things go wrong,  
A dad can be patient  
and helpful and strong.

In all that you do,  
a dad's love plays a part.  
There's always a place for him  
deep in your heart.

And each year that passes,  
you're even more glad,  
More grateful and proud  
Just to call him your dad!

Thank you, Dad...  
for listening and caring,  
for giving and sharing,  
but, especially, for just being you.



## ACOLYTES SCHEDULE



### June Acolytes

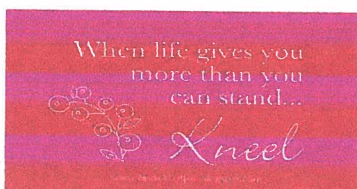
02<sup>th</sup> Andrew & Ray  
09<sup>th</sup> Sam & Michael  
16<sup>th</sup> Harmony & Melody  
23<sup>rd</sup> John Stephen & Seth  
30<sup>th</sup> Children's Worship

### July Acolytes

07<sup>th</sup> Adam & Andrew  
14<sup>th</sup> Melody & Harmony  
21<sup>st</sup> Ray & Sam  
28<sup>th</sup> Michael & Lincoln

### August Acolytes

04<sup>th</sup> John Stephen & Seth  
11<sup>th</sup> Andrew & Sam  
18<sup>th</sup> Michael & Ray  
25<sup>th</sup> Adam & Lincoln





## **Looking Ahead for Summer 2019**

There are a lot of exciting things coming for the Salam Youth this summer. It all starts on Promotion Sunday on June 30<sup>th</sup> where we will welcome in the newest members of the Youth Group. I know I'm excited to have more members to help grow our fellowship, without the stress of homework. The youth will be having regular meetings every other Sunday starting on June 9<sup>th</sup>. I'm hoping the summer will help free us up to be more proactive with regular meetings to help build each other up to be followers of God. If one week we do not have a meeting, it will be rescheduled later that week, or replaced by something a little more adventurous.

We have a few things on the horizon that I am very excited about. The first will be what I'm calling, "A Week of Service." This will take place from July 8<sup>th</sup> through July 12<sup>th</sup>. This week the youth will be doing our best to give back to this church and the community. If you have or know anyone who could use some help with their yard or moving a few things, do let me know and we will see what we can do. This week will help our group grow and learn more about what it means to be a servant to God.

Secondly, we will be having a talent show to help support the youth on July 14<sup>th</sup>. Any and all are welcome to sign up and perform a talent or skit in hopes of winning a grand prize. So if you know anyone from any church, who you think needs time to shine, let them know about the show. More details will be available as we get a little closer to the date, including where to sign up.

Lastly I want to thank everyone for all the support you've given me and the youth so far this year. The Easter Card fundraiser was a nice success, but don't forget that the mail box is still up so you can send letters of love or for any upcoming holiday to whoever you want to. We do ask that if you feel compelled to donate, you just drop your donation in the lock box in front of the mail organizer. Thank you all for your continued prayers and support.

To sum it up, here are the key dates to remember

- Starting June 9<sup>th</sup>, biweekly Youth Meetings.
- July 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> will be the Week of Service
- July 14<sup>th</sup> will be the talent show.

-Tyler Bass





## SALEM'S VACATION BIBLE School 2019

The Incredible Race  
Exploring God's Love for all Nations

Kids will race from continent to continent uncovering clues and attempting challenges as they examine the events surrounding the Tower of Babel. They will learn that God is calling people from every tribe and nation through his Son, Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world. He wants us to share this good news in kindness and love with our neighbors nearby and far away.

Please join us in The Incredible Race and experience God's love for every tribe, language, and nation!

**June 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> – 6pm-8pm**

**For ages 3 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade**

For questions or if you would like to help with this event please contact Tyler Murphy at [804-384-2330/tmurphy23@yahoo.com](mailto:804-384-2330/tmurphy23@yahoo.com)



### A Soldier's Prayer

Lord wrap Your arms around me  
In this hostile, brutal place;  
Let me draw peace and comfort  
From Your restful sweet embrace.

Help me do my duty  
To uphold what is right.  
Give me strength and courage  
Each day and every night.

Lord, hear this soldier's prayer  
To You in heaven above;  
Protect me with Your power,  
And sustain me with Your love.



## Thanks to Sunday School Teachers

Our Sunday School promotion Sunday will be held on Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup> during our worship service at 10:50 am. We wish to thank the following Sunday School teachers for their dedication and service to God by teaching His word to us.

Glenn Mantell	Faye Respress
Jim Drummond	Anne Carol Daniels
Christy Brown	Rusty Mitchem
Ed Clayton	Sara Hogge
Glenna Hudgins	Christina Tomcany
Craig Holmberg	Joy Drummond
Stacie Wiatt	Amy Shaw
Lindsey Haywood	Tyler Murphy
Cathy James	

If any names have been omitted, it is unintentional, but we want to thank all the teachers.

## WANTED

From the Staff-Pastor Parrish Relations Committee. There are several positions within the church that are in need of people. We need a choir director, a pianist, and a nursery worker. For more information check the Salem web site <https://www.salemumcmathews.org>, Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/SalemUMCMathews>, or call Jim Drummond at 804-815-8858.

# CONNECTING THE CHURCH IN MISSION

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The United Methodist Church

 **GENERATION  
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## Please Pray...

- **For residents of Nome who rely on the seasonal overnight shelter, which closed yesterday.**
- **For the new US-2's who will be arriving this summer when my term ends.**

Give to Advance projects  
#3022372

Happy Spring!

I don't get to send out newsletters as often as I would like, as my various roles at Nome Community Center always keep me quite busy. There are only four more months in my time as a US-2, and I am trying to focus my energy on accomplishing everything I want to finish while also planning for the next stage of my life.

We do not have a gym at our Boys and Girls Club, so keeping up to 40 active children entertained when conditions are not good for playing outside can be quite a challenge. Thankfully, we are starting to get some sunny and warmer weather, so playing outside will hopefully become more realistic.

We try to help our youth get some energy out indoors with jump ropes and hula hoops, and even have a mini trampoline that they can take turns jumping on. As the weather has started to clear up and we are now experiencing more sunny days than snowy, windy days, we are able to encourage them to start getting outside more, and go take walks or play at the playground across the street.

While we have been waiting for spring to arrive, we have been focusing on staying busy indoors. Now that we have more staff, we are able to do two crafts a week. We also have a weekly STEM program, as well as monthly mental health and diabetes prevention programs. We try to take our youth to community events as much as possible, and we recently attended several events honoring Child Abuse Prevention Month. The Boys and Girls Club recently held our community wide easter egg hunt, which was one of my favorite events last year and again this year. The Boys and Girls Club staff hides giant easter eggs all around town while the youth are at school, and after school the hunt is on. There is a prize for everyone who finds an egg, and one special egg is the grand prize winner. The lucky youth or team of youths who find this egg receive movie tickets. This year we hid sixteen eggs, and all but one of them were found within the week that the hunt was going on. The excitement that the annual Easter egg hunt brings will always be one of my fondest memories of my time as a US-2.





The Boys and Girls Club and the Food Bank continue to be my main jobs, but over the past few months I have spent some time working with a restorative justice program called Youth Court.

Youth Court is a program for high school students that allows some first time juvenile offenders to be tried by a jury of their peers. In order to participate in youth court, members have to pass a test similar to the bar exam.

I assisted with making arrangements for an upcoming conference that I will also be chaperoning, where the youth will join other members of this program from around the state to learn more about the program. They held several fundraisers to help pay for travel costs, and have been working on recruiting their peers to help the program grow after losing several seniors last year.

When I'm not working at the Boys and Girls Club or the Food Bank, or helping with Youth Court, I enjoy spending time with the other three US-2's who live in Nome. They have been into sewing recently, which has given me the opportunity to discover that I am not a natural seamstress! I am looking forward to experiencing my favorite summer activities with them, like going on drives hoping to spot some musk ox, or maybe if we're really lucky, a moose. I'm also looking forward to berry picking, which many locals tell me will be very good this summer since we've had so much snow.

I appreciate your continued support as I complete the last few months of these two years.



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## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN ~ UNIT NEWS



UMW finished out the year fixing 63 snack packs each week. We recieved over \$1100.00 for this program from the Owens Foundation. That will be a good start for the Fall.



As is our custom, kits have been prepared to send to Annual Conference. The Agape Circle fixed 20 Health Kits. The Lillies are sending 8 School Kits and a donation of \$75.00. This kits will be used by UMCOR in many needy places in the world.

In August the unit will meet at the home of Glenna Hudgins on Wednesday, August 14th. Sara Hogge will present our Pledge Service. We invite any interested women to attend. We want you and need you.

Both circles meet on the second Wednesday. The Lillies meet at 12:30 p.m. (sometimes for lunch) and the Apapes meet at 7:00 p.m. Pray about it!

### LILLY HOPKINS CIRCLE

The Lillies will meet with Shirley Daniel on Wednesday, June 12th at twelve thirty p.m. Sara Ann Brooks will present the program. We voted to present the Ginny Owens scholarship of \$300.00 to a young woman affilated with Salem, which will be announced at graduation.



We will not meet in July.

Our August meeting will be at 6:30 before the unit meeting which will be held at the home of Glenna Hudgins.



## Boyd Gunn Class News.....

The Boyd Gunn Class wishes to thank all who contributed to our Mother's Day Bulletin. It was a great success thanks to you. ~ We met for class meeting after the Family Week Covered Dish Luncheon on Sunday, May 19.

We voted to make a donation of \$50.00 to help with Vacation Bible School expenses. We will also be responsible for the Snack Station for the kids on Monday night.

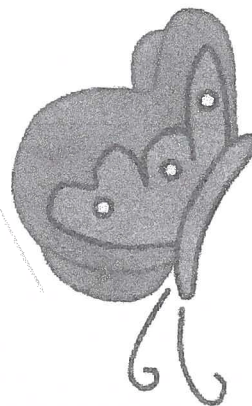
We will be having our annual Yard Sale in October. So we are asking all of our church family to save your useable items for us. We will be having a bake sale as well. As usual we will be donating the proceeds to the Building Fund for payment on the Fellowship Hall.

### Barefoot Days

*By Rachel Field*

In the morning, very early,  
That's the time I love to go  
Barefoot where the fern grows curly  
And the grass is cool between each toe,  
On a summer morning - O!  
On a summer morning!

That is when the birds go by  
Up the sunny slopes of air,  
And each rose has a butterfly  
Or a golden bee to wear;  
And I am glad in every toe -  
Such a summer morning - O!  
Such a summer morning!





### Prayer List

Jonnie Adams  
Martha Ashberry  
Scott Bartley  
Tate Bennette  
Patricia Bing  
Susan Botts  
Marshall Cather  
Kathy Fisher

Suzanne Fisher  
Joe Forrest  
Don R. Hudgins  
Marie Hughes  
Jerry Wayne Jagger  
Ross Lewis  
Barbara Morgan  
Keith Morgan

Carolyn Morris  
Paul/Va. Owens  
Willie B. Owens  
Carolyn Smith  
Richard Stevens  
Jean Sutton  
Amber Williams



### Nursing Home Bound

Betty Durkovich  
Martha Ellen Hall  
Judy Mitchem  
Patty Morgan

Stanley Payne  
Mary Jo Robins  
June Rowe  
Erma Webb



### BEACH SERVICES

Summer is about here and it is time to enjoy a time of worship together once again at Haven Beach. Please remember to mark your calendar for the Last Sunday of each month through September for an informal but meaningful worship in God's great outdoors, as we listen to the waves faintly trickle the shoreline, it take you back to scriptures of Jesus at the Sea of Galilee.

The attendance has been fluctuating so I encourage you to help us keep this ministry going by spreading the word and invite others to join you.

Also, I ask you to think hard and pray if now might be the time to be bold and offer to share your own informal message with us on one of these Sundays. Surely God is doing something great in your life that you want to share and this is a perfect opportunity. Just let me know.

See you at 8 am:

**May 26<sup>th</sup>**

**July 28<sup>th</sup>**

**June 30<sup>th</sup>**

**August 25<sup>th</sup>**

**September 29<sup>th</sup>**

If you have any question please contact Christy Brown at 694-9582.



### 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 five seniors who will be graduating. They are Blake Atkins, Victoria Bing Shayla Wheeler, Nicholas Wilks and Olivia Wood.

On Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, the class will present Bibles to these graduating seniors and wish them God's blessings!



### To The Graduate

Dear Graduate, before you lies  
The path of life, as yet unknown.  
Whether beneath dark or smiling skies,  
No matter, you walk not alone.  
For One awaits Who knows the way,  
Whose feet all paths of earth  
have trod.  
Stay close to Him from day to day,  
For they are safe who walk  
with God.



## June

01 Bill Long  
04 Darlene Shaw  
05 Tristan Haywood  
05 Sue Rowe  
07 William Earl Sadler  
11 Susan Rowe  
11 Melanie South  
14 Debbie Hunley  
16 Bruce Waddell  
19 Mike Gaskins  
20 Josh Dehoux  
20 Andy Diggs  
20 Roy Insley  
21 Flora Royall  
21 Pastor Bertina Wesley  
24 Tracy Gaskins  
24 Rhonda Ramsey  
26 Michael Todd Stewart, Jr.  
27 Judy Mitchem  
28 Rob Norris  
28 Carter Cole Sterne  
30 Jeanie Diggs

## July

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



## August

05 Greg Robins  
06 Judy Dixon  
07 Carolyn Morris  
08 Daphne Williams  
09 Jamie Wilks  
11 Freddie Dehoux  
11 Jackson Dehoux  
11 Abigail Ramsey  
11 Jeanie Smith  
12 Michael Mantell  
13 John Persinger  
14 David Dehoux  
14 Lesley Hunley  
14 Brantley Powell  
18 Brandon Gibbs  
19 Ricky Wiatt  
21 Judy Jackson  
23 Joy Drummond  
23 Kevin Hogge  
23 Michael Alexander Wiatt  
26 Lauren Jones  
27 Christopher Dehoux  
29 Sarah Wilks  
29 Cheryl Ligon  
20 Sis Thomas  
31 Paulette Insley



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*Wishing You All A Wonderful Birthday!*





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# June 2019

**Usher: Glenn Mantell**

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<b>Communion</b> <b>Recognition of</b> <b>Seniors</b> 	2 Choir 7 pm	3	4 Administrative Bd. 7 pm	6	7	<b>MHS Graduation</b> 
<b>Men's Prayer</b> <b>Breakfast 7:30 pm</b>	9 Choir 7 pm	10	11 Agape Circle 7pm Lilly Hopkins Circle 12:30pm	13	14	15
<b>Mortgage Sunday</b> <b>Father's Day</b>	Choir 7pm	17	18 <b>Vacation Bible School 6-8pm</b> 17th - 21st	20	21 <b>Annual Conference</b>	22
<b>Food Bank</b> <b>VBS</b> <b>Commencement</b> <b>Annual Conference</b>	23 Choir 7pm	24	25	26	27	28
<b>Beach Service</b> <b>8am</b> <b>Children &amp; Youth Sun.</b> <b>Promotion Sunday</b>						29

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# July 2019

**Usher: Sonny Daniels**

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Communion 7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Youth Week of Service 8th - 12th						
Men's Prayer 14 Breakfast 7:30 am Youth Talent Show	15	16	17	18	19	20
Mortgage Sunday	22	23	24	25	26	27
Beach Service 28 8am Food Bank	29	30	31			

July

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# August 2019

Usher: Paul Bing



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Communion 4	5	6	Administrative Bd. 7 pm	8	9	10
Men's Prayer 11 breakfast 7:30 am	12	13	UMW Meeting 7pm Agape 6:30pm Lilly Hopkins 6:30pm	15	16	17
Mortgage Sunday 18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Beach Service 8am Food Bank 25	26	27	28	29	30	31



# Bible in General

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.

ALTAR	FLOOD	LION'S DEN
ANGELS	GARDEN OF EDEN	LOT'S WIFE
APOCRYPHA	GOSPELS	MANGER
APOSTLES	HEAVEN	MESSIAH
ASCENSION	JEHOVAH	MIRACLES
BAPTISM	JERUSALEM	PENTECOST
CROSS	JESUS	SALVATION
DEAD SEA SCROLLS	JOHN THE BAPTIST	TRINITY
EASTER	JUDEA	VERSE
EPIPHANY	LAST SUPPER	WORSHIP
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