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Meanwhile, the eleven disciples were on their way to Galilee, headed for the mountain Jesus had set for their reunion. The moment they saw him they worshipped him. Some, though, held back, not sure about *worship*, about risking themselves totally. 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 28:16-20 (The Message)

At this time last year, we as a global church were anxiously waiting for the called 2019 General Conference, the top legislative body of the United Methodist Church. The 2019 Conference was held February 23<sup>rd</sup> through 26<sup>th</sup>, during which time the global body voted for the church to move forward under the Traditional Plan which upheld the denomination's stances that all people are of "sacred worth" and that "homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching." Those who attended General Conference (on both sides of the human sexuality debate) returned with stories of how the hurt and anger within the gathered body was palpable. Now, many people throughout the global church are gearing up for the 2020 General Conference. Instead of focusing on the mission of the church, many people are experiencing tunnel vision.

According to the Oxford Dictionary, tunnel vision is the tendency to focus exclusively on a single or limited goal or point of view. In the midst of our denomination's focus on human sexuality, we have lost focus on the mission of the church. Based on the Great Commission, the mission of the United Methodist Church, as well as Salem UMC, is to **"make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."** This commissioning for making disciples is not just for reaching those outside the doors of the church, it is also meant for us inside the body of Christ.

Under the leadership of Rev. Seonyoung Kim, the District Superintendent of the York River District, our district is staying the course of making disciples instead of worrying about what might happen in the future. The District hosted an Intentional Discipleship Workshop in July and has encouraged "the people called Methodists" within our district to participate in the Real Discipleship Survey. The survey measures where we as individuals, a local church, and a district stand in regard to our discipleship journey. The Real Discipleship Survey measures a life of worship, a life of hospitality, a life open to Jesus, a life of obeying Jesus, a life of service, and a life of generosity. Using the results of the survey, we will create a "Discipleship Plan" to guide us in intentional discipleship making.

As we move through Thanksgiving, Advent, the Christmas Season, and into the New Year, I encourage you to engage in a time of prayerful reflection. Where are you in your faith journey? Are you Exploring, Beginning, Growing, or Maturing? If you have not taken the Real Discipleship Survey, it would

be a great tool to use as you begin your reflection. For maturing Christians, being a disciple of Jesus Christ is a life-long journey, what will you do to continue your growth in discipleship?

On Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> we will celebrate All Saint's Day. It is a day to give thanks for all the disciples who have gone before us. May all who journey with us and those who come behind us find us to be faithful disciples!

Thankful to be on the journey with you,  
Pastor Bertina

Sign up for the Real Discipleship Survey at <http://discipleshipsurvey.com/member.html>

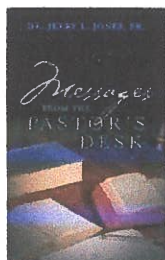


## 2019 Charge Conference

Our 2019 Charge Conference will take place on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at Mathews Chapel UMC (4185 Buckley Hall Rd, Cobbs Creek). The theme is *Moving Forward in God's Mission* based on Matthew 28:16-20. Our District Superintendent, Rev. Seonyoung Kim, will preside. The Charge Conference is the annual reporting of the life of the church including:

- Newly nominated persons to serve in the coming year(s).
- Changes in membership.
- Annual Reports from the Trustees regarding the care and insurance for the building and parsonage.
- Adoption of the budget and pastor's salary for 2020.

Any Member/constituent of Salem is invited to attend. Current members of the Administrative Council are voting members of the Charge Conference. Please join us!



**NOTICE:** The date of the January Administrative Board meeting has been changed from the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday in January (due to New Year's Day) to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.



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## Loan Statement

PIN: 480365  
Loan #: 900007  
Loan Type: MORT

Amt. Committed: \$192,209.61  
Interest YTD: \$2,168.81  
Self-Funded Rate: 4.2000%  
Original Rate: 4.2500%

Return this portion with payment

**Amount Due:** **\$1,232.56**

\*\*\* **Payment is Due On: 10/1/2019** \*\*\*

Date	Tran Type	Advance	Payment	Principal	Interest	Reserve	Late Fee	Loan Balance
8/17/19		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$190,023.45
9/6/19	Regular loan payment	\$0.00	\$1,232.56	\$576.59	\$655.97	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$189,446.86
		\$0.00	\$1,232.56	\$576.59	\$655.97	\$0.00	\$0.00	

Loan Balance: \$189,446.86  
Interest Due: \$283.39  
Loan Pay off: \$189,730.25  
Maturity Date: 3/1/2021

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## PRAYER BREAKFAST

Men's Prayer Breakfasts will be held on Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, December 8<sup>th</sup> (Ladies are invited) and January 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 am in the fellowship hall. Come and join the time of fellowship.



The Agape Circle will meet on Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at church at 7 pm to pack the Snack Packs.

The Agape Circle will meet on Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the church for a baby shower for Jesus.

The Agape Circle will meet on Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at church at 7 pm.



## ACOLYTES SCHEDULE



### November Acolytes

03<sup>rd</sup> Colten and Seth  
10<sup>th</sup> Michael and Sam  
17<sup>th</sup> Harmony and Melody  
24<sup>th</sup> Lincoln and Andrew

### December Acolytes

01<sup>st</sup> Adam and John Stephen  
08<sup>th</sup> Seth and Michael  
15<sup>th</sup> Lincoln and Sam  
22<sup>nd</sup> Colten and Andrew  
29<sup>th</sup> Harmony and Melody

### January Acolytes

05<sup>th</sup> John Stephen and Seth  
12<sup>th</sup> Adam and Michael  
19<sup>th</sup> Sam and Colten  
26<sup>th</sup> Andrew and Lincoln



## THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON

On Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate Thanksgiving as a church family. After worship we will have lunch in the Fellowship Hall. The turkey, dressing and gravy will be provided. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish to share. Please join us and share in the wonderful fellowship and tasty food.



## THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, on Thanksgiving Day  
We bow our hearts to You and pray.

We give You thanks for all You've done  
Especially for the gift of Jesus Your Son.

For beauty in nature, Your glory we see  
For joy and health friends and family.

For daily provision, Your mercy and care  
These are the blessings You graciously share.

So today we offer this response of praise  
With a promise to follow You all of our days.

---Mary Fairchild

## Boyd Gunn Class News.....

The Boyd Gunn Class would like to thank everyone who helped to make our yard sale a success. We had lots of support from the church family and are grateful to the Bridgers for their many contributions. We worked very hard getting all those items priced. Our thanks also to Ray Owens and Geneva Munn for preparing our breakfast. The proceeds will go to getting the children's playground up and functioning. It was a day of hard work and great fellowship.

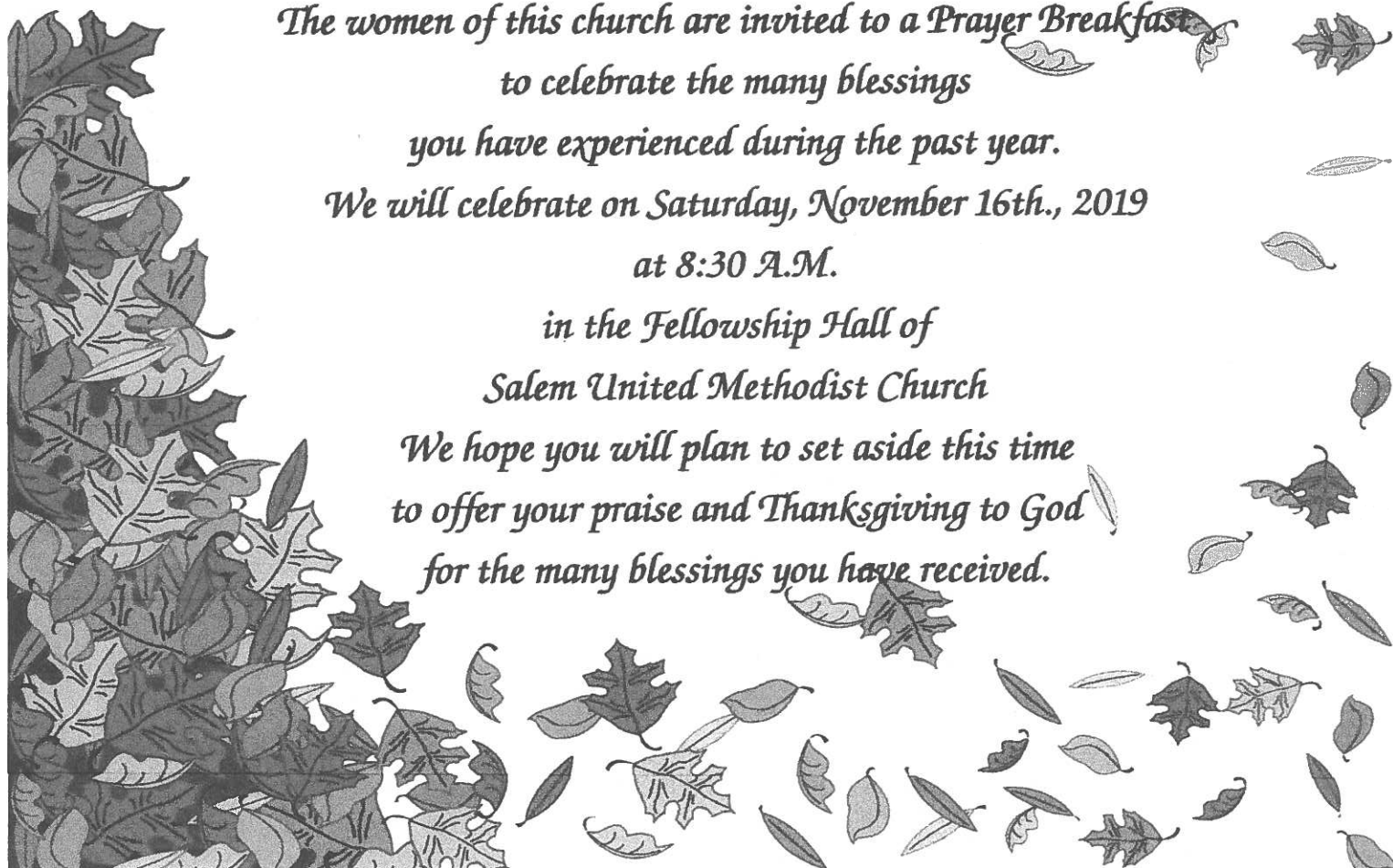
The class voted to contribute \$200.00 to United Methodist Women to purchase items for the Christmas Store at the Convalescent Center.

*The women of this church are invited to a Prayer Breakfast  
to celebrate the many blessings  
you have experienced during the past year.*

*We will celebrate on Saturday, November 16th., 2019  
at 8:30 A.M.*

*in the Fellowship Hall of  
Salem United Methodist Church*

*We hope you will plan to set aside this time  
to offer your praise and Thanksgiving to God  
for the many blessings you have received.*



## FALL EVENT

On Thursday, November 14, 2019, the 5 Talent Academy of the VA Conference will be hosting Engage 2019: Community Transformation. The event is being held at Woodlake UMC and livestreamed to 11 satellite locations around the conference. The York River District will gather at Williamsburg UMC. Bishop Ken Carter, the Florida Area Resident Bishop, will be preaching and speakers will be Rev. Michael Adam Beck, Rev. Jacqueline Lewis, and Rev. Andy and Rev. Anjie Woodworth. They will address what it looks like to be a neighboring church, what is a community partner and what is fresh expression. Pastor Bertina hopes a group from our church will attend. To register, visit [www.vaumc.org/5talent](http://www.vaumc.org/5talent). For more information, contact Pastor Bertina.



## CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES

The Agape Circle is once again collecting Samaritan's Purse OCCC Christmas Shoeboxes. There will be instructions on the front pew on how to pack the shoeboxes. Shoeboxes can be dropped off in the Mary Jo Robins Class or see Laura Holmberg. Deadline is Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>.



## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Christmas Boxes for the community will be prepared on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. Bring your goodies soups, baked goods, etc. to the fellowship hall before Sunday school. Anyone who can help to deliver would be greatly appreciated .

## CHRISTMAS PARADE



On December 14<sup>th</sup> Salem UMC will be participating in the Mathews Christmas Parade. If you are interested in participating please contact Amy Bohannon-Stewart at 757-910-6204 or at [amyleighbo@gmail.com](mailto:amyleighbo@gmail.com)



Join us on Christmas Eve.....

4:00 pm – Children/Families Worship Service  
8:00 pm - Candlelight/Communion Service

## Be a Blessing



It's coming up to Christmas.  
We have been blessed with the things we need...  
I'd like to set a challenge.  
For us all to do a good deed...

Donate a 'Toy' to a charity.  
Some 'Pet Food' to the pound...  
Some clothing to a charity store.  
There are so many to be found...

There are many things that we can do.  
At this special time of Year...  
To reach out to other's.  
And just show them that we care...

Don't think 'It won't make a difference'.  
Whether your act is big or small  
It will bring such Joy to Someone'  
There's a 'SANTA in us all...



## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN ~ UNIT NEWS

The United Methodist Women will meet on Wednesday, December 11, 2019 in the Church Fellowship Hall for a Baby Shower for Baby Jesus. We are asking everyone to bring diapers and wipes. These will be delivered to Social Services for those babies whose parents have great need of them. If you can't attend feel free to leave a contribution in the Fellowship Hall. The Lilly Hopkins Circle will present a devotional and refreshments will be provided by the Apages.

The date for our annual Christmas Store at the Convalescent Center will be Saturday, December 14th. It will be in the dining room at the Center. We are asking our members and our church family to provide gifts so the residents can shop for Christmas gifts for their family members. We need gifts for men, women and children. We also need gift bags, tags, and tissue paper. We need folks to help the residents shop and help with wrapping. Shopping begins at 10:00 a.m. Come out to help and receive a blessing.



The Snack Pack Program is again in full swing. We are packing 67 each week. That's 10 more than last year. We are so grateful for all those willing souls that come when called to help pack the packs. We also appreciate all the donations that are made by the church family. If you wish to make a contribution please give it to Sara Hogge. The average cost of each snack pack is about \$6.00. So you can see it is a costly undertaking But it seems that the Lord always provides

### LILLY HOPKINS CIRCLE



The Lillies will meet on Wednesday, November 13th. at the Grill at 11:30 a.m. The program will be preseted by Glenna Hudgins.

The December Meeting will be on Wednesday, the 11th at church at 6:30 p.m.prior to the Baby Shower for Baby Jesus.



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## PRAYER LIST

Jonnie Adams	Sharon Hoy
Tom Bahr	Maida Hudgins
Tate Bennette	Jerry Jagger
Joe Bertini	Leon Lee
Susan Botts	Jenny Lockett
Linda Brooks	Elaine Mitchem
Patsy Brooks	Sharon Morgan
Steve Brownley	Carolyn Morris
Mae Burrell	Paul & Va. Owens
Miriam Callis	Tom Robinson
Betty Edwards	Barbara Smith
Brian Fernald	John Wade Stewart
Joe Forrest	Tami Stewart

## NURSING HOME BOUND

Betty Durkovich	Mary Jo Robins
Martha Ellen Hall	June Rowe
Patty Morgan	Erma Webb
Stanley Payne	

## PRAYER FOR HEALING THE SICK

Lord God,  
We dwell in your house,  
Drink in your presence  
And find peace and rest in your arms.

We believe in your name  
Ask for your healing  
And believe and trust in your love.

We thank you for your sacrifice,  
Receive all you have for us  
And pray and ask for restoration.

We need your touch.  
We wait on you  
You are our Savior, our friend and our hope.  
Amen



## November

02 Michael Rowe	23 Logan Burroughs
02 Dawn South-Day	23 Darlene Talbott
12 Glenna Hudgins	25 Trimmie Richardson
14 David Shuber	25 Laura Brandon
20 Marsha Morgan	26 Ruby Ingram
21 Marshall Hudgins	26 William Morris
21 Richard F. Stewart	28 Jonathan Dehoux
22 Elizabeth Stewart	

## December

01 Robert Thomas	15 Dale Mitchem
01 Curtis Watkins	16 Stuart Gibbs
02 Janet Herndon	16 Melody Smith
04 Ed Clayton	17 Garry Livermon
05 Jerry Davis	19 Stephen Mantell
06 Greg Robins	21 Lindsey Stewart
07 Leslie Foster	26 Hugh Brooks
10 Judy Emanuel	26 Chase Murphy
12 Guy Thorp	26 Sara Hogge
13 Ethan Hudgins	31 Lois Jenkins
14 Ginger Shuber	31 Clem Rowe

## January

01 Steve Dixon	18 Paul Bing
01 Sharon Morgan	19 Jerry Davis
04 Blake Edwards	19 Aaron West
05 Roy Respress	19 Jerry Ligon
08 Thomas Foster	20 Phillip Morgan
09 Emma Hudgins	22 Buck Matthews
12 Michael Diggs	22 John Stephen Shaw
12 Karen Norris	25 Andy Daniels
14 Natalie Davis	27 Betty Edwards
15 Kim Diggs	28 Deena Waddell



## BIRTHDAY WISHES


Hope you all have a wonderful day and that the year ahead is filled with much love, many wonderful surprises and give each of you lasting memories that you all will cherish all the days ahead.

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# November 2019

Usher: Warren Waddell

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Communion All Saints Day 3	Choir 7 pm 4	5	Administrative Bd 6 7 pm	Bible Study 8:30 pm	8	Charge Conference 2-4 pm Mathews Chapel
Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30 pm Deadline for Shoebboxes 10	Choir 7 pm 11	12	Lilly Hopkins Circle 11:30 pm Agape Circle 7 pm	The 5 Talent Academy (Engage 2019: Community Transformation) Bible Study 8:30 pm 14	15	UMW Breakfast 16 8:30 am Word's Thank Ser.
Morgage Sunday 7 Thanksgiving Luncheon	Choir 7 pm 18	19	20	Happy Thanksgiving  21	22	23
Food Bank Sunday 24	Choir 7 pm 25	26	27	Bible Study 8:30 pm	29	30

November

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# December 2019

**Usher: Sonny Daniels**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Communion 1	Choir 7 pm 2	3	Administrative Bd. 7 pm 4	Bible Study 6:30 pm 5	6	7
Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30 pm (Ladies Invited) 8	Choir 7 pm 9	10	Agape Circle 6:30 pm Lilly Hopkins 6:30 pm Baby Shower for Jesus 7 pm	Bible Study 6:30 pm 12	13	Christmas Store at Nursing Home Christmas Parade 14
Morgage Fund Sun. Christmas Boxes 15	Choir 7 pm 16	17	18	Bible Study 6:40 pm 19	20	21
Food Bank Sun. 22	23	Christmas Eve 8 pm Children/Family Communion Ser. 24	Merry Christmas 25	26	27	28
Children's Ser. 29	30	New Year Eve 31				

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# January 2020

Usher: Wayne Brown

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Happy New Year 	2	3	4
Communion 5	Choir 7 pm 6	7 Lilly Hopkin Circle 12:30 pm Agape Circle 7 pm	8	9	10	11
Mena Prayer 12 Breakfast 7:30 am	Choir 7 pm 13	14 Administrative Bd 7 pm	15	16	17	18
Morgage Sunday 19	Choir 7 pm 20	21	22	23	24	25
Food Bank 26	Choir 7 pm 27	28	29	30	31	

**SALEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
NEWSLETTER**



*Nov./Dec./Jan.*

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