

THE SPIRIT

Salem United Methodist Church

“Where You Matter”

January, 2020

At the beginning of a new year Methodism's founder, John Wesley, encouraged a renewing of one's covenant with God. A special service was designed for this purpose. Here is an updated version of John Wesley's covenant prayer by Jeremy Smith.

I am not my own self-made, self-reliant human being.

In truth, O God, I am Yours.

Make me into what You will.

Make me a neighbor with those whom You will.

Guide me on the easy path for You.

Guide me on the rocky road for You.

Whether I am to step up for You

or step aside for You;

Whether I am to be lifted high for You

or brought low for You;

Whether I become full or empty,

with all things or with nothing;

I give all that I have

and all that I am for You.

So be it.

And may I always remember that you, O God,

and I belong to each other. Amen



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8:00 AM in Chapel

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A DAY OF SERVICE

Monday, January 20, 2020

9 AM – 3 PM

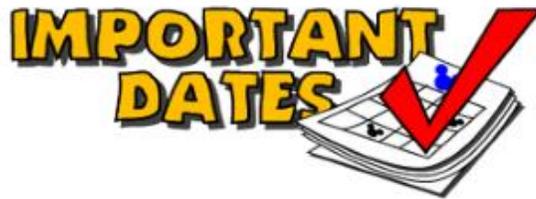
Salem UMC Fellowship Hall

On this day, which has been designated as a National Day of Service in honor of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, we have planned several activities and projects to give back to our community. Come for all day or part of the day, check-in at the Fellowship Hall whenever you arrive. Some of those projects include the following:

- ✚ Baking and delivering cookies for first responders
- ✚ Packing hygiene kits for disaster relief
- ✚ Making cards for service men and women
- ✚ Making Blessing Bags
- ✚ Helping at Jerusalem Mill
- ✚ Visiting in assisted living
- ✚ Making birthday cards for youth in residential foster care
- ✚ Making animal toys for Harford County Animal Shelter
- ✚ Helping at “Found in Faith” furniture ministry; cleaning and moving furniture
- ✚ Paying laundromat fees for people at the Wash n Fold laundromat in Edgewood

This promises to be a very special day as we reach out to share with others and become the hands and feet of Jesus. Please invite others to join us for this Day of Service. You can sign up by calling the church office or on the board in the back of the church.

A special thank you to our generous sponsors: G&M Automotive, Lassahn Funeral Home, Margheritas Pizza and Pete’s Pickins.



Emergency Rotating Shelter – February 17-24

Salem will once again host the Emergency Rotating Shelter. We will need your help and prayer support. The signup board to volunteer will be in the Narthex starting January 19th. There are opportunities for all - day, evening or nights. Please consider how you can participate.

Joy & Bill Cogburn
Coordinators

Church Council Planning Session – January 25

The Church Council will meet in the fellowship hall from 9 AM - 12 PM. We will set our goals and planning for the upcoming year. All our welcome, you need not be a member of the Council. We will have breakfast at 8:30 a.m. before the meeting begins.

Ongoing Opportunities

Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser

Every 2nd Monday of the month, 4 pm – 8 pm, Salem is participating in a new fundraiser at the Texas Roadhouse location in Fallston (Belair Rd, just south of Rt 152). The restaurant will give our church 10% of all sales from anyone who presents a flyer, either paper or on your phone. The flyers will be available at the back of the church each month. Don't want a piece of paper, take a picture with your phone and just show that! Please share flyers with your family and friends. This will be an ongoing fundraiser which helps support the ministries of the church. We're off to a great start - in December we raised \$65.00. Thanks!

Sapore de Mare Restaurant Fundraiser

The 4th Tuesday of every month Sapore de Mare will give our church 10% of all sales from anyone who mentions that they are from Salem United Methodist Church. Sapore de Mare is located at 504 Joppa Farm Rd, Joppa. Many members sit together for good food and great fellowship!

Men's Bible Study

Every Saturday at 7:30 am – 8:30 am the men meet for breakfast and Bible study in the fellowship hall. The study is led by Chris Rohe.

Wednesday Bible Study

Meeting every Wednesday from 10 am -11:30 am in the conference room at Salem House, Judy Jones leads the group.

Salem United Methodist Women

Over the holidays we provided Christmas gifts to the Lois T Murray School.

Currently we are collecting snacks for the Board of Child Care youth. You may drop off your donations to the box in the Narthex. The snack theme is “Hot & Spicy” – chips, crackers, pretzels, etc.



Confirmation Class

The confirmation class experienced a retreat at West River Camp and had a wonderful time. They are looking forward to more learning experiences and trips this winter.

Blankets for College Students

On November 24, 2019 we recognized 14 students with blankets made by members of the Youth Sunday School class and a few volunteers. The fleece blankets were made in the school colors of each student.

We received the following note:
*Dear Salem Church,
Thank you so much for thinking about me at college and sending me a cute blanket! I love that it matches my school colors and I really appreciate the kind gesture!*

Love Alex T.



Thank you

Rick and I would like to thank our Salem Church family for the generous Christmas gift. We appreciate each person who contributed to this amazing offering.

We have found a true home here with all of you. We are grateful to God!

We wish and pray for you God's blessings in this new year.

Love in Christ,
Stacey

Bob and I want to thank all of our Salem Family for the showing of love, support, cards, calls and most importantly your prayers. It has meant a lot to us as we deal with the “joys” of advanced living. We do miss being an active part of Salem.

Also, we appreciate all the prayers and concern you showed when our son, Robert in Hawaii, was hospitalized recently. We are happy to report he is just about fully recovered and back to work.

Bettie & Bob Heacock

Make a Note!

Bob & Bernadette Jones who have been longtime members of Salem have moved to North Carolina in order to be near family. Their new address is:

6131 Ravenrock Dr
Denver, NC 28037

We will miss them but wish them well in their new home.

On Sunday, December 29 we tested our knowledge of the Biblical accounts of the birth of Jesus. Think you know a lot about the nativity of Jesus? Answer the following questions based on the Gospel records.

1. Who told Mary that she would give birth to God's Son, Jesus?
 - a. The angel, Michael
 - b. The angel, Gabriel
 - c. A multitude of angels
 - d. Joseph
2. This baby leaped in the womb of his mother at the sound of Mary's voice:
 - a. Abraham
 - b. Moses
 - c. John the Baptist
 - d. Peter
3. Where was Jesus born?
4. Who was king of Judea when Jesus was born?
5. For the journey to Bethlehem, Mary and Joseph:
 - a. Walked
 - b. Joseph walked; Mary rode a donkey
 - c. Rode a bus
 - d. Took an Uber
 - e. Who knows?
6. When Mary became pregnant, Mary and Joseph were:
 - a. Married
 - b. Engaged (betrothed)
 - c. Just friends
 - d. None of the above
7. When Mary became pregnant,
 - a. Joseph married her
 - b. Joseph wanted to dissolve their relationship
 - c. Mary left Nazareth for a while
 - d. An angel told them to go to Bethlehem
 - e. Both b & c
 - f. Both b & d
8. True or False: The Bible tells us that Jesus was born on December 25.
9. Who directed Mary and Joseph to go to Bethlehem:
 - a. Herod
 - b. Caesar
 - c. An angel
 - d. The I.R.S.
10. Just what is a "heavenly host":
 - a. An angelic choir
 - b. The welcoming angel in heaven
 - c. An army of angels
 - d. Salem Chancel Choir
 - e. None of the above
11. How many angels spoke to the shepherds?
 - a. One
 - b. Two
 - c. Too many to number
 - d. Who knows?
12. What song did the angels sing?
 - a. The b O Little Town of Bethlehem
 - b. Joy to the World
 - c. Glory to God in the Highest
 - d. None of the above
13. Baby Jesus was born in a –
 - a. Cave
 - b. Manger
 - c. Hurry
 - d. Barn
 - e. Who knows?
14. What animals were present at Jesus' birth?
 - a. Cows, sheep, and camels
 - b. Cows, sheep, and donkeys
 - c. Lions and tigers and bears
 - d. None of the above
15. What is a manger anyway?
 - a. A barn
 - b. A place for hay
 - c. A feeding trough
 - d. A Greek term for the church nursery
16. When did baby Jesus cry?
 - a. When he opened the wise men's gifts
 - b. Whenever babies usually cried
 - c. When the cattle started lowing
 - d. No crying He makes
17. Where was Joseph's family from?
 - a. Jerusalem
 - b. Nazareth
 - c. Bethlehem
 - d. None of the above
18. Who saw the star over Bethlehem:
 - a. Mary and Joseph
 - b. Shepherds
 - c. The three kings
 - d. Both the shepherds and the kings
 - e. None of the above
19. What sign were the shepherds to look for?
 - a. A star over the stable
 - b. A barn outlined with Christmas lights
 - c. A baby in a manger
 - d. A star over the stable and a baby in the manger
 - e. None of the above
20. What did the innkeeper say to Mary and Joseph:
 - a. I have a stable out back.
 - b. Come back over the holidays
 - c. There is no room in the inn
 - d. You should have made reservations
 - e. None of the above

21. True or False: The shepherds and the wise men came to visit on the same night.
22. How many wise men came to see Jesus?
 - a. One
 - b. Two
 - c. Three
 - d. Four
 - e. Too many to count
 - f. Who knows?
23. When the wise men brought the gifts to Jesus, where did they find him?
 - a. In a manger
 - b. In a house
 - c. At Vacation Bible School
 - d. None of the above
24. The wise men are also called Magi. What are Magi?
 - a. Eastern kings
 - b. Magicians
 - c. Astrologers
 - d. None of the above
25. In what books of the Bible will you find these fascinating details of the story of Jesus' birth:
 - a. Matthew, Luke, and John
 - b. Matthew and Luke
 - c. Mark and Matthew
 - d. Matthew, Mark, and Luke
 - e. Matthew, Mark, Luke and John

Here are the answers:

1. b
2. c
3. Bethlehem
4. Herod
5. e (The Bible gives no record of their means of travel - check the scripture)
6. b
7. e
8. False
9. b (Luke 2:1)
10. c
11. a
12. d (Scripture says that the angel spoke; no mention of angels singing)
13. e (Scripture doesn't tell us where he was born only that after he was born, he was placed in a manger)
14. d (The Bible doesn't say anything about animals being present)
15. c
16. b (Scripture tells us that Jesus is fully divine and fully human)
17. c (that is why they had to go there for the census)
18. e (the wise men/magi saw the star – they are not named as kings in scripture)
19. c
20. e (there is no innkeeper mentioned in the Bible – check it out)
21. False
22. f (the Bible does not mention a number; only that they bring three gifts)
23. b (see Matthew 2:11; also, he was no longer a baby but a child)
24. c
25. b (Check it out!)

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