

Salem United Methodist Church

1321 Salem Church Road
Irmo, South Carolina 29063
Established 1873



September 8, 2024
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*The color green is used to denote growth, reminding us of our
journey of growing in discipleship and faith.*

THE GATHERING AND WITNESS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

PRELUDE

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CHIMING OF THE HOUR and WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER**

Welcome, Beloved! Why have you gathered today?

We have come to worship God, who is the maker of us all!

What do you seek from God, our Creator?

We seek God's wisdom to guide us and show us how to live.

Are you ready to follow when God's wisdom leads down
unexpected paths?

**We will trust, and we will follow wherever God's wisdom leads
us.**

Well then, Beloved of God, what are you waiting for?

**Come! Let us worship and seek God's uncommon wisdom
together!**

Let us pray:

**Loving God, as we gather in this place today, help us to see your
great generosity, hear your word of mercy, and feel your great
love for all who need your redemptive grace. Amen.**

*HYMN 548 *In Christ There Is No East or West*

A TIME OF PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY 95

FIRST READING Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

ANTHEM *How Beautiful*

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

INTRODUCTION TO THE LESSON

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 7:24-37

*HYMN 454

Open My Eyes, That I May See

PROCLAMATION

The Secret is Out

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and
earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived
by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under
Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he
rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the
right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall
come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the
communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection
of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 2149

Living for Jesus

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE 546 (v.2) *The Church's One Foundation*
**Called forth from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth, our
charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth. One holy
name professing, and at one table fed, to one hope always
pressing, by Christ's own Spirit led.**

*WE FOLLOW THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*POSTLUDE AND DEPARTING

**Indicates that the congregation stands. If standing is uncomfortable,
please remain seated and continue with your participation. **Bold titles**
indicate congregation participation.*

A Welcome to our Guests!

*We are honored that you are worshipping with us. Please complete the
"red book" registration to record your presence. Also, please introduce
yourself to those around you and visit our Welcome Center. We have a
welcome gift for our first-time guests in the welcome center. Please stop
by the desk at the close of the worship service. We hope you will return
to join us again in Worship!*

STEWARDSHIP AND ATTENDANCE

Week of September 1, 2024

Needed each week to fund unified budget \$14,724.81

Unified budget received \$17,139.01

Needed to meet budget year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund) \$515,368.35

Unified budget received year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund) \$438,368.99

Attendance

Worship 184

(Includes 10:30 service and Church on the Lake)

PLEASE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER:

Brookdale — Mary Skenes

Carroll Campbell Place — Barbara Rolin

Generations of Irmo — Carolyn Brower,

Joyce Cook, Dot Corley

Lowman Home — Gwen Parnell, Anita Weed

Tyborne UCP — Jessica Gore

Special Prayers — Debra Ailes, Amy Bundrick,

Freddie Butler, Bob Davis, Mitchell Faulkenberry,

Inez Hyatt, Lee McMillan, Marilyn O'Mellan, Margie Oswald,

Barbara Pereira, Shannon Robertson, Bill Rolin, Mary Simon,

Steve Smith, Dustin Tanner, Terry Waites

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

Ushers:	Lead – Randy Hillard Marilyn Goodwin Ted Hornsby Mike Thacker
Trustee:	Dan Jennings
Sound Booth:	Dustin Tanner
Acolyte:	Rachel Rhodes
Nursery:	Claressa Poppell Kenzie Griner

Flower Ministry

The flowers which grace the Holy Altar today are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Sarah Eloise Griffith by Kimberly Griffith.

New Fall Bible Study Coming

"Short Stories by Jesus"

Join us on Thursday Nights beginning on **Thursday, Sept. 12 through Oct. 17 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Seekers classroom. This study will look deeper into some of the Parables that Jesus told and their meaning in those times as well as how they apply today. If you would like to be a part of this class please contact Jim Magann at jimmagann@gmail.com. The book cost is \$15.

Epworth Children's Home

Today our church will receive the Annual Epworth Work Day Offering to invest in the comprehensive care we are called by God to provide for the children and families served by Epworth Children's Home, our church's ministry to God's children. Please find information about Epworth and the Work Day Offering in the bulletin insert. This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry. Give generously by using the envelope provided for you in the bulletin. For more information about Epworth Children's Home, visit www.epworthchildrenshome.org where you can also choose to make a secure credit card donation.

Upcoming CPR Training

On **Sunday, September 15th**, at 12:00 P.M. we will hold CPR training in the Fellowship Hall. This CPR training is for anyone in the church who would like to become CPR certified. The cost for the training is \$40.

Oasis Kickoff

How well do you know the people you go to church with? Join us on **Tuesday, September 17th at 11:30** for our Kickoff Oasis gathering and find out! It's a great time to join our group if you have not attended before and it's a great time to come back and join in on the fun activity we have planned. Our meal will be pot luck, which always proves to be a hit showcasing the great cooks we have in our group! Call the church office by **Thursday, September 12th to RSVP** and share the item you plan to bring. We hope to hear from you and would love for you to bring a friend!

New Sunday Night Offering

Do you know who you are in Christ Jesus? We were made for community. Join us for experiential prayer and listening, which leads to transformation. **Sunday evenings from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM.** Please contact Heather Magann with any questions or for more information. Cell: 843-446-7280 or Email: hmagann@gmail.com

Please do not worry if you can't make it each week. Each week is independent of the other. Come and experience the mystery and beauty of Life in Christ Jesus. We are meeting in the Children's Church room directly across from the Nursery.

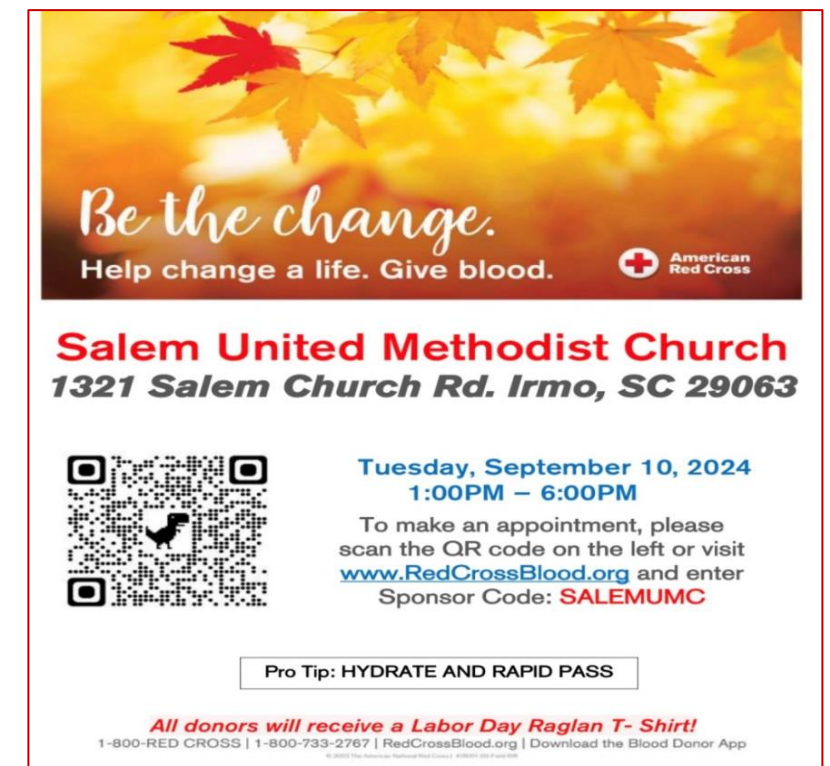
Lighthouse for Life Event


Lighthouse for Life, a mission dedicated to eradicating human trafficking by educating the community and empowering survivors, is hosting a "Fund the Fight" event at Irmo High School on **Thursday, September 12, 2024**. For more information you can go online to: <https://lighthouseforlife.org/events/fund-the-fight-2024/>

Salem Tailgate Party


Whether you Love Carolina, Clemson, or just good food; join us on **September 22nd** for a Salem Tailgate Party immediately following the 10:30 service in the Fellowship Hall. Show off your favorite team by wearing their colors!

The church will provide fried chicken and drinks. We would love for you to bring your favorite tailgate food like dips, salads, desserts, or finger foods. See you then!



Be the change.
Help change a life. Give blood. 

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1321 Salem Church Rd. Irmo, SC 29063



Tuesday, September 10, 2024
1:00PM – 6:00PM

To make an appointment, please scan the QR code on the left or visit www.RedCrossBlood.org and enter Sponsor Code: **SALEMUMC**

Pro Tip: HYDRATE AND RAPID PASS

All donors will receive a Labor Day Raglan T- Shirt!
1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | RedCrossBlood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

Blessing of the Animals

We would like to invite everyone to join us on **Sunday, October 6 at 3:00 p.m.** for a Blessing of the Animals. We will meet in the grassy area near the children's playground. Jeff will lead us in a brief prayer followed by a blessing of each pet in attendance. There will also be a goody bag for each pet that attends (dog or cat type bags). We look forward to seeing everyone on Oct. 6 with their furry friends.

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Sunday, September 8

9:30 A.M. Sunday School
 10:30 A.M. Morning Worship
 4:00 P.M. Nominations Committee Mtg
 4:00 P.M. Kid's Quest
 4:00 P.M. Prayer Class
 5:00 P.M. Tweens
 5:00 P.M. Youth

Monday, September 9

6:00 P.M. Girl Scouts
 7:00 P.M. Missions Meeting

Tuesday, September 10

1:00 P.M. Blood Drive
 6:00 P.M. SPRC
 7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Wednesday, September 11

7:00 A.M. AA Meeting
 7:00 P.M. Choir Practice

Thursday, September 12

6:00 P.M. Bible Study Fellowship Classroom
 6:30 P.M. Ricefield Plantation Meeting
 6:30 P.M. Bible Study Seekers Classroom
 7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Saturday, September 14

10:00 A.M. Nurses Honor Guard
 7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Sunday, September 15

9:30 A.M. Sunday School
 10:30 A.M. Morning Worship
 12:00 P.M. CPR Training Class
 4:00 P.M. Nominations Committee Mtg
 4:00 P.M. Kid's Quest
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Sharing God's Love

Current Pantry Needs: Cereal, Oatmeal, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Coffee, Tea, Spaghetti Noodles, Elbow Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Mac & Cheese, Pasta Dinners, Rice Dinners, SpaghettiOs, Ravioli, Canned Meats, Chili, Corn, Mixed Vegetables, Diced Tomatoes, Dried Beans, Crackers (Ritz or Saltines), Snacks, Fruit Juices, Boxed Desserts, Jello, Canned or Powdered Milk.

Household Items: Feminine Care Products, New Underwear for Adults & Kids, White Socks All Sizes, Queen and King Sheets, Bed Linens and Comforters, Blankets - All Sizes, Hand Towels, Bath Towels, Wash Cloths, Pots, Pans, Plates, Glasses, Cookware, Bakeware, Kitchen Linens, Small Appliances.

Drop-off containers are located in each Sunday School Room, Church Office and in the hallway next to the Fellowship Hall entrance.

608 items were delivered to Sharing God's Love on Sept. 4th.

Salem SPRC Meeting Scheduled

The Salem SPRC Committee will hold its next meeting on **Tuesday, September 10 at 6:00pm** in the Seekers classroom.

Follow us on Instagram (saleumcofirmo) weekly for Pastor Jeff's **Wednesday in the Word**. It's a great midweek encouragement to get you through the rest of your week until we meet again on Sunday.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday
 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
 1321 Salem Church Road, Irmo, SC 29063
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*In case of an emergency,
 call 864-985-2456 or 803-422-9400*

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Jeff Childress — Pastor
 William Byrd — Pianist

P. J. Baker — Director of Children's Ministries
 Sarah E. High — Director of Music Ministries
 Angie Lain — Manager of Business & Finance
 Miriam Y. Lovett — Organist
 Jim Magann — Coordinator of Children/Youth
 and Missions Ministries

Tina Overton — Director of Creative Ministries
 Dustin Tanner — Coordinator of A/V Tech and Communications
 Marie Wicker — Administrative Coordinator

E-Giving

Please prayerfully consider giving to Salem United Methodist Church through our e-Giving program. Scan the QR code below to be taken to Salem's donation page to present your offering.



You can also visit the link:

<https://giving.ncsservices.org/App/Giving/ncs-2365>