

Salem United Methodist Church

1321 Salem Church Road
Irmo, South Carolina 29063
Established 1873



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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**

God blesses the earth with abundance!

Praise be to God for the blessings which enrich our lives.

Make us stewards of your creation, sharing the abundance!

Teach us to share and help others.

We praise you for these gifts and ask your guidance in sharing them.

Enter our hearts and fill us with the joy of sharing.

Let us pray:

Gracious God, open our hearts to your word and your will this day. As we count our blessings, help us to remember those who dwell in lands of poverty and war. Help us find ways to reach out to them in ministries of hope and peace, for we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

***HYMN 131**

We Gather Together

A TIME OF PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY 95**

ANTHEM

The Gift of Love

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

INTRODUCTION TO THE LESSON

SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Corinthians 9:10-15

***HYMN 181**

Ye Servants of God

PROCLAMATION *God's Inexpressible Gift* *Rev. Bill Childs*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *An Affirmation of Thanksgiving*
In gratitude and faith, we gather today to acknowledge the blessings that surround us. With hearts full of thanksgiving, we affirm our belief in the power of gratitude and the goodness of our Creator. We acknowledge the countless gifts that have been bestowed upon us and the love that sustains us. May our faith in thanksgiving be a guiding light, leading us to share our abundance with others and to embrace each day with a spirit of joy and appreciation. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

***HYMN OF RESPONSE 2172**

We Are Called

*BENEDICTION

***CHORAL RESPONSE 102(v.2)** *Now Thank We All Our God*
O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us; and keep us still in grace, and guide us when perplexed; and free us from all ills, in this world and the next.

*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 November 10, 2024

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

Unified budget received \$10,316.02

Needed to meet budget year to date (Inclg. bldg. fund) \$662,616.45

Unified budget received year to date (Inclg. bldg. fund) \$548,402.08

Attendance

Worship 133 Sunday School 65

On Line Viewing

Flood Bucket/Relief \$2801

PLEASE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER:

Brookdale — Mary Skenes

Carroll Campbell Place — Barbara Rolin

Generations of Irmo — Carolyn Brower,

Joyce Cook, Dot Corley

Lowman Home — Gwen Parnell

Tyborne UCP — Jessica Gore

Special Prayers — Debra Ailes, E.L. Ayers,

Amy Bundrick, Freddie Butler, Bob Davis, Faye Derrick,

Mitchell Faulkenberry, Inez Hyatt, Lee McMillan,

Jonnie Mitchell, Marilyn O'Mellan, Margie Oswald,

Barbara Pereira, Shannon Robertson,

Mary Simon, Susan Spearman, Steve Smith, Terry Waites

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

Ushers: Lead – Ryan Cole

Youth

Trustee: Randy Hilliard

Sound Booth: Dustin Tanner

Acolyte: Peyton Baker

Nursery: Claressa Poppell, Madison Strait

Flower Ministry

The flowers which grace the Holy Altar today are given to the Glory of God by Don and Miriam Lovett, who are celebrating their 52nd wedding anniversary.

Our Christian Sympathy

We would like to express our heartfelt sympathy to Barbara Rolin and family on the death of her husband, Bill Rolin.

Ladies Lunch Bunch

The Ladies' Lunch Bunch will take a break during the months of November and December. We look forward to getting back together in January after the holidays.

OASIS Event

If you signed up for our Thanksgiving Feast, join us this **Tuesday**. We will gather at 11:30. There will be no charge for the meal, but everyone is asked to support our Sharing God's Love Mission project by bringing a pack of new underwear and/or socks for any age group.

Memorials in Loving Memory of

Don Hinson

by Carolyn Gilbert – Building Fund

by Ron & Deborah Joye – General Fund

by Salem Morning Circle – General Fund

Willa McLane

by Dickey & Bonnie Lowman – Building Fund

Bill Sils

by Carolyn Gilbert – Handbells Fund

by Melinda Hydrick – Missions Fund

by Ron & Deborah Joye – General Fund

Anita Weed

by Jimmy & Brenda Dye – Cemetery Fund

by Fellowship Sunday School Class – Building Fund

by Carolyn Gilbert – Building Fund

by Jimmy & Joyce Grimes – Cemetery Fund

by Dan & Carla Jennings – Building Fund

by Ron & Deborah Joye – General Fund

by Salem Morning Circle – General Fund

College Student or Military

If you have a young adult in college or in the military and don't mind sharing their mailing address(es) with us, please contact the church office at smethodist@aol.com or text/call **Sheri Hood at (803) 767-5924**. We love to support our young adults throughout the school year and need your help to do so!

Craft Bazaar

We are planning to have the Bazaar this year on **December 14 from 9 - 2**. We're looking for crafters and small businesses! If you or someone you know is interested in being a vendor let Callie Dunn (803-479-6581) know and she will send you the registration and information. We have spots available.

Missions Christmas Project

The Missions Committee of Salem UMC will once again support **Midlands Orphan Relief** by asking the Congregation to prayerfully take a tag from the Christmas Tree in the Welcome Center and purchase the items on the tag for a child in our area. We did this last year and the response was overwhelming. Midlands Orphan Relief said that Salem UMC had given more items than any other church in the Midlands since they started doing all of this several years ago. They are so excited Salem is supporting them again. Please select a tag, purchase the items (via guidelines provided), and **return all things purchased in a bag by Sunday, Dec. 15**.



Thanksgiving Meal Donations Needed

- \$10 - \$25 Grocery Gift Cards (for Turkeys & Pies)
- Instant Mashed Potatoes
- Boxed or Packaged Stuffing
- Gravy - Bottled or Mix
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Rice or Rice Mix
- Canned Cranberry Sauce
- Canned Yams or Sweet Potatoes
- Canned Green Beans
- Canned Corn
- Canned Mixed Vegetables
- Canned Collard Greens
- Canned Cream of Mushroom Soup
- Canned or Bag Fried Onions
- Cornbread Mix
- Bisquick Mix
- Tea
- Paper Towels

SHARING GOD'S LOVE
147 FRIARSGATE BLVD
IRMO, SC 29063



Christmas Poinsettias

If you would like to place a poinsettia in the Church for Christmas, or make a donation to our General Fund in honor of or in memory of a loved one, please complete the form below. Poinsettias will be \$14 each. A listing of all poinsettias and donations will be available on Sunday, December 22nd and Tuesday, December 24th. **Poinsettias may be picked up after the Christmas Eve service on December 24th.** Please place the completed form along with payment marked "poinsettia" in the offering plate, or drop it by the Church Office. **The deadline for receiving forms and payment is Sunday, November 17th.** Names only please, no special messages will be added. **Please print clearly.**

Poinsettias

In Loving Memory of:

In Honor of:

In Lieu Of Poinsettias, Donation to the General Fund

In Loving Memory of:

In Honor of:

Given by: _____

Total # of Poinsettias @ \$14 each _____.

Total amount enclosed \$ _____.

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Sunday, November 17

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

Tuesday, November 19

11:30 A.M. OASIS
7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Wednesday, November 20

7:00 A.M. AA Meeting
6:30 P.M. Choir Practice

Thursday, November 21

7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Friday, November 22

3:00 P.M. Fellowship Hall Reserved

Saturday, November 23

7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Sunday, November 24

9:30 A.M. Sunday School
10:30 A.M. Morning Worship
3:00 P.M. Fellowship Hall Reserved
4:00 P.M. Kid's Quest
4:00 P.M. Prayer Class
5:00 P.M. Tweens
5:00 P.M. Youth

Sharing God's Love

Current Pantry Needs: Cereal, Tea, Spaghetti Noodles, Elbow Pasta and Juices

Household Items: Diapers size 4,5 and 6. New Underwear and White Socks any size. Linens, Comforters and Blankets - All Sizes. Winter coats, all sizes.

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

181 items were delivered to Sharing God's Love on Nov. 2nd.

Follow us on Instagram (salemumcofirmo) 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.
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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>