

Salem United
Methodist Church

1321 Salem Church Road
Irmo, South Carolina 29063
Established 1873

October 18, 2026
21th Sunday after Pentecost
Children's Sabbath

*The color green symbolizes growth, life, and our
continuing journey of faith as disciples of Christ.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS Jim Magann

WELCOME Marlow Belman

*CHIMING OF THE HOUR

*HYMN 431 *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP Raymond Belman
Ray: Come, friends let us get our hearts ready for God.

Congregation: We are ready!

Ray: God says, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart."
Congregation: We trust You, God!

Ray: God says, "Don't rely only on what you think you know."

Congregation: We listen to You, God!

Ray: God says, "In all your ways, acknowledge Me."
Congregation: We look for You everywhere!

Ray: And God says, "I will make your paths straight."
Congregation: Lead us, God we will follow!

Ray: Let us all pray
Congregation: God, we come with happy hearts.
We are ready to worship You. Lead us, teach us,
and help us trust You with all our hearts. Amen.

EXTENDED GROWN-UP MOMENT

Fairy Tales, Scripture, and the Games We Played

- The Tortoise & the Hare (Philippians 3:8-14)
Norah Watford & Coral VanBuskirk
- The Story of Mary and Martha (Luke 10:38-42)
Ray Belman & Bazen Lovett
- The Three Little Pigs (1 Corinthians 3:10-15)
Marlow Belman & Leo Lovett
- Jack & the Beanstalk (1 Samuel 17:40-49)
Kate Michael, Molly Fager, & Henry Watford

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM *Peace Like a River*

INTRODUCTION TO THE LESSON Bazen Lovett

*HYMN 191 *Jesus Loves Me*

MESSAGE *Happily Ever After God's Way* P.J. Baker

PRAYER Ryann Jennings

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY 95

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES Rev. Julie Belman
*Marlow Grace Belman
Raymond Travis Belman
Bazen Milton Lovett*

*THE LORD'S PRAYER Norah Watford

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 585 *This Little Light of Mine*

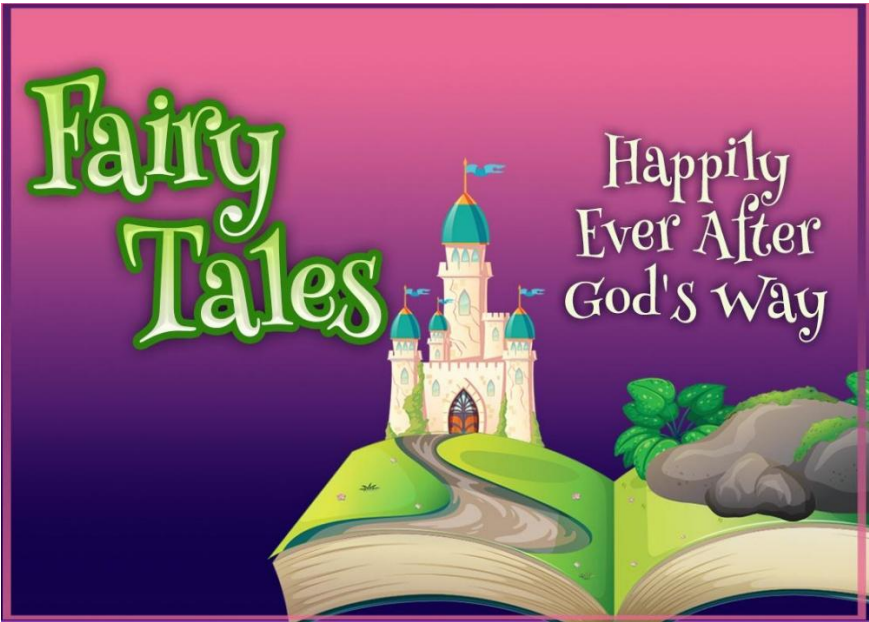
*BENEDICTION Leo Lovett
Leo: God gives us peace.
Congregation: We will share His peace.

Leo: God makes us brave.
Congregation: We will be brave.

Leo: God helps us grow.
Congregation: We will keep going.

Leo: God loves us.
Congregation: We will love others. Amen

*WE FOLLOW THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD



October 18, 2026
21th Sunday after Pentecost
Children's Sabbath

*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.*

STEWARDSHIP AND ATTENDANCE

Week of October 11, 2026

Needed each week to fund unified budget \$15,042.40

Unified budget received \$5,926.92

Needed to meet budget year to date (Inclg. bldg. fund) \$616,854.34

Unified budget received year to date (Inclg. bldg. fund) \$466,046.73

Attendance

On Line Viewing

Worship 124 Sunday School 58

340

PLEASE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER:

Brookdale — Millie Howard, Mary Skenes

Carroll Campbell Place — Barbara Rolin

Generations of Irmo — Joyce Lewis

Tyborne UCP — Jessica Gore

Special Prayers — Martha Autry, Tommy Bouknight,

David Bowden, Amy Bundrick, Eddie Bundrick,

Freddie Butler, Bob Davis, Emma Davis, Mary Ann Gibson,

Jim Gillion, Dawn Haltiwanger, Inez Hyatt, John Lee,

Lee McMillan, Jonnie Mitchell, Margie Oswald,

Mike Owen, Barbara Pereira, Lynn Rustin,

Dustin Tanner, Heather Tanner, Gail & Jim Van Valkenburg,

Terry Waites, Susie Wells, Marie Wicker

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

Ushers:

Lead – Sherri Puette

Patti Fowler

Pete Hornsby

Melinda Hydrick

Sound Booth:

Jim Magann

Trustees:

Ryan Cole

Acolyte:

Henry Watford

Nursery:

Dawn Horton

Claressa Poppell

Flower Ministry

The flowers which grace the Holy Altar today are given
to the Glory of God and in memory of her mother, Margaret
Fowler, by Patti Fowler.

Our Christian Sympathy

We would like to express our heartfelt sympathy to the family of
Ira Parnell upon his passing.

Ladies' Lunch Bunch

The Ladies' Lunch Bunch will meet on **Monday October 26th**, at
El Charro Mexican Restaurant, 1100 Dutch Fork Road (next to
Walmart). Be there at 11:30. All ladies are welcome!

Memorials in Loving Memory of

Calvin Meetze

by Dan & Carla Jennings – Building Fund

by Steve & Mary George Smith – General Fund

Honorarium

In honor of our minister, Julie Belman, and

Pastor Appreciation Month

by members of the Seekers Class – General Fund

**Notice Regarding
Sanctuary Flowers**

The cost to place flowers in the sanctuary for honorariums and
memorials has increased from **\$96 to \$140 effective Sept.1**. If
you have signed up and no longer wish to provide flowers or have
prepaid and additional funds are due, please call the church office
to make arrangements. We thank everyone who provides flowers
for our services and understand if this change affects your ability
to do so going forward.

**A Welcome to our Guests and
Opportunity for Prayer**

We are honored if you are a guest with us today. If you'd like more
information about Salem, we'd love to hear from you!
Just scan the QR code to log your presence. If you are
a first-time guest, we have a welcome gift for you 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!



If you have a prayer request and would like to share that with us,
please scan the code and share your concern. We will pass along your
request to dedicated individuals who pray over your need.

Cemetery Workday

We are planning a 'Cemetery Work Day!' on **November 7th**. We
need volunteers to help clean up our cemetery! So Please Join Us.
Bring your work gloves, rakes, clippers and energy. We will
gather from 9:00 to noon. Thank you! Carla Jennings (803) 603-
5917.

OASIS

We look forward to seeing everyone who signed up for OASIS on
Tuesday, Oct. 20th. Be sure to bring your favorite covered dish!
We'll enjoy a special guest "story teller" from the Shepherd's
Center. Our program will be a presentation of *The Nazis' Most-
wanted Spy: An American Woman with a Wooden Leg*.

Men's Bible Study

We have a Men's Bible Study each week on **Thursday Nights at
6:00pm** in the Fellowship Class. We meet and study one chapter
from the Bible each week and then break off for prayer concerns
and time praying together. If any men are interested, we would
love to have everyone join us. We are currently studying Matthew.
If you have any questions, contact Jim Magann at
jimmagann@gmail.com or Tommy McLendon
at mclendta@aol.com

**Salem's annual Charge Conference is today
at 3:00 P.M. in the Seekers Classroom.**



5:00 P.M. Trunk or Treat

Sharing God’s Love

Urgent Pantry Needs: Cold Cereal, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Tea Bags, Elbow Pasta, Pasta Sauce, SpaghettiOs, Ravioli, etc. Chili, Soup, Crackers (Ritz or Saltines), Canned Tomatoes, Canned Meats, Fruit Juices, Fruit Snacks, Canned or Powdered Milk

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

358 items were delivered to Sharing God’s Love on September 18.

E-Giving

Please prayerfully consider giving to Salem United Methodist Church through our e-Giving program. Scan the QR code 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>

- Xiaohan Yu — Pianist
- Angie Lain — Manager of Business & Finance
- Miriam Y. Lovett — Organist
- Jim Magann — Coordinator of Children/Youth and Missions Ministries
- Christopher Moore - Director of Music Ministry
- Tina Overton — Director of Creative Ministries
- Marie Wicker — Administrative Coordinator

Staying Connected:

We are working to better streamline and coordinate communication within our church family. This includes sharing more updates on social media, keeping our website current, and now emailing important information to everyone at once. If you did not receive a recent church email and would like to be added to our list, please email smethodist@aol.com or call the church office at (803) 781-1626.



THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Sunday, October 18	
9:30 A.M.	Sunday School
10:30 A.M.	Morning Worship
3:00 P.M.	Charge Conference
4:00 P.M.	Dallas Youth Trip Meeting
5:00 P.M.	Youth Group
5:00 P.M.	Kids Quest
Monday, October 19	
7:30 A.M.	Drive thru Prayer
1:30 P.M.	Salem Game Day
6:30 P.M.	Missions Meeting
Tuesday, October 20	
11:30 A.M.	OASIS
7:00 P.M.	AA Meeting
Wednesday, October 21	
7:00 A.M.	AA Meeting
7:00 P.M.	Choir Practice
Thursday, October 22	
1:00 P.M.	Al-Anon Group
2:00 P.M.	Dementia Support Group
6:00 P.M.	Men’s Bible Study
7:00 P.M.	AA Meeting
Saturday, October 24	
7:00 P.M.	AA Meeting
Sunday, October 25	
9:30 A.M.	Sunday School
10:30 A.M.	Morning Worship

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
CCLI #1562077
Website: salemumcsc.com
E-mail: smethodist@aol.com

Phone 803-781-1626
*In case of an emergency,
call 803-319-6169 or 803-422-9400*

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

- Julie Belman — Pastor
- P. J. Baker — Director of Children’s Ministries