



Tower Talk

March 2019

THE SEASON OF LENT



Lent is a forty-day journey of reflection, repentance, and renewal leading to the Lord's death and resurrection. It begins on Ash Wednesday. Deepen your faith in the Lord this Lent through:

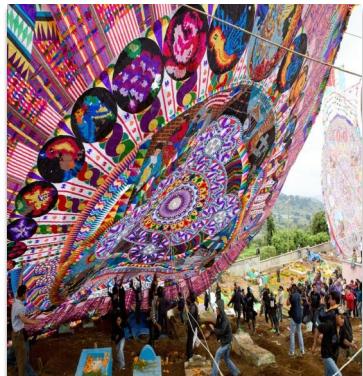
- **Ash Wednesday Worship** on March 6 at 6:30 PM in the sanctuary. This special service includes imposition of ashes, Scripture, and children singing. Bring a friend and join us.
- **Dinner and Bible study** on Wednesdays, March 13-April 10, from 6:00-7:15 PM in Gresham Hall. A potluck dinner is from 6:00-6:30 PM; the study—from 6:30-7:15 PM—is based on the book, *Faces at the Cross*, and dovetails with the sermons in Lent.
- **Devotionals:** We're offering two Lenten devotionals this year. *Renew Your Spirit*, a daily devotional booklet, will be available at church. The Society of St. Andrew has a devotional at endhunger.org/lent/. At that link, you can have this devotional sent to you by email each day or download the entire devotional in PDF.

Mission Trip to North Carolina June 23-29

Mission trips are a week of hard work, lots of fun, good friends, and an opportunity to serve others in Christ's name. This June we'll work with United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) to help people in Newport, NC, devastated by Hurricane Florence last year. **This trip is open to students entering ninth grade through adults.**

- **What work will we be doing?** We'll know more closer to the time of the trip, but we'll likely be roofing, flooring, putting up sheet-rock, tearing out moldy walls, and landscaping so that damaged homes are safe, dry, and mold-free.
- **Who will provide leadership?** Responsibilities will be shared by the youth and adults on this trip. Rev. Janet Chisom will be the staff person on the trip. In addition, someone from UMCOR will be on site to help lead the construction work.
- **How much does it cost?** We're asking each person to pay \$50, which will help cover the costs of food and transportation. We'd also like to give a donation to UMCOR so they can continue the work they do. If you'd like to contribute, we'll be sure to send it on to them!
- **Additional questions?** Contact Rev. Chisom (389-3881 or janet.chisom@salempres.org).

Mission Trip to CEDEPCA in Guatemala October 28-November 3



CEDEPCA (The Protestant Center for Biblical and Pastoral Education in Central America) has its own seminary and also works with people all over Guatemala, teaching Biblical classes in rural areas, working with women on issues of domestic violence and oppression, assisting people protesting land grabs by international mining companies, helping people rebuild their lives after natural disasters, and hosting groups through its "Intercultural Encounters" (IE) program. The trip is an opportunity to listen and learn through its IE program.

The cost is \$910 plus airfare. Applications are due by September 1. Financial help is available. Questions? Contact member Teresa Auldridge at 540-309-0716 or tauldridge@gmail.com.

CEDEPCA has a saying that "one week is not enough for you to change Guatemala, but it is enough for Guatemala to change you." This has definitely been true of SPCers over the years. We hope you'll prayerfully consider this transformative mission opportunity.

Montreat Youth Conference!

WHEN:	July 14-20
WHO:	Rising 9th-graduated high school seniors
WHAT:	A Christian conference in North Carolina where you'll make new friends, strengthen old friend ships, study, worship, play, sing, and grow in your faith.
THEME:	"Let Love Lead"
COST:	\$375 if you register by March 15 (more if later)
CONTACT:	Rev. Janet Chisom (389-3881 or janet.chisom@salempres.org)



Registration materials have been mailed to eligible youth and are also available at the church.

Let Us Pray...

Church Members

Anne Bach, Bob Bullock, the family of Ben Dickerson, Judy Garst, Bob Goodwin, Doug Hayes, Toni Jolly, Emily Cole Kelliher, Sandy Lipes, the family of Liz Nichols, Anna Oedel, Mike Parr, Mike Pate, Freeman Sleeper, Wanda Thompson, and John Wood.

Family and Friends

- Lucille Akers
- Paul Henry Harrison, esophageal cancer (Jennie Ruhland's uncle)
- Jimmy Hughes (the brother-in-law of Linda Addington's brother)
- Erik Johnson (Jennifer Johnson's husband)
- Vina Lee Kearns (Bill Clapp's sister)
- Cindy Meek (Rich Watt's cousin)
- Dr. John Midgley (Midge Sweigart's brother)
- John Midgley (Midge Sweigart's father)
- Norma (Felicia Parsell's mother)

"I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people." — 1 Timothy 2:1

Tower Talk is published monthly. Submissions are due on the 15th of the month.

Tower Talk is available in the sanctuary, in the church office, online (salemepres.org), and by email. To minimize copying and postage costs, we invite you to join our email list (contact churchadmin@salemepres.org) or to pick up a copy at the church.

The church uses photos of people and groups in print and online communications. If you object to the use of photos of you or your children, please contact churchadmin@salemepres.org. Thank you.



Congratulations to Lauren and Josh Akers on the birth of Jensen William-Gene Akers on February 2!

A Word from Will

"Staying Put in the Country of Grace"

"When we went under the water [in baptism], we left the old country of sin behind; when we came up out of the water, we entered into the new country of grace—a new life in a new land!" — Romans 6:3 (The Message)

We used to live in the “old country of sin.” In that country, sin was our master. We were its slaves. We obeyed sin by doing things that opposed God and God’s good purposes. For those of us who’ve been Christians all of our lives, it’s hard to believe that’s what our lives would be like—that sin would have such dictatorial power to rule whatever we said or did.

Thanks be to God that we don’t live in that “old country of sin!” Instead, we live in the “country of grace.” How is this possible? Because of Christ’s death and resurrection for us and the work of the Spirit in us. Jesus is our Master now. We are his servants and friends. So, we no longer have to obey sin. Rather, led by the Spirit, we obey our Lord Jesus.

Of course, temptation and sin are still able to lure us back to the “old country of sin.” Though sin is not our master anymore, it and its sidekick temptation still have the ability to lead us astray...if we choose to listen to their voices and to obey them instead.

Lent is a special opportunity—a forty-day period before Easter—to steel our commitment to follow the lead of the Spirit, to tune out the voices of sin and temptation and listen instead to the Master’s voice and to obey it. When we do that, we stay put in “the

country of grace.” That’s our true home; that’s where we belong!

We’ll begin the Lenten journey on Ash Wednesday, March 6, at 6:30 PM in the sanctuary (see front page). With ashes in the form of a cross pressed on our foreheads, we’ll hear the words, “Consider yourself dead to sin and alive in Christ.” It’s a reminder that we have “a new life” in this land of grace.

On this Lenten journey, we encourage you to do things that enhance life in this land of grace: worship the Lord on Sundays; begin or end your day by reading Scripture or devotionals (see front page); pray in your car, at work, reading the news, whenever; give sacrificially of your money and time.

However the Spirit leads, I pray all of us will leave the season of Lent more faithful citizens in the country of God’s grace.

Grace and peace,

Will

To prepare for Sunday worship, please read the following texts beforehand:

March 3
Transfiguration of the Lord
Genesis 39:1-10
2 Corinthians 5:16-17

March 10
First Sunday in Lent
Luke 23:26

March 17
Second Sunday in Lent
John 19:25

March 24
Third Sunday in Lent
John 19:26-27

March 31
Fourth Sunday in Lent
Luke 11:27-28

“Autobiographies of Faith”

This is the fifth in a series of “Autobiographies of Faith” in Tower Talk. Member and gifted photojournalist Maggie Rotanz took the photographs and conducted the interviews. In this month’s issue, we feature the “Autobiography of Faith” of member Fran Ferguson.



I was born into Salem Presbyterian Church. I was baptized and confirmed here, etc., so Salem Presbyterian Church was my home for awhile. Then, I went to college, lived in D.C., went to North Carolina, and lived in Baltimore. I was gone for about twenty-five years. But Salem Presbyterian was always my home church. I never found another church like it. When I came back, everyone was so welcoming, even though I was coming back with a different last name: Ferguson. I'd left as a McClung. Everyone at the church knew my family, but they had no idea who I was. So, I came back to my own home church pretty much as a complete stranger. That, to me, was so wonderful—to be so warmly welcomed when I was a stranger.

I've had meaningful experiences of knowing that God was with me. One of those happened around 2005. I remember it very clearly. I was working downtown at the time. As I walked back to work from lunch, I was crossing the street. In the middle of the crosswalk, this thought popped up into my head: “If you ever had to preach a sermon, what would you preach about?” I didn't think too seriously about it, but I did think: This is kind of intriguing. Then, I thought, “Yeah! What would I tell people if I got a chance to get up there and preach?” I became kind of enamored with this idea, knowing that it would never happen. I would never, ever have to do it, because I'd never heard of a lay person preaching. It had to be pastors and retired pastors, always. So, I indulged in this little fantasy without any repercussions whatsoever.

I came up with the Scripture, the sermon, and all of the points in my head. I rehearsed it so many times that I had the entire sermon written in my mind. I was actually really pleased with it! Well, about two weeks later, on a Saturday, my phone rings. It's Alex Brown, chair of the Worship and Music Committee. He says: “Dean will be on vacation in two weeks, and we've tried every pastor within a hundred miles. No one is available. The committee is wondering: Would you be willing to preach?” My first reaction was to say: “Well, let me think about it.” But I thought, no! Because the title of my sermon was “Saying Yes When God Calls You.” I thought: I have been SO set up! So, I said yes and did it. The Scripture I used was the story of Jonah and the whale because that's how I felt about God sometimes. God says “Go do that,” and I say “No, I don't want to do that. I want to do this.” It's back and forth, back and forth like that. I think the sermon went pretty well, and people laugh when I tell them that to me God sounds like Alex Brown!

FLOWERS

Each Sunday flowers are placed in our sanctuary to the glory of God and in honor or memory of loved ones. If you'd like to provide flowers on a Sunday in 2019, please sign up on the flower calendar in the church office. Thank you!

Through the generosity of members and friends of SPC, several scholarships are available to help defray college expenses. They're not limited to college freshman, so returning students and graduate students are encouraged to apply. Applications are in the church office, on the church website (salem-pres.org), or via email from Janet Chisom (janet.chisom@salem-pres.org). Completed applications are due in the church office by May 1.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Reminder of Duties

Greeters

- Clay St. (9:20 AM): Rachel Burks
- Main St. (10:30 AM): Midge Sweigart and Diane Holdridge
- Market St. (10:30 AM): Ginny Savage

Diaconate Meeting

3/5 Marge Sielinski

Prayer of Dedication

3/3	Ginny Keast
3/10	Debbie Bonham
3/17	Rachel Burks
3/24	Liz Lively
3/31	Diane Holdridge

Pulpit Assistants

3/3	Nancy Gattone
3/10	Evon Glasgow
3/17	Faye Hastings
3/24	Phyllis Hasty
3/31	Lee Hipp

Ushers

Team Two

Acolytes

3/3	Elli Fulcher
3/10	Emily Johnson
3/17	Kaidan Garst
3/24	Emma Johnson
3/31	Katie Johnson
	Henry Lugar
	Caleb Parr
	Mary Robinson
	Chloe Weaver
	Elli Fulcher

Collections

- Deacon Class of 2021
- Bankers: Ginny Keast and Debbie Bonham

Children's Worship

3/3	Ellen Breedlove
3/10	No Children's Worship (Communion)
3/17	Jessica Crumpacker
3/24	Faye Hastings
3/31	Phyllis Hasty

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:30 AM



Pre-Kindergarten (age 2 1/2-5)
Kindergarten – Grade 5
Confirmation Class
Middle and High School
Journey On
Disciple
Kingdom Living

Cherub Choir 9:30-10:00; Sunday School 10:00-10:30
Workshop Rotation: *Miracles of Jesus*
Confirmation Preparation
Essential Passages for Youth
Adam Hamilton Lenten Study on John's Gospel
Disciple III: *Remember Who You Are—The Letters of Paul*
Kerygma: *The Bible in Depth*

During Lent, the K-5th graders will study the miracles of Jesus—his healings, feedings, miracles over nature—and ultimately learn about God's great power and love at work in him. Workshops include cooking, drama, crafts, art, and puppets. For more information, please see the Christian Education brochure (available in the church office and online).

Youth Group

Youth Group meets most Sundays from 6:00-7:30 PM. We did a lot of outreach and service in February, including the Souper Bowl of Caring and Homebound Communion. We also had time for a retreat at Camp Bethel and fun and games at the church. This month has a good balance among time together at the church, social events, and service. The complete schedule is available at the church, on the website, and is emailed to each family with youth in 6-12th grade.



Gresham Hall Art Show

“Unity” is the current theme on display. We’re grateful for the talented photographers who’ve contributed pictures to this show.

We invite you to submit your framed artwork (poems, photos, paintings) for the following shows:

- “Cross”roads—due by March 3 (for Lent)
- “Confirmation...I Believe”—due by April 28



“Unity”
Submitted by Reid McClure

ROUNDTABLE



We had a great winter session of RoundTable! The Dance Party was a huge success! And you can ask any of the elementary school children to tell you the books of the Bible, and they’ll break into song. Dinner fed our stomachs, and the conversation and laughter around the tables fed our spirits. We’re thankful for the staff and volunteers who made our time together possible. Knowing there are others who bake behind the scenes or fill in as needed, we thank the following people, hoping we haven’t left anyone out! This is a ministry of the whole church. *Children and Youth Choirs will continue for several more months, but our weekly RoundTable will not resume until the fall. Thank you to all who participated!*

Board: Janet Chisom and Kim Murray (co-chairs), Susan Burnett (Middle and High School leader), Reed Carter (music), Mary Ann Crowder, Jessica Crumpacker (parent), Norma Francisco (kitchen), Nancy Gattoni (table parents), Phyllis Hasty (teacher), W.D. Hasty, and Betty Moorman Sweat.

Teachers: Jessica and Jay Crumpacker, Will Robinson (K-2nd grade); Faye Hastings, Phyllis Hasty (3-5th grade); Susan Burnett, Shanda Johnson, Kim Murray (6-12th grade); Reed Carter, Esther Vaughan (Music); Rachel and Garret Burks, Maggie Baker, and Sally Coble (Recreation).

Kitchen: Norma and Jim Francisco (coordinators), Mary Ann Crowder, Sarah Eller, Marie Oracko, Midge Sweigart, and Ruth Yagle.

Table Parents: Nancy Gattoni (coordinator), Maggie Baker, Susan Burnett, Reed Carter, Mary Ann Crowder, Jay and Jessica Crumpacker, Carolyn Greene, Phyllis and W.D. Hasty, Betty Moorman Sweat, Kim Murray, Felecia Parsell, Will Robinson, and Sandy Sower.

Dishwashers: Janet and Steve Yost (coordinators), Kathy and Jim Bowen, Ellen Breedlove, Sally Coble, Cynthia Dyer, Chuck Garst, Roberta and Lee Hipp, Marie and Steve Oracko, Sandy Richenaker, and Heather Weaver.

At-Home Bakers: Sallie Coble, Patty Flory, Norma Francisco, Jaime Fulcher, Kaidan and Judy Garst, Sandy Hart, Faye Hastings, Whitney Leeson, Marie Oracko, Kristie Robers, Kate Robinson, Susan Taylor, and Casey Tyson.

Dinner Dean: Janet Chisom

Registration/Greeter: Mary Ann Crowder, Cinda Curfiss, and Casey Tyson.

Shopping: Kathy Bowen

"You say it's your birthday!"

- 1 Kitty Beehner
- Laurel Kearns
- 2 Jessica Crumpacker
- Hailey Hadwin
- 3 Mark Deardorff
- 4 Paul Boston
- 5 Ashley Donahue
- Emily Johnson
- Mikayla Stovall
- 7 Robert Gard
- 9 Tom Dunkenberger
- Katherine Pate
- 12 Dave Beehner
- 13 Alex Hart
- Martha McDearmon
- Peggy Williams
- 14 John Trinchere
- Alison Cole
- 15 Gail McClung
- 16 Thomas Petersen
- 17 Ewan Bonham
- Diane DeReu-Foley
- Meghan Dishaw
- 18 Ray Jones
- 19 Kyle Ratliff
- 20 Keith Perler
- Mamie Sleeper
- Lauren Tiffany
- 22 Sandra Cothran
- Adam Holland
- Liz Lutz
- 23 Tammie Powell
- Eliza Tiffany
- 24 Spencer Frantz
- 25 Suzanne Williams
- 26 Erma Stovall
- 28 Lellan Dawson
- Jeremiah Morgiewicz
- Nikolai Morgiewicz
- 30 Kemper Darby
- 31 Ellen Breedlove

Is your birthday on our calendar?

*If not, please call the church
so we can add it.
Thank you!*



Other than the kingdom of God, Jesus says more about money than anything else. It matters to him what we do with it because it's not ours *but a gift from God*. We're stewards of his gift, using some of it to help do his work through the church. If you've already contributed for 2019 by pledging/tithing, thank you! If you haven't yet, please do so as the Spirit leads. Here are some ways to contribute to the Lord's work in and through SPC:

- Pledging/Tithing: Contact Elder Fran Ferguson (franferguson@comcast.net) or Carlene Hickman (389-3881 or churchamin@salempres.org).
- Life Insurance/Will/Estate Planning: Prayerfully consider including your family of faith as a beneficiary.
- If you have questions about the budget, please contact Treasurer Jim Bowen (jhbkw88@verizon.net).

MUSIC NOTES

REED CARTER
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC
AND ORGANIST



Cherub Choir

This Choir is for children ages 2 1/2-pre-K. It meets on Sundays from 9:30-10:00 AM, and then the children attend Sunday School.

Children's and Youth Choirs

Now that RoundTable has ended, these Choirs will have combined rehearsals on Wednesdays from 4:15-5:00 PM in the Choir Room. We'll sing during worship on March 24, and April 14 (Palm Sunday). We'll also sing on March 6 (Ash Wednesday Service at 6:30 PM) and April 18 (Maundy Thursday Service at 6:00 PM, beginning with a free dinner provided by SPC).

Chancel Handbell Choir

This Choir rehearses on Mondays from 7:00-8:30 PM. We'll play during worship on March 31. If you're interested in playing, please contact Reed Carter.

Chancel Choir

Chancel Choir rehearses Wednesdays from 7:30-9:30 PM. They provide music Sundays during 11:00 AM worship, and they'll sing during the Good Friday Service on April 19 at 7:00 PM. All are welcome! No prior singing experience is required. If you love to sing, please come join us!

SPC SERVES!

Souper Bowl of Caring Report—Thank you to all who supported the Souper Bowl of Caring. We appreciate all of you who made soup, brought sandwiches or desserts, and who donated to the Food Pantry. We did not predict the winner of the Super Bowl, but we did raise \$511.91 and collect 112 canned goods for the Food Pantry. We are especially grateful to Susan Burnett for organizing the event!

To the Church Triumphant

Member **Ben Dickerson** died on February 18. There will be a Service of Witness to the Resurrection on Saturday, March 9, at 11:00 AM at SPC.

We give thanks for Ben, his life, and his faith in the Lord, and we pray for his family, friends, and our congregation to know God's presence and comfort when they and we need it most.

ON THE MONEY...

Financials (through January)

Total Amount Pledged	\$33,927.87
Pledges and Gifts Received	\$44,692.69

TOXIC WASTE Understanding Kidney Disease

March is National Kidney Month and a good time to learn more about your kidneys—two bean-shaped organs, each about the size of a fist. Located to the left and right of the spine and just below the rib cage, the kidneys perform many important functions, including cleaning the blood and keeping it chemically balanced.

A Very Important Job

The responsibilities of healthy kidneys include:

- Remove excess fluids and filter the blood of waste products.
- Regulate blood pressure.
- Adjust minerals, enzymes, and hormones to sustain chemical balance.
- Monitor production of red blood cells.
- Maintain strong bones by utilizing vitamin D and calcium.
- Control normal growth in children.

Chronic kidney disease (CKD) occurs when the kidneys are not able to carry out these tasks. It's estimated that 26 million adults in the U.S. have CKD. Becoming informed about kidney disease can help you identify whether you may be at increased risk and, more importantly, may need to seek early treatment.

Is There a Problem, Ma'am?

The following symptoms may be red flags for CKD. If you experience any of them, check with your health care provider:

- **Fatigue or weakness**—a building up of bodily wastes and/or lack of red blood cells, known as anemia, can heighten these symptoms.
- **Swelling of the feet, ankles, hands, or face**—fluid the kidneys fail to remove will remain in the tissues and cause excess swelling.
- **Shortness of breath**—because fluid may accumulate in the lungs, kidney disease is occasionally confused with asthma or heart failure.
- **Ammonia breath or a metallic taste in the mouth**—build up of bodily wastes can cause bad breath and changes in taste.
- **Back or flank pain**—“location, location, location!”

Bad Blood

Each day, your kidneys process nearly 200 quarts of blood, eliminating approximately 2 quarts of waste products and extra fluid!

- **Dry, itchy skin**—accumulation of waste products in the body can cause severe itching, especially of the legs.
- **Other symptoms**—including poor appetite, trouble sleeping, difficulty concentrating, and nausea and vomiting. Muscle cramps and changes in urination, especially at night, are also signs.

Risky Business

Diabetes is the leading cause of CKD and *high blood pressure* is a close second. You're also more likely to develop CKD if you fall into any of the following categories:

- Advancing age.
- African-American, Hispanic, or Asian descent.
- Autoimmune disorders, birth defects, obstructions brought on by kidney stones, repeated urinary tract infections, and a family history of kidney failure can also cause kidney disease.

Steer Clear

While you cannot change your age, race or genetic predisposition, there are some actions you can take to reduce your risk of developing CKD:

- Take measures now to control your blood sugar, blood pressure, and cholesterol. If you're diabetic, check your blood glucose often. If you have a history of hypertension, come see me to have your blood pressure monitored.
- Maintain a healthy weight.
- Stay active—get plenty of exercise.
- Eat nutritious foods—fruits, vegetables, fish, and whole grains...avoid “junk!”
- Drink more water.
- **Stop Smoking!** In addition to increasing your risk for kidney disease, smoking raises blood pressure and risk of heart attack and stroke.

May God help us learn to take better care of ourselves while growing in knowledge of His plan for each of our lives!

Shalom,

Summer Dates to Remember!

June 17-21, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM—Middle School Mini-Missions (rising 6th graders-rising 8th graders): engaging the Bible and serving in the community.

June 23-29—Mission Trip to NC (see front page).

July 8-12, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM—Vacation Bible School (3 years-rising 5th grade): exploring “Who is Your Neighbor,” the theme from the story of the Good Samaritan.

July 14-20—Montreat Youth Conference (see front page).

July 22-26, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM—High School Mini-Missions (rising 9th graders-graduated seniors): engaging the Bible and serving in the community.

If you're interested in helping with any of these ministries, please contact Rev. Janet Chisom (389-3881). She can connect you with the appropriate planning team! Registration forms for each of these will be available in late April, but mark your calendars now!

March 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Transfiguration of the Lord 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 4:00 PM Youth Bowling (Lee-Hi Lanes in Salem)	4 6:30 AM Men's Breakfast (Salem's Famous Anthony's) 5:15 PM Family Promise 7:00 PM Chancel Bell 7:30 PM NA	5 10:30 AM Morning Circle 11:00 Staff 6:00 PM Outreach 6:30 PM Diaconate Committees 7:00 PM Diaconate 7:00 PM Salem Choral Society 7:30 PM Evening Circle	6 Ash Wednesday 10:30 AM Women's Bible Study 4:15 PM RoundTable: "Backwards Night" 6:30 PM Ash Wednesday Service 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	7 7:30 PM NA	8	9 11:00 AM Ben Dicker- son's Service of Witness to the Resurrection
10 First Sunday in Lent Bring a canned good! Two Cents-A-Meal 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship with Communion	11 6:30 AM Men's Breakfast (Salem's Famous Anthony's) 5:15 PM Family Promise 7:00 PM Chancel Bell 7:30 PM NA	12 7:00 PM Salem Choral Society	13 10:30 AM Women's Bible Study 11:30 Men's Lunch (Mac & Bob's) 6:00 PM Lent Dinner 6:30 PM Lent Study 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	14 7:30 PM NA	15 Tower Talk articles DUE! 9:00 AM Young Life	16 2:30 PM Liz Nichols's Service of Witness to the Resurrection
17 Second Sunday in Lent 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 12:15 PM Worship and Music 6:00 PM Youth Group	18 6:30 AM Men's Breakfast (Salem's Famous Anthony's) 5:15 PM Family Promise 7:00 PM Chancel Bell 7:30 PM NA	19 11:30 AM PAL (Presbyterians at Lunch) 7:00 PM Christian Education meeting 7:00 PM Salem Choral Society	20 9:30 AM Salem Garden Club 10:30 AM Women's Bible Study 12:00 PM Downtown Lunch (Alexander's) 6:00 PM Lent Dinner 6:30 PM Lent Study 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	21 7:00 PM Joy Circle 7:30 PM NA	22	23 8:30 AM-1:00 PM Church Officer Retreat
24 Third Sunday in Lent 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 6:00 PM Youth Group	25 6:30 AM Men's Breakfast (Salem's Famous Anthony's) 5:15 PM Family Promise 7:00 PM Chancel Bell 7:30 PM NA	26 7:00 PM Session 7:00 PM Salem Choral Society	27 10:30 AM Women's Bible Study 6:00 PM Lent Dinner 6:30 PM Lent Study 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	28 7:30 PM NA	29 9:00 AM Young Life	30
31 Fourth Sunday in Lent 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 2:30 PM Explore SPC Gathering 6:00 PM Youth Group	<i>Our mission, inspired by God through the Holy Spirit, is to be a visible sign of God's love for all people by sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed, so that all people may know Him as Lord and Savior.</i>					

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Tower Talk

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