



Tower Talk

May 2023

WORSHIP

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SERVE

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity provides safe, affordable homeownership to local families. These homes are not given away for free. The families do pay a mortgage back to Habitat. At zero percent interest, Habitat sells the homes to the homeowners at whatever price makes it affordable to the family which is typically the price that makes monthly payments equal to 30% of their monthly income.

In exchange for this reduced price, the Habitat families go through the entire Habitat program which is a year of homeownership and financial literacy classes. These classes cover a wide variety of topics and prepares the families for this new adventure since none of them have ever owned a home before. The families also agree to give "sweat equity" hours which equals 20 hours per month/per adult on other homes as they wait for their own home and also work on their own home when their job does not interfere. Habitat families also agree to become involved in their new neighborhoods and take part in special projects and meetings through their neighborhood association.

Habitat families are doing all the right things. They work hard, sometimes on two and three jobs. They pay their rent. They are responsible with their money, but for a variety of reasons, they would never be able to qualify for a traditional mortgage. Habitat gives them a way to make this dream a reality and set new standards for their family.

Habitat for Humanity has served the Roanoke Valley for over 30 years. They have built 213 homes, assisted 256 families, and currently average over 10 houses a year.

Habitat has been organizing what they call the "*Wall of Many Colors*" for a couple of years. It's a way for all members of the congregations to have a small part of the Apostle's Build by signing and placing a board on the inside of the structure. Salem Presbyterian's board was put in place on April 28!



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
APOSTLE'S BUILD

SATURDAY, MAY 6
FRIDAY, MAY 12
7:30 AM-2:00 PM

Participants must be 16 or older. Bring your own gloves, food, water, and hard-toe shoes. Sign up outside of Gresham Hall or speak to Jay Crumpacker or Norman Ferguson.

This year we are building a house for Aubrey Wood and her son, Ryden. We will be participating in the Apostle's Build on Saturday, May 6 and Friday, May 12. The work day is 7:30am-2:00pm and we can accommodate up to 12 volunteers per day. No experience is necessary but all volunteers must be at least 16 years old. Habitat will provide all required tools and safety equipment. Volunteers will need to provide their own lunch, a refillable water bottle, and we suggest their own work gloves. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy closed toed shoes like hiking boots. Volunteers are needed. Sign-up sheets with more information are posted outside of Gresham Hall or call/text Jay Crumpacker (540-589-4305) or Norman Ferguson (540-354-8836) to sign up or for additional information.

a note from *Chris*



Friends, I recently spent a week traveling throughout Guatemala with CEDEPCA, which stands for The Protestant Center for Pastoral Studies in Central America. It was a wonderful trip! Many in our congregation have gone before over the years, and CEDEPCA is also thankful for our monetary support we provide as a congregation. This particular trip was a group from our Presbytery of the Peaks along with our neighboring Presbytery of the James. Here is only a small amount of what I saw, heard, and experienced:

First, the beauty. The landscape of Guatemala is stunningly beautiful. There are birds so colorful it would make a red North American woodpecker feel under-feathered. Many of the towns are not that dissimilar, and despite bars on windows, walls, and home-made barbed wire, the houses are joyfully painted loud colors of reds and yellows, and there are creative murals on most streets.

The traditional dress which many proudly wear, contains beautiful hand-sewn weaving, making every garment a true work of art. Walking through the country is like being in a perpetual botanical garden with bright flora and fauna growing everywhere from sidewalks to rooftops. There are also several rumbling volcanos puffing away in the backdrop of daily life. While impressive to see, it also adds frequent natural disasters to the list of challenges facing the local populations.

However, beneath this paradise of beauty, there are so many stories of pain and injustice. A few hours into the trip, we met a pastor and professor named Hector who teaches students at CEDEPCA. He told us about his brother, a journalist who wrote an article which was critical of the government's policies toward the poor during the thirty-year civil war which ended in 1996. That article did not go unnoticed, and soon after, the Army kidnapped Hector's brother in a van, and four hours later dumped his body in a park. Hector told us they considered it a "blessing" that his family had his brother's body compared to the estimated 50,000 people who the government simply "disappeared" and will never be found.

Another day, we spent time at a church called "Jesus is the Way" that CEDEPCA supports along with another group called "Compassion International." The church is one of the few places in the area where children can safely gather to play, sing, and learn about an empowering God. The church also houses a bakery where teenagers can learn to bake bread as a skill to help better their options in the community rather than joining a gang. The young children spoke of dreams of being lawyers, nurses, and architects, and indeed some have gone on to be nurses despite long odds, partly because of the faithful work of this program.

During dinner, the pastor of "Jesus is the Way," Emerson, pointed to a roof top a block away which was the house of the local drug dealer who runs the area. When asked why the police didn't arrest him, Emmerson simply explained the police are on the payroll to provide the drug dealer protection and will do nothing. Still, the church keeps its witness, preaching the gospel, sheltering children, and holding services six nights a week.

Every single day we heard multiple stories to this magnitude of people who have and continue to suffer greatly only because of the cruelty, violence, and greed of a few which exploits most of the

very hard-working population. Some of this violence and greed also traces its way back to the actions of our own country, which is a hard historical reality to hear. Indeed, we also learned that all the wealth, land, and power of the country is controlled by twelve families, none of whom actually live in Guatemala.

Despite these tremendous social obstacles, there are other forces at work through a beyond-resilient people. God is working in the midst of these challenges, and the witness of faith and hope we found in those we met speaks to what God is doing. Folks at CEDEPCA and many others are bringing hope, person to person, and believe that change, though it be painstakingly slow and incremental, will create a new future beyond the present realities. When we asked "Where is the hope for Guatemala?" our amazing guide, Esvin, without hesitation responded, "In the people."

We saw this hope sharing lunch with a collective of women called "Fraternidad de Presbiteriales Mayas" who receive small business loans through CEDEPCA. One woman uses this small loan to make delicious chocolate, which supports her family and friends who work with her. We saw hope in another collective of women called "Corazon de Mujer" who were tragically displaced during the thirty-year civil war who are now known for the highest quality of weaving fabrics.

The work of God was found in a person named Amy who has created the first-of-its-kind elementary school which began as a humble children's library, also a notion largely unheard of for children. That school, "La Puerta Abierta," was also the recipient of our denomination's Presbyterian Women's "Thank You" offering. Amy has shared the success of her program training rural teachers in a two year program for creating their own children's libraries in rural communities. Twenty years after its founding, La Puerta Abierta rivals any elementary school in the States. Considering education is not free, if a family who attends the school cannot pay, they can donate their hand-crafted wares to the school, which the school then sells to pay the teachers.

For every example of cruelty and a terribly broken system, there are counter-stories of dedicated church workers and locals who refuse to let that be the only defining characteristic of the country. Those we met do not need us to "fix" their country, it is their struggle and future to create. What they do need, however, are partners and ears to hear their stories so we might not only see how God is working beyond our borders, but also become aware of how we as neighbors up north effect what happens down south.

If anyone has questions about the week, or the good work of CEDEPCA, there is much to tell and please don't hesitate to ask! Teresa Auldrige, the chair of our Outreach Committee, also participated in this trip and it was her sixth visit to Guatemala. This trip occurs rather frequently in our Presbytery. If you ever have an interest in going to visit CEDEPCA, as well as seeing what God is doing in Guatemala for yourself, there is a space for you to come and learn, hear, and see.

Chris

WORSHIP

Worship Time Change beginning May 28!

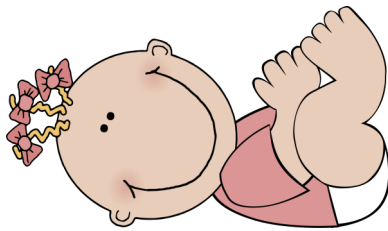
Sunday School 9:00 AM
Worship 10:00 AM

COVID Guidelines at SPC

The Session maintains the following recommendations regarding COVID: Currently, **wearing masks is optional** during indoor activities at SPC. We encourage people to follow their own conscience and be respectful of others. Although most gatherings are in person, we will continue to livestream worship on YouTube and have opportunities to participate in some church activities via Zoom.

Nursery Care Every Sunday

Nursery care is available in Room 103 for infants and young children during worship. No reservations are necessary.



Hymn Sing Saturday

Join Reed Carter, Director of Music on Facebook every Saturday morning at 10:00 AM for live hymns. Request your favorite and sing along every week!



Let Us Pray...

Church Members

- Carol Clapp
- Spencer and Joy Frantz
- Carlos Hart
- Skip and Faye Hastings
- Lawrence Koontz
- Ginger Miller

Family and Friends

- Marty Hildebrand Sherwood (John and Tootie Hildebrand's daughter being treated for breast cancer)
- Friend of Teresa Auldrige's recovering from injury

- Horst and Anna Oedel
- Carol and Carl Rydell
- Hank Sullivan
- Peggy Williams
- Ralph Williams

- Debbie Tucker (Sandra Hawthorne's sister)
- Jack Waddell (battling brain tumors)
- For an end to hatred and gun violence
- Ukraine, Russia, Sudan, and peace in the world
- Those suffering from natural disasters, especially in Turkey and Syria

Have updates or changes for the prayer list? Let us know: churchadmin@salempres.org.



There are exciting projects and activities for the children and youth this summer!

Vacation Bible School—For elementary children (rising kindergarteners through rising 5th graders), we will be hosting a week of **Brick Bible VBS**. VBS campers will see, hear, and build a different Bible story each day. VBS is 9 AM-noon the week of July 10-14 at Salem Presbyterian Church. There is no registration fee, but we will cap our registration at 50 children, so register soon! The deadline for registration is July 3. We are also looking for helpers with a variety of skills: storytelling, snack preparation, recreation, music, and joy with children. Contact Janet Chisom or Jennie Ruhland to join the team! Registration forms are available at the church and on the website.



Mini Missions—A week of Mini-Missions is something that our youth look forward to each summer. Each day begins with a Bible study about a way that Jesus served others and then we go on a field trip into the community to serve others. There will be a team of adults working with the youth during the week, leading the study, transporting them to the agencies, working alongside the youth, and processing the experiences of the day. There are no registration costs, friends are invited to register, but pre-registration is necessary.

Middle School Mini-Missions (rising 6th through rising 8th graders) are June 19-23, 9 AM-1 PM. Registrations are due by June 11.

High School Mini-Missions (rising 9th graders through graduated seniors) are June 26-30, 9 AM-1 PM. Registrations are due by June 18. Registration forms are available at the church and on the website.

Celebrating Graduates

We want to celebrate with our students who are graduating from high school and college (and advanced degrees). We plan to recognize all graduates on Sunday, June 4 during worship. If you are graduating, please send an email to Janet Chisom, janet.chisom@salempres.org, by May 29 and include your school, degree or honors, and future plans. Please plan to come to worship on June 4.

SUNDAY SCHOOL**Sundays at 9:30 AM**

We offer Sunday School classes for every age student and you are encouraged to find the one that fits you! In May we are finishing up our studies for the year. Most of our classes will conclude for the school year on May 21. We are so appreciative of all of our dedicated teachers and leaders: Fran Ferguson, Hank Sullivan, Ginny Savage, Kathy Highsmith (as coordinator for the Disciples Class), Ellen Bowen, Becky Ring, Janet Chisom, Nancy Gattoni, Phyllis Hasty, and Kathy Bowen.

So we do not miss a Sunday, we will begin our summer Sunday School program on May 28. Children and Youth will have active lessons based on a different Bible story each week. Adults will have short lesson series that last for 1-4 weeks on various topics. See below for more information. We hope you will join us!

Sunday School Classes through May 21

The *Kingdom Living Class* is studying about justice. The word is used in so many different ways. Justice can be seeking retribution or vengeance. Justice can be restorative, through forgiveness and grace. Justice can refer to the procedural process. Justice can be for the purpose of deterrence, and rehabilitation. Explore with the Kingdom Living Class what the Christian definition of justice might be.

The *Disciples Class* is using a Bible-based curriculum to study in depth about “Jesus in the Gospels.” There are daily readings and many participants in this class volunteer to teach several sessions.

The children (Pre-K-5 years, Kindergarten-5th grade), youth (6th-12th grade), and adult *Journey On* classes all use the same curriculum so that conversations can continue at home over lunch. The topics usually last for four weeks at a time, and are often multi-sensory (music, discussion, games, activities, readings). The lessons in May are on the theme of “Sing a New Song.”

Summer Sunday School beginning May 28 (9:00-9:45 AM):

May 28—Reflections on Janet’s Sabbatical. Janet will share what she learned, experienced, and cherishes about her sabbatical time.

June 4—The Opioid Epidemic and what we can do. Leaders from local agencies will inform us about the opioid epidemic, educate us about Narcan (the overdose reversal drug), and share their reflections and experiences in regards to drugs.

June 11, 18, 25 and July 3—Chris Vogado will lead a discussion about the book “*Neighborhood Church: Transforming Your Congregation into a Powerhouse for Mission.*” Let’s put our faith into action!

Thank You
From Janet

I want to thank the congregation, session, and staff of Salem Presbyterian Church for granting me sabbatical time in January, February and March. Many of you stepped up to cover gaps and make sure that programs continued. I want to assure you that I used the time well—and I have photos and stories to prove it! I appreciated time with family and friends. I traveled to Connecticut, New York, North Carolina, Georgia, Missouri, and Austria. I worshipped with Presbyterians, Lutherans, United Methodists, and Baptists. I finished sewing projects and started new ones. I did a lot of cleaning and sorting. I journaled and read, crafted and wrote letters, baked and cooked. I even rested some! While it was wonderful to have the time to renew, reflect, reconnect, and rest, it has been especially good to return. There is an energy and spirit in this place that I didn’t find elsewhere. I am thankful every day to be part of the life and ministry of Salem Presbyterian Church. Thank you for all of your support!

Janet

SENIOR MOMENT

“Normal” or Alzheimer’s?

Forgetfulness is common at any age, young and old alike. When I was 8 years old, I misplaced a shiny new pinwheel at my grandma’s house and asked her to help me find it. She wisely advised, “Just retrace your steps and see what happens.” Sure enough, I searched all the places I had recently been and found my toy behind a chair in front of her picture window. Memory is a tricky thing- and it only becomes trickier as we age!

Not as Quick as We Used to Be

As we grow older, learning and recalling new information slows. We just aren’t as quick as we used to be and know it! This prompts us to question our mental capabilities and even our sanity. However, there are many conditions that can cause memory loss including: depression, stress, medication side effects, alcohol use, vitamin B12 deficiency, infection, thyroid disturbances, diabetes, and dehydration. Because these disorders can be treated, it is important to be evaluated by your doctor to see if any apply to you. In doing so, you can reduce or even reverse memory loss.

Use It or Lose It

Age-related memory loss begins to occur after age 50 and most often is *not* associated with Alzheimer’s disease. This is good news but better still, there are steps we can take to boost our memories and overall brain health.

- **Exercise regularly.** People who engage in aerobic exercise increase brain volume and cerebral blood flow, do better cognitively, and have improved memories.
- **Play games- all sorts!** Try games that involve strategy like bridge or Scrabble. Do crossword puzzles. Read. Learn something new like a foreign language, playing a musical instrument or taking a course in a subject that interests you.
- **Stay involved.** Get out there with family and friends. Social interaction keeps you sharp!
- **Eat a healthy diet.** Feed your brain plenty of fruits, leafy green vegetables and omega-3 fatty acids found in salmon, walnuts and flaxseed. Blueberries are being touted as possessing magical powers for their whopping dose of antioxidants.
- **Manage stress and get proper rest.**
- **DON’T SMOKE!** Smoking deprives your brain of oxygen, which in turn can affect memory.

Forget Me Not

Recognizing that occasional forgetfulness is a part of aging, we sometimes wonder what is “normal.” Have you found yourself in the kitchen wondering what you went in there for, misplaced the car keys, forgotten an appointment or had the name of an acquaintance right “on the tip of your tongue?” Of course, we all have! While these lapses

can be frustrating, they are normal. Signs of Alzheimer’s dementia involve extreme forgetfulness such as:

- Getting lost in familiar places or can’t remember how to get home.
- Forgetting how to do things you’ve done many times before like bathing, driving, reading a clock, or dressing appropriately.
- Misplacing items in unusual places (putting your wallet in the oven) and losing the ability to retrace steps (can’t find your pinwheel).
- Repeating the same phrases, questions or stories in the same conversation.
- Poor decision-making and trouble handling money.
- Increased difficulty completing once simple tasks (following a recipe).
- Mixing up or forgetting common words when speaking or writing.
- Changes in behavior or personality. Withdrawal from social activities.
- Memory disrupts daily activities or relationships with friends and family.
- Others are concerned about your memory.

If you recognize yourself or a loved one in any of the above, please schedule an appointment with a physician now to determine the cause of your memory loss. If it is Alzheimer’s, early detection means you’ll be able to explore more treatment options, participate in decisions about your care, plan for the future, and maintain your independence longer.

Philippians 1:3 “I thank my God every time I remember you.”

Shalom,
Kitty

Get the Facts!

Go online to www.alz.org to find more information about Alzheimer’s Disease including symptoms, diagnoses, risk factors, treatments, support groups and caring for a loved one.

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group meets almost every Sunday evening during the school year. Jay Crumpacker along with Alex Brown deserve tremendous thanks for all their time, work, and dedication this winter and spring while Janet was on sabbatical. We have appreciated dinners prepared by the parents. We have had a good mix of games, devotions, service projects, and hang-time. We will gather during the month of May, but then not meet weekly until the fall. Stay tuned for all the summer activities: mini-missions, VBS, baseball games, and special events. Below are some of the things we are doing in May. The full schedule is available on the church website, and is emailed to each family with youth in 6-12th grade.

Sun. May 7	9:00 AM	Youth Sunday!! Youth are leading worship in the morning. Come at 9:00 for a sugar fix. We'll run through the service before worship. Worship. Dinner at Mac & Bob's.
	11:00 AM	
	5:30-7:00 PM	
Sat. May 13	2:00-4:00 PM	Stamp Out Hunger. The postal carriers will be collecting canned goods from people's homes. We will meet at the back part of the Civic Center to meet the trucks and unload them, check the dates, and sort the donations by variety. It's fun work and they need our hands!
Sun. May 14	No Youth Group	Mother's Day. Celebrate the day with your family!
Sun. May 21	6:00 PM	Dinner and S'mores at Janet's House. We'll conclude our weekly gatherings with time for recreation and food at Janet's house.

Wednesday Nights at Salem Presbyterian Church

Intergenerational Wednesday Night Fellowship meets on the second Wednesday of each month. These evenings are a great time of food and fellowship, friends and learning, fun and games. Join us at 5:30 PM for dinner (\$8 for adults, \$4 for children 2-4 years) and the program from 6:15-7:15 PM.

INTERGENERATIONAL WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

WEDNESDAY, May 10
5:30 PM

- ✓ Fellowship
- ✓ Fun
- ✓ Enjoy a chef-prepared meal (\$8/adult, \$4/child)

Our April WNF was Paint Night!





Ryan's Case for Smiles



You are welcome to come to Ryan's Case for Smiles in Gresham Hall on Wednesday, May 10th from 10 AM - 12 PM. The local chapter of Ryan's sews whimsical pillowcases for sick children and teens hospitalized at Carilion in hopes of brightening their sterile surroundings to help them "feel better to heal better." Ryan's is always looking for people who can sew, pin/clip fabric, iron, or package finished pillowcases. It is not necessary to know how to sew as there are plenty of jobs for everyone to do! Bring just yourself, or an iron and ironing board, or if you'd like to sew, your sewing machine. For more information on Ryan's Case for Smiles on the national level, please check out caseforsmiles.org or for local information, contact church member Lorain Petersen (lorainpetersen@gmail.com or 540-353-5004). We look forward to seeing you! (This group meets at least twice a month at various churches around the valley. For a meeting schedule, please contact Lorain.)

Family Promise



Our second week for our church to host Family Promise is June 13-20. The Family Promise Committee will have a signup board starting May 21. As usual, we will need volunteers to provide meals and supplies, serve as dinner and overnight hosts, and help to set up and take down the bedrooms. We will co-host with Restoration Church. Please keep the families in your prayers. Contact Susan Taylor or Carolyn Greene with questions.

Mother's Day Brunch to support Mrs. Dorsey's Clothes Closet

There will be a Mother's Day Brunch and Fundraiser on Saturday, May 13 at 11:00 AM-2:00 PM at Hidden Valley Country Club. Tickets are \$50 per person and are available at saemva.org or Bank of Botetourt locations. There will be a live band, caricature art, silent auction, and vendors.



Giving Garden

There will be work days/mornings for the Giving Garden on the first Saturday of each month from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM. They work days are May 6, June 3, July 1, Aug 5, Sept 2, and Oct 7. All dates and times are subject to change depending on the weather.





GIVING AT SPC

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.

While we continue to face many uncertainties, we know that God is with us, knows our needs, and has promised to provide. Through our gifts to the church and to community agencies, we are giving back to God a portion of what God has provided for us. Through our giving, we can help provide for others. We ask that you, as you are able, continue your generous financial support of the ministries of Salem Presbyterian Church: worship, education, outreach and mission, and support for organizations that provide direct services to individuals in need.

For information on Pledging and Tithing, the Church Budget, or online giving, contact the Church Office, Treasurer Tom Burns, or Stewardship and Finance Work Group member Jim Bowen. Statements on giving for tax purposes are mailed out quarterly and at the end of each year. Thank you for your prayers, your participation in online worship, and your continuing generous financial support.



Scan to donate online

Financials	
Total Amount Pledged 2023	\$426,000
Projected Pledges through March 2023	\$106,500
Pledges Received through March 2023	\$138,786

Where the Money Goes.....

"And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the father through Him." -Colossians 3:17

Church Office

While the office costs are a smaller portion of our budget, they are important to the efficiency and management of the church as a whole.

The office budget covers most of our computer and technology costs which includes things like some new computers and equipment, and fees for our outside IT manager. It also covers fees for software, like our membership database, accounting software, payroll software, Zoom subscriptions, website domain and management, and more. As the name would suggest, the office budget covers office supplies. In addition to regular supplies like pens and tape, we also use some more expensive supplies like dry erase markers and batteries. Typically the costs are low individually, but added together, they are significant.

Let's not forget about printing. We pay for a copier lease which has a small increase each year, and we pay a flat rate per print. We use a lot of regular copy paper in addition to more expensive specialty paper for our bulletins and cardstock.

Another significant expense is postage. While we try to use email as much as possible for our communications, we do typically send out mailings to our entire congregation a few times a year and we pay a yearly fee for our PO box at the post office.

The office budget also catches a few other random expenses that just don't seem to fall anywhere else, so we try to plan for those things too.

Emily does her best to budget, negotiate contracts, and price-shop to keep all of these costs as low as possible.

*Stewardship and Finance Work Group:
Ginny Savage, Chair; Jim Cochrane; Tom Burns; Jim Bowen; Becky Ring; Sarah Eller*

MAY Birthdays

May 2	Ted Lawrence Carson Lutz Rick Williams Steve Yost
May 5	Jackie Lackey
May 9	Kerrie Carroll Pat Lester
May 10	Marty Deardorff
May 11	Jamie Fulcher
May 12	Lew McClung Tom McClung Hank Sullivan Patricia Walton
May 13	Garret Burks
May 14	Dottie Cook
May 16	Parker Donahue
May 17	Carrie Chittum
May 18	Gretchen Boise Chris Conner Bill Metzler
May 19	Anne Gale
May 21	Marie Oracko Carolyn Walter
May 22	Elizabeth Lutz Rachel Murray
May 23	Megan Coulston Jane Lewis
May 24	Chris Fischer
May 25	Tootie Hildebrand
May 26	Cathy Fischer
May 27	Katie Johnson
May 30	Louise Ratliff Phillip Short Amy Sullivan

*Is your birthday on our calendar? If not, please call the church so we can add it.
Thank you!*



SAVE THE DATE

May 6	Habitat for Humanity Apostle's Build
May 7	Youth Sunday 20-30 Somethings Salem Red Sox Game
May 10	Intergenerational Wednesday Night Fellowship
May 12	Habitat for Humanity Apostle's Build
May 16	PAL Lunch and Field Trip
May 28	Summer Worship Schedule Begins—Worship at 10:00 AM
June 4	Recognition of Graduates
June 19-23	Middle School Mini Missions (rising 6th-rising 8th)
June 26-30	High School Mini Missions (rising 9th-graduated seniors)
July 10-14	Vacation Bible School (rising K-5th grade)
July 19-23	Montreat Youth Conference (rising 9th-graduated seniors)

FROM THE

SESSION

Session met on April 25, 2023. Please note:

- Youth Sunday will be May 7th, with confirmed youth members serving communion.
- There will be an Inquirer's Class in June for anyone interested in joining SPC.
- \$755 was collected for One Great Hour of Sharing
- A reminder from the Inreach Committee to have your photo taken in May for the church directory if you haven't already done so.
- Worship services will begin at 10:00 AM for the summer starting May 28. Lemonade on the Lawn will also begin on this date after church services.
- Graduate Recognition will be held during church on June 4th.
- SPC will participate in Apostles Build at Habitat for Humanity on May 6th and May 12th.
- The Giving Garden is already producing. If interested in volunteering, work days are the first Saturday of each month 9:00-12:00.
- Our Benevolence Fund is used 2-3 times per month to help Salem residents with utilities, rent, etc.
- The Worship Committee has replaced/ repaired the speakers in the Narthex, Parlor & Kitchen that broadcast our church service.

Submitted by Karen Nelson

EASTER AT SPC



MAY 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 7:30 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM NA	2 9:15 AM Staff Meeting 10:30 AM Morning Circle 7:30 PM Evening Circle	3 9:00 AM Piecemakers 11:00 AM Women's Bible Study 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	4 7:30 PM NA	5 	6 8:00 AM Habitat for Humanity Apostle's Build 9:00 AM Presbytery Meeting 10:00 AM Hymn Sing Saturday (via Facebook Live)
7 Youth Sunday 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship with communion in person and live streamed 5:30 PM Youth Group at Mac & Bob's	8 7:00 PM Outreach Committee 7:30 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM NA	9 9:15 AM Staff Meeting	10 10:00 AM Ryan's Case for Smiles 11:00 AM Women's Bible Study 5:30 PM Intergenerational Wednesday Night Fellowship 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	11 7:30 PM NA	12 8:00 AM Habitat for Humanity Apostle's Build	13 10:00 AM Hymn Sing Saturday (via Facebook Live) 2:00 PM Youth Stamp Out Hunger
14 TWO CENTS-A-MEAL 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship in person and livestreamed with welcome of New Members	15 7:30 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM NA	16 9:15 AM Staff Meeting 11:30 AM PAL Field Trip 7:00 PM Salem Choral Society	17 9:45 AM Finance Committee 11:00 AM Women's Bible Study	18 7:00 PM Joy Circle 7:30 PM NA	19 	20 10:00 AM Hymn Sing Saturday (via Facebook Live)
21 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship in person and livestreamed 6:00 PM Youth Group at Janet's house	22 7:30 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM NA	23 9:15 AM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Session 7:00 PM Salem Choral Society	24 11:00 AM Women's Bible Study 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	25 7:30 PM NA	26 	27 10:00 AM Hymn Sing Saturday (via Facebook Live)
28 WORSHIP TIME CHANGE 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship in person and live streamed	29 Church Office Closed 7:30 PM NA	30 9:15 AM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Salem Choral Society	31 11:00 AM Women's Bible Study 7:30 PM Chancel Choir			

PLEASE NOTE: Please be sure to read all church communications and announcements shared on website, through emails, and on Facebook. If you are not receiving emails, contact Emily at churchadmin@salempres.org. Sunday worship will continue to be livestreamed on our YouTube channel and bulletins will be posted in the Friday Teaser and on our church webpage.

SESSION

Moderator..... Rev. Chris Vogado
Clerk..... Kim Murray
Assistant Clerk..... Sarah Eller
Treasurer Tom Burns
Assistant Treasurer..... Jim Bowen

Class of 2024

Susan Burnett
Norman Ferguson
Kathy Highsmith
Karen Nelson
Sydney Nordt
Jenny Sease

Class of 2025

Jim Cochane
Sarah Eller
Reid McClure
Kim Murray
Ginny Savage
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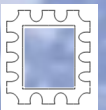
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