



# Tower Talk

September 2023

WORSHIP

GROW

SERVE

*Celebration Sunday*

## September 10

We are trying new things at Salem Presbyterian Church!! Instead of Rally Day, with an early morning breakfast, Sunday School moving-up ceremonies, and a small amount of time in our Sunday School classes, we will have **CELEBRATION SUNDAY!** We will celebrate many of the ministries and programs of our church during worship at 11:00 AM. There will be some “congregational calisthenics,” when members and friends are invited to stand and receive a blessing when the groups they are part of are announced. It will be an opportunity for more people, both in person and online, to hear about classes and activities at SPC that help us to worship, grow, and serve together, and to join in during the following weeks.

- 9:30 AM Sunday School and Continental Breakfast
- 10:30 AM Fellowship
- 11:00 AM Worship with Celebration and Blessing of Backpacks
- 6:00 PM Youth Group Dinner and Activities
- 7:00 PM Jazz Vesper Service

For those of you who love the big breakfast, don't fret. The Christian Education Committee will be providing a continental breakfast in each classroom at 9:30 AM. Sunday School students will have time on September 10 to break bread together, get acquainted with each other, catch up on news, hear about the year ahead, and pray. We hope everyone will be a part of this celebration!



# Ignite



**INTERGENERATIONAL FELLOWSHIP NIGHTS**  
EVERY SECOND WEDNESDAY

5:30 PM Dinner  
(\$8/adult, \$4 children over 2)

6:15 PM Intergenerational Fun!

- September 13 - Game Night
- October 11 - Halloween
- November 8 - Prayer
- December 13 - Advent



# a note from *Chris*



Things have been abuzz around the church these last few weeks as our church is expectantly looking forward to the fall and kicking off our program year! There are many wonderful opportunities for fellowship, faith formation, Wednesday night gatherings, and a few special worship services on the horizon! Make sure to mark your calendars accordingly for some of these great opportunities to be the church together!

Two of these special worship services will be happening in the near future, including **Jazz Vespers (prayer service) on September 10 at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary, and then a “Blessing of the Animals” service on October 1 at 4:00 p.m. on the front lawn.** Many of us may have participated in these types of worship services, but since they are a little new to us as a congregation, I wanted to share a few more details of what to expect during these worship services.

Jazz music, like prayer, is a language often of few words shared between musicians and listeners in an intimate space. It is in this spirit that the idea of a “jazz vespers” has caught on as way of worship. During this service you will hear a variety of scriptures accompanied by well-known hymns in Jazz styles like ballads, funk, and swing. While this service does not have a heavy emphasis on congregational singing, each song leaves plenty of room for musical improvisation and prayer.

The intention during this time is to let the music be meditative, not a performance, but an opportunity to let your prayers wander throughout the music and improvisation. This service is also shorter, designed to conclude the day, and start the new week. Since this service is also happening on our Celebration Sunday, it’s a great way to kick off the fall. Weather permitting, we will also keep the sanctuary doors open to the street to invite the community inside the sanctuary, or to just hear the sounds of the world outside our door.

Looking further ahead, on October 1 at 4:00 PM, we are having a Blessing of the Animals worship service! While it seems like a new type of service, our faith is rooted in traditions that care deeply about the world God created and often these services coincide with St. Francis of Assisi’s life and death, dating back to year 1226. While we do not have “feast days” to venerate “saints” in our tradition like our Catholic friends understand the word, Francis is revered across traditions for the way he invited all Christians to take notice of the beautiful creation God has made which we often take for granted.

For our service on October 1, you are invited to bring a chair, and any animals that you love in your house (provided they can safely attend) to the outside service at 4:00 PM. In many ways, the service will look similar to a shorter, normal order of worship, but it will conclude with your animal family member getting a blessing, living into the words of Psalm 148, “All creation, come praise the name of the Lord!” Whether your animal friend walks on four legs, crawls, swims, flies, or dare we say it, slithers, it will receive a blessing all the same!

My hope with both of these services is that they can help us praise God in a slightly different way, inviting us into a new kind of sacred space outside of our faithful Sunday mornings. Sometimes even having a service at a different time of day in the evening and afternoon helps us encounter the “holy” in unexpected ways. The style of worship in these services might be a little different, but it will be Spirit-filled all the same!

Grace and Peace,

*Chris*

# WORSHIP

## Worship Time Change Beginning Sept. 10!

Sunday School      9:30 AM  
Worship              11:00 AM

## 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!



## Handmade Worship Paraments

Jane Chichester designed and sewed beautiful paraments and communion table cloth for Peace Presbyterian Church. When Peace Presbyterian Church closed in 2022 the paraments were given back to Jane. Jane transferred her membership to Salem Presbyterian Church in December 2022 and was becoming more involved in our congregation. She and her husband, Don, faithfully sat in the front pews each Sunday. Jane passed away in June, and we have now received Jane's beautiful creations to use during worship. We are so grateful for Jane's life and for the talents she so willingly shared with the Church.

## *To the Church Triumphant*

**Hank Sullivan**, a member of Salem Presbyterian Church since 1978, passed away on August 5.

**Peggy Akers**, a member of Salem Presbyterian Church since 2002, passed away on August 9.

**Marlene Keener**, a member of Salem Presbyterian Church since 2014, passed away on August 15.

*We give thanks for Hank, Peggy, and Marlene's lives and pray for their family and friends.*

## Let Us Pray...

### Church Members

- Carol Clapp
- Spencer and Joy Frantz
- Nancy Gattoni
- Carlos Hart
- Skip and Faye Hastings
- Lawrence Koontz
- Reid McClure
- Ginger Miller
- Horst and Anna Oedel
- Carol and Carl Rydell
- Loren Walker—recently diagnosed with Parkinson's disease
- Ralph Williams

### Family and Friends

- Chuck Fogus (friend of Diane Tuttle with stroke paralysis)
- Jack and Kathy Mills (Diane Holdridge's sister)
- Jett Sheehan, infant son of Colleen Hayes Sheehan
- Marty Hildebrand Sherwood (John and Tootie Hildebrand's daughter being treated for breast cancer)
- Ukraine, Russia, Sudan, and peace in the world

Have updates or changes for the prayer list? Let us know: [churchadmin@salempres.org](mailto:churchadmin@salempres.org).

## SUNDAY SCHOOL Sundays at 9:30 AM

There is a class for everyone! You can choose your class based on any number of categories: age group, style of leadership, topic, fellow attendees, location. All of the classes are from 9:30-10:30 AM, followed by a fellowship time before 11:00 worship. Find your class . . . and invite someone to join you!

**Nursery**—Bible stories, play time, and activities

**Children** (Kinder garten-5<sup>th</sup> grade)—Active Bible lessons

**Youth** (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade)—Connections with the Scriptures. Each week, four scriptures are suggested for worship. This class will explore the relationships between the scriptures and what they are saying for us today.

### Adults

**Disciple**—“Christian Believer: Knowing God with Heart and Mind” will help students to understand the scriptures more deeply and live out God’s Word in their lives. There are daily readings and many participants in this class volunteer to teach several sessions.

**Kingdom Living**—“Wade in the Water,” by Eric Peterson will be the first four week book study. “While the church baptizes people in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the culture in which we live is baptizing us into the Trinitarian values of consumption, production, and acquisition.” This study will help students choose the sacred ways that form us in the Jesus Way. This class has shared leadership.

**Journey On**—“Signs and Wonders,” by Amy Jill Levine will be the first study. These six classes will be based on a video and discussion, as well as concern and prayer for those in the class. No preparation is needed. Fran Ferguson will lead.

**Thank you to all the teachers who led Sunday School classes this summer:**

**Adults:** Chris Vogado, Kitty Beehner, Ginny Savage, Fred and Sally Baker.

**Children:** Phyllis Hasty, Kathy Bowen, Janet Chisom

## MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL

# YOUTH GROUP

The **Youth Group** (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders) meets on most Sunday evenings from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Typically, middle and high school youth meet together, but occasionally we break into separate discussion or activity groups. We have a wonderful team of adult leaders who help facilitate discussions, model a Christian life, chauffeur to events, and interact in compassionate ways with the youth. Families take turns providing dinner for the group. Throughout the year, the youth have the opportunity to learn together, serve in the community, attend retreats, lead worship, and enjoy fellowship. The schedule is available at the church (in print), on the website, and is emailed to each family with youth in 6-12<sup>th</sup> grade.

Sat. Sept. 2 6:45 p.m. -10:15 p.m. **Dive in Movie.** Splash Valley Water Park at Green Ridge is hosting “dive in movie” from 7-10 PM. We’ll carpool from the church lot at 6:45 PM, and return by 10:15 PM. Cost: \$7/person, or bring a donation for the Pet Food Pantry (dog/cat food).

Sat. Sept. 9 8 a.m.-2 p.m. **Old Salem Days.** We’ll be taking donations for parking at both the church and Diane Tuttle’s house. Contact Janet to find out how you can help and to sign up for a time. This is a good service project as the money collected goes to the CROP Hunger Walk.

Sun. Sept. 10 **CELEBRATION SUNDAY** (see schedule on front page)

Sun. Sept. 17 1:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m. **Hike at Peaks of Otter.** Sharp Top is a short (3 miles round trip) but strenuous (1400 foot elevation gain) hike with an amazing view at the top. Wear hiking shoes, bring water. Return home around 6:30 PM.

Sun. Sept. 24 6-7:30 p.m. **Youth Group**—Dinner, devotion, and games with a focus on the CROP Hunger Walk.

## GET THE JAB 'Tis the Season to Get Vaccinated

Fall is near! The leaves will be turning color, the air will grow cooler, and the days will become shorter. We expect these changes, and if we're wise, we will also expect the reemergence of respiratory illness *and* prepare for them. That means taking advantage of all that modern medicine has to offer to keep us well. Decades of research and ongoing testing has gone into developing up-to-date flu, COVID-19, pneumonia, and the newly approved RSV vaccines. (Sidebar: New Kid in Town)

### Beware the Four

We seem to have become nonchalant about seasonal respiratory illness. **Flu** has been with us for centuries, right? Yet, it has always laid a heavy burden on our healthcare system. **COVID-19** continues to bring disruption, fear, and loss of life into our midst. **Pneumonia** is often a complication of these respiratory illnesses, among others. Not so widely known **RSV**, with symptoms similar to a cold, the flu, and COVID-19, has also taken its toll on our respiratory health. Fortunately, we have vaccines and boosters to get us through this season. Besides protecting your own health and the health of those around you, getting vaccinated can decrease admissions to hospitals, as well as save precious medical supplies and equipment.

### Listen to the Experts

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) are recommending that **all persons aged 6 months and older be vaccinated for the flu by the end of October, and COVID-19 as deemed appropriate if you've had a recent vaccine or booster. A new COVID-19 booster addressing new subvariants is due in mid-September. If you have children, ask their healthcare provider which COVID-19 vaccines and/or boosters they should receive.**

\*Remember, a preexisting condition makes you even more vulnerable to COVID-19, the flu, severe illness and even death, so these vaccines may save your life.

### Play It Smart

Get vaccinated for COVID-19 and the flu while practicing the following:

- **WASHING YOUR HANDS OFTEN** is the best way to guard against infection, especially after being in public places, blowing your nose, using the bathroom, coughing, or sneezing. You need to *scrub with soap and water for at least 20 seconds*, the length of time it takes to pray the Lord's Prayer. If handwashing isn't an option, use hand sanitizers containing a minimum of 60% alcohol.
- Wear a mask and/or social distance when appropriate, especially if you've had virus symptoms or are in large, close crowds of people as found in airports or other forms of public transportation.
- Avoid touching your face. Viruses may be present on unwashed hands and can enter through the nose, mouth, or eyes.
- Cough or sneeze into tissues and toss them. If that isn't possible,

cough or sneeze into your elbow and wash your hands.

- Ask your healthcare provider if you are a candidate for the **pneumonia and RSV vaccines**.
- If you experience any virus symptoms, contact your healthcare provider ASAP and ask how they want to treat you. They may assess you over the phone and direct you to care accordingly. Antiviral medications can greatly reduce the severity and duration of the flu and COVID-19. *\*Do not go to the hospital Emergency Department unless your symptoms progress rapidly and/or include trouble breathing, persistent pain or pressure in the chest, new confusion, inability to wake or stay awake, or bluish lips or face.*
- Use common sense and *stay home from work or school* when you're sick! Your healthcare provider will advise you when it is safe to return to normal activities.

### Putting Others First

Infants and young children, the elderly, pregnant women, and those with chronic illness or compromised immune systems are at much greater risk of getting gravely ill from both COVID-19 and the flu. As we endeavor to put into action Christ's command to "love your neighbor as yourself," being vaccinated demonstrates our care and concern for others. By doing so, we can protect our friends, family, and community.

**Philippians 2:4** "Each of you should look out not only for your own interests, but also for the interests of others."

Shalom,  
Kitty

### Possible Flu and COVID-19 Symptoms

- Fever and chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Headache
- Muscle aches
- Runny nose and sore throat
- Extreme weakness
- Loss of appetite
- Vomiting and diarrhea

*Difference:*

COVID-19 can cause a change in, or loss of, taste or smell.

**New this season-** egg allergies are no longer considered a deterrent for flu vaccination. All vaccines administered in a pharmacy or health care setting are monitored for allergic reactions and can be treated immediately on site.

### New Kid in Town

In May, the FDA approved a new vaccine to prevent RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus) in individuals 60+ years of age. RSV is a highly contagious respiratory virus that can cause illness in all age groups but is potentially life-threatening to infants less than one year and seniors. Vaccines are available at your local pharmacy and may be given with other vaccines including flu, COVID-19, and pneumonia. Check with your healthcare provider to see if this may be recommended for you.



**TRICK OR TREAT  
ON MAIN STREET**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28**  
**10:00 AM-12:00 PM**

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**  
PLEASE BRING BAGS OF INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED  
CANDY TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY THE IGNITE  
NIGHT ON OCTOBER 11.



*\*Bus Trip\**  
**INTERNATIONAL  
CIVIL RIGHTS  
CENTER & MUSEUM**

**GREENSBORO NC**  
*October 7, 2023*

Bus will pick up riders at the following locations:

- 9am-- Peace Presbyterian Church**  
5646 Cloverdale Road  
Roanoke VA 24019
- 10:15am-- First Presbyterian Martinsville**  
1901 Patrick Henry Avenue  
Martinsville VA 24112
- 11:30am-- Arrive in Greensboro NC**

The International Civil Rights Center & Museum-- commemorating the February 1, 1960, beginning of sit-ins at a whites-only lunch counter in Greensboro, by the N.C. A&T Four college students-- opened in 2010 as a comprehensive museum of the Civil Rights Movement in the United States.



**BLESSING OF  
THE ANIMALS  
WORSHIP  
SERVICE!**

**Sunday, October 1 @ 4:00 p.m.**  
**Outside on the Lawn**  
**Salem Presbyterian Church**  
**41 E. Main Street, Salem, VA**

see the Peaks Presbytery website to reserve your seat  
*\*bus transportation and museum admission included\**

Justice and Mercy Commission  
Racial Equity Subcommittee  
Blacksburg Presbyterian Church  
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**See Anna Kennedy for Questions.**



# SERVE



## Family Promise

Salem Presbyterian and Restoration churches hosted our third Family Promise week for the year the week of August 27-September 3. As usual, we had many volunteers helping with setting up and taking down the guests' bedrooms, dinner hosts and overnight hosting and providing meals and supplies. Thank you to everyone who helped! If you have any questions about Family Promise, please contact Carolyn Greene (mrsclmg@gmail.com) or Susan Taylor (slctaylor500@gmail.com).



## Olde Salem Days

Olde Salem Days is a wonderful Saturday of booths and vendors and food, as well as lots of people who come to Salem to walk and shop. We offer two parking lots for people to park in for a donation, one at the church and the other at Diane Tuttle's house (230 W. Main St.). We could use several volunteers for 1.5 hour shifts to welcome visitors and collect donations. Donations this year will be given to the CROP Hunger Walk. Other supporters of the CROP Hunger Walk (not from our church) will also be working with us. You can sign up for a shift by contacting Janet Chisom (janet.chisom@salempres.org).



## CROP HUNGER WALK

The **CROP Hunger Walk** will be celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> Walk in the Roanoke Valley on Sunday, October 8. CROP Hunger Walks are community-based walk fundraising events held in cities and towns across the United States, created to support the global mission of Church World Service, a faith-based organization transforming communities around the globe through just and sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement and disaster. After the CROP Hunger Walk ends, 25% of the funds raised through donations and sponsorships will support local hunger-fighting efforts through

Community Solutions Center (an arm of Feeding Southwest Virginia). The Walk has a 1-mile and a 4-mile route through Roanoke, starting and ending at First Evangelical Presbyterian Church. Please join the Salem Presbyterian Church team by registering online (<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/event/roanokeva>) or by contacting Teresa Auldridge (tauldridge@gmail.com). As an incentive, registering before September 11 will guarantee you a t-shirt in your correct size!

## 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 Sept 2, and Oct 7. All dates and times are subject to change depending on the weather.





**CIRCLE  
OF  
FRIENDS**

## Wednesday Nights This Fall

	Children K-5th Grade	Youth and Adults
Sept 20	Self-Control <i>Joshua and the Walls of Jericho— Joshua 5-6</i>	Caught in the Acts <i>How the early church in Acts inspires the Future Church</i>
Sept 27	Gentleness <i>Let the Children Come to Me— Mark 9</i>	Caught in the Acts <i>How the early church in Acts inspires the Future Church</i>
Oct 4	Faithfulness <i>Rainbow in the Sky—Genesis 9</i>	Caught in the Acts <i>How the early church in Acts inspires the Future Church</i>
Oct 18	Kindness/Goodness <i>The Story of Ruth—Ruth 1-4</i>	Oktoberfest
Oct 25	Patience <i>The Friend at Midnight—Luke 11</i>	Oktoberfest
Nov 1	Peace <i>Jesus Calms the Storm—Mark 4</i>	Oktoberfest
Nov 15	Love/Joy <i>Birth of Jesus—Luke 2</i>	TBA

**Beginning September 20,  
join us from 5:30pm-  
7:15pm (5:30-6:15-Dinner,  
6:15-7:15-programming)  
for our exciting Wednes-  
day night programs called  
Circle of Friends!**



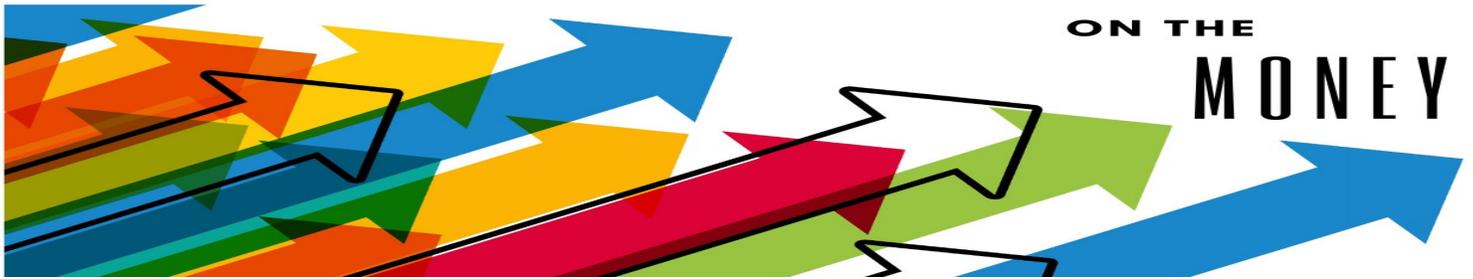
Fall is the time that our church gets “back on track” after a more relaxed summer schedule. Traditionally, Fall is also the time for a financial stewardship campaign. As your Stewardship and Finance Work Group, we want to do our part to ensure there are resources available to keep us moving in the direction of God’s plan for SPC in this community and the world around us.

We have chosen the theme of “**Responding to God’s Abundance**” to reflect our feelings of sheer gratitude for all that God has blessed us with. As we all know, stewardship is not an event or a campaign, but a spiritual practice. It is not only our tithes and pledges, but how we live our lives, how we treat others, how we take care of the earth and of course, how we share the abundant gifts that God has so graciously given us. Everything we return to God, whether it is our time, our talents or our financial resources, we give as a reflection of God’s love for us.

This month, be on the lookout for “double-love” cards that will come with your bulletins in worship each week from September 3 through October 1. “Double-love” refers to the several scriptures where Jesus tells his followers to love God and love neighbors. Each week, our committee is referencing a scripture and writing a short note and prayer for you to take home and use as a tool for study and reflection for the week.

Dedication Sunday is October 8. The core of **Responding to God’s Abundance** is Love. Our congregation is always generous in giving and serving our neighbors and in worshiping God. That is a wonderful reflection of a loving and caring group of Christians whose lives are filled with abundance. Please prayerfully consider your response to God’s abundance.

*From the Stewardship and Finance Work Group: Ginny Savage, Tom Burns, Jim Bowen,  
Jim Cochrane, Becky Ring, Sarah Eller and Mava Wingate*



## GIVING AT SPC

*“The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it, the world and those who live in it.”  
—Psalm 24*



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.

Financials	
Total Amount Pledged 2023	\$426,000
Projected Pledges through July 2023	\$248,500
Pledges Received through July 2023	\$259,941

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.



## Kroger Community Rewards

Salem Presbyterian Church is now enrolled in the Kroger Community Rewards program. By linking your Kroger Plus card to our church, each time you use your Kroger Plus Card, the church begins to earn a rebate of up to \$300 per family quarterly. You can connect your Kroger Plus Card online or through the app.



You can enjoy the collage of “Live, Laugh, Love” that was assembled throughout the summer. It captures some of the times we have appreciated life fully throughout the past months. While you are in Gresham Hall, you are invited to add your artistic touch to the Celebration Mural. It is there for all of us to color and add to as we celebrate the ways we worship, grow, and serve together.

**SEPTEMBER**  
*Birthdays*

SEP 02 Matthew Gard  
Jake Leeson  
Braxton Wall  
Wendy Wall

SEP 03 Ken Cook  
Shannon Dishaw

SEP 04 Taylor Johnson

SEP 06 George Lester

SEP 07 Kirbie Conner

SEP 08 Ellen Bowen  
Joe Dishaw  
Patty Hart  
Becky Ring

SEP 09 Nicholas Cothran  
Eberle Smith  
Becky Williams

SEP 10 Cheryl Rakes  
Olivia Smith  
Peyton Smith

SEP 12 Mike Glasgow  
Garrett Wall

SEP 13 Teresa Auldridge  
Randy Flory

SEP 14 WD Hasty

SEP 17 Camden Hart  
Bebe Martel  
Louise Puryear

SEP 21 Liz Lively  
Alex Dunkenberger

SEP 22 Ralph Williams

SEP 23 Weston Conner  
Jack Dunkenberger

SEP 24 Ryan Coble  
Amy Lawrence

SEP 25 Loren Walker

SEP 26 Judy Garst

SEP 27 Allen Whitmire  
Morgan Leeson

SEP 28 Janet Frantz  
Lorain Petersen  
Tom Sease

SEP 29 Christian Burnett  
Josh Lutz

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



# SAVE THE DATE

September 9 Olde Salem Days Parking (see pg. 7)

September 10 Celebration Sunday (see pg. 1)  
9:30 AM Sunday School with Brunch  
11:00 AM Worship with Blessing of the Backpacks  
6:00 PM Youth Group  
7:00 PM Jazz Vespers Worship Service

September 13 Ignite Wednesday Dinner and Activity (see pg. 1)

September 20 Circle of Friends begins (see pg. 9)

October 1 Blessing of the Animals at 4:00 PM (see pg. 6)

October 7 Presbytery Trip to International Civil Rights Museum (see pg. 6)

October 8 CROP Hunger Walk (see pg. 7)

October 28 Trick-Or-Treat on Main St. (see pg. 6)

FROM THE

# SESSION

**Session met on July 25, 2023. Please note:**

- Session approved the use of Salem Presbyterian Church facilities for the wedding of Catherine R. Caldwell and George P. Short, Saturday, June 1, 2024 at 5:00 PM.
- Session voted to accept SPC Review Committee's completed Financial Review Report for calendar year 2022.
- Session approved Outreach Committee's recommendation that Ginny Savage make a quarterly (or "as needed") requests for donations without having to ask Session each time.
- In support of Outreach Committee's PCC Pathways for Youth Program, Session approved going to the congregation to ask for donations to make up the difference if the \$800 needed for field trips, outings and other events is not reached.
- Session approved Outreach Committee requesting helpers from SPC to support Habitat's Apostles Build program on Wednesday, August 30, Friday, September 1, Wednesday, September 6, and Friday, September 8.
- Session heard from Director of Music Reed Carter about Worship Committee's proposal to consider setting up a Fine Arts Concert Series on a permanent basis at SPC along the lines of "Music on Main and Market" or something similar. The event would be held on the 1st Sunday of the month.
- Session approved setting up Olde Salem Days parking on September 9 using SPC's parking lot. Donations will be accepted from those utilizing the parking lot.

*Submitted by Reid McClure*

# September 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2 10:00 AM Hymn Sing Saturday (via Facebook Live)
3 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship with communion in-person and live streamed	4 Church Office Closed  7:30 PM NA	5 9:15 AM Staff Meeting 10:30 AM Morning Circle 7:00 PM Salem Choral Society 7:00 PM Evening Circle	6 9:00 AM Piecemakers Group 11:00 AM Women's Bible Study 7:30 PM Choir	7  7:30 PM NA	8	9 10:00 AM Hymn Sing Saturday (via Facebook Live)
10 TWO CENTS-A-MEAL CELEBRATION SUNDAY 9:30 AM Sunday School with breakfast 11:00 AM Worship in person and livestreamed with Blessing of Backpacks 6:00 PM Youth Group 7:00 PM Jazz Vespers Worship Service	11  7:00 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM NA	12 9:15 AM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Salem Choral Society	13 11:00 AM Women's Bible Study <b>5:30 PM IGnite—Game Night</b> 7:30 PM Choir	14  7:30 PM NA	15	16 10:00 AM Hymn Sing Saturday (via Facebook Live) 11:30 AM Marlene Keener Memorial Service
17 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship in person and livestreamed 12:15 PM Worship and Music Committee 12:15 PM IGnite Committee 1:00 PM Youth Group Hike	18 11:00 AM Administration Work Group  7:00 PM Outreach Committee 7:00 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM NA	19 9:15 AM Staff Meeting  11:30 AM PAL 7:00 PM Christian Education Committee 7:00 PM Salem Choral Society	20 9:45 AM Stewardship and Finance Work Group  11:00 AM Women's Bible Study <b>5:30 PM Circle of Friends</b> 7:30 PM Choir	21  7:00 PM Joy Circle 7:30 PM NA	22	23 10:00 AM Hymn Sing Saturday (via Facebook Live)
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**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

**Class of 2026**  
Teresa Auldrdige  
Lee Cole  
Ken Cook  
Anna Kennedy  
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