



Salem United Methodist Church

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From the Pastor's Heart

April, 2013

Over the last twenty-five years I have served many wonderful churches. However, the one that I am blessed to serve now is as good as any I have ever served. Salem United Methodist Church has so many wonderful loving people. A few weeks ago I shared my testimony with our congregation. That testimony continues to burn in my heart. God has blessed me in so many ways and it is my prayer each day that He will use me and this wonderful church family to reach out in the name of Jesus Christ. Each Sunday morning in our worship experience I feel spiritual warmth that others in our area need to feel. I have been praying each day that I have been the pastor of this church about ways we can encourage each other to share the gospel. How can we encourage our family and friends to get involved in the loving fellowship that Salem shares and that God will spiritually revive our nation, state and communities. As I dig deeper into the word of God I understand more how God has directed His people to evangelize the message of Christ. We can't just sit back and let the world continue on and say all is well. People are walking away from God and I am going to do everything I can to minister in the name of Jesus. I don't know all the answers but I serve one that does. I also pray that each person that reads this passionate message would bow their hearts and ask God for courage to minister in our homes, work place and community. Let's start today! Let's all get involved and invite someone to join you in bible study, worship and Sunday school. The only people that will stand up for Christ are His people.

Carlton



Monday, April 1

Rice Dept, 9:30 am
Salem Prayer Group, 6:30 pm
Cub Scouts, 6:30 pm
Staff Parish Relations Committee, 7:00 pm
Boy Scout Troop 99, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, April 2

Women in the Bible Study, 7:00 pm

Wednesday, April 3

Bells, 10:00 am
Spirit Supper, 5:45 pm
Children's Adventure Club, 6:30 pm
Youth, 6:30 pm
Cokesbury Singing, 6:45 pm
Life and Teachings of Jesus Christ, 7:00 pm
Praise Band, 8:00 pm

Thursday, April 4

Soul Food Bible Study, 10:00 am
Practice Your Spanish Lunch, 11:30 am
4-H Group, 6:00 pm

Friday, April 5

Young Christians Weekend

Sunday, April 7

First Service, 8:45 am
Sunday School, 9:45 am
Second Service, 11:00 am
Stone Soup, 1:00 pm
Praise Team, 4:00 pm
Faith Lessons, 5:00 pm
Youth Advanced Bells, 5:00 pm
Sanctuary Choir, 6:00 pm

Monday, April 8

Salem Prayer Group, 6:30 pm
Cub Scouts, 6:30 pm
Boy Scout Troop 99, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, April 9

Staff Meeting, 10:00 am
CJCOHN Workday, 10:00 am
Women in the Bible Study, 7:00 pm
Boy Scouts, 7:00 pm

Wednesday, April 10

Spirit Supper, 5:45 pm
Children's Adventure Club, 6:30 pm
Youth, 6:30 pm
Cokesbury Singing, 6:45 pm
Life and Teachings of Jesus Christ, 7:00 pm
Praise Band, 8:00 pm

Thursday, April 11

Soul Food Bible Study, 10:00 am
Practice Your Spanish Lunch, 11:30 am
Finance Committee, 6:30 pm
Church Council, 7:00 pm

Saturday, April 13

CJCOHN Pancake Breakfast, 7:00 am

Sunday, April 14

Native American Ministries Sunday

First Service, 8:45 am
Sunday School, 9:45 am
Second Service, 11:00 am
Megan Sanchez Bridal Shower, 2:00 pm
Praise Team, 4:00 pm
Faith Lessons, 5:00 pm
Youth Advanced Bells, 5:00 pm
Sanctuary Choir, 6:00 pm

Monday, April 15

United Methodist Women, 1:00 pm
Salem Prayer Group, 6:30 pm
Cub Scouts, 6:30 pm
Boy Scout Troop 99, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, April 16

Community Sr. Adult Activities, 10:00 am
Community Sr. Adult Lunch, 12:00 pm
Women in the Bible Study, 7:00 pm

Wednesday, April 17

Spirit Supper, 5:45 pm
Children's Adventure Club, 6:30 pm
Youth, 6:30 pm
Cokesbury Singing, 6:45 pm
Life and Teachings of Jesus Christ, 7:00 pm
Praise Band, 8:00 pm

Thursday, April 18

Soul Food Bible Study, 10:00 am
Practice Your Spanish Lunch, 11:30 am
Cub Scout Committee, 7:00 pm

Friday, April 19

4-H & Habitat for Humanity Yard Sale
7:00 am - 2:00 pm

Saturday, April 20

4-H & Habitat Flea Market
7:00 am to 12:00 pm
Game Night, 7:00 pm

Sunday, April 21

First Service, 8:45 am
Sunday School, 9:45 am
Second Service, 11:00 am
Arkansas Travelers Game, 12:00 pm
Praise Team, 4:00 pm
Faith Lessons, 5:00 pm
Youth Advanced Bells, 5:00 pm
Sanctuary Choir, 6:00 pm

Monday, April 22

Salem Prayer Group, 6:30 pm
Cub Scouts, 6:30 pm
Boy Scout Troop 99. 7:00 pm

Tuesday, April 23

Staff Meeting, 10:00 pm
Women in the Bible Study, 7:00 pm

Wednesday, April 24

Spirit Supper, 5:45 pm
Children's Adventure Club, 6:30 pm
Youth, 6:30 pm
Cokesbury Singing, 6:45 pm
Life and Teachings of Jesus Christ, 7:00 pm
Praise Band, 8:00 pm

Thursday, April 25

Soul Food Bible Study, 10:00 am
Practice Your Spanish Lunch, 11:30 am

Sunday, April 28

First Service, 8:45 am
Sunday School, 9:45 am
Second Service, 11:00 am
Kylie Patterson Bridal Shower, 2:00 pm
Praise Team, 4:00 pm
Faith Lessons, 5:00 pm
Youth Advanced Bells, 5:00 pm
Sanctuary Choir, 6:00 pm

Monday, April 29

Salem Prayer Group, 6:30 pm
Cub Scouts, 6:30 pm
Boy Scout Troop 99, 7:00 pm

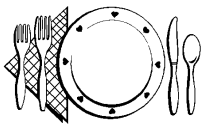
Tuesday, April 30

Women in the Bible Study, 7:00 pm
CJOHN Workday, 10:00 am

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Thank you to all the many hostesses that took time out of their busy schedules to help us get the families in for their pictures. It was a great team of women and we are appreciative of all your hard work.



Community Sr. Adult Lunch on Tuesday, April 16th.

Activities start at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch cost \$4.00 per person and begins at noon. There will be activities to follow the meal. All are invited to attend. There is no age limit, young and old are welcome to enjoy this time of good food and fellowship.



Birthdays for April

Ray Barton, Kaki Anderson, Jon Bryant, Johnny Sanchez, Keith Powell, Sonny Meriedth, Bill Dague, Richard Bondurant, V.J. Deaton, Janet Pagan, Peggy Hardin, Sharon Runyan, Andy Powell, Anthony Rushing, Denman Gillett

Anniversaries for April

Frances and John Pelton, Peggy and Garry Wilson, Amanda and Chance Sturgell, Kathy and Harlin Nikkel, Rachel and Russell Powell

If we missed your birthday or your anniversary, please call the church office at 316-2282.



CJCOHN is in need of canned tuna, spaghetti sauce, toilet paper, children's clothing 5T to 16 youth, blue jeans (all sizes, new or clean, gently used), underwear and socks (all sizes, new or clean, gently used). Please leave these items in the CJCOHN box in the media room. We have two work days this month, April 9 and April 30, at 103 East Elm Street, Benton, AR. **Pancake breakfast on April 13, 2013 from 7:00 am to 11:00 am.** Tickets are \$6 for one or \$10 for two. Purchase your tickets from Margie Hughes, our CJCOHN board member. Also, there will be a post office food drive on May 11th. We need people with pick up trucks and strong backs to be at the Benton post office at 8:00 am on May 12th to help load the truck and possibly use extra pick up trucks when the big truck gets full.



Everyone is invited to the wedding of Stephanie Patterson and Zach Penn on Saturday, May 11, 2013.

The vows will be exchanged at Family Farm Christian Day Camp at 5:00 pm.



Karon Mann, guest speaker for UMW Sunday, spoke on the many facets of the changing church and our responsibility to find ways to serve those who are lost or in need.

She reminded us of our programs (such as Aldersgate Camp) where children with “different abilities” can have a safe and memorable week at camp.

Meeting people where their needs are has always been the UMW way.

The UMW would like to help form a new circle for those who can only meet at night. We hope you ladies will consider this group and get in on decisions as to the working of said circle. Will it be for crafts, service projects, book club, the possibilities are endless. Please contact Ann Dague with your desires or plans at (501) 794-0663 or (501) 840-1943.

Thank you to Carolyn Hoggard for her work in making UMW Sunday a success and to “Carols of the Cross”, again you have wowed us with your beautiful harmony.

Ann Dague
UMW President



Staff-Parish Relations Committee

Monday, April 1

7:00 pm

Library

Salem Prayer Group

Mondays

6:30 pm

Crusaders classroom

Women in the Bible Study

Tuesdays

7:00 pm

Library

Soul Food Bible Study

Thursdays

10:00 am

Library

Finance Committee

Thursday, April 11

6:30 pm

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Administrative Council

Thursday, April 11

7:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

United Methodist Women

Monday, April 15

1:00 pm

Library

Staff Meetings

April 9, 23

10:00 am

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Bridal Shower for Megan Sanchez on Sunday April 14 at 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. All are invited. She is registered at Target, Dillard's and Smith-Caldwell.

Is Your Reason Here?

We give because:

- God first gave to us.
- We love God.
- We are supposed to tithe according to God's law. Giving of our tithe is a spiritual discipline which shows we trust God will provide us with sufficient for our needs.
- It is what Christians do.
- It makes ministry and mission happen.
- Together, we can do what no one individual or congregation can do separately.
- As a way to build a closer relationship with God.
- Of the joyous feeling it returns to us. It makes us feel good.

We don't always give enough because:

- Today's society encourages to enjoy now, pay later lifestyle.
- We want to have the biggest and the best right now.
- We want to have the latest high tech tool.
- We have to keep up with the Jones.
- We worry about educating our children.
- We worry about health bills.
- We worry about job security.
- We give to other worthwhile organizations.

There are many reasons to give or don't give, but we need to recognize that God is most important in our lives and give accordingly!

Thank you very much,
Sheila Long
Finance Committee Chair



Faith Lesson - the Early Church

Uncover the "hidden" meaning of Scripture with an exciting faith discovery series that brings the Bible to life. This in depth video Bible study (shot on location) and group discussion will illuminate the historical, geographical and cultural context of the Scriptures. Discover the passion and commitment early believers displayed as they claimed Jesus in the face of fierce consequences and powerful adversaries. During the five weeks we will look at Caesarea Philippi, Sardis, Pergamum, Ephesus and Laodicea. These studies will transform your understanding of God and challenge you to be a true follower of Jesus. The study will be led by Denman Gillett on Sunday evenings beginning April 7th and running through May 5th, in the Crusaders classroom at 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Sign up sheet in Narthex and Fellowship Hall.



*Wedding Shower for Kylie Patterson
on Sunday, April 28th from
2:00 - 4:00 in the Fellowship Hall. All
are invited to attend.*



Clean Team for the Kitchen

Sign up for the clean team for the kitchen. The more people sign up the more teams we can have, so less often your team will be responsible to deep clean the kitchen. We will be cleaning every six weeks. The cooks have enough to do keeping us fed. We need to take the time to deep clean to make our kitchen sparkle. If you have any questions, contact Ann Dague at (501) 794-0663.



Thank you so much to all the adult volunteers that stepped up to help at Stone Soup this month while the Youth are at Young Christians Weekend in Branson, MO. There is still time to volunteer to go help feed the homeless. **Stone Soup is April 7.** We normally leave the church at 1:00 pm and arrive back by 5:00 pm.



Rice Depot Food for Kids program

We will be collecting food throughout the year for the children of Saline County. Place items into the box in the media room. Questions? Call Kathy DeWeerd at 303-0354. Items needed are: (Pop-top cans, kid-friendly, single serve size) Vienna sausage, Beane Weenes, Spam, Soups, Cup of Noodles, canned pasta meals, chili, mac and cheese, tuna or chicken kits, pork & beans, refried beans, baked beans, canned vegetables, 4oz. canned fruit, fruit cups, instant oatmeal, individual boxes of cereal, individual bowls of cereal or oatmeal, granola bars, Pop-tarts, peanut butter and crackers, cheese & crackers, pudding cups, jello cups, individually packaged nuts, trail mix or any snack item.



Camp Tanako packets are in the Narthex. If you are interested in attending Church Camp this summer, pick one up. It will be a fun time for all who attend!



The Adventure Club will be singing in the 11:00 am service on April 14th and in the 8:45 am service on April 21st. They have been working hard on their song and are excited to perform. We invite you to come listen and support these small but important members of our church!

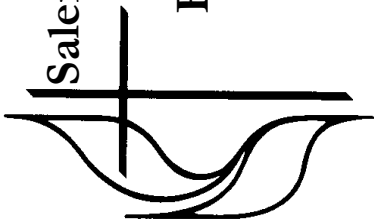


Volunteers are needed to help on Wednesday night after Spirit Supper in the nursery. It's just from 6:30 pm to about 7:45 pm. An extra pair of hands would be greatly appreciated. Contact Rachel Powell at 860-4049.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Yard Sale
April 19-20
Benefiting 4-H and
Habitat
for Humanity

If you have any items that you would like to donate, please leave your items under the arbor after April 1st. Then come to shop on April 19 from 7 am to 2 pm. Or come by on Saturday, April 20 from 7:00 am to 12:00 pm. Let's help our 4-H youth and Habitat for Humanity Apostles Build.



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FYI
•FOR YOUR INFORMATION•

**Information for the May
newsletter deadline is
April 15th.**

To unsubscribe, update address or receive your newsletter by e-mail go to admin@salemumc-benton.com or call the office at 316-2282. Office hours are Monday through Thursday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Friday - 8:30 am to 3:30 pm Closed for lunch (12 pm to 1 pm).