



Salem United Methodist Church

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From the Pastor's Heart

March, 2013

March Madness: Extreme out-of-control enthusiasm!

March Madness: During the regular scheduled season of basketball, college teams prepare for March Madness. This madness is a post season tournament, a fight to be able to claim being the best college basketball team in the nation. It involves hard work and excitement. Not all college teams even get a chance to play during March Madness only those that reach a high level of performance. Each team has a group of followers or fans that with great passion and support yell their team on to victory. I remember the Madness when the Hogs won the National Championship in 1994. It is an unforgettable moment in Arkansas basketball history.

Easter: Another very important activity that falls in March this year is Easter. This celebration marks the end of Jesus' public ministry but the beginning of Christian ministry. It is my prayer that Christian people all across this world that God has created will with great passion, excitement and hard work support the Christian team (church). What would it be like if we encouraged the world around us to join the Christian team? And what would it be like if we worked hard, learned the playbook (bible) and helped others to learn it as well? I believe we would see the greatest celebration that the Christian church has ever known. With hard work and devotion we would see March Madness (Extreme out-of-control enthusiasm) in our churches. Will you join "THE TEAM"?

Coach Carlton



Saturday, March 2

Salem Fire Dept. Pancake Breakfast
6:00 am to 11:00 am

Sunday, March 3

UMW Sunday

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

Monday, March 4

Rice Depot, 9:30 am
Salem Prayer Group, 6:30 pm
Cub Scouts, 6:30 pm
Trustees, 7:00 pm
Boy Scout Troop 99, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, March 5

Staff Meeting, 10:00 am
Walking Group, 5:30 pm
Financial Peace University, 6:30 pm
Women of the Bible Study, 7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 6

Bells, 10:00 am
Spirit Supper, 5:45 pm
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, March 7

Soul Food Bible Study, 10:00 am
Practice Your Spanish Lunch, 11:30 pm
Walking Group, 5:30 pm
4-H, 6:00 pm

Saturday, March 9

Men of Salem Comm. Breakfast, 8:00 am
Murray's Dinner Playhouse, TBA
Game Night, 7:00 pm

Sunday, March 10

Daylight Savings Time Begins

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

Monday, March 11

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

Tuesday, March 12

CJCOHN Workday, 10:00 am
Walking Group, 5:30 pm
Financial Peace University, 6:30 pm
Boy Scouts, 7:00 pm
Women in the Bible Study, 7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 13

Bells, 10:00 am
Spirit Supper, 5:45 pm
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, March 14

Soul Food Bible Study, 10:00 am
Community Sr. Adult Activities, 10:00 am
Practice Your Spanish Lunch, 11:30 am
Community Sr. Adult Lunch, 12:00 pm
Pictorial Directory Photos, 2:00 pm
Walking Group, 5:30 pm
Finance Committee, 6:30 pm
Administrative Council, 7:00 pm

Friday, March 15

Pictorial Directory Photos, 2:00 pm

Saturday, March 16

Pictorial Directory Photos, 2:00 pm

Sunday, March 17

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

Monday, March 18

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, March 19

Terrific Tuesday, 9:00 am
Walking Group, 5:30 pm
Women in the Bible Study, 7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 20

Bells, 10:00 am
Youth, 6:00 pm

Thursday, March 21

Lifeline Screening, 8:00 am
Totally Cool Thursday, 9:00 am
Soul Food Bible Study, 10:00 am
Practice Your Spanish Lunch, 11:30 am
Pictorial Directory Photos, 5:00 pm
Walking Group, 5:30 pm
Cub Scout Committee, 7:00 pm

Friday, March 22

Pictorial Directory Photos, 2:00 pm

Saturday, March 23

Pictorial Directory Photos, 2:00 pm

Sunday March 24

Palm/Passion Sunday

First Service, 8:45 am
Sunday School, 9:45 am
Sanctuary Choir "The Last Week", 11:00 am
Praise Team, 4:00 pm
Youth Advanced Bells, 5:00 pm
Sanctuary Choir, 6:00 pm

Monday, March 25

CJCOHN Business Meeting, 10:00 am
Salem Prayer Group, 6:30 pm
Cub Scouts, 6:30 pm
Boy Scout Troop 99, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, March 26

Staff Meeting, 10:00 am
Walking Group, 5:30 pm
Women in the Bible Study, 7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 27

Bells, 10:00 am
Spirit Supper, 5:45 pm
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, March 28

Soul Food Bible Study, 10:00 am
Practice Your Spanish Lunch, 11:30 am
Holy Thursday Drama, 7:00 pm

Friday, March 29

Good Friday

Offices will be closed.

Saturday, March 30

Easter Egg Hunt, 2:00 pm

March 31

Easter

Sunrise Service, 7:00 am
Breakfast, 7:45 am
First Service, 8:45 am
Sunday School, 9:45 am
Second Service, 11:00 am

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It was nice to be able to congratulate you on your generosity in 2012. But it is now 2013. This is just a reminder that the needs don't go away because of prior generosity.

Even as God's generosity to us continues, He expects us to continue to share His gifts by returning a portion back to the church.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16). This is the greatest gift God has given us. In addition to the promise of eternal life, God has given us this life and so much more. This is the most basic reason we should want to return part of His financial blessings to the Church.

It is time to ask, what can I give to the Lord?
What can I give to others?

Does your giving reflect your love of God and your Church?

Thank you very much,

Sheila Long

Finance Committee Chair



Birthdays for March

Annie Ferguson, Diana Fowler, Howard Bagley, Sandra Johnson, Shelby Fullington, Lynn Robinson, Sammie Kahler, Frances Pelton, James West, Ann Dague, Kersten Plott, Nick Turpin, Billy Paulus, Barbara Kane, Mary Terry, Sheila Simmons, Julia McPeake, J.D. Yandell, Ethan Blackford, Beth Sanchez, Ronnie Goodwin, Shirley Gregory

Anniversaries for March

Jason and Candace Baltz, Don and Lynne Baer, Jim and Sheila Long

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



Flea Market - April 19 - 20, 2013

Benefiting Habitat for Humanity
and 4-H

If you have items you wish to donate, please contact Becky McPeake at 794-4898
or Kathy DeWeerd at 303-0354.

Items need to be left in the old Bethel building (next to the Sunday School annex) until after Easter.

Do NOT leave items in the arbor until after April 1st.



"Fish and Chip"

Tournament Weekend

May 3 - 5, 2013

Choose to participate in either the 2nd Annual Salem UMC Fishing Tournament on DeGray Lake or the First Annual Salem UMC Golf Tournament. Friday and Saturday night camping is available for tents or campers. Fish Fry Dinner for all on Saturday evening. Sign up sheet is in the Narthex. Also, there is swimming, maybe a shopping trip into Hot Springs and Sunday morning services in a beautiful outdoor chapel. Corporate sponsors are needed for the tournaments.

Contact Randall Wilchman for details.





*Senior Adult
Lunch*

Community Sr. Adult
Lunch is March 14. Come
and enjoy the activities that
begin at 10:00 am. Lunch
is served at noon. The cost is \$4.00 per
person. An activity will follow the meal.
All ages are welcome to attend.

Snow Days — If the church has a program sched-
uled during the week and the Benton/Bryant school
districts cancel school because of the weather, the
church will also cancel its activities.

**When is a shrinking church a
good thing?**

When church members are slim-
ming down and getting healthy!



Salem UMC is offering a 10-week Weight
Watchers course. Meetings are held once a week
during this time period and the cost is \$120 per
person, which includes support and literature. A
minimum of 20 participants is required.

Sign up sheet is in the Narthex.



**An exercise/walking group is
forming.** Beginning March 5th
every Tuesday and Thursday at

5:30 pm there will be a walking group meet-
ing to walk the neighborhood. A course has
been laid out from 1/4 of a mile to 1 mile.
This is open to everyone at any fitness level.
Meet at the red pole in the parking and let's
get moving. Contact Richard Bondurant if you
have questions.

**MEETINGS
AND MORE**

Rice Depot Workday

Monday, March 4
Leave at 9:30 am

Trustees

Monday, March 4
7:00 pm
Library

Salem Prayer Group

Mondays, March 4, 11, 18, 25
6:30 pm
Crusaders classroom

Staff Meeting

Tuesday, March 5 and 26
10:00 am
Office

Women in the Bible Study

Tuesdays, March 5, 12, 19, 26
Library

CJCOHN Workday

Tuesday, March 12
103 East Elm Street
Benton, AR

Finance Committee

Thursday, March 14
6:30 pm
Kaneraisers classroom

Administrative Council

Thursday, March 14
7:00 pm
Fellowship Hall

United Methodist Women

Monday, March 18
1:00 pm
Library



Wednesday Night Alive!

Every Wednesday begins with the meal at 5:45 pm.

The cost is a love offering. The children's Adventure Club starts at 6:30 pm in the Children's Wing. The Youth begin their activities at 6:30 pm in the Youth room. Cokesbury singing is at 6:45 pm followed by The Life and Times of Jesus Christ begins at 7:00 pm.



There will be a Bridal Shower for Stephanie Patterson on Sunday, March 3 in the Fellowship Hall from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. She is registered at Target, Kohl's and Bed, Bath and Beyond. All members of the church are invited to come celebrate this happy occasion.



Mark Your Calendar:

*"On the road to Calvary".....
On Thursday, March 28, 2013
(Holy Thursday) members of*

our congregation will bring to life the arrest and death of our Lord Jesus. We will also share in very meaningful music that will also set the tone and remind us why Easter morning has so much power for Christian people. The drama will be held in the sanctuary and will begin at 7:00 p.m.



United Methodist Women's Sunday

is March 3, 2013. Karon Mann is the speaker. She is a board member of the National Board of Directors of United Methodist Women. She is also Lay Leader of the Arkansas Conference. She will be speaking about the mission and ministry of United Methodist Women in our communities, our nation and the world, also, about how UMW provides for personal transformation and growth while contributing to vital congregations in the United Methodist Church. Please join us on this special Sunday.

UMW will meet on March 18, 2013 at 1:00 pm in the Library for its monthly meeting. All women of the church are invited to attend.



Daylight Savings

begins

March 10 th!

Move your clocks ahead one hour.

Easter Services

7:00 am, Sunrise Service

Rev. Chester Jones will preach under the arbor.

7:45 am, Breakfast

8:45 am, First Service

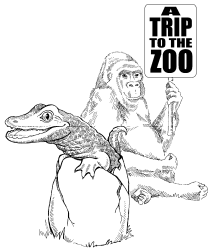
Rev. Carlton Cross will preach.

9:45 am, Sunday School

11:00 am, Second Service

Rev. Carlton Cross will preach.

Come celebrate Our Risen Lord!



Spring Break is finally almost here! Let's get out and enjoy it! We are planning a fun trip for the kids to the Little Rock Zoo. Terrific Tuesday will be Tuesday, March 19th for kids PreK - 3rd grade. Totally Cool Thursday will be Thursday, March 21st for kids 4th-5th grade. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex and the Children's Wing. Every child going will need to have a permission slip signed and turned in BEFORE the trip. We will meet at the church at 9 am and carpool to the zoo. We need as many parents as possible to go and help chaperone. Each child and/or parent will need to bring a sack lunch and \$8 for child admission/\$10 for adult admission. Contact Rachel Powell with any questions or for more info.



The Annual Salem Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday March 30 from 2-4 pm in the Fellowship Hall. This is a community wide event. Invite all your friends and family to come join in the fun!

Arkansas Children's Hospital Care Kits need : Individual toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, lotion, comb, writing pen, disposable razor, deodorant, and soap or shower gel. Items may be placed in the box in the Media Room.

STONE SOUP HELP NEEDED!!



The youth need your help at Stone Soup on April 7th! Most of the youth will be in Branson, MO for Young Christians' Weekend and we will need the adults in the church to come help fill the open spots!! Last year we had an awesome response during this weekend from the adults and we are hoping for the same result this year! It is a great blessing to be able to go serve in this wonderful mission outreach program! There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex. If you have any questions please contact Rachel or Russell.



Thank You!! Gracias!! Merci!! No matter how we say it, we can't say it enough! Thank you all so much for coming out and supporting our Youth Mission Trip 2013 at the Valentine's Banquet! We raised \$2,000!! Because of your donations, each Youth going on the Mission Trip now has 1/2 of their Mission Trip paid for! It is such a blessing to be able to serve such a loving and caring church.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Palm Sunday

March 24

11:00 am

Sanctuary Choir presents
"The Last Week"

Holy Thursday

March 28

7:00 pm

"On the Road to Calvary"

Easter Egg Hunt

March 30

2:00 to 4:00 pm

Easter

March 31

Sunrise Service

7:00 am

Breakfast

7:45 am

First Service

8:45 am

Second Service

11:00 am



• FOR YOUR INFORMATION •

Information for the April
newsletter deadline is March
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).