



Salem United Methodist Church

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From the Pastor's Heart

May, 2013

Let Every Knee Bow

I am reminded of the true story about the American soldiers in a fox hole during "Desert Storm." They were praying that God would guide them to safety. At that time a very strong rain storm began. The soldiers thought this rain would only make their journey more dangerous. As they began to crawl out of the hole the rain stopped. Walking carefully across the desert it became very clear that their prayers had been answered. The strong rain storm had washed the sand off of many land mines in their path.

*Let every knee bow is an action that must come from God's people. Our society holds many land mines but with faithful prayer God will see His people through the desert. I share a portion of the prayer Jonah prays from the belly of the fish:
When my life was ebbing away,
I remembered you, Lord,
And my prayers rose to you.*

Carlton





Wednesday, May 1

Bells, 10 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, May 2

National Day of Prayer

Soul Food Bible Study, 10:00 am
4-H, 6:00 pm

Saturday, May 4

The Family Reunion, 11:00 am

Sunday, May 5

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
Faith Lessons, 5:00 pm
Sanctuary Choir, 6:00 pm

Monday, May 6

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

Tuesday, May 7

Women in the Bible Study, 7:00 pm

Wednesday, May 8

Bells, 10 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, May 9

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

Sunday, May 12

Mother's Day

First Service, 8:45 am
Sunday School, 9:45 am
Second Service, 11:00 am
No evening activities

Monday, May 13

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

Tuesday, May 14

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

Wednesday, May 15

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, May 16

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

Saturday, May 18
Game Night, 7:00 pm

Sunday, May 19
Pentecost Sunday
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, May 20
CJCOHN Business Meeting, 10:00 am
UMW, 1:00 pm
Salem Prayer Group, 6:30 pm
Cub Scouts, 6:30 pm
Boy Scout Troop 99, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, May 21
Community Sr. Adult Activities, 10:00 am
Community Sr. Adult Lunch, 12:00 pm
Women in the Bible Study, 7:00 pm

Wednesday, May 22
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, May 23
Soul Food Bible Study, 10:00 am
Cub Scouts Committee meeting, 7:00 pm

Sunday, May 26
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, May 27
Memorial Day
Offices will be closed

Tuesday, May 28
Staff Meeting, 10:00 am
Women in the Bible Study, 7:00 pm

Wednesday, May 29
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, May 30
Soul Food Bible Study, 10:00 am

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Salem United Methodist golf tournament is Saturday, May 4th starting at 8 a.m. at Silver Springs Country Club in Haskell.

The tournament will be a 2 person scramble the cost is \$60 per team and includes 18 holes of golf, lunch (hamburger, fries and a drink) trophies and door prizes. We have room for 10 teams, if you need a teammate sign up and we will try and find you one. This is a great opportunity to invite a nonmember to come out and enjoy some great fellowship. If you have any questions please contact Randall Wilchman at 501-317-5441.

Rice Depot Food for Kids Program needs:
(Pop-top cans, kid-friendly, single serve size)

- Vienna Sausage
- Beanee Weanees
- Spam
- Soups
- Cup of Noodles
- Canned pasta meals
- Chili
- Mac and Cheese
- Tuna or Chicken kits
- Pork and Beans
- Refried Beans
- Baked Beans
- Canned Vegetables
- 4 oz. Canned Fruit or Fruit Cups
- Instant Oatmeal
- Single serve cereals
- Pop Tarts
- Peanut Butter and Crackers
- Cheese and Crackers
- Granola Bars
- Pudding or Jello cups
- Single Serve Nuts, Trail Mix or snacks
(Leave items in marked box)



The conference office is asking for cleaning (flood) buckets. There is a box in the media room if you would like to donate any of these items or you can drop a check in the offering plate with "cleaning bucket" in the memo area.

- 5 gallon bucket with resealing lid
- 5 scouring pads
- 1- 8-9 oz. can air freshener
- 7 sponges
- 1 scrub brush
- 18 cleaning towels (reusable wipes)
- 2-25 oz. or 1-50 oz. Liquid laundry detergent
- 1- 12-16 oz. bottle household cleaner
- 1- 16-28 oz. bottle disinfectant dish soap
- 50 clothes pins
- Clothes line (two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.)
- 5 dust masks
- 2 pair latex gloves
- 1 pair work gloves
- 24-bag heavy duty trash bags, 33-45 gallons
- 1- 6-14 oz. insect repellent spray
- ALL spray cans must have protective caps.

Thank you. If you have any questions, contact Carolyn Hoggard.



We are wanting to start a new ministry for our College and Career age folks. If you are interested in working with these great folks, please contact Carlton at (870) 796-0655.



Birthdays for May

Casey Younts, Mark Pagan, Lisa Pagan, Aaron Jones, Megan Sanchez, Bettye Bragg, Rachel Cox, Mia Hodges, Valerie West, Kathy DeWeerd, Brady Cross, Shelby Cross, Ruth Johnson, Carol Fullington, Mary Jane Dove, Mark Sullivan, Grant Wilchman, Jason Baltz, Pat Vaughan, Ethan Gillett, Michael Willoughby, Stephanie Patterson, Russell Powell

Anniversaries for May

Jerry and Sharon Runyan, Joe and Sheila Simmons, Randall and Sherri Wilchman, Denman and Dolly Gillett, Charles and Carol Rushing

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



To the wonderful people of Salem United Methodist Church who prepared and delivered such a good meal to our home during the loss of

Dave, The meal was so enjoyed by so many I had from out of town. We will always remember your kindness and thoughtfulness. It gave us strength and comfort during our loss.

God bless! Sondra Fairchild

MEETINGS AND MORE

Salem Prayer Group

Mondays, May 6, 13 and 20
6:30 pm

Crusaders classroom

Finance Committee

Thursday, May 9
6:00 pm

Kaneraisers classroom

Administrative Council

Thursday, May 9
7:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

Staff Meeting

May 14 and 28
10:00 am
Office

CJCOHN Workday

Tuesday, May 14
10:00 am - 2:00 pm
103 East Elm St., Benton

United Methodist Women

Monday, May 20
1:00 pm
Library

Soul Food Bible Study

Thursdays, May 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30
10:00 am
Library

Women in the Bible Study

Tuesdays, May 7, 14, 21 and 28
7:00 pm
Library Meeting Room

Thank you for your generosity in pledging to the debt reduction campaign. Through monthly, weekly and yearly pledges, plus a few very generous one time pledges, we will be able to meet our loan obligations for this year. In these hard economic times, it is good to see our church members step up to help when the church is in need.

Sometimes we don't have the money to help the church, but our time can be tithed. Small projects around the church are always needing to be done. Help is always needed, either volunteering with programs for all ages, fixing a broken light, cleaning the kitchen, being an office angel, etc.

It is written in Malachi 3:10 (MSG) Bring your full tithe to the Temple treasury so there will be ample provisions in my Temple. Test me in this and see if I don't open up heaven itself to you and pour out blessings beyond your wildest dreams. It's time you put Him to the test.



The Finance Committee

The Arkansas Children's Hospital Care Kits need the following items: Individual toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, lotion, comb, writing pen, disposable razor, and soap or shower gel. Items may be placed in the box in the Media Room. Or you can make a donation, please note on your envelope or check Arkansas Children's Hospital Care Kits.

Summer break is getting close for the kids!! And of course, we



wouldn't let them sit at home bored all summer long!! The SUMC Kids Program is planning on doing some fun outings over

the summer. We are in the process of planning trips to the zoo, hiking, swimming, picnics, etc. If you could host a trip or help chaperone a trip, please get in contact with Rachel Powell at (501)-860-4049.



Get your calendars out and mark them NOW!! July 21-26 is going to be VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!!

We will be looking for volunteers to help with VBS! There will be a sign-up sheet circulating soon so please consider signing-up for this opportunity to serve God and give back to the kids in our community!!



The United Methodist Women attended a study on Poverty at First UMC on April 8th. Natasha Murray-Norman gave an overview of poverty and its affects on society. In June the study will conclude with "Charity Is Not Enough"

given by Julia Des Carpenter.

We will be going to Bryant on April 20th for their annual Brunch. Judy Ricci will share her testimony in song and word. Judy, who has been blind since childhood has performed in Branson and numerous venues.

Our ladies helped with the Bethel Class and the A-Team on a wedding shower for Megan Sanchez. It is a pleasure to see our young people grow into fine Christians and take their place in the world.

Our May meeting will be on Monday, May 20th at 1:00 pm in the Library. All women are invited to attend.

On Wednesday nights we need a Pre-K teacher. Please contact Rachel Powell at 860-4049.



Johnny and Beth Sanchez wish to invite you to celebrate the wedding of their daughter, Megan Sanchez and Cody Crist on June 8, 2013 at 3:00 pm at Salem United Methodist Church. Reception to follow.



CJCOHN is in desperate need of canned meats (tuna, salmon, pasta, etc.) and canned vegetables (except beans). Clothing needed is

summer clothes, especially men's short sleeve shirts, T-shirts, all sizes. Always needed are new or clean, used blue jeans, socks, underwear in all sizes. We still need blankets, twin or full size. Also, prizes for nursing home bingo which include small stuffed animals, sugar free candy, facial tissue, costume jewelry. You may leave these items in the box in the media room.

Saturday, May 11, 2013 is Stamp Out Hunger Day for the postal carriers. Leave non-perishable items in a bag at your mailbox then the postal carrier will take it to the main post office in Benton. On Monday, May 13th we need people with pick up trucks to be at the Benton Post Office at 7:45 am to load up the food collected or meet at CJCOHN, 103 East Elm, Benton at 8:00 am to help unload.

The next CJCOHN workday is May 14th.

Our pancake breakfast brought in \$1,375.00 for the new floor. The cost of the floor was \$1,836 plus \$322 to seal it.

If you have any questions, please contact Margie Hughes, our CJCOHN board member.

God is our shelter and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble.

Psalm 46:1

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Sunday

May 12

Community Sr. Adult Lunch

May 21

Activities at 10:00 am

Lunch at Noon

\$4 per person

Game Night

May 18

7:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

Memorial Day

Offices Closed

May 27



June newsletter deadline is
May 15th.

To unsubscribe, update
address or receive your newsletter by email
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).