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Update from the Finance Committee

Dear Salem Church Family,

The letter sent to Salem's family a few weeks ago indicated that our church has unknowingly been overspending its income and asked for your financial assistance. We would like to give you an update on how many have been working hard to address this and to thank all who responded with contributions, new 2018 pledges and others who increased their pledge.

Your Finance Committee has been working hard on revising the budget to be presented at the next Council Meeting. Although some items in the budget are fixed by the Conference, we have been able to cut expenses where feasible. However, we don't want to cut programs that glorify God and bring more people into our Salem community. Our Pastor, Office Staff, Committees and Trustees are pursuing cost-saving measures. We are arranging for an energy audit of the church and parsonage to help identify ways to reduce utility bills. Our Youth are actively raising funds for their projects.

The Finance Committee is committed to find ways to get spending back in line with our income and welcome your ideas and suggestions. Please contact any member of the Council or Finance Committee.

Thank you for your prayers and faithful giving.

Beverly Crawford, Chairman
Finance Committee



Your Ideas for Helping Our Church



John Wesley, (whom God used to start the Methodist Church) would often preach about living 'frugal' lives and to live 'without waist.' Over the last month we have received several notes and comments from some of you about how we can more fully live into this as a church family, and we'd like to share a few with you!

"We may ask people to help by turning off lights and faucets, remembering to turn thermostats up and making sure doors are locked when leaving and to report energy waste such as leaky faucets/toilets. They can also help by limiting use of resources; paper, copies, pens and using worship items (prayer cards & envelopes) as scratch paper or book markers... Every bit helps - just like at home!!"

"we can ask people in the church who are handy to help with repairs instead of hiring someone. It will save money and help people feel more a part of the church. We can ask those willing to help to tell a member of the Trustees Committee or the pastor."

We are also exploring a number of other ideas our church committees, leaders and congregants have come up with. Thank you all for your great ideas! If you have any others, please let us know.

New Tool for Tithing

You never have to worry about forgetting a check or missing a tithe while on vacation or just because life gets busy. Just go to the bill payment option on your bank's website and set up recurring payments. You specify the amount and time period. The bank will automatically send your contribution to Salem UMC. Here's the information you'll need!



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News From The Nursery!

What an exciting time we had for VBS!! The nursery was excited to welcome some new friends during VBS and we had a great time! The children were excited each night and full of laughter and most of them didn't miss a night! Praise the Lord!! The children received love, compassion and made friends and most of all they were told of God's love for them. I had the pleasure to get to know the children and create a bond with them. I am looking forward to hopefully seeing everyone again! Thank you to everyone who helped and prayed for VBS. It's about putting our love into action for the children and I hope they all received that love and a listening ear!



I hope everyone is having a great summer and thank you for your support! Don't forget to walk by the nursery and look at our information board to see what the children are doing and learning each week. Please take a lesson paper from the board with you to share with another child so they can know of God's love for them. Blessings, Lindy



Family Fun at Vacation Bible School

With an average of 35 kids in attendance each night, 2-4 more in the nursery and about 4-5 each night in the adult class we made a wonderful impact on our community for the Kingdom of God. As part of this year's VBS our missions project was to raise non-perishable items that were divided between the Chelsea House Women's Shelter and Community Cares. Our children and families raised some 570 items! That's enough to feed about 71 families! Part of our junior high schoolers contribution was to buy two sets of chickens & our 4th-5th graders also bought one set of rabbits, all to go to families in needy countries!

This church has reason to be proud, of not only all the lives that we touched and all the food we raised, but all the people of this church that came together and gave of their time to help these young people feel loved. We would like to thank Misty for heading this year's VBS, the Education Committee, the Youth & Children's ministry workers and all the congregants that volunteered so much of their time! You've made a difference in someone's life!



New Pew Pockets!



We would like to thank the Trustees for all their work in getting our new sanctuary pew pockets in place. Having consistent sizes and amounts of pockets in every pew will now afford us the opportunity to more effectively get ministry tools into the hands of our church goers. This will also allow us to save the church money, working to be wiser about the resources God has entrusted to us.

The prayer request and Connection cards have been combined and are now in the sanctuary pew pockets instead of the bulletin.



Lectionary Reading

July 1, 2018

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27, Psalm 130
2 Corinthians 8:7-15, Mark 5:21-43

July 8, 2018

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10, Psalm 48
2 Corinthians 12:2-10, Mark 6:1-13

July 15, 2018

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19, Psalm 24
Ephesians 1:3-14, Mark 6:14-29

July 22, 2018

Samuel 7:1-14a, Psalm 89:20-37
Ephesians 2:11-22, Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 29, 2018

2 Samuel 11:1-15, Psalm 14
Ephesians 3:14-21, John 6:1-21

July Birthdays

Name	Birth Date
Addy Poppell	5
Louise Bates	6
Cheryl McCollum	9
Lew Purcell	9
Mable Duncan	12
Jean Gilbar	13
Bob Miller	16
Drystan Taylor	16
Don Gilbar	17
Jenny Lee	17
Yu Chien Chen	20
Celese Whiddon	20
Connie Kummer	21
Rachel Loy	22
Ava Parrish	22
Sue Wakeman	23
Madilyn McNeill	25
Madison McNeill	25
Jimmy Suber	27
John Estes	28
Tim Mentry	28
Renna Chellman	31
Dick Williams	31

Readings for July 2018

July 1: Obadiah; Psalms 82-83
July 2: 2King 1-4
July 3: 2King 5-8
July 4: 2King 9-11
July 5: 2King 12-13; 2Chronicles 24
July 6: 2King 14; 2Chronicles 25
July 7: Jonah
July 8: 2King 15; 2Chronicles 26
July 9: Isaiah 1-4
July 10: Isaiah 5-8
July 11: Amos 1-5
July 12: Amos 6-9
July 13: 2Chronicles 27; Isaiah 9-12
July 14: Micah 1-7
July 15: 2Chronicles 28; 2King 16-17
July 16: Isaiah 13-17
July 17: Isaiah 18-22
July 18: Isaiah 23-27
July 19: 2King 18:1-8; 2Chronicles 29-31; Ps 48
July 20: Hosea 1-7
July 21: Hosea 8-14
July 22: Isaiah 28-30
July 23: Isaiah 31-34
July 24: Isaiah 35-36
July 25: Isaiah 37-39; Psalms 76
July 26: Isaiah 40-43
July 27: Isaiah 44-48
July 28: 2King 18:9-19:37; Psalms 46/80/135
July 29: Isaiah 49-53
July 30: Isaiah 54-58
July 31: Isaiah 59-63

Our Faithful Giving

Our 2018 Budget	\$242,365
Needs Jan - June	\$121,182
Giving Jan – June	\$102,710



You can visit us on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/SalemUMChavana

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:45am - Coffee House Service
 (Holy Communion Each Week)
 9:50am - Sunday School
 11:00am - Traditional Service
 Youth off for the summer

July 2018

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

7:45am - Men's Morning Group
 (Country Kitchen Restaurant Next to Publix)
 11:00am - Prayer Circle
 12:00pm – Subs & Scriptures
 (Subway in Havana)
 3:00pm – 4:00pm Beans & Bibles
 (Poppy's Coffee shop in Havana)
No Choir Rehearsal in July

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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1 11a: Holy Communion in Traditional Service 12p: Lunch Bunch	2 11a: Special Worship Committee Meeting	3 9a: Moses Baskets	4 Independence Day: Church office closed	5 3p: Beans-&-Bibles	6	7
8 *Called Council meeting following 11am service	9	10 7p: Missions / Outreach Committee	11	12 3p: Beans-&-Bibles	13	14
15	16	17 9a: Moses Baskets 7p: Church Council	18 1:30p: Worship Committee	19 3p: Beans-&-Bibles	20	21
22 8:45a & 11a: Community Cares offering & Moses Baskets Dedication	23	24	25	26 3p: Beans-&-Bibles	27	28 1p-5p: Greensboro Thrift Store
29 8:45a & 11a: FL UM Children's Home offering 9:50a – 10:50a: Churchwide Fellowship 6p: Hallelujah Night – Centenary UM	30	31				