



Connections

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Trunk-or-Treat



When: Oct. 31st 6:30pm-8:00pm

Where: Back Church parking lot

What to Bring: CANDY! and non-candy items for children with food allergies.

Cars: Welcome to decorate (optional)

Costumes: Please nothing involving witchcraft, violence and appropriate attire only.

Create in me a clean heart, O God.

Renew a loyal spirit within me. -Psalms 51:10 (NLT)

Dear Salem Church Family,

So fall is upon us and you know what that means, before we share candy or a turkey, tis the season we often end up sharing the gunk, the bug, those wonderful viral infections that make their way around. This got me thinking about something John Wesley once said. You see over the years different people have defined sin as a tainting of the perfection God intended for us, a fracturing of it or a warping. Wesley would often describe it as an illness or disease we all have, one that only Christ has the cure of, but as it's a terminal disease, one we must spend the rest of our lives coming back to the cure of over-and-over again. You see something that's not often talked about, is the church has long held that there are actually two kinds of sin. 'Original Sin' the sin we are all born into, the sin and evil that just exists in the world around us, the sins we commit and didn't even mean to or realize it, and 'Actual Sin' those times we make the *choice* to do wrong.

Wesley taught that we should be "moving on towards perfection," which always bothered me, (we can't reach perfection in this life, that only happens when we get to Heaven). But then I found out that when Wesley wrote about this he would use the Latin word *teleiotes* (*perfecting perfection*: an action word) not what we might typically think of, *perfectio* (*perfected perfection*-something already completed). But Wesley did believe we could come to such a place of spiritual maturity that for a season (rather hours or days or more) we may still make mistakes unintentionally (original sin) but we no longer choose to do thing that are wrong (actual sin). I admit, I don't fully live in that space yet :) but what I find interesting is that there comes a point in our spiritual walk when we think back on things we use to do wrong and they just lost their appeal to us, they're not interesting anymore. We look back at things we wouldn't have thought twice about saying or doing in the past, things that weren't that big of a deal to us years ago, but now bother us to even think about doing. I believe, this is part of that moving on towards perfection. I belief this is affirmation for some that they *are* maturing spiritually and encouragement for others that the things they don't know if they'll ever be able to change, not only can, but through Christ *will*. My friends, in some way or another God has changed you. So, the question becomes how have you, are you and would you like to move on towards perfection?

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Curtiss Cain

Operation Christmas Child 2017 UPDATE



In 2017 we gathered supplies, brought in filled boxes and raised enough funds to *fill and pay for shipping on 229 shoe boxes* filled with Christmas gifts for children in need around the world.

We recently found out all our boxes have gone to the Africa country of **Burkina Faso**.

Though not our first year helping with "Operation Christmas Child," 2017 was Salem's first annual "Ron Crawford Memorial Christmas Shoe Box Drive." **This year Salem UMC is an Operation Christmas Child Shoes Box drop off sight** and we invite you to join us as we once again look forward to impacting so many lives for Christ. Our goal for 2018 is once again Ron's challenge to us before he passed, at least 150 boxes.



10/14/18 12:00pm-2:00pm
Free Pizza Party
Ages 5-17+

- Serve God & help with Sunday morning church.
- Learn all about the acolyte robe, rope belt, the candles and more

News from The Nursery & More!

What an exciting time of year! Cool weather the smell of candy and popcorn in the air. Gearing up for a couple of events, our 1st event is Trunk-or-Treat here at the church on October 31st. We would love to have you and your car here, or if you can't be here I'm asking if you can bring bags of candy for others to pass out. I am also asking people to bring or drop off non-sugar and/or non-food item treats for children that can't have sugar, to help us make sure every child gets something! I'll have a box for your drop off candy and non-candy in the Fellowship Hall. This is a great time for our church to come together, to fellowship in the cool air, see the children dressed up and show our love. I look forward to seeing each of you and thank you for your willingness to help bring in bags of candy/non-candy items for our children! The nursery is excited to help in this event and look forward to seeing all the children!

The nursery is growing and learning about God's love for each of us! We have fun each Sunday as we color, sing and play; learning our Bible story picture cards for the week and putting our Prayer Posters on the wall, all helping us explore and create through God's love!

The nursery recently finished Genesis 1:1-2:4 with our picture cards and Bible story. The children learned what God created in 6 days, how he created day and night, ocean and land, trees and flowers, moon and stars, animals and people, and how it was very good! The children's favorite was the lesson on the creation of Animals! We finished by talking about how God made the world and it was *supremely* good, (Genesis 1:31). This month we are studying Psalm 133:1. Look at how good and pleasing it is when families lives together as one!

Please take a moment to walk by the nursery and look at the board in the hall to see what the children are learning.

Thank you for your support and love!

Lindy Pennington



Mercy the Church Mouse



Howdy Folk!

You don't know me but I know you! I was sitting up in the balcony last Sunday and thought, "My Grandpa was right! This place is fantastic!" My name is Mercy and I was born in the closet where the kids would come and put on white robes and ropes. I finally found out Sunday, sure wish I could carry the light into the church. I'm only 2 so I can't go to the special training.

I left this great place when I was 2 weeks old because there was a terrible noise and then a strong wind! Grampa told me not to worry but it scared me very much! I took off to a nice, big white house where there were people eating all the time. I found out later the steeple had fallen down. Then the bell was moved. My sister Grace scurried back and forth to the church to bring us news of you and your faith work.

Well, I have to pick up some corn for supper so must go but I have one question. Mrs. Nell, why are you sitting in the back row with those other ladies? You always sat on the piano side, near the front! I know this because you always had matching clothes and jewelry.

Thanks for leaving the little crumbs on the kitchen floor, they are always sooooo good! I'm very glad I'm finally back home.

Love,
Mercy

Bottled Water Handout



At this year's Havana Community Pumpkin Fest at we will be helping at the Kiwanis "5K Pumpkin Run" by handing out bottles of water to runners. Join us **Oct. 13th at 7:30am** in front of the Havana Police

Station to share some living water. If you would like to help or for questions, please see Priscilla Bell.

A New Look for the Bulletin & Newsletter

We heard your feedback, and to help combat some of the confusion about the dates, times and events of church activities we have updated the layout of our bulletin and newsletter, and are working to use language that is clearer, **but we need your help.**



Our main three means of communication for upcoming meetings and events here at Salem UMC are our Sunday Bulletin announcements, Sunday morning verbal announcements and our monthly newsletter (available in print, on our website and Facebook). To keep you up-to-date on everything coming up we encourage everyone to *regularly* use these resources.

Lectionary Reading

October 7, 2018

Job 1:1; 2:1-10
 Psalm 26 or Psalm 25
 Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12
 Mark 10:2-16

October 14, 2018

Job 23: 1-9, 16-17
 Psalm 22:1-15
 Hebrews 4:12-16
 Mark 10:17-31

October 21, 2018

Job 38:1-7 (34-41)
 Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c
 Hebrews 5:1-10
 Mark 10:35-45

October 28, 2018

Job 42:1-6, 10-17
 Psalm 34:1-8 (19-22)
 Hebrews 7:23-28
 Mark 10:46-52

October Birthdays

Peggy Suber	2
George (Gator) Harrison	3
Jean Standley	3
Sandy Poppell	10
Karen Conklin	11
Caleb Loy	22
Ashton Kelly	26
Tom Rawsthorne	27
Earlene Boyington	29
Alysia Monroe	29
Lucille Maxwell	30
Johnnie Ward	31

Our Faithful Giving

Expenses Sept.: \$16,073
 Contributions Sept.: \$20,087
 YTD Expenses Jan- Sep: \$172,169
 YTD Contributions Jan- Sep: \$158,037

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 www.facebook.com/SalemUMChavana

Readings for September 2018

October 1: Luke 1; John 1:1-14
 October 2: Matthew 1; Luke 2:1-38
 October 3: Matthew 2; Luke 2:39-52
 October 4: Matthew 3; Mark 1; Lk 3
 October 5: Matthew 4; Luke 4-5; John 1:15-51
 October 6: John 2-4
 October 7: Mark 2
 October 8: John 5
 October 9: Matthew 12:1-21; Mark 3; Luke 6
 October 10: Matthew 5-7
 October 11: Matthew 8:1-13; Luke 7
 October 12: Matthew 11
 October 13: Matthew 12:22-50
 October 14: Matthew 13; Luke 8
 October 15: Matthew 8:14-34; Mk 4-5
 October 16: Matthew 9-10
 October 17: Matthew 14; Mark 6; Luke 9:1-17
 October 18: John 6
 October 19: Matthew 15; Mark 7
 October 20: Matthew 16; Mark 8; Luke 9:18-27
 October 21: Matthew 17; Mk 9; Luke 9:28-62
 October 22: Matthew 18
 October 23: John 7-8
 October 24: John 9:1-10:21
 October 25: Luke 10-11; John 10:22-42
 October 26: Luke 12-13
 October 27: Luke 14-15
 October 28: Luke 16-17:10
 October 29: John 11
 October 30: Luke 17:11-18:14
 October 31: Matthew 19; Mark 10

Salem UMC Walk for Life Booth



On Oct. 20th at 8:30am Salem UMC will be helping the Gadsden County Pregnancy Center by sponsoring and manning a children's game booth at this year's Walk for Life Festival. This year's walk will be held at "Tanyard Creek Park" (20 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd Quincy, FL 32351). If you would like to help or for questions, please see Priscilla Bell.

SUNDAYS

8:45am-Coffee House Service
(Holy Communion Each Week)
9:50am-Sunday School
11:00am-Traditional Service
5:00pm-Youth Group
(meal provided)

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WEDNESDAYS

7:45am-Men's Morning Group
11:00am-Prayer Circle
12:00pm-Subs & Scriptures
(Subway in Havana)
7:00pm-Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 9a -Moses Baskets 7p -Missions / Outreach Committee	3 12:30p - Subs & Scripture @ Subway 1:30p -Fresh Expressions Monthly Missions Project @ Community Cares	4 3p -Beans & Bibles @ The Wanderings	5	6
7 11a -Holy Communion in Traditional Service 12p -Outdoor Chapel Dedications & Lunch Bunch	8 5:45p -United Methodist Women	9 6:30p -Finance Committee	10 12:30p - Subs & Scripture @ Subway	11 3p -Beans & Bibles @ The Wanderings	12	13 7:30a -Salem UMC Handing Out Water to Racers
14 12p -Acolyte Training	15	16 9a -Moses Baskets 6:30p -Charge Conference @ Centenary UMC Quincy	17 12:30p -Subs & Scripture @ Subway 1:30p -Worship Committee	18 3p -Beans & Bibles @ The Wanderings	19	20 8:30a -Walk For Life Booth
21	22	23 6:30p -Trustees	24 12:30p -Subs & Scripture @ Subway	25 3p -Beans & Bibles @ The Wanderings	26 5p -FSU High Flying Circus (Youth Trip)	27
28	29	30	31 12:30p -Subs & Scripture @ Subway 5:30p Trunk-or-Treat			