



Monthly Newsletter of Salem UMC, Morganton, NC

Salem Scoop

Putting Love Into Action

When the District Superintendent shared that I was being appointed to serve as the Minister at Salem, I was thrilled because of your vision statement, **"Love in Action"**. These words shared a lot about who you are as a congregation and how the church plans to fulfill God's mission for the church, *"Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World."* Because Christ first loved us, we are able to love others as well. Jesus set the example of God's love throughout the gospels to teach the disciples what it meant to follow Him. I thought during my first month it was appropriate to focus on how we, as disciples, are to put love into action in our own lives. What does that look like for each of us individually and as a community of faith. Jesus loved by example, illustrating that in order to love **"Action Required"** by the disciples.

We kicked off the sermon series, **"Action Required"** by diving into the gospel of Luke where we learn what it means to, **"Love Unconditionally"** in the story of The Good Samaritan. Love is not about a status or your title as a Christian, it is marked by your compassion and love for your neighbor. Jesus uses the Samaritan, who gave of his time, money, and energy, to share that love comes from a place of compassion and priority. Action is required when we love. It is not lip service or knowledge. Instead, it's a movement of the heart.

This past Sunday, we continued in the gospel of Luke learning from Mary and Martha as they prepared their home for Jesus and his followers to stay. Martha was upset when her sister was sitting at Jesus' feet and not helping her cook and prepare. Out of love for Mary's devotion to Him, Jesus tells Martha that Mary chose the **"Better Part"** which was a relationship with him. The action of love Jesus requires is that we love Him which translates having a relationship with Him. In order to do that we need to forgo the things of the world long enough to **"Stop and Listen"** so that we may be filled with the love of Christ. This allows us to be poured out in the world. I hope you will join us for worship as we continue to look at how Action is Required, over the next two weeks, as we follow Jesus.

Sunday, August 3rd, Rev. Nancy Krall will bring a message "Never Stop Asking"

Sunday, August 10th- We will look at what it means to live a "Life Beyond Self"

As we look ahead, here are some ways Salem is putting Love into Action:

- **Monday, August 11th- 8:30 am Taking breakfast to the North Liberty Staff**
- **Friday, August 15th- 5:30-8:00 pm Hand out backpack tags at Salem Fire Department "Back to School Event"**
- **Sunday, August 24th- 10:30 am Celebrate Back to School Sunday by praying for our students & teachers.**
- **Monday, August 25th- Hand out Free breakfast Biscuits to students in church parking lot**

I invite you to join us in reaching out to our neighbors in putting Christ's love into action so that those we serve may know how great Christ's love is for them.

PARSONAGE



UPDATE

As reported by our trustees at our latest church council meeting, the foundational wall which had imploded earlier this year has been rebuilt. The new wall is thicker, stronger, and structurally more sound than the previous wall. Matching brick has been located and procured, enabling the facade to match the pre-implosion appearance. This will eliminate the need to use siding. Once the brick work is complete, we will await final inspection and a Certificate of Occupancy (CO)!

We would like to extend a special thanks to our Trustees for their dedicated perseverance in the restoration efforts thus far as well as our Conference for their amazing support! We look forward to a Parsonage Re-Dedication and Blessing Service this fall!

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Code



VERIFY AND UPDATE YOUR CHURCH MEMBERSHIP!



Salem is working to update the church data base to ensure we have updated and correct information on each member of the church, whether active or inactive. Individuals and families can update their personal information the month of August by scanning the QR code, visiting www.sumcm.org, or by filling out a paper form available in worship or at the church office.

Updated Church Office Hours



The Church Office is staffed
on Tuesdays and Thursdays
from 12:30 pm to 6:00 pm



*Our condolences to the
Colon Byrd family.
Colon passed away on July 13th.*

Please note new email for
Kay Duckworth
azaliekayduck@gmail.com



Church Council Meeting

Please note there will be a Church Council Meeting on **Sunday, August 10th, at 12:00 Noon.**

If you or a member of your team will be unable to attend, please ensure you provide a status report to Brady Keller prior to the meeting.

Church Council Chair – *Brady Keller*

SPRC – *Bob Harbour*

Trustees – *Jerry Carroll*

Finance – *Vicki Reinke*

Outreach – *Jodi Brown*

Witness –

Nurture – *Joyce Gibson*

Secretary – *Ray Duckworth*

UWF – *Virginia Robinson, Kay Pollard*

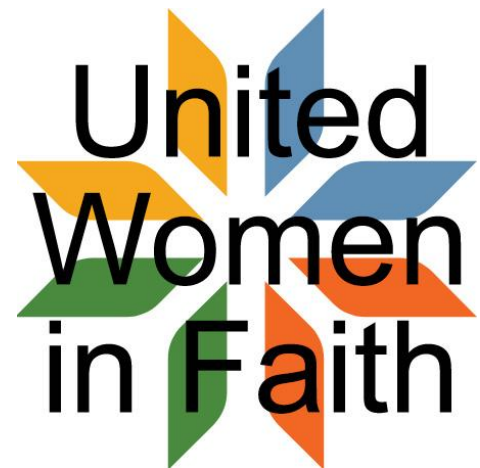
Lay Leader – *Kevin Reinke*

YOU'RE INVITED!

Saturday, August 9th

12:00 Noon

Fellowship Hall



- Pastoral Care -

Pastor Monica Childers

828-493-3179

pastor@sumcm.org

AUGUST OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARE “LOVE IN ACTION”!

- **Monday, August 11th- 8:30 am** Taking breakfast to the North Liberty Staff
- **Friday, August 15th- 5:30-8:00 pm** Hand out backpack tags at Salem Fire Department “Back to School Event”
- **Sunday, August 17th- 9:00 am** J Iverson Riddle worship with residents.
- **Sunday, August 24th- 10:30 am** Celebrate Back to School Sunday by praying for our students & teachers.
- **Monday, August 25th-** Hand out Free breakfast Biscuits to students in church parking lot.

Contact Pastor Monica to volunteer!



Honorarium & Memorial Gifts Given

Frankie Devine

*by Margaret Shell
by Troy & Joann Patton*

*by Jerry & Clarice Shuping
by Bruce & Kay Pollard*

Mary & John Anderson

by Margaret Carswell

Monica Childers & Family

*by Mary Propst
by Cary Clark*

by Lisa Propst

Colon Byrd

by Bruce & Kay Pollard

Honorariums given by Bruce & Kay Pollard

Rev. Keith Brown

Jerry Carroll

Kevin Reinke

Bob Harbour

Sue Bunch

Doris Ingram

Rev. Kim Clardy

Ray Duckworth

Margaret Shell

Margaret Carswell

Tim Keller

Joyce Gibson

Kay Duckworth

Pietro & Denise Magri



MONTHLY GREETERS

1st Sunday - Jack Bridges

2nd Sunday - Charles Autrey

3rd Sunday - Holly Keller

4th Sunday - Kevin Reinke

5th Sunday - Bruce Pollard

YOUTH NEWS

United Methodist Churches
from the Morganton area will
be meeting the first week in
August to discuss and plan
connectional youth activities
and opportunities!

Our Financial Stewardship

Through July 24th

Ministry Expenses to Date: \$ 127,309.52

Offerings Received to Date: \$ 167,041.51

(Bolded totals reflected in Offerings received)

Other Ministry Gifts Received to date:

Backpack Ministry	\$ 1,245.00
To Help a Family	\$ 1,500.00
SUMWF Yard Sale	\$ 2,250.00
Restoration/Parsonage	\$ 5,000.00
Building Fund	\$ 1,263.00
Cemetery	\$ 400.00
Youth	\$ 1,445.00
Steeple	\$ 1,391.00
Roof	\$ 1,742.50
Organ Concert	\$ 2,350.00
WNCC	\$36,085.81
WNCC Roof Helene Relief	\$19,112.50
Pass Through	\$ 149.94



3 – Kathryn Duckworth

5 – Cindy Ross

7 – Courtney Causby, Mallory Johnston

10 – Dylan Carswell, Isaiah Hampton, Lynn Burnette

11 – Steve Stroup

14 – Virginia Robinson

15 – Ray Duckworth

19 – Clarice Shuping, Todd Shuping, Susan Stroup, Will Davis

20 – Kelly Basting

23 – Jack Bridges

30 – Randy Davis



27th – Pietro & Denise Magri

30th – Tracy & Joyanne Benfield



Ongoing Prayers

Robert Pruett	Arnold Tucker
Wynn Whitener	Kathy Greer
Angela Reid	Roger Hicks
Noel Franklin	Buddy Crowe
Cary Clark	Linda Henson
Kathryn Duckworth	Mary Ann Propst
Steve Stroup	Zach & Lucy Cagle
Alan Byrd	Sheila Van Wormer

Homebound

Leota Garrison, Brenda Autrey, Larry & Janet Koon

Nursing Home

Doris Garrison, Brenda Dellinger

Barbara McKinney
Johnnie McLaughlin
Tommy Grier
Cindy Robinson
Linda Wilson
Trey & Brandy Crowe
Troy & Kevin Patton
Vicki Reinke

Bernice Peabody
Kim Clare
Eddie Spiegel
Liz Clark
Joe Woody
Gary & Wanda Byrd
Gerald Duckworth



Church Council Meeting

¶ 252. 1. Purpose—*The church council shall provide for planning and implementing a program of nurture, outreach, witness, and resources in the local church. It shall also provide for the administration of its organization and temporal life. It shall envision, plan, implement, and annually evaluate the mission and ministry of the church. The church council shall be amenable to and function as the administrative agency of the charge conference (¶ 244)*

Our Church Council met on Sunday, July 27th. The following are highlights from the meeting.

Administrative Council Updates

Parsonage Update- Brick has been matched and brick work should start soon along with minor interior repair, and cleaning in order to get a permit of occupancy for possibly renting the parsonage.

Wesley Community Development will meet with Administrative Council on Thursday, July 31 to present their report. Following the presentation, the Administrative Council will create a schedule of dates for Wesley Community Development to share the report with the congregation in small group settings. Dates will be published for the congregation to attend.

Trustees- are working on updating policies and procedures of the church (the facility use policy, Lawn service contract, Safe Sanctuary, etc.), updating security and technology for continuous needs of the church buildings, reviewing doors, locks, and cameras, and prioritizing a list of capital improvements that need to be done.

Staff Parish Relations Committee- a monthly Housing allowance was approved for Pastor Monica in lieu of parsonage, starting in Oct, Bob Harbour is developing a communication network of church activities and updating the church database to create streamline processes in keeping up the membership role, financial records, and attendance. To help with this effort, the church will be asked to update their personal and family information. In addition, SPRC has put together a transition team that will set-up house gatherings for Pastor Monica to meet and get to know people.

Outreach/Nurture/Witness- discussed and planned events for the fall: Back to School drive-through breakfast at the church August 25th, breakfast for North Liberty Staff on August 11th, Back to School Event at Salem Fire Dept. August 15th to hand out backpack tags, Back to School Sunday, August 24th , Back to Church Sunday, Sept 13th, Project Agape mission during the month of September, and Trunk or Treat event Wednesday, October 22nd 5:30-700

Women of Faith- Virginia Robinson reported the next Women of Faith Bake Sale/Girl Scouts Yard Sale will be 9 a.m. to noon on Nov. 8th.

The Next Administrative Council Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, August 10th at noon.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 1 pm Funeral for Colon Byrd
3 9:30 – Sunday School 10:35 – Worship Noon - Calling All Singers	4	5 Church Office Open 12:30 – 6:00 pm	6 10:00 – Prayer Shawl	7 Church Office Open 12:30 – 6:00 pm	8	9 12:00 – UWF
10 9:30 – Sunday School 10:35 – Worship 12:00 – Church Council	11 8:30 am - Feeding Staff at North Liberty	12 Church Office Open 12:30 – 6:00 pm	13 10:00 – Prayer Shawl	14 Church Office Open 12:30 – 6:00 pm	15 5:30 - Backpack Tags	16
17 9:00 – JIRDC Worship Volunteers 9:30 – Sunday School 10:35 – Worship	18	19 Church Office Open 12:30 – 6:00 pm	20 10:00 – Prayer Shawl	21 Church Office Open 12:30 – 6:00 pm	22	23
24 Back to School Sunday 9:30 – Sunday School 10:35 – Worship	25 Back to School Biscuit Giveaway	26 Church Office Open 12:30 – 6:00 pm	27 10:00 – Prayer Shawl	28 Church Office Open 12:30 – 6:00 pm	29	30
31 9:30 – Sunday School 10:35 – Worship						



Explore Faith...Embody Christ...Embrace Others