



Salem Scoop

Kid's Creative Worship

This past fall, the Administrative Council and church members walked through a vision process; three key vision areas for Salem were: Fun and Engaging worship, Enhanced communication, and Stewardship. During this work, we discovered that more than 1700 students live within a 3-mile radius of the church. This discovery told us who our neighbors are and who we should be trying to reach in our community.

"At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, who is the greatest among the kingdom of heaven?" Jesus replies, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me." - *Matt 18:1-5*. Jesus also said, "Allow the children to come to me... because the kingdom belongs to these children." - *Matt 19:14*

Through the help of the Cultivate Grant from the Western North Carolina Conference. A team was assembled: Donna Fite, Kevin Reinke, Carmen Patton, and Jodi Brown, to work with a coach and to dream about what and how Salem might engage students in worship and prayer. This team has met diligently, seeking ways to teach students about Jesus in fun and exciting ways that nurture and help them build a lifelong faith. They dove into what it would look like to create a multi-sensory worship service for students in grades 5 and below. Their desire was for students to not only read the Bible story but truly engage the message through role-playing, art, games, music, and even food. Multi-sensory learning has proven to have lasting effects on learning. This quickly became the vision this team had for Children's worship at Salem.

On August 9th, Salem will launch "Kid's Creative Worship" on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. Families will participate in worship, then following Children's Time, leaders will escort students to the Fellowship Hall for a messy church-style children's worship.

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This is exciting for Salem because it opens up new opportunities for families with children to both learn about Jesus, find hope, and learn together as a family unit. As the team launches this new worship opportunity for students, I am excited to see how God will work in expanding our worship for children. I invite the congregation to do three things: Pray - pray for God to work in and through the vision set before the church and this team. Pray for God to show us the students we need to invite to worship. Pray for the families we are being called to engage; pray for each other to have courage to invite families. 2nd, Invite - Invite families to this new worship experience. The need is there; we just need to invite. 3rd, Serve - seek ways you might be able to help serve on one of the 2nd and 4th Sundays to welcome, connect, or teach students about Jesus.

- *Pastor Monica*

Salem United Methodist Church

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Morganton, NC 28655

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email: **saalemumc@sumcm.org**

website: **www.sumcm.org**

YouTube Channel: **<http://www.youtube.com/@SalemUMCMorganton>**

Office Hours: Tuesday & Thursday

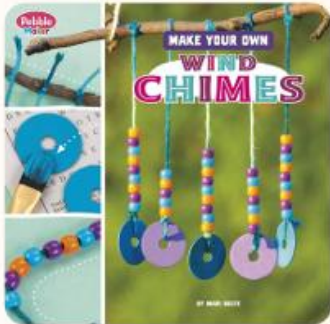
12:30 – 6:00 pm

PASTOR MONICA CHILDERS

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August sneak peek



Creation Station

Mondays 3:00-6:00

Creation Station is an open art studio for all ages to come and create together. All students must be accompanied by an adult.



August News

3rd- You are a Super Hero

10th- Movie Theater Fun

17th- Camping Fun

24th- Music Day Crafts

31st- TBD

[REGISTER
HERE](#)

Reminders

- This is free space for all ages to create
- Participants are asked to register
- A snack is provided
- Adults must accompany students
- Weekly highlighted crafts are limited to one design per person

Salem United Methodist Church
Fellowship Hall
1206 Salem Road
Morganton, NC 28655



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



AUGUST 7TH



AUGUST 20TH

SALEM ELEMENTARY!

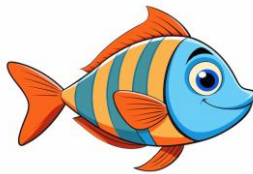
Open House 4:30 – 6:30!
We will welcome students with backpack tags and offer other free items to students!

AUGUST 24TH

BISCUIT GIVEAWAY!

7:00 – 8:00 am
First Day of School
Biscuit Give Away in the church parking lot.





BLESSING of the Animals

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29TH 10:00 AM

SALEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1206 SALEM ROAD, MORGANTON NC 28655

All companion animals (furry, feathered, winged and otherwise) are welcome at this liturgy celebrating creation. Please remember to bring water and clean-up bags for your pet.

There will be a collection for local pet rescue agencies. Some of the suggested items are: Canned Pet food, Sensitive stomach cat food, Peanut Butter, Non-clumping cat litter, Sheets, towels, comforters, etc. (old/used linens are fine)

In the case of inclement weather, the blessing will be held under the covered picnic area in the parking lot.

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS :

- INDIVIDUAL BLESSING TAGS
- VENDORS
- LOCAL PET RESCUE AGENCIES
- & MORE



VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO: WWW.SUMCM.ORG



The Trustees Committee will meet Wednesday, August 5th at 6:00 pm. **Please notify Jerry Carroll if you will not be able to attend.**



FALL FESTIVAL KICKOFF MEETING

Wednesday, August 19th @ 6:00 pm

This will be a time for an informal exchange of ideas, thoughts and suggestions as we begin to look ahead to our annual Fall Festival. Open to All!



Staff Parish Relations Committee

The SPRC will meet Thursday, August 20th at 5:30 pm. Please contact Bob Harbour if you are unable to attend.

- REMINDER -

*The
Blessing Box*
Take what you need.
Bring what you can.

Please don't forget to bring non-perishable food items for our community blessing box on the third Sunday of each month!

Please contact Clarice (828-413-4862) with any questions or assistance with pickup.

THANK YOU for your support with this community outreach!

CALLED CHARGE CONFERENCE!

July 8, 2026

Reverend Monica Childers Salem (Morganton) UMC

This correspondence is authorization for Salem (Morganton) UMC to have a called charge conference. The conference is to be held on Sunday, August 2, 2026, at 11:30 am, at Salem (Morganton) UMC.

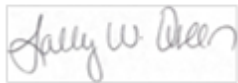
The Reverend Monica Childers, a deacon in the United Methodist Church, is authorized to conduct the meeting.

The purpose of the charge conference is to approve the leasing of the church education building.

As you know, ten days' notice of the meeting, including its purpose, is to be given through bulletin, newsletter, and an announcement from the pulpit/phone tree. No agenda, other than that stated in the call is to be considered.

Please have the secretary send a copy of the minutes of the Conference to the District Office for inclusion in our records within ten days after the completion of the meeting. If we can be of further assistance to you with your conference, please feel free to let me know.

Blessings,



Reverend Sally W. Queen
Catawba Valley District Superintendent



Salem Ladies attending
First United Methodist
Church tea!

*(Margaret Shell, Clarice Shuping, Joyce
Gibson, Virginia Robinson, Kay Pollard)*

Acolyte Ministry

August

2nd – Daniel Reinke
9th – Hadley Fite / Kathie Waldroup
16th – Daniel Reinke
23rd – Finley Fite / Margaret Shell
30th – Hadley Fite



August

2nd – Stephen & Daniel Reinke
9th – Sue Cronk & Kim Clardy
16th – Trey & Colt Crowe
23rd – Tim & Brady Keller
30th – Charles Autrey & Jeff Miller



Monthly meeting in Fellowship Hall.

UWF will meet August 1st

12:00 Noon

All women are welcome and invited!

CHOIR PRACTICE

RESUMES AUGUST 12th!



You're Invited!

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

Serve the Lord with gladness!

Come into his presence with singing!

Psalms 100:1-2 (ESV)



Church Council Meeting

Please note there will be a Church Council Meeting on **Sunday, August 16th, at 12:00 Noon.**

(Lunch will be provided)

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

Church Council Chair – *Charles Autrey*

SPRC – *Bob Harbour*

Trustees – *Jerry Carroll*

Finance – *Vicki Reinke*

Outreach – *Jodi Brown*

Witness –

Nurture – *Joyce Gibson*

Parsonage – *Lara Autrey*

Secretary – *Barbara Harbour*

UWF – *Virginia Robinson*

Kay Pollard

Lay Leader – *Kevin Reinke*

Our Financial Stewardship

Offerings Received to Date: **\$113,431.13**

Ministry Expenses to Date: **\$116,790.72**

(Bolded totals reflected in Offerings received)

Other Ministry Gifts Received to date:

Offerings	\$110,039.49
Backpack	\$ 1,862.50
Building Fund	\$ 1,140.00
Cemetery	\$ 1,725.00
Souper Bowl	\$ 181.49
Missions Memorial	\$ 377.50
To HELP A FAMILY	\$ 2,000.00
Missions/ Ice Cream Social	\$ 263.00
WNCC Pastor Salary	\$ 7,190.00
Choir Director	\$ 1,100.00
Building Parsonage Rent	\$ 4,860.00
PR Paid Out	\$ 2,497.00

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

3rd – Kathryn Duckworth

5th – Cindy Ross

7th – Courtney Causby, Mallory Johnston

10th – Dylan Carswell, Isaiah Hampton

10th – Lynn Burnette

11th – Steve Stroup

14th – Virginia Robinson

15th – Ray Duckworth

19th – Clarice Shuping, Todd Shuping

19th – Susan Stroup, Will Davis

20th – Kelly Basting

23rd – Jack Bridges

30th – Randy Davis

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!!

27th – Pietro & Denise Magri

30th – Tracy & Joyanne Benfield


**Celebrate the Season With
a Gift That Gives Back**




\$20.00 each
plus, shipping

Assure the Future, Inc., foundation for JIRDC, is offering a limited-edition 3-inch porcelain commemorative ornament created exclusively to support programs and services at the J. Iverson Riddle Developmental Center.

This ornament, first in the series, has a design that honors our community, history, and the individuals and families we serve. Whether you display it on your tree, gift it to someone you love, or keep it as a treasured keepsake, your purchase directly supports meaningful opportunities for the residents of J. Iverson Riddle Developmental Center.

ORDER ONLINE AT ASSURETHEFUTURE.ORG,
OR BUY ONE AT THE JIRDC AD BUILDING PAY WINDOW.
[CLICK HERE](#)

Proceeds benefit enrichment programs, therapeutic activities, community inclusion efforts, and quality-of-life initiative that help residents learn, grow, and thrive.

2027 **BUDGET**

ATTENTION ALL MINISTRY TEAMS & COMMITTEES!

*It's time to begin thinking about
your budget planning and
requests!*



Do you know someone who knows someone?

The Finance Team is currently seeking contact information or recommendations for assistance with our financial audit. Please contact Vicki Reinke.

Salem United Methodist Church

*Vision Statement: Putting Christs Love in action by Exploring Faith...
Embodying Christ... & Embracing Others*



In Honor and In Memory

Joyce Gibson

Lisa Propst

Bruce & Kay Pollard

Jerry & Clarice Shuping

Joan Borden

Joan Borden

by Doris Garrison

by Doris Garrison

by Edith Dale

by Edith Dale

by Lisa & Mary Propst

by Bruce & Kay Pollard

Prayer Concerns



Praises

88 Acts of Kindness since July 1

This Week's Prayers

Dorothy Holland- Doris Garrison's Friend
Bobby Sigmon- Alan Byrd's Friend
Elaine Hemphill- Claire Shuping's Friend
Norris Key- Fite Family Friend
Jerry Carroll
Wes Bunch
Lloyd Fite- Kevin Fite's grandfather
Steve Stroup
Lee Jackson, Pastor Monica's Aunt
Greg Getty's friend of Jack Bridges
Janice Sorrells
Tim & Robin Arney
Donna Ferber – Pastor Monica's Best Friend

Prayers for Family and Friends

Joel Thompson-Friend of the church
Marley Byrd- Alan Byrd's sister-in-law
Patsy Bridges- Doris Ingram's friend
Jeanette Stamey-Sue Bunch's sister
Anna-Grace Rawls family- Lara Autrey's friend
Tanya Speagle- Brandy Crow's mom
Hemen Joshi- Jeff Miller's friend
Tyler Schmitt- Denise Magri's family
Travis Snipes – Alan Byrd

Hospital

Homebound

Brenda Autrey
Larry & Janet Koon
Billie & Garland Ross
Leota Garrison

Deaths

Chelly Franklin- 6/15 Pastor Monica's aunt
Trey Crowe - Passing of his pet
Joan Borden -7/15

Ongoing Prayers

Muriel McNeilly
Kevin Patton
Steve Stroup
Troy & Joann Patton
Zach & Lucy Cagle
Gary & Wanda Byrd
Lisa & Mary Ann Propst
Kathryn Duckworth
Joe Woody
Roger Hicks- Sue Bunch's brother
Ernie Stroup

Nursing Home

Doris M Garrison
Brenda Dellinger
Shirley Smith Clarke
Aaron Clardy- Kim Clardy's husband
Allen Schneider



The Church Office will be open every Tuesday & Thursday 12:30 – 6:00 pm

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 12:00 - UWF Meeting
2 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Charge Conference	3	4	5 10:00 – Prayer Shawl 6 pm – Trustee Mtg.	6	7	8
9 9:30 – Sunday School 10:30 – Worship FH Reserved	10	11	12 10:00 – Prayer Shawl 7 pm Choir	13	14	15
16 9:30 - Sunday School 10:30 – Worship 12:00 – Church Council	17	18	19 10:00 – Prayer Shawl 6 pm – Fall Festival Mtg. 7 pm - Choir	20 5:30 pm – SPRC Mtg.	21	22
23 9:30 – Sunday School 10:30 – Worship	24	25	26 10:00 – Prayer Shawl 7 pm Choir	27	28	29
30 9:30 – Sunday School 10:30 – Worship	31	1	2 10:00 – Prayer Shawl 6 pm – Trustee Mtg. 7 pm – Choir	3	4	5 12:00 - UWF Meeting



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