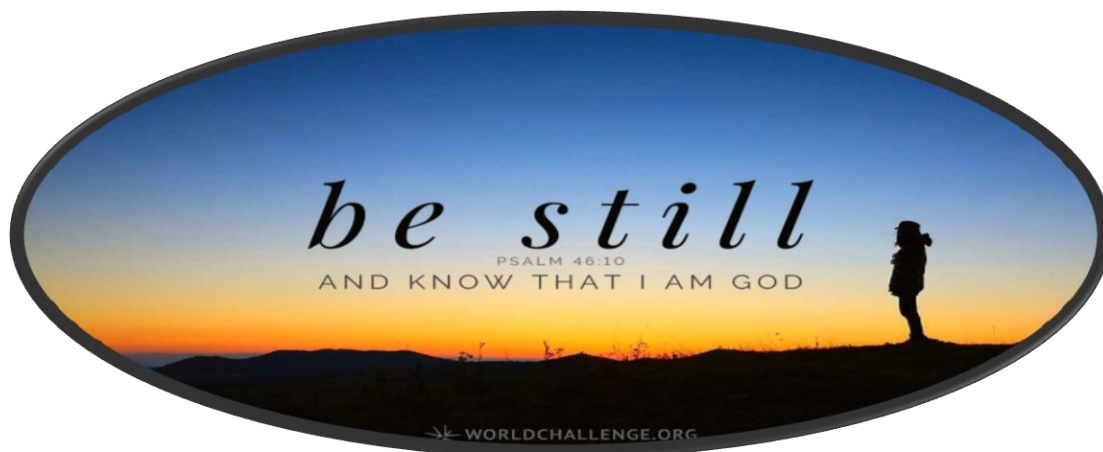




Monthly Newsletter of Salem UMC, Morganton, NC

Salem Scoop



Dear Church Family,

Grace and peace to each of you as we enter the beautiful month of June—a season filled with sunshine, growth, and the quiet whispers of God’s creation all around us.

As summer begins, many of us find ourselves shifting pace. School is out, schedules change, and for some, a time of rest and travel begins (hopefully). In Salem’s season of transition, I’m reminded of God’s gentle invitation in Psalm 46:10: *“Be still, and know that I am God.”*

In the weeks ahead, I encourage us all to lean into that stillness. Whether you're tending to your garden, enjoying time with family, or simply sitting quietly with your morning coffee, let these moments be reminders of God’s presence. Even in times of change—whether in seasons, schedules, or pastoral leadership—God remains faithful, constant, and full of grace.

As your interim pastor, I continue to be grateful for the opportunity to walk with you during this time of discernment and preparation for what God has next for this church.

May this summer be a time of renewal for your soul and a reminder that God is at work.

With love and blessings,
Pastor Keith
Interim Pastor

***A word from
Pastor Keith...***



IN CONCERT!



Joseph Causby, PhD Dunelm, FRSCM, a native of Morganton, grew up at Salem UMC. He is a graduate of Freedom High School and holds degrees in organ performance from Appalachian State, Rice University, and a PhD in musicology from Durham University (Durham, England). In October of 2023, he was made a Fellow of the Royal School of Church Music by order of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

A quartet will also be featured during the concert.

Saturday, June 28, 2025 – 6:00 PM

Light refreshments following the concert.

Salem United Methodist Church

1206 Salem Road, Morganton, NC 28655

A love offering will be accepted to support church projects.

PASTOR MONICA CHILDERS APPOINTED SALEM'S NEW PASTOR!

It is our pleasure to announce that effective July 1st, Pastor Monica Childers has been appointed to serve Salem United Methodist Church. Pastor Monica currently serves as Associate Pastor of St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Hickory where she has served in multiple areas of ministry for the past 12 years.

Pastor Monica and our SPRC recently held their first casual “meet and greet” for a few hours where both had the opportunity to ask questions and seek clarification on a number of topics. The meeting was very beneficial and the SPRC will continue to ensure everything is in place for a smooth transition.

We look forward to welcoming Pastor Monica and her husband, David, on their first Sunday at Salem UMC which will be July 13th.



Church Council Meeting

Please note there will be a Church Council Meeting on Sunday June 1st at 12:00 Noon.

(Please note the time change!)

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 – *Pietro Magri / Jerry Carroll*

Finance – Vicki Reinke

Outreach – Jodi Brown

Witness –

Nurture – Joyce Gibson

Parsonage – *Lara Autrey*

Salem UMC Blood Drive
Thursday, June 12th, 2:30-7 pm

**Consider giving the gift of life.
Sign up online at www.redcrossblood.org**



**American
Red Cross**

Together, we can save a life

Sunday, June 15th



GIFTS GIVEN

Millie Avery	<i>by Kay Duckworth by Edith Dale by Lynda & Joe Woody</i>	<i>by Mary Ann Propst, Lisa Propst, Cary Clark by Jerry & Clarice Shuping by Doris H. Garrison</i>	
Marilyn Davis	<i>by Wayne & Judy Phillips by Ray Duckworth</i>	<i>by Brenda Duckworth by Doris Ingram</i>	
SUMC Family	<i>by John & Grace Davis</i>	<i>by Norman & Kathryn Jones</i>	
Fred Duckworth, Clarence & Velna Brendle	<i>by Brenda Duckworth</i>	<i>by Ray Duckworth</i>	
Pat Morris	<i>by Doris H. Garrison</i>	<i>by Bruce & Kay Pollard</i>	
John Reid, Rose Williams, Avis Williams, Sexton Dale, Jerry Dale <i>by Edith Dale</i>			
Mamie Dale & Family, Marty Otis Carswell & Family	<i>by Kay Duckworth</i>		
Jean & Lewis Causby	<i>by Ray Duckworth</i>		
Charles Garrison, Dean Garrison, Robert & Louise Garrison	<i>by Leota Garrison</i>	<i>by Jerry & Marcia McCall</i>	
Leota Garrison	<i>by Jerry & Marcia McCall</i>		
Jimmy & Marie Causby	<i>by Martin & Beth Whitaker</i>		
Shirley Causby	<i>by Jerry & Clarice Shuping by Bruce & Kay Pollard</i>	<i>by Mary Ann Propst, Lisa Propst, Cary Clark</i>	
Rev. Keith Brown	Kevin Reinke	Bob Harbour	Sue Bunch
Jerry Carroll	Doris Ingram	Ray Duckworth	Margaret Shell
Margaret Carswell	Tim Keller	Joyce Gibson	Kay
Duckworth			Pietro & Denise
Magri	Kay Duckworth	Kim Clardy	

IN MEMORY

IN HONOR



St Matthews thanks you for your generous gift supporting our church van purchase! We are grateful to be in ministry with you all in Morganton!

Love & Peace – St Matthews UMC SUMC

Thank you to each and every one who kept Johnnie and our family in your thoughts and prayers and for the beautiful prayer shawl.

Johnnie, Kristy, Emma & Madi McLaughlin



SUNDAY, JUNE 29th

Please join us after church for a covered dish luncheon to honor and celebrate Pastor Keith! We have been very blessed to have him as our interim Pastor for the past 5 months and wish to show him our love and sincere appreciation!

YOU'RE INVITED!



**Saturday – Noon
June 7th
Fellowship Hall**



IT'S OFFICIAL!

**Our Parsonage
IS
Restorable!!**

- A proposal was made to replace the collapsed wall with a poured concrete wall. Engineer's approval has been granted!
- We are currently working on getting a contractor to provide a cost, pull the permits and complete the siding work.
- We will provide additional updates as available!



SALEM UMC RECEIVES GOVERNORS AWARD

On Tuesday evening, May 13th, Salem United Methodist Church was awarded the Governor's Award for Volunteer Service. This award was a result of the many years of service, support and sponsorship Salem UMC has provided to the residents of J. Iverson Riddle. A special Thank You to Pastor Norm for his leadership in this outreach over the years and all those who have supported and continue to support this ministry!

-Pastoral Care-

*For all pastoral care issues, please contact
Pastor Keith @ 704-616-5400*

FIRST UMC
Music & Arts
Camp!

MINI-MAC CAMP registration:  MAC CAMP registration: 

July 7-11

» **MAC CAMP** [Rising 1st-8th Grade]: 9AM-3PM (\$50/participant)
 » **MINI-MAC Camp** [for Pre-K and Rising Kindergarteners]:
 9AM-11:30 AM (\$25/participant)

Performance: Friday, July 11 @ 6:30 PM & Sunday, July 13 @ 10:30 AM
 Questions? Contact abbifumc@gmail.com

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WINTER BLAST 2026!
Winterplace, WV
January 9-11, 2026
\$206.00
Includes...

- *Lodging*
- *Lift Tickets*
- *Ski Rental*
- *and more!*

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MONTHLY GREETERS

1 st Sunday	Jack Bridges
2 nd Sunday	Charles Autrey
3 rd Sunday	Holly Keller
4 th Sunday	Kevin Reinke
5 th Sunday	"Need Volunteer!"
Alternate	Bruce Pollard

OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

May 27, 2025

Ministry Expenses to Date:	\$ 100,813.20
Offerings Received to Date:	\$ 109,160.28

OTHER MINISTRY GIFTS RECEIVED TO DATE

Backpack Ministry	\$ 1,245.00	Youth	\$ 1,445.00
Restoration/Parsonage	\$ 4,200.00	Steeple	\$ 1,041.00
Building Fund	\$ 1,013.00	Roof	\$ 1,742.00
Cemetery	\$ 300.00		



PRAYER CONCERNS

Gerald Duckworth, Steve & Jane Stroup, Troy & Kevin Patton, Zach & Lucy Cagle, Billie & Garland Ross, Gary & Wanda Byrd, Brenda Dellinger, Mary Propst, Trey & Brandy Crowe, Kathryn Duckworth, Alan Byrd, Joe Woody, Linda Wilson, Linda Henson, Cary Clark, Liz Park, Frankie Devine, Cindy Robinson, Sue Bunch, Robert Pruett, Arnold Tucker, Buddy Crowe, Tammy Carroll, Noel Franklin, Eddie Spiegel, Pietro and Denise, Tommy Grier, Angela Reid, Roger Hicks, Kim Clare, Kathy Greer, Johnnie McLaughlin, Wynn Whitener, Bernice Peabody, Ron Morse, Barbara McKinney, Margaret Shell, Norma Turner.

Nursing Home: Doris Garrison

Home Bound: Leota Garrison, Brenda Autrey, Janet Koon



- 1 – Margaret Gorden
- 2 – Kathryn Jones
- 7 – Brenda Autrey
- 8 – Janet Davis
- 10 – Brenda Duckworth
- 16 – Rebecca Shuping, Bill Henry
- 19 – Doris H. Garrison
- 20 – Joyce Gibson
- 21 – Naaman Jones
- 22 – Lucas Brown
- 26 – Mary Ann Propst, Sheila Coffey
- 28 – Charles Autrey

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

- 14TH – Chris & Cindy Ross
- 17TH – Norm & Kathryn Jones
- 29TH – Hamilton & Jodi Brown



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:30 – Sunday School 10:35 – Worship 12:00 – Church Council Mtg.	2	3	4 10:00 – Prayer Shawl	5	6	7 12:00 – UWF
8 9:30 – Sunday School 10:35 – Worship	9 6:30 – Girl Scouts	10	11 10:00 – Prayer Shawl	12 2:30pm – 7 pm Blood Drive (FH)	13	14 FH Reserved
15 Father's Day 9:30 – Sunday School 10:35 – Worship	16	17	18 10:00 – Prayer Shawl	19	20	21
22 9:30 – Sunday School 10:35 – Worship	23 6:30 – Girl Scouts	24	25 10:00 – Prayer Shawl	26	27	28 FH Reserved 6pm - Organ Recital (Sanctuary)
29 9:30 – Sunday School 10:35 – Worship 11:45 – Covered Dish Luncheon	30					



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