



Salem Scoop

This month in worship, we move into the wisdom books of Proverbs and Ecclesiastes as we continue our journey through the Bible. Magri DeVega, author of The Bible Year Series, points us to these writings that “concern themselves with the wisdom and virtue of life and how to live rightly and well”. In other words, wisdom writings are Scripture that transform us from the inside out, drawing us closer to the image of God (*Imago Dei*). But what does it mean for us today, and how do these writings help us to live a life of faith as Jesus' disciples? Our faith is informed by Scripture, the wisdom of God, which then moves us to live out the wisdom and love of Christ in the world. James 2:14-26 reminds us that, *“If one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. But someone will say, “You have faith; I have deeds.” Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds.*

The wisdom of God informs our faith, and our faith moves us to live out our love for Christ and care for others. Salem’s vision is to Explore Faith, Embody Christ, and Embrace Others by putting Christ’s love into action in the world. During June and July, I am challenging the church to intentionally put our faith into action by living out our vision and mission through a **“Kindness Changes Everything”** campaign. This is a campaign where the congregation will:

1. Show love and kindness: whether it is while you are driving, in a store, at home, at work, on the phone, etc.
2. Look for love and kindness: look for simple acts of kindness being done to you or others. If you see someone in need of kindness, then you yourself extend an act of kindness to them.
3. Share a Kindness Mug: give away a mug or cup to that person, share with them about the Kindness Changes Everything Campaign, and invite them to join us for worship. Starting June 7th, the congregation can pick up mugs to take with them.
4. Write it down: take a moment to write down the encounter on an Act of Kindness slip and drop it in the offering plate each Sunday.

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God changed the world through Jesus, and we have the opportunity to impact the community by being a vessel of Christ's love. The goal is to show, share, and write 200 Acts of Kindness during June and July!!!! This means that if each person in the congregation shows and, or observes 2- 3 Acts of Kindness, we will meet our goal. Let's go live like Jesus!!!!

- *Pastor Monica*

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Introducing
REVEREND JOHN SAVAGE
Director of Music Programs
Salem United Methodist Church

We are pleased to introduce Reverend John Savage to our Salem UMC family! Effective June 1st, John will begin serving as our new Director of Music Programs. John moved to Morganton in 2023 with his wife Heather, who serves as an adjunct professor of music theory and appreciation at App State.

John received a Bachelor of Arts degree in music from the University of Rhode Island and a Master of Divinity in Theology and Christian Ministry from the Southern Baptist Theological seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. John is also a member of the Pi Kappa Lambda International Honor Society for music.

John has served as the Assistant Director of Music and Arts for home-schooled children, teaching guitar, (*group and individual*) music history and appreciation, (*classical and jazz*) and drama. Additionally, John has experience performing his music to residents in Assisted Living and Memory Care facilities.

John is an Independent Performance Musician and can often be found playing folk, blues, rock, classical and pop music on electric, acoustic, and nylon-string guitars in both private and public venues. John plays multiple instruments including guitar, mandolin, sitar and piano.

Please welcome and continue to pray for John as he works to discern God's will in leading our music program to support the vision of Salem United Methodist Church.



Father's Day

Father's Day Pictures!!

The Mother's Day pictures were enjoyed by all and now it is time to bring your pictures of your fathers to celebrate their special day.

As before, please limit the actual size to no more than 5 x 7 and bring them in a frame. The deadline for the pictures to be at the church is June 16th.

Please, no pictures after this date so we may have time to print labels for the pictures. As before, attach the name of the father and whose dad they belong to.

We will honor the fathers by displaying the photos in worship on June 21st. If there are any questions please contact Margaret Shell.



THURSDAY
JUNE
11TH

**Did you know that every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood –
and yet only 3% of Americans donate?**

You can make a life-saving difference.

Join us for our upcoming blood drive on June 11th, from 2:30 – 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

**Give blood between June 1st and June 28th to receive a \$15.00 e-gift card
to a merchant of your choice!**

Schedule your donation now! Every drop counts!

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=salemumc>

CREATION STATION

Open Studio

MONDAY'S 3:00-6:00
SALEM UMC EDUCATION BLDG

Salem United Methodist Church believes everyone is created by God. And because we were created by a wonderful creator, we too, are creative. Creation Station open art studio is a new ministry we are starting, where all ages can come together to explore and exercise their creative side. Each Monday, starting June 8th, from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm in the Salem Education Building, there will be a fun craft focus for the week for people to enjoy. Individuals not interested in the focus craft can be creative with other available supplies and games. Check out our Studio Calendar for more details. The studio is also open for local artists to bring their own supplies and create. We hope that Creation Station becomes a haven where people can have fun, explore their creative side, connect with others, and find solace away from the business of life.

There are activities for all ages. Children 15 and under must be accompanied by an adult. To participate in Creation Station, we ask everyone to register so that we can prepare for your arrival. For questions or more information, contact Rev. Monica Childers at pastor@sumcm.org or 828-433-6600.

- REMINDER -

*The
Blessing Box*

Take what you need.
Bring what you can.



Acolyte Ministry

June

7th - Daniel Reinke
14th - Lucy Fisher
21st - Hadley Fite
28th - Finley Fite



USHERS

June

7th - David Childers & Stephen Reinke
14th - Stephen & Daniel Reinke
21st - Trey & Colt Crowe
28th - Sue Cronk & Kim Clardy



Monthly meeting in Fellowship Hall.

Saturday, June 6th

12:00 Noon

All women are welcome and invited!

CHOIR PRACTICE WEDNESDAYS @ 7:00 PM



You're Invited!

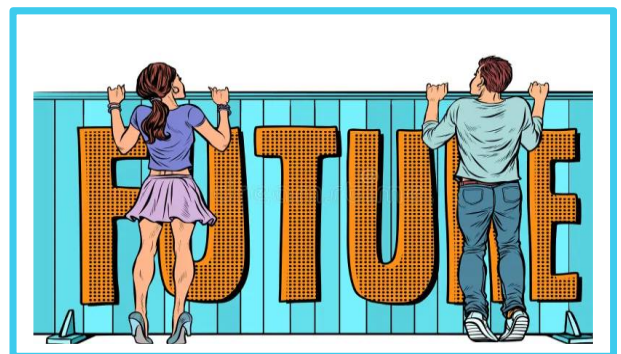
Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
Serve the Lord with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!

Psalm 100:1-2 (ESV)



The WNCC Annual Conference is coming up June 18-21.

This is the annual gathering of clergy and laity in the conference, where we celebrate the ministries of the church, vote on any changes in conference changes, hear the reports from our apportionment dollars, fellowship and worship with our brothers and sisters in Christ, as well as receive encouragement and guidance from the Bishop and Cabinet. Lara Autrey will represent Salem as the appointed church delegate. Ray Duckworth, Doris Ingram, and Zane Whitener have also been appointed to serve as District Delegates. I ask that you begin praying for the preparation, leadership, and delegates as they prepare to go and serve at this year's annual gathering.




TAKE A BOTTLE AND FILL IT WITH CHANGE FOR PCCOB

Or...no change? NO problem! Scan the QR code to donate

pregnancy care center
OF BURKE COUNTY
113 Clay Street, Morganton, NC 28655

<p>Medical Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free Pregnancy test Free Ultrasounds Options Education Prenatal Program AND more! 	<p>Non-Medical:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Custom video lessons Boutique shopping: diapers, wipes, clothes, maternity, postpartum, carseats, strollers, hygiene, first aid, and more. ALL FREE 	<p>Get Involved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteer Prayer Warrior Share our posts Support fundraisers Word of mouth Donate
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*Salem will partner with the Pregnancy Care Center of Burke County in filling a bottle with loose change now to **Father's Day**. Pick up a bottle at the Opportunity Corner and start making a difference in the lives of parents and their children.*



Church Council Meeting

Please note there will be a Church Council Meeting on **Sunday, June 14, 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

Through May 28

Offerings Received to Date: \$82,899.38

Ministry Expenses to Date: \$88,269.41

(Bolded totals reflected in Offerings received)

Other Ministry Gifts Received to date:

Offerings	\$76,141.79
Backpack	\$ 1,812.50
Building Fund	\$ 640.00
Cemetery	\$ 1,450.00
Souper Bowl	\$ 181.49
Missions Memorial	\$ 377.50
To HELP A FAMILY	\$ 1,500.00
Missions/ Ice Cream Social	\$ 263.00
WNCC Pastor Salary	\$ 2,595.00

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1st – Margaret Gordon

7th – Brenda Autrey

8th – Janet Davis

10th – Brenda Duckworth

16th – Rebecca Shuping, Bill Henry

16th - Dave Childers

19th – Doris H. Garrison

20th – Joyce Gibson

22nd – Lucas Brown

23rd – Chris Causby

26th – Mary Ann Propst, Sheila Coffey

26th – Charles Autrey

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

14th – Chris & Cindy Ross

29th – Hamilton & Jodi Brown



Congratulations

Graduates!

EMILY SHUPING

Emily graduated from Mt. Olive College with a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting with a minor in Agricultural Business.

SARA CRAIG-REINKE

Sara graduated from McDowell Technical Community College Nursing program with an ADN Associate Degree in nursing. She is now a registered nurse at Broughton hospital.



In Honor and In Memory

Jane Stroup

by Steve Stroup, Beulah Duckworth, Brenda Dellinger

Faye Ross

by Jerry & Clarice Shuping, Bruce & Kay Pollard, Linda & Joe Woody

Scott Lessard

by Susan & Arnold Tucker

Tracy Benfield

by Linda & Joe Woody

Doyle Holland

by Margaret Carswell

Kay Pollard

by Jeff Miller

Prayer Concerns



Praises

We appreciate our teachers!!!!
Congratulations to our Graduates!

This Week's Prayers

Alan Byrd
Gary Byrd
Tim & Robin Arney

Prayers for Family and Friends

Lloyd Fite- Kevin Fite's grandfather
Faye Ross- Garland Ross's mother
Joel Thompson-Friend of the church
Marley Byrd- Alan Byrd's sister-in-law
Jon Lowdermilk-Brendletown Fireman
Chelly Franklin- Pastor Monica's aunt
Jeremy and Angela Amick-
Patsy Bridges- Doris Ingram's friend
Jeanette Stamey-Sue Bunch's sister
Anna-Grace Rawls family- Lara Autrey's friend
Elizabeth Dale Smith- Edith Dale's granddaughter
Tanya Speagle- Brandy McCurry's friend
Hemen Joshi- Jeff Miller's friend
Tracy Benfield- Joyce's son-in-law
Asher & Ben- Linda Henson's great-grandchildren
Mikey and Kathy Fite- Kevin Fite's parents
Tyler Schmitt- Denise Magri's family

Hospital

Joann Patton- Blue Ridge(Grace)

Homebound

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

Deaths

Forest Propst- 5/7 Edith Dale's Nephew
Dayle Holland - Doris Garrison Sister
Lois Holland- Bruce Pollard's Aunt

Ongoing Prayers

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

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	2	3 10:00 – Prayer Shawl 6 pm – Trustee Mtg. 6:30 pm – Moondog Pride Meeting for all Interested 7 pm - Choir	4	5	6 12:00 – UWF 11am - 5pm Pride
7 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	8	9	10 10:00 – Prayer Shawl 7 pm - Choir	11 2:30 pm – 7 pm Blood Drive	12 Girl Scouts	13 Girl Scouts
14 9:30 – Sunday School 10:30 – Worship 12:00 – Church Council	15	16	17 10:00 – Prayer Shawl 7 pm - Choir	WNCC Annual Conference		
21 Father's Day 9:30 - Sunday School 10:30 – Worship	22	23	24 10:00 – Prayer Shawl 7 pm - Choir	25	26	27
WNCC Annual Conference						
28 9:30 – Sunday School 10:30 – Worship 4:30 pm- Mission Training for Trip	29	30	July 1 10:00 – Prayer Shawl 7 pm - Choir	2	3	4 



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