

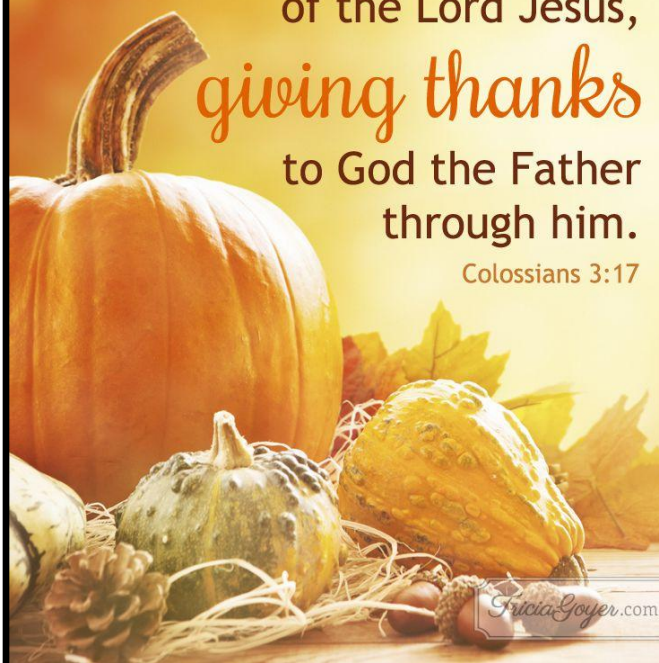


Monthly Newsletter of Salem UMC, Morganton, NC

# Salem Scoop

And whatever you do,  
whether in word or deed,  
do it all in the name  
of the Lord Jesus,  
*giving thanks*  
to God the Father  
through him.

Colossians 3:17



*For all the gifts that Thou dost send,  
For every kind and loyal friend,  
For prompt supply of all our needs,  
For all that is good in word or deed,  
For gift of health along life's way,  
For strength to work from day to day—  
We give Thee humble thanks.*

*For ready hands to help and cheer,  
For listening ears Thy voice to hear,  
For yielded tongue Thy love to talk,  
For willing feet Thy paths to walk,  
For open eyes Thy Word to read,  
For loving heart Thy will to heed—  
We give Thee humble thanks.*

*For Christ who came from heaven above,  
For the cross and His redeeming love,  
For His mighty power to seek and save,  
For His glorious triumph o'er the grave.  
For the lovely mansions in the sky,  
For His blessed coming bye and bye—  
We give Thee humble thanks.*

Salem United Methodist Church is celebrating our 225<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. For more than five generations, those before us have shared and shown the power and love of Jesus Christ to thousands of people. Through all those years, "Love in Action" has been the bedrock of Salem United Methodist Church.

**Sixteen thousand** people in Burke County live below the poverty line. This equates to more than 18% of our county's population. The national average is 12%.

As a church known for "Love in Action", this Thanksgiving we will continue to live that example by providing complete Thanksgiving dinners for 10-12 families in our immediate vicinity. Families in need will be identified by Counselors and Social workers who are familiar with their circumstances. Grocery bags will be provided for everyone with a list of items needed. Throughout the month, filled grocery bags will be returned to the church. On Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, during our worship service all food items for the families will be presented and blessed by the congregation. After worship the food will be sorted and packaged for the families to pick up. Additional details will be provided Sunday.

Whatever we do whether in word or deed, we do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. For generations past, for generations to come, we are "Love in Action".

Salem United Methodist Church

1206 Salem Road

NOVEMBER 8<sup>th</sup> 9am - 12 Noon

# Bake Sale

Sponsored by: Salem United Women in Faith

Proceeds for: Missions

Variety of baked goods—pies, cakes, cookies, snacks

Frozen Chicken Pies

Canned Vegetable Soup

Rada kitchen utensils

... And MORE (crafts,



Cheese Balls

Canned Green Beans

Happy Home Flavoring

White Elephant items, etc.)

# YARD SALE

November 8<sup>TH</sup>  
9:00 – 12:00 Noon

## SPONSORED BY TROOP #2241

Please bring all new or gently used items to the church Monday, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> through Friday, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>.





# SALEM UMC EVENTS

SAT  
NOV 8

## BAKE, CRAFT, & YARD SALE

9-NOON | SALEM PARKING LOT AND FELLOWSHIP HALL  
CANNED GREENBEANS, HOMEMADE SOUP, FURNITURE, CHRISTMAS  
DECOR AND SO MUCH MORE.

SUN  
NOV 16

## COMMUNITY YOUTH

5-7 PM | OAK HILL UNITED METHODIST  
STUDENTS WILL PUT TOGETHER MEALS FOR AREA FOSTER FAMILIES.  
OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS GRADES 6-12

SUN  
NOV 30

## HANGING OF GREENS/ TREE OF HOPE LIGHTING

5:30 PM | SALEM SANCTUARY  
WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP MEAL FOR ALL AGES

THUR  
DEC 4

## CARE CAFE'

11 AM-1 PM | SALEM UMC FELLOWSHIP HALL  
ARE YOU CARING FOR A LOVED ONE? ARE YOU TIRED? ARE YOU  
LOOKING FOR RESOURCES OR HELP?  
COME LEARN WHAT SUPPORT AND CARE IS AVAILABLE FOR YOU

## POLAR EXPRESS EXPERIENCE

9AM-NOON | SALEM FELLOWSHIP HALL  
STUDENTS ENJOY FUN, GAMES, CRAFTS, SNACK AND CHRISTMAS  
STORY. FREE FOR ALL STUDENTS AGE 3 TO 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

SAT  
DEC 6



<p><b>COMMUNITY YOUTH CAROLING</b> 5-7 PM   J IVERSON RIDDLE &amp; SALEM UMC 6-12 GRADE STUDENTS WILL CAROL TO RESIDENTS AT JIRD THEN GATHER AT SALEM FOR CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIP . ALL ARE WELCOME.</p>	<p>SUN <b>DEC 14</b></p>
<p>SUN <b>DEC 21</b></p>	<p><b>BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE</b> 6-10 PM   SALEM UMC FELLOWSHIP HALL ARE YOU TIRED OR WEARY? ARE YOU GRIEVING? THIS IS A SPECIAL SERVICE TO OFFER HOPE DURING THE HOLIDAYS</p>
<p><b>CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE</b> 7 PM   GLEN ALPINE UMC COMMUNITY WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP FOR ALL</p>	<p>WED <b>DEC 24</b></p>





# THANK YOU

*We would like to express a sincere "Thank You" to all those who helped with our Fall Festival! Whether you helped with the hayride, the games, the photo op, the fire engine, driving the shuttle, provided a trunk, helped to cook and serve, set up, cleaned up, provided candy or helped with a monetary contribution – **YOU ARE TRULY APPRECIATED!***

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*To: Salem United Methodist Church – Thank you so much for the goodie baskets, biscuits and mostly your prayers and support. – Mull School Family*

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*To: Salem United Methodist Church – Thank you for the delicious breakfast that you prepared for us on our first day back to work. Your kindness meant so much. Thank you also for the administration gifts and for the biscuits for our teachers. Each act of kindness has been greatly appreciated! – North Liberty School*



# BACKPACK INFORMATION



The goal of the backpack program is to send food to supplement families on the weekends.

**Items needed at the moment are breakfast items, snack items, mac & cheese, and canned fruit.**

The Backpack Ministry is currently serving families from Salem Elementary and North Liberty schools. We have 11 families with a total of 25 children. We pack 50 breakfast and 50 snack items a week and 22 lunch and 22 supper items weekly.

**Items always needed:** Breakfast items include individual servings of grits, oatmeal, cereal, and breakfast bars. Snack items include individually wrapped snack cakes, granola bars, Jello, pudding and fruit cups and cans, dried fruit, and cookies.

Lunch and supper items include canned vegetables, canned pasta, ramen noodles, canned and dried soups, boxed pasta, hamburger helper, tuna, spam, canned stew, stuffing, imitation potatoes, and mac and cheese.

Please remember we cannot send glass jars, oversized heavy cans or fresh food as they may spoil.

## BLOOD DRIVE RESULTS

Here is the breakdown of our latest blood drive.

There were 31 scheduled donors. 28 donors were presented.

25 units were collected towards our goal of 26.

20 units were whole blood units; 5 units were from power reds.

We had 3 first time donors!

The Salem United Methodist Church blood drive will potentially save up to 75 lives! Our role as a Blood Program Leader reflects a commitment to helping others and a deep sense of community. Salem United Methodist Church is leaving a legacy that directly contributes to the health and wellbeing of individuals in need!

*The next SUMC Blood Drive will be March 12, 2026*

# SAFE SANCTUARIES OVERVIEW

**November 13<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 pm**

**November 16<sup>th</sup> – Noon**

Annual Safe Sanctuary training is required for all volunteers who work with, or plan to work with children, youth and vulnerable adults. Please register with Pastor Monica for one of the available sessions.



## Church Council Meeting

Please note there will be a Church Council Meeting on **Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 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*

**Parsonage** – *Lara Autrey*

**Secretary** – *Ray Duckworth*

**UWF** – *Virginia Robinson, Kay Pollard*

**Lay Leader** – *Kevin Reinke*



## Mark your calendars!

Monday November 3<sup>rd</sup>

8:30 am – 12:30 pm

Feeding Salem Elementary  
School Staff.

Monday November 3<sup>rd</sup>

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Feeding Liberty Middle  
School Staff.



**Pastor Monica Childers**

828-493-3179

[pastor@sumcm.org](mailto:pastor@sumcm.org)





Join us on Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9 am to 1 pm for our next Vision Planning meeting. This meeting will build upon the ideas, suggestions and discussion from our first planning session. We will look at how Salem UMC will implement the strategic goals for the future of our church!



**YOU'RE INVITED!**  
**Saturday, November**  
**1<sup>st</sup> & December 6**  
**12:00 Noon**  
**Fellowship Hall**



# *Hanging of the Greens*

**November 30<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm**  
**with Fellowship Meal!**

**IN MEMORY**

**William Garrison**  
**Mark McGhinnis**  
**Barbara & Bob Harbour**

## **GIFTS GIVEN**

*by Diana R. Berry*  
*by Margaret Carswell*  
*by Garland & Billie Ross*

**IN HONOR**



*Our sympathy is extended to the Mark McGhinnis family.  
 Mark passed away on October 17<sup>th</sup>.*

*Our sympathy is extended to the Jerry Carroll family.  
 Jerry's brother Craig passed away on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.*



## WINTER BLAST 2026!

Winterplace, WV  
January 9-11, 2026  
\$206.00

*Includes...*

- Lodging
- Lift Tickets
- Ski Rental
- And more!

abbifumc@gmail.com



# Youth

**Combined Youth  
Group!  
11/16, 5PM  
Oak Hill UMC  
2239 NC-181**

**Meet at the church  
at 4:30 PM to ride  
over! We are making  
meals for Foster  
Hope (our November  
mission project)!  
We will eat our own  
special Thanksgiving  
meal afterwards!**



## Our Financial Stewardship

*Through October 30<sup>th</sup>*

Offerings Received to Date: \$ 275,593.18

Ministry Expenses to Date: \$ 240,061.92

**(Bolded totals reflected in Offerings received)**

### Other Ministry Gifts Received to date:

Offerings	<b>\$173,528.76</b>
Backpack Ministry	\$ 1,900.00
Back to School Biscuits	\$ 25.00
Cross Connections	\$ 280.00
SUMWF Yard Sale	\$ 2,250.00
Youth	\$ 380.00
Youth St. Matthews Van	\$ 750.00
Youth Retreat	\$ 315.00
Parsonage Relocate/ Restore	<b>\$ 57,916.62</b>
Building Fund Cemetery	\$ 475.00
BF Cemetery Grave Purchase	\$ 5,000.00
Building Fund Steeple	\$ 1,541.00
Building Fund Roof	\$ 1,742.50
BF Restoration/Parsonage	\$ 800.00
Building Fund	\$ 1,598.00
WNCC Pastor Salary	<b>\$ 19,388.36</b>
WNCC Pastor Intern	<b>\$ 12,800.00</b>
WNCC Roof Helene Relief	\$ 19,112.50
WNCC Reimbursements	<b>\$ 1,292.45</b>
WNCC Rent Check	<b>\$ 5,200.00</b>
WNCC Restor/Relocation	<b>\$ 1,500.00</b>
Pass Through	\$ 149.94
Pass Thru To Help a Family	<b>\$ 1,500.00</b>
Pass Thru Halloween Candy	<b>\$ 150.00</b>
Pass Thru Helene Fund	<b>\$ 245.00</b>

### MONTHLY GREETERS

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday - Jack Bridges  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday - Charles Autrey  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday - Holly Keller  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday - Kevin Reinke



**25 – Wes & Sue Bunch**



**2 – Vicki Reinke**  
**4 – Sarah Horton**  
**8 – Janice Sorrells**  
**9 – Billie Ross**  
**13 – Kay Duckworth**  
**15 – Katie Gordon**  
**20 – Rebecca Dale**  
**21 – Joyanne Benfield**  
**24 – Troy Patton**  
     Jane Stroup  
**26 – Lance Riddick**  
     Chris Garrison



## Prayer Concerns



**Patsy Bridges**

**Jeanette Stamey**

**Anna-Grace Rawls Shuping**

**Kisha Isbell**

**Melissa Blankenship's Mother**

**Michelle Leavitt**

**Johnny Shull**

**Tabitha Taylor**

**Ray Miller**

**Jonathon Dale**

**Elizabeth Dale Smith**

**Trish Johnson**

**Tanya Speagle**

**Lorna Damron**

**Barbara Medlin**

**BJ Taylor**

**Hemen Joshi**

**Tracy Benfield**

**Tom Shuping**

**Courtney Maslack**

### ***Ongoing Prayers –***

**Muriel McNeilly**

**Cary Clark**

**Gerald Duckworth**

**Steve & Jane Stroup**

**Troy & Joann Patton**

**Kevin Patton**

**Zach & Lucy Cagle**

**Gary & Wanda Byrd**

**Mary Ann Propst**

**Kathryn Duckworth**

**Joe & Lynda Woody**

**Linda Willson**

**Cindy Robinson**

**Roger Hicks**

**Wynn Whitener**

**Bernice Peabody**

**Arnold Tucker**

**Robert Pruett**

### ***Deaths –***

**Mark McGhinnis 10-17-25**

**Craig Carroll 10-23-25**

### ***Nursing Home -***

**Doris Garrison**

**Brenda Dellinger**

**Shirley Smith Clarke**

### ***Homebound –***

**Leota Garrison**

**Brenda Autrey**

**Larry & Janet Koon**

**Billie & Garland Ross**





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						<b>1</b> 12:00 – UWF meeting
<b>2</b> 9:30 – Sunday School 10:30 – Worship Noon – Choir	<b>3</b> <b>Salem Feeding</b> 8:30 – 12:30 Salem Elem. 1 – 4 pm North Liberty	<b>4</b> <b>Church Office Open</b> 12:30 – 6:00 pm	<b>5</b> 10:00 – Prayer Shawl	<b>6</b> 12:30 – 6:00 pm <b>Church Office Open</b> Cultivate Children's Time	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>Yard Sale &amp; Bake Sale</b> 9 am - Noon
FH Reserved for Yard Sale and Bake Sale November 3 – November 8 Drop off items						
<b>9</b> 9:30 – Sunday School 10:30 – Worship Noon – Choir Noon – Church Council Mtg.	<b>10</b> 6 pm Girl Scout Meeting	<b>11</b> <b>Church Office Open</b> 12:30 – 6:00 pm	<b>12</b> 10:00 – Prayer Shawl	<b>13</b> <b>Church Office Open</b> 12:30 – 6:00 pm 5 pm Safe Sanctuary Training	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 9:00 – JIRDC Worship Volunteers 9:30 – Sunday School 10:30 – Worship Noon – Safe Sanctuary Training Noon – Choir 5 – 7pm Collaborative Youth @ Oak Hill	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <b>Church Office Open</b> 12:30 – 6:00 pm	<b>19</b> 10:00 – Prayer Shawl	<b>20</b> <b>Church Office Open</b> 12:30 – 6:00 pm	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 9 – 1 pm Vision Planning
<b>23</b> 9:30 – Sunday School 10:30 – Worship Noon – Choir	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>Admin office Closed</b>	<b>26</b> 10:00 – Prayer Shawl	<b>27</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b> 12:30 – 6:00 pm	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 5:30 – 7 pm Hanging of Greens / Tree of Hope Lighting	<b>Dec. 1</b>	<b>Dec. 2</b> <b>Church Office Open</b> 12:30 – 6:00 pm	<b>Dec. 3</b> 10:00 – Prayer Shawl	<b>Dec. 4</b> 11 – 1 pm Care Cafe	<b>Dec. 5</b>	<b>Dec. 6</b> 9 – Noon Polar Express Experience



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