

The Salem Scoop

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A friend of mine recently came across Woody Guthrie's New Year resolutions for the year 1942. The list of thirty-three resolutions was quite interesting! Number 8 is "write a song every day." Number 11 is "change socks." Number 20 is "dream good."

Guthrie was a famous American folk singer. Perhaps he is best known for the song, "This Land is Your Land."

Don't forget Number 27: "Help win war – beat fascism."

What a grand, seemingly-impossible resolution. How could one person do such a thing? As history played out in the twentieth century, the rise of fascism was eventually squelched, although traces of it still exist in today's world. Nonetheless, the effort was not wrought by one single person. Instead, it was a multi-national coalition, led by outstanding men and women working together.

What do you think about Guthrie's New Year's resolution in comparison to most of ours. We usually resolve to exercise more, lose weight, or some other self-serving venture. These are noble goals, ones that more people should take seriously.

I wonder, however, if we should have loftier resolutions for 2012.

What would it look like if we, the people of Salem United Methodist Church, resolved to become more holy? This doesn't sound as scintillating as "beat fascism," yet it might be even harder to achieve. If we are going to become more holy, then it will only happen by joining together, shoulder-to-shoulder, as sisters and brothers in the Christian faith. Growing in "holiness of heart of and life," as John Wesley put it, calls everyone within the fellowship of Salem UMC to support one another.

Instead of assuming that 2012 will be just another year, let's resolve to do something grand, something that seems impossible. With God, we remember, all things are possible (Matthew 19:26).

I am looking forward to the year 2012 because I believe God has BIG THINGS in store for us.

Are you ready to be part of it?

Mark

Keep These In Your Prayers



Winfred Garrison
Charles Whiteside
Grant Causby
Ethel Ledbetter
Rick Pruett
Obie Carswell
Adell Franklin
Lorece Wakefield
Ruth Anne Beaver
Carol King & Family
James Hardy
Philip & Mitzie Wilson

Alvin Roper
Joe Roper
Betty Gibbs
Carrie Jones
Edward Shuping
Elsie Roper
Mabel & Johnny Hoke
Leila Garrison
Pat Martin
Betty Bunch
Ben Franklin
Clayton & Wanda Johnson

Jeannie Tyhurst,
Dawn Grindstaff & Family
Portia Smith

January Celebrations

Anniversaries

11 Max & Nancy Pearson

Birthdays

3 Mabel Hoke
4 Charles Goodnight
5 Marie Lowdermilk
1 Mackenzie Huffman
9 Brenda Dellinger
10 Melissa Causby
10 Leota Garrison
11 James Carswell
11 Steven Roper
12 Camelia Causby
15 Bobby Woody
18 Jennifer Shuping
19 Carrie Jones
20 Dylan Bollinger
20 Alan Byrd
20 Dustin Huffman
29 Nina Horton
29 Charles Garrison
30 Grant Causby



If we have missed your celebration or have it listed incorrectly, please contact the church office. Thank you.

Special Thank You

Thank you for everyone's care during my recent surgery and recovery. All of the phone calls, visits, and well-wishes mean so much to me and Beulah. I especially appreciate your prayers!

~ Norman Duckworth



Give An Enduring Gift

Please consider giving an endearing gift of \$340 to purchase a window in honor or memory of a loved one. This will last long and make a significant impact for many people. These new windows will be installed in the Salem United Methodist Church's Sanctuary Building.

The Trustees and Administrative Council see the benefits of installing new windows for the classrooms and hallways:

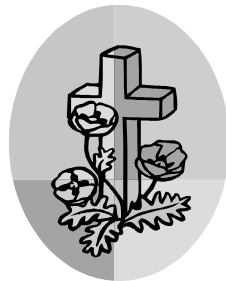
- improved energy efficiency
- enhanced beauty
- better hospitality

If you would like to give such a gift please send your checks, made payable to Salem UMC, to the church office. Please include the name or names of people for whom the window is donated in honor/memory of.

Memorial Gifts

In Memory of Harvey Miller

By: Norman & Doris Garrison
Charles & Dian Goodnight
Bruce & Kay Pollard
Charles & Leota Garrison
Ruby Hutchins



In Memory of Linda Westcott

By: Bruce & Kay Pollard

In Memory of Jane & Jay Scarboro

By: Charles & Cheryl Garrison

In Memory of Charlie & Beth Dale

By: Mildred Mull

In Memory of Catherine Duckworth by: Jackie Ward

In Memory of Bill & Doris Roper by:

Seth, Michelle & Steven Roper

In Memory of Thomas Lester Dale by

The J. A. Lee Family

Endearing Gifts

In Memory of :

Bill & Sadie Shuping by Bruce & Kay Pollard

Reba Gordon Ayers by Thomas R Ayers

Henry Williford by Thomas R. Ayers

2 windows by Cathy & John Doolos

1 window by Steve & Jane Stroup

Harry Ingram by Jim & Vivian Ingram

Mr & Mrs Conley R. Dale by Gilbert & Roy Dale

Bill & Sadie Shuping by Jerry Shuping

Velna Brendle by Marilyn Davis & Kathryn Duckworth

Clarence Brendle by Marilyn Davis & Kathryn Duckworth.

Robert & Louise Garrison by Charles & Leota Garrison

Dean Edward Garrison by Charles & Leota Garrison

In Honor of Jerry & Marcia McCall by Charles & Leota Garrison

In Honor of Charles & Cheryl Garrison by Charles & Leota Garrison.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS

January 2012

What a great year Salem has had in 2011! I extend my thanks to each of you for your support this year as we continue our mission work!

2012 officers and circle chairs (listed below) will meet Monday, January 2 at 7:00 pm in the fellowship hall. We will be working on the budget to be presented for discussion and approval at our regular joint meeting on Thursday, January 5. Come with ideas and suggestions for projects in 2012. We may also set committees for the various projects decided upon.

We invite any Salem lady who wants to be a part of mission work to join our unit. Our first meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 5, 2012 at 7:00 pm in the church fellowship hall. Officers will be in charge of refreshments.

I look forward to a great New Year and working with all of you wonderful ladies to do all we can to support our mission work and help women, children and youth here and around the world.

Lynda Woody, President Salem UMW

The Purpose of the United Methodist Women

The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the Global Ministries of the Church.

2012 OFFICERS

President -- Lynda Woody

Vice President -- Edith Dale

Secretary -- Dian Goodnight

Treasurer -- Brenda Duckworth

Secretary Program Resources -- Kay Pollard

Chairperson on Nominations -- Vicky Stevens

Committee on Nominations -- Muriel McNeely & Kathryn Duckworth

Mission Coordinators: Virginia Robinson – Spiritual Growth

Holly Keller – Membership, Nurture & Outreach

Rita Bowman – Social Action

Marilyn Davis – Education & Interpretation

Circle Chairs: Cora Ora – Rita Bowman

Mary Alice – Dawn Wellman

Sadie-Rosemary – Lynda Woody

Lois Velna – Mary Ann Propst



Finances

General

Balance

Beginning Bal(11/28/11)	\$35,728.48
Deposits	19,076.50
Distributions	15,105.06
Ending Balance.	\$39,699.92



THE STAFF OF SALEM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR ALL
OF THE FOOD AND DONATIONS
SUPPLIED TO THE BACKPACK
MINISTRY.**

**THE CHILDREN APPRECIATE YOUR
GENEROSITY MORE THAN YOU WILL
EVER KNOW. WE HOPE YOU WILL CON-
TINUE THIS MINISTRY IN THE NEW
YEAR.**

MARION DISTRICT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Exciting news! The Marion District will once again hold their District Leadership Conference at Oak Hill United Methodist Church on

January 29, 2012! Come to learn, worship, share ministry ideas, eat and fellowship with over 300 fellow United Methodists. For more information contact the church office.



Joy Notes – January 2012

Sing to God!

Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds—his name is the Lord—be exultant before him.

Psalm 68:4

Christmas has past and now the choir looks to Easter, the joy of the Resurrection. Music will be chosen in the coming weeks and practice will begin for the Easter season. Come be a part of the “Salem Adult Choir” and “*Sing to God...*”. We have fun together singing and praising God through the best instrument of all, our voices.

Practice begins at 7:30 pm each Wednesday evening. We have extra music and robes for those wanting to raise their voices!

Virginia Robinson

Music Director

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Wonderful Wednesdays

Meal at 6 pm with classes to follow

Choir Practice—7:30 pm

United Methodist Men

The UMM meet the 1st Sunday of each month @ 8:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.

United Methodist Women

- Evening Circles meet 1st Thurs. of each month @ 7:00 pm.
- Day Circle meets the 3rd Tues. @ 10:00 am.

Deeper Water—Wednesday Morning Bible Study 10-11:30 am.
Launch into deeper water with us.

Christ Bread— Meets the 4th Tuesday of the month at 11 am

Intercessors Prayer Group—Meets each Tuesday @ 6:30 pm.

Praise & Worship—A service is held the first Sunday of each month @ 7:00 pm. Please make plans to attend. ***“It Could Change Your Life.”***

Kids Klub— Meets the last Friday night of each month.

United Methodist Youth (6-12th grade)—Meet each Sunday @ 5:00 pm. Other activities as scheduled.

Sunday Worship

*Contemporary Worship 9:00 AM

*Sunday School 9:45 AM

*Traditional Worship 11:00 AM

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Mark Conforti, Pastor

Erica Miracle— Director of Children & Youth

Virginia Robinson, Director of Music

Sue Bunch, Pianist

Tori Cole, Congregational Care Visitor

Tammy Severt, Administrative Assistant