



Salem Scriptures September 2009



United Methodist Youth

Friday, August 28 – Salem Children and Youth Wii Night - 7 – 10 pm, Rising 1st graders and up. Snacks will be provided. Wii will have fun!

Tuesday, September 8 - The Youth Council meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month at St. Andrews UMC from 7-8 pm. If you would like to be a part of the Council, please join us. Any Questions, please contact Doug or Debi at 427-3272 or by e-mail ndyc411@gmail.com

United Methodist Women

Tuesday, September 1 – Salem UMW Monthly Meeting, 6:30 pm. Please contact Jeanette Frisbey if you need childcare prior to Friday, August 28.

Sunday, September 14 – Salem UMW Membership Tea, 2 – 4 pm. Please come and join us as we fellowship together and grow in the Spirit.

Friday, September 25—Norfolk District UMW Annual Meeting, 9:00 am, Lynnhaven UMC, Speaker: Nancy Coleman

UMW School Kits

This year Salem UMW set a goal of 50 kits to send to Annual Conference next year. While school supplies are on sale, we thought it might be a good time to ask you to add an item or two to your shopping list. We need the following items for each kit:

- (1) round tip blunt scissors
- (3) pads of loose leaf, wide ruled, paper
- (1) 30 – centimeter ruler
- (1) hand held pencil sharpener

Please leave your items in the School Supplies box in the Narthex.

United Methodist Men

Saturday, September 26 – Salem UMM BBQ Dinner.

Planning and Action

As you have heard, our church has had two meetings, one for planning and one for action. Watch the church calendar and the newsletter for upcoming events. Yes, we are taking action to bring our church family ever closer together. And this includes

any and all guests. With God as our center point, we will grow.

Charles Higgins

Entertainment Books

Entertainment Books will be on sale August through December. The books are \$20.00 and have many discounts for restaurants, movie tickets, ect. Please call Lisa with your orders at 416-1643.

Salem T-Shirts

Salem T-Shirts are on sale to wear for the Bazaar. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board across from the church office. The last day to sign up is August 30. Call Kim Knowlton for more information, 471-5750.

Salem UMC's Annual Bazaar

On Saturday, October 3rd from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm we, here at Salem, have an opportunity to welcome the community and enjoy the fellowship of one another at our annual church bazaar. This is an exciting and large undertaking that takes each one of us in the congregation pulling together to make this the success that we know it will be this year.

A covered dish lunch will be held after the Sunday service on September 27th. Please plan to attend and after lunch we will all help set up for the bazaar. With all of us working together there won't be such a strain on a few.

This year, especially, we need renewed enthusiasm for the bazaar. The money we make will help out our finances and hopefully bring visitors into our church.

These are some things you can do now to prepare for October 3rd:

1. Take your unneeded or unwanted items to church [leave on porch or in social hall]. Call the church office, Dave Sutton, or Charles Higgins if you need any items picked up.
2. Start letting friends and neighbors know about the Bazaar. They might have things to donate. If you can, put flyers at your work place or stores.
3. Crafts are needed. Linda Becker has materials for some crafts, contact her if you are interested.

4. Contributions such as, gift cards or nice donated items, could be used for the auction. Maybe your work place or stores you frequent would help us out.
5. Quilt raffle tickets make up a good portion of our profit. Ask family, friends, and neighbors about purchasing some.
6. Consider donating baked items for the bake sale. Individually wrapped items are always appreciated. See Charlotte Flagg or Mary Brown about what you could contribute to the bake sale.
7. Homemade ice cream is a popular treat at the bazaar. We like to have as many flavors as possible. Let us know if you could make a gallon or more for us. Be creative with the flavors! If you would like to donate money or ingredients to someone that has an ice cream freezer let us know.
8. Don't forget to put information about the bazaar in your community newsletter, bulletin board at work, or posters or flyers in your neighborhood or shopping areas.
9. When the bazaar is over we will need to box up left over items, take down tables, clean the social hall and prepare the church for Sunday services. Again if we all help, this job will be completed quickly.
10. Pray for a beautiful day full of Christian fellowship.

Don't forget Amazing Grace will be performing outside. We might even get Pastor Penny and Birt to sing . We will have a "Moonwalk" for the children and ice cones added this year. Our favorite lunch of barbeque or a hot dog with Billy's famous chili will be there for us. Who knows, you might just win that beautiful quilt yourself. Let's get excited and let's get ready for our best bazaar yet!

Carol Higgins

Bazaar committee: Cathy Stanley, Stan Moss, Carol, and Charles Higgins

Newsletter Deadline

Inputs for the October Newsletter must be in the office or e-mailed to Jeanette Frisbey no later than Thursday, September 10.

Amazing Grace Quartet

Did You Know?

Amazing Grace traveled to Dustin Sprouse's church not long ago, which was an exciting adventure in our music ministry. But, did you know that we also take our ministry to assisted living homes? On September 9th, we will be at Chesapeake Place Assisted Living sharing through music our faith, our church, and our love to the people that live there. If only you could see the joy, fun, love that is shared both ways between us and them when we play these gigs. God is great, all the time.

Amazing Grace
Charles Higgins

Who Are We?



Amazing Grace began in 2004 as a local ministry of Salem UMC in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Several folks were approached by the then-pastor, Charles Moore, about forming a praise band to perform at the weekly Sunday services and to provide music for special occasions.

We started with three members and then increased to 4 about a year later. We started playing both contemporary and traditional hymns and praise music, but as our "style" evolved, we found we were leaning more toward folk and country gospel. Now five years later, we perform mostly in these genres, but do occasionally throw in a traditional or more contemporary piece.

Since the spring of 2007, we have been performing members of the Tidewater Arts Outreach, a consortium of both amateur and professional musicians, artists and artisans in the Tidewater (Norfolk/Virginia Beach) area who take their talents to the residents of convalescent and nursing homes and others who may not be able to get out to performances. We play on the average of 2 performances a month in various nursing homes and convalescent homes in the area and our music really seems to be welcomed by the folks who attend. When we play in these places, we perform a mix of gospel and secular music ranging from Jimmy Buffett to Porgy and Bess. We always get a blessing from playing and from the interaction with the folks in the audience.

We have opened for The John Ivins Worship Band from Richmond and have played in churches in Virginia and North Carolina.

From Amazing Grace

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7

'WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS' was written in 1855 as a poem by Joseph M. Scriven. It was to his mother, who was facing a crisis, that he wrote the poem to. His mother had it published anonymously. You see, Joseph fell in love twice in his lifetime losing his first

love to drowning the day before their wedding and his second love to tuberculosis before their wedding.

To escape his sorrow, Joseph poured himself into ministry. It was not know until a short time before his death that he had written this poem.

Amazing Grace
Charles Higgins

Back To School Anagram

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Stop Hunger Now

Saturday, September 19 – 9 am to Noon, the fifty churches and our campus ministries in the Norfolk District will gather together at Virginia Wesleyan College to package meals for Stop Hunger Now. Contact Bobbie Fulcher at 471- 1481 for information on how you can be involved in this historic event at Virginia Wesleyan College.

The Power of Prayer

It is quite often that Pastor Penny talks to us about the power of prayer. We all use prayer in our life, but do we use it enough. You see:

Moses prayed, his prayer did save a nation from death and from the grave.

Joshua prayed, the sun stood still and the enemy fell in vale.

Hannah prayed. God gave her a son. A nation he won back to the Lord.

Solomon prayed for wisdom. Then God made him the wisest of mortal men.

Elijah prayed with great desire and God gave him rain and sent fire.

Jonah prayed and God heard his wail and quickly delivered him from the whale.

Elisha prayed with strong emotion and got the mantle and a double portion.

Daniel prayed. The lion's claws were held by the angel who locked their jaws.

Ten Lepers prayed. They were sent to the priests and were healed as they went.

Peter prayed and Dorcas arose to life again.

The Thief who prayed for mercy went with Christ to Paradise.

Abram stopped praying and cities fell with all their sin. The Disciples kept praying and Spirit came with "Cloven tongue."

When Christians pray with living faith and in one accord, revivals shall sweep the land and sinners shall convert and in all the world, God's glory will be seen.

So, as Pastor Penny would say, "keep praying."

Charles Higgins

Thursday Night Bible Study

Thursdays at 7 pm - Roger Peck is leading a bible study on the New Testament. They are now in the book of Mark around chapter 18. All are welcomed to come. For more information, see Roger Peck, John Thompson or Stan Moss. I was told it is never too late to start attending this study as each evening is a new insight into the study of God's word.

Labor

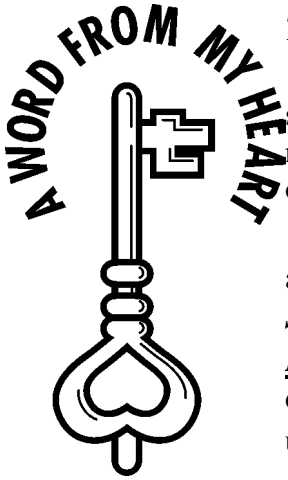
With Labor Day upon us, I found this view of labor as printed in "The Sunday School."

Set it down as a fact to which there are no exceptions, that we must labor for all that we have, and nothing is worth possessing or offering to others, which costs us nothing.

Do you know what the greatest labor saving device today is?

Tomorrow!!!

Charles Higgins



To the Members and Friends of Salem UMC,

What a privilege it is to be apart of the Family of God here at Salem UMC. The summer is quickly coming to a close. School will soon be back in session. And we are ready to start a **NEW CHURCH YEAR** and I am excited!!! There are lots of opportunities for fun, fellowship, praise, worship, teaching and learning.

Jesus has called each of us to be His disciples. The word "disciple" means learner. We are offering a **COMBINED ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** *starting Sunday, Sept. 6th, 9 to 9:45 AM, held in our Social Hall.* We will study the book called, **Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations**, by Bishop Robert Schnase. We will be discussing our role as disciples of Christ. It will build up our congregational strength in unexpected ways through **radical** hospitality, **passionate** worship, **intentional** faith development, **risk-taking** mission and service, and **extravagant** generosity. These

words are contagious and congregations that use them behave differently. Effective and growing congregations are willing to change, improve, learn, and adapt to fulfill their mission. ***Our mission is to share the gospel of Jesus Christ and to show this community that we are Christians by our radical love and outreach.***

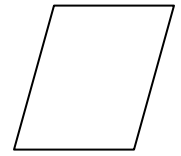
Y'all Come!!! Everyone is invited! Even if you don't usually come to Sunday School, please join us and ***catch the extra-ordinary power of the Holy Spirit*** who is calling all of us to draw closer to God. We will watch a 20 minute DVD and then break into groups of 6-8 people for discussion. I would advise that you pick up a book to get the most out of our class.

*Let's Get Growing, all for Jesus,
Pastor Penny*

September 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23	24 Karate 5-8 pm	25	26 Scouts 6:30–8:30 pm Quilting 10 am - 2 pm	27 Karate 5-8 pm Bible Study 7-8 pm	28 Children & Youth Wii Night 7-10 pm	29 Clean the Church 9am-Noon
30 Promotion Team meeting after church Last day to order shirts for the Bazaar	31 Karate 5-8 pm	1 UMW meeting 6:30 pm	2 Happy Birthday Josephine Jones Scouts 6:30–8:30 pm Quilting 10 am - 2 pm	3 Karate 5-8 pm Bible Study 7-8 pm	4	5 Clean the Church 9am-Noon
6 Happy Birthday Tamara Hurd	7 LABOR DAY	8 Happy Birthday Charles Higgins and Jacob Hurd 1 st Day of School District Youth Council Meeting 7 pm @ St. Andrews	9 Happy Birthday Steve Maxville Scouts 6:30–8:30 pm Quilting 10 am - 2 pm Pre-School 1 st Day of School	10 Karate 5-8 pm October Newsletter inputs due Bible Study 7-8 pm	11	12 Clean the Church 9am-Noon Happy Birthday Brooklyn Hurd
13 Sunday School Recognition UMW Membership Tea 2pm-4 pm Happy Birthday Buddy Sprouse	14 Mom's Club 10-11:30 am Church Council Meeting 6:30 pm Karate 5-8 pm	15	16 SUMP Board Meeting 5:30 pm Scouts 6:30–8:30 pm Quilting 10 am - 2 pm	17 Karate 5-8 pm Bible Study 7-8 pm Worship Committee Meeting 6:30 pm	18 Happy Anniversary Charles and Carol Higgins Mom's Night Out 6-9 pm	19 Clean the Church 9am-Noon Stop Hunger Now 9am – Noon at Va Wesleyan ROSH HASHANAH Strategic Planning Meeting 9 am - Noon
20	21 Karate 5-8 pm	22	23 Scouts 6:30–8:30 pm Quilting 10 am - 2 pm	24 Karate 5-8 pm Bible Study 7-8 pm	25 Norfolk District Annual Meeting 9 am @ Lynnhaven UMC	26 Clean the Church 9am-Noon UMM BBQ Dinner 5-7 pm
27 Happy Birthday Dave Sutton Happy Anniversary Craig and Debbie Grabeel Blue Jean Sunday Church Cook Out Bazaar Set Up	28 Karate 5-8 pm YOM KIPPUR	29	30 Scouts 6:30–8:30 pm Quilting 10 am - 2 pm	1 Karate 5-8 pm Bible Study 7-8 pm	2	3 Bazaar 9 am – 3 pm

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Numbers 6:22-27 (NIV)

The Priestly Blessing

²² The LORD said to Moses, ²³ "Tell Aaron and his sons, "This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them:

²⁴ "The LORD bless you and keep you;

²⁵ the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you;

²⁶ the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace."