

Sunday: **10-25-20**
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Gwenda Blackmore*)
10:45 AM New Member Class

Tuesday: **10-27-20**
7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

Sunday: **11-1-20 All Saints Day**
9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Mark & Missy Zielke*)
10:45 AM Sunday School

Announcements:

The New Member Class will take place in the Prayer Room after the service. The class is looking at historical covenant agreements God has with us as a church.

Women's Bible Study on Tuesdays at 7 pm. Our goal is to fellowship and have fun experiencing God together!

All Saints Day is November 1st.

The Election Day Supper will be held on Tuesday, November 3rd. 4:30-7PM. The sign-up sheet is in the back lobby. Remember to vote!

The Veterans Day Service is on November 8th; November 8th is also when Session and the Trustees meet at 11:30 AM to approve the budget. The Budget and Nomination reports will be given to the Congregation November 15th, and the vote on the budget and officers will be November 22nd. Shoeboxes are due by November 22nd.

Please start collecting gravy packets. The goal for our church this year is 650 packages to donate to the Salvation Army.

Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the October newsletter. Submit them to secretary@salemchurch.cc.

Upcoming Birthdays

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| 25 th Josh Hobbs | 28 th Keaton Adkins | 29 th Nancy Swygart |
| 30 th Jeff Coil | Nov 1 st -Avery Zielke | |

Upcoming Anniversaries

21st-Bob & Kathy McCollow



Deuteronomy 34:1-12 - Moses viewing the Promised Land.

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Barry Coil (stroke)
Kathy Comer
Cathy Donnal (health issues)
Dillon Ellerbrock
Catie Emery (nightmares)
Stephanie Gamble (eye issues)
Suzanne Hadley-Himes (recurrent cancer)
Jerry Holscher
Dale Kiesza (leg operation)
Nancy Lautzenheiser (colon cancer)
LuAnn (family issues)
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"Finishing Our Journeys" Deuteronomy 34:1-12
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TEACHING POINTS

First. *Often, the plans for our journeys that we set out to make in life are interrupted as God calls and inspires us at just the right time, a time we can advance God's mission.*

Second. *An unfinished journey can be a devastating experience or an instance of faith.*

Third. *It is God's story, not ours, that needs to be continued and eventually completed.*

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY PASSAGE

⁴*Then the LORD said to Moses, "This is the land I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob when I said, 'I will give it to your descendants.' I have now allowed you to see it with your own eyes, but you will not enter the land" (Deuteronomy 34:4 NLT).*

ACTION POINT

All of our unattained goals do not matter in cosmic terms. But God does come beside us, picking up the pieces of our broken dreams, and He tenderly whispers to us, "*Oh, but it does matter eternally.*" It is because our unfinished stories are part of His unfinished story. We are all part of God's plan to have His people gathered. We each do our part to the glory of God. We need to remember that we serve God, and that God oversees our lives and their outcomes. Not this world, but in heaven do our lives find completion. Likewise, in life and death, Moses was a servant of God. Moses's issue was not to live or to die, but in all things to belong to God. All who trust and believe in God also belong to God. We recognize that life is His treasured gift and comes to us by His grace. We are the Lord's whether we live or whether we die. These words can heal and comfort us in times when we desperately need healing and comfort. For us, we do not know what the future holds, but we know the One who holds the future. We live our lives trusting God for all our tomorrows.

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