



The Lamplighter

"Let Your Light Shine Before Others" Mathew 5:16

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Dear New Salem Family,

I write this month for the purpose of introducing you to some of the recent happenings within our United Methodist Church.

I realize that some are aware, while others may not, that our UMC has been having discussions since late 2019 concerning the possibility of a "Split" within the denomination. The short version of this long story is that a proposal was set to be considered at our 2020 worldwide General Conference to divide the UMC into at least two and possibly three denominations. Because of the COVID Pandemic, that General Conference has been delayed three times now, and will not happen until sometime in 2024. The thing is though, none of the work around that proposal to split can take place until we hold a General Conference.

Because of the constant delays of the Conference, a worldwide group of UMC clergy and laity, who had developed a plan for a new theologically traditional denomination called "The Global Methodist Church", has decided to launch the start of that denomination on May 1, 2022. By now you might be asking yourself, "What does that mean for New Salem", and the answer in the immediate term is "Nothing". We are presently a United Methodist Church, and we will continue to honor our commitments to God and worship Him as a United Methodist Church.

What this does mean for you, the members of New Salem United Methodist Church, is that you need to begin the work of educating yourselves. It would be good for you to know what it will mean to either remain a part of the UMC denomination or to go in another direction. The explanations for these options are too extensive to handle within this one newsletter. Therefore, the New Salem Administrative Council is putting together a leadership team that will help guide New Salem UMC through all discussions, and eventual decisions, concerning these matters. Be looking for future information to come your way from your Administrative Council within the next couple of months.

I realize this can be a very anxious time within the church. What I am challenging you to do is to be in constant prayer for God to quell your anxiousness and those of other church members. I also ask for you to pray with me that God will guide and lead us through this time, and that New Salem will follow His will, and His alone. Please know that my door is always open to you anytime you wish to ask questions or discuss these, or any other matters of your concern.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Johnny

"Walking with Paul": A Chronological Reading of the Apostle Paul's Life in the New Testament

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Spend 15-30 minutes each day reading and studying the assigned scripture. Meditate on what the scripture is saying to you and write down your thoughts in a journal or notebook.

4/4/2022	Romans 1	4/7/2022	Romans 4
4/5/2022	Romans 2	4/8/2022	Romans 5
4/6/2022	Romans 3	<p>The Weekend: In these chapters Paul explains why "The Righteousness from God" is for both the Jew and Gentiles. Paying close attention to Romans 3:21 through the end of chapter 5., how would you say Paul explains that we are justified by faith alone in the work of Christ alone?</p>	

4/11/2022	Romans 6:1-14	4/14/2022	Romans 8:1-17
4/12/2022	Romans 6:15-7:6	4/15/2022	Romans 8:18-39
4/13/2022	Romans 7:7-25	<p>The Weekend: This week is about "Sanctification". How does Paul show us that we can gain freedom from our sin and, simultaneously, freedom from condemnation of the Jewish Law? How does he say we can gain life in the power of the Holy Spirit?</p>	

4/18/2022	Romans 9:1-29	4/21/2022	Romans 11:11-24
4/19/2022	Romans 9:30-10:21	4/22/2022	Romans 11:25-36
4/20/2022	Romans 11:1-10	<p>The Weekend: Paul covers in these sections the "Rejection of Israel". What does he say is the cause for it and what is God's ultimate purpose for it?</p>	

4/25/2022	Romans 12	4/28/2022	Romans 15
4/26/2022	Romans 13	4/29/2022	Romans 16
4/27/2022	Romans 14	<p>The Weekend: In what ways does Paul say that believers can practice their "righteousness" on a daily basis?</p>	

Holy Week Worship Information

April 14 – Maundy Thursday Community Worship – 12:00 PM at First UMC, Randleman*

April 15 – Good Friday Community Worship – 12:00 PM at First UMC, Randleman *

April 17 – Easter Sunrise in front of New Salem Sanctuary – 7:15 AM (Followed by breakfast to be served in the Fellowship Hall by the Methodist Men’s Group)

April 17 – Easter Sunrise Worship – 10:00 AM (In-person & Streamed Live on our Youtube Channel)

* There will not be a meal served after the Community Worship Services this year.



Gene & Terri Henderson

1st Rhonda Apple	21st Shirley Taylor
2nd Johnny Lord	22nd Alec Poupore
4th Aaron Garner	25th Betty Whitaker
4th Miranda Holder	25th Laura Beth Nelson
5th Kai Strickland	26th Connor Apple
6th Connie Barker	27th Elias Garner
9th Ava Apple	29th Mike Whitehead
10th Lacey Nelson	30th Tommy McDonald
11th Brian Dodd	



To Our Church Family,

Thank you so much for your continued prayers. Ricky continues to improve everyday. Your prayers have encouraged us, sustained us, and kept us going. We are very grateful! Love to all!

Love,

Connie and Ricky Barker

IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS

The people involved and affected by the Ukraine/Russian War. Jim South, Audrey Wood, Joyce Campbell, Betty Barker, Rickey Barker, Patsy Russell (Angie Garner's Aunt), Tammy Overman, Jimmy Hayes, Donna Holder, Ted Goslen (Ben Goslen's brother)



FAMILY & FRIENDS ALL WELCOME

SUNDAY WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL

We meet each Sunday at 10:00 AM for worship. Sunday Bible Study Groups meet at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall and 11:15 AM in the Susanna Wesley Classroom.

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Deadline for information for the May 2022 edition of "The Lamplighter" is Thursday, May 21st.

WORSHIP

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The service is live each Sunday Morning on YouTube or you can stream it at a later time.

NEW SALEM YouTube CHANNEL LINK:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHWYgOsR5oLamk6gMUWW5yQ>