



The Lamplighter

“Let Your Light Shine Before Others” Mathew 5:16

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Dear New Salem Family,

I don't know about you, but the last 2+ years have been a “blur” for me. The year 2020 was not only the start of the COVID Pandemic, which required many changes to our daily lives, but we Americans also experienced one of the most vitriolic elections in our countries history. Moving into 2021 I am sure you were like me in that you thought it surely couldn't get anymore difficult and bring even further changes to our daily lives. **WRONG!** In some aspects, the year 2021 could arguably be declared worse than 2020.

So, when 2022 came along I was CERTAIN things had to get better, that we would be able to retain some consistency and get back to doing at least some of the things we loved and were used to doing before “All h*## broke loose!” This is the point where you can insert the now famous phrase uttered from the lips of the (young at the time) actor, Gary Coleman; “*What chew talking about Pastor Johnny?!*” To which I respond, “Yeah, I guess that was wishful thinking!” How many of us have wanted to get back to some of “*The Old Pre-Pandemic Ways*”? It's natural to want to do this because the familiar ways of doing things are the ways that make us most comfortable. But our God is not only the God of “*The Old Ways*” but He is also the God of “*The New*”! Which brings me to the point of this Pastor's Note.

If you have yet to hear, I announced during our April 24th worship service that I am being moved to a new appointment the end of June 2022. On July 1, I will become the Presiding Pastor for Good Hope United Methodist Church in Lexington, NC. This means that as of July 1 you will be served by Pastor Steve Bergkamp. Pastor Steve will be serving both New Salem UMC and Old Union UMC, which is located in Sophia, NC. More information about Pastor Steve will be shared with you in the coming weeks. I realize that many of you were like me, in that you weren't looking for a pastoral change for New Salem anymore than I was. (I also realize some of you were desiring a change, so please know I respect and understand your desires for that as well.) Either way, we once again have another year that is bringing “New Things” and much change to our lives. Aren't you glad we serve a God who is found not only in the “Unchanging Old” but also in the “Forever Changing New”? This thought caused me to reread the encouraging words the Apostle Paul wrote to the Corinthian Church, “***So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!***” (2 Corinthians 5:17). If you and I are truly following Christ, it means that God will not allow us to stay stuck in “The Old”. He desires for us to constantly “Be Made New” and if God desires it, we should too.

As we move forward toward the day of our Pastoral Change, I ask that you bathe in prayer New Salem Church, Pastor Steve Bergkamp, our families and me. It is prayer that has brought us to this point and is prayer that will bring us through it. Christ is making something new and that is definitely “**A GREAT GOD THING**”.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Johnny

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOMECOMING SUNDAY: June 5th, 10:00 AM - On this Sunday we will worship our Risen Savior, Jesus, and we will honor and remember the nine church members who have passed to the Church Eternal in the last three years. Afterward, we will gather in our Fellowship Hall to share a delicious "Potluck Lunch". So bring yourself, your family, and a delicious dish or two that you wish to share with your New Salem Family!

"HYGIENE DRIVE" (April 25 – May 31) - The schools of Randleman Elementary, Middle, and High are collecting the following hygiene items during the time frame listed above. These collections will be distributed to students and families of these schools, as they have need of them. You are invited to purchase and bring any of the below listed items to the church during the collection dates. Any questions should be directed to Tanya Little, Randleman Schools Social Worker at (910) 220-5690. **Hygiene Supplies:** soap, shaving cream, razors, toothpaste & toothbrushes (adult & kids), dental floss, shampoo & conditioner, nail clippers, hairbrushes, mouthwash, tweezers, deodorant, hair ties, Q-tips, lotion, feminine hygiene, cotton balls, household cleaners, detergent (laundry & dish), paper towels & toilet paper.

FIGURE IT OUT!

The Bible Code

If D=A and E=B, etc., decode this advice from Joshua 1:8
(NIV):GR QRW OHW WKLW ERRN RI WKH ODZ GHSDUW
IURP BRXU PRXWK; PHGLWDWH RQ LW GDB DQG QLJKW.

Write the Bible Code answer here: _____

Think Spring!

S	R	E	T	A	W	L	A	R	E	N	I	M	Y	H
V	N	N	D	U	O	L	C	Y	E	O	J	T	E	C
R	G	O	F	T	E	E	L	S	P	I	U	U	G	W
H	E	Q	W	L	M	W	E	A	H	T	C	N	M	X
Y	T	G	G	E	J	N	Z	U	F	A	I	A	T	I
L	R	I	V	E	R	A	M	R	O	R	T	C	L	F
N	P	J	K	Q	Y	I	O	T	P	I	E	S	E	G
T	L	M	N	D	D	S	O	S	Y	P	N	T	R	I
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F	L	S	O	W	X	A	H	I	L	E	Q	E	B	N
B	U	Z	V	V	V	G	K	D	C	P	A	Z	R	W
T	L	Z	E	Y	J	I	D	E	G	R	Q	N	R	E

"April showers bring May flowers." With this in mind, find the following forms of water in the word search puzzle to the left:

cloud	reservoir
dew	river
fog	sleet
frost	snow
geyser	spring
glacier	steam
hail	vapor
humidity	waterfall
hydrate	ice
iceberg	lake
ocean	perspiration
Rain	artesian well



In-carnation

The official flower of Mother's Day is the carnation, the favorite flower of the mom of the holiday's founder, Anna Jarvis. Over time, the custom arose of wearing a white carnation on Mother's Day if your mother has died and a red one if she's living.

In fact, many carnation colors have special meanings. Pink carries the richest Christian symbolism. According to legend, carnations first appeared on earth as Mary wept while watching Jesus carry his cross. Where her tears fell, there appeared pink carnations, symbolizing a mother's undying love.

According to one theory, the English word for carnation comes from carnis, Latin for flesh. From the same root comes incarnation, God's coming to earth in flesh. Thus, carnations remind us of our loving mothers as well as our loving Savior.

Sharing God's kingdom

When Jesus, in the Nazareth synagogue, read from Isaiah, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news" (Luke 4:18) and declared the prophecy fulfilled, "all spoke well of him" (v. 22). But when he then said God's favor was not just for Israel, they grew angry. How quickly we can change our minds about leaders – sometimes in the span of a short sermon! Yet Jesus simply meant that God's grace is so plentiful we can share it without fearing that if others benefit, we won't.

It's been said you can't share light without some falling on your own path. Ministers can't baptize new followers of Christ without getting wet themselves. And neither will any of us miss out on the kingdom of God if we opt to share it with others – both in and beyond our community, people similar to and different from us.

What is Jesus challenging us to do right now? If it's something that benefits others, we'd do well to peel off from the angry mob (vv. 28-29) and think again. Perhaps not just a human being but the Spirit of the Lord is announcing good news in our hearing today.

—Heidi Hyland Mann



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| 4TH ANGELA KING | 23RD ROSE INMAN |
| 5TH CARSON WHITEHEAD | 24TH CARSON BAILEY |
| 6TH FRANK HAYES | 25TH KENZLIE VAUGHN |
| 8TH WILLIAM BAILEY | 26TH JULIE GOSLEN |
| 9TH MITCHELL MACON | 29TH BILLY BAGGETT |
| 16TH ANGELA DAWN GARNER | 29TH EVELYN BROWN |
| 18TH SHARON WALKER | 30TH JIM SOUTH |
| 20TH NANCY HAYES | |



- 1ST DAVID & ANNE CRUTHIS
- 10TH J.C. & RITA BISCHER
- 15TH RICK & LISE MCCRAINE
- 16TH BOB & TRESEA SHACKLEFORD
- 23RD GARY & SHIRLEY TAYLOR
- 26TH BRIAN & JEAN DODD
- 29TH MICKEY & SHARON WALKER
- 30TH STEVE & PATTI WOOD CHALLICE



Concerns: People involved in the Ukraine/Russian war. Betty Whitaker, Ann Yates, Tommy Garner, Elaine Wilkinson, Jim South, Sue Hayes, Ralph Wood, Evelyn Ellis, Joyce Campbell, Jim Campbell, Betty Barker, Christine Richardson (Sharon Walker’s mom), Ted Goslen (Ben’s brother), Patsy Russell (Angie Garner’s Aunt), Stephanie Smith (Aubree Smith’s Aunt), Tammy Overman, Donna Holder, Heath Loveland

Praises: Sue Hayes (negative biopsy), Jimmy Hayes (in remission)

OUR GIFTS TO GOD’S MINISTRY AT NEW SALEM UMC

Giving to the Ministry Budget of New Salem UMC, through the end of April 2022, was \$37, 902. Our Financial Budget amount through the end of April was \$44,524, leaving a shortfall amount in “Giving to Budget” of \$6,622.

WORSHIP *with us*

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

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10:00 A.M.

Our Worship Services are live each Sunday Morning in our sanctuary and on our YouTube Channel. You are also invited to view the recorded service at a later time at the link found below.

NEW SALEM YouTube CHANNEL LINK:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHWYqOsR5oLamk6gMUWW5yQ>

Deadline for information for the June 2022 edition of “The Lamplighter” is Thursday, May 26th.

