

# Salem Youth News

August 2019

For families and youth K-12

Summer is moving by quickly. It is almost time to get back into the routine of Sunday School. The Christian Education Team here at Salem UMC has been working hard to plan a Sunday School program that will meet the needs of the most amount of families. With that being said, there are some changes coming this fall to our Sunday School format. This newsletter will provide families with information about the changes that take effect in September. There is a **Family Meeting** planned on **Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>** at **6 pm** in the chapel for families who have questions or need additional information.

## *How will Sunday School look different this year?*

*Beginning this fall, Sunday School will take place **DURING** the worship service, not after. What this means: when you arrive to church on Sunday mornings, you can drop your kiddos off at their Sunday School classrooms before you head into the worship service. Please do not drop off before 8:50 am. Sunday School will not be held on the first Sunday of each month to allow all students and teachers to share in the communion experience. Those students in the Praise Singers choir (Pre-K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade) will be in Sunday School from 9:00-9:45 am. They will then head to music from 9:50-10:10 am. Parents can pick them up after music.*

## Virtual Garden/Fall Mission

We will begin collecting food for our Virtual Garden right with the beginning of Sunday School. Your kids can bring their donations right to their Sunday School classes. On the first Sundays of October and November these donations will be brought to the front and placed in the garden.

## Rally Day

September 8<sup>th</sup> is Rally Day! As this is a communion Sunday, Sunday School will not be held. We will, however, have a backpack blessing during the worship service for those kids who would like to bring in their backpacks. Also, students in 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades will be receiving Bibles during the service. Sunday School classes will begin the following week.

After the worship service, we are planning a potluck gathering for families. Please bring a snack/appetizer to share. We will have games and door prizes. Weather permitting, this will take place on the church lawn.

## Registration Forms

Forms will be emailed to families. These can be filled out and returned to Julie Resop via email or at church, either before or on Rally Day. These forms are important for us to have on file while your children are in Sunday School. Please take a couple of minutes to fill one out for each child you are enrolling in Sunday School. Thank You!

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