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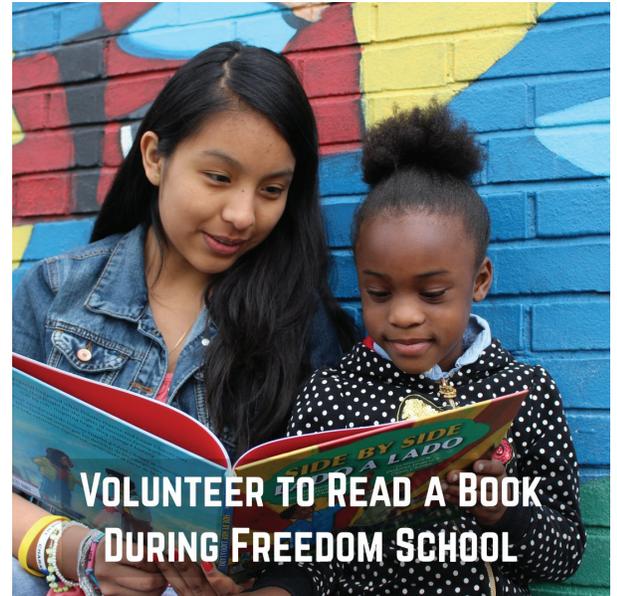
Reaching Out to the Community



On Friday, June 14, Salem hosted our annual Outdoor Movie Night at Carondelet Park near The Connection UMC, our South-City Site. Disney's movie *Mary Poppins Returns* headlined this year's event that featured a visit from Mary Poppins herself. There was excitement in the air as kids and adults alike lined up for their chance for a photo opportunity with the famous Mary Poppins. Free popcorn and popsicles were also available for everyone to enjoy. It was a joy to see old and new friends having fun together.

Thank you to Patty Peterson, Director of Children and Family Ministry, and her special events team for yet another family friendly night of fun. A special thank you to all the volunteers and staff for helping put together such a supercalifragilisticexpialidocious event!

If you missed out on movie night, no worries! Here at Salem and The Connection, we offer a variety of fun events throughout the year. Find something that interests you, and come on out as we share God's extravagant love.



Starting on June 17 we will host Freedom School at our South-City Site. The students who attend will be K-2nd from our South-City neighborhood. You have the opportunity to make a difference by volunteering to be a morning reader! Volunteers are invited to participate in Harambee, which means "let's pull together," an up-lifting time filled with singing and chanting to get youth scholars excited for their day. Volunteers choose a book that is meaningful to them, they will read the book aloud to K-2nd grade youth, and answer questions about the importance of literacy in their life. Harambee will be held June 17-July 26, Monday-Friday, 8:50-9:30am at The Connection. Don't miss your chance to share the gift of reading!

Visit www.salemstlouis.com to sign up or call (314) 991-0546

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SUMMER MINISTRY

Summer my favorite time in ministry! "Roar" Vacation Bible School was an awesome week at our Mid-County site for 129 enthusiastic children who ate,



sang, danced, and learned about the Israelites' exodus from Egypt and God's loving provision for His people. We learned the lyrics to all the songs,

and shouts of "God is Good" could be heard throughout the Salem campus. We ate manna that looked a lot like breakfast cereal and quail in the dessert that looked a lot like Easter Peeps. We made crafts and raised enough money to buy a cow for Heifer International. To make it all happen, more than sixty volunteers were on campus leading worship, teaching lessons, guiding crews and making memories for our kids. We can't do it without you!!

Eagle Lake Camp for elementary-aged children is the week of June 17. By the time you read this, over 100 kids will be experiencing God's love and Salem's hospitality as they spend the entire day on our Mid-County campus with a team of college-aged counselors and a bounty of water slides, climbing walls, and other summer fun. Once again, this is only pos-

sible with the help of volunteers who are assisting with the camp itself, and with feeding and hosting the college counselors who will spend the week with us. Thank you!

That same day, June 17, we will begin our first six-week Freedom School program at our South-City Site, where first and second graders will improve their literacy skills, sing songs, enjoy nutritious meals, gain confidence for school next fall, and know the extravagance of God's love for all of us.

On July 3, Backyard Kids Club @ The Connection begins – offering Bible lessons interwoven with sports, arts & crafts, and overall fun for an unforgettable, life-changing Vacation Bible School at our south site. Kids who attend will get a meal, adventure-themed singing, and Bible stories.

The week of July 8 we will put our VBS curriculum and decorations to work again as we head into the City to reach children at Kingdom House with the same "Roar" Vacation Bible School our Mid-County Site hosted this week.

In my experience, we can reach deeper into the hearts of children when we get to spend these special weeks of summer with them – learning and playing for

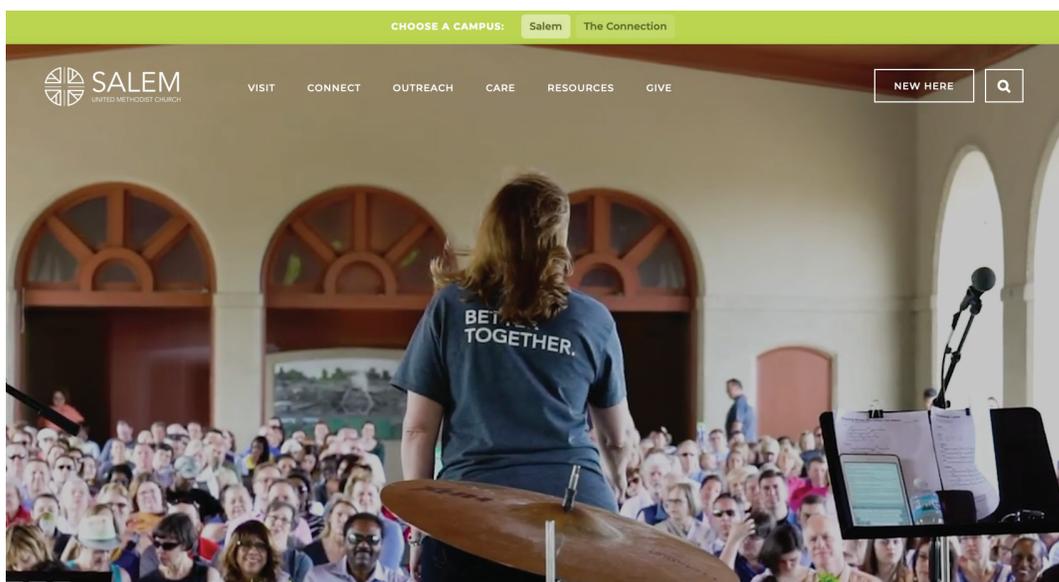
longer periods of time so we can get to know them better and share more of the story about God's love with them. It warms my heart to see so many of the kids who were VBS campers when I first began my ministry here at Salem returning home from college to serve as camp counselors and volunteers. They have cherished these experiences enough to come back and make them possible for the next generation.

We still welcome volunteers! We are also providing scholarships for these camps and your financial support is welcome! If you would like to volunteer or to donate to help defray some of the cost of providing quality Christian Education to the children in our community, you can do so on the Salem website today or by dropping your check in the offering plate.

Thank you for once again sharing your children with us. Each year, we learn as much from them as they learn from us! Have a great summer, and please reach out to me if you have any questions about summer programs!

Patty Peterson
Director of Children & Family Ministries

SALEM LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITES



We're excited to announce the release of our new websites for both of our sites: Mid-County (Salem United Methodist Church) and South-City (The Connection)! Here visitors, as well as church members, will be able to find information about our ministries, listen to recent messages, stay up to date with current church events, and more. Visit us online on your desktop or mobile device.

www.salemstlouis.com
www.theconnectionstlouis.com



Do you want to explore biblical teaching in a deeper way? Would you like to have a wholesome and fun resource for your kids? Did you know you have video library called RightNow Media that's available for you at no cost? It's like the "Netflix of Video Bible Studies" and has a HUGE library of faith-based videos that you can access whenever and wherever you want—on your phone, iPad, computer, or at home on your TV. You may have already received an official invitation by email, but if not please contact info@saalemstlouis.com or (314) 991-0546 to receive access.

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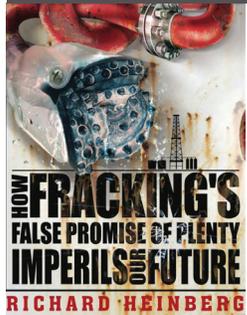
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JOIN A GROUP

Connect Groups // Times may vary // Small groups diverse in leadership, meeting times, and locations. Visit www.salemstlouis.com for a list of groups. Contact Rev. Tim Power (tim@saalemstlouis.com) if you have questions.

Holy Smokers // First Saturday // 8:00 am // The Holy Smokers Men's Group also serves regularly in the community, enjoys fun fellowship activities, and organizes an annual BBQ fundraiser. For more information contact Joe Swan at (314) 570-3479 or joeswan@sbcglobal.net. All men are welcome.

COMMUNITY



Justice Ministry Book of the Month

Each month Salem's Social Justice Ministry presents a featured book of the month. One copy of each book will be available in the Salem library. June's book of the month is *How Fracking's False Promise of Plenty Imperils Our Future* by Richard Heinberg.



BACKYARD KIDS CLUB

JULY 3, 17, & 31
 6:00 - 8:00 PM
 AT THE CONNECTION

Backyard Kids Club // July - 3, 17, & 31 // 6:00 - 8:00 pm // South-City Site // K-5th Grade // FREE // Kids will explore Biblical teachings interwoven with sports, arts & crafts, and overall fun make for an unforgettable, life-changing time at Backyard Kids Club. Kids will be provided with a meal, adventure themed singing, and Bible stories. Free and open to all children entering Kindergarten-5th grade in the fall. Held at our South-City Site, The Connection.



JULY 30: WOMEN'S EVENT

All women are invited to an evening of fellowship on July 30 at Salem from 6:30-8:00 pm. More details coming soon.

SEPTEMBER 29: WORSHIP IN THE PARK

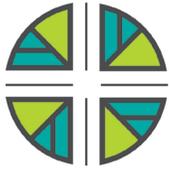
Save the date for our 2nd annual Worship in the Park event on September 29 at 10:30 am. Both worship sites will come together for a fun morning to worship and celebrate at the World's Fair Pavilion in Forest Park. More details coming soon.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We're looking for volunteers (adult and youth) for upcoming outreach events. Visit saalemstlouis.com for details or call (314) 991-0546.

- Pride Fest:* Tower Grove Park (June 29, shifts 10:00 am - 8:00 pm)
- Vacation Bible School:* Kingdom House (July 8-12, 9:00 am-1:00 pm)
- Backyard Kids Club:* The Connection (July 3, 17, & 31, 5:30-9:00 pm)
- Worship in the Park:* World's Fair Pavilion (Sept. 29, shifts 8:00 am-2:00 pm)



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SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:30 am Chapel
9:30 am Modern
10:45 am Traditional

9:30 am Classes for adults & children (2 years-6th grade)

8:30 - 11:45 am Nursery for infants & toddlers

WEDNESDAY PRAYER SERVICE

6:00 - 6:30 pm Chapel

SOUTH-CITY

6701 Virginia Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63111
(314) 256-0545
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SUNDAY WORSHIP

10:30 am Celebration

10:30 am Kids Connection for children & Nursery for infants

SAVE THE DATE

July 4: Happy 4th of July (Office Closed)
July 7-28: Both/And Series (Mid-County & South City)
July 30: Women's Event, 6:30-8:00 pm (Mid-County)
August 11: Back to School Sunday (South-City)
August 4-25: At the Movies Series (Mid-County & South-City)
September 2: Labor Day (Office Closed)
September 29: Worship in the Park (details coming soon)
October 19: Block Party (South-City Site)

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