

What is Salkehatchie?

Salkehatchie Summer Service is a pioneering servant ministry at selected sites in South Carolina involving high school and college age youth, adult community leaders and persons of different cultures in upgrading housing, motivating community cooperative efforts by helping persons to help themselves, and providing all participants with opportunities for personal growth and service.

Who?

Salkehatchie Summer Service is for high school and college age youth drawn primarily from the South Carolina United Methodist Conference. Participants must be at least 14 years old by the beginning of the camp they attend. Adult leaders are also needed to offer guidance and support.

What?

This program of the South Carolina Conference Board of Global Ministries consists of a number of work camps for United Methodist Youth in South Carolina. During the week, participants physically improve homes of needy families and reach out to these families and one another in friendship. Each volunteer participates fully in the experience of serving, growing, learning, and sharing together.

Where?

There are approximately 50 camps, established by the Salkehatchie Steering Committee where need, opportunity, personnel, and facilities meet. First Church participates in the Pee Dee camp in Bennettsville, SC.

When?

Each camp runs from Saturday to Saturday. Camps are offered from May through August. Camp Pee Dee takes place over the week of July 4th. We leave First Church the morning of Friday, June 30th and return the afternoon of Saturday, July 8th.

Why?

Many of our neighbors in South Carolina live in homes needing repair and Jesus has called us to love our neighbor (Luke 10:29-37). South Carolina United Methodist Youth need to experience Christian servant hood. "And he said to all, 'If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me' " (Luke 9:23).

How Much?

There is a \$230 fee per person to cover food, camp lodging, and camp expenses. First Church pays \$100 of this fee for each church member who registers on-time.

How Can I Help?

- Volunteer – Youth willing to work and adults to provide guidance are needed. Adults, especially women, are needed to ensure Safe Sanctuary requirements are met. Skills are not required, just a willingness to work with the youth.
- Financial Support – Cash contributions are needed and appreciated. If you would like to make a donation, please make your check payable to the church and note that it's for Salkehatchie.
- Donate Supplies – Lumber, paint, caulking, plywood, linoleum, paneling, nails, etc. may be brought to individual camps.
- Pray – Pray for the organizers, the home selection process, the home owners, the volunteers (especially that we have enough), and safety during travel and camp activities.

Hands-On Children's Ministry

- **March Event: St. Patrick's Day Party in the Gym**

On March 19th at 4:00 p.m., we are planning a St. Patrick's Day party! As part of this celebration we will be decorating potted "ZZ Plants," which are known for their hardy nature, long life, and ever-green foliage. We would like to deliver these to some of our shut-ins as a gift, and use this to teach our children that our presence and gifts can be "life-giving" to others, just as God's Spirit is life-giving to us all. We encourage the children to bring friends, and would especially encourage any parents to join us and experience these special moments with their kids.

- **April Event: Intergenerational Kickball Tournament**

Mark it in your calendars: April 23rd is our next Intergenerational Event. This means the entire church is invited to participate! While the idea of kickball may not appeal to some, rest assured, we will have activities that everyone will enjoy. As more information becomes available, we will be posting in the bulletin, the Informer, and through email.

RIFTE Student Ministry

Respect. Integrity. Faith. Transparency. Edification.

- **April: Jr. High Retreat at Asbury Hills**

Attention all Jr. High Students! We are having a middle school retreat at Asbury Hills camp April 21-22. We will have awesome Bible study, fun on the ropes elements, and a great time growing closer and building one another up. If you are interested in going, let me know by March 12. A deposit of \$35 will be due that same day, and a final payment of \$35 will be due on April 9th! We hope to see you there!

Beginning March 6, the **Youth Girls will start a Bible Study**. Led by Amanda Sparrow, the study will be in the Youth Common Area.

Lenten Worship Schedule

Ash Wednesday	Wednesday, March 1 Worship service with imposition of ashes	6:30 p.m. in the gym
Maundy Thursday	Thursday, April 13 Worship service with Holy Communion	6:30 p.m.
Good Friday	Friday, April 14	6:30 p.m.
Easter Egg Hunt	TBA	
Easter Day	Sunday, April 16 Sunrise Service SonRise Service 11:00 Service	7:00 a.m. 8:40 a.m. 11:00 a.m.



Lenten Services

March 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:00pm Wednesday Night Fellowship 6:30pm Ash Wednesday Service 7:30pm Chancel Choir	2 6:30pm Anderson District Task Force	3	4
5 8:40am SonRise 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 4:00pm Salkehatchie Meeting 6:00pm RIFTE 6:00pm Trustees	6 6:00pm Youth Girl's Bible Study 7:00pm Ladies' Study	7 10:00am Knit Wits 6:30pm Seasons of Praise 7:00pm Evangelism	8 10:30am UMW 6:00pm Wednesday Night Fellowship 7:30pm Chancel Choir	9	10	11
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Renovation Update

Refinished pews, new cushions, new chancel area,

former offices now nursery space

Anticipated occupancy is April 2, 2017

