



QUITTING THE RIGHT WAY

- REV. TERRI SWAN



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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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EXTRAVAGANT LOVE

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CONNECT WITH US



Have you ever wanted to throw up your hands and yell, "I QUIT?" I must admit I've felt that way at times--some of them pretty recently. But most of us have been trained to look down on quitting. As Vince Lombardi said, "quitters never win, and winners never quit." Like Vince, many of us think of quitting or giving up as failing. But in the Christian faith, surrender is essential. After all, Jesus

gave up his own life so that we could have eternal life. There are many patterns of thought and behavior that we are called to quit when we choose to follow Jesus.

This February our new sermon series is called "Quit." We are wrestling with the difference between healthy and unhealthy quitting, and asking ourselves what we should quit for the sake of moving toward the abundant life that Jesus invites us to lead.

Some things we might want to quit:

- Quit being afraid of what others think.
- Quit denying our anger, sadness, and fear.
- Quit dying to the wrong things.
- Quit living someone else's life.

In his book titled *Dream Big: Know What You Want, Why You Want It, and What You're Going To Do About It*, the author, Bob Goff, has a chapter called "Be a Quitter." In that chapter he says that once a year he spreads his whole life out and asks himself, "what do I need to carry with me, and what do I need to let go of?" I think that is a wise question to ask ourselves. The more we ground our identity in in the love of God, the less we need the approval of others, and the more we can come alive to our true selves. If we stop denying our true emotions--even when we are sad or afraid--we can reach out more honestly to God, growing and maturing as people. When we focus on the lives we are truly called to lead, we can let go of trying to live someone else's life instead. Quitting one thing often is the key to making space for something better.

If you haven't been with us yet, I hope you'll join us in person at either of our sites or online for the rest of February as we talk about quitting for good and the ways scripture can inform our decisions about what, when, and how to quit the right way.

Blessings, Pastor Terri

CELEBRATE EASTER

SUNDAY, APRIL 17

9:30* & 11:00 AM | MODERN | MID-COUNTY

9:30 & 11:00* AM | TRADITIONAL | MID-COUNTY

11:00 AM | MODERN | SOUTH-CITY

**LIVESTREAM ONLINE AT SALEMSTLOUIS.ONLINE.CHURCH*

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EASTER EVENTS

Ash Wednesday Worship: March 2, 7:00 pm | Mid-County Site & Online
You're invited to a special Ash Wednesday worship service featuring imposition of ashes, music, Holy Communion, and engaging message. Join us in-person or online as we mark the beginning of Lent. Nursery care will be available.

Easter Hop: April 9, 9:00-11:00 am | Mid-County Site | Register Online
Hop from kid-focused station to station to celebrate Easter. Get your photo taken with the Easter Bunny, enjoy an Egg Hunt, make a craft, participate in a service project, and listen to a short, kid-friendly message about the hope we find in Jesus' Resurrection. Cost is \$10 per family.

Holy Thursday Worship: April 14, 7:30 pm | South-City Site
Remember Christ's Last Supper on Holy Thursday as we join together in prayer, music, and Holy Communion. All are welcome. Nursery care will be available.

Good Friday Worship: April 15, 7:00 pm | Mid-County Site
Good Friday is the day in which our focus turns to the cross, the crucifixion, and death of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Join us for a Service of Darkness featuring prayer, scripture, and music featuring the Chancel Choir and Salem Chamber Orchestra. Nursery care will be available.

Easter Hop: April 17, 10:00 am | South-City Site | Register Online
Hop from kid-focused station to station to celebrate Easter. Get your photo taken with the Easter Bunny, enjoy an Egg Hunt, and make a spring craft. After the hop please join us for Easter Service at 11:00 am.

Mid-County Site (1200 S. Lindbergh Blvd., 63131)
South-City Site (6701 Virginia Ave., 63111)

AN INVITATION FROM PASTOR TERRI TO CELEBRATE REV. MARVIN PYRON'S RETIREMENT

Pastor Marvin has been settling into his second retirement since January, and with the ongoing Covid concerns, we have been unable to host a proper celebration to thank him for his faithful service at Salem for the past 16 years. So, on February 27, during the 11:00 am service in the Mid-County Sanctuary, we will offer thanksgiving to God for Rev. Marvin Pyron, and we will join together after the service in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate him and what his work among us has meant over the years. I invite you to join us as we celebrate Rev. Marvin Pyron on February 27.

HISTORY OF THE CONNECTION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - ELIZABETH TERRY, SALEM ARCHIVIST



Salem's South City Site, The Connection, was founded in 1857. That year, land was purchased for \$816 between Haven Street and Loughborough Avenue for the new little church. Named Carondelet Methodist Church South, the building was 26 feet wide and 45 feet long. A single aisle down the middle of the church separated the pews. A reed organ sat near the front of the church while a small pipe organ sat at the rear. Membership swelled.

Like many churches of that era, a schism formed within the congregation during the Civil War, dwindling its numbers. However, the community rallied following the war as industry in Carondelet boomed. Church members worked in local coal mines, at nearby blast furnaces, such as the one at the foot of Bowen Street, and in other manufacturing enterprises. The congregation expanded until a new, larger building was needed.

The little church was demolished in 1903. The present church building, dedicated in 1904, was built at a cost of \$22,000. The beautiful windows were installed for \$1000, and the quartersawed oak pews cost \$500. The church's organ was bequeathed soon after the building was constructed. In 1920, the congregation changed the name of its church to Haven Street Church. The name was again changed in 1941 to Mellow Memorial, honoring the Mellow family, known as devoted Methodists. Now known as The Connection, the church became one with Salem United Methodist Church in 2016.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE AT HAVEN STREET

WHAT IS HAVEN STREET?: Haven Street at The Connection is committed to serving the needs of our community by providing nutritious meals, essentials, and love. Scan the code to make a difference today.



VOLUNTEER: Serve on Sundays from 11:15 am-1:00 pm and Mondays from 5:15-7:00 pm. Volunteers distribute to-go meals/hygiene kits at The Connection and offer help as needed to those in the neighborhood.

DONATE: Donate essentials such as: socks, winter clothing, hygiene items, water, and ready-to-eat snacks. Visit salemstlouis.com/haven-street for an Amazon shopping list.

TRY A CONNECT GROUP

We need each other! You are welcome to try out a few groups before choosing the best one for you. Visit salemstlouis.com for details, call the office (314) 991-0546, or contact Liz Rea at reasatsalem@gmail.com for help finding a group that fits for you.

20-Something: Thur., 7:00 am | Virtual
Contact: Carlos Puyo cpuyo99@gmail.com or
Allison Rea allisonrea2020@gmail.com

Couples Connect: 1st Tues., In-Person
Contact: David Long | dplong22@gmail.com

Contemporary Seniors: Sun., 9:30 am | In-Person & Virtual
Contact: Gene Sehl | esehl@sbcglobal.net

Holy Smokers Men's Group: 1st Sat., 7:00 am
Mid-County | Contact: Joe Swan | jswan@archrsc.com

Diving Deeper: Tues., 6:00 pm | South-City
Contact: Jen Adams | adamsjl30@att.net

Women's Fellowship: Mon., 7:30 pm | Virtual
Contact: Lauren Caito | lauren.caito85@gmail.com

Wednesday Women: Wed., 9:00 am | Virtual
Contact: Liz Rea | reasatsalem@gmail.com

BOLD Connect: 1st & 3rd Sun., 9:30 am | Virtual
Contact: Irene Graham | irene.graham6@gmail.com

Monday Bible: Mon., 6:30 pm | In-Person & Virtual
Contact: Susie Cooper | scoop3917@gmail.com

Tuesday Bible: Tues., 7:00 pm | Virtual
Contact: Nancy Ellis | nlellis@sbcglobal.net

W O R S H I P



SALEM AND THE CONNECTION
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2021 SNAPSHOT



15

Baptisms

24

New Members



2

Christmas
Concerts



2

Drive-Thru
Communion
Events



2

Holy Week Events





FREEDOM SCHOOL AT THE CONNECTION

15 Students
25 Volunteers

- 180 Outreach volunteers
- 250 St. Louis children received school supplies
- 270 Winter clothing items
- 248 Turkeys donated to St. Louis families for Thanksgiving



8,472 Haven Street Meals

1,700 Meals provided to Epworth Children & Family Services

743 Toys Donated to the LifeWise STL Holiday Shop

52 St. Louis Public School Teacher Appreciation Gifts

226 St. Louis Public School Student Christmas Goodie Bags



HOLY SMOKERS MENS MINISTRY

Smoked 1.7 tons of meat
11,300 People fed in 2021

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LEARNING



22
Connect Groups,
Studies & Classes

235
Adults are growing in
their faith and in
community with one
another through
groups and studies

125
Children &
Leaders
participated in
Kids Connect

116
Participated
in VBS Fest



48
Students &
Leaders
participated
in Student
Ministry

8
Youth
explored
their faith
through
Confirmation
Classes

COMMUNITY



5
Community
Outdoor Events

775
People Reached

***\$1,947,798** Congregational Giving
***\$1,727,526** 2020 total
***12.7507%** Giving Increase
\$0.00 Debt
\$181,971 Nutrition and Literacy Spending
\$74,476 Net Operating Income
\$776,481 Endowment Balance



11,800
Views

104%
Increase

156
Subscribers

83.52%
Increase



53,767
Page Reach

22.6%
Increase



1,034
Account Reach

16.6%
Increase

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Grace for the Weary: Navigating Grief and Loss in 2022 Workshop // February 24, 7:30 pm

Join Pastor Tim Power and Lindsay Walter, MA, LPC from Emotional Growth Counseling about the spiritual significance and opportunity of grace-filled grieving. Our unprecedented times call us to recognize, reflect and rebuild with purposeful mercy and unconditional love. To register visit salemstlouis.com.

Parents Night Out // February 25 // 6:00-9:00 pm

Join us for our monthly Parents Night Out program. Children ages six weeks to 12 years old are invited to join us for dinner, games, specialty classes, and age-appropriate activities. Cost is \$30 per child (includes dinner and all activities). Meets at Mid-County Site from 6:00-9:00 pm. Register at salemstlouis.com.

IMPACT! // February 26 // 6:30-8:30 pm

Students are invited to this fun-filled monthly event featuring special activities such as: inflatables, 9-Square, Basketball, DJ, dinner, mission project, and prayer time. IMPACT! events are free, but donations are welcome. Register online at salemstlouis.com.

MID-COUNTY

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SOUTH-CITY

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PLEASE SEND ALL MAIL FOR BOTH SITES TO THE MID-COUNTY ADDRESS. THANK YOU!

WORSHIP IN-PERSON OR ONLINE

In-Person Worship Schedule

Mid-County: 9:30 am - Modern Worship (Multipurpose Room)

Mid-County: 11:00 am - Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

South-City: 11:00 am - Modern Worship (The Connection Sanctuary)

Online Worship Schedule

Sunday, 9:30 am - Modern Worship Livestream

Sunday, 11:00 am - Traditional Worship Livestream

YOUR GIFT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Together we can make an impact in the lives of our neighbors and continue the ministry of spreading the extravagant love of God to all people.



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