

## Frequently Asked Questions:

Can I get mentor advice even if I don't have an immediate need?

*Yes. The mentors are here specifically for those types of needs.*

Will my request automatically be granted?

*No, but all requests will be prayerfully considered.*

How long will it take for my request to be approved?

*Approval time will vary based upon the request, but typically will take on average 1-3 weeks.*

Can I get a loan?

*No. Any assistance provided is a gift.*

Where does the money come from?

*The money comes from the church's special compassion collections.*

Are the mentors trained?

*The mentors are not necessarily licensed professionals. However, they will receive some specific specialized training within the church.*



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Salem UMC's Mission is to  
recreate in others the life  
of Jesus Christ, taken root  
in us.



## MONEY MENTORS

and

## Compassion Program

**Matthew 25: 35 & 36**

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

## Salem United Methodist Church

### Money Mentors and Compassion Program

#### Mission:

In keeping with Matthew 25:40, we will provide basic needs assessment, simple budgeting, and necessary referrals in a timely fashion to individuals seeking assistance.

The mentorship and compassion program is designed to meet specific needs of our congregation and its friends.

If you are struggling with your finances, have unexpected hardships, or are looking for some prayerful assistance, the Money Mentors are here to help you.

This program is designed to help with the basic needs of our congregational family, and provide financial advice to those in need.

The money mentors strive primarily to help those in need to become good stewards.

Individuals will be assisted in various ways.

- † Financial assistance may be available
- † Mentors are available to assist individuals in creating budgets, solving financial problems and finding available resources
- † Mentors will provide prayerful support for those in need.

#### **James 2:15-16**

If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that?

### Money Mentors & Compassion Program Process:

- † Contact the Money Mentors Committee with request by calling the church office.
- † Complete the Application Form and provide necessary information
- † Committee will prayerfully discuss request and contact individual(s)
- † If approved, the committee will contact the applicant, and a mentor(s) will be assigned
- † Mentor(s) will meet with the individual(s) to discuss the financial need and/or develop financial plan
- † Mentor(s) will schedule follow-up meetings with the individual to provide support on their financial plan
- † Mentor(s) will pray with and for the individual(s)
- † ***Visit [www.cbsalem.org](http://www.cbsalem.org) for additional information and a copy of the Application Form.***