

# The Spirit

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## *Salem United Methodist Church*

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*Worship 8:00 & 10:00 AM*

*Our mission is to make disciples for Jesus Christ  
through worship, teaching, fellowship, and outreach.*

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### **“Jesus talked about money”**

Some people find it surprising that Jesus talked so much about money during his earthly ministry. Here are a few of the things he taught us about how to use money and material things:

- Jesus taught us to concentrate on heavenly treasures: “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust corrupt and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal” (Matthew 6:19-20).
- Jesus taught that people would be happier giving rather than receiving: “It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35).
- Jesus warned that material things could become a hindrance to spiritual growth: “How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!” (Mark 10:23).
- Jesus declared that we do not live on material things alone, no matter how much wealth we have: “A man’s life does not consist in the abundance of things he possesses” (Luke 12:15).
- Jesus instructed us to have pure motives for our giving: “Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men in order to be seen...I say to you, they have their reward” (Matthew 6:1-2)
- Jesus cautioned against worry over material things, and called on us to trust God to provide for our needs: “Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?” (Matthew 6:25).

Yes, Jesus did talk a lot about money. We need his attitude toward material things. Money was intended to be our servant, not our master.

Grace and Peace,

Cliff



## *New* Members Class



### Membership Class

There will be a new member's class for adults who are interested in joining Salem United Methodist Church. It will be on Sunday September 12<sup>th</sup> from noon to 1:30 PM in the downstairs parlor. It is an opportunity to learn more about your faith in God, about Salem Church, with some church and U.M. history thrown in. So please be praying now about attending. You don't need to bring anything with you but you. I look forward to seeing you there.

Cliff

### Confirmation Class

We will be having Confirmation classes beginning on September 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 A.M. during the Sunday school hour. The classes are for youth ages 12 to 18 who are interested in becoming full members of Salem UMC. Classes will run for 13 weeks with the last class on December 5<sup>th</sup>. You will be learning about your faith, the church, United Methodist history, the Bible, discipleship, worship, and a number of other topics. Following successful attendance of the classes you will be received into the membership of Salem Church. Please contact the church office to let us know of your interest. You can either call us at 410 592-2543, email us at [office@salemunited.org](mailto:office@salemunited.org) or just let Pastor Cliff know when you see him.



Ladies (and gentlemen waiters) mark your calendars for our Fall Tea, to be held on Saturday, September 18th. Let your friends know early as this event is becoming very popular and seating is limited. More information will follow in the coming weeks.

### Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Wednesday morning bible study will resume on September 15 at 10 am. The study we'll be focusing on for the first six weeks is "With All Your Heart", another DVD series by Ray Vander Laan. In this study we'll be looking at the times when God warned Israel to remember him when they left the dry desert and reached the Promised Land. We'll discover how they quickly forgot him and began to rely on themselves. Join us in the Salem Room (next to the parlor) on Sept. 15 for a time of study, prayer and fellowship.

### Congratulations to our Graduates:



- Caroline Franz-Bachelor of Science, West Virginia University
- Emma Quinn-Maryland Institute of Art
- Brendan Salvo-Loyola High School
- Colleen Sippel- Perry Hall High School
- Kendra Wiegand-Perry Hall High School





## Salem UMC Vacation Bible School

Come to Galactic Blast: a Cosmic Adventure Praising God and join us for an out-of-this-world adventure on Sunday July 11-Thursday July 15 from 6-8 pm, cost-\$5.00 per child, \$10 per family! Children will become cadets of the starship Galactic Praise. They will space walk to the Good News Galaxy and they will meet Galileo the Gorilla!!! Adults are needed for Galactic Blast Leaders!! Please contact Carly Shomo at 443-619-0367 or Angela Spinner at 410-937-6706 if you are excited about being part of Cosmic Crafts, Moons and Tunes or Rocket Rec give us a call!!

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_



## Sunday School

### Sunday School News

As I write this article for the newsletter our Sunday School Program for 2010 has ended for our summer break. For Mother's day our Sunday school choir shared their beautiful voices with the 10:45 am worship service and each of the women in the church received a corsage handmade by the Middle and High School Students. What a great Mother's Day! On May 30<sup>th</sup> we celebrated in worship with the children who received their attendance awards. Please congratulate: Matthew Eisenhart (first year), Ava Wehr (second year), Emily Carter and Jena Dahlstrom (fifth year), Dacey Spinner (tenth year), Ashley Carter (eleventh year) and Ryan Carter (twelfth year). I would also like to thank their parents for encouraging their children to come and participate in Sunday school. We also shared a BIG THANK YOU to our Sunday school teachers, who faithfully make our program possible. It takes a dedicated team of people to make Sunday school go and we have been blessed at Salem with such a team. Here is a list of teaching team: Jean Mattheu, Charlotte Spinner, Joy Schaefer, Pat Kelly, Carol Kimball, Janice Reider, Tammy Mikkonen, Eileen Ertel, Sabina Hollobaugh, Vicki Saxon, Cliff Webner, Kerry Webner, Bob Kimball, Judy Jones, Lauren Simpson, Su DeLeo, Doug DeLeo, Cindy Carter, Dawn Hugunin, D'anne Wilhelm and Jim Graham. Thanks again to all who help to make Sunday school a success at Salem. We are looking for high school and middle school teachers. If you would like to join our teaching team please contact me at 410 592-5222.

Carole Webner  
Sunday School Superintendent



## 2010 Annual Conference

The 226<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference was held at the Marriott Waterfront Hotel from June 2<sup>nd</sup> thru the 4<sup>th</sup>. It is at this conference that the larger church comes together to worship, celebrate ministries and make decisions that shape our conference. There were 647 clergy and 640 lay members who attended this year. These members of our Annual Conference witnessed the ordination of eight Elders and one Deacon, honored the ministries of 29 retirees who gave 780 years of service, memorialized those who died in the past year, listened to and reflected upon the State of the Church address by Bishop John Schol, and learned about worship, leadership and evangelism from the Rev. Adam Hamilton. Several honored guests shared the Word with us this year. They included, Bishop James Swanson (of the Holston Area in Tenn.), Bishop Hans Vaxby (from the Eurasia Area), and Bishop Janice Huie (Houston Area in Texas). We were all blessed by the messages they shared. The Baltimore Mayor, Stephanie Rawlings Blake joined us on Wednesday to thank us for the cooperative work that is being done in Baltimore City. This year portions of the Conference sessions were broadcasted on the Web for all to see. If you would like to view some of the Conference you can simply visit the Conference homepage at [www.bwcumc.org](http://www.bwcumc.org) and click on "Streaming Video of Annual Conference". Our Conference reaches out to our brothers and sisters in Haiti with a collection of \$16,783.00 and \$28,550.00 from the youth at the annual ROCK Retreat.

The theme of our Conference this year was "Passionate Disciples Celebrate in Worship". All who attended this year learned about what it takes to create passionate worship, to be a passionate leader in our local churches and to show our passion about what Christ has done in our lives. I look forward to representing Salem Church again at next year's Annual Conference. If you have any questions or would like to learn more about Annual Conference please contact me at 410 592-5222.

Carole Webner

Lay Member to Annual Conference



### “The Summer of Hope”

Don't miss this year's summer sermon series. We're calling it “The Summer of Hope.” Amidst these days of oil spills and tough economic times we want to offer you some things to be hopeful about. So, from July 4<sup>th</sup>-September 5<sup>th</sup> Salem Church will be presenting “The Summer of Hope” sermon series.

Here's what we'll be talking about:

- July 4<sup>th</sup> “One Nation Under God” based on Psalm 16:1. It's Independence Day.

We know, as Americans, how grateful we should be to live in this wonderful country, but do we always remember how good it really is? This message offers us a reminder.

- July 11<sup>th</sup> “....And One String” based on Proverbs 15:13-15 and Philippians 4:8-9. We know what it's like to run on empty. This is a lesson of how to keep going when the going gets tough.
- July 18<sup>th</sup> Don't miss this message. It's from Bob Kimball the new grandfather.
- July 25<sup>th</sup> Our youth will be bringing a hope-filled message from their mission trip to Newark, New York.
- August 1<sup>st</sup> “Keep Your Fork” based on I Peter 1:3-9. Where is God in the midst of troubled times and how can we reconnect with him?
- August 8<sup>th</sup> “God's Recycling Program” based on John 11:38-44 and Ezekiel 37:1-14. How does God heal us when we are broken and feel worthless?

- August 15<sup>th</sup> “Is Anybody There?” based on II Corinthians 6:1-2 and Isaiah 49:8-13. Sometimes we feel like we're in this all by ourselves. This is a gentle reminder that we're not.
- August 22<sup>nd</sup> “Believing Against Hope” based on Genesis 17:1-2 and Romans 4:16-25. When life seems impossible do we ever feel like believing against hope?
- August 29<sup>th</sup> “Just a Mustard Seed” based on Ezekiel 17:22-24 and Mark 4:26-34. This is about God taking the smallest things we have to offer and performing miracles with them.
- September 5<sup>th</sup> “Remembering 911” It's a day we'll never forget. It's a day we'll always remember where we were. But where was God in all of that?

Our hope is that we might offer you not just a word of hope, but that this hope will change your life, as you grow closer to God. So, come join us July 4<sup>th</sup>-September 5<sup>th</sup> for “The Summer of Hope” at Salem UMC.



Dear Salem Family,

Although I just updated everyone on Salem finances as of the end of March, my goal this year is to provide quarterly updates. Several new windows have already been installed because 62% of the needed funds have been collected as of May 30<sup>th</sup>. Please remember that the new windows were **not** in the annual budget and therefore these contributions should be made in addition to weekly tithes and offerings.

Unfortunately, the Weekly Offering collections are \$10,000 below year-to-date target (average of \$525/week), \$5,000 less than this same time last year. Fundraisers have certainly helped Salem to stay current with ongoing expenses so far this year, but these funds are anticipated IN ADDITION TO the budgeted Weekly Offering contributions.

By this time last year, it was already apparent that the budget prepared the previous Fall by your Finance Committee reflected much higher expenses than what would actually be incurred. But unlike 2009, we currently do not foresee any large decrease in heating oil or salary expense which could help to offset the lower Weekly Offering contributions we are experiencing now.

For the first time since I accepted the Finance Chair position in February 2007, I am truly concerned for Salem's financial health and pray we can work together to grow our congregation. As our family grows, our human and financial resources increase to provide additional opportunities to "make disciples for Jesus Christ through worship, teaching, fellowship, and outreach".

*Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*

*2 Corinthians 9:7*

Thank you for your (cheerful) faithfulness!

Karen Sersen  
Finance Committee Chair



### YOUTH MISSION TRIP

On Sunday, July 18, thirteen of us will be packing up for the youth mission trip to Newark, New York to partner with Group Workcamps. Newark once derived much of its' economy from the construction of the Erie Canal which runs through the town. This economy has slowed down significantly and left the town with many elderly citizens as well as low-income families who are in need of help.

Group Workcamps is an organization that reaches out to communities throughout the world that are in need of extra hands and the love of Jesus Christ. One of the greatest ways to glorify God and rejoice in who He is, is to use our abilities to serve other people and that is just what we'll be doing on this trip.

While we are there the youth will be able to connect with other teens and leaders from around the United States. From these relationships they will grow in their faith in addition to nurturing others. Part of growing spiritually is walking together with other Christians , and Group Workcamps provides this opportunity.

Those who are participating in this mission trip are Ashley Carter, Jena Dahlstrom, Nicole Hinkle, Vinnie Iannucci, Samantha Lewis, Julie Norton, Danielle Nuetzel, Joey Nuetzel, Julie Nuetzel, Andy Russum, Mark Carter, Pastor Cliff and Judy Jones. The group will be commissioned during 10am worship on July 11 and will be leading worship on July 25 when we return.

As we travel to Newark, we look forward to glorifying God through being His hands and feet. We are asking our Salem church family to support us through your prayers while we're away.



### LEMONADE LULLS

We still need volunteers to host the lemonade lulls following 10am worship. The signup sheet is on the narthex bulletin board. The available dates are: July 25, August 1, August 8, August 15, and August 22.

### SALEM COOKBOOKS

Salem cookbooks are still available in the church office or from Lauren Simpson.

### COMMON GROUNDS ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

All adults are invited to join the Common Grounds class in the kitchen every Sunday morning for a time of food, fun, fellowship and lively discussion. There are men and women of all ages and it's a great place to go while your children are in Sunday School. Hope to see you there when Sunday School reconvenes in the fall.

The committee members who clean the Salem Parlor one time a month, are looking for more members so that we would only have to take a turn one month in a year's time. We work in teams of two so if any one is interested in helping in this area, please call the office and we'll give you more information.

### PERRY HALL TOWN FAIR

Salem will have a booth at the Perry Hall Town Fair on Sat. July 10. The fair runs from 10am till 5pm. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year we have done this and it is a great way for our church to reach out in the community. This year the fair is located at the Honeygo Village Center on Honeygo Blvd (where the Weis Market is). Carly Shomo will be doing face painting and our booth will be decorated in the Galactic Blast VBS theme. We still need some volunteers to man our booth. No experience is necessary. You will be in the shade of a tent while you are there and have an opportunity to see the fair which is loaded with displays of businesses, churches, arts and crafts, food, music, games for the kids, a petting zoo, etc. There is a signup sheet on the narthex bulletin board and if you have questions please see Judy Jones.



# July 2010

| Sun  | Mon  | Tue   | Wed  | Thu                | Fri                | Sat  |
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|  |  |   |  | 1                  | 2                  | 3  |
| 4<br>Communion<br>Independence<br>Day  | 5<br>Church office<br>closed                         | 6<br>Prayer group,<br>6:30pm                  | 7<br>Community As-<br>sistance Net-<br>work, 6:00 pm | 8                  | 9                  | 10<br>Perry Hall Town<br>Fair<br>10 am-5 pm<br>Thrift Shop, 9-12 |
| 11<br>Franz baptism<br>Mission trip<br>Commissioning<br>VBS, 6-8 pm<br>Softball, 4:00 pm | 12<br>Welcome One<br>Shelter, 4:30 pm<br>VBS, 6-8 pm | 13<br>VBS, 6-8 pm<br>Prayer group,<br>6:30pm  | 14<br>VBS  | 15<br>VBS          | 16                 | 17   |
| 18<br>Mission trip   | 19<br>Mission trip                                   | 20<br>Prayer group,<br>6:30pm<br>Mission trip | 21<br>Mission trip                                   | 22<br>Mission trip | 23<br>Mission trip | 24   |
| 25<br>Mission Sharing  | 26   | 27<br>Prayer group,<br>6:30pm                 | 28   | 29                 | 30                 | 31   |

# August 2010



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| <b>1</b><br>Communion                              | <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b><br>Prayer group,<br>6:30pm  | <b>4</b><br>Community As-<br>sistance Net-<br>work, 6:00 pm | <b>5</b>                                     | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b><br>Thrift Shop, 9-12 |
| <b>8</b>   | <b>9</b>  | <b>10</b><br>Prayer group,<br>6:30pm   | <b>11</b>   | <b>12</b><br>Welcome One<br>Shelter, 4:30 pm | <b>13</b> | <b>14</b>                     |
| <b>15</b><br>Sunday School<br>meeting, 11:30<br>am | <b>16</b> | <b>17</b><br>Prayer group,<br>6:30pm   | <b>18</b><br>Book Club, 7:00<br>pm                          | <b>19</b>                                    | <b>20</b> | <b>21</b>                     |
| <b>22</b>  | <b>23</b> | <b>24</b><br>Prayer group,<br>6:30pm   | <b>25</b>   | <b>26</b>                                    | <b>27</b> | <b>28</b>                     |
| <b>29</b>  | <b>30</b> | <b>31</b><br>Prayer group,<br>6:30pm<br>Noah's Ark Par-<br>ent meeting, 7:00<br>pm |   |  |           |                               |



If you are in 3rd grade or up and are interested in serving as an acolyte please contact Dina Niles at 410-538-8524.



Congratulations to Christi and Patrick Boyle on the birth of their daughter McKayla Grace and granddaughter of Bob and Carol Kimball.

July/August Usher Schedule

July

Doug DeLeo, David Frisch, Bettie Heacock & Jerry Sersen

August

Scott Shelton, Tony Auth, Bob Iannucci, & Henry Spinner



July/August Newsletter Deadline is August 9th

**BREAD OF LIFE**

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



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But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him. - 2 CORINTHIANS 2:14 NIV



## July Birthdays

2- Barbara Markey  
 3-Darren List  
   Lula Wallis  
 4- Erich Boin  
 6- Mackenzie Hugunin  
   Jody Ports  
   Kevin Pumphrey  
 8- Ryan Salvo  
 9- June Dahlstrom  
   Tara Kahler  
   Jean Mattheu  
 10-Bob Frisch  
   Keri Hartley  
 11-Jason Danker  
 12-Jason Schaefer  
 14-Rich Jones  
 15-Dan Talley  
 17-Mallory Faust  
 18-Al Saxon  
 19-Erik Schroeder  
 20-Ellen Butler  
   Jerry Sersen  
 21-Paul Stewart Sr.  
 22-Donna German  
   George Hudnet  
   Charlie Martin  
 23-Christine List  
 24-Paul Stewart Jr.  
 25-Sabina Hollobaugh  
 27-Ali Iannucci  
   Sue Morgia  
 28-Warren Dillon  
   Howard Neels  
   Lauren Simpson  
 29-Douglas Russum  
 30-Olivia Bruns  
   Doug DeLeo  
   Jane White

## August Birthdays

1- Earl Pumphrey

Brian Simpson  
 2- Catherine Lisbeth  
   John Hudnet  
   Marie Spinner  
 3- Nicholas Henn  
 4- Corbin Grayson  
 5- Carol Kimball  
 6- Bertha Maloney  
   Dacey Spinner  
   Pat McGuigan  
 8- Samantha Lewis  
   Bettie List  
   Julie Munki  
 9- Jim Graham  
   Robert Osborne  
 10-Todd Altenburg  
   Joshua Fischer  
   Randall Mattheu  
 11-Morgan DeLeo  
   Garrett Glaser  
   Lois Goedeke  
   Ann Stumpf  
 12-Devin Dahlstrom  
 13-Kellie Streib  
 14-Daniel Carr  
   Jane Childs  
   Bradey Johnson  
   Judy Fischer  
 15-Grace Butler  
   John Frantz  
   Traci Salvo  
 16-JoAnn McGuigan  
   Charlie Taylor  
 17-Ed Glasser  
   Charles Sippel  
 19-Judy Jones  
 20-Nicole Tackenberg  
 21-Jeffrey Johnson  
   Joseph Nuetzel  
 23-Marion Becker  
   Sarah Dexter  
   Ann Feaser

Rachel Norton  
 Vicki Saxon  
 24-Benjamin Bates  
 25-Nancy Mast  
 26-Justin Maglov  
   Todd Pumphrey  
 27-Tyler Casey  
 28-Rocky Ails  
   Charlotte Frantz  
   Jean Little  
   Kevin White  
 29-David Colbert  
   Ted Dahlstrom III  
   Philip Feaser  
 30-Christine Henn

## July Anniversaries

1- Jerry & Karen Sersen  
 2- Fred & Susan Morgia  
 6- Kevin & Amy Pumphrey  
 7- Mary Ellen & Keith Wehr  
 8- Larry & Carol Burke  
 15-Dru & Traci Salvo  
 18-John & Nancy Carr  
 27-Fred & Barbara Lewis  
 30-David & Janice Colbert

## August Anniversaries

1- Sabina & Paul Hollobaugh  
 3- Rody & Eunice Jaeger  
   Craig & Brenda Merrill  
 6- Marjorie & Ben Bates  
   George & Linda Hudnet  
 7- Hank & Sandy Danker  
 14-Henry & Angela Spinner  
 15-Robert & Renee Streib  
 16-John & Aymie Faust  
 21- Raymond & Joy Schaefer  
 23-Alexander & Barbara Sonberg  
 24-Albert & Mary Bowers  
   Steve & Sharon Marquette  
 26-Rich & Judy Jones  
 28-Erik & Tammy Mikkonen

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Sunday, July 11 – Thursday July 15  
6-8 PM  
For kids 3 years old to 6th grade