

## Salem United Methodist Church

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*We are called to be active in God's blessing of the world!*

# The Spirit



Join us >>>

### Sunday Services

8:00 a.m. in the Chapel

10:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary

- 10:45 a.m. service is  
livestreamed at  
[salemunited.org/livestream](http://salemunited.org/livestream)
- Summer worship: 2<sup>nd</sup>  
service is at 10:00 a.m. in  
person & online from  
Father's Day to Labor Day

Wednesday Evening Outdoor  
Vespers

- 6:30 p.m., weather  
permitting



The LORD is my shepherd.

I lack nothing.

He lets me rest in grassy meadows;  
he leads me to restful waters;  
he keeps me alive.

He guides me in proper paths  
for the sake of his good name.

Even when I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no danger because you are with me.

Your rod and your staff—  
they protect me.

You set a table for me  
right in front of my enemies.

You bathe my head in oil;  
my cup is so full it spills over!

Yes, goodness and faithful love  
will pursue me all the days of my life,  
and I will live in the LORD's house  
as long as I live.

Psalm 23 (CEB)

## *Pastor's Message >>>*

As we come to the end of January, I am reminded that January 27<sup>th</sup> was the five year anniversary of the first Sunday I preached at Salem. I came at the invitation of Pastor Jay to share with you about the work I was doing at the time at Board Of Child Care. It is amazing what God has done with us since then! I give thanks to God for the relationship that has grown between us in this time and the opportunity to work together in ministry. I am blessed to serve as your pastor.

I am grateful for your prayers and support as I prepare for my surgery on February 2. My goal is to heal and be able to come back to our ministry together. My healing is my number one priority. Thank you to those who have emailed me your favorite scriptures and/or prayers. You are still welcome to do so. On Sunday, January 28 we were blessed to welcome Rev. Melissa McDade to Salem. Rev. Melissa is an ordained United Methodist clergywoman with over forty years of experience in ministry. During my absence, she will be leading worship and preaching each Sunday beginning on February 4. She is available to provide pastoral care as requested. She will be working in the church office on most Wednesday mornings, beginning February 7.

We had a wonderful reception this past Sunday, which served a dual purpose: to welcome Rev. Melissa and her spouse, Tom Sullivan; and to wish me well for my surgery. Thank you for your kindness as well as the delicious food!

I would like to share some details about who is doing what during my absence.

- Pastoral care will be taken care of by Rev. Melissa. Requests for pastoral care (for example: hospital/home visits, phone calls) will go through the Staff-Parish Relations Committee chairperson, Bob Frisch. If Bob is unavailable, please contact Susan Walker, vice chairperson.
- Jerry Sersen will be leading Vespers for February and March. He will make the decision about inclement weather, etc.
- Paul Krebs will be leading the Easter Sunday Sunrise Service.
- Tara Kully will continue to take care of all administrative responsibilities, including newsletters; bulletins; use of the building requests; social media, and communications. Tara works in the church office on Wednesdays from 9 am to noon. She uses the church email: [salemunitedupperfalls@gmail.com](mailto:salemunitedupperfalls@gmail.com) .
- If you have a prayer request that you would like shared in worship by Rev. Melissa, please email your request to Tara ([salemunitedupperfalls@gmail.com](mailto:salemunitedupperfalls@gmail.com)) or text her.
- If you would like a prayer request to be shared on the prayer chain only, please contact Judy Jones.
- Mark Carter, Church Council chairperson, will handle any questions you may have regarding the programs and ministries of the congregation.

With the love of God -

*Stacey*





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Our youth are participating in the Souper Bowl of Caring on February 11. They join with youth around the country in tackling the challenge of hunger and food insecurity.

Please support them with your donations which will support the work of the 755 Alliance. They are collecting boxed food items (cereal, macaroni and cheese, rice, etc) for the free pantry located at the Boys and Girls Club in Edgewood. In addition to these items, they will be collecting

money for the 755 Alliance to be used to help reduce student lunch debt in Harford County schools and other ways to assist families dealing with food insecurity. To donate online, please go to [salemunited.org/donate](http://salemunited.org/donate) and select "755 Alliance" from the drop-down menu.

Our youth are grateful for the support of our Salem Church family as they serve through this mission project.



United  
Women  
in Faith

The UWF met on January 28<sup>th</sup> to begin planning for 2024. The lap quilt/fidget mat project will continue, and Susan Walker has samples and instructions on how to construct them. Materials to make them are available in the sewing room. Currently, the UWF has a request for 10 fidge mats. Blessing bags and cards will continue to be sent in 2024 as well. These bags and cards are sent to those who are not

able to attend church. Bags and cards are sent on alternate months to those unable to attend church. Please let the UWF know if anyone else could benefit from receiving these cards and bags. Currently, 10 to 15 of these are delivered or mailed monthly. The youth will be making cards for the February Blessing Bags, as well as at various times during the year. Thanks to Sharon Marquette for overseeing this mission.

The UWF was blessed to make donations to many causes in 2023. A total of \$2943 was donated to help provide funding for UMCOR Menstrual Hygiene kits, the Salem Youth Mission Trip, the 755 Alliance, UMCOR-Ukraine, and the Harford County Hope for the Homeless Alliance. \$355 was sent for the UWF Conference donation, \$101 toward the Blessing Bags/Cards, and \$75 in memorials to Salem.

We will be working with Salem to move toys and furniture from the old Noah's Ark office and preschool Sunday School room to provide storage and sewing space for the Sewing Samaritans. Amy Krebs hopes to schedule monthly sewing dates (Saturday mornings). There is also yarn available for prayer shawls. Please give completed prayer shawls to Lauren Simpson.

Since all women at Salem are members of the UWF, please let Sue Yurek, Amy Krebs, or Sharon Marquette know of any woman whose activities have benefitted Salem over their lifetime to possibly be recognized with a pin presentation on a Sunday in 2024 (yet to be determined). Please send any suggestions by March 31, 2024.

Fundraising ideas are always welcome! Some ideas for consideration are: make-your-own Christmas ornaments or fabric Christmas trees, December cookie exchange, selling flats of herbs or flowers, a game night with dinner or snacks, a trivia night with dinner or snacks, and soup or cookie mixes.

The UWF will meet again on Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at noon in the Parlor. Join us!

From Lauren Simpson: Hear ye, hear ye! Mark your calendars for these upcoming kitchen events. Please note that all dates are subject to change contingent upon inclement weather, illness, or other apocalyptic situations.



- February 18: Chicken & Rice Soup pickup
- March 2: Spring Pancake Breakfast and Apple Dumpling Sale (see flyer at the end of the newsletter)
- March 17: Broccoli Cheddar Soup pickup
- April 14: Pitbeef, Turkey, & Pulled Pork
- August 24: Shrimp Boil
- September 7: Fall Pancake Breakfast
- October 13: Pit Beef & Apple Dumplings
- November 9: Chocolate Tasting
- December 7: Breakfast with Santa
- December 16: Soup Sales resume

## Youth News >>>

From Judy Jones: Our youth spent their Martin Luther King, Jr. Day off from school at the Wash 'n Fold laundromat providing money to assist the patrons to pay for their laundry services. They gave out \$413 along with laundry detergent, smiles, and good cheer. Thank you to the Salem church family for supporting our youth in this much appreciated ministry. Our next project is the "Souper Bowl of Caring." On February 11, the youth will be collecting boxed food items. They will also collect donatios which will go to the 755 Alliance to assist with student lunch debt in Harford County. Then, keep an eye out for chickens around the church. The youth have an interesting plan for a Lenten project.

## Chicken Rice Soup



## February Soup Sale

**\$12 PER QUART**

**PRE-PAID ORDERS  
DUE FEB 12**

**ORDER FORMS IN  
NARTHEX & ONLINE**

## ***Winter Housing Update >>>***

Salem has continued to receive donations for the winter housing program through the Harford County Hope for the Homeless. Two additional donations have been received, bringing the total sent from Salem to \$12,802! When combined with the donation from the Helping Hands Food Pantry, the grand total sent to the program is \$19,081. Additionally, during our January Day of Service, we were able to compile gift bags for the children and adults, along with meals, for the hotel program participants.

# **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**

**FEBRUARY 14, 2024**

**7:00 PM**

**IN-PERSON & ONLINE**



## ***Summer Camps >>>***

The Baltimore/Washington Conference has two summer camps available for students. The Mandiokan and West River camps offer overnight programs for 1<sup>st</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders, and day camps for 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders. You can see the full schedule, program descriptions, as well as register at [bwccampsandretreats.com](http://bwccampsandretreats.com)

## ***Lenten Offering >>>***

During Lent, which begins February 14, we invite you to give to our special offering. One half goes to support Manna House in providing a daily breakfast (365 days a year) for those who are in need in Baltimore. In the past, we have had volunteers go to serve breakfast as well as provide financial support four times a year. The cost for one breakfast is \$500. Manna House provides more than 70,000 meals per year. We appreciate your support of this vital mission. The other half of our Lenten Offering supports the General Fund. To donate, please mark your check "Lenten Offering." You may use a Lenten Offering envelope located at the back of the sanctuary or donate through our website ([salemunited.org](http://salemunited.org)) and use the dropdown menu to find "Lenten Offering."

## Thank you! >>>

From the Board of Child Care: We wanted to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude for your recent generous gift in kind to the Board of Child Care. Your thoughtfulness and support mean the world to us, and we couldn't be more thankful for your contribution. Your gift of seven Christmas stockings has a profound impact on our mission and the individuals and communities we serve. With your support, we are one step closer to achieving our goals and creating a brighter future for all. Once again, thank you for your invaluable contribution. We couldn't do it without supporters like you. – Phillip X. Foster

From the 755 Alliance: On behalf of the 755 Alliance, Inc., I would like to thank a member of your congregation for the generous donation of gift cards to Food Lion and Wawa for the 2023 holiday season. Our non-profit organization relies on the generosity of community partners to help support families experiencing food insecurities. With your gift we were able to concentrate our funds in recent weeks to halt an eviction for a single parent household holding 2 jobs, we restored transportation for three single parent households to maintain employment and doctor visits (one parent regained custody of 4 children), and we funded essential specialized professional home treatment for a family of 6 children (ages 10 and under). I am truly grateful for this generous support of our community members who may be facing economic hardship and emergent food, housing and/pr transportation insecurities. – BangTam Miller

## Members Corner >>>

Please remember our members who are unable to join us with a phone call or card.

Rocky Ails – Lake Wylie Assisted Living, 4877 Charlotte Hwy, Apartment 334, Lake Wylie, SC 29710

Hank Danker – 506 Haverhill Road, Joppa, MD 21085

Betty Knight – 8810 Walther Blvd, #1626, Baltimore, MD 21234

Myrna Martin – 8100 Rossville Blvd, Brightview Room 207, Baltimore, MD 21236

Bill Packer – c/o Dr. Debbie Packer, 4172 Knollcrest Circle N., Augusta, GA 30907

Alice Stewart c/o Paul Stewart – 217 Garnett Rd, Joppa, MD 21085

Ann & Rowlan Stumpf – Forest Hill Heights, 1 Colgate Drive Room 415, Forest Hill, MD 21050

Betty Zengel – 8100 Rossville Blvd., Brightview Room 308, Baltimore, MD 21236



## Contact Us!

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*Monday, Wednesday,  
and Friday  
9am – Noon  
Other hours by  
appointment*

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SALEM

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# February

## 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8:00am & 10:45 am services are in-person. 10:45 am service live stream: <a href="http://salemunited.org/livestream">salemunited.org/livestream</a>				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>8&amp;10:45am Services</b> 9:30am Sunday School (all ages)	9am Aerobics (Hall) 7:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Parlor)		9am Aerobics (Hall) 6:30pm Vespers		9am Aerobics (Hall)	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<b>Souper Bowl of Caring</b> <b>8&amp;10:45am Services</b> 9:30am Sunday School (all ages) 10am Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)	7:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Parlor)  Prepaid soup orders due		9am Aerobics (Hall) 10am Morning Bible Study (Parlor) 1pm Book Club (call office) 7pm Ash Wednesday Service		9am Aerobics (Hall) 11:30am Women Moving On Lunch (call office)	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
<b>8&amp;10:45 am Services</b> 9:30am Sunday School (all ages) 10am Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) Soup order pickup 15 minutes after each service	7:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Parlor)	7pm Finance Committee (Salem Room)	9am Aerobics (Hall) 10am Morning Bible Study (Parlor) 6:30pm Vespers		9am Aerobics (Hall)	
25	26	27	28	29		
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# February Soup Sale

The soup sale is back this month and another delicious soup is on the menu! February features Chicken Rice Soup. This soup, a perennial favorite and wonderful winter comfort food, will leave you feeling full – and if you can't finish it, you can freeze it for another day!

Please note all orders must be prepaid by February 12th. Orders may be placed in the collection plate at Salem, mailed to the office, or emailed to the office at salemunitedupperfalls@gmail.com with payment mailed or dropped off to the office. Mail checks to: Salem United Methodist Church, PO Box 192, Upper Falls, MD 21156.

All orders will be picked up Sunday, February 18th in the kitchen for 15 minutes after each service at Salem UMC.

Questions? Contact Lauren Simpson.

*PLEASE NOTE: If you are unable to print an order form, please call the Salem UMC office at 410-529-2543 or email salemunitedupperfalls@gmail.com to place an order.*

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## FEBRUARY SOUP SALE ORDER FORM

**All orders must be pre-paid and are due February 12<sup>th</sup>.**

**Pickup will be picked up Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup> in the kitchen for 15 minutes after each service at Salem UMC.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

# of Quarts	Soup Type	Cost	Total
	Chicken Rice	\$12.00 each	

Counters: Date \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Cash / Check # \_\_\_\_\_





**SALEM**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**SATURDAY  
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8-10:30AM**



# **PANCAKE BREAKFAST & APPLE DUMPLINGS**

Join us for Salem's pancake breakfast fundraiser - this month, with apple dumplings!

- Pancakes (Plain & flavor of the day)
- Sausage
- Scrambled Eggs
- Hash Browns
- Coffee/Juice/Milk
- Surprise Menu Item!

Adults: \$9.00

Kids 6 & Under: \$5.00

## Preorder your apple dumplings!

- \$4.00 per dumpling
- Paid preorders due Feb 26 (see [salemunited.org](http://salemunited.org) for details)
- Limited supply available for purchase onsite