

Salem United Methodist Church

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May
2024



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
- Summer worship: 2nd
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



What is Pentecost? >>>

On Pentecost Sunday, we remember the day the disciples received the Holy Spirit in a special way. The story in Acts 2 describes a powerful wind and tongues of fire as the Holy Spirit was poured out on people from all over the world who came to Jerusalem to celebrate a Jewish feast. At the first Pentecost over 3000 people were baptized, creating the first church. This is why Pentecost is known as the birthday of the Christian church.

The word Pentecost comes from a Greek word meaning fiftieth. The Jewish Festival of Pentecost (called *Shavuot*, meaning "weeks" in Hebrew) falls on the fiftieth day after the original Passover. On that day, God gave the Torah to Moses on Mount Sinai. The Christian festival of Pentecost falls on the 50th day after the resurrection of Jesus.

Pentecost for Christians culminates the celebration and work of the church begun on Easter Day. In much of early Christianity, Easter Day (not Pentecost) became the primary day for baptisms. After their baptism, the newly baptized were then trained in basic Christian doctrine, including the meaning of the sacraments they had now experienced, as they prepared to take up their ministries in the life of the church. On Pentecost, Christians primarily celebrate the commissioning of new members into ministry. Some do this through services of confirmation on Pentecost. And still others have also, historically, offered baptism on Pentecost as well.

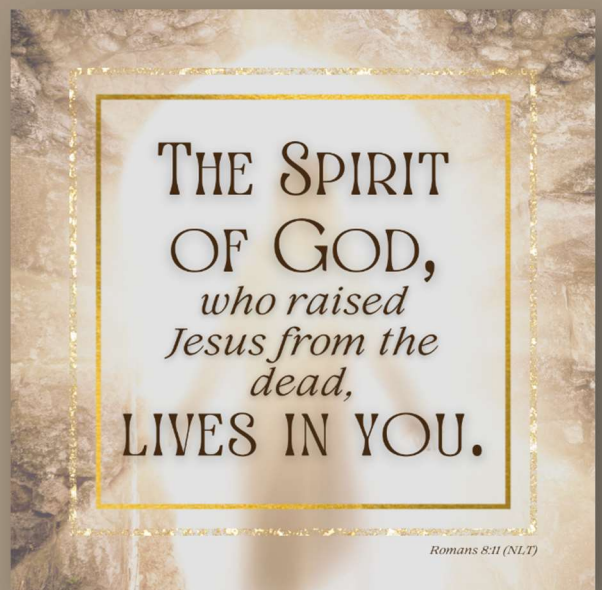
Adapted from: Ask The UMC: <https://www.umc.org/en/content/ask-the-umc-what-is-pentecost>

From Pastor Stacey >>>

Last weekend we experienced an emergency situation that caused us to cancel in-person activities in the church building on Sunday. This meant that we needed to offer worship online only. I am thankful to God we have the ability and resiliency to do this successfully. We had a large number of devices (which translates to lots of people!) on the live stream for Sunday, April 28. Thank you for your participation and for being flexible and faithful! A special thank you to our tech team and our worship leaders for the day. If you missed our worship, you can still experience the message on our YouTube channel. You can find the message by going to our website (salemunited.org) under worship and then sermon series. Or, you can go directly to YouTube and our channel (@salemunitedupperfalls).

I give thanks for our opportunities to worship together! With gratitude, I would like to highlight our worship for the month of May. I will conclude our sermon series, **"Soaring To New Heights."**

- May 5: Holy Communion
"Soaring Lessons" based on John 21:15-19
- May 12: Mother's Day and Festival of the Christian Home
"Soaring By Serving" based on the story of Tabitha (also known as Dorcas) and her life of charity and service as recorded in Acts 9:39-43
- May 19: Pentecost
"Soaring Free" based on Acts 2:1-4, 22-24 celebrating the gift of the Holy Spirit
 - Please wear red, orange and/or yellow (colors representing the Holy Spirit)
 - We will recognize our recent graduates, celebrate their accomplishments, and pray God's blessings for their futures!
- May 26: Trinity Sunday
"Soaring In The Spirit" based on Romans 8:12-17



We would like to recognize our service men and women who gave their lives in the line of military service. Please let us know the names of your loved ones and in which war they died so we may include them on this Memorial Day weekend. You may email me (pastor@salemunited.org) or the office (salemunitedupperfalls@gmail.com).

May is filled with special celebrations and observances. Be sure and include worship with Salem on your calendar.

Happy May!

Stacey



Sewing Samaritans

The Pickersgill Retirement Community has requested 15 lapquilts from our Sewing Samaritans group. We currently have about eight lapquilts. During May, please consider sewing at home. Completed quilts can be dropped off in the sewing room. Also, there are a few quilt tops that need to be completed. These will be set out on the table in the sewing room. The flannel to complete them will also be with them. Please note: the flannel will need to be cut.



United
Women
in Faith

At the April 7th UWF meeting, plans were discussed regarding the fun night scheduled for May 3rd. Unfortunately, due to a lack of volunteers, the event must be cancelled. If there is enough interest, the event can be considered for another date. If you are interested in the event, please contact Amy Krebs.

The UWF hopes to hold another pin presentation recognizing members in the fall of 2024. Currently, guidelines are being developed to assist in decisions on selecting nominees. If you have any suggestions for people who should be nominated, please contact Amy Krebs, Susan Yurek, or Sharon Marquette.

MAKE A MEMORY TOGETHER!

Adult & Child paint
class

**SUNDAY, MAY 19
9 AM OR NOON
FELLOWSHIP HALL
\$20**

Signup in narthex or
call the office.



Young Adult Group >>>

The next meeting of the Young Adult group will be Sunday, May 19th at 9:30 am. Please meet in the new Young Adult room across the hall from the Salem Room. Contact John Sivey for more information at Siveyjohn@gmail.com.

In Memorium >>>

Marian O'Neil passed away on April 11, 2024. Born in Baltimore, Maryland, she was the cherished daughter of the late William and Margaret Bernadine (Slatzer) Obitz and the beloved wife of the late Stewart Charles O'Neil.

Marian leaves behind a legacy of love and devotion that will forever be etched in the hearts of those she held dear. She is survived by her devoted daughter, Dawn and Husband Louis Nearhood; sons, Stewart O'Neil, and David O'Neil and his wife Judy; 16 grandchildren, and 34 great-grandchildren, each a testament to the depth of her love and the richness of her legacy.

In addition to her husband and parents, Marian was preceded in death by her beloved daughter, Janice Cogburn; son, Scott O'Neil Sr; a grandchild Scott O'Neil Jr, and her dear brother, William Obitz.

(Obituary information courtesy of
<https://www.mccomasfuneralhome.com/obituaries/marian-oneil>)



Ann M. (nee Koudelka) Stumpf passed away on April 18, 2024. Ann leaves behind a legacy of love as the cherished wife of 75 years to Rowlan W. Stumpf. She was a devoted and loving mother to Rick Stumpf and his wife Kathy, Patty Redding and her husband Mike, Martin Stumpf and his wife Kim, and Bill Stumpf and his wife Wendy. Ann was also a proud grandmother to 11 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren who will miss her dearly.

Born to the late John and Frances (nee Heindl) Koudelka, Ann was predeceased by her dear siblings, Frank Koudelka and Marie Stevenson. She held a special place in her heart for her sister-in-law, Kathy Johnson, and cherished the bonds she had with many loving nieces and nephews.

Ann's life was marked by her warmth, kindness, and the joyful moments she shared with her family and friends. Her laughter and loving presence will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

(Obituary information courtesy of
<https://www.lassahnfuneralhomes.com/memorials/Stumpf-Ann/5416151/>)



From Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank – Dear Salem UMC: Your gift will provide immediate physical and spiritual support to our church and the Lahaina community. My heart is warmed by your heart of giving. “Thank you” only begins to express our gratefulness. And so, I will say in a deeper way, Mahalo, and Aloha!

From Vicky and Al Alluisi – Dad loved his church and church family. Thank you all for embracing him and all of us. We love you all and are blessed.

From Dawn Nearhood and the family of Marian O’Neil – Salem, thank you all so much for preparing the lunch for all of us. Mom thought so highly of all of her “family” here at Salem. We were blessed to have her Celebration of Life with all of you.

From the 755 Alliance – On behalf of the 755 Alliance Inc. I would like to thank you for your recent generous donation of \$455.00 and boxes of non-perishable food items for our community pantry. Our non-profit organization relies on the generosity of community partners such as Salem UMC to help support families experiencing food insecurities. With your gift, we were able to fund an auto repair for a client, Floyd W., who was staying at the Joppatowne Christian Church Rotating Shelter. Floyd shared with the Pastor that he was “trying to get back to his family in Kentucky but has been stuck in Maryland for a year because he did not have money to repair the car.” We restored transportation for Floyd and he found short term employment to insure the car and will head home. It is truly gratifying to know that your donation could not have been more timely to cover over half of the repair cost. Again, I am truly grateful for Salem’s generous support of our community members who may be facing economic hardship and emergent food, housing and/or transportation insecurities. With gratitude, BangTam Miller, President

From the District Administrator >>>

From Rev. Ann Laprade – Dear Pastor Stacey: Grace and peace to you in the name of the Lord. On behalf of the Baltimore-Washington Conference, I extend my appreciation to you and your congregation for faithfully offering 100% of your 2023 mission shares. I am grateful for your commitment to support the mission and ministry of our United Methodist Church locally and to our wider world-wide connection.

Thanks to your gifts, neighbors near and far have been blessed by your generosity. Your mission share dollars allow for the shared ministry of our General Agencies to reach out in mission to areas with great needs. Your generosity supports a variety of important ministries and impacts thousands of lives. Our connection is strengthened through your faithful giving.

May your congregation continue to be a blessing in our shared ministry.

May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works — who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke. I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

Psalm 104:31-33 (NRSVUE)

Morning Bible Study >>>

From Judy Jones – The last session for the Wednesday Morning Bible Study group for the spring will be May 22, 2024. The group will resume meeting in September. Have a great summer!



Facility Update >>>

We would like to thank everyone for their patience and understanding when services had to be moved online for April 28th due to an issue with our septic system in the church building. The issue resulted from a clogged sewer pipe due to a combination of tree roots and foreign objects. When using the restrooms at Salem, please be mindful to not flush any other product other than toilet paper. All other products should be disposed of in the trash containers provided in each restroom.

Members Corner >>>

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

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

Betty Knight – 8830 Walther Blvd, Garden Terrace #308, 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

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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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
8:00 am & 10:45 am services are in-person. 10:45 am service live stream: salemunited.org/livestream			9am Aerobics (Hall) 10am Morning Bible Study (Parlor) 6:30pm Vespers		9am Aerobics (Hall)	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
8&10:45am Services 9:30am Sunday School (all ages) 10am Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)	9am Aerobics (Hall) 7:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Parlor)		9am Aerobics (Hall) 10am Morning Bible Study (Parlor) 6:30pm Vespers		9am Aerobics (Hall)	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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26	27	28	29	30	31	
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