

Salem United Methodist Church

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April
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 Easter season? >>>

For Christians, Easter is not just one day - it's a season of 50 days, a week of weeks, derived in its length from the fifty days between Passover and Pentecost (which means fiftieth) in Judaism. Easter season begins at sunset on the eve of Easter and ends with Pentecost, the day we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church (see Acts 2).

Easter season is more than an extended celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. In the early church, Lent was a season when persons who wished to become Christians were learning how to live the way of Jesus and preparing for baptism on Easter Sunday. Christians have referred to this time of formation as "catechesis" or "echoing the way of Jesus." The original purpose of the Easter season was to continue the formation of new Christians in the faith. Christians have historically referred to this formation process as "mystagogy" or "leading people into the mysteries."

Today, this extended season gives us time to rejoice and experience what we mean when we say Christ is risen and that we, as the church, are the body of the Risen Lord. It's a season for focusing on the core doctrines and mysteries of the faith and for preparing for the ministries the Spirit has empowered us to undertake in Jesus' name.

The season after Pentecost begins with Trinity Sunday and concludes with Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday. The purpose of this season is to support our common work of using the gifts we have been given in the name of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit.

Adapted from: Ask The UMC: <https://www.umc.org/en/content/ask-the-umc-when-is-easter-over-what-comes-next>



A Note from Pastor Stacey >>>

“But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

1 Corinthians 15:57, NRSV

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead! Alleluia! Amen!

I would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter and Joyous Easter Season. I am grateful to be back to serve with you as we celebrate this incredible time of year. Thank you for your prayers (which I hope will continue) and your countless expressions of support during my time of surgery and recovery. I am learning what I need to do to take care of myself as I continue to regain my strength and stamina. My healing will take many more months, but I am doing very well. You are welcome to contact me if you have a pastoral need.

I am excited to share with you that my new sermon series for the Season of Easter will explore how the power of the Resurrection impacts our lives. Because Christ is risen, we have new life. The series is “Soaring to New Heights.” Our key verse is this: “The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you” (Romans 8:11, New Living Translation). Join us in worship as we soar together following our Living Savior!

I would like to thank everyone for “stepping up” to help Rev. Melissa while I was recovering from surgery. Many thanks to Jerry Sersen for leading Vespers on Wednesdays. I will resume leading them on Wednesday, April 10. Please be sure and watch for any changes to the schedule due to weather or other circumstances.

I may be altering my schedule in the office as I return gradually. It is always best to contact me before you come to the church office to see me. As I am able, I intend to rejoin our aerobics class on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings in the fellowship hall (9-10 am). My time in the office will be influenced by participation in aerobics on those days and my energy level.

In the weeks ahead I will be sharing some about my personal journey of healing. I give thanks to God for this life-changing surgery and for the blessings of God’s care.

Easter Joy,

Stacey



A note from Rev. Melissa >>>

Dear Salem Friends – It has been an honor and a joy to serve with you during February and March this year. You are truly a blessed congregation, and it shows! I love your laughter and camaraderie, and the way you work together and support each other in times of need. Tom, Cooper, Weston, Lincoln, Leo and I felt truly blessed in our time with you. Thank you for the flowers and well wishes. I hope Stacey takes a vacation some time, and I can join you again – or maybe we’ll just show up and worship with you! Blessings, Melissa McDade.



Sewing Samaritans

Ten fidget mats were delivered to Inspirations in Middle River on March 28, 2024. These mats will be used in the Memory Care Unit. Progress was made during our March 16th sewing day toward more fidget mats and completing five lap quilts! The next sewing/project day will be Saturday, April 6 from 9:00 am to noon. Interested in sewing or helping with any of the projects? Please reach out to Amy Krebs!



United Women in Faith

Come one, come all! On May 3, 2024 at 6:30 pm, the UWF will host a night of family fun, pizza, snacks, trivia and other fun leader led games, complete with prizes! Bring your friends! Proceeds will support various funds such as the 2024 Youth Mission Trip. Please let Amy Krebs know what job you may be able to help with:

- Someone in charge of food: ordering pizza, asking for snacks, making drinks, serving
- Paper goods – someone is needed to buy tablecloths, paper plates, cups, napkins, and other related items.
- Clean-up crew
- Two or three judges as well as runners and helpers for the games
- Score keeper
- Prize coordinator
- Advertising the event
- Someone to collect the money

Also, keep an eye out for RADA information cards. They are on the way!

The next UWF meeting will be April 7 after the 10:45 am service to finalize details of the Fun Night. Any changes to the day or time will be in the bulletin and/or newsletter.

PAINT NIGHT

\$30.00 per person
Friday, April 12, 6:30pm
Fellowship Hall

Personalize your piece with a choice of inspirational phrases!



Preorders for Mother's Day flowers (\$4 each) will be taken through April 28th. Please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter or visit salemunited.org



Signup in the Narthex or call the office.
Questions? Contact Su DeLeo

Financial Secretary Notes >>>

From Karen Sersen – First quarter giving statements will be emailed to all with an email address in our database on Friday, April 19th at 9:00 am. If you do not receive a statement, check your junk or spam folder. If a statement is still not seen, please contact me. Thank you!

2020 General Conference >>>

The postponed 2020 United Methodist Church General Conference will take place April 23 – May 3, 2024 in Charlotte, NC. Please be in prayer for the Conference throughout April and early May. There is an Upper Room prayer guide available on the Resource UMC website that is intended to use in preparation for the conference. It is available at https://resourceumc.org/-/media/2024/03/14/16/33/guidetoprayer_gc24_english-c.pdf



We will celebrate this year's high school and college graduates on Graduate Recognition Sunday, which is scheduled for both services May 19, 2024. Please let Judy Jones or Tara Kully know if you or a family member will be graduating this year or has graduated in December from high school, college, or trade schools so they can be honored on this special Sunday!

*Graduate
Recognition
Sunday
May 19*



INTERNET SAFETY FOR YOUTH

WITH JOE DUGAN, INTERNET SAFETY SPECIALIST FOR THE MARYLAND STATE POLICE

- THURSDAY, APRIL 11
- 7:00 PM
- FELLOWSHIP HALL

YOUTH CAN LEARN HOW TO RECOGNIZE AND PROTECT THEMSELVES FROM SCAMS, CYBER BULLYING, AND ONLINE PREDATORS ON SOCIAL MEDIA.

Young Adult group >>>

The next meeting of the Young Adult group will be Sunday, April 21st 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.

PIT BEEF & MORE

Sunday, April 14, 2024
9:00 am - 12:30 pm

- Pit Beef & Pit Turkey
- Sausage/Peppers/Onions
- Pulled Pork
- Hot Dogs

Makes for a
great lunch
after services!

Youth News >>>

From Judy Jones – We would like to extend a big thank you to the youth who helped with the March Pancake Breakfast. You're the best!

The Youth Sunday School classes have been collecting money in a chicken bank throughout Lent. This collection will be used to send flocks of chickens to developing countries through Heifer International. They'll be opening the bank the Sunday after Easter to see how much they have collected.

He is
Risen!

Lenten Offering >>>

Donations may still be made to the Lenten Offering fund. Please be sure to designate the fund on your check or envelope, or by choosing the appropriate line item in our online giving platform through our website at salemunited.org



THIS YEAR'S OFFERING SUPPORTS:
MANNA HOUSE IN BALTIMORE
SALEM GENERAL FUND



Contact Us!

OFFICE HOURS:
Monday, Wednesday,
and Friday
9am – Noon
Other hours by
appointment

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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

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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



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 10am Morning Bible Study (Parlor) 6:30pm Vespers	4	5	6 9am Sewing Samaritans (Sewing Room)
7 8&10:45am Services 9:30am Sunday School (all ages) 10am Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)	8 9am Aerobics (Hall) 7:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Parlor)	9	10 9am Aerobics (Hall) 10am Morning Bible Study (Parlor) 6:30pm Vespers	11 7pm Youth Internet Safety Presentation (Hall)	12 9am Aerobics (Hall) 6:30pm Paint Night (Hall)	13
14 8&10:45am Services 9:30am Sunday School (all ages) 10am Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) <u>9-12:30pm Pit Beef Fundraiser (Parking Lot)</u>	15 7:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Parlor)	16	17 9am Aerobics (Hall) 10am Morning Bible Study (Parlor) 1pm Book Club (call office) 6:30 pm Vespers	18	19 9am Aerobics (Hall) 11:30am Women Moving On Lunch (call office)	20 10am Visitation for Hank Danker 11am Memorial Service for Hank Danker
21 8&10:45 am Services 9:30am Sunday School (all ages) 9:30am Young Adult Group 10am Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)	22 7:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Parlor)	23	24 9am Aerobics (Hall) 10am Morning Bible Study (Parlor) 6:30pm Vespers	25	26 9am Aerobics (Hall)	27
28 8&10:45 am Services 9:30am Sunday School (all ages) 10am Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) <u>Mother's Day Flower orders due</u>	29 7:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Parlor)	30	8:00am & 10:45 am services are in-person. 10:45 am service live stream: salemunited.org/livestream			

Honor thy Mother



Salem will be offering red geraniums for Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12th. The 4" pots will be offered for \$4.00 each and can be purchased in honor or in memory of your mother or special woman in your life.

Please pre-pay all orders by April 28th. Payments and order forms may be placed in the offering plate, dropped off in the office, or mailed to the office at Salem United Methodist Church, PO Box 192, Upper Falls, MD 21156). Flowers may be picked up after service on May 12th.

Please contact Susan Walker or the office with any questions.

Mother's Day Geraniums at Salem

Name _____ Phone _____

I wish to order: _____ # plant at \$4.00 each Total: _____

In Honor Of:

_____ By _____

_____ By _____

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In Memory Of:

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Counters Only:

Amount Rec'd _____ Cash Check # _____ Date _____

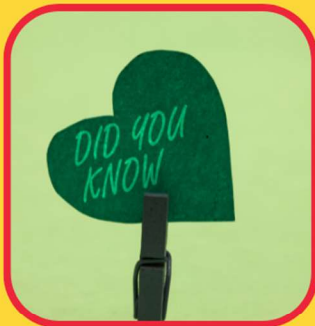
The United Women in Faith present

A NIGHT OF FUN & GAMES

Free Admission!

Friday, May 3, 2024 @ 6:30 pm

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for a night of family fun complete with prizes! Bring your friends! A good will offering will be taken at the door. Proceeds will support various funds such as the 2024 Youth Mission Trip.



Trivia



Pizza



Games

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