



**SALEM**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# NEWSLETTER

May 2021



## SPIRIT WEEK

**SUNDAY**  
**MAY 16 THROUGH**  
**PENTECOST SUNDAY**  
**MAY 23**

Salem United Methodist Church  
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Upper Falls, MD 21156  
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**SUNDAY WORSHIP**  
10:00 AM ZOOM only  
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72121826008>

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Meeting ID #72121826008

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## *Pastor's Message*

*“And now I will send the Holy Spirit, just as my Father promised. But stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from heaven.”*

-Luke 24:49 (New Living Translation)

Jesus promises power through the gift of the Holy Spirit to his followers before he returns to heaven. Jesus tells them that they must wait. And they must wait together.

I wonder what happened as they waited. We are not told in the gospels, but we are told what happens when the Holy Spirit comes! This is the day we celebrate as Pentecost – 50 days after Jesus' resurrection. You can read the story in Acts, chapter 2.

We are going to have a joyous celebration for Pentecost, and we are calling it Salem Spirit Week. Join us in celebrating the Holy Spirit, the birthday of the Church, and our Salem! There are activities for every day beginning with the kick-off on Sunday, May 16. We invite you to come to the church from 12 until 1:00 p.m. and drive-through to receive your home fun kit filled with activities, crafts, coloring pages, and a schedule for all of Salem Spirit Week. The flyer included with this newsletter has the plans for the entire week. We will be able to share through our church Facebook page what everyone is doing with their household. Please email your pictures to [salemunitedupperfalls@gmail.com](mailto:salemunitedupperfalls@gmail.com) or text them to my cell number (410-627-1944).

Our birthday party celebration – Pentecost in the Park – will be held on Sunday, May 23 beginning at 11:30 a.m. in the Kingsville Park, 11700 Franklinville Road, Upper Falls. You are invited to bring a picnic lunch and beverage (we will provide dessert) and your own chair. The celebration begins at 12:30 p.m. around the pavilion in the park. We will be collecting donations (birthday gifts) for Luna's House Animal Care and Education Center in Edgewood. Included with the newsletter is a flyer with their wish list.



We have the pavilion in the park reserved all afternoon. You are welcome to use the playground and fields; there are restrooms as well. We will provide some activities for everyone - children and the young at heart. Don't forget to wear red for Pentecost – both to worship (8:00 and 10:00 a.m.) and to the park!

Be sure and read your weekly update emails for more details and reminders of all the great opportunities for us to celebrate God's gift of the Holy Spirit and the unique Salem Spirit!

Between now and Pentecost, I ask that you pray intentionally for the Church (the universal Church – all Christian believers) and specifically for Salem Church. May God stir up the Spirit within and among us! And may the Spirit give us power and purpose to serve with renewed energy and enthusiasm.

In Christ –

*Pastor Stacey*

## Youth News

The middle/high school class has been meeting for many months, every other week, on Zoom. The kids have been faithful but are getting a little Zoomed out! Now that spring has sprung, we're going to be doing some outdoor activities. Our first date will be Saturday, May 15, so if you're one of our youth – Stay tuned for details! We'll be in touch to let you know more details.

If anyone in our church family has an outdoor project (yard cleanup, mulch spreading, etc.) let Judy Jones know and our youth just might be willing to help out. Our youth are unable to go on their Mission trip this year, so are looking for opportunities to reach out.

Graduation recognition Sunday will be June 13. We don't want to miss anyone, so please let Pastor Stacey or Judy Jones know if someone in your family is graduating from high school, college, graduate school, or technical school. All graduates will be recognized in worship that day, followed by an outdoor reception. In the 10 am worship service we will share pictures of our graduates. If you would like a graduate included, please email the picture to Pastor Stacey by June 6.

## UMW News

Salem Samaritans – Thank you ladies! We have another bunch of lap quilts that are finished and will hopefully soon be going out the door. Keep sewing, I think we're getting closer to maybe, sewing in person.

You can help with this outreach project: Please save your aluminum pull tabs from cans (such as soda and soup) for the Ronald McDonald House in Baltimore. Drop them off at church.

## Members Corner

We extend our sympathy and offer our prayers to Judie Cantalupo and her family on the passing of her husband, Carmine, on March 5. May God bring comfort and strength for those who mourn.

*Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and I am life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, yet shall they live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die." John 11:25-26*

Thank you -

Many thanks to everyone for your kind expressions of sympathy with cards, emails, and phone calls. We are also grateful for the many prayers, which are a special blessing at this time.

Love, Judie Cantalupo and Family

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

Kay Butler – 8810 Walther Blvd, #1318. Baltimore, MD 21234

Verna Cooper – 9600 C Haven Farm Rd, Perry Hall, MD 21128

Hank Danker – 506 Haverhill Road, Joppa, MD 21085

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

Judye Miller – P.O. Box 238, Upper Falls, MD 21156

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

Betty Zengel – 1617 Searles Rd, Baltimore, MD 21222



## A Word of Thanks

"Just wanted to thank you all for the nice Easter cards for Alice and me. We are doing one day at a time and we both have several health problems which are not uncommon for our age. Alice is in Brightview, White Marsh assisted living in Wellspring Village (for Alzheimer's) section."

God bless all of you,  
Paul and Alice Stewart

## Thank You

Happy Easter & Happy Spring! Manna House wishes you a renewed hope and joy at the thought of what is possible! We thank you for standing by us as we weathered a storm & with your help, we stay committed to sharing the hope that you have provided to us and the clients that we serve. You continue to show us that miracles are possible on 25<sup>th</sup> Street!

Manna House, Inc.

## Drive Up Easter Egg Hunt!

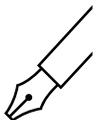


On March 29th from 5-7 pm, the Easter Bunny stopped by Salem to spread a bit of spring cheer! Families from the congregation, Noah's Ark, and the surrounding communities were invited to "Drive Up" to the church and receive a bag of goodies to help them be ready for their own Easter egg hunt at home. While the event was definitely a departure from the traditional egg hunt due to ongoing COVID concerns, it was well received by those in attendance! We were able to reach 50 children and over 23 adults to spread Easter joy.

Children were invited to pick a numbered egg from our egg garden, and they received the bag marked for that number. No two bags were the same, thanks to the many donations we received in support of the event. Children's bags included not only enough eggs and candy for a small egg hunt, but also held family activities, coloring pages, coupons to Texas Roadhouse and Chick-fil-a, and small gifts! Adults were also given small bags with chocolate and a token gift, while supplies lasted.



Families in attendance learned about the event from a variety of sources - fliers, Facebook post shares, and even just driving by the church while the event was going on! We thank everyone who was able to share the event with the community. Additionally, thank you to Judy Jones, Martha Bates, Lauren Simpson, and Bettie Heacock for their help with creating the gift bags, and a special thank you to Natalie Kully for volunteering her time to be the Easter Bunny!



### ***A Note from the Financial Secretary***

Your 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Giving Statement has been generated and emailed or snail mailed. You should have already received your 2020 Year End Statement. If you are missing either of these or have any questions, please call Karen Sersen

## Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Now that the weather is getting a little better, Wednesday morning Bible study will start up again on May 12 at 10 am (weather permitting). We'll meet on the parking lot. I'm not sure what the study will be yet, but it will just be great to meet together in person. If you have any questions, give me a call at 410-615-9426. Everyone is welcome for this time of study, fellowship and conversation. PS – Bring your own chair. Judy Jones

Happy  
Mother's  
Day!



## Our Calendar of Events

May 2021

All meetings/events will be held via the ZOOM platform, unless otherwise noted. Each event has a link. Recurring meetings/events use the same link each time.

### Weekly:

Sunday 8:00 AM	Worship in Sanctuary, no Zoom, masks and socially distant
Sunday 10:00 AM	Worship is in person (masks and socially distant) or via Zoom; Weekly Bulletins are posted on the website and sent in weekly email from Pastor Stacey Zoom link - <a href="https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72121826008">https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72121826008</a> By Phone – 1-301-715-8592 / ID 721 2182 6008
Monday 7:00 PM	Bible Study with Pastor Stacey on the Book of Romans Zoom link - <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86945193408">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86945193408</a>
Tuesday 1:00 PM	Trivia Time on Zoom
Wednesday 10:00 AM	Beginning May 12 – Bible Study on the parking lot weather permitting
Wednesday 7:00 PM	Outdoor Vespers in the parking lot, weather permitting, bring your own chair
Every Mon/Wed/Fri	Aerobics classes on Zoom at 9:00 AM

### Other Activities:

May 9	Happy Mother's Day!
May 15 1:00 PM	Youth Sunday School Class outdoor activity
May 16-23	<i>Salem Spirit Week</i>
May 16	Salem Spirit Week Drive-through Kickoff – noon – 1 pm
May 23	Pentecost in the Park at Kingsville Park 11:30 am
May 21 6:30 PM	Noah's Ark Graduation (outside on parking lot)



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# SALEM SPIRIT WEEK!

**MONDAY, 5/17**

CANDLELIGHT NIGHT! LIGHT A  
CANDLE AND SHARE THE STORY OF  
PENTECOST

**TUESDAY, 5/18**

TALK ABOUT IT TUESDAY! FIND OUT  
HOW TO SAY A GREETING IN  
ANOTHER LANGUAGE

**WEDNESDAY, 5/19**

WEAR RED FOR PENTECOST!

**THURSDAY, 5/20**

THROWBACK THURSDAY! SHARE A  
SIGNIFICANT CHURCH EVENT IN  
YOUR LIFE

**FRIDAY, 5/21**

CREATE RIBBON STREAMERS! MAKE  
RIBBON STREAMERS TO WAVE FOR  
PENTECOST

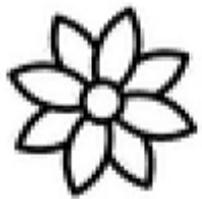
**SATURDAY, 5/22**

GO FLY A KITE! EXPLORE THE LINK  
BETWEEN WIND AND THE SPIRIT  
WHILE FLYING KITES!

**SUNDAY, 5/23**

PENTECOST BIRTHDAY PARTY AT  
KINGSVILLE PARK, GATHER  
STARTING AT 11:30AM (BRING YOUR  
LUNCH & CHAIRS!), CELEBRATE AT  
12:30PM

SHARE PICTURES OF YOUR SPIRIT ACTIVITIES WITH US!  
SEND TO SALEMUNITEDUPPERFALLS@GMAIL.COM TO  
POST ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE!



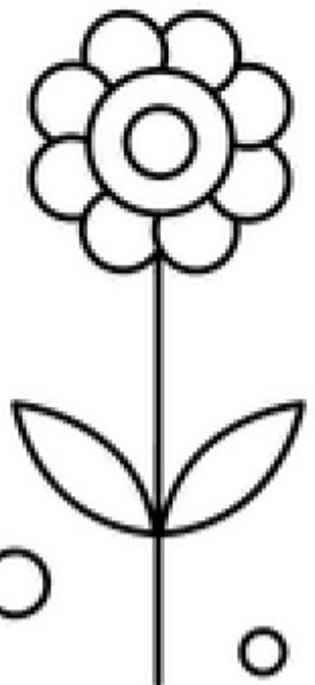
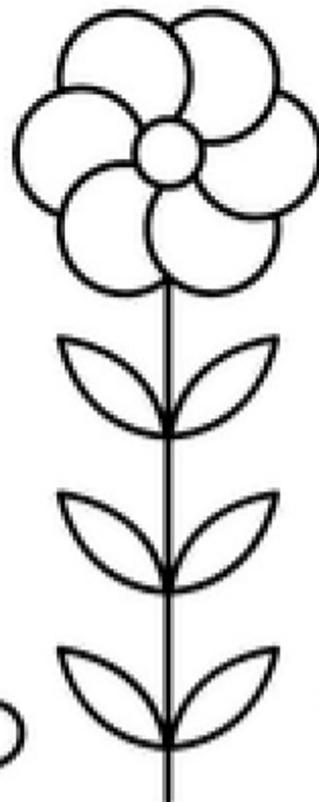
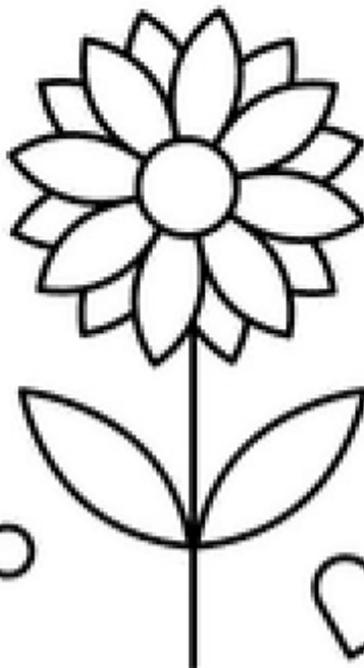
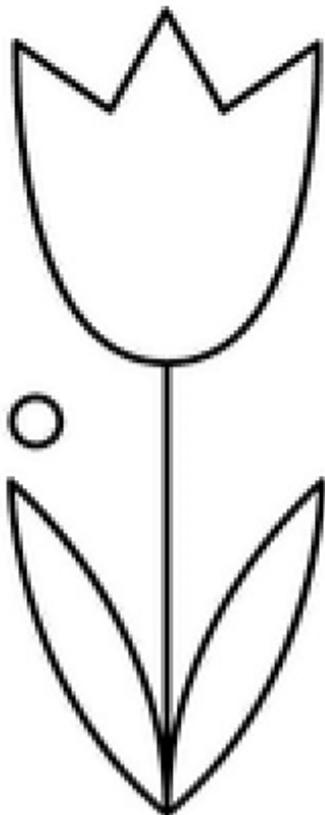
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MOTHER'S



DAY



# Salem's Birthday Party

## Wish List!

**Gifts are a traditional part of birthday parties. So, to celebrate the Church's birthday, we're collecting items that are in need at Luna's House. Luna's House is an animal rescue located in Edgewood that works with cats, dogs, and various small animals. Please bring a gift from their wish list below!**

- Dog toys - Kongs, Nylabones, hard rubber toys
- Dog food puzzle or fun feeder bowls
- Dogs: Revolution/Advantage/Advantixx/Seresto/Bravecto, or CapStar Flea Treatments
- Cat trees or scratching posts
- Cat toys (Catnip, Wands, Turbo Ball Toys)
- Clumping cat litter
- Cats: Revolution/Advantage/CapStar Flea Treatments
- Small animal exercise wheels (silent spinners)
- Small Animals: New/untreated wood/grass/hay toys & hideys
- Small Animals: Exercise Wheels (Silent spinners preferred)
- General needs:
  - Paper towels, toilet paper, trash bags (13 & 30 gallon), He Laundry Detergents
  - Hand Sanitizer, Bleach, OdoBan/Pine Sol/Simple Green Disinfectant
  - Gift cards to Target/Wal-Mart/Home Depot/Lowe's for general needs
  - Visit [lunashouse.org](http://lunashouse.org) for other ideas