

Salem United Methodist Church

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June
2026



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

The Spirit



Join us >>>

Sunday Worship 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

Sunday School classes for all ages
at 9:30 a.m.

Vespers: Wednesdays at 6:30pm;
outdoors/weather permitting



Love Boldly
Serve Joyfully
Lead Courageously



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Pastor's Message >>>

On Sunday, May 24 we are celebrating **Pentecost** with our neighbors – specifically the congregation of Saint John's Episcopal Church. May the Holy Spirit blow winds of new life and partnership in the church of Jesus Christ!

After Pentecost, we celebrate one of two periods of time called "*Ordinary Time*." About half of the entire church year is spent in Ordinary Time. The first period is quite short: starting after Epiphany and lasting until Ash Wednesday with the beginning of Lent. The second period of Ordinary Time begins after Pentecost and lasts until Advent begins. That's a lot of Sundays!

Don't be fooled by the name of ordinary. The name is taken from the term "ordinal numbers." In the church calendar, we count the passage of different Sundays through the year. During this particular season, we call them X number of Sundays After Pentecost.

Please note that we will have some special observances during Ordinary Time such as Father's Day and our Back-to-School Blessing Sunday. What I hope you will consider is that this stretch of time we call Ordinary Time sets off the brilliance and significance of Advent and Lent (the seasons of preparation for Christmas and Easter respectively). Here is one description I read about this church season: "these stretches of Ordinary Time cause Lent and Advent to sparkle – Lent with somber magnificence and Advent with starlit wonder" (from A Morning and Evening Prayerbook edited by Jeanie and David Gushee). Following the church calendar gives us a sense of rhythm to how God's story unfolds in our worship life together. The various colors we use on our altars reflect the different seasons. The basic color for Ordinary Time is green, which symbolizes our growth in Christ. I like to have a little fun with various shades and nuances of the seasonal colors. Watch how we use colors this year!

Here is a brief outline for our worship after Pentecost:

- Sunday, May 31 – Graduate Recognition Sunday at both services. The guiding scripture lesson is Matthew 28:16-20. Traditionally this is celebrated as Trinity Sunday.
- Sunday, June 7 – Pastor Stacey will be away, and Rev. Dr. Marcelena Holmes will be our speaker for both services. (Please note that we will not have Holy Communion)
- Sunday, June 14 – We will celebrate Holy Communion at both services. The guiding scripture lesson is Matthew 9:35-38
- Sunday, June 21 – Our guiding scripture lesson is Genesis 15:1-6. We will consider God's promise to Abraham and Sarah. We will celebrate Father's Day.
- Sunday, June 28 – We will begin a new sermon series: "**Songs Of Our Faith**." United Methodists are a "singing people!" We will look at some of our favorite hymn texts and how they shape our understanding of God, and our Christian faith.

Grace and Peace,

Stacey

Pastor's Summer Bible Study >>>

Pastor Stacey is teaching a summer Bible study based on the Book of Acts. The study book is "Spirit Boldness Opportunities." Books are available for \$20.00 each. The study is Monday evenings from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. on Zoom and includes thirteen lessons. We will have some vacation weeks but will continue into mid-September. Please contact Pastor Stacey if you plan to attend and to purchase a book.

You Don't Know What You Don't Know – Help Us Raise the Roof! >>>

One of the main goals of Salem's Unified Leadership Board (ULB) is to be as open and transparent as we can to ensure ALL are informed. We don't know what we don't know, unless someone tells us. We all come to church on Sundays to enjoy great songs, great messages, and a time of fellowship, laughter, and fun. Once Sunday is over though, we then have a lot of work and issues to deal with during the next six days of every week. Over the years, our church's kitchen roof has withstood 19 years of protection and with no leaks or issues. Unfortunately, that has changed and the roof has now reached the point where it needs to be replaced.

Over the last two months, we have worked diligently with several roofers to get the best pricing and warranty package that we can. The company the ULB has chosen will be replacing the roof at a cost of \$20,000. We are reaching out to our church family for any financial support you can provide. While this is a significant expense, we believe that through faith, prayer, and generosity, we can meet this cost together. Every gift—large or small—will make a difference. Your donation is not simply helping repair a roof; it is helping to preserve a place where we all love to worship, where lives are changed, where faith is strengthened, and where God's work continues. We ask that you prayerfully consider contributing toward this project. Donations can be made in the offering plate; just ensure you mark your envelope that the donation is for our roof replacement. If you prefer, you can also donate online.

Thank you for your prayers, support, and faithful generosity. Unplanned and/or emergency expenses like this are not part of our annual operating budget (general fund) and we have no choice but to pay these costs out of our church's savings account. If you have any questions, please reach out to Mark Carter, Wayne Cunfer, or Pastor Stacey.

YOU'RE INVITED

TO MOUNTAIN RUN MINI GOLF!

The entire Salem Church Family is invited to join the Salem Young Adults for a round of miniature golf!

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

11:30 AM

\$9 PER PERSON



**202 MOUNTAIN ROAD,
FALLSTON**

CONTACT JOHN SIVEY WITH QUESTIONS.

Congratulations, Graduates >>>

We extend our congratulations and pray for God's blessings upon our most recent Salem graduates!

- Derrick Bayne, Perry Hall High School
- Emily Carter, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Weidner University
- Matthew Ford Eisenhart, Open Bible Christian Academy
- Kiley Hutton, Notre Dame Preparatory School
- Adrienne Kully, Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology, West Virginia University
- Damian Kully, Information Technology Oracle Academy, Havre de Grace High School
- Ashley Palasik, Master's in Education, Towson University
- Ava Wehr, Bachelor of Science in Biotechnology, Honors Scholar, James Madison University
- Luke Wehr, Archbishop Curley High School

Bible Study Opportunity >>>

Please join Rev. Dr. Marcelena Holmes on Thursday, June 25, 2026 on Zoom at 7:00 p.m. for a Bible study on how to develop an effective prayer life. The link is: <https://us06web.zoom.us/join/8M8otudMS66DQz-cZ> For more information, or with questions, please contact Rev. Dr. Marcelena Holmes at wisdom2812@gmail.com.

New Tax Deduction Information >>>

From Jean Mattheu: As we partner together to fulfill our mission in 2026, we want to inform you of key changes in tax regulations that may impact your giving:

- **New Deduction Opportunity:** Even if you take the standard deduction, you can deduct up to \$1,000 (\$2,000 for joint filers) in qualified cash contributions to the church.
- **Itemizer Changes:** For those who itemize, deductions are now permitted only for contributions exceeding 0.5% of your Adjusted Gross Income (AGI).
- **Ways to Give:** These rules apply to cash, check, credit card, and online contributions.
- This is informational only - please consult your tax advisor for advice pertaining to your situation.

Please ensure all year-end gifts are finalized by December 31, 2026. For questions regarding your giving statement, please contact Karen Sersen. Thank you for your continued, faithful support!

Calling All Crocheters! >>>

It's time to make baby hats to be delivered to local facilities that have a NICU. See Angela Spinner if you need a pattern; patterns should be for preemies. Hats will be collected through September and delivered in October. There will be a bin in the narthex area to collect completed hats. Thank you in advance for your time and service!

SWEET TREATS!

YOUR GENEROSITY ENABLED SALEM TO SPONSOR A CANDY BAR AT MAGNOLIA ELEMENTARY FOR TEACHER APPRECIATION THIS MAY.



Thank you >>>

From Manna House: Please accept the grateful thanks of all at Manna House Inc. for your generous gift (\$1,515). The mission of Manna House is to offer assistance and support to the homeless, poor and needy of Baltimore with services contributing toward their independence. One of the many services Manna House offers is a hot breakfast every weekday and holiday throughout the year. At a cost of \$2.50 per meal, your gift will provide many hot meals to the poor and homeless men, women and children that come to us looking for food. Your help will go a long way in assisting us to continue the work that we do for the poorest among us. If you are ever in the area, I invite you to drop in to see your generosity at work. Best regards, Antonio Coffield, Executive Director

From UMCOR: Thank you! The dear people you just helped with your gift (\$570) may never have the opportunity to meet you, but if they did, I am certain their response would be – *Thank you!* And through your financial support you are serving within a vital web of interactive relationships, partnering to engage globally in direct ministry to people in need. Together may we continue to reveal the love of God for men, women, and children of all ethnic, racial, cultural, and national backgrounds to demonstrate the healing power of the gospel with those who suffer. Roland Fernandes, General Secretary of Global Ministries, UMCOR, and Higher Education and Ministry

From 755 Alliance: On behalf of the 755 Alliance Inc. Board Members, I would like to thank your parish for the ongoing partnership and funding support for our community projects. The purpose of this letter is to share how the action of a Salem parishioner positively affected a homeless family. Last Christmas, we received Food Lion gift cards to distribute as needed for households experiencing food insecurities. Tiffany's family lived in a tent encampment and the torrential downpour flooded their tent and belongings. They walked to the laundromat in desperate need. After receiving laundering help, I learned that they were hungry and needed food, so we went shopping for groceries. The family was referred to the Harford Community Action Agency for housing assistance. Earlier this month, Tiffany came back to share that their family will be moving to stable housing. She shared that they obtained jobs to purchase a used camper and plan to give the camper to another family to "pay it forward." I am truly grateful to Salem UMC for continuing to support our community members. The story I shared exemplifies how throwing on "kindness" stone into the water creates a ripple effect. Edgewood households are truly blessed. With gratitude, Bang Tam Miller, President

From Judy Jones: There is no way I can begin to thank everyone enough for the calls, food, and most importantly, the prayers as I am preparing for back surgery. Rich and I are so blessed to have a church family who make us feel God's love through your care. Blessings to you all.



United
Women
in Faith

On May 3, Pastor Stacey blessed 25 lap quilts, 10 walker bags, and 19 fidget mats lovingly created by the Sewing Samaritans. The items were delivered to Glen Meadows and Brightview Rossville. The Sewing Samaritans gather on most Tuesdays from 9:30 to Noon in the Sewing Room (the old Noah's Ark classroom). There are many jobs available other than sewing if you don't sew but would like to join us!





Baltimore-Washington Conference
The United Methodist Church

"Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love." – Ephesians 3:17

Thank You

This Certificate is Awarded to

Salem UMC, Upper Falls

For giving 100% to the Baltimore-Washington Conference
and General Church Mission Shares in the year of 2025.

LaTrelle M. Easterling
Bishop LaTrelle Miller Easterling, Episcopal Leader

5.7.2026

Date

Eliezer Valentin-Castanon
District Superintendent

5/7/26

Date

"To inspire and equip local faith communities to develop disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."



With Sympathy >>

Vicky Alluisi went home to be with the Lord on April 2, 2026. Her obituary may be viewed by visiting <https://www.salemunity.org/vickyalluisi-memorial>. Please keep her husband Al and all family and friends in your prayers. May God comfort all who mourn.

Contact Us!

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Monday & Wednesday
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All other hours by appointment only

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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

Betty Knight – 8830 Walther Blvd, Garden Terrace #308, Baltimore, MD 21234

Myrna Martin – 8100 Rossville Blvd, Baltimore, MD 21236

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

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

Please continue to hold Joey Nuetzel in prayer and send cards: 5730 Allender Road, White Marsh, MD 21162

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9am Aerobics (Hall) 7pm Pastor's Bible Study (Zoom only) 7:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Parlor)	2 9:30am Sewing Samaritans (Sewing Room)	3 9am Aerobics (Hall) 6:30pm Vespers (outdoors, weather permitting)	4	5 9am Aerobics (Hall)	6
7 8&10:45am Services 9:30am Sunday School 9:45am Choir	8 9am Aerobics (Hall) 7pm Pastor's Bible Study (Zoom only) 7:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Parlor)	9 9:30am Sewing Samaritans (Sewing Room)	10 9am Aerobics (Hall) 6:30pm Vespers (outdoors, weather permitting)	11	12 9 am Aerobics - Last Day of Spring Session (Hall)	13
14 Holy Communion 8&10:45am Services 9:30am Sunday School 9:45am Choir	15 7pm Pastor's Bible Study (Zoom only) 7:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Parlor)	16 9:30am Sewing Samaritans (Sewing Room)	17 1pm Book Club (call office for details) 6:30pm Vespers (outdoors, weather permitting)	18	19 11:30am Women Moving On luncheon (call office for details)	20
21 Happy Father's Day 8&10:45am Services 9:45am Choir	22 7pm Pastor's Bible Study (Zoom only) 7:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Parlor)	23 9:30am Sewing Samaritans (Sewing Room) 7pm Unified Leadership Board meeting	24 6:30pm Vespers (outdoors, weather permitting)	25	26	27
28 8&10:45 am Services 9:45am Choir	29 9am Summer Aerobics Session begins (Hall) NO Pastor's Bible Study this week 7:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Parlor)	30 9:30am Sewing Samaritans (Sewing Room)		8:00am & 10:45 am services are in-person. 10:45 am live stream service: salemunited.org/livestream Pastor's Bible Study Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86945193408		

