



SALEM
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2021

*The
Season
of
Lent*



Ash Wednesday

Salem will celebrate an outdoor Ash Wednesday Vesper Service on Wednesday, February 17 at 6:30 pm (weather permitting, bring your own chair)

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SUNDAY WORSHIP
10:00 AM ZOOM only
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72121826008>

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Pastor's Message

"Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." (Hebrews 4:14-16)

On February 17 we will begin the Season of Lent. I invite you to consider how you will intentionally seek to grow in your faith during this important season for us as followers of Jesus Christ.

We are making plans for our observance of Lent this year knowing that we begin in a time when we are not meeting in person in our building and when we are continuing to practice physical distancing. We will offer ashes prepared ahead of time on a piece of cloth that you can use throughout Lent during your personal time of prayer and devotion. These will be given out at church outside and can be mailed to you as well. We will be mailing to those on our home touch mailing list. If you would like us to mail to you and you do not regularly receive church mailings by USPS, please call or email me.



I am planning to be at church during the day on Ash Wednesday, February 17 and can accommodate a drive-through distribution of the ashes on cloth as well as pre-packaged communion elements from 12 noon until 1:00 p.m. Please drive following inside the coned off lane used by Noah's Ark and pull to the awning; please stay in your car. In addition to the drive through opportunity, we will gather outside for an Ash Wednesday time of evening Vespers at 6:30 p.m., weather permitting. Please bring your own chair and wear a mask. Depending on the weather each week we will resume our outdoor Vespers on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. beginning on February 17.

Our Sunday worship continues through Zoom and the recording of the service available through YouTube. During Lent our theme will be "Love Like Jesus."

We give thanks for our great high priest, Jesus Christ, who sympathizes with our struggles and striving and grants us the grace to join in the victory of his resurrection. We journey together each moment by the grace of Jesus Christ knowing that Easter is coming.

Blessings on the journey,

Pastor Stacey



Youth News

The Youth Sunday School class continues to meet every other Sunday at 11:30 am on Zoom. We've been doing everything from scavenger hunts to trivia to anything that works virtually! Thanks to the youth for being so faithful.

CONGRATULATIONS to Emily Carter who has been accepted to and will attend Widener University in Chester, PA following graduation from Perry Hall HS. Emily will be studying nursing and will also be playing goalie for the university Field Hockey team. Congrats Emily!

Shout out to Lacey Oxendine and Ava Wehr for getting their driver's license recently. Watch out world.... here they come!

Who's Graduating? If you or a member of your family have graduated in December or will be graduating in the spring, please let Pastor Stacey or Judy Jones know. Graduation could be from high school, college, technical school or a graduate program.

UMW News

A donation was made to the Missions Fund in memory of Nancy Rafferty.

Lap Quilts, Beanie & Blanket Blessing will be Sunday, February 14, during the 10 am service. Items can be dropped off on porches by February 8th. Please be in touch with one of the women below:

Sue Yurek – text 410-978-9787
Amy Krebs – 410-456-8471
Susan Walker – 410-459-2750

Angela Spinner – 410-937-6706
Deb Fisher (can pick up) – 410-456-8588

Salem Samaritans – Hope you ladies are continuing your sewing with all this “house” time! If you have lap quilts that are complete, please let me know, so we can add them to the quilts being blessed

From the Finance Committee

Last year was a challenging year in many ways, for all of us. Your faithfulness to your church through the changes that came our way was remarkable. Even with the building closed to worship and meetings for most of the year, our 2020 weekly offering exceeded that of 2019! God is Good and we are very blessed! Hopefully 2021 will bring the re-opening of our building and a return to worship together in person, as we continue to move forward doing God's work. Thank You.

Year End statements were sent out, either via email or US Mail. If you have not yet received yours, please contact Karen Sersen and she will get another one out to you.

Also, Karen has updated our on-live giving. If you have not taken advantage of this opportunity, please check it out on our website, www.salemunitied.org. It's easy, safe, and makes giving to a multiple of fund all in one transaction.

Thank you,
Karen Sersen, 410-458-9063

Members Corner

Deepest Sympathy

We offer our deepest sympathies to Pastor Stacey and her family on the passing of Stacey's father, Fred Nickerson. Fred took his place with the angels on January 26. A memorial service will be held in the future.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to Bernadette Jones and her family on the passing of Bob on December 31.



Dear Salem Church,
Thank you so much for your gift. As always, your kind words are greatly appreciated. Your continued support is very thoughtful. I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas. Love, Robin

Dear Salem

Thank you so much for the bonus check. That was so kind of you all. You have been so good to me, I really appreciate it. Thank You, Pam

Salem Family,

Thank you so much for thinking of the Noah's Ark staff with a Christmas bonus. We are touched by your generosity and thankful to be a part of the Salem Community. Wishing all a safe, healthy and blessed New Year Tara

I would like to thank you, our church family, for your expressions of sympathy and support during my father's illness and now since his entrance into the glory of eternal life with God and all the saints in heaven. We appreciate each card and message we have received. Thank you for your gifts of food and the beautiful planter. Most of all, thank you for your loving prayers. It is extremely difficult not to be able to be with you in person, especially as we celebrated my dad's life and committed him back to God. We plan to have a Memorial Service at some point in the future when it is safer to do so.

With our love and thanks,
Stacey, Rick, Matt & Sara, and Scott

We offer our thanks to those who donated poinsettias to be delivered to some of our shut-ins and to the UMW for fruit baskets and gift bags.

THE SEASON OF
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Our Calendar of Events

January 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 10:00 AM Worship is via Zoom only; Weekly Bulletins are posted on the website and sent in weekly email from Pastor Stacey
Zoom link - <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72121826008>
By Phone – 1-301-715-8592 / ID 721 2182 6008
- Monday 7:00 PM Bible Study with Pastor Stacey will begin a new study on February 8
Zoom link - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86945193408>
- Wednesday Noon-1 PM Ash Wednesday, February 17 - Parking lot distribution of ashes on cloth and communion elements please follow inside the cones, please stay in your car
- Wednesday 6:30 PM Beginning February 17, Ash Wednesday, Outdoor Vespers in the parking lot, weather permitting, bring your own chair
- Thursday 11:30 AM Trivia Time with Judy Jones (410-615-9426)
Zoom link - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83522269034>
By Phone – 1-301-715-8592 / ID 835 2226 9034

Other Activities:

- Every other Sunday February 7 & 21 - Youth Sunday School Class on Zoom at 11:15 a.m. for youth grades 6-12
- Every Mon/Wed/Fri Aerobics classes on Zoom at 9:00 AM
No Aerobics on February 15th

Easter Flowers

This year will be offering Tulips, Asiatic Lilies, & Daffodils for Easter. We may still be celebrating Easter via Zoom, but the sanctuary will be beautiful with the promise of hope and springtime!



You can place your order by completing the form below and returning it with your check to the office or you pay via the church website (www.salemunited.org), use the Donate button and choose Easter Flowers. If you pay for your order online, please email your actual order to Susan Walker @ susanwalker0604@comcast. The deadline for placing your orders is Sunday, March 14!

You may pick up your plants Sunday, April 4th between 11 am-12 pm or Monday afternoon from 3-4 pm.

PLEASE NOTE: If you are unable to print an order form, please call Susan Walker at 410-459-2750 or email susanwalker0604@comcast.net to place an order.

EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM

All orders must be pre-paid and are due March 13, 2021!

Name _____ Phone _____

# of Plants	6" Pots	Cost	Total
	Daffodils	\$10.00 each	
	Yellow Tulips	\$10.00 each	
	Pink Tulips	\$10.00 each	
	White Dutch Asiatic Lilies	\$10.00 each	

I will pick up my plant(s) I wish to have my plant(s) delivered to shut-ins

In Honor of:

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In Memory of:

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UMW Fundraiser!

Poppin Popcorn is an online virtual fundraiser. This fundraiser will provide funds for our on-going mission projects which we support. There are 18 different popcorn flavors and 2 different sizes – something for everyone! It's good, it's easy, and we earn 50% of the product cost!

Here's how it works. You visit the website – by following one of the links below. Add popcorn to your cart, provide a credit card and the popcorn is delivered to your door (or you can have it shipped to someone else!). That's it, as easy as shopping at Amazon!

They are two ways you can participate:

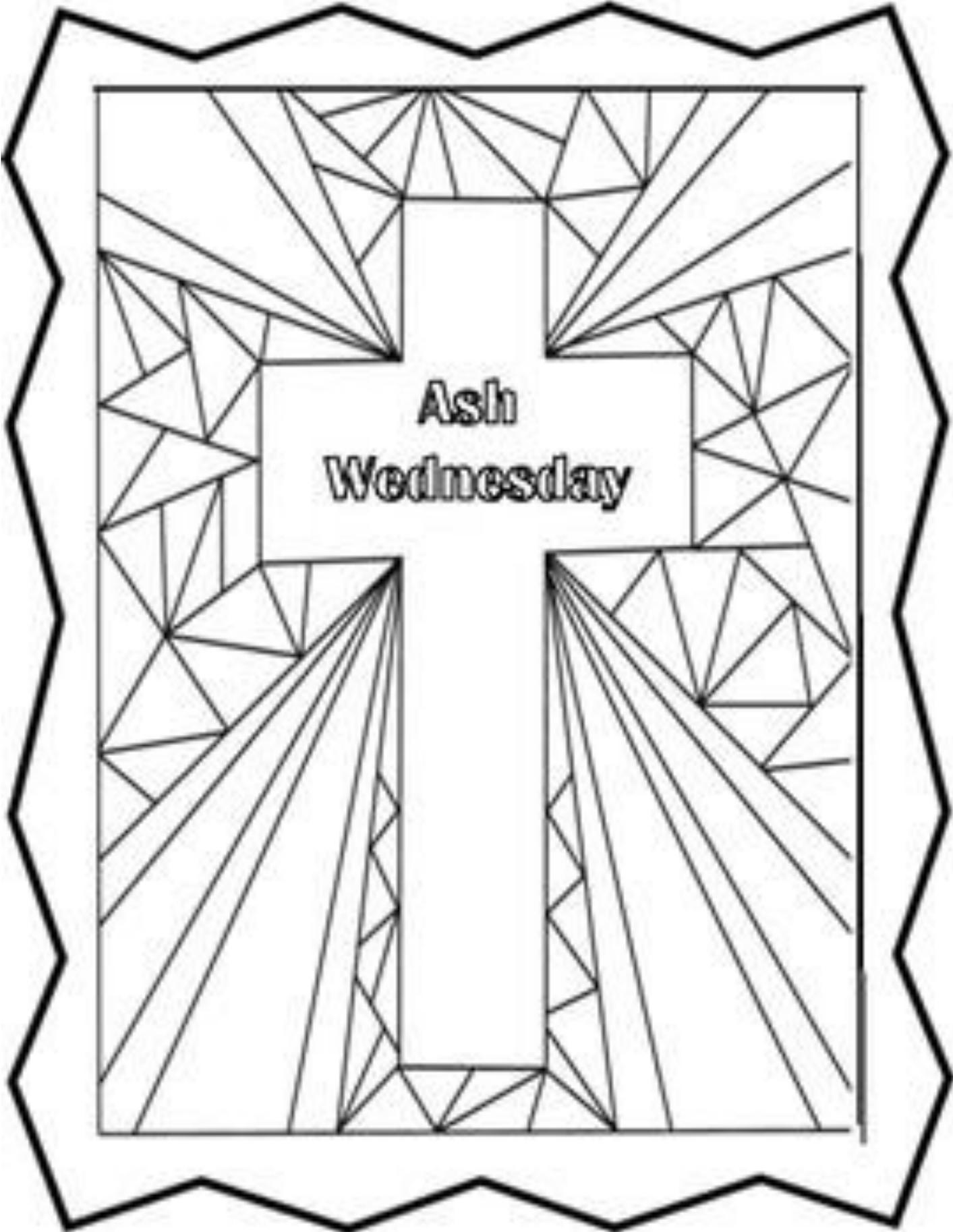
1. You can become a “seller” for the UMW group – Sue Yurek is the Group Sponsor.
 - a. Follow the below link. Complete the form (picture is not required). The next screen provides your seller number. You will use your seller number and password to log in.
 - b. Once you log in there is an option for you to purchase popcorn. At this point you can post to your social media sites, send an email with a purchase link to your friends and family, and/or text the link for friends and family to purchase popcorn!
 - c. Here is the link if you would like to be a seller:
<http://poppinpopcornonline.com/participant/register.php?q=XHGQWL>
2. If you would just like to order popcorn, without being a “seller”, simply use the link below, add popcorn to your cart, check out and your popcorn will be delivered in about 1 week!
 - a. Here is the link for purchasing:
<https://poppinpopcornonline.com/store/store.php?sID=XHGQWL>

Don't have a computer available...please contact Susan Walker and we can order for you! Popcorn sales close on February 21, 2012.

Thank for your support. Should you have questions, please contact Sue Yurek @ 410-978-9787 or Susan Walker @410-459-2750

Welcome to Poppin Popcorn!





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