

Summer
2023

Salem United Methodist Church

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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

10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

- 10:00 a.m. service is livestreamed at salemunited.org/livestream
- Please note that our 2nd service is at 10:45 a.m. in person & online from Labor Day through Father's Day

Wednesday Evening Outdoor Vespers

- 6:30 p.m., weather permitting



Pastor's Message

"And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:8, NIV

"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." Luke 6:36, NRSV

We learn in scripture that God is merciful, gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. This is who God is. Generations of faithful people give testimony to the mercy of God. We, too, experience the mercy of God. The challenge of God's mercy is that it is not simply something for us to experience but it is something expected of us in return. We are to be merciful to others as well as to ourselves. The Church has continued engaging in acts of mercy to the current time. How do we as Salem renew our commitment to showing mercy? This is the focus of my summer "works of mercy study group."

Since our Bible Study group has been meeting on Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m., I have selected the following six dates and put them on the calendar:

- June 26
- July 24
- August 21
- August 28
- September 11
- September 18

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Pastor's Message (cont. from page 1) >>>

You are welcome to attend any number of sessions. If you would like to participate but cannot make any of those dates/times, please let me know. I am happy to add a daytime session if that works better for you. I would like to have as many people participate as possible so that we get a variety of perspectives.

We will ground all of our work in scripture and in church tradition. The Biblical mandate to show mercy is clear; our challenge is how to live out this mandate today in our ministry together as well as in our individual lives. We are guided by Jesus' promise as recorded in Matthew 6:7: "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy."

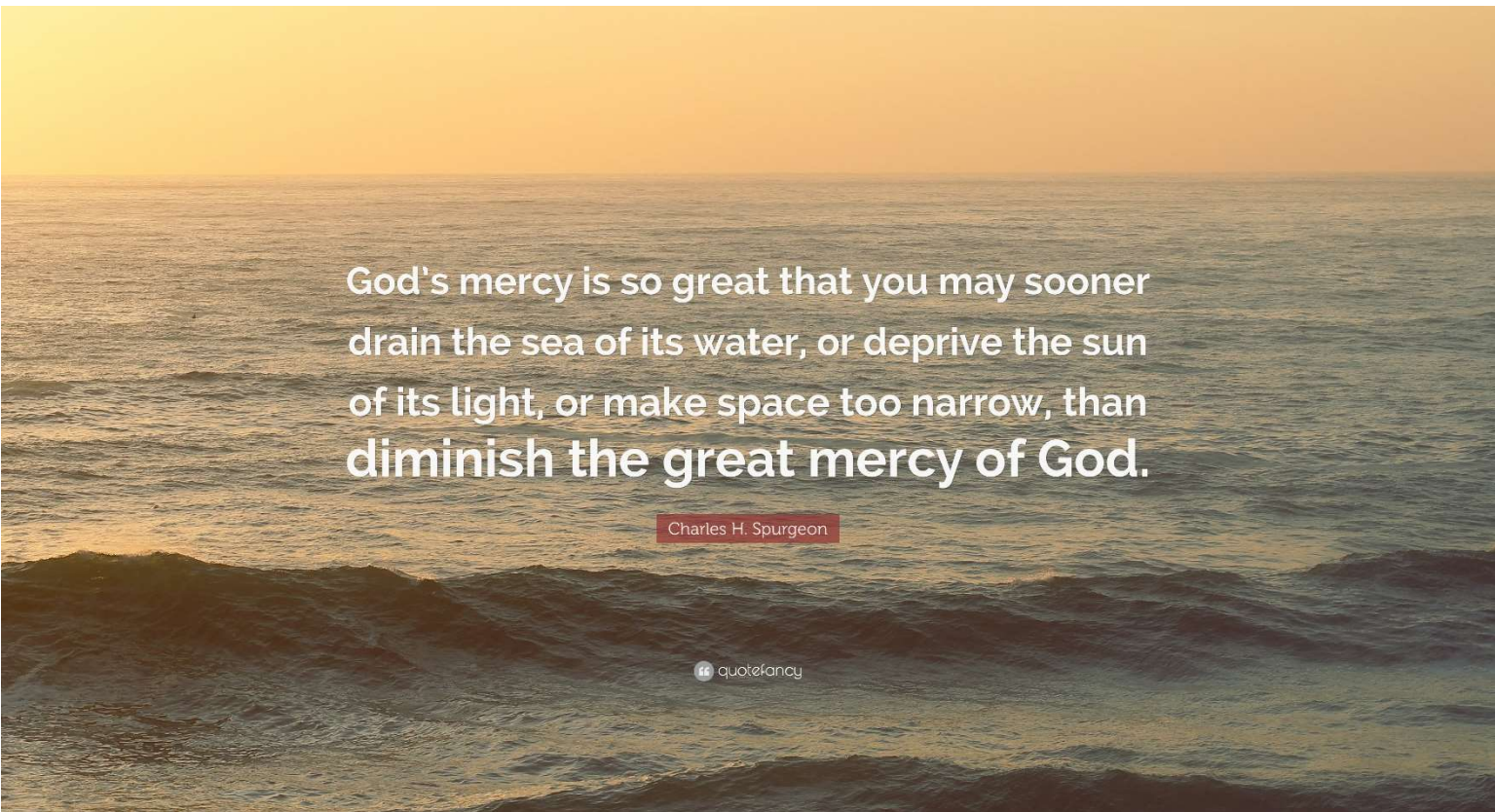
Please keep our youth mission team in your prayers as we go to serve in Altoona, PA on July 9; we return on July 14. Yes, I am going as a part of the team this year and I am excited! We will commission the team at the 10:00 am worship service before we leave. We plan to share about our experience in worship on July 16. Thank you for all of your financial support for the team as well as for your prayers. Please pray for each member of the team and our families.

Online worship is one of the many factors that has changed the way we participate in the church. When we were on Zoom together, we were able to interact with each other. Now that we have moved to live streaming, I no longer even have a log-in for those who worship online. This means that I do not know who is worshipping with us online – unless you let me know! I want to extend a special reminder for our online worshippers: I welcome you to contact me with any prayer concerns, joys/celebrations, and requests for a pastoral visit/phone call. You are welcome to call or email me. We will need to be more intentional about connecting with those of you who are not participating in church in person.

Please continue to keep Salem and our ministry together in your daily prayers.

May God's mercy and grace bless us and guide us always,

Stacey

A photograph of a sunset over the ocean. The sky is a warm, golden yellow, and the water is a deep blue with gentle waves. The quote is centered in white text.

God's mercy is so great that you may sooner
drain the sea of its water, or deprive the sun
of its light, or make space too narrow, than
diminish the great mercy of God.

Charles H. Spurgeon



United
Women
in Faith

Thank you to all who have purchased cloth grocery bags! They will be on sale again at the Shrimp Boil on August 26. Thanks also to all who participated in the voting for where the monies raised by the sale will go – a donation will be made to Found in Faith Ministries. Found in Faith ministries is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization in Maryland. It provides furniture and home goods to families and individuals in Harford County that financially qualify for the program. A donation to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) will be made as well.



Prigel's Fundraiser Night >>>

If you missed enjoying the amazing ice cream at Prigel's Family Creamery with us last year, make sure you mark your calendar to join us this year! All purchases apply toward our fundraiser – food, groceries, and ice cream - just be sure to show either the flyer at the end of the newsletter or have a digital copy on your phone! Please note you will need a flyer for each separate purchase you make.

DINNER & DESSERT!

A FUNDRAISER FOR SALEM UMC
AT THE PRIGEL FAMILY CREAMERY
THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2023
5:00-8:00PM



Must present paper or digital flyer at purchase. Flyers available in the Narthex.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study >>>

The Wednesday morning Bible study will start back up on September 13th at 10:00 a.m. in the church parlor. Our exciting new study, by Dr. Sandra Richter, is called "The Epic of Eden." It is a look into how the creation links the Old Testament, the New Testament, and the coming of the Messiah. Please come for this time of study, discussion, prayer, and fellowship.

Giving Statements >>>

Second quarter giving statements will be emailed on Saturday, July 8th at 9:00 a.m. Please check your spam/junk for your statement if you do not see it. Contact Karen Sersen with any questions or concerns.

Youth News >>>

Mission Trip: Please keep our youth and their leaders in your prayers the week of July 9-13 as they serve the community of Altoona, PA on their mission trip. Seven youth, along with Pastor Stacey and Henry and Angela Spinner will be working together on various projects including building, painting, and landscaping. We are proud of each and every one of them and thank them for their willingness to serve. May God bless them all!



Spaghetti Dinner: On August 3rd, the youth group will host a spaghetti dinner for the clients of the Helping Hands Food Pantry in our Fellowship Hall. The youth will prepare and serve the meal, along with decorating the hall to resemble an Italian restaurant. (Too bad they can't have Frank Sinatra there to sing!) In addition to the laundromat visits, this will be another way our youth can serve the community.

Blessing of the Backpacks

AUGUST 20TH, BOTH
SERVICES

For anyone going to school this fall - students and teachers alike! Bring your backpack to either service for a special blessing.

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for a fun backpack tag activity following the 10:00 a.m. service!



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Livestream Update >>>

After months of planning and work, we are happy to announce the new sound system has been completely installed! Our new system greatly enhances the worship experience and allows us more flexibility and capability in capturing not only the spoken words in worship, but the beautiful music as well. We thank the Tech Team for all of their hard work – not only bringing the project to fruition but working diligently behind the scenes to learn the new technology in a short period of time to create as seamless as possible transition from our old system. We also thank the Trustees for their quick work of repairing the walls after the removal of the organ speakers!

For those who have been worshipping online, we especially thank you for your patience through the process. Some of the installation process has caused hiccups in our streaming capabilities. We are actively working to remedy them to make sure you have a wonderful worship experience. If you have any suggestions or concerns about the online worship experience, please do not hesitate to reach out to Tara Kully at salemunitedupperfalls@gmail.com.

Support the Ronald McDonald House >>>

Save those tabs! Collect your aluminum tabs and bring them to church. You can drop them off in the office or on Sundays in the “container of many colors” near the offering plate (on the table in the Chapel or the lower shelf of the stand in the Sanctuary). The monies raised from recycling these tabs provides gas for the shuttles that take families the Ronald McDonald house services back and forth from area hospitals for medical treatments. Thanks to your support of this project, we have been able to donate another 3 pounds of tabs to the Ronald McDonald House!



School Supplies Needed!

FOR MAGNOLIA MIDDLE SCHOOL

DURING THE MONTH OF JULY, WE'RE COLLECTING THE FOLLOWING:

- COLORED PENCILS
- 2-POCKET FOLDERS
- WIDE RULED PAPER
- SPIRAL OR COMPOSITION NOTEBOOKS
- #2 PENCILS
- CLEAR OR MESH BACKPACKS

PLEASE CONTACT SALLY WAGNER WITH ANY QUESTIONS.



Shrimp Boil Dinner >>>



It's that time again! The delicious dinner known as the Shrimp Boil will be held on Saturday, August 26th from 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. Seatings are available every half hour. Your prepaid RSVP is due August 21st – be sure to indicate what time you would like to be seated or if you would prefer carry-out. A flyer is available at the end of the newsletter, or you can pay and make your reservation online at salemunited.org/shrimpboil.



Thank you to everyone who helped to make the Cake Sale a success!

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

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

Hank Danker – 506 Haverhill Road, Joppa, MD 21085

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

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

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



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and Friday
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Other hours by
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SALEM

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

July 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8:00am & 10:00 am services are in-person. 10:00 am service live stream: salemunited.org/livestream <u>SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE NOTE:</u> Worship will be at 8:00 and 10:00 am from Father's Day through Labor Day. 10:00 service will be livestreamed at the link above.						
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8&10:00am Services			9am Aerobics (Hall) 6:30pm Vespers		9am Aerobics (Hall)	
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Youth Mission Trip	→					
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
8&10 am Services	9am Aerobics (Hall)		9am Aerobics (Hall) 6:30pm Vespers	5-8pm Prigel's Fundraiser Night (at Prigel Family Creamery) 7pm Book Club (call office)	9am Aerobics (Hall) 11:30am Women Moving On Lunch (call office)	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
8&10am Services	9am Aerobics (Hall) 7pm Pastor's Bible Study (Office)	7pm Church Council Meeting (Salem Room)	9am Aerobics (Hall) 6:30pm Vespers		9am Aerobics (Hall)	
30 8&10am Services Holy Communion	31 9am Aerobics (Hall)					



August

2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7pm SPRC (Salem Room)	2 9am Aerobics (Hall) 6:30pm Vespers	3 6pm Youth Spaghetti Dinner for Helping Hands (Fellowship Hall)	4 9am Aerobics (Hall)	5
6 8&10:00am Services	7	8	9 6:30pm Vespers	10	11	12
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20 Blessing of the Backpacks (both services) 8&10 am Services	21 Prepaid Shrimp Boil RSVP Due 7pm Pastor's Bible Study (Office)	22 7pm Finance Committee (Salem Room)	23 6:30pm Vespers	24	25	26 4-6:30pm Shrimp Boil (Hall)
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Low Country Shrimp Boil



It's time again for good food & fellowship! Come have both at Salem United Methodist Church's Shrimp Boil!

Saturday, August 26, 2023

Salem UMC, 7901 Bradshaw Road, Upper Falls, MD 21156

4:00 – 6:30pm

\$23 per person (pre-paid only by 8/21)

Indoor dining and carry-out available!

Treat yourself to a delicious low country style shrimp boil! With shrimp, smoked sausage, corn, potatoes, and onions, this meal is sure to satisfy your taste buds! Choose your time slot, make your reservation, and join us!

Please note all meals ***must*** be prepaid by August 21st. Orders may be mailed to the Salem office (must arrive by August 21st), or via our website (salemunited.org/shrimpboil). Mail checks payable to Salem UMC with "shrimp boil" noted on the memo line to: Salem United Methodist Church, PO Box 192, Upper Falls, MD 21156.

Please contact the office with any questions: (410) 592-2543 or salemunitedupperfalls@gmail.com.

SHRIMP BOIL RESERVATION – August 26, 2023

All orders must be pre-paid and are due August 21st.

You must select a time slot for dining/pickup when placing your reservation.

Mail checks to Salem UMC, PO Box 192, Upper Falls, MD 21156.

Name _____ Phone/Email _____

# of Orders	Time for dining/carry-out (please circle)					Cost	Total
	4:00pm	4:30pm	5:00pm	5:30pm	6:00pm	\$23.00 ea.	

Counters: Date _____ Amount: _____ Cash / Check # _____



DINNER & DESSERT!



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AT THE PRIGEL FAMILY CREAMERY
THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2023
5:00-8:00PM

PRIGEL FAMILY CREAMERY IS HAPPY TO DONATE 20% OF ALL SALES (FOOD, ICE CREAM, GROCERIES, ETC.) FROM 5-8PM ON JULY 20, 2023 TO SALEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. FLYER MUST BE PRESENTED (PAPER OR DIGITAL) FOR SALEM TO RECEIVE CREDIT. MUST PRESENT A FLYER FOR EACH PURCHASE.

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