

Salem United Methodist Church

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

The Spirit



Join us >>>

Sunday Services

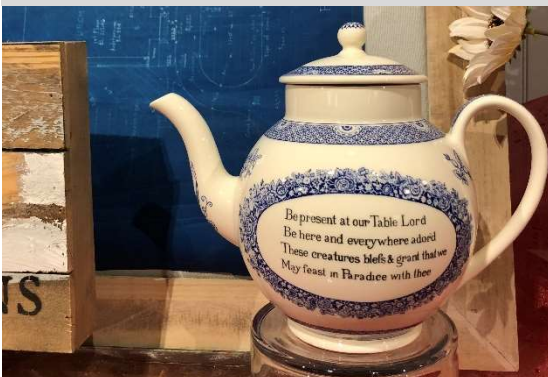
8:00 a.m. in the Chapel

10:45 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



Pastor's Message

*We are called to be active in God's blessing of the world
through our commitment to welcoming one another,
growing in grace,
serving our neighbors,
and caring for all God's people.*

This is Salem's mission. We believe this is who God in Jesus Christ calls us to be as a congregation. Our Church Council and various work groups provide opportunities for us to fulfill our mission as we seek to be a blessing in our community and our world. This summer, I have been speaking in worship about a vision or blueprint for our ministry moving forward. We first considered the witness of the earliest followers of Jesus as the Church began with the power of the Holy Spirit. We asked the same question as those who witnessed the Holy Spirit at Pentecost asked: "**What do we do?**" We will conclude this series on Sunday, September 3.

Beginning on Sunday, September 17 in worship, we will be exploring the Biblical basis for our mission and consider how we live it out in today's world. The sermon series is "**Mission: Forward 2024.**" We are looking forward to what God is calling us to do now and into the future.

During September we are preparing for our annual Cluster Church Conference. Yes, we are working on reports and the necessary paperwork. More importantly, we are evaluating how this past year in ministry has been a blessing to us and to others.

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

Everyone is welcome to join us on Tuesday, October 10 at 6:30 p.m. for our Church Conference, where we will be joining with two neighboring congregations by Zoom. Salem has agreed to gather in person as a group in our sanctuary. If you want to join online individually and not at church, please let me know so I can get you the Zoom information. In addition to Salem, our cluster of churches this year includes Camp Chapel UMC and Clark's Chapel UMC.

Please keep Salem and our ministry in your daily prayers. We are active in God's blessing of the world! As you will read throughout this newsletter, there are many opportunities offered to you to participate as you are able. I appreciate all that you do.

With gratitude to God,

Stacey

'Since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart.'

2 Corinthians 4:1

Financial Secretary's Notes >>>

Salem is still collecting Redner's Warehouse Markets receipt tapes! For every \$5,000 worth of grocery receipts, Salem receives \$50! Please do not send gas receipts. If you shop at Redner's, please save your receipt and submit the entire receipt. You can place them in the offering plate (in an envelope or paper clipped together) or drop them off to the office. We appreciate your support! Contact Karen Sersen with questions.

Also, please contact Karen Sersen if you would like personalized giving envelopes, have a change of email, or a change of phone number.



United
Women
in Faith

The UWF has continued its cloth grocery bag fundraiser through the summer, with sales happening at Huber's Produce Stand and the Shrimp Boil on August 26th. In addition to heartfelt thanks to those who sewed these beautiful bags, we extend a sincere thanks to all who have purchased them! The last bag sale will be at the Pancake Breakfast on September 9th from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. One hundred

percent of the proceeds will go toward an UMCOR project to be announced in the next newsletter.

Did you miss getting one of the beautiful, hand painted winter ornaments we sold last year at the December Pancake Breakfast? If so, you're in luck! Winter ornaments will be back, and we will announce the designs this fall.

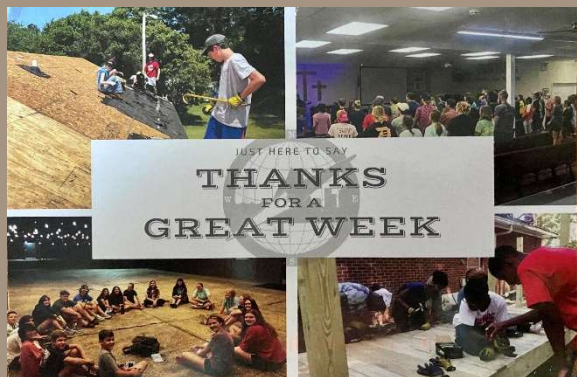
The UWF is also still collecting Prayer Shawls. Please give any completed shawls to Lauren Simpson for the Franklin Square Hospital Chaplain's Office.

Alcoholics Anonymous >>>

Salem is now host to a new Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) group. AA will meet Monday nights at 7:30 in the Parlor. You are welcome to share this important resource with others in our community. Please see the AA website (www.aa.org) for more details on what to expect from meetings. For more information, please contact the office, and we will get you in touch with the group's organizer.

Thank You! >>>

From Mary List: Thank you to everyone who joined us and supported Salem at the Prigel's Ice Cream Fundraiser on July 20th. It was an enjoyable evening and the food and ice cream were yummy!



From TEAMEffort Missions: TEAMEffort wants to thank you for sending your youth to serve with us on a mission trip [in July]. They were a great representation of your church and they worked incredibly hard painting and rebuilding some handrails and a deck. We were so proud of them. And we know you are too! Specific lives were changed here in Altoona, PA because of the service from your youth! It was a joy to watch each of them grow relationally and spiritually throughout the week. The TEAMEffort staff thanks you for supporting your youth group on their summer mission trip. We enjoyed serving alongside them!

From Heather, Fred and Ed Lassahn: I wanted to extend our sincere gratitude for the wonderful Shrimp Boil Dinner that was organized for the congregation and community. The thoughtfulness, planning, and dedication that went into preparing such a delightful meal did not go unnoticed. The shrimp were cooked to perfection, and the accompanying fixings elevated the entire experience. It was not just the taste, but the sense of community, warmth, and care that came through with every bite. Events like these reinforce the sense of unity and love that is so integral to your congregation and felt throughout the community. Your efforts remind us all of the wonderful leadership and guidance that your church staff provides, not only in spiritual matters but also in nurturing the sense of belonging. Please convey our appreciation to everyone involved in making this event a success. From the culinary team to the volunteers managing the distribution, each person played an essential role in blessing our family with such a memorable meal. Thank you once again for all that you do. We look forward to more opportunities where we can come together.

From Manna House: Thank you for being a member of our Breakfast Club. Club members support at least one day's breakfast per year. A hot breakfast is served to about two hundred hungry people 365 days a year. Providing this humanitarian service costs \$500 a day. [With your recent gift of \$1023 in June 2023,] you have joined over 280 Club members comprising individuals, families, groups, churches, synagogues, businesses and other institutions. The Club seeks to have every breakfast sponsored by a member to make the daily breakfast for the poor self-sustaining.



HARDY MUM FLOWER SALE

Autumn is upon us, and with it, the beauty of fall flowers. This fall, Salem will be having a Hardy Mum Flower Sale! These beautiful flowers are available for pre-order now, and will be available for pickup on Sunday, October 1 at the Pit Beef & Apple Dumpling Fundraiser. With a number of colors and sizes to choose from, there are lots of options to complete your fall garden! Order forms are available at the end of this newsletter, in the narthex, or under the announcements at salemunited.org. Orders are due Sunday, September 17th and will be paid for at the time of pickup.

Schedule Update >>>

Mark your calendars! Beginning Sunday, September 10th, Sunday School resumes at 9:30 a.m. for all ages. Also, the second service start time moves to 10:45 a.m.



SATURDAY
SEPT
9
8-10:30AM



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Join us for Salem's quarterly pancake breakfast fundraiser!

Menu:

- Pancakes (Plain & flavor of the day)
- Sausage
- Scrambled Eggs
- Hash Browns
- Coffee/Juice/Milk
- Surprise Menu Item!

Adults: \$9.00
Kids 6 & Under: \$5.00

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Lap Quilts Available >>>

The Salem Samaritans have a large number of lap quilts to be distributed. They are looking for individuals who are home-bound or in assisted living/nursing homes who could use a lap quilt, made with prayers and love, and blessed by Pastor Stacey.

If you know of someone, or a facility that might be interested, please contact either Amy Krebs or Susan Walker and they will be happy to make arrangements for delivery or phone calls.



Wednesday Morning Bible Study >>>

The Wednesday morning Bible study will resume on September 13th at 10:00 a.m. in the church parlor. On the 13th, Pastor Stacey will be joining the group to discuss topics from her summer study on works of mercy. Beginning September 20th, the group will begin a new study, by Dr. Sandra Richter, 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. Questions? Contact Judy Jones.

Pastor's Bible Study >>>

The last two sessions of Pastor Stacey's Bible study on God's mercy and our works of mercy will be Monday, September 11 and 18. Sessions will begin at 7:00 p.m. and meet in the office.

outdoor movie night

Friday, Sept 22, 2023
7:00 p.m.

Free Admission!

Join us as we watch a movie where action, humor, and love meet when a super-villain adopts 3 young orphans - and his world is turned upside down in the best way possible.

→ Concessions available. Please bring a chair!
← In case of rain, the movie will be shown indoors.

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Trunk or Treat >>>

It's not too early to start planning! We will be having our annual Trunk or Treat for the community on Saturday, October 28 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Please consider having a trunk at the event – you can decorate your car, come in costume, or just have treats available. If you're interested in having a trunk at the event, please contact Tara at salemunitedupperfalls@gmail.com.



Hawaii Relief Mission Opportunity >>>



The wildfires in Hawaii on the island of Maui have caused widespread damage, as well as forcing many from their homes. UMCOR is providing support to assist local recovery efforts in providing “shelf-stable food, water, hygiene items and tools to help survivors recover belongings. (umcmmission.org/umcor-us-latest-responses/)” Additionally, the California-Pacific Annual Conference has established a fund to assist the ministry of the Lahaina UMC, whose building was destroyed by the fires. To donate, please make your check payable to Salem UMC and mark either UMCOR Hawaii or Lahaina UMC in the memo section. If you would like to donate online, please go to salemunited.org/donate, select give online, and select either the UMCOR Hawaii or Lahaina Relief funds from the dropdown menu.

Youth News >>>

The Youth hosted a spaghetti dinner in August and were happy to have members of the Kingsville Fire Company and Helping Hands Food Pantry volunteers there to enjoy it! The fellowship hall was decorated as an Italian restaurant and the kids worked hard to decorate, prepare, and serve the meal. Grazi!

The Youth will be selling concession items at Movie Night on September 22nd and we hope everyone will come out to support that. Also, keep a lookout for the Tide Pod container – we'll be planning another trip to the laundromat soon. Thanks to everyone who support our youth!

Choir News >>>

The choir will resume weekly rehearsals on Sunday, September 10th at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Are you interested in singing with the choir on Sundays? There's always room for another singer! Contact Katy Stevens with any questions.

SANDWICHES & SWEETS

Sunday, October 1, 2023
10:30 am - 1:30 pm

- Pit Beef
- Peppers/Sausage/Onions
- Apple Dumplings
- Chips/Beverages

Carry-out at the same great prices as last fall!

Great for watching football or an easy meal!



Upcoming Events at Salem UMC

For details, visit saalemunited.org

September

9th: Pancake Breakfast, 8:00-10:30am

22nd: Outdoor Family Movie Night, 7:00pm

October

1st: Pit Beef, Apple Dumplings & Mum Sale, 10:30am - 1:30pm

4th: Blessing of the Animals, 6:30pm

28th: Trunk or Treat, 4:00-6:00pm

November

3rd: Paint Night, 6:30pm

December

2nd: Pancake Breakfast & Holiday Shop, 8:00-10:30am

2nd: Advent Workshop, 9:30-11:00am

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Contact Us!

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*Monday, Wednesday,
and Friday
9am – Noon
Other hours by
appointment*

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School Supply Drive >>>

Way to go, Salem! Thanks to your generosity, we were able to send the following to support students at Magnolia Middle School in Joppa:

- 23 Backpacks
- 50 packs of paper
- 150 packs of color pencils
- 12 composition notebooks
- 115 pocket folders
- Over 800 pencils
- 15 binders
- Glue, hand sanitizer, erasers, and pens

**And a
donation
of \$735!**

Members Corner >>>

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

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



September

2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<p>8:00am & 10:45 am services are in-person. 10:45 am service live stream: salemunited.org/livestream</p> <p><u>SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE NOTE:</u> Worship will be at 8:00 and 10:00 am from Father's Day through Labor Day. When the service time is 10:00, service will be still be livestreamed at the link above.</p>						
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
8&10:00am Services	LABOR DAY		6:30pm Vespers 7pm Youth/Parent Meeting (Parlor)			8 – 10:30 am Pancake Breakfast (Hall)
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Second Service Time Change 8&10:45am Services 9:30am Sunday School (all ages) 10am Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)	9am Aerobics (Hall) 7pm Pastor's Bible Study (Office) 7:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Parlor)		9am Aerobics (Hall) 10am Morning Bible Study (Parlor) 6:30pm Vespers		9am Aerobics (Hall) 11:30am Women Moving On Lunch (call office)	
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HARDY MUM FLOWER SALE



All orders must be received by September 17, 2023 and may be paid for at pickup. 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 at Salem during the Pit Beef & Apple Dumpling Fundraiser on Sunday, October 1, 2023 between 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

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

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Size	Color	Number Ordered	Price	Total
9 in. pot				
	Orange/Bronze		\$7.00	
	Purple/Pink		\$7.00	
	Red		\$7.00	
	Yellow		\$7.00	
	White		\$7.00	
10 in. hanging basket				
	Orange/Bronze		\$11.00	
	Purple/Pink		\$11.00	
	Red		\$11.00	
	Yellow		\$11.00	
	White		\$11.00	
12 in. terracotta pot				
	Orange/Bronze		\$15.00	
	Purple/Pink		\$15.00	
	Red		\$15.00	
	Yellow		\$15.00	
	White		\$15.00	
			Total	