

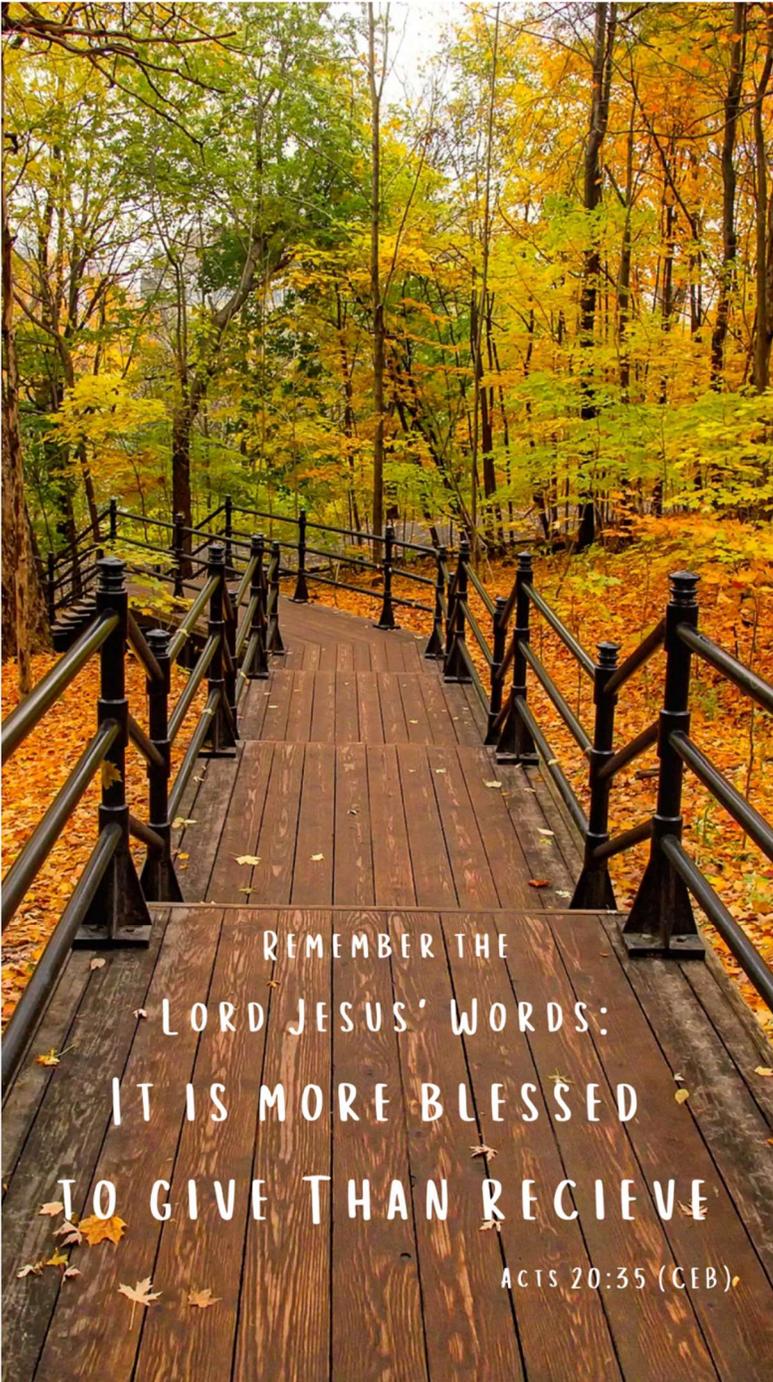


SALEM

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# NEWSLETTER

November 2022



REMEMBER THE  
LORD JESUS' WORDS:  
IT IS MORE BLESSED  
TO GIVE THAN RECEIVE

ACTS 20:35 (CEB)

**Salem United Methodist Church**  
PO Box 192, 7901 Bradshaw Rd  
Upper Falls, MD 21156  
Phone: (410) 592-2543

### **SUNDAY WORSHIP**

8:00 am in Chapel

10:45 am in person and ZOOM

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72121826008>

By Phone: 1-301-715-8592

Meeting ID #72121826008

### **OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday, Wednesday, & Friday:

9am – Noon

Other hours by appointment

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## Pastor's Message

November is a time when we tend to be more intentional about our gratitude because of the Thanksgiving holiday. Expressing our gratitude on a regular basis is a good practice. Gratitude is like a muscle – the more we use it, the stronger it grows. We remember our calling as followers of Christ to live and express our gratitude daily: *“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you”* (1 Thessalonians 5:16-17, NRSV).

I want to share my thanks to all of you for making both my birthday (October 18) and Pastor Appreciation Month special for me. I appreciate all of your cards, flowers, gifts, texts, and other expressions of appreciation. Thank you for the gift card from the congregation. Rick and I are looking forward to eating at Conrad's (we both love seafood). Your kind words are a source of encouragement for me, especially in this very challenging time. I want to thank our children and young people for their “donut” sentiments. I “donut” want you to feel overlooked! I am grateful for all in our Salem Family. I am grateful for the opportunities we have to reach out in Christian love to one another as well as to our community and around the world.

Starting on Sunday, October 30 and continuing through Sunday, November 20 I want to give us an opportunity in worship to explore generosity and gratitude from a faith perspective. I have designed a sermon series for us called *“Generosity In Love.”* We will look at scriptures and reflect on ways we can express our love for God and our neighbors in our daily lives, as well as in our ministry together. I will be drawing on the work of John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement. Wesley developed descriptions of basic Christian practice, which he called “means of grace.” They are designed to help congregations and individual members to grow in holiness of heart and life.

The first two weeks concentrate on how we love God as individuals and as a congregation. The second two weeks concentrate on how we love the people God loves. I hope that you will join us in our journey of gratitude and generosity. Please remember that if you cannot join us in worship either in person or online (Zoom), the recordings of the message are posted on YouTube. You can get the details on our church website: [salemunited.org](http://salemunited.org).

*“O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever”* 1 Chronicles 16:34 (NRSV).

You will read in the Missions Corner of this newsletter about our mission opportunity to complement this sermon series. We will be collecting non-perishable food items and personal hygiene items for those in need in our greater community. As a congregation we continue to reach out beyond our church family to share the love of God with our neighbors both near and far.

*“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.”* Luke 10:26-27, NRSV

May we continue to grow in the generosity and graciousness with which we receive and share the love of our God in Jesus Christ our Savior.

With thanks to God for all our blessings,

*Stacey*

## Stewardship Update

On October 9<sup>th</sup>, we made a special plea to our congregation for their thoughtful consideration in giving above and beyond their normal weekly offering to help us close our 2022 budget without a deficit. As our mission statement says- *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 of God's people.* God has been faithful to us over the years, and we know that God will continue to remain faithful. That's a promise we can hold onto! We all appreciate being a part of Salem and are grateful and blessed for everyone's support and participation.

This month we celebrated the 175th anniversary of Salem Church and had a special service on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Our current financial climate, in many ways, is unlike anything we have ever experienced due to the COVID-19 pandemic over these past 2 ½ years. Salem has faced and persevered through many challenges over the years, and we know that God will continue to care for us as a congregation no matter what obstacles we face. Our congregation (YOU) has been very generous in your financial support through this pandemic. During the end of 2020 and into 2021, we were able to spend less money to run our ministry. Giving increased as well! However; in 2022, we are now spending more to do our ministry. We've had to. We've had no choice. Everyone has experienced the huge impact of higher costs to run our households and our church is no different. Our costs to operate this year has greatly increased, but unfortunately our giving has decreased due to many reasons. As a result, we are in a deficit situation with our budget.

You may have noticed that we've been conducting more fundraising activities throughout this year, and this is why. We have not been able to hold our Ham and Oyster Dinners for the past two years, which we had come to depend on to balance our budget. We have been doing new fundraisers and are doing very well with them. Remember that our fundraisers also give us a chance for continued fellowship which we all enjoy. Most importantly, these events also give us the opportunity to share the love of Christ with others, maybe with people we've never met, and it gives us the chance to "plant the seed" and invite them to consider visiting and/or joining with us here at Salem.

We know that you are doing the best you can with your giving, and we appreciate all that you do for God through Salem Church. We invite you, ask you, to pray and consider your financial giving in response to God's faithfulness. We ask if you would at least consider giving a one-time gift of \$175 in honor of our 175th anniversary here at Salem, our home away from home? Please know that this money will go directly for our general expenses and help reduce our deficit between now and the end of this year. What better way to say thank you to God than to share from the blessings we have received. Our Church Council consists of representatives from every aspect of our church and its operations, to include our Finance Committee; Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC); Trustee Committee; Worship, Youth, United Women in Faith, and Mission Committee Representatives; Lay Leader Representatives; Family Ministries; Tech Team; and others. We welcome everyone to ask questions and get involved if any of these committees are of interest to you. WE NEED YOU! On behalf of Pastor Stacey and your Church Council, we thank you for all that you do to make Salem the best we can be. Please help if you can!

## Christmas Poinsettia Orders

Autumn may have just started but planning for Christmas is underway! We will be offering 6" poinsettias in either red or white for \$12.00 per plant. The deadline for orders is Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Please note all orders must be paid in full by that date – we are not able to accommodate late orders this year. The flyer with all details and an order form can be found attached to the newsletter.

## Youth News

Our youth have had a busy month! We are thankful for those youth who were able to help at the Fall Festival. We enjoyed a pizza party and made fleece blankets which will be given to our new college students in November. We also were blessed to have 25 youth and adults at the Beachmont Corn Maze and hayride. It was a fun night! Every Sunday the mid/high Sunday School class has been learning about some of the parables of Jesus and favorite Bible stories. We'll be looking forward to another trip to the laundromat soon.

## With Thanks



From Judy Semenkow, Sandy Crusse, & Jeff Boord: We want to thank everyone who sent a card or said a prayer for me and my family – losing our mom, as everyone who has lost a parent knows, has been difficult for all of us. Mom told us that she was ready to go be with our Lord and for us to be happy for her. Mom was a vibrant 98 years old and when she got sick it was a shock to us. We know that Mom is happy and at peace and that helps us to accept her being gone from us. We will see her again! Thanking you all again.

From UMCOR (gift to Eurasia in Mission Together – Ukraine and Moldova):

Thank you! Your financial support (\$500 gift) is enabling Global Ministries to fulfill the mission of the Church through evangelism and church growth. And through your financial support you are serving within a vital network of interactive relationships in more than 60 countries. Thank you for actively partnering with Global Ministries as we move forward in establishing over four hundred new congregations and faith communities in nations around the world. I ask that you pray that others will participate in this exciting movement of the Spirit through evangelism and church growth. Roland Fernandes, General Secretary

## Christmas Families

It's that time of year! Salem will be sponsoring 25 children from Magnolia Elementary School with Christmas gifts this year. All of the children are at-need kids for many different reasons, to include being from low-income families. Would you please consider making a monetary donation toward the purchase of these gifts? We will be purchasing, wrapping, and delivering the gifts to Magnolia Elementary School the week before Christmas. Any contribution you can make is greatly appreciated. Salem is known for its generosity in doing this special project each year at Magnolia. Please contact Cindy Carter with any questions.

## Missions Corner

Canned Food Drive – Throughout November, Pastor Stacey will be doing a sermon series on generosity in love, through loving God and loving who God loves. To show that generosity in action, from November 1<sup>st</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup>, Salem will be collecting non-perishable foods and personal hygiene supplies that will be donated to the food pantry at Perry Hall UMC. The Perry Hall UMC Food Pantry serves a large number of clients each month – last month they helped 130 families (over 440 people!). All donations need to be in date and unopened. A flyer with suggested donations can be found at the end of the newsletter. Please note the Helping Hands food pantry is still open and donations can continue.

Volunteering in the community: Please let Amy Krebs or Irene Mattheu know if you are volunteering for other organizations in our community. For example--at Riverside Elementary – as we would like to add these missions to our spreadsheet. Thanks so much!

Luna's House: As part of our Blessing of the Animals, donations were collected at each blessing and through the end of October to support animals in need.

## *Nut & Candy Sale*

Wouldn't it be great to have nuts and homemade chocolates ready for gift giving at the holidays without having to do all the work to have them ready? Well, have we got news for you! Salem will be having a Nut & Candy Sale this fall! Nut orders will be taken October 23 through November 13 for pickup November 18 and 19. Then, orders will be taken for both nuts and homemade chocolates from November 20 through December 4 for pickup December 10 and 11. See the order form at the end of the newsletter for more details!



## *United Women in Faith News*



United  
Women  
in Faith

Thank you to all who donated money or bought ornaments to raise funds for UMCOR's Feminine Hygiene Packs. To date, we have been able to raise \$800. You can still order an ornament through November 12<sup>th</sup>. Please see the easel in the Fellowship Hall for information and order forms. Don't want an ornament but still interested in supporting the mission? Donations will be accepted through December 4<sup>th</sup>. In addition, premade ornaments will be on sale at the Pancake breakfast on December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8-10:30 am.

## *Members Corner*

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

William Erich Boin – 8021 Bradshaw Rd, Upper Falls, MD 21156

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



# Paint Night

FRIDAY, NOV. 11  
6:30PM  
\$30 PER PERSON

SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX  
QUESTIONS? CONTACT CINDY  
CARTER OR THE CHURCH OFFICE

## 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service

We hope everyone enjoyed our special service October 23<sup>rd</sup> celebrating Salem's 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary! Pastor Stacey's message from the day can be found on our YouTube channel (links to all our social channels may be found on our website).




Same great prices as the spring sale!

# MUSHROOM SALE

Button & Portobello available

PREPAID orders due Nov 7

Order forms in narthex

## *Thank you, Donors!*

Salem thanks those who donated to the Silent Auction for helping to make the event such a success! If you are able, please support the business who donated:

A Total Difference Hair Salon	Flavor Cupcakery	Pappas' Restaurant
American Native Plants	Forest Hill Lanes	Redner's Warehouse Markets
AMF Bowling (Perry Hall)	Forever Endeavor Farm	Safeway (Perry Hall)
Autobahn Indoor Speedway	Friendly's	Sight & Sound Theaters
Baltimore Ravens	Giant Foods (Nottingham)	Starbucks (Fallston)
Banner's Hallmark (Avenue at White Marsh)	The Go-Kart Track	Sunshine Grille
Beaumont Pottery	Harford Air Services	Texas Roadhouse (Fallston)
BJ's Wholesale Club (Abingdon)	Home Depot (White Marsh)	Trader Joe's (Pikesville)
Black Forest Restaurant	Horizon Cinemas (Fallston)	Tuna the Tide Fishing Charters
Chick-fil-a (Perry Hall)	J&H Tires	Uncle's Restaurant
Conrad's Seafood Restaurant	Ladew Topiary Gardens	Walmart Supercenter (Fallston)
Costco	Longwood Gardens	Weis Markets (E. Joppa Rd)
Creative Friends Craft Show	Mamma Mish's	Consignments from Light Flight Balloons & Barnstormer Aero
Earth, Wood, & Fire	Mountain Run Mini-Golf	

We would also like to thank the following individuals for their donations: Barbara Chelton, Su DeLeo, Chris DeMent, Paula Espinosa, Brenda Fader, Carla Frisch, Judy Jones, Carol Judkins, Bruce & Cindy King, Paul Krebs, Jamie List & Chrissy Zurenko, Irene Mattheu, Diane Ness, Bryan Niles, Scott Shelton, Lauren Simpson, Rick Vestal, Ron & Robin Wasmer, Gail Wilson, and Sue Yurek, as well as donors who wish to remain anonymous.

## *Advent Packets*

Once again this Advent, we will have take-home activity packets. These packets are designed to complement our sermon series, "Do Not Be Afraid." The packets are fun to share with your family and friends, too! Packets will be available Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. For those unable to pick up a packet but would like one, please contact the church office for delivery. If you have any questions about the packets, please contact Tara at [salemunitedupperfalls@gmail.com](mailto:salemunitedupperfalls@gmail.com).



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# November

2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
			9am Aerobics (Hall) 10-11:30am Judy's Bible Study (Parlor) 6:30pm Vespers		9am Aerobics (Hall)	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
8&10:45 am Services 9:30am Sunday School (all ages) All Saints Sunday Reception to follow 10:45 Service	Mushroom Sale prepaid orders due 9am Aerobics (Hall) 7pm Pastor's Bible Study (Parlor)		9am Aerobics (Hall) 10-11:30am Judy's Bible Study (Parlor) 6:30pm Vespers		9am Aerobics (Hall) 6:30pm Paint Night (Hall)	2-4pm Mushroom order pickup (Hall)
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
8&10:45 am Services 9:30am Sunday School (all ages) 12-12:30pm Mushroom Order pickup (Hall) Prepaid nut orders due	NO AEROBICS 7pm Pastor's Bible Study (Parlor)		9am Aerobics (Hall) 10-11:30am Judy's Bible Study (Parlor) 6:30pm Vespers 7pm Church Council (Salem Room)	7pm Book Club	9am Aerobics (Hall) 11:30am Women Moving On Lunch	9-11am Nut order pickup (Hall)
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
8&10:45 am Services 9:30am Sunday School (all ages) Student Sunday AED/First Aid Training (Hall) Poinsettia orders due Nut order pickup ½ hr after each service (Hall)	No Aerobics 7pm Pastor's Bible Study (Parlor)		No Aerobics 6:30pm Vespers	Happy Thanksgiving!	No Aerobics	
27	28	29	30			
8&10:45 am Services 9:30am Sunday School (all ages) Canned food drive ends	9am Aerobics (Hall) 7pm Pastor's Bible Study (Parlor)		9am Aerobics (Hall) 10-11:30am Judy's Bible Study (Parlor) 6:30pm Vespers	8:00am & 10:45 am services are in-person. 10:45 is also on Zoom at <b><a href="https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72121826008">https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72121826008</a></b> Pastor's Study Zoom link: <b><a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86945193408">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86945193408</a></b>		

# Christmas Poinsettias



We are offering 6" Poinsettias in either red or white for \$12.00. You can place your order by completing the form below and returning with your check to the office or placing it in the offering plate. The deadline for placing your orders is Sunday, November 20! *(Please note that due to an increase & surcharge from the grower, we ask that money be paid in advance. If funds are not received by order deadline, we will not place the order. Thanks for understanding.)*

You may pick up your plants after the last service on Christmas Eve.

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



## POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

**All orders must be pre-paid and are due November 20, 2022!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

# of Plants	6" Plant	Cost	Total
	Red	\$12.00 each	
	White	\$12.00 each	

I will pick up my #\_\_\_\_\_ plants     I wish to donate #\_\_\_\_\_ to shut-ins

In Honor of:

\_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of:

\_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

**For Counter's Use:**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Rec'd \$ \_\_\_\_\_  Cash  Check # \_\_\_\_\_



# Mushroom Sale

Fresh from Kennett Square, PA – The Mushroom Capital of the World!

Our popular mushroom sale is back, with the same selection and great prices as the spring sale! Don't worry if the order amounts seem large – remember – mushrooms shrink when cooked and after sautéing. You can freeze mushrooms for later use in soups and gravies as well! Each order will come with some new "tried and true" recipes!

Please note all orders **must be** prepaid by November 7th. Orders may be placed in the collection plate at Salem, mailed to the office, or emailed to the office at salemunitedupperfalls@gmail.com with payment mailed or dropped off to the office. Mail checks to: Salem United Methodist Church, PO Box 192, Upper Falls, MD 21156.

All orders must be picked up either Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 pm or Sunday November 13<sup>th</sup> from 12-12:30 pm at Salem UMC.

*PLEASE NOTE: If you are unable to print an order form, please call the Salem UMC office at 410-529-2543 or email salemunitedupperfalls@gmail.com to place an order.*



## MUSHROOM ORDER FORM

**All orders must be pre-paid and are due November 7<sup>th</sup>.**

**Pickup will be Saturday November 12<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm and Sunday November 13<sup>th</sup> from 12-12:30pm at Salem UMC.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

# of Boxes	Mushroom Type	Cost	Total
	3 lb box of Button	\$8.00 each	
	5 lb box of Portobello	\$15.00 each	

Counters: Date \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Cash / Check # \_\_\_\_\_

# Salem's Nut & Candy Sale!

Salem will be selling one pound bags of assorted nuts for your holiday gift giving and baking needs. The sale will run from October 23 through December 4. Orders for the first pick-up on November 19 & 20, are due by November 13<sup>th</sup>. All other nut & candy orders will be available at the final pickup, on December 10 & 11. Contact the church office with questions.

November 19<sup>th</sup> – 9-11 am in Fellowship Hall  
 December 10<sup>th</sup> – 9-11 am in Fellowship Hall

November 20<sup>th</sup> – for ½ hour after each service  
 December 11<sup>th</sup> – for ½ hour after each service

**All items must be pre-ordered and pre-paid. Mail form & payment to Salem at address below.**

Description	# of lbs	Price per Pound	Total Cost	PickUp Nov	PickUp Dec
English Walnut halves & pieces		\$4.50			
Deluxe Salted Mixed Nuts, no peanuts		\$10.50			
Natural Salted Pistachios, in shell		\$11.00			
Whole Almonds		\$8.00			
Extra Large Cocktail Peanuts, salted		\$5.00			
Super Large Cashews		\$9.75			
Pecan Halves		\$13.75			
Pecan, Small Pieces		\$12.50			
Totals		-			

## Homemade Chocolate Candy for pick up December 10 & 11<sup>th</sup>

Description	Sold	Chocolate (Circle choice)	Qty	Cost	Total Cost
Peanut Clusters	1 lb	Dark/Milk		\$10.00	
Raisin Clusters	1 lb	Dark/Milk		\$10.00	
White Chocolate Peppermint Bark	½ lb	White		\$8.50	
Almond Bark	½ lb	Dark/Milk		\$9.50	
Peanut Butter Cups	1 lb	Milk		\$12.00	
Nonpareils	½ lb	Dark/Milk		\$7.50	
Chocolate Covered Oreos	2 pk	D / M / W		\$3.50	
Pretzel Rods	2 pk	D / M / W		\$2.50	
Pretzel Rods - assorted	6 pk	assorted		\$6.50	
Totals		-			

### Church Use Only:

	Cost	Amt Paid	Ck/Ca	Date Rec'd
Total Nut Order – November Pick-up				
Total Nut Order – December Pick-up				
Total Candy Order – December Pick-up				

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[salemunited.org](http://salemunited.org)



# Food Drive

assisting Perry Hall UMC

## November 1 - 27

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### Suggestions:

- Canned vegetables
- Canned fruit
- Tuna fish
- Canned chicken
- Canned beef chili
- Canned beef stew
- Pork & Beans
- Refried Beans
- Black or Kidney Beans
- Pasta Sauce
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- 1 lb box pasta
- Side dishes
- Box/Bag rice
- Box mashed potato
- Cereal
- Can/box soup
- Ramen soup
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Apple sauce

Personal care items: soap, shampoo & conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste, laundry detergent

**All items must be in date, in good condition, and never opened. Thank you!**



Happy Fall!