

Salem United Methodist Church

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Nov
2023



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

On October 10, we gathered virtually with three other churches in our cluster for our Church Conference. I was grateful to share on behalf of Salem about how God is working both in and through our congregation. I reviewed our goals for the past year and how God has blessed us in achieving them. Often, we don't see how much we do on regular basis, because it is part of Salem's servant heart. Please take a moment to rejoice in all the ministry, hard work, and outreach Salem has been able to accomplish over the last year! Below, I've summarized our participation in this year's conference.

We began with our mission statement: **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.** Then, we moved on to talking about how we reached our goals, reflecting on how they tie into our mission.

Goal #1: Path of congregational vitality

- Congregational participation in our Readiness 360 survey
- Identify Salem's strengths and focus how we share Jesus Christ in our community
- Use of MissionInsite tools to gain strategic knowledge about our community
- Review of our mission statement (accomplished through a sermon series this year)

Goal #2: Replace the sound system in the sanctuary

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Goal #3: Transition from Zoom meeting platform to streaming to our website for worship (later service)

Goal #4: Comprehensive revision of the Safe Sanctuary policies and procedures

- Over a period of several months, members of the Staff-Parish Relations Committee researched best practices and worked to draft a new policy and procedures
- Paid staff and other leaders have taken additional training through Safe Gatherings
- Provided training for our volunteers who work with children/youth; parents and others interested were invited as well; working to implement all of our new policies and procedures
- Provided a congregational information session on October 22
- Copies of the new policy are available in several places in our buildings: sanctuary narthex, chapel, parlor, nursery, elementary Sunday School/Junior Church room, youth room, and Salem House (office). If you are interested in a copy, please contact the church office. We will have information on our website as well.
- Resource books are available from Pastor Stacey if you would like to have more information on various aspects of safe sanctuary policy and practices.

Additional celebrations at our Church Conference included the following:

1. Youth Missions – the summer mission trip to Altoona, PA; serving at the local laundromat and partnership with 755 Alliance of Edgewood
2. Salem's support of UMCOR – Hawaii relief; Ukraine Relief; Turkey/Syria Relief; US Disaster Relief. Also, specific support given for Lahaina UMC. Specifically, \$1,050 was donated to UMCOR Hawaii and \$4,680 to Lahaina UMC.
3. Local Missions – Magnolia Elementary School, Magnolia Middle School, Harford Community Action Agency, New Hope Day Shelter, and Manna House Breakfast Club (Baltimore City).
4. Community Engagement: Helping Hands Food Pantry, Perry Hall Food Pantry, Trunk or Treat, Aerobics, Luna's House Animal Rescue Center, and Prayer Shawls for Franklin Square Hospital. New this year – Prayer For Christian Unity Service in January sponsored by community churches; we opened our building for a new AA group to meet.
5. Salem's lay speaker – Paul Krebs was affirmed in his ministry.
6. We claim God's promise given to Abram and Sarai, "You will be a blessing."

May we continue to be a channel of God's blessing in the world. With gratitude, *Stacey*



Paint Night

Nov. 3rd
6:30 pm

- \$30 per person
- Signup in Narthex
- Snacks/drinks included

Questions? Contact Sue Yurek.

Veteran Recognition >>>

We would like to recognize our veterans during services on Sunday, November 12. If you served in our armed forces, please let us know so we can be sure to include your name.



There will be a potluck dinner on November 4 at 6pm to celebrate the Salem Spotlighters and all the dinner theater shows from years past. If you had a part in any way, (acting, announcing, tickets, sound and lights, set design, stage crew, etc.) you're invited to come and enjoy this evening of fun and memories.

Christmas Families at Magnolia Elementary >>>

Salem will be supporting 30 children from Magnolia Elementary School this year by providing an outfit and two toys for each child. Please help us support these children by:

- Making a donation and the gift will be purchased and wrapped for you. Please make sure your donation is marked as "Christmas families," or
- Take a tag from the board, purchase the gift, wrap the gift and return it to Salem with the tag attached to the outside of the gift by Sunday, December 3rd.

Questions? Please contact Cindy Carter.



November Worship Notes >>>

- November 5: All Saints Sunday
- November 12: Veterans Recognition
- November 19: Harvest Sunday
- November 26: College Student Recognition

*He has told you, human one, what is good and what the Lord requires from you:
to do justice, embrace faithful love, and walk humbly with your God.*

Micah 6:8 (CEB)

Christmas Poinsettias

AVAILABLE IN RED OR WHITE

\$12 EACH, PREPAID ONLY
DUE NOV. 21

FORMS IN NARTHEX OR AT
SALEMUNITED.ORG



Advent & Christmas >>>

- December 3: 1st Sunday of Advent, 8 and 10:45 am services
- December 10: 2nd Sunday of Advent, 8 and 10:45 am services
- December 17: 3rd Sunday of Advent, 8 and 10:45 am services
- December 24: 4th Sunday of Advent, 9:30 am service only
- Christmas Eve services:
 - 7 pm family service
 - 11 pm candlelight service with communion

Youth News >>>

You may enjoy the smells of fresh baked cookies in the church on November 5 as the youth will be baking treats to deliver to local firefighters and police. The kitchen will be a busy place! They are also in the planning stages for a Christmas mission project.

Several of our youth and their friends enjoyed a trip to the Beachmont corn maze in October. Next, we hope to visit Hershey Park before Christmas.



Please join us on November 7th at 7:00 pm in the Parlor to brainstorm fundraising ideas for Salem in 2024. We are looking for fresh new ideas and fun things to do that will also help Salem's finances. Attendance does NOT mean you have to lead a fundraiser.



**SAT, DECEMBER 2
8-10:30 AM**



**PANCAKE BREAKFAST &
HOLIDAY SHOP**

- ADULTS \$9
- KIDS 6 & UNDER \$5
- SHOP WITH OUR VENDORS



GET YOUR CAMERAS READY! SANTA WILL BE VISITING!





United
Women
in Faith

We have delivered lapquilts to those listed in the Members Corner as part of the October Blessing Bag/card program. Many thanks to Sharon Marquette and Susan Yurek for coordinating!

If you missed getting a special 2022 Christmas ornament last year, you're in luck! Our 2023 exclusive Christmas ornaments will be on sale in time for the holidays! Details and sample ornaments will be available at a later Date. Be on the lookout for information in Sunday bulletins and the December newsletter.

We were blessed to be able to send a donation of \$400 to UMCOR for Ukraine relief efforts and the 755 Alliance in Edgewood received \$400 for the community pantry.



Thank you! >>>

Thank you for the Pastor Appreciation celebration you gave me on Sunday, October 29th. I was surprised and delighted by all your thoughtful expressions of appreciation and support. I suppose we are "stuck" (to use the cake's sentiment) with each other! Thank God!

I do thank God for you, and I am grateful to serve as your pastor.



As I write this thank you note, I am watching my newborn grandson, Jordan, sleep. I know that many of you have the joy of grandparenting and/or nurturing young ones. I am learning from your example as I embrace my role as Mommom. I have already started reading to him, so your books will be a treasure to us. Thank you for such a meaningful way to show your appreciation.


Most importantly, I cherish your partnership in our ministry and deeply appreciate your support. Please continue to keep me and my family in your prayers. We are incredibly blessed.

With my love and prayers,

Stacey

The light shines in
the darkness and
the darkness doesn't
extinguish the light.

- JOHN 1:5

 Praying for peace.

Financial Secretary's Notes >>>

Don't forget about those Redner's receipts! Every time you use your customer loyalty card at Redner's, that receipt can earn money for Salem. Just bring us the whole receipt – we collect them, and then send them back to Redner's, who then sends us a donation of This program has raised \$216 so far this year, just by handing in grocery receipts! Receipts may be placed in the offering plate or dropped off at the office.

Elder Fraud Prevention

How to Protect Yourself or a Loved One

Join FBI Special Agent Sarah Lewis of the Financial Crime Squad to learn:

- how to protect against financial scams
- educate yourself on red flags
- what to do if you are scammed



Sunday
Nov. 19, 2023

12:30 pm

Salem UMC
Sanctuary

Free Admission

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Contact Us!

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

Hank Danker – 506 Haverhill Road, Joppa, MD 21085

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

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

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

Thanks to everyone who came to one of our Blessing of the Animals events and donated to help animals in need at Luna's House in Edgewood!





SALEM

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November

2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
8:00am & 10:45 am services are in-person. 10:45 am service live stream: salemunited.org/livestream Pastor's Study Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86945193408			9am Aerobics (Hall) 10am Morning Bible Study (Parlor) 6:30pm Vespers		9am Aerobics (Hall) 6:30pm Paint Night (Hall)	5pm Salem Spotlighters Reunion (Sanctuary & Hall)
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
All Saints Sunday 8&10:45am Services 9:30am Sunday School (all ages)	9am Aerobics (Hall) 7pm Pastor's Bible Study (Office & Zoom) 7:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Parlor)	7pm Fundraising Committee (Parlor)	9am Aerobics (Hall) 10am Morning Bible Study (Parlor) 6:30pm Vespers 7pm SPRC (Salem Room)		9am Aerobics (Hall)	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Veterans Recognition 8&10:45am Services 9:30am Sunday School (all ages) 10am Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)	9am Aerobics (Hall) 7pm Pastor's Bible Study (Office & Zoom) 7:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Parlor)		9am Aerobics (Hall) 10am Morning Bible Study (Parlor) 6:30pm Vespers	7pm Book Club (call office)	9am Aerobics (Hall) 11:30am Women Moving On Lunch (call office)	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Harvest Sunday 8&10:45 am Services 9:30am Sunday School (all ages) 10am Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 12:30pm Elder Fraud Presentation (Sanctuary)	NO AEROBICS 7pm Pastor's Bible Study (Office & Zoom) 7:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Parlor)		NO AEROBICS 10am Morning Bible Study (Parlor) 6:30pm Vespers	Happy Thanksgiving	NO AEROBICS	
26	27	28	29	30		
College Student Recognition 8&10:45 am Services 9:30am Sunday School (all ages) 10am Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)	9am Aerobics (Hall) 7pm Pastor's Bible Study (Office & Zoom) 7:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Parlor)	7pm Church Council (Salem Room)				

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 by placing it in the offering plate. The deadline for placing your orders is Sunday, November 21! *(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 the 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 have questions, please call Susan Walker at susanwalker0604@comcast.net

POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

All orders must be pre-paid and are due November 21, 2023!

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 _____

_____ by _____

In Memory of:

_____ by _____

_____ by _____

_____ by _____

For Counter's Use:

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