

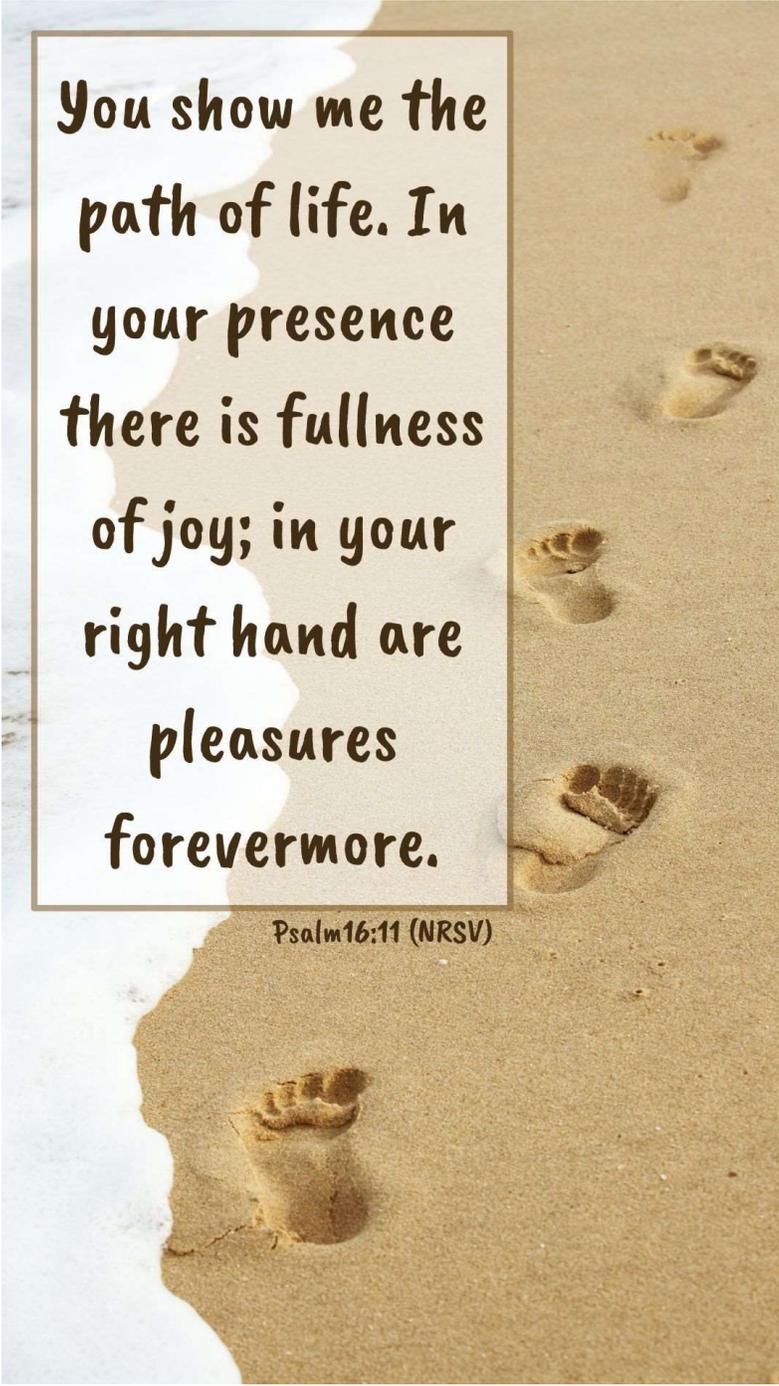


SALEM

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

July/August 2022



You show me the
path of life. In
your presence
there is fullness
of joy; in your
right hand are
pleasures
forevermore.

Psalm 16:11 (NRSV)

Salem United Methodist Church
7901 Bradshaw Road
Upper Falls, MD 21156
Phone: (410) 592-2543

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:00 am in Chapel
10:00 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

PASTOR:

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Pastor's Message

*In the brightness of your Son we spend each day;
In the darkness of the night you light our way;
Always you protect us with the umbrella of your love.
To you, God, be all praise and glory forever and forever. Amen.*

I shared this prayer at a recent Vespers service. It is taken from our United Methodist Book of Worship. I have found it meaningful in my devotion time, and I offer it for your personal use.

As we enter the summer season, some of us may have opportunities for vacation, relaxation, rest, and renewal. I am looking forward to our vacation time later in August. With summer comes possible changes to our schedules – adding new things and giving some things a summer break. I know that some of you will be traveling, and we pray God's traveling mercies for you and your families. Don't forget that you can join in worship online either through Zoom on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. or later in the week through the posted recording of the message. Check our website for details (salemunited.org).

On July 10, I will begin a new preaching series on characters of the Bible. I will be speaking on various people we learn about in the Bible and how God worked through their lives. I hope that this focus will help us trust that God can use us, too! I am looking forward to exploring some of the characters that, perhaps, are not as well known to us. I plan to continue this series through the summer.

As a congregation, we have opportunities this summer not just for Sunday worship and Wednesday Vespers, but also opportunities for service, learning, and fun. Please read about your opportunities in this summer issue of our newsletter, and prayerfully decide how you can fulfill your commitment to serving God through Salem Church. When we welcomed our confirmation class into membership in the church on Pentecost Sunday, we renewed our own commitment to faithfully participate in the ministries of Salem by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness. We are blessed by our participation together, and we offer a blessing to our community and our world by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We give thanks for God's faithfulness to us as Salem Church celebrates 175 years of service to Christ and community! We are looking back at the history of our congregation with gratitude to God, and all of the people who were committed to Salem's mission and ministry. We celebrate who we are today, and we look forward to how God is shaping us for future service.

Here is a prayer from our United Methodist Book of Worship that is written for the occasion of organizing a new congregation. I believe we can adapt it for our celebration of Salem Church in our 175th year:

Lord God, preserve your church. Let your Word be heard, and your Sacraments lived out among this people, so that we may live in harmony with you and one another, be confirmed in steadfast faith, and be your brave witnesses and workers in the world. Amen.

Will you join with me in praying for Salem in word and in action?

May the peace of God be with us. In Christ's love, *Stacey*



Safety & Security Update

Safety and security should always be at the forefront of all that we do for our staff members, church families, or for those guests who come into our building for various reasons each week. As members of Salem, it's our collective duty to always be alert for any type of issues that may arise while we are in our building. As we have said before, one of the greatest gifts we all have is the gift of fellowship, friendship, and smiles! Use those gifts to our advantage. Engage new visitors and note any "red flag" behaviors if ever someone were to come into our building with alternative motives. Hopefully, none of us will ever experience this scenario! Also, know that key members of our church are watching and vigilant every Sunday for any suspicious activity, and processes are in place to secure our building as best we can during both of our Sunday services. It is important that we all keep vigilant and use common sense for any issues that may arise at our church. We are always seeking feedback for new ways we can further strengthen our security and to ensure the safety of all of our members.

Active Shooters: We hope to never have any issues in our church building and, worst case scenario, to ever have an active shooter in our building. Should that type of crisis occur, stay calm, try not to panic!

- If you are seated near an exit door, crouch down as low as you can and exit the sanctuary.
- If you can get down on the floor and lay under a pew bench, do it!
- If you are unable to get on the floor, lay down on the seat of the pew bench to create a barrier between you and the shooter.
- Any barrier (bench, podiums, tables, etc.) you can hide behind is better than no barrier.

Medical Incidents:

- Should any medical incident occur (i.e., sudden cardiac arrests) while in church, do your part and know where our AED (Automated External Defibrillators) devices are located. We have one on each floor of our church building and they are easy to access and use.

General Reminders:

- Stay alert for any suspicious activity, especially when entering and leaving the church.
- When at church for evening activities, particularly during the hours of darkness, use the buddy system and walk together when coming and going.
- Ensure your car is locked and that all valuables are secure and out-of-sight! (i.e., loose change, money, spare keys, cell phones, backpacks, computer bags, etc.)
- During nighttime hours, park in a well-lighted space and keep your cellphone and car keys handy.
- Carry a small container of mace and have it ready at all times. It's inexpensive and effective!

If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please reach out to Pastor Stacey or any member of our Security Team- Mark Carter, Bob Frisch, Bruce List, or Jerry Sersen. We are always open to new ideas for how we can best serve each other.

Pancake Breakfast

Salem's first quarterly pancake breakfast fundraiser was held on June 4th! What a blessing to be back in the fellowship hall sharing a meal and serving our community. We served approximately 65 people, were able to host the confirmation class for breakfast before their rehearsal for their big day, and made a profit of a little over \$600. *Please mark your calendar for Saturday, September 10th for our next pancake breakfast!*



Directory Information Updates

Thank you to everyone who has sent updated contact information for the new directory! There's still time to send in your information. Please send any updates to your information that was listed in the 2019 directory to Tara at salemunitedupperfalls@gmail.com!

Let The Children Come!

We are excited to have a summer session of Children's Sunday School! From July 10 through August 28 during the 10:00 am service, our children (pre-K through 5th grade) will have the opportunity to gather with the congregation for the start of worship and then move to a classroom for their own program after the children's message. They will have special activities and a lesson just for them. For those of you with younger children, we will continue to offer nursery care during the 10 am service as well. We hope our families with children can join us! Feel free to invite your extended family, and neighbors.

For your calendars and planning: We are preparing to kick off a new school year of Sunday School for children (pre-K through grade 5) on September 11, 2022. We will return to the 9:30 a.m. start time. Watch the bulletin for details.

Blessing of the Backpacks

We know that summer vacation has just started for many of our students (all ages/levels), teachers, and educators, but we are planning ahead for the next school year. Please plan now to participate in our annual "Blessing of the Backpacks" on Sunday, September 4th during both services!

Missions Corner

Salem is collecting school supplies for Magnolia Middle School in Joppa during June. The school will use the donations for their supply closet, which provides the supplies free to students in need. There is a box at each service for these items. We are asking for donations of the following:

- Colored pencils
- Blue or black pens
- Wide ruled paper
- Single subject notebooks
- #2 pencils

If you have any questions, please contact Irene Mattheu or the church office.

A donation \$250.00 has been sent to Lovely Lane UMC for their current renovation project in honor of their 250th anniversary. Lovely Lane is the mother church of American Methodism. Our Confirmation Class had an excellent experience there when they participated in the Confirmation Rally in May.

Harford Community Action Agency (HCAA) has volunteer opportunities with the Summer Snack Program on Wednesdays (through August 17) from 10am to 12pm. For more information, reach out to the HCAA through their website at harfordcaa.org or call them directly at (410) 612-9909.

United Women of Faith News



United
Women
in Faith

The UWF are happy to report Blessing Bags continue to be sent or delivered to those at home monthly. Additionally, prayer shawls, baby beanies and blankets, along with lap quilts are ongoing projects. If you have any, feel free to drop them off at the office! Mission giving, an important part of the UWF, will be decided in late July. We would like to hear where you would like the money to be

sent! The charity (may be local or international/national) should benefit women and/or children. Please give your ideas to Susan Yurek, Amy Krebs, or Sharon Marquette.

Youth News

Mission Trip: Off they go! On July 17, 7 of our youth with 3 accompanying adults will be heading to Altoona, PA to participate in a week-long mission trip! On this trip, the youth will be serving the community by building, painting, gardening, etc. After 2 years of waiting, our youth are very excited to take a mission trip again! Please keep the youth and adults in your prayers as they spread God's love by serving the community in Altoona.

Youth Sunday School resumes: We are planning to kick off a new school year of Sunday School for youth (middle and high school students) on September 11, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. Watch the bulletin for details.



A New Life for Old Items: Love Packages

Do you have extra Bibles, previous copies of the Upper Room, Christian toys, books, pamphlets, or even a nativity scene that would love a second life? Love Packages (<https://lovepackages.org>) is an organization that collects these items and ships them overseas to help lead people to Jesus. According to their website, they have shipped over 1000 tons of recycled gospel materials! We are looking for donations of items that will lead someone to faith in Christ and/or something that will disciple a believer. (Please note we are not able to take VHS/tapes/records/8-tracks, Guideposts, handiwork or "busy papers" from Sunday School materials, secular books (other than dictionaries), or mission magazines). From August 14 thru September 18, collection boxes will be in the upper vestibule and on the bench outside of the Chapel. We can also schedule a pick-up for those not able to drop the items off. Please contact Amy Krebs with questions!

Prigel's Creamery Fundraiser

Mark your calendars! On Thursday, July 28 from 5-8pm Salem will have a fundraiser at Prigel's Creamery on Long Green Road in Glen Arm! Prigel's will donate 20% of all sales (ice cream, food, groceries, etc.) For Salem to receive credit for the sales, a paper copy of the flyer (attached at the end of the newsletter) or a picture of the flyer (available on our social media channels) must be presented at the time of payment.

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 – 1617 Searles Rd, Baltimore, MD 21222

Technology Team News

The technology team will meet at the end of June to work on a plan to update our hybrid worship. This plan will include improving our sound system in addition to a new platform for streaming our services for those who participate in worship online. More details will be available soon!

Welcome One/Harford Family House News

The Welcome One Emergency Shelter has shared exciting news! Effective July 1st, the Welcome One Emergency Shelter will merge with the Harford Family House, the largest provider of transitional housing for families with children experiencing homelessness and unaccompanied adults ages 18-24 in Harford County. By combining resources, the resulting organization, which will retain the Harford Family House name, will be able to expand care and wraparound services with the end goal of eliminating chronic homelessness in the area. For example, an individual who would be required to exit the Welcome One Shelter after 90 days could now transition directly to Harford Family House for extended support of six months to a year! For more information, see their website at harfordfamilyhouse.org.

Salem Book Club

Elizabeth Barrett Browning is quoted as saying, "No man can be called friendless who has God and the companionship of good books." The Salem Book Club began in 1999 and has enjoyed reading many books over many types of genres through those years – and they look forward to many more! The group meets on the third Thursday of each month. Love reading and want to enjoy some fellowship? Call Su DeLeo for more information!



July 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 9am – Aerobics (Hall)	2
3 8 & 10am – Service *Children’s summer Sunday School during 10am service	4 Church Office Closed	5	6 9am – Aerobics (Hall) 7pm – Vespers (Lawn)	7	8 9am – Aerobics (Hall)	9
10 8 & 10am – Service *Children’s summer Sunday School during 10am service	11 9am – Aerobics (Hall) 7pm – Pastor’s Bible Study (Parlor)	12	13 9am – Aerobics (Hall) 7pm – Vespers (Lawn)	14	15 9am – Aerobics (Hall) 11:30am – Women Moving On Lunch (contact office)	16
17 8 & 10am – Service *Children’s summer Sunday School during 10am service Youth Mission Trip →	18 9am – Aerobics (Hall) 7pm – Pastor’s Bible Study (Parlor)	19 7pm – Church Council (Hall)	20 9am – Aerobics (Hall) 7pm – Vespers (Lawn)	21 7pm – Book Club (contact office)	22 9am – Aerobics (Hall)	23
24 8 & 10am – Service *Children’s summer Sunday School during 10am service	25 9am – Aerobics (Hall) 7pm – Pastor’s Bible Study (Parlor)	26	27 9am – Aerobics (Hall) 7pm – Vespers (Lawn)	28 5-8pm Fundraiser at Prigel’s Creamery 4852 Long Green Road, Glen Arm (bring your flyer!)	29 9am – Aerobics (Hall)	30
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8am service is in-person in the Chapel. 10 or 10:45 am service is in-person in the Sanctuary and on Zoom. Zoom: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72121826008>

August 2022



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	1 Shrimp Boil prepaid orders due!	2	3 7pm – Vespers (Lawn)	4	5	6 4-6:30pm - Low Country Shrimp Boil
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IT'S AN ICE CREAM SOCIAL!

A FUNDRAISER FOR SALEM UMC
AT THE PRIGEL FAMILY CREAMERY
THURSDAY, JULY 28, 2022
5:00-8:00PM

PRIGEL FAMILY CREAMERY IS HAPPY TO DONATE 20% OF ALL SALES (ICE CREAM, FOOD, GROCERIES, ETC.) FROM 5-8PM ON JULY 28, 2022 TO SALEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. FLYER MUST BE PRESENTED (PAPER OR DIGITAL) FOR SALEM TO RECEIVE CREDIT.

*Flyers not allowed to be distributed on Prigel property.

Prigel Family Creamery
4852 Long Green Road
Glen Arm, MD 21057
prigelfamilycreamery.com

Salem United Methodist Church
7901 Bradshaw Road
Upper Falls, MD 21156
salemunited.org

Low Country Shrimp Boil



Summertime calls for good food & fellowship! Come have both at Salem United Methodist Church's Shrimp Boil!

Saturday, August 6, 2022

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

4:00 – 6:30pm

\$20 per person (pre-paid only by 8/1)

Outdoor dining and carry-out available!

Treat yourself to a delicious low country style shrimp boil! With shrimp, smoked sausage, corn-on-the-cob, 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 1st. Orders may be placed in the collection plate at Salem, mailed to the Salem office (must arrive by August 1st), or via our website (salemunited.org). 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 NOTE: If you are unable to print an order form or have questions, please call Lauren at (410) 592-3176.

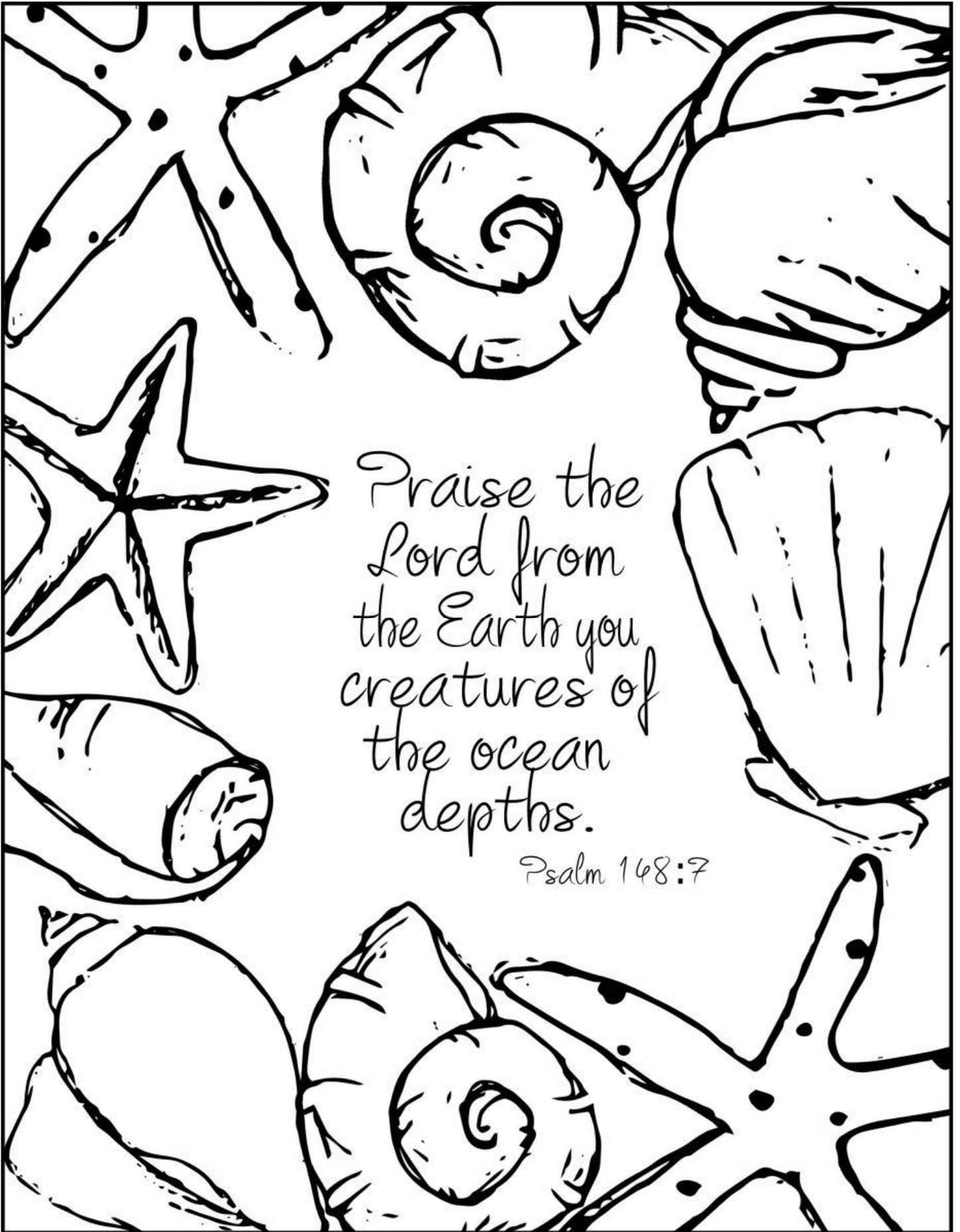
SHRIMP BOIL RESERVATION

All orders must be pre-paid and are due August 1st.
You must select a time slot for dining/pickup when placing your reservation.

Name _____ Phone/Email _____

# of Orders	Time for dining/carry-out (please circle)					Cost	Total
	4:00pm	4:30pm	5:00pm	5:30pm	6:00pm		
						\$20.00 ea.	

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



Praise the
Lord from
the Earth you
creatures of
the ocean
depths.

Psalm 148:7