

Salem United Methodist Church

7901 Bradshaw Road
PO Box 192
Upper Falls, MD 21156
(410) 592-2543
salemunitedupperfalls@gmail.com

Find us on the web at salemunited.org
and follow us on Facebook &
Instagram @salemunitedupperfalls

Dec
2024



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



Celebrate Christmas Eve at Salem

7 pm Family
Service (in-person
& online)

11 pm
Candlelight
Worship with
Holy Communion

salemunited.org



Pastor's Message >>>

Friends, we need to turn our full attention to the spiritual preparation of the season of Advent. We are intentional about opening our hearts, lives, and minds to welcome the presence of Christ as our Savior. We pray for God to prepare us! Here is our worship outline for Advent:

Sermon Series: "**Come, Let Us Adore Him**"

- Series Key Verse: "Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together." Isaiah 40:5, NRSV
- December 1, 2024: Advent 1 Jeremiah 33:14 – 16 "*Come To Hope*"
- December 8, 2024: Advent 2 Luke 3:2-6 "*Come For Peace*"
- December 15, 2024: Advent 3 Isaiah 12:2-6 "*Come With Joy*"
- December 22, 2024: Advent 4 Luke 1:39-45 "*Come In Love*"

December 24, 2024 Christmas Eve Worship Services:

- 7 pm Family Service and 11 pm Candlelight Communion Service "*Come, Let Us Adore Him*"

December 29, 2024: First Sunday of Christmas

January 5, 2025: Star Sunday – Celebration of Epiphany

January 12, 2025: Baptism of our Lord Sunday

Another special opportunity for worship during Advent is our annual **Service of Healing and Hope**, which will be on Sunday, December 8. We will gather in the chapel (downstairs) at 1:30 p.m. Everyone is invited as we look to God for hope and light in a time when many are struggling and/or need reassurance. You may be carrying a burden of grief, disappointment, anxiety, or loss. You may wish to participate in solidarity with the world's suffering and grief or to support a friend in their struggle. All are welcome. Please extend the invitation to your friends and neighbors. We will light candles of remembrance and pray for God's peace in our lives and our world.

May God bless our Advent journey together –

Stacey



*Service of
Healing and Hope*



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8
1:30PM IN THE CHAPEL

Youth News >>>

From Judy Jones: The youth continued their laundromat ministry on Election Day when they served the community at the Wash 'n Fold in Edgewood. They treated many who greatly appreciated the surprise of having their laundry paid for by our youth. Thank you to the members of our church family who support this ministry.

We are collecting warm socks, hats and gloves which will be distributed before Christmas to those in the area who are in need. If you want to add to our collection, there is a Christmas box in the middle/high Sunday School room across from the Chapel for your donations.

The youth will be Santa's elves at the Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 7th helping with games, cookie decorating, and serving breakfast.

And last, but definitely not least, the middle/high Sunday School has invited Mr. Bruce List to share his Vietnam Veteran story with us on December 8 during the Sunday School hour. Anyone who would like to hear this inspiring message is welcome to join us in the Chapel at 9:30 am that day.

Thank you for supporting our youth!

Christmas Families >>>

Salem is supporting Magnolia Elementary School this year by providing 50 gifts to be distributed to the families of children from Magnolia Elementary School. Please consider making a monetary donation to be used toward purchasing the requested gifts. Special envelopes are available for your donations – please place them in the offering plate or mail your donation to the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Carter.

Bible Study Opportunity >>>

You are invited to join Rev. Dr. Marcelena (Lena) Holmes Ministries for our monthly online Bible study on Zoom! The December study will be Saturday, December 14th from noon to 1:00 p.m. and our topic will be "The Ministry of the Holy Spirit in Today's World." Please be sure to register in advance for this meeting at <https://us06web.zoom.us/join/mtgmg-rcvbj0qE9xe0pXaOqBSLwKoZgFSz5Jh> After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. We hope to see you there!





From Brian Campbell: Salem United Methodist Church – Thank you for the use of the hall and thank you to the hospitality group for providing food and fellowship for my father's service.

From Bettie Heacock: Thank you to my Salem family for your visits, cards and concerns – and most of all – for your prayers. They were greatly appreciated.



YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Christmas Cookie Decorating Party

Friday, Dec. 13th at 6:00 pm
John Sivey's house

Guests welcome; dinner will be served

Soup Sale Update >>>

From Lauren Simpson: Thank you for your support of the soup sale this fall! We will be taking a break for December, but be on the lookout for information later in the month on our January soup offering – a delicious potato cheddar!





United
Women
in Faith

Our winter fundraiser is underway! We are offering fabric Christmas tree ornaments – each with unique decorations, or available undecorated! The funds raised will go to UMCOR toward hurricane recovery. Individual trees are \$3 each or 2 for \$5. Garlands are available as well – measuring approximately 6 feet with loops on each end for hanging, and 9 trees per garland, for \$20 each. Ornaments and garlands will be on sale at the Santa Breakfast on December 7th, or by appointment after services through December 15th (contact Amy Krebs).

The annual planning meeting for 2025 will be at noon on January 26, 2025 in the parlor. The meeting will plan any activities, speakers, and fundraisers for 2025 and will be no longer than an hour. Feel free to send ideas ahead of time to Susan Yurek, Amy Krebs, or Sharon Marquette.



Giving Statements >>>

From Karen Sersen, Financial Secretary: 2024 giving statements will be emailed on January 15, 2025. Please be on the lookout for this important email. If you do not see one, please be sure to check your junk/spam folders. If you do not receive an email, please contact me. Thank you for supporting Salem UMC!



Judie
Cantalupo



United
Women
in Faith

Congratulations to our
2024 UWF Matriarch pin
recipients!

Jo Ann
McGuigan



Marian
O'Neil



**SAT
DEC 7
8-10:30 AM**



**BREAKFAST
WITH
SANTA**

- ADULTS \$10, KIDS 6 & UNDER \$5
- ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST WITH PANCAKES, CASSEROLES, EGG SOUFFLES AND MORE!
- PICTURES WITH SANTA
- GAMES & COOKIE DECORATING FOR THE KIDS!



**7901 BRADSHAW ROAD
UPPER FALLS, MD 21156
(410) 592-2543
SALEMUNITED.ORG**



Contact Us!

OFFICE HOURS:

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

PASTOR:

Rev. Dr. Stacey Nickerson
pastor@salemunited.org
Cell: (410) 627-1944

FAMILY MINISTRIES COORDINATOR:

Judy Jones
Judyjones149@gmail.com

COMMUNICATIONS & SOCIAL MEDIA MANAGER:

Tara Kully
salemunitedupperfalls@
gmail.com

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:

Katy Stevens
katysmusicstudio@
gmail.com

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

Betty Knight – 8830 Walther Blvd, Garden Terrace #308,
Baltimore, MD 21234

Myrna Martin – 8100 Rossville Blvd, Brightview Room 207,
Baltimore, MD 21236

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

Rowlan Stumpf – Forest Hill Heights, 1 Colgate Drive Room 415,
Forest Hill, MD 21050

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

Please continue to hold Joey Nuetzel in prayer as he recovers from his January car accident. You may send him cards to 5730 Allender Road, White Marsh, MD 21162

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8&10:45am Services 9:30am Sunday School (all ages) 9:45am Choir (Sanctuary)	2 9am Aerobics (Hall)	3	4 9am Aerobics (Hall) 10am Morning Bible Study (Parlor) 6:30pm Vespers 7pm Church Council (Salem Room)	5	6 9am Aerobics (Hall)	7 6:30am Alcoholics Anonymous (Parlor) 8-10:30am Breakfast with Santa (Hall)
8 6:30am AA meeting (Parlor) 8&10:45am Services 9:30am Sunday School (all ages) 9:45am Choir (Sanctuary) 1:30pm Service of Healing and Hope (Chapel)	9 7:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Parlor)	10	11 10am Morning Bible Study (Parlor) 6:30pm Vespers	12	13	14 6:30am Alcoholics Anonymous (Parlor)
15 6:30am AA meeting (Parlor) 8&10:45am Services 9:30am Confirmation Class (mid/high room) 9:30am Sunday School (all ages) 9:45am Choir (Sanctuary)	16 7:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Parlor)	17	18 10am Morning Bible Study (Parlor) 1pm Book Club (call office for details) 6:30pm Vespers 7:00 pm Finance Committee	19	20 11:30am Women Moving On luncheon (call office for details)	21 6:30am Alcoholics Anonymous (Parlor)
22 6:30am AA meeting (Parlor) 8&10:45 am Services 9:30am Sunday School (all ages) 9:45am Choir (Sanctuary)	23 7:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Parlor)	24 Christmas Eve 7pm Family Worship 11pm Candlelight Worship with Holy Communion	25 Merry Christmas!	26	27	28 6:30am Alcoholics Anonymous (Parlor)
29 6:30am AA meeting (Parlor) 8&10:45 am Services 9:45am Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)	30 7:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Parlor)	31	8:00am & 10:45 am services are in-person. 10:45 am service live stream: saalemunited.org/livestream			