

Salem United Methodist Church

January 18, 2026

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on John 13:34)

Jesus says, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." Jesus calls us to follow his example of loving and serving. We come to offer our lives to be transformed by the love of Jesus.

OPENING PRAYER (in unison): **Almighty God, you are gracious and merciful. You have given us Jesus to be our Savior and Redeemer because of your great love for us. Jesus calls us to follow in his way of self-giving and service. Help us to live out our commitment each day with joy and humility as members of the body of Christ. We pray in his holy name. Amen.**

*OPENING MUSIC "Christ For the World We Sing" #568

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANTHEM "Alleluia" arr. Dick Bolks

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison): **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us, not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 12:9-16 (CEB)

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

MESSAGE "Serving Like Jesus"

*DOXOLOGY #95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly hosts; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison): **Eternal God, we give you thanks for the gift of Jesus our Savior. In response to your grace and love, we dedicate ourselves to you. We offer our gifts and our lives for your glory. By your grace at work among us, may we live as true servants of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*CLOSING MUSIC "Make Me a Servant" TFWS #2176

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE Irish Blessing
May the road rise to meet you. May the wind always be at your back. May the sun shine warm on your face. The rain fall soft on your fields. And until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

*POSTLUDE

SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST IN THE WORLD

Live stream notice: We are blessed to be able to live stream and record our 10:45 a.m. worship service. Anyone in the sanctuary during that time may appear on camera as part of the service and consents to filming. Our camera is directed at the front of the sanctuary. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Stacey.

Welcome to Salem United Methodist Church! Thank you for joining us today in worship.

Our Worship Leaders Today:

Karen Fisher, Liturgist
Katy Stevens, Director of Music
Rev. Dr. Stacey Nickerson, Pastor (pastor@salemunited.org)

Mark Carter, Tech Team Producer
Bryan Niles, Tech Team Director

Junior Church begins after the Children's Message.

Today: Prepaid Soup Order pickup for 15 minutes after each service (kitchen);

Today: UMCOR health kit assembly (Salem Room – downstairs next to parlor; all are invited to participate in this intergenerational event) following our 10:45 a.m. worship service

This Week (see our website for details: salemunited.org)

Monday, 1/19 No Aerobics

Monday, 1/19 7:00 p.m. - Pastor's Bible Study on Ruth; Zoom only -

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86945193408>

Monday, 1/19 7:30 p.m. – Alcoholics Anonymous (Parlor)

Tuesday, 1/20 9:30 a.m. – Sewing Samaritans (Sewing Room)

Tuesday, 1/20 3:00-10:00 p.m. – Salem UMC Day at Bacco's Italian Restaurant (3459 Merchant Blvd, Abingdon; ½ price appetizers from 3:00-6:00 p.m. - no flyer needed)

Wednesday, 1/21 10:00 a.m. – Morning Bible Study (Office)

Upcoming

Sunday, 2/8 both services – Souper Bowl of Caring (will support the 755 Alliance in Edgewood; watch announcements for details on needed donations)

Wednesday, 2/11 7:00 p.m. – Unified Leadership Board Meeting (Salem Room)

Wednesday, 2/18 7:00 p.m. – Ash Wednesday Worship (in-person and online)

Star Sunday Mission Opportunity: We invite you to donate new winter hats, gloves, and socks for those in need in our community; all sizes are welcome.

Pastor's Bible Study: Join us Mondays for a Bible Study on the Book of Ruth. The study continues through February 9, and the only book needed is your Bible. We will meet at 7pm on Zoom. Please contact Pastor Stacey if you are interested.



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UPPER FALLS, MD

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2026

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