

## Salem United Methodist Church

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Lent  
2025



*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](http://salemunited.org/livestream)
- Summer worship: 2<sup>nd</sup>  
service is at 10:00 a.m. in  
person & online from  
Father's Day to Labor Day

Wednesday Evening Outdoor  
Vespers

- Resumes March 12, 2025 at  
6:30 pm



## O GOD,

maker of every thing and  
judge of all that you have  
made,

from the dust of the  
earth you have formed  
us and from the  
dust of death you  
would raise us up.  
By the redemptive  
power of the  
cross, create in us

clean hearts and put within us a new  
spirit, that we may repent of our sins  
and lead lives worthy of your calling;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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## ***Pastor's Message >>>***

The Season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday – March 5, 2025. Our worship for Lent is centered around the teachings of Jesus. I will be using a book by Pastor Adam Hamilton for our study and worship: [The Message Of Jesus: Words That Changed The World](#). I invite you to join us for a discussion of this book on Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. from March 10 through April 14 (six weeks). We will meet on Zoom (the link is on our website [salemunited.org](http://salemunited.org) under Bible Study on the community tab). Everyone is welcome to participate; please let me know if you plan to attend. You are welcome to read the book along with our study group regardless of whether you can attend the Monday evening discussion. My sermon series will relate to the chapters of his book.

On the next page, you will find the entire worship plan for the Season of Lent, Holy Week, and Easter Sunday. I encourage you to read our scriptures lessons for each worship opportunity. All these worship services are available both in-person and online (live stream through our website at [salemunited.org/livestream](http://salemunited.org/livestream)).

In his book, Pastor Adam Hamilton talks about a parable Jesus tells concerning the farmer who sows seeds. The seed reminds us of the word of God proclaiming the kingdom of heaven. You can read this parable in Matthew, chapter 13. Not all the seed produce the same harvest, but the good seed does produce a significant harvest. “As for what was planted on good soil, this refers to those who hear and understand, and bear fruit and produce.” (Matthew 13:23, Common English Bible) Here is what Pastor Hamilton says about this parable and the purpose of his book:

“My aim in this brief volume is to lift up some of the most important things that Jesus said and to invite us to consider what they mean for our lives, in the hope that we might ‘hear and understand, and bear fruit.’ (Matthew 13:23) (quote from [The Message Of Jesus](#))

Will you make a commitment to our journey of faith together this Lent?

I look forward to our worship, study, fellowship, and service together with the aim of producing a harvest pleasing to our Savior, Jesus Christ.

*In Christ's grace,  
Stacey*







# THE MESSAGE OF JESUS

Series Key Verses: “Everybody who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise builder who built a house on bedrock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the wind blew and beat against that house. It didn’t fall because it was firmly set on bedrock. But everybody who hears these words of mine and doesn’t put them into practice will be like a fool who built a house on sand. The rain fell, the floods came, and the wind blew and beat against that house. It fell and was completely destroyed.”  
Matthew 7:24-27, CEB

Ash Wednesday, March 5 7:00 p.m.

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21, CEB

Message: “Embracing The Message of Jesus”

Our worship will include the opportunity to receive ashes and Holy Communion.

March 9 – First Sunday in Lent

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 13:31-33, CEB

Message: “Now Is The Time”

Key Verse: Mark 1:15, CEB “Now is the time! Here comes God’s kingdom! Change your hearts and lives, and trust the good news!”

March 16 - Second Sunday in Lent

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 5:1-16, NRSV (portions of the Sermon on the Mount)

Key Verse: Matthew 7:21, CEB “Only those who do the will of my Father who is in heaven will enter the kingdom of heaven.”

Message: “The World’s Most Important Sermon”

March 23 – Third Sunday in Lent

Scripture Lesson: Luke 10: 29-37, CEB (Parable of the Good Samaritan)

Key Verse: Matthew 13:34, CEB “Jesus said all these things to the crowds in parables.”

Message: “Searching For The Message”

March 30 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

Scripture Lesson: John 15:1-9, CEB

Key Verse: Exodus 3:14, CEB “God said, ‘I Am Who I Am.’”

Message: “Who Am I To You?”

April 6 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

Service of Holy Communion

Scripture Lesson: Luke 22:24-27, CEB

Key Verse: Luke 23: 24, CEB “Jesus said, ‘Father, forgive them, for they don’t know what they’re doing.’”

Message: “Final Words”

April 13 – Palm/Passion Sunday

Scripture Lessons: Luke 19:28-40, NRSV; Luke 18: 31-34, NRSV

Key Verse: Luke 19: 38, NRSV “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!”

Message: “The Crucified King”

April 17 - Holy Thursday Worship (7:00 p.m. online and in person)

Service of Holy Communion

Scripture Lesson: John 13:1-17, 34-35 (NRSV)

Key Verse: John 6:68, NRSV “You have the words of eternal life.”

Message: “The Example of Love”

April 20 – Easter Sunday

Scripture Lesson: Luke 24: 1-12

Key Verse: John 11:25, CEB “I am the resurrection and the life.”

Message: “The Unspoken Word”

# VESPERS

## RESUMING

### WED., MARCH 12

### 6:30 PM

Our youth would like to thank our church family for helping them collect 181 non-perishable food items and \$330 dollars during the February Souper Bowl of Caring collection! Everything collected supports the 755 Alliance and their mission in Edgewood.



## **Graduate Recognition >>>**

This spring, we'll have our annual graduate recognition during services. Will you, or someone in your family be graduating and you would like them recognized? Please send their name and the school from which they are graduating to Tara at [salemunitedupperfalls@gmail.com](mailto:salemunitedupperfalls@gmail.com) so we can include them in our recognitions!

## **Youth News >>>**

From Judy Jones: On President's Day, our youth delivered the generous donations from our church family to the free outdoor pantry in Edgewood supported by the 755 Alliance. The youth were able to directly stock the pantry, which is used by the community.

In support of the church's Lenten offering, the Sunday School classes will be filling Easter eggs with money which will be given by Salem to Manna House. Each student will have a plastic Easter egg to take home and will use their own money to fill the egg.

Thanks to the youth who helped serve and clean up at the Breakfast Bash on March 1<sup>st</sup>.





United  
Women  
in Faith

The Sewing Samaritans' room will be moving in the coming months to the old Noah's Ark classroom. It offers better lighting, more electrical outlets, and more room. The current room is open with material and supplies to create lap quilts and fidget mats. There are a few "kits" for lap quilts – things that have been started and need to be finished. These are on the long table along with the labels. We have been

blessed with several fabric and thread donations (Bernie Battaglia and Stephanie Duchacek) as well as another machine (JoAnn McGuigan).

A letter outlining what UWFaith supports has been emailed out to all members. A hard copy will be mailed in the coming weeks for those without email addresses. Please remember all donations help to provide our dues to the conference (which supports several missions) as well as the memorials we provide on the passing of members of Salem as well as the Youth mission trip.

We received a thank you letter from UMCOR for the \$300 we were able to donate from the Christmas ornament and garland sale in November and December.

## ***Giving Statement Reminder >>>***

From Karen Sersen: 2025 Giving Statements were e-mailed on January 16th. Please check your junk or spam folders if you have not received one and feel free to contact me if you need assistance.

## ***Hats for NICU Babies >>>***

We are collecting crocheted/knitted baby hats to support NICU babies at local hospitals. If you have any questions, or have hats to donate, please contact Angela Spinner. Hats should be donated by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

## ***Thank You >>>***

From Marie Spinner: Thanks to all that have taken me to my radiation treatments and to all for prayers and cards. A donation has been made in your honor to the Salem Love Fund and Youth Missions. God Bless all.



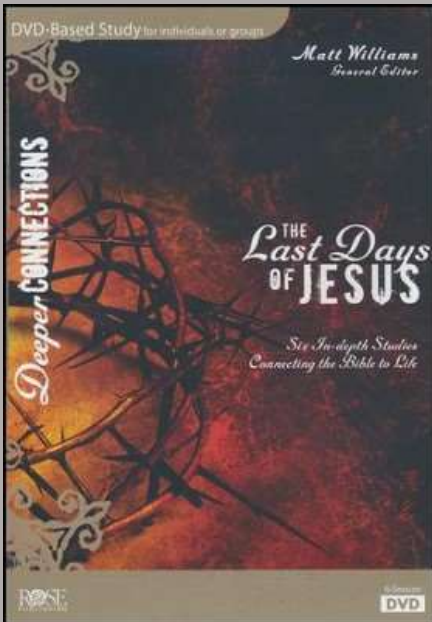
**Our most  
popular  
soup is  
back!**

**MARCH  
SOUP SALE**  
**Potato Cheddar**

**\$12 per quart**

**Prepaid orders due  
March 17. Forms in  
Narthex & on our  
website**

## Wednesday Morning Bible Study >>>



From Judy Jones: The Wednesday morning Bible study group has just begun the Lenten video series, "The Last Days of Jesus." This six-week study covers the time "from Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem to His glorious resurrection... [and] provides a fantastic overview of six major events surrounding Jesus' death and resurrection! Taught by leading scholars and professors who offer excellent overviews along with historical and cultural context, this study will deepen your understanding of key Easter events." (as taken from christianbook.com)

All are welcome to join us for this time of study and fellowship at 10:00 am every Wednesday in the church office.



## Contact Us!

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

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

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

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 car accident. You may send him cards to 5730 Allender Road, White Marsh, MD 21162

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 8:00-10:30am Breakfast Bash (Hall)
2 8&10:45am Services 9:30am Sunday School (all ages) 9:45am Choir (Chapel) Pastor's Bible Study Zoom link: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86945193408">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86945193408</a>	3 9am Aerobics (Hall) 7:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Parlor)	4	5 9am Aerobics (Hall) 10am Morning Bible Study (Office) 7pm Ash Wednesday Worship (Sanctuary & online)	6	7 9am Aerobics (Hall)	8
9 <b>Daylight Savings Time begins</b> 8&10:45am Services 9:30am Sunday School (all ages) 9:45am Choir (Chapel)	10 9am Aerobics (Hall) 7pm Pastor's Bible Study (Zoom) 7:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Parlor)	11	12 9am Aerobics (Hall) 10am Morning Bible Study (Office) 6:30pm Vespers	13	14 9am Aerobics (Hall)	15 11:00 a.m. Memorial Service for Dan Kott in the chapel at Oak Crest
16 8&10:45 am Services 9:30am Sunday School (all ages) 9:45am Choir (Chapel)	17 <b>Soup Sale prepaid orders due</b> 7pm Pastor's Bible Study (Zoom) 7:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Parlor)	18	19 9am Aerobics (Hall) 10am Morning Bible Study (Office) 1pm Book Club (call office for details) 6:30pm Vespers	20	21 9am Aerobics (Hall) 11:30am Women Moving On luncheon (call office for details)	22
23 <b>Soup Order Pickup (Hall; 15 min after service)</b> 8&10:45 am Services 9:30am Sunday School (all ages) 9:45am Choir (Chapel)	24 9am Aerobics (Hall) 7:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Parlor)	25	26 9am Aerobics (Hall) 10am Morning Bible Study (Office) 6:30pm Vespers 7pm Church Council (Salem Room)	27	28 9am Aerobics (Hall)	29
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<b>Palm/Passion Sunday</b> 8&10:45am Services 9:30am Sunday School (all ages) 9:45am Choir (Chapel)	7pm Pastor's Bible Study (Zoom) 7:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Parlor)	7:00pm Finance Committee meeting (Salem Room)	10am Morning Bible Study (Office) 1pm Book Club (call office for details)  6:30pm Vespers	<b>Holy Thursday</b> 6pm Soup & Bread supper (Hall) 7pm Holy Thursday Worship (Sanctuary & online)	<b>Good Friday</b> 11:30am Women Moving On luncheon (call office for details)	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
<b>Easter</b> 6:30am Worship (Cemetery) 6:30-10am Breakfast (Hall) 8am Worship (Chapel) 9:30am Sunday School & Easter Egg hunt 9:45am Choir (Chapel) 10:45am Worship (Sanctuary & online)	7:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Parlor)		10am Morning Bible Study (Office)  6:30pm Vespers			
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8&10:45 am Services 9:30am Sunday School (all ages)	7:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Parlor)		10am Morning Bible Study (Office)  6:30pm Vespers	8:00am & 10:45 am services are in-person. 10:45 am live stream service: <a href="https://www.salemumc.org/livestream">salemumc.org/livestream</a> Pastor's Bible Study Zoom link: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86945193408">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86945193408</a>		





# March Soup Sale

Our most popular soup is back for an encore performance! March's soup will be Potato Cheddar and can be ordered by the quart. With the complimentary flavors of potato, cheddar cheese, bacon, and onion, you'll have a delicious meal ready and waiting for you in the refrigerator! Please note this soup does not freeze well.

Please note all orders must be prepaid by March 17<sup>th</sup>. Orders may be placed in the collection plate at

Salem, mailed to the office, or emailed to the office at [salemunitedupperfalls@gmail.com](mailto: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 will be picked up Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> in the kitchen for 15 minutes after each service at Salem UMC.

Questions? Contact Lauren Simpson.

*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](mailto:salemunitedupperfalls@gmail.com) to place an order.*

## MARCH SOUP SALE ORDER FORM

**All orders must be pre-paid and are due March 17<sup>th</sup>.**

**Pickup will be picked up Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> in the kitchen for 15 minutes after each service at Salem UMC.**

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

Email \_\_\_\_\_

# of Quarts	Soup Type	Cost	Total
	Potato Cheddar	\$12.00 each	

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