



SALEM
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

March 2021

Guide to Holy Week



Palm Sunday

Sunday before Easter. Celebration of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Observed with palm branches, parades, and celebration.



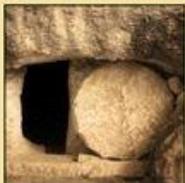
Maundy Thursday

Thursday before Easter. Commemorates the Last Supper. Often observed with foot washing, stripping of the altar, and overnight prayer vigil to keep watch with Jesus in the garden.



Good Friday

Friday before Easter. Most solemn day of the church year. Observes the day Jesus was crucified. Observed by praying the Stations of the Cross and three hours of silent prayer while Jesus was on the cross.



Holy Saturday

Saturday before Easter. Observes the day Jesus was in the tomb. This is a day of somber reflection, reflecting on what we'd miss in a world without Jesus.



Easter Sunday

Hallelujah! Christ has risen! This day we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Sing hallelujahs and celebrate with great joy.

Easter Week
March 28 - April 4

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Upper Falls, MD 21156
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SUNDAY WORSHIP
10:00 AM ZOOM only
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72121826008>
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Meeting ID #72121826008

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Pastor's Message

As I look at the month of March before us, I know that by the end of the month we will be in Holy Week. Lent - the forty days (plus Sundays) before Easter - is going by quickly and we need to focus our spiritual efforts. I pray we will commit ourselves to this Lenten journey together. May the grace of God draw us closer in fellowship with our Savior and with our family in Christ in service to the world.

Our theme for worship is Love Like Jesus. We are inviting you to participate by creating hearts that will be used to make a banner for the sanctuary. Small baggies with fabric squares are available in a box on the front porch of the Salem House. Please stop by and pick one up, take it home, decorate it and bring it back by March 10 (there is another box on the front porch for returns). This is a symbolic way for us to offer our hearts to God. Look for the banner of hearts in our worship by the middle of March. If you have questions, you may contact me or Sue Yurek.



We have resumed our Wednesday evening vespers at 6:30 p.m. outside in the parking lot. We invite you to join us as we gather for a brief time of prayer and reflection on scripture. You can bring a chair if you wish. Please check the website or Facebook page for an update if there is inclement weather.

Speaking of the website I hope that you have seen our new church website! The address is the same, but the look is totally new. Please refer to the website often: www.salemunited.org. A big thank you to Tara Kully for her hard work in designing and launching the new website as well as working with me on our new email. Please note that the church's office email address has changed: salemunitedupperfalls@gmail.com. Because we do not have a paid secretary for the church, I ask that you please email me at pastor@salemunited.org.

We are coming close to the one-year mark since we had to suspend all in-person gatherings due to the coronavirus pandemic. Our Re-Entering Well Task group has been working – mostly behind the scenes – to plan and ensure that our church gatherings continue in as safe a manner as possible, adhering to the guidance of the CDC and our local government. There have been many adaptations of how we do things as a congregation. Our commitment is to the safety and health of all of you. We have had to pivot and adapt quickly. We appreciate your prayers, support, cooperation and understanding.

Given the current situation we will be resuming in-person Sunday worship for the 8:00 a.m. service in the sanctuary this Sunday – March 7, 2021. We will be loving and responsible to protect one another's health by correctly wearing masks over nose and mouth at all times, and by practicing correct social distancing. Those worshipping will sit in household groups. We have the capacity to seat about 50 people and maintain the appropriate space. We will not need people to let us know in advance that they will be attending. Please make sure that you only attend if you do not have any symptoms that could be related to COVID-19 or if you have been exposed. Please follow the same guidelines you would if going to a medical appointment.

We will continue to worship at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays online through Zoom. In addition, we will continue to have the recording posted as soon as it is ready each week. One of the advantages of online worship is it allows us to have congregational singing safely. Our task group continues to monitor current guidance from various medical sources about the safety of singing and other related issues of meeting in person.



As spring gets closer and the weather allows, we will utilize outdoor opportunities as much as possible. We have found our gatherings in the past meaningful and we will continue to find creative ways to do so. Watch the weekly emails and website for something special on Palm Sunday, March 28.

Take a moment and meditate with me on these words written by Isaac Watts in 1707:

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.
See from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e're such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown!
Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

God's blessings for our Lenten journey –

Pastor Stacey

Youth News

Congratulations to Ava Wehr who won first place in the Champions of Courage essay competition sponsored by Fox45. Essays were submitted from schools all over the state and she was 1st out of 15 finalists. Ava was awarded a monetary prize for herself and also one for Perry Hall High school. Way to go, Ava!!

Salem has 4 high school grads this year, Emily Carter from Perry Hall HS, Lewis Kauffman from Fallston HS, Irina Shelton from Perry Hall HS, and Natalie Kully from Joppatowne HS. If there are others who are graduating this year from high school, college, technical school or others, please notify Pastor Stacey or Judy Jones.

UMW News

Anyone needing yarn, there is a variety of skeins available. Please call Amy Krebs if you would like any.

After the dedication on February 14th, 20 baby blankets and 160 baby beanies were sent to Reston Hospital Center. Franklin Square Hospital received 40 prayer shawls, Meals on Wheels received 15 lap quilts and the Guardianship program of Harford Count received 24 lap quilts and 6 fleece shawls! What a fantastic job the women of Salem did, in giving of their time and talents for such worthwhile endeavors.

From Joanne Codd, Meals on Wheels Site Coordinator:

“Thank you so much for the beautiful quilted lap blankets that Amy dropped off on Wednesday for our Meals on Wheels clients. It certainly shows how much work went into making them. I am sure our clients will appreciate them tremendously. Thank you for thinking of our clients with such generosity.”

From Medstar Franklin Square Volunteer Services:

“Thank you for the beautiful, handcrafted baby hats. The patients will really like them.”

Salem Samaritans – what a fantastic job you have done! It is heart-warming to know that others are benefiting from our humble efforts. We have now depleted our on-hand stock of lap quilts. Hope you have been sewing your way through quarantine! If you have tops done, need backing and or labels, please let me know. Thank you again – Susan Walker



You can help with this outreach project: Please save your aluminum pull tabs from cans (such as soda and soup) for the Ronald McDonald House in Baltimore. Drop them off at church.

Members Corner

thank you!

Dear Pastor Stacey & congregation of Salem United Methodist,

Thank you all so much for your generous donation to our family! We have been completely overwhelmed by the love and support we continue to receive. It has allowed our family to focus on healing our hearts while not worrying about finances. We can't tell you how grateful we are for that gift. We have decided to use your money to help other victims of fire by giving them a "day after" kit. It will have essentials needed to make it through the first week of losing all your belongings. Since we have been given so much, we hope this can be a small way to pay it forward. With many thanks – Sarah and Jay, Jesse, Jasper and Mazie

Please remember our members who are unable to join us, with a phone call or card.

Kay Butler – 8810 Walther Blvd, #1318. Baltimore, MD 21234

Verna Cooper – 9600 C Haven Farm Rd, Perry Hall, MD 21128

Hank Danker – 506 Haverhill Road, Joppa, MD 21085

Bettie Heacock – 1802 Sandee Ct, Edgewood, MD 21040

Bernadette Jones – 311 Tufton Circle, Fallston, MD 21047

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

Judye Miller – P.O. Box 238, Upper Falls, MD 21156

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

Betty Zengel – 1617 Searles Rd, Baltimore, MD 21222



EASTER FLOWERS

We are offering Daffodils, Asiatic Lilies & Tulips for Easter this year. Please see the attached flyer for all the details and order form! Deadline is March 14

EMERGENCY WINTER SHELTER (Rotating Shelter)

Since the COVID-19 pandemic, shelter is not being provided by churches. Persons who are experiencing homelessness are being housed in local hotels through March 31. Salem has made a cash donation, to help with meals, but they are in need of several items. Below is a list of specific items they need. If you prefer to make a monetary donation, please send money to the church and mark for Emergency Winter Shelter. You may drop your items off on Sunday's during early service, Vespers on Wednesday evening or call the office to make arrangements to leave at office. Please have all donations to the church no later than March 21st.

Toothbrushes/tooth paste

Hand Sanitizer

Lotion

Chapstick

Masks

Hats/Gloves

Small Tissue Packs

Deodorant

GIVE IT UP!

Many of us give up things for Lent. Maybe this year you might have some old clothes, shoes, purses, bedding, curtains, stuffed animals, etc. you would like to give up to the new drop off shed we now have in our parking lot. This is an ongoing fundraiser for our church. Receipts for your donations are available in a container attached to the shed. Please make sure your donations are bagged and the bags are tied. Spread the word to your friends and neighbors. See attached flyer

THE SEASON OF
LENT

Our Calendar of Events

March 2021

All meetings/events will be held via the ZOOM platform, unless otherwise noted. Each event has a link. Recurring meetings/events use the same link each time.

Weekly:

Sunday 8:00 AM	Worship in Sanctuary, no Zoom, masks and socially distant Palm Sunday, March 28 – distribution of palms at worship
Sunday 10:00 AM	Worship is via Zoom only; Weekly Bulletins are posted on the website and sent in weekly email from Pastor Stacey Zoom link - https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72121826008 By Phone – 1-301-715-8592 / ID 721 2182 6008
Monday 7:00 PM	Bible Study with Pastor Stacey on the Book of Romans Zoom link - https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86945193408
Tuesday 7:00 PM	March 16 – Finance Committee meeting, Followed by Church Council meeting at 7:30 PM
Wednesday 6:30 PM	Outdoor Vespers in the parking lot, weather permitting, bring your own chair
Thursday 11:30 AM	Trivia Time with Judy Jones (410-615-9426) Zoom link - https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83522269034 By Phone – 1-301-715-8592 / ID 835 2226 9034

Other Activities:

Every other Sunday	March 7 & 21 - Youth Sunday School Class on Zoom at 11:15 a.m. for youth grades 6-12
Every Mon/Wed/Fri	Aerobics classes on Zoom at 9:00 AM

Easter Flowers

This year will be offering Tulips, Asiatic Lilies, & Daffodils for Easter. We may still be celebrating Easter via Zoom, but the sanctuary will be beautiful with the promise of hope and springtime!



You can place your order by completing the form below and returning it with your check to the office or you pay via the church website (www.salemunited.org), use the Donate button and choose Easter Flowers. If you pay for your order online, please email your actual order to Susan Walker @ susanwalker0604@comcast. The deadline for placing your orders is Sunday, March 14!

You may pick up your plants Sunday, April 4th between 11 am-12 pm or Monday afternoon from 3-4 pm.

PLEASE NOTE: If you are unable to print an order form, please call Susan Walker at 410-459-2750 or email susanwalker0604@comcast.net to place an order.

EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM

All orders must be pre-paid and are due March 13, 2021!

Name _____ Phone _____

# of Plants	6" Pots	Cost	Total
	Daffodils	\$10.00 each	
	Yellow Tulips	\$10.00 each	
	Pink Tulips	\$10.00 each	
	White Dutch Asiatic Lilies	\$10.00 each	

I will pick up my plant(s) I wish to have my plant(s) delivered to shut-ins

In Honor of:

_____ by _____

_____ by _____

In Memory of:

_____ by _____

_____ by _____

Used Clothing Drop-Off Shed
Sponsored By:
Salem United Methodist Church

With the help of Turnkey Enterprises, LLC

Location:
7901 Bradshaw Road
Upper Falls, MD 21156
(Parking Lot)

Items Accepted:

All clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, blankets, sheets,
pillowcases, drapes, and stuffed toys.

(Your donation **will not** be cut up or shredded)

(Please... **no** rags, fabric scraps, toys or household goods, **please**
understand that the above mentioned items are a hardship and
expense to dispose of.)

Turnkey Enterprises, LLC:

Turnkey Enterprises, LLC is a for-profit company that partners with non-profit organizations in communities to help support their fundraising needs by recycling unwanted clothing. The clothing collected is used as clothing, **not cut into rags**. Turnkey services each location and pays the sponsoring organization by the pound for the unused items.

www.turnkey-enterprises.com

***** Help us keep your donation clean and dry *****

Please put your donation in plastic bags. Thank you



