

Salem United Methodist Church

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Easter Season
2026

We are called to be active in God's blessing of the world!

The Spirit



Join us >>>

Sunday Worship 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

Sunday School classes for all ages
at 9:30 a.m.

Vespers: Wednesdays at 6:30pm;
outdoors/weather permitting



Love Boldly
Serve Joyfully
Lead Courageously



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#LoveServeLeadUMC



Pastor's Message >>>

During the Easter Season, our focus will be on our shared vision as United Methodists. As a way of introducing this new vision, here is part of a reflection by Rev. Tiffany McDonald from the UMC website (umc.org):

We lift our voices in praise and celebration when we sing, "I am the church, you are the church, we are the church together! All who follow Jesus, all around the world, yes, we're the church together." (We Are the Church, UMH #558)

Recently, a new denominational Vision was unveiled: **"The United Methodist Church forms disciples of Jesus Christ who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously in local communities and worldwide connections."**

I love this description of our shared ministry. Our mission statement remains, based on The Great Commission Jesus gives us in Matthew 28:19, to "go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." As United Methodists, we make disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world.

Our new Vision describes the disciples in our church, and how they live out their faith locally and globally. We are actively present and working in communities around the world. The United Methodist connection has about 10 million members, in more than 100 countries, on four continents: Africa, Asia, Europe, and North America.

Join in this prayer: God, we give you thanks for our community of Christian believers, and we praise you for opportunities to join in mission and ministry with United Methodists and our partners around the world. Help us to use our hands to serve those on the margins, our hearts to show love to all people, and our words to shine your light into the darkness. Amen.

Salem will focus on the new vision of The United Methodist Church in our sermon series for the Season of Easter. Our theme is **"We Are The Church."** Here is an outline for worship.

- April 12 - Second Sunday of Easter: **"We are Formed by Jesus"**
 - Scripture: Luke 5:1-11 CEB
 - Key Verse: Ephesians 4:15 "We must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ." NRSV
- April 19 - Third Sunday of Easter: **"We are Empowered by the Holy Spirit"**
 - Scripture: Colossians 2:6-10 CEB
 - Key Verse: John 10:10 "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." NRSV
- April 26 - Fourth Sunday of Easter: **"We Love Boldly"**
 - Scripture: Matthew 22:34-39 CEB
 - Key Verse: John 13:34 "I give you a new commandment: Love each other." CEB
- May 3 - Fifth Sunday of Easter: Holy Communion; **"We Serve Joyfully"**
 - Scripture: Mark 10:42-45 NRSV (Nehemiah 8:10; Psalm 100; Jn 13:14-15)
 - Key Verse: "Serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received." 1 Peter 4:10 NRSV
 - Blessing of Lap Quilts made by our Sewing Samaritans
- May 10 - Sixth Sunday of Easter: Mother's Day; **"We Lead Courageously"**
 - Scripture: Joshua 1: 1-2, 5-9 CEB (Ephesians 6:10)
 - Key Verse: Psalm 27:1 "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" NRSV
- May 17 - Seventh Sunday of Easter: **"We Transform the World"**
 - Scripture: Psalm 96 CEB
 - Key Verse: "Share the news of God's saving work every single day!" Ps 96:2b CEB

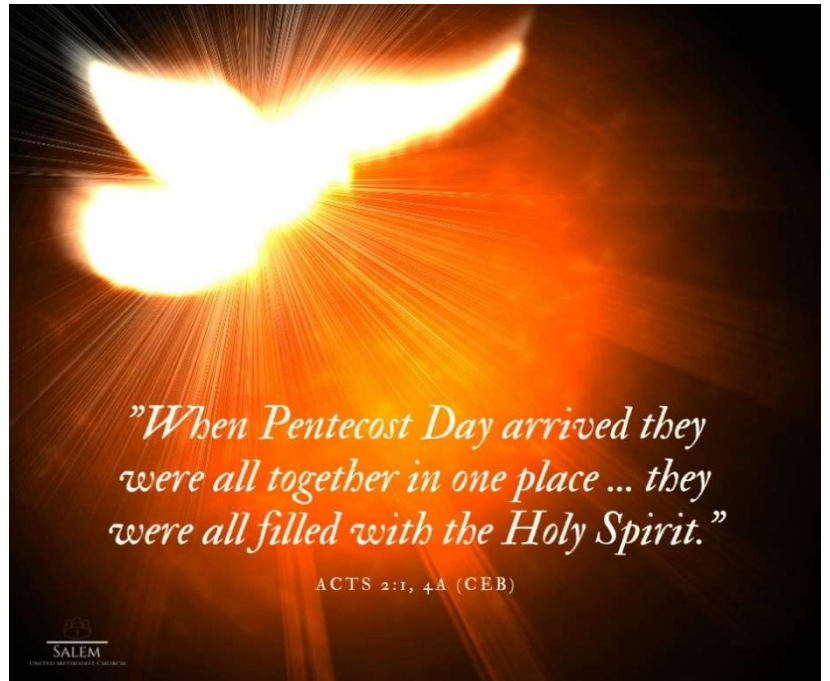
Pastor's Message (cont.) >>>

On Sunday, May 24 we will celebrate Pentecost with a joint worship service with St. John's Episcopal Church at 10:45 a.m. We will worship outside on the lawn at Salem. After worship we will share in fellowship and refreshments. We encourage you to wear Pentecost colors: red, orange, and/or yellow.

Please look for details in upcoming bulletins and weekly emails. We hope to have an online option for this worship (most likely Zoom). In addition to the joint 10:45 a.m. worship, Salem will have our 8:00 a.m. worship in our chapel.

I am excited about celebrating the Easter Season and our plans for Pentecost Sunday! We are the Church, by the grace of our Risen Savior!

Grace and peace, *Stacey*



Mother's Day Flowers >>>

We are again offering red geraniums for Mother's Day! Prepaid orders are \$5 for each plant, and due May 4th. Order forms can be found at the end of the newsletter, on our website, or at the end of the newsletter.

THANK YOU!

SALEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH YOUTH GROUP'S 2026 FOOD DRIVE

Raised: \$174.00 + 163 items

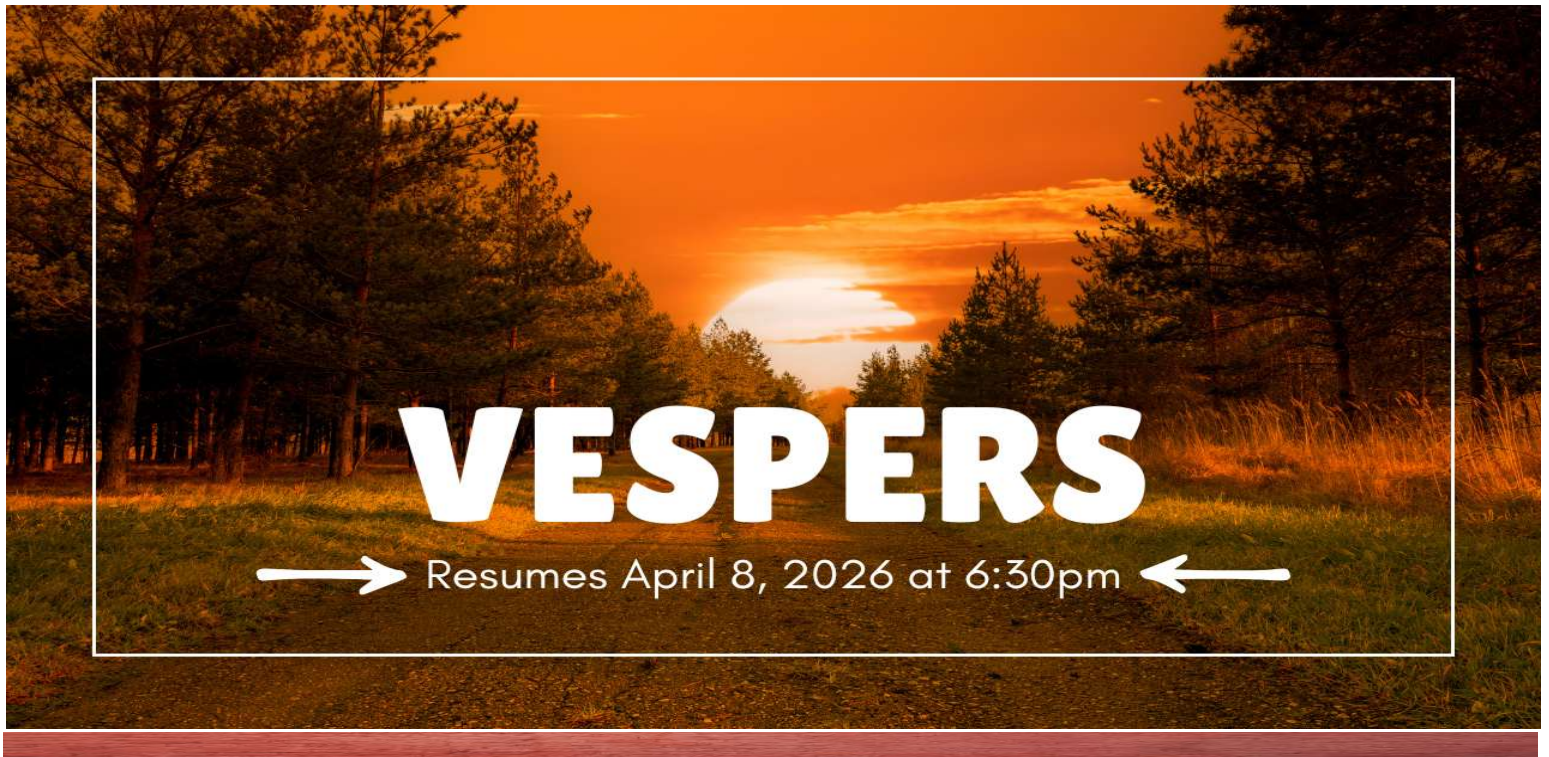
Thanks to your efforts this year, more dollars have been raised, more lives have been changed, and the nation has seen the impact of people working together to help those in need. Thank you for working to transform the time around the Big Game into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving.

Thursday, February 19, 2026



Alison Reese
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Executive Director
Tackle Hunger: Home of the
Souper Bowl of Caring

Thank you to everyone who generously supported the Souper Bowl of Caring sponsored by our youth Sunday School class! Your monetary donations as well as non-perishable food items and hygiene products were delivered by our youth to the 755 Alliance to support their mission in Edgewood.



Graduate Recognition >>>

On May 31st we will recognize our graduates during worship. Will you, or someone in your family be graduating from high school, college, trade school, or graduate school? We would like to recognize them. Included are those who have/are graduating from July 2025 through June 2026. Please send their name and the school from which they are graduating to Tara at salemunitedupperfalls@gmail.com by May 25th so we can honor them. In addition, please submit a picture of each graduate; the pictures will be used as a part of our PowerPoint during 10:45 a.m. service.

Fundraising >>>

From Lauren Simpson: We're looking for some fresh ideas for fundraising. Please give some thought to some possible fundraising ideas which you think our church and community would enjoy and support. Fundraisers do not need to necessarily involve the kitchen. All ideas are welcome. Reach out to me with any ideas! Thank you.

*Resurrection means the
worst thing is never the
last thing.*

-Frederick Buechner



Thank you >>>

From Ames UMC: Grace and peace to you! Thank you so much for your contribution to Ames as a local church partner in the Emergency Rotating Shelter program here in Bel Air. With your support our guests felt warm, fed, supported, and loved. In faith and community, Rev. Dr. Marlon B. Tilghman, Pastor and Kristin Brehon, Site Coordinator

From Keesha Mack, Community School Specialist at Magnolia Elementary: Thank you so much! I am truly grateful for the congregation's generosity. The winter clothing items will definitely be put to great use.

From Sara Jo Brown, Principal at Magnolia Elementary: Thank you for your contribution of \$500 on October 16, 2025, and \$2,075 on December 5, 2025, which was provided to Ms. Keesha Mack, our Community School Specialist. Your generous donation will be used to benefit our school community.

From Manna House: "In the springtime, HOPE blooms even in the loneliest forgotten meadows." (Angie Wieland-Crosby) HOPE is blooming at Manna House, Inc! Thank you for your support and contributions that ensure we can help our clients on their journey toward stability and independence. We appreciate you keeping Breakfast on the table! Have a blessed Easter!

Turnkey Fundraiser Update >>>

2025 was another successful year for our Turnkey Clothing Shed fundraiser - 8.8 tons of clothing/textiles were collected from our congregation and our community. Our total profit for the year was \$1397. We are paid per pound of clothing/textile collected. Turnkey then grades the items for redistribution – if it is useable, it is sent out to be reused. If not, it is recycled. Please continue sharing the shed location with family and friends.

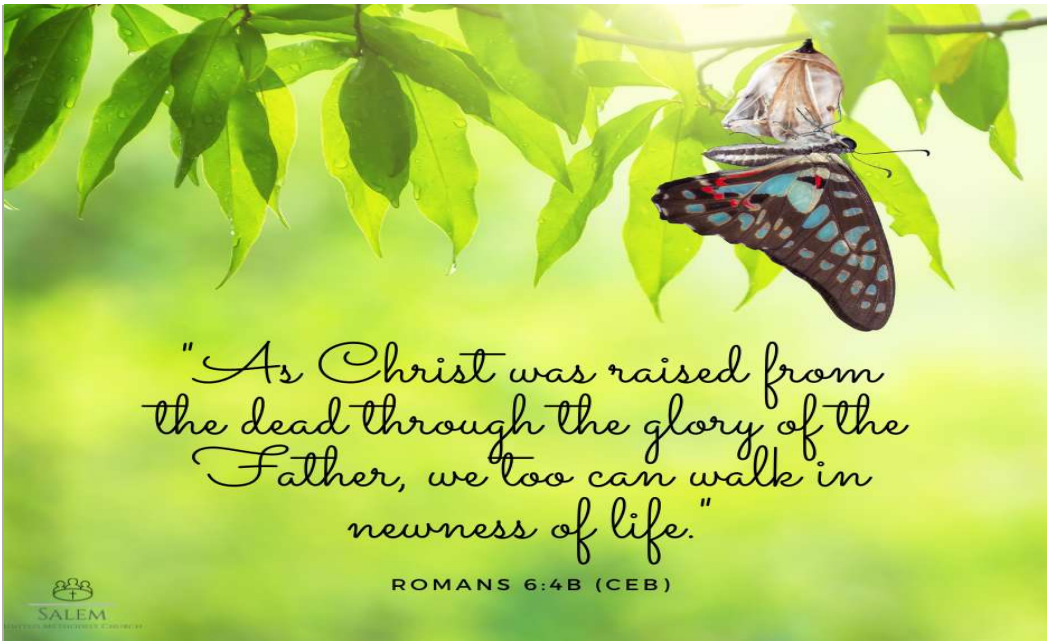


United
Women
in Faith

THANK YOU! Thanks to all who supported the Wockenfuss fundraiser, who donated online, or at church. Your generosity enabled us to raise \$821! This money will be used to support our mission efforts as follows: our commitment to the conference UWFaith, various UMCOR missions, and the purchase of flannel for the backs of the lap quilts made by the Sewing Samaritans, as well as other projects as needed.

The Sewing Samaritans have been hard at work crafting lap quilts. We will have a number of them blessed by Pastor Stacey during worship on May 3. The quilts will then be delivered to Brightview at Rossville. The Sewing Samaritans gather on most Tuesdays from 9:30 to Noon in the Sewing Room (the old Noah's Ark classroom). There are many jobs available other than sewing if you don't sew but would like to join us!

For those who like to read, there is a United Women in Faith book list which covers many topics (<https://uwfaith.org/resources/reading-program/>). Reading some books from this list is part of the UWFaith 5-Star program each year. If you have read any of the books, please let Amy Krebs, Susan Yurek, or Sharon Marquette know. There is a form on the UWFaith website to help track reading participation (<https://uwfaithresources.org/prodDetail.cfm?productID=9781&catid=2175>)



"As Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too can walk in newness of life."

ROMANS 6:4B (CEB)



With Sympathy >>>

We offer our condolences and prayers to those mourning the loss of loved ones. We pray for Katy and Matt Stevens and their family as her father, Allan Lust, went home to be with the Lord on March 19, 2026.

His obituary may be found at:

<https://www.snyderfuneralhomes.com/obituaries/Allan-R-Lust?obld=47767190>.

We pray for Pat and John Franz and family as her aunt, Denise Buscemi Perrego, went home to be with the Lord on March 22, 2026. Her obituary may be found at:

<https://www.lassahnfuneralhomes.com/obituaries/denise-buscemi-perrego>. Her memorial service is on April 26 at 1 pm at Salem.

Contact Us!

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday & Wednesday
10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

*All other hours by
appointment only*

PASTOR:

Rev. Dr. Stacey Nickerson
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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,
Apartment 334, Lake Wylie, SC 29710

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

Myrna Martin – 8100 Rossville Blvd, Baltimore, MD 21236

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

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

Please continue to hold Joey Nuetzel in prayer and send cards: 5730
Allender Road, White Marsh, MD 21162

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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8:00am & 10:45 am services are in-person. 10:45 am live stream service: salemunited.org/livestream Pastor's Bible Study Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86945193408				Holy Thursday 7pm Holy Thursday Worship at Bel Air UMC (21 Linwood Ave, Bel Air or on the BAUMC Facebook Page)	Good Friday 1pm Community Good Friday Cross Walk (meet at Franklinville Presbyterian)	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Easter Sunday Holy Communion 6:30am Sunrise Service at the Cemetery 6:45-10:15am Continental Breakfast in the Hall 8&10:45am Services 9:30am Children's Easter Activities	No office hours 7:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Parlor)	9:30am Sewing Samaritans (Sewing Room)	9am Aerobics (Hall) 10am Bible Study (Salem House) 6:30pm Vespers (outdoors, weather permitting)		9am Aerobics (Hall)	
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SPRING CLOTHING CLEAN-UP TIME!

DONATE YOUR USED CLOTHING!

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Support Us and Donate

**All clothing, shoes, belts,
purses, blankets, linens,
and stuffed toys.**

WE DO NOT ACCEPT HOUSEHOLD GOODS



Honor thy Mother



Salem will be offering red geraniums for Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10th. The 4" pots will be offered for \$5.00 each and can be purchased in honor or in memory of your mother or special woman in your life.

Please pre-pay all orders by May 4th. Payments and order forms may be placed in the offering plate, dropped off in the office, or mailed to the office at Salem United Methodist Church, PO Box 192, Upper Falls, MD 21156). Flowers may be picked up after services on May 10th.

Please contact Susan Walker or the office with any questions.

Mother's Day Geraniums at Salem

Name _____ Phone _____

I wish to order: _____ # plant at \$5.00 each Total: _____

In Honor Of:

_____ By _____
_____ By _____
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_____ By _____

In Memory Of:

_____ By _____
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_____ By _____

Counters Only:

Amount Rec'd _____ Cash Check # _____ Date _____
