

## Salem United Methodist Church

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October  
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

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary

- 10:45 a.m. service is  
livestreamed at  
[salemunited.org/livestream](http://salemunited.org/livestream)

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



**Love Boldly**  
**Serve Joyfully**  
**Lead Courageously**



[ResourceUMC.org/Vision](http://ResourceUMC.org/Vision)

#LoveServeLeadUMC



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## Pastor's Message >>>

Our worship theme for the month of October is "**Celebrating Our Ministry.**" We will be celebrating various aspects of our ministry together. Here is an outline for our worship:

- October 4 – Celebrate Our Global Church (World Communion)
  - Message: "*One Table*" - Scripture Lesson: Ephesians 4:1-6 NRSV
  - Key Verse: "Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread." 1 Corinthians 10:17
- October 11 – Celebrate Our Young People (Youth Sunday)
  - Our youth will be leading us in worship and sharing their favorite Bible verses.
  - Key Verse: "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Psalm 119: 105 NRSV
- October 18 – Celebrate Our Pastor (Pastor Appreciation Sunday)
  - Message: "*Pressing On*" - Scripture Lesson: Philippians 3:10-16 NRSV
  - Key Verse: "I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus." Philippians 3:14
  - Blessing of the baby hats at 10:45 a.m. service
  - Cake reception in the hall following the 10:45 a.m. service
- October 25 – Celebrate Our Baptism
  - Sacrament of Baptism
  - Message: "*Jordan's River*" - Scripture Lesson: Matthew 3 :1-2, 5-6, 13-17
- November 1 – Celebrate Our Saints (All Saints Sunday)
  - Sacrament of Holy Communion; Honoring our Salem Saints who have gone to be with our Lord in the past year. Reception in hall following our 10:45 am worship service.
  - Message: "*Enduring Love*" - Scripture Lesson: Hebrews 12:1-3; 1 John 3:1-3
  - Key Verse: "Love never ends." 1 Corinthians 13:8

Reminder: Our **Church Conference** is on Saturday, October 24 at Bel Air UMC, 21 Linwood Avenue, Bel Air. We begin at 9:00 a.m. with worship led by our District Superintendent with our Hub. After worship we will meet separately for our congregation's voting session. All members of the church are eligible to vote at the Church Conference. We will vote on the pastor's compensation package and our nominations report for 2027. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Pastor's Bible Study: We will not meet until we begin a new Bible Study on November 2. All are welcome to join. We will meet on Zoom on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. Our study book is On The Way to Bethlehem: An Advent Study by Rob Fuquay. If you would like to purchase a book, please let me know. Here is the schedule:

- November 2: Rome: A Place of Longing – Luke 2:1-3; Romans 8:18-25
- November 9: Jerusalem: A Place of Waiting – Luke 1:5-17
- November 16: Nazareth: A Place of Simplicity – Luke 1:26-38
- November 23: Bethlehem: A Place of Humility – Luke 2:8-20
- November 30: Persia: A Place of Return – Matthew 2:1-12

Blessings,

*Stacey*



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**NORTHVIEW SHOPPING CTR. - 9638 BELAIR ROAD**

## **Financial Secretary Update >>>**

From Karen Sersen: Please look for your 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter giving statements which will be sent by email on Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 9am. If you do not receive one, please check your spam or junk email folders. If you still have not received one, please contact me. Thank you for your faithful support of Salem.

## **Building Usage Update >>>**

If you need to request use of Salem facilities, please contact **Pastor Stacey** to ensure availability.



## ◆ Dandelion Wishes **Paint Night** ◆

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Registration forms are in the narthex or register online at [saalemunited.org](http://saalemunited.org)

Questions? Please contact Sue Yurek

## Thank you >>>

From Karen Fischer: On behalf of Shirley Fischer and her family, we would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation for all the hard work that went into the service for Judy Neifeld. The ceremony was beautiful and the food was delicious and the kindness shown to us was comforting on a hard day. There are truly not enough words to express our gratitude for all that was done.

From Magnolia Elementary School, as posted on their Facebook page: Salem United Methodist Church hosted a special Back-to-School Backpack Blessing Service for students and teachers. Mrs. Donnelly and Ms. Mack were honored to attend and receive a generous donation from the church for the MAES Community School Pantry/Resource Center. Magnolia Elementary School is incredibly grateful for Salem United Methodist Church and their continued partnership, generosity, and support of our students, families, and entire school community.

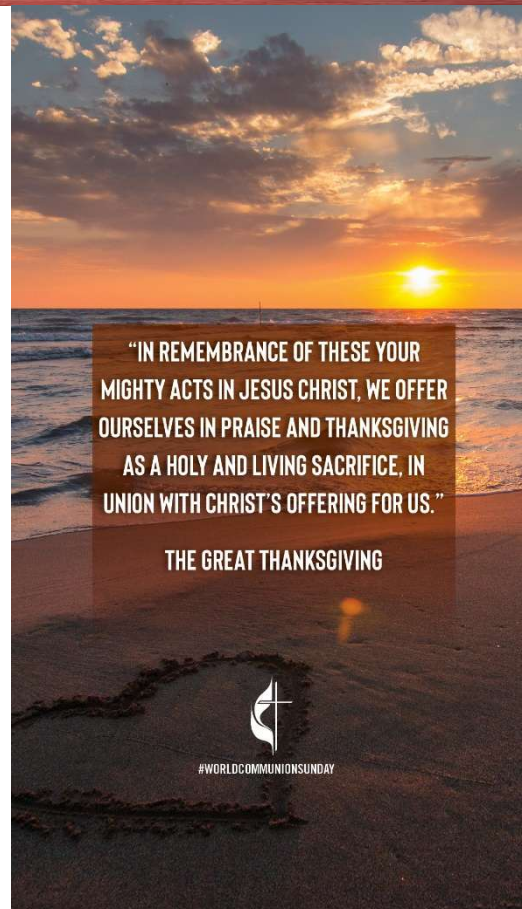


United  
Women  
in Faith

The Sewing Samaritans have been busy with lap quilts and fidget mats. Eight mats and 20 lap quilts were blessed on September 12<sup>th</sup> and distributed to Glen Meadows and Citizens in Havre de Grace. Thank you to all those who worked in a great variety of jobs to help complete these projects. Come join us on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.!

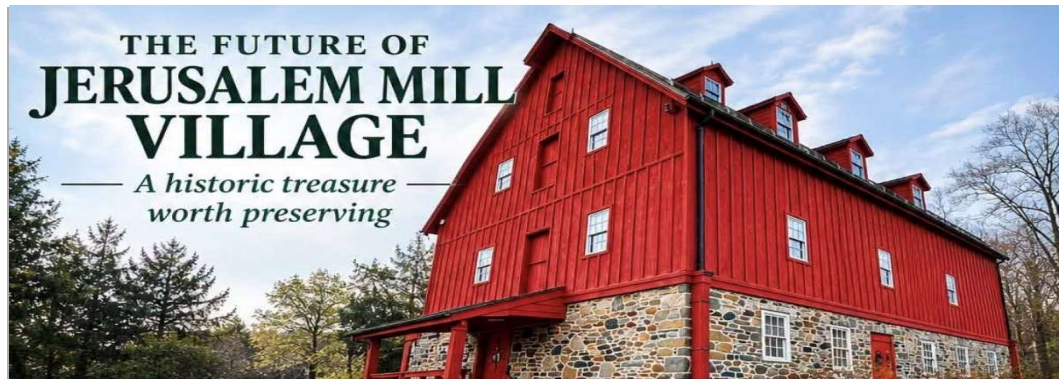
The new RADA cutlery/mixes catalog can be found at the back of the church, with a \$5.00 coupon attached! One of our ladies reports that "the meat chopper is perfect for breaking down ground meats when cooking, and the bread slicer is the perfect size for most breads." The profits from this ongoing fundraiser go to UMCOR.

Support for St. John's Trunk or Treat! Since Salem will not be hosting a Trunk or Treat this year, we invite you can spread the word to help St. John's Episcopal with their event!



# THE FUTURE OF JERUSALEM MILL VILLAGE

*A historic treasure worth preserving*



## WHAT IS AT STAKE?

For more than 40 years, volunteers with the Friends of Jerusalem Mill (FOJM) have worked to restore and preserve Jerusalem Mill Village—an extraordinary 18th- and 19th-century historic village and one of the most intact surviving mill villages in the United States.

The State of Maryland has long recognized that it does not have the staff or financial resources to provide the preservation, maintenance, programs and events that volunteers have made possible. As a result, the State has leased most of the village to FOJM.

In 2019, FOJM signed a 20-year exclusive-use lease renewal, allowing the organization to continue its mission of preserving and interpreting this important historic site.

## NOW, THAT FUTURE IS AT RISK.

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is seeking a new agreement that would cancel the existing lease and transfer responsibility for the village's maintenance and preservation to DNR.

FOJM is also concerned about recent DNR actions that have affected the historic integrity of the village and efforts to restrict or cancel events unless the organization agrees to the proposed new agreement.

*We believe the future of Jerusalem Mill Village deserves public discussion.*

## PUBLIC TOWN HALL MEETING

**THURSDAY,  
OCTOBER 1  
7:00 PM**

**Mountain Christian Church**  
1824 Mountain Road  
Joppa, Maryland

## JOIN US

*Come ask questions.  
Come share your opinion.  
Come help shape the future  
of Jerusalem Mill Village.*

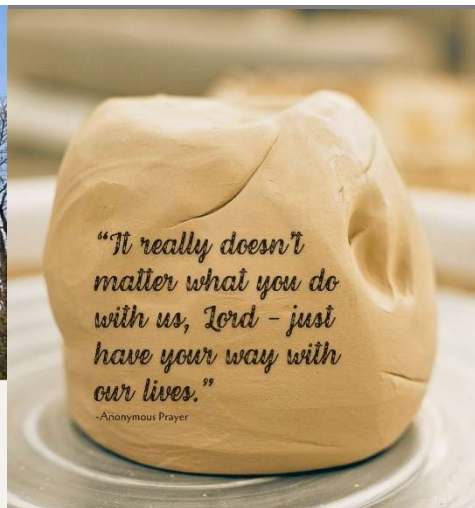
## MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD

We also encourage Maryland citizens to contact the Governor's Office and share your thoughts about what is in the best interest of Maryland taxpayers and this historic village.

**Office of the Governor**  
100 State Circle  
Annapolis, MD 21401  
Email: [governor.mail@maryland.gov](mailto:governor.mail@maryland.gov)

**THE FUTURE OF THIS NATIONAL TREASURE  
DESERVES YOUR VOICE.**

*Friends of Jerusalem Mill*



*"It really doesn't  
matter what you do  
with us, Lord - just  
have your way with  
our lives."*

-Anonymous Prayer

## 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  
[pastor@saalemited.org](mailto:pastor@saalemited.org)  
Cell: (410) 627-1944

### DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:

Katy Stevens  
[katysmusicstudio@  
gmail.com](mailto: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

Carolyn Faust – 824 Lisburn Road, Room 239, Camp Hill, PA  
17011

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

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

Please continue to hold Joey Nuetzel in prayer (5730 Allender Road,  
White Marsh, MD 21162).

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Monday                                                          | Tuesday                                                                                                                                    | Wednesday                                                                                                                                                     | Thursday | Friday                                                                                                                            | Saturday                                                                                                       |
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| <p>8:00am &amp; 10:45 am services are in-person. 10:45 am live stream service: <a href="https://salemunited.org/livestream">salemunited.org/livestream</a></p> <p>Pastor's Bible Study Zoom link: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86945193408">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86945193408</a></p> |                                                                 |                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                               |          |                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                |
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| <b>Holy Communion</b><br><b>Blessing of the Animals</b> (9:15am & 12:15pm)<br>8&10:45am Services<br>9:30am Sunday School<br>9:45am Choir                                                                                                                                                        | 9am Aerobics (Hall)<br><br>7:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Parlor) | 9:30am Sewing Samaritans (Sewing Room)<br><br><b>Salem UMC Day at DeSantis Pub &amp; Grill</b> (9638 Belair Rd, Northview Shopping Center) | 9am Aerobics (Hall)<br>10am Morning Bible Study (Office)<br><br>6:30pm Vespers (outdoors, weather permitting)                                                 |          | <b>Prepaid Paint Night reservations due</b><br><br>9am Aerobics (Hall)                                                            |                                                                                                                |
| 11                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 12                                                              | 13                                                                                                                                         | 14                                                                                                                                                            | 15       | 16                                                                                                                                | 17                                                                                                             |
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| 18                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 19                                                              | 20                                                                                                                                         | 21                                                                                                                                                            | 22       | 23                                                                                                                                | 24                                                                                                             |
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| 25                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 26                                                              | 27                                                                                                                                         | 28                                                                                                                                                            | 29       | 30                                                                                                                                | 31                                                                                                             |
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