Salem United Methodist Church

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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
- Summer worship: 2nd service is at 10:00 a.m. in person & online from Father's Day to Labor Day

Wednesday Evening Outdoor Vespers

- 6:30 p.m., weather permitting



Pastor's Message

On May 28 we celebrate Pentecost – often regarded as the birthday of the Church! On this day we celebrate God's gift of the Holy Spirit for the followers of Jesus Christ. What about us? Does God give us the gift of the Holy Spirit? Is God still pouring out the Spirit on the Church today? I would encourage us to spend some time reading and meditating on Acts, chapter 2. We will begin to explore this passage in worship on Pentecost and throughout June.

One of the blessings of Pentecost is the experience of movement as signified by the fire and wind which came with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the disciples. May we experience this movement of the Spirit among us now! As a pastor serving in The United Methodist Church, I begin a "new year" of ministry on July 1. While most people are thinking about summer and possibly vacation, I am gearing up for my fifth year with Salem.

At our last Council meeting I highlighted one aspect of our ministry as a congregation: works of mercy (an emphasis of John Wesley based on scripture and church tradition). You may remember this term from last fall's sermon series "Generosity In Love." If you would like to review, the messages are available on our YouTube channel (available on our website and YouTube).

Salem serves in many ways to reach out with the love of God through works of mercy. We discussed ways we have served in the past, how COVID has changed some of this outreach, and how we might move forward.

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Pastor's Message (cont. from page 1) >>>

Our works of mercy are based in relationship with persons in our neighborhood and surrounding neighborhoods as well as our community partners. Salem's works of mercy tend to center around the sharing of food. Here are some ways we have been serving and continue to serve our neighbors: Helping Hands Food Pantry; New Hope; shelter services in Harford County (formerly rotating shelter and Welcome One); Manna House; youth outreach at laundromat and partnership with 755 Alliance in Edgewood; Souper Bowl of Caring.

We are developing new ways to re-engage in some of these ministries and possibly new strategies and/or partnerships. We invite you to be a part of our outreach ministry through Salem. Please be in prayer for God's guidance as we move forward.

I would like to invite all those who are interested to participate in a short-term task group focusing on works of mercy. We will begin by taking a closer look at the scriptural basis and a little more on John Wesley's writings. We will consider our current partnerships and how we might increase our impact in mission. Please let me know if you are interested. All are welcome! I want to begin our work together in June and have some recommendations for the Church Council's meeting in September. Please watch for details.

May the Spirit of God empower us and equip us to answer the call to serve our neighbors in the love and mercy of our Savior – *Stacey*

'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, for I was hungry and you gave me food...

Matthew 25:34 (NRSV)

Focus on Holy Communion >>>

Please note that we will be celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion on June 11 and not June 4 (Pastor Stacey will be away on June 4). June 11 is the last day for our Sunday School classes to meet before the summer break. We are going to use this opportunity to hold a special celebration for our children and youth classes. On June 11 we will meet together with all of our young people to give thanks for a great year together in Sunday School. Pastor Stacey will be sharing a lesson on the meaning of Holy Communion and how we participate. All children and youth are welcome to join us for this lesson. Parents are welcome to join us, too. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 9:30 a.m. During the 10:45 a.m. worship service, we will recognize and give thanks to all of our Sunday School teachers. We appreciate our teachers as well as our students and their families!



Thank you to all who purchased cloth grocery bags or donated toward the next UWF mission. Your generosity has raised \$202.00! The grocery bags will be on sale at the Pancake Breakfasts on June 3rd and September 9th as well as the Shrimp Boil on August 26th. The price is \$3.00 per bag.

The UWF would like your input on where to send our next mission donation:

- Susanna Wesley House a transitional housing program for women and children in Baltimore City
- Found in Faith Ministries provides furnishings and household goods for families in Harford County
- New Hope supplies for a children's waiting room while parents work with job counselors in Edgewood (anticipated opening Fall 2023)

Contact Amy Krebs, Susan Yurek, or Sharon Marquette with your input by July 2nd.

Kitchen Update >>>

Many thanks to all who helped to prepare the kitchen and hall in preparation for the floor polishing work that took place in May. Additionally, we're thankful for those who were able to help with a deep clean of the kitchen during the process!

Because of your hard work, we're ready for the pancake breakfast on June 3!



Father's Day Cake Sale >>> Let them eat cake! No, seriously – have a little something special for dessert this Father's Day – a small Rita's Delite cake from Desserts by Rita! This delicious yellow cake, with a cream cheese filling center layer and top layer of pineapple, topped with whipped cream and sprinkled in coconut, will be a tasty addition to your meal. The cake serves 6-8 people and is \$30. Prepaid orders are due June 4th. Cake pickup will be from 12:00-1:00 p.m. on June 17 or ½ hour after each service June 18th. Order forms can be found at salemunited.org, in the Narthex, or at the end of the newsletter.

Summer Worship Schedule >>> From Father's Day (June 18) through Labor Day (September 3), 2nd service will meet at 10:00 salemunited.org.

Thank You! >>>

From Mary & Bruce List: Salem rocks! Thank you for your prayers and kindnesses shown to me (and Bruce) since my "ladder battle" and surgery. I've been overwhelmed by the thoughtful cards, surprises, flowers, and delicious meals that brought such joy. God's light shines brightly through all of you.



From Manna House: "In the springtime, HOPE blooms even in the loneliest forgotten meadows." (Angie Wieland-Crosby) HOPE is blooming at Manna House. Construction is coming to a close which will allow for so many more services to help our clients on their journey towards independence and stability. We hope to see you soon and thank you so much for helping to continue the making of Miracles on 25th Street through your financial support!

(Please stop by the bulletin board in the awning entrance to view the full card!)



JUNE 3 8-10:30AM



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Join us for Salem's quarterly pancake breakfast fundraiser!

Menu:

- Pancakes (Plain & flavor of the day)
- Sausage
- Scrambled Eggs
- Hash Browns
- Coffee/Juice/Milk
- Surprise Menu Item!

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Help Wanted! >>>

You may have noticed that our beloved organ is no longer in the Sanctuary. Since it was not repairable, we had to make the difficult decision to dismantle it. However, the organ will still be having an impact at Salem!

Thanks to the hard work of Mark Carter, Mike Brown and Mark Hurley, the organ has been dismantled and any pieces that may have a resale value have been written up and photographed, ready to be listed in online marketplaces for sale. This is where we need your help! We are looking for anyone who is familiar with selling items online, through eBay, Craigslist, Facebook Marketplace, etc. to help list these items for sale.

If you are willing to take on this short-term, but important project, please contact Tara Kully or Mark Carter. We're grateful for your help!

If you're wondering what will happen to the wood case of the organ, there are plans in the works – stay tuned!

Laundromat Outreach >>>

Thank you to our kind and generous church family for supporting the youth Sunday School class as we went again to the Wash 'N Fold laundromat in Edgewood on April 30th. Not only were we able to pay for the laundry services to the clients there, but we also took donations of hygiene products that will be distributed to those in need in and around that community. This mission project is one that our youth enjoy doing and will become a regular event. Keep an eye out for the Tide Pod container once again in the fall. Thank you, Salem!

Adults: \$9.00

Kids 6 & Under: \$5.00







Sunday School >>>



As we wind down the Sunday School year, we would like to extend a special thank you to all those who have been so faithful teaching our children! Sunday School is an important time for helping our young people have a good start on their Christian journey.

Thanks to: Tammy Mikkonen, Sharon Marquette, Jean Mattheu, Mike and Michelle Brown, Debbie Mattheu, Robin Wasmer, Robin Boston, Rose Martin, Judy Jones and Bob Kimball.

Also, we would like to thank Mike Opdyke and Barbara Oxendine for their leadership of the adult Sunday School class.

Please join us in an extra special recognition for Tammy Mikkonen, who has been teaching Sunday School for 37 years! Tammy – job well done, good and faithful servant!

Congratulations, Graduates! >>>

Join us in celebrating our most recent graduates!

- Jasmine & Sofia Dean American University
- Lily Fox Perry Hall High School
- Brady Hutton Loyola Blakefield
- Nicole Tackenberg Maryland Institute College of Art
- Alex Tamulevich Medical University of South Carolina

Members Corner >>>

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

Hank Danker – 506 Haverhill Road, Joppa, MD 21085

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

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

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





Contact Us!

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Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 9am – Noon Other hours by appointment

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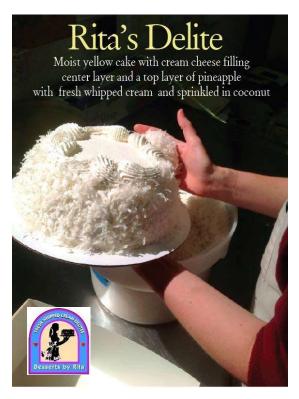
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June

2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8:00am & 10:45 am services are in-person. 10:45 am service live stream: <i>salemunited.org/livestream</i> Pastor's Study Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86945193408 SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE NOTE: Worship will be at				1	9am Aerobics (Hall)	8 – 10:30 am Pancake Breakfast (Hall)
8:00 and 10:00 am from Father's Day through Labor Day. 10:00 service will be livestreamed at the link above.						
8&10:45am Services 9:30am Sunday School (all ages) Prepaid Father's Day Cake Orders due	9am Aerobics (Hall) 7pm Pastor's Bible Study (Office & Zoom)	6	7 9am Aerobics (Hall)	8	9 9am Aerobics (Hall)	10
Communion Sunday 8&10:45am Services 9:30am Sunday School (all ages) 12:00pm Youth Mission Trip Meeting (Sanctuary)	9am Aerobics (Hall) 7pm Pastor's Bible Study (Office & Zoom)	7pm SPRC Meeting (Salem Room)	9am Aerobics (Hall) 6:30pm Vespers	15	9am Aerobics (Hall) 11:30am Women Moving On Lunch (call office)	12-1pm Cake order pickup (Hall)
Summer Worship Schedule Begins 8&10 am Services Cake order pickup ½ hour after each service (Hall)	No Aerobics	7pm Finance Committee Meeting (Salem Room)	No Aerobics 6:30pm Vespers	7pm Book Club (call office)	No Aerobics	24
25 8&10am Services	9am Aerobics (Hall)	27	9am Aerobics (Hall) 6:30pm Vespers	29	9am Aerobics (Hall)	



Father's Day Cake Sale

Delicious cakes to support Salem United Methodist Church

You won't be disappointed with a delicious cake (Rita's Delite) from Desserts by Rita. A Maryland best seller for over 5 decades, we will be offering a small cake that serves 6-8 people that will be a perfect dessert after any summertime meal for \$30 per cake. (Note: cake in photo to the left is a large.)

Please note all orders <u>must be</u> prepaid by June 4th. Orders may be placed in the collection plate at Salem, mailed to the office, or emailed to the office at 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 either Saturday, June 17th from 12-1pm or Sunday June 18th for ½ hour after the 8am and 10am service.

PLEASE NOTE: If you are unable to print an order form, please call the Salem UMC office at 410-592-2543 or email salemunitedupperfalls@gmail.com to place an order.

DESSERTS BY RITA FATHER'S DAY CAKE SALE ORDER FORM

All orders must be pre-paid and are due June 4th.

Pickup will be Saturday June 17th from 12-1pm and Sunday June 18th for ½ hour the 8am

and 10am service at Salem UMC.

Name			Phone					
# of Boxes			Cost	Total				
	Small Rita's Delite C	ake	\$30.00 each					
Counters: Date		Amount: _	Cash	/ Check #				
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