

THE SPIRIT

Salem United Methodist Church

“Where You Matter”

July 2020



Vespers

Join us Wednesday evenings, beginning July 8, at 7:00 pm, for an outdoor informal Vesper Service on the side lawn of the church!

We will be sitting in socially distant household groups. Bring your chair and wear a mask.

Service will be cancelled if it's raining. No bathroom facilities will be available.

SAVE THE DATE SATURDAY, JULY 25

Outdoor Worship Service @ 4 PM
(rain or shine)
at the Kingsville Rec Field Pavilion
on Franklinville Rd.

We have the pavilion from 9 am-7 pm, so bring your family, chairs, picnic meals and have fun on the fields, before or after the service. Or just come for the service.

Restrooms available. Please maintain 6' social distancing.

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Upper Falls, MD 21156
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**SUNDAY LIVE ZOOM
WORSHIP 10:00 AM**

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72121826008>

By Phone: 1-301-715-8592
Meeting ID #72121826008

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Pastor's Message

July 1, 2020 marks the first anniversary of my coming to Salem to serve as your pastor and it is the beginning of a new year in ministry together. Thanks be to God! No one could have even begun to imagine what this year has brought and yet I give thanks for the ways you have welcomed me into your lives and into our church family as your pastor. I am blessed to be in partnership with you. I am reminded of the words of the Apostle Paul as recorded in 1 Corinthians 1:9: "*God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.*" My family in Christ, God is faithful and will lead us forward as we place our trust in our loving and gracious Lord.

Speaking of anniversaries, I want to thank you for celebrating with me the 35th anniversary of my ordination on June 7. I sincerely appreciate the beautiful flowers and delicious chocolates you sent to me. I am profoundly grateful for all that God has done through these years and for all the people in many places God has brought into my life through ministry. I count you among my greatest treasures. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve with you, especially in these very challenging times.

Progress is sometimes hard for us to perceive and yet God is still working and moving us forward. This month brings new opportunities to gather outside as well as for me to offer some in-person pastoral care. I am pleased to share with you some of the ways we are moving forward.

1. On Wednesday, July 8 we will begin weekly vesper times outside on the church lawn at 7:00 p.m. I am excited about expanding what we have been experiencing in small groups. Now we can invite the whole congregation to participate, as you feel comfortable. These will be quiet, reflective times of prayer, scripture and meditation lasting about half an hour. These vesper times are in addition to our weekly Sunday worship which will continue online.
2. I received notice from Upper Chesapeake Hospital that pastors may resume visitation in the University of Maryland Medical System. There are restrictions but in general, each patient will be allowed one designated visitor (there are more restrictions for patients who have a COVID-19 status). As your pastor, I am now allowed to visit in addition to the patient's designated visitor. Please call me and let me know if you are going into a University of Maryland hospital for in-patient care and you would like me to visit.
3. If you would like to visit with me either at your home (outside) or at the church office, please contact me to arrange an appointment.
4. I thank you all for continuing to contact me with your prayer requests. I appreciate your willingness to entrust me with your joys as well as your concerns. Please remember that I will only share during worship what you directly give me permission ahead of time to share.
5. I hope that many of you will be able to attend the outside service on Saturday, July 25 at 4:00 p.m. We will be meeting at the Kingsville Rec Field located at 11700 Franklinville Road. Watch your email for details but please put this on your calendars.
6. As a congregation, we will be wishing Alyson well for her move to California. Please see the flyer for the details of this event on Saturday, July 11 from 10-11:00 a.m. in the church parking lot. She has agreed to continue serving as our Director of Music after her move while we can still connect through technology. We give thanks to Alyson and to God for the blessing of her faithful service.

In Christ's love,

Stacey



Our church is serving our Lord and meeting from our homes for now. We will open our building again...but not quite yet! Worship with us via Zoom on Sunday mornings at 10 AM!

Our ministry and our basic expenses continue, even though we are not using the building.

In addition to mailing a check, the Finance Committee has initiated online giving as an option for your weekly donations.

Here's how it works:

- Go to www.salemunity.org & Click on the "Donate" button located on the menu bar
- Scroll down to the bright green button

Donate Now!

California Dreamin'

Please join us for a drive by event to wish Alyson well on her move to California! We encourage you to decorate your car and/or have a sign to wish her well! You will be able to greet Alyson from your car.

Saturday, July 11th from 10am to 11am @ Salem UMC

Here a few important details...

- ❖ Alyson will be seated at the main entrance canopy. Traffic will be directed as you enter the parking lot to lead you past the fellowship hall to the main entrance.
- ❖ For everyone's protection, please wear a mask if you choose to put your windows down.
- ❖ Please try and limit your time to be courteous and respectful of the vehicles behind you.
- ❖ A basket will be available for anyone who wishes to give Alyson a card.
- ❖ NO restrooms will be available during this event.



I want to invite everyone to join us for a fun trivia time every Wednesday at 11:30 am on Zoom. The meeting ID number is 83522269034. There are a wide range of questions from bible trivia to geography to movies and pop culture. Something for everyone. Currently we're meeting on Zoom but may plan a session outdoors if we get a comfortable day soon. Check it out!

Judy Jones

News from Noah's Ark

After many wonderful years with Noah's Ark, Ms. Lizanne has decided it is time to retire. While we will definitely miss Ms. Lizanne, we wish her nothing but the best for her retirement! She has been a valuable part of the Noah's Ark program for almost 10 years, and we were blessed for each and every one of them. Between sharing her love of science, joy of reading, and amazing talent with arts and crafts, the impact she has had on students is undeniable. On any given day, you could find students clamoring for her to read them a story or work on table toys with them. We often say, "time flies when you're having fun" - and it certainly did for Ms. Lizanne. Please join all of us at Noah's Ark in wishing Ms. Lizanne the blessings of health and happiness for her retirement!

-Ms. Tara Kully
Director



Salem's Homebound Members

Please especially remember in your prayers these members of our church family and send them a note to show your loving care and support during this time.

Kay Butler – 8810 Walther Blvd, #1318. Baltimore, MD 21234
Verna Cooper – 9600 C Haven Farm Rd, Perry Hall, MD 21128
Bob Heacock – 1802 Sandee Ct, Edgewood, MD 21040
Bob & Bernadette Jones – 311 Tufton Circle, Fallston, MD 21047
Betty Knight – 8810 Walther Blvd, #1626, Baltimore, MD 21234
Judy 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

Paul and Amy Krebs have moved! Please update your records:
7016 Heathcoate Dr; Kingsville, MD
Their 410-256-3129 has been disconnected



Last January we had a women's retreat scheduled. Unfortunately, it was cancelled. The study that we had chosen was based on the book "The Anatomy of Peace - Resolving the Heart of Conflict".

The book is written in a novel form and follows a group of parents who have had to place their teenagers in a "Rehab Camp". These teenagers have gotten into all kinds of trouble and for most of the parents this camp is their last resort. However, the book is not necessarily about the youths. It is about the parents in group talk sessions with the camp counselors. It is there that they learn the root cause of their conflicts and how they have perpetuated the very problems they are trying to resolve.

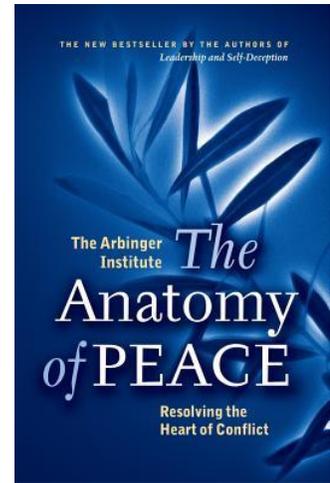
Through this story you will learn the problems that may consume your lives can be transformed. You may find Peace with in yourself. Today more than ever this resolution of conflict becomes very important with what we are faced with in our society.

Along with the reading of this book we will have weekly discussions on the chapters. We will be keeping in mind all the requirements to be safe today. We will have groups adhere to social distance limits and precautions, hopefully, holding the meetings outside or in a large room. Group size will be limited. Pastor Stacey will also be participating and offering her scriptural insights.

I thoroughly enjoyed this book and once finished I immediately knew it would be a good discussion book. I learned a lot about myself and why I think the way I do, in regards, to my opinions.

If you are interested in joining this discussion group, please let me know. We will be ordering books.

Su DeLeo
Sujoy1958@yahoo.com



News from the United Methodist Women!

Blessings to all!

- A reminder that all the usual projects continue, at home: lap quilts, fidget mats, prayer shawls.
- Please let Lauren Simpson know when you have 1-2 shawls done so arrangements can be made to get them to Franklin Square Hospital. They are so needed due to the increase in patients.
- If you need face masks or know of a need in the medical arenas, please call Susan Walker @ 410-459-2750
- Please continue saving your can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House near Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Thank you – Amy Krebs & Sue Yurek

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Our Calendar of Events

July 2020

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

Weekly:

Sunday 10:00 AM	Worship – Weekly Bulletins are posted on the website Zoom link - https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72121826008 By Phone – 1-301-715-8592 / ID 721 2182 6008
Monday 9:00 AM	Aerobics Class
Monday 7:00 PM	Bible Study with Pastor Stacey – The book of Acts Zoom link - https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86945193408
Wednesday 9:00 AM	Aerobics Class
Wednesday 11:30 AM	Trivia Time with Judy Jones Zoom link - https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83522269034 By Phone – 1-301-715-8592 / ID 835 2226 9034
Wednesday 7:00 PM	Vesper Service on the church lawn
Friday 9:00 AM	Aerobics Class

Other Activities:

Book Club	July 9 For additional information, please contact Su DeLeo
Farwell to Alyson 10 – 11 am	July 11 Church parking lot. Drive by and say goodbye.