

THE SPIRIT

Salem United Methodist Church

“Where You Matter”

June 2020



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!

Salem United Methodist Church
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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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Upper Falls, Maryland



From Our Pastor...

What do you like about the month of June? This was the question I posed to our Bible Study gathering on Monday evening. It is the beginning of a new month and I want to begin June like every other new month with gratitude to God. In doing so, we intentionally choose to praise God for blessings and focus on the positive. Our praise is not dependent on anything other than a reliance on God's grace and faithfulness.

We often think of June as summer – although the season of summer does not officially begin until June 20. Here are some examples of what we like about June: graduations, ending of the school year, cookouts, Father's Day, warmer weather, longer days of sunlight, vacations, time at the beach, fishing/crabbing, eating steamed crabs, family gatherings and so on. I hope that you are looking forward to the blessings God has for us in June.

As a church family, we celebrate the Church in this time after Pentecost. I quoted Clarence Jordan in my message on Sunday and his phrase of the "carried-away church." We are carried away and given power by the moving of the Holy Spirit among us and within us. We are carried into the world where we serve Jesus Christ with gratitude and humility.

This month we begin a series in worship on the identity and nature of the Church. Where is the Church? Who are we as Salem Church? How is God reshaping us and preparing us to better serve in our community today? We can use this time of being out of our building to listen for God's direction and guidance on some new and relevant ways of being the Church. I ask you to pray with me for God's gift of the Holy Spirit for us and for all the followers of Jesus Christ in our community and around the world.

In Galatians 5, verses 16-25 we hear Paul's description of living by the Spirit. He lists the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. I share these verses from Eugene Peterson's version in [The Message](#):

"But what happens when we live God's way? He brings gifts into our lives, much the same way that fruit appears in an orchard – things like affection for others, exuberance about life, serenity. We develop a willingness to stick with things, a sense of compassion in the heart, and a conviction that a basic holiness permeates things and people. We find ourselves involved in loyal commitments, not needing to force our way in life, able to marshal and direct our energies wisely."

May our lives and our church be filled with the gift of the Holy Spirit and may we bear the fruit of its presence. May Salem Church be a living witness to the power of Jesus Christ's life, death, and resurrection.

In the name and spirit of Jesus Christ,

Pastor Stacey

Salem's Homebound Members

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

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

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



A Word of Thanks

Dear Friends of Salem,

Thank you so much for the many kindnesses and support you have shown to my mother Marion (Becker). Your constant communication and friendship meant so much to her. She looked forward to your cards and placed them on her bulletin board. She read the weekly bulletin and enjoyed the notes from Paul Krebs and Bettie Heacock. She enjoyed your visitations and hearing about her friends at Salem. Her 90th birthday was the best!

In my mother's words, "The more you give of yourself, the more you grow in Christian fellowship and all aspects of your life."

Thank you for giving of yourself.

Peace, Love and good Heath,
Barbara Hinder

Pastor Stacey,

I wanted to drop a line to thank you for letting our K9 units use Salem's building for training. Everyone that participated was grateful and impressed with the facility's uniqueness! The training we performed was valuable for improving the safety of our officers so they could go home every day to their families. We train numerous times a month to improve our skills and the skills of our K9 partners. I hope you found that we left the facility in the condition as when you entrusted it to us. I hope that family fun day can occur in the not too distant future and your congregation can return to normal in a healthy condition soon. Don't hesitate to ask if you need anything of me/us.

Again, I cannot thank you enough!



Much Obliged,
Joshua List #4482
K9 Igor #3600
Police Officer First Class
Baltimore County Police
K9 Unit



Congratulations!

Helen Baker & Daniel Kott were married on April 24, 2020 in the Chapel at Oak Crest Village. Your Salem family wishes you all of God's blessings for a happy life together!



News from the United Methodist Women!

Blessings to all!

- A reminder that all the usual projects continue: 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.

Our sincere thanks to the Rafferty family----Fred has donated yarn that is now available for pick up or delivery. Please let me know if you are ready for yarn (410-456-8471)

Our Missions Work:

- A donation was sent to Water is Life Kenya. To read more about this mission project they can be found on Facebook – WaterisLifeKenya or on the web at www.waterislifekenya.com
- A donation to Conference Missions was made
- We are participating in Sew Powerful. You can read more about the project at www.sewpowerful.org
- We are collecting aluminum tabs from canned drinks, soups, etc. They will be collected once we are up and running and given to the Ronald McDonald House in Baltimore www.rmhc.org
- A couple projects are on hold due to our quarantine: snacks for Board of Child Care and personal hygiene products for Magnolia Middle School
- Salem Samaritans will resume when the building opens.
- If you are in need of face masks or know of a need in the medical arenas, please call Susan Walker @ 410-459-2750

Thank you – Amy Krebs & Sue Yurek

Drive-Thru Donation Drop

During our Day of Service in January, we worked with Found in Faith Ministries. They are seeking household donations.

Have you been organizing during quarantine? It's time to clear out that clutter and help them stock their shelves by donating much needed household items. Here's their wish list!

- ❖ Flat Screen TVs
- ❖ Small Appliances
- ❖ Linens and Bedding
- ❖ Area Rugs
- ❖ Framed Pictures
- ❖ Lamps
- ❖ Dishes & Glassware
- ❖ Pots & Pans
- ❖ Flatware & Kitchen Utensils
- ❖ Bed Pillows & Mattress Pads
- ❖ Shower Curtains
- ❖ Bathroom Accessories

All items must be bagged or boxed. They will **not** be accepting furniture during this time. If you have furniture to donate, please call them to schedule a donation appointment @443-519-2464.

Drive-Thru Drop Off will be held at two locations on Saturday, June 13, 2020

Bel Air UMC
21 Linwood Ave
Bel Air – 21014



Found in Faith Ministries
610 Towne Center Dr
Joppa – 21085

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES-YOUNG & OLD!



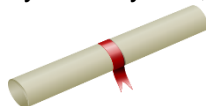
Cameron Niles – Edgewood High School
Ashley Carter – Towson University

Lauren Tamulevich – Perry Hall High School
Matthew Dusek – University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC)

Karli Shirk – Goucher College

Dacey Spinner – Wesley College

Ryan Carter – University of Maryland, Francis King Carey School of Law

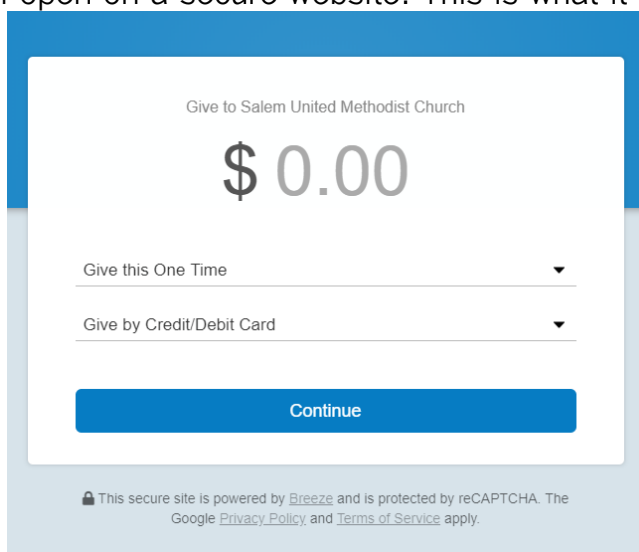


YOUR STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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.salemunited.org & Click on the "Donate" button located on the menu bar
- Scroll down to the bright green Donate Now button and click 
- A new screen will open on a secure website. This is what it looks like:



- Click next to the \$ and fill in the amount of your gift
- Click the drop-down menu to select Give this One Time or another frequency
- Click the drop-down menu to select Give by Credit/Debit Card or by ACH Transfer
- Click continue Continue to fill in your name, email, card or bank info
- When finished hit the blue Give button. You will receive an email confirmation of your gift.
- Simple, Safe and Easy!

Should you have any questions regarding finances, please contact Chris Rohe (crohe51@gmail.com). For technical questions or help with the online process, please contact Susan Walker (susanwalker0604@comcast.net or 410-459-2750)

Financial Housekeeping!

Karen Sersen, our Financial Secretary, needs to send to Cokesbury any changes in names and/or addresses of our envelope givers. Please send any updates to Karen, at kqsersen@hotmail.com, no later than June 14. If you are not receiving envelopes and would like to receive them, please email her as well. Thank you!



Our Calendar of Events

June 2020

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

Weekly:

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| 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 1:00 PM | 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 | Worship Team |
| Friday 9:00 AM | Aerobics Class |

Other Activities:

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| Book Club | June 11 & June 25
For additional information, please contact Su DeLeo |
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