

THE SPIRIT

Salem United Methodist Church

“Where You Matter”

October 2020



Our doors are Open!

We have opened our building for worship on Sunday mornings and we are excited to once again be in God's house! We are following the courtesies of physical distancing and wearing masks as well as our guidelines for safer in-person gatherings.

In addition to Worship in the Sanctuary, we will continue to Zoom the 10:45 AM service on Sunday mornings.

Bulletins will be sent in Pastor's weekly email and posted to our website.

Salem United Methodist Church
7901 Bradshaw Road
Upper Falls, MD 21156
Phone: (410) 592-2543

SUNDAY WORSHIP in our
Sanctuary at 8:00 and
10:45 AM

Also on ZOOM at 10:45 AM

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

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

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From Our Pastor....

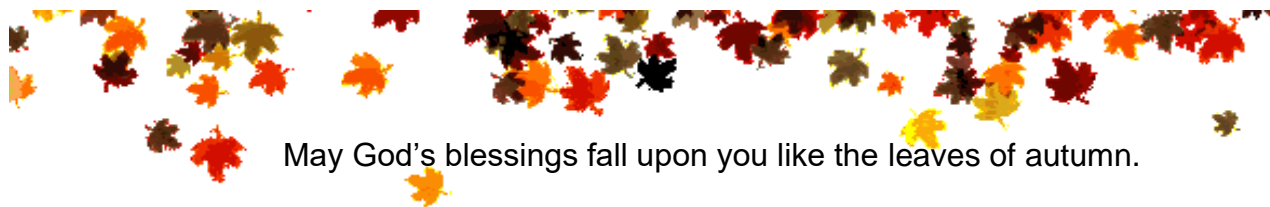
Autumn has begun! Change and beauty are all around us. Consider this description from the writer, Albert Camus: "Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower."



Autumn is a season of change and this year is no different in that respect. We move forward into a new routine with some activities being similar to the past and others being different. In this newsletter we outline the opportunities available to our church family and guests for worship, study, service and fellowship. Here are some activities I would like to highlight:

1. Wednesday Evening Vespers – we continue to meet each week as the weather allows. We have moved our time to 6:30 p.m. to accommodate the earlier sunset time. Please watch the Facebook page and website as well as my weekly emails for any updates. We are going to continue meeting as long as everyone feels comfortable. Please bring a chair and join us! It is truly a blessing to be able to gather in this way for a brief time of prayer and meditation.
2. Sunday Morning Worship – we are in the sanctuary for two services (8:00 and 10:45 a.m.). You may also participate through Zoom at 10:45 a.m. and through our recorded videos at your convenience. The Re-Entry Task Force will be meeting next week to evaluate where we are and what our next steps will be.
3. Monday Evening Bible Study – we have been meeting on Zoom at 7:00 p.m. for about an hour each week. We studied the Book of Acts for fifteen sessions. On Monday, October 5, we will continue our study of Paul and his missionary work by turning our attention to the letter of First Thessalonians. You are welcome to join us! Bring your Bible, and "Zoom" as we study together. The Zoom link is on the church website and on the calendar page.
4. Our annual Church Conference will be held on Monday, October 26 at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom. I am working with our leadership to prepare our reports. I want us to use this opportunity to consider our vision for Salem Church as we move forward in ministry and mission. We are committed to serving Jesus Christ by reaching out to others while nurturing the faith of those within our church family.

"O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever." (Psalm 107:1, NRSV)



May God's blessings fall upon you like the leaves of autumn.

Pastor Stacey

RADA CUTLERY

NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE!

Rada Cutlery has been a United Methodist Women Salem Fundraiser for many years and now you can order these great products online while still supporting the group and its missions! AND it's easy!



Go to www.radafundraising.com

Type in: Salem Church, Upper Falls MD - Search

Click on: Salem Church (Upper Falls, MD) and start shopping!

Choose your items, check out and they will be delivered directly to your home! Please note, that ordering this way supports Salem UMW and the prices are less than ordering through the Rada Kitchen website! You Save while supporting others. Great for Birthday, Christmas or "for your kitchen" gifts. Thank you for your continued support!

Questions? Please email 2salemshares@gmail.com

Prayer Shawls

The UMW continue working from home on prayer shawls. If you need yarn, please call Amy Krebs @ 410-456-8471

We have the opportunity, to enjoy the homemade jams and jellies of Pastor Stacey's father, Mr. Fred Nickerson. He has been making these delicious items for many years and donates all proceeds to mission and ministry. If you would like to place an order, please fill out the order form and return to church. Orders will be filled as received and are subject to availability of specific flavors. We will contact you if there is a question and to arrange the delivery of your order.

Homemade Jam & Jellies

\$4.00 per Jar



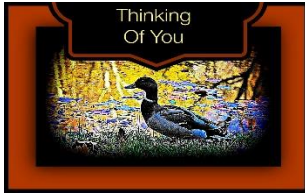
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Jelly	Quantity	Jam	Quantity
Blackberry Jelly		Apricot Jam	
Black Raspberry Jelly		Blueberry Jam	
Jalapeno Jelly		Mango Jam	
		Peach Jam	
		Pineapple Jam	
		Sour Cherry Jam	
		Strawberry Jam	
		Strawberry/Rhubarb Jam	

All proceeds benefit the ministries of Salem United Methodist Church. Please make checks payable to Salem United Methodist Church. We appreciate your support.

Salem's 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
Bettie 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

Jerry & Karen Sersen have a new address and home phone. Please make the corrections in your Church Directory: 1400-F Joppa Forest Dr; Joppa, MD 21085 ★ 443-402-1924

I would like to thank everyone for your cards, prayers and many kindnesses extended to me since Ben died. It has been a great comfort to know that our church family has reached out and cared for me at this time. Everyone has been so very, very kind.

Martha Bates



Middle/High School Sunday School Class

We're coming back on ZOOM! All 6th to 12th graders are invited to join us **every other** Sunday at 12:15 (after church) for a zoom meeting. We'll be doing a variety things, getting to know each other a little better and just having fun for about an hour each time. Our first meeting of the new school year was held on September 27. ZOOM meeting number is 83522269034. We'll have some new 6th graders this year and we welcome them! Hope we'll see you in class!

TECH TEAM OPPORTUNITY!

Anyone have an interest in joining Salem's Tech Team? It's fun, easy, and hands-on training will be provided. Help is needed for our Sunday services operating both our Zoom and Sanctuary worship presentations. Our Tech Team navigates the Zoom/Sanctuary presentations from our loft and, if we can add a few more people to our Team, we can rotate our Sundays to ensure we have adequate coverage for each weekly service. Don't delay, join today! If interested, please contact Scott Shelton at 410-817-4734, email shelts3@msn.com, or Mark Carter at 443-676-1001, email cartermisp@gmail.com.



Re-Entry into the Sanctuary

Our task force group will be meeting next week. We will be evaluating how things have been going with our re-entry into the building. We want to thank our church family for your support and cooperation as we meet the challenges of the pandemic. Thank you to the many volunteers who have been working hard to ensure the safety and well being of each one of you by cleaning and preparing our building for our use to the glory of God. Thank you to everyone who has been attending worship in the sanctuary and for working together to provide the safest experience possible for everyone. Everything has been going smoothly and we give thanks to God!

As you know, we have had a reservation system in place as part of the necessary courtesies for this time. Very few people have been using this system and we will be re-evaluating how to handle some of the components of this system. The system is designed to address not only an advance list of who would be attending but also the essential pre-screening of attendees as well as to facilitate important communication efficiently and directly.

We have had about one half of the number of attendees at each service that we can accommodate given our restricted capacity. As a reminder, the number of people attending is limited by the need to maintain at least six feet of distance between household groups in the pews. If you are concerned about the number of people in attendance, please know that we have room for about twice as many people as have come in the last few weeks. Again, we reinforce that we respect your individual decision about attending in-person based on your own health and safety concerns.

If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Task Force. Please watch our church communications for future updates.

Please continue to keep our congregation in your daily prayers. We appreciate the grace you are extending to one another in this challenging time.

Members of the Re-Entering Well Task Force: Jerry Sersen, Jessica Rohe, Scott Shelton, Tara Kully, Debbie Fisher and Pastor Stacey

Intercessions in Time of Pandemic (from the Catholic Health Association)

For all in direct patient care; give them strength for their service and strength to ask for help when they are in need. God, protect them.

For all the sick; bring them to full health and restore them to those who love them. God, protect them.

For all those isolated in their homes; sustain them in joy and peace. God, protect them.

For all those who have died and those who grieve their loss in isolation; comfort them in their sorrow. God, protect them.

For decision-makers at all levels; send them your wisdom and good counsel to serve their communities. God, protect them.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

YOUR STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

We are truly grateful for your faithful and generous stewardship. God is blessing us and in thankful response, we strive to share God's abundance with our neighbors, both near and far. We invite your participation in supporting our church in ministry and mission as you are able financially. You may mail a check to the church if you are not here in-person. A big thank you to our faithful counters! We also offer on-line 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.
- 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)

As always, should you wish, you may mail your donations directly to the church at:
P. O. Box 195; Upper Falls, MD 21156

Dear Salem Family;

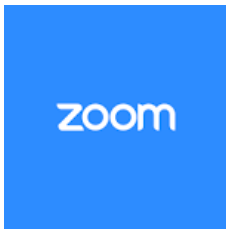
As your Finance Committee Chair, I first want to THANK YOU for your faithful contributions, without which we could not operate and continue our vigilant outreach and community service.

As we are all painfully aware, 2020 has been a difficult year. But through God's grace we will survive. In light of COVID-19 we have begun to utilize on-line giving and it has been a smashing success. Through adversity we have found an opportunity to become stronger. Congregants now have the opportunity to set up automatic monthly contributions through our website.

Even without the opportunity for fundraisers, we are still in a stable financial situation thanks to your weekly contributions and the overwhelming blessings of several donations from past Salem members' Estate accounts. But we need to remain diligent in our offerings so Salem can continue to thrive into 2021 and beyond.

If you have any questions or need for more specific information about Salem's financial situation, please feel free to contact myself or Pastor Stacey.

Anchored in Christ,
Chris Rohe
Finance Committee Chair



Our Calendar of Events

October 2020

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

Weekly:

Sunday 8:00 AM Worship – Sanctuary only
Sunday 10:45 AM Worship – Sanctuary & Zoom (*Please note: there is no nursery or Junior Church at this time. Pastor Stacey is mailing Children’s bulletins every week. Please notify her if you are not getting them and would like to receive them for your family. Bulletins and/or coloring pages are tailored to the Bible lesson used in worship each week.*)
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 9-11:30 AM Noah’s Ark classes
Monday 9:00 AM Aerobics classes on Zoom
Monday 7:00 PM Bible Study with Pastor Stacey – the Letters of Paul; beginning with 1 Thessalonians on October 5
(no class October 26)
Zoom link - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86945193408>

Wednesday 9-11:30 AM Noah’s Ark classes
Wednesday 9:00 AM Aerobics classes on Zoom
Wednesday 6:30 PM Vesper Service Outside – bring a lawn chair (weather permitting)
Watch Facebook & Website for updates as we move into autumn

Thursday 11:30 AM Trivia Time with Judy Jones (410-615-9426)
Zoom link - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83522269034>
By Phone – 1-301-715-8592 / ID 835 2226 9034

Everyone is invited to join in for a fun time (no competition) to test your knowledge of everything from TV to tater tots, that is, a little bit of everything.

Friday 9-11:30 AM Noah’s Ark classes
Friday 9:00 AM Aerobics classes on Zoom

Other Activities:

October 13 - 7:00 PM Church Council Meeting – via Zoom. Zoom link - <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72121826008>
By Phone – 1-301-715-8592 / ID 721 2182 6008

October 26 - 6:30 PM Cluster Church Conference on Zoom



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Let's thank God for everyday play