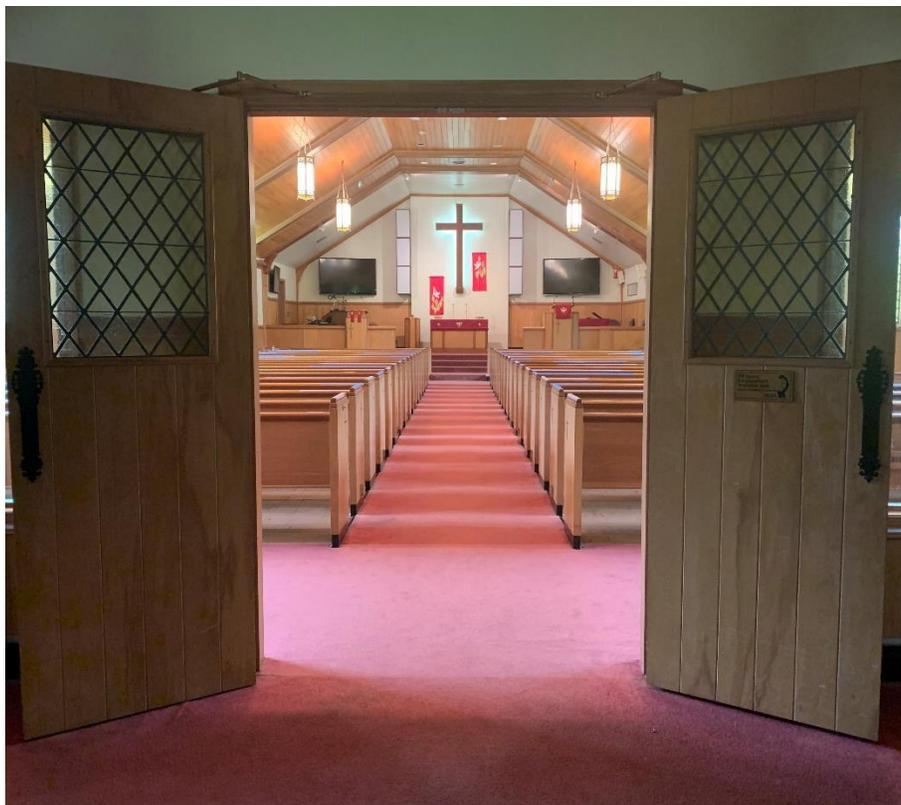


# THE SPIRIT

## Salem United Methodist Church

“Where You Matter”

September 2020



**We're Open!**

We have opened our building for worship on Sunday mornings! While we're restricted in the number of people at each service, we are excited to once again be in God's house! If you would like to join us on Sunday morning, please read page 5 for details...

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 LIVE ZOOM  
WORSHIP 10:00 AM**

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

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

**OFFICE PHONE:** (410) 592-2543

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[pastor@salemunited.org](mailto:pastor@salemunited.org)  
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[www.salemunited.org](http://www.salemunited.org)

**FACEBOOK PAGE:**  
Salem United Methodist Church,  
Upper Falls, Maryland



## *From Our Pastor...*

One of my fondest memories of my first year at Salem took place during worship when I sang a blessing for our students and teachers getting ready to go back to school. This year going back to school is going to be quite different! I still want to offer a blessing for our students and teachers and others who are starting a school year whether in-person or remotely or some combination of the two. Please join with me in praying for all who are beginning classes currently and their families.

I invite our students (of all ages) and teachers to come to church on Wednesday, September 2 for a time of blessing. You are welcome to drive through the parking lot between 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. I ask that you stop for a prayer of blessing with me. Thanks to generous friends, I have some small gifts for each student and teacher to receive with our best wishes for a fantastic, learning-filled year!



I hope that many of our students and teachers will be able to join us after the drive through time of blessing for our vesper service at 7:00 p.m. on the church lawn. We will have a special time of prayer with our church family for the new school year. We especially extend our invitation to our Noah's Ark families and teachers. They will begin a new school year on September 14 with in-person classes on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

If your student cannot come by the church in person on Wednesday, September 2, please contact me directly and we can set up a time to receive their personalized blessing and gift. You are welcome to call/text me (410-627-1944) or email me [pastor@salemunited.org](mailto:pastor@salemunited.org)

Here are two prayers for the beginning of the school year:



*God of wisdom and might, we praise you for the wonders of our being, for mind, body, and spirit. Be with our children as they begin a new school year. Bless them and their teachers and staff. Give them strength and grace as their bodies grow; wisdom and knowledge to their minds as they search for understanding; and peace and zeal to their spirits. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (prayer from Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers)*

*God of knowledge and wisdom, bless all students young and old, as they begin a new school year. Help them discover and develop the gifts you have given. As they grow in knowledge, help them to also grow in kindness and compassion, learning respect for themselves and others. We ask your blessing on parents and all those who care for students. Strengthen them to surround our students with encouragement, support and love. Remind us that wherever we go, you are always with us. Fill us with the joy of learning so that we may be better equipped to be your servants. Amen. (from faceforward)*

As we think about the start of a new school year and the re-opening of our church building, I want to remind you of the rest of the church schedule, especially the church office. The church office is open on a limited basis. You are welcome to call ahead and make an appointment with me if you would like to come to the office. Please remain mindful of the need to maintain physical distance and wear masks while inside the building as well as to wipe surfaces as you leave. Beginning September 14, we plan to have the church office staffed Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Depending on my schedule, I will be in the church office additional days and hours. Please continue to contact me with your pastoral needs as well as your prayer requests.

In Christ's service,  
*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](http://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](mailto: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**



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

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.



C. Benjamin (Ben) Bates, age 85, passed away on Friday, August 7, 2020. He was born in Baltimore to Charles Bates, Jr., and Mary Elizabeth (Holden) Bates (on August 24, 1934). He was a graduate of Baltimore City College. He spent several years in service to the Army stationed at Fort Eustis, Virginia, prior to continuing his academics, ultimately completing his doctoral degree in education. He began teaching at Middlesex Elementary School where he met Martha Pearl Copenhaver, and they would marry in 1960. His intelligence and passion for teaching propelled his career through multiple schools and to the position of principal at Back River Elementary School. He was very involved in his volunteer contributions at the Baltimore Streetcar Museum and taking care of any cats in need in his neighborhood. His family and friends will fondly remember his enthusiasm for genealogy, his extensive knowledge of model trains, and his cheerful laugh.

He is survived by his wife, Martha; his children, Benjamin Bates, Lelia Broderick, and William Bates; three grandchildren, Megan Lok, Kenon Bates, and Karley Bates; as well as many cousins and friends.

A date for a memorial service has not yet been determined. (from the obituary published in the Baltimore Sun, August 14, 2020)

As a church family, we extend our sincere sympathy to Martha and her family. May God grant comfort, strength, and peace to all who mourn Ben's passing. Ben and Martha joined Salem Church on September 27, 1964. Please continue to reach out to Martha as well as hold them in prayer.

## 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

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

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 card received from Beth Moore addressed to the congregation:

*"You have a caring heart and a generous spirit. And I'm so grateful that my life has been touched by both."*

Dear Stacey and the Salem family,

There aren't enough words to express our thanks for the love, care, and generosity that you have shown our daughter, Alyson, over the years and now. The drive by of well wishes touched our hearts and Alyson's!

The long goodbye began in early March when she made the decision to take the California job. First it was how many months, then weeks, then days until she left. As she took us to the airport in California, I looked at the speedometer and saw that now there were only minutes left. We were all wiping tears.

I'm so grateful that she still has you for a few more weeks. She loves all of you – the special hearts that make up Salem. Stacey, thank you especially for enfolding her with your smile and arms.

To God be the glory!

Dick and Beth Moore

## **Re-Entry into the Sanctuary**

Our task force group and many volunteers 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. We rejoice to say that our sanctuary is open! Thanks be to God!

Sunday, August 30 will be the first Sunday for worship in the sanctuary. We will have our usual two services – 8:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. (please note the later time). In addition to the option for in-person attendance, you still will be able to participate in the 10:45 a.m. service through Zoom as well.

As you know, we have a reservation system in place as part of the necessary courtesies for this time. It is a different concept for us to think about reservations in terms of attending church. Perhaps it will help to think of it more in terms of a registration. We all have a responsibility to care for one another. We need everyone who is attending in person to consider their current health status before attending – this is similar to what you have to do before a doctor's appointment or visiting any place where others will be present.

Before noon on Friday of each week, we are asking you to please send an email to [salemrsvp1@gmail.com](mailto:salemrsvp1@gmail.com) in order to communicate your intention to attend worship in person. In your email, please include the following:

1. Your first and last name
2. Which service you would like to attend (8 am or 10:45 am)
3. How many people in your household will be attending
4. Your contact phone number
5. Your email address

You will receive an automated reply to your email which will contain a series of questions for you to ask yourself. Please review this information each week as it will change and be updated. Once you send your response, you will receive an email reply with confirmation. If you need to change your reservation, please let us know as soon as possible.

It is essential for us to be able to communicate directly with those planning to attend worship at church. We may have to inform you quickly of a change in the service or we may have to give you additional information. The reservation system is tied into our attendance tracking system which is critical for the church during the pandemic.

If you are unable to email, please call or text Jessica Rohe at 410-790-3143.

Please contact one of the task force members or send an email to [salemrsvp1@gmail.com](mailto:salemrsvp1@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

Thank you for your grace in understanding.

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

## **Trivia Time - Change of Day**

Beginning in September 3, Trivia Time will be every Thursday, from 11:30 to 12:30. 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. The Zoom link is

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83522269034>. By phone 1-301-715-3592/ ID 835 2226 9034

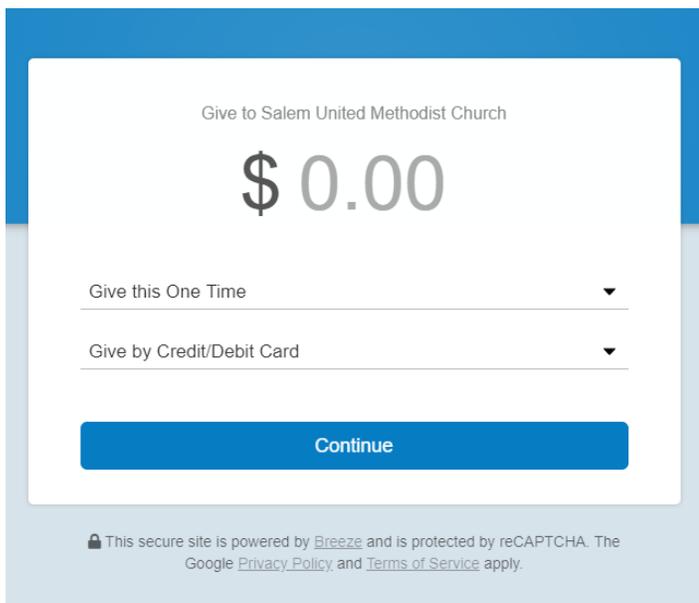
Any questions contact Judy Jones 410-615-9426

# YOUR STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Our ministry continues and the opportunities to serve our community and world are great. We invite your participation in supporting our church in ministry and mission as you are able financially. We are truly grateful for your faithful stewardship. In addition to mailing a check or giving in person, the Finance Committee has initiated online giving as an option for your weekly donations.

Here's how it works:

- Go to [www.salemunited.org](http://www.salemunited.org) & Click on the "Donate" button located on the menu bar
- Scroll down to the bright green  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](mailto:crohe51@gmail.com)). For technical questions or help with the online process, please contact Susan Walker ([susanwalker0604@comcast.net](mailto: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



# Our Calendar of Events

## September 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:

Sunday 8:00 AM  
Sunday 10:45 AM

Worship – Sanctuary only  
Worship – Sanctuary & Zoom  
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 7:00 PM  
(None Sept 7)

Bible Study with Pastor Stacey – The Book of Acts  
Zoom link - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86945193408>

Wednesday 7:00 PM

Vesper Service Outside – bring a lawn chair (weather permitting)

Thursday 11:30 AM  
(Note change from Wed)

Trivia Time with Judy Jones  
Zoom link - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83522269034>  
By Phone – 1-301-715-8592 / ID 835 2226 9034

### Other Activities:

September 14

Noah’s Ark begins classes! Classes are Monday, Wednesday and Friday – 9 am – 11:30 am

September 15-7:00 PM

Finance/Church Council Meeting (via Zoom)

September 17

Book Club - For additional information, please contact Su DeLeo

October 26-6:30 PM

Cluster Church Conference on Zoom