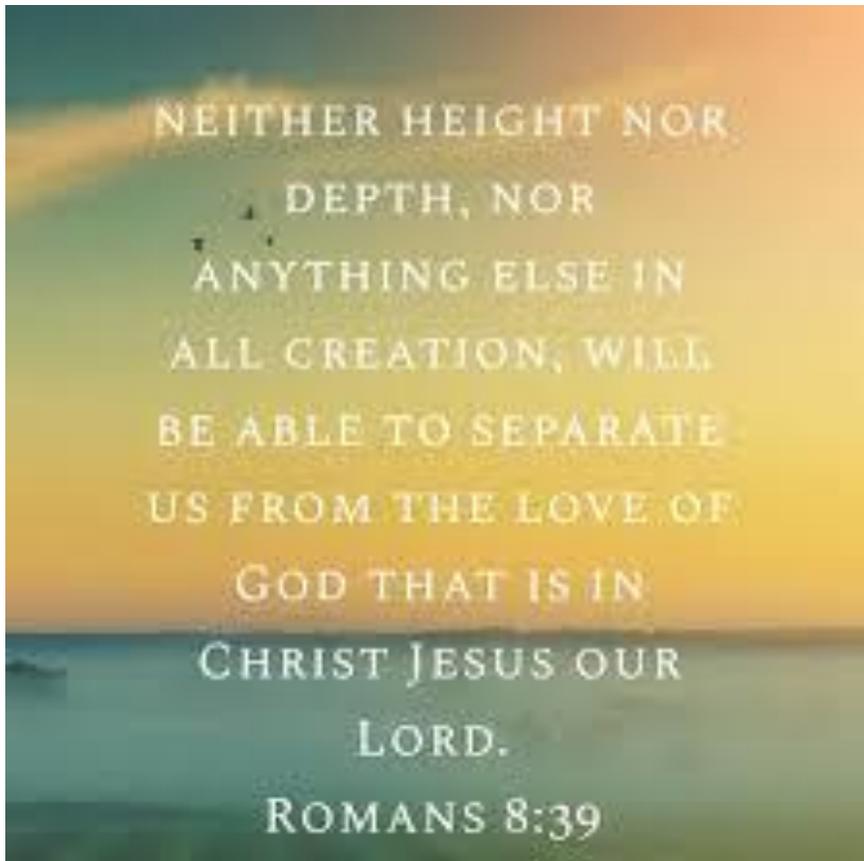


THE SPIRIT

Salem United Methodist Church

“Where You Matter”

February 2020



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

WORSHIP:

8:00 AM in Chapel
9:30 AM Sunday School
10:45 AM in Sanctuary
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9 AM-1PM

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Salem United Methodist Church,
Upper Falls, Maryland

“Come, follow me.” This is the call of Jesus Christ to his first disciples as recorded in the Gospels (see Matthew 4:18-22, for example). It is still the call of Jesus Christ to us and to others today.

I have been sharing a sermon series on the contemporary call of Jesus to us – “Following Jesus: A Disciple’s Report.” We will conclude the series on Sunday, February 23 and then we will prepare to enter the Season of Lent.

I invite you to join with us on Ash Wednesday, February 26 to mark the beginning of Lent. We will have a simple soup dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the hall and then worship at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. As part of our worship, you will have the opportunity to receive ashes as well as Holy Communion.

During Lent, we will gather for a simple soup dinner and Bible study for each of the Tuesdays of March: March 3, March 10, March 17, March 24, and March 31.

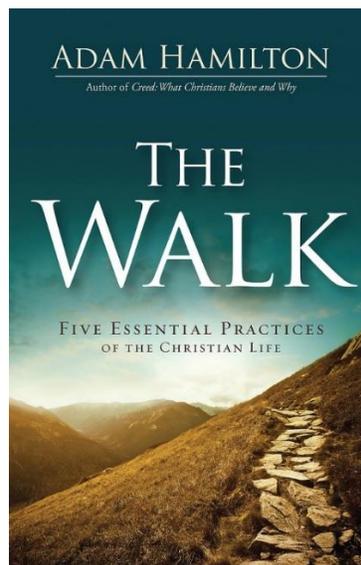
The book we will be using is The Walk: Five Essential Practices of The Christian Life by Adam Hamilton. Adam Hamilton is senior pastor of The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas. The books are available now in the office and the cost is \$14.00.

My friends, we want to follow in Jesus’ footsteps – but what exactly should that look like in everyday life? Pastor Hamilton highlights five essential practices modeled in Jesus Christ’s own walk with God and taught throughout the New Testament. Discover the transformational power of worship, study, serving, giving, and bearing witness to your faith. Each of these practices is a part of our daily walk with Christ and an essential part of growing together in the church.

I am looking forward to leading this study and growing in our faith together. Please let me know if you are interested.

God’s Blessings,

Pastor Stacey



A banner for "A DAY OF SERVICE" featuring the text in a bold, black, serif font. The text is centered and overlaid on a background of numerous colorful hands in various colors (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple) reaching upwards, symbolizing unity and service.

A DAY OF SERVICE

Our day of service was a huge success! We would like to thank everyone who took part in this event.

- We had over 70 volunteers and approximately 250 volunteer hours.
- We made 456 cookies that were delivered to Kingsville Fire Department, White Marsh County Police, Benson State Police Barracks and Baltimore City Fire Department (Mike Brown's Station)
- Two of our wonderful volunteers handed out \$415 at the Wash -n- Fold Laundry Mat in Edgewood, which made a huge impact on the people in that community.
- Another wonderful group of volunteers went to Joyous Living to sing with the residents living there. They sang everything from show tunes to oldies but goodies, "Oklahoma" and "You Are My Sunshine."
- Other volunteers assembled 75 blessing bags for persons who are homeless. The approximate cost of this project was \$250.00.
- 107 hygiene kits for UMCOR disaster relief. We spent about \$500.00 on the kits. If you would like to know details, please visit www.umcor.org for more information
- We made 98 toys for the animals at the Humane Society of Harford County. Please visit www.harfordshelter.org for more ideas on how you can volunteer to help or adopt your furever friend.
- We had volunteers at Jerusalem Mill stuffing envelopes and helping with the beautification of the area.
- Other volunteers went to Found in Faith Furniture Ministries to pick up furniture to be donated to people in need. This is the email we received from Evelyn McSorley, the Program Director with Found in Faith Ministries... "Just want to thank you for providing the wonderful volunteers on Monday, January 20th. I hear they were a great help and our regular volunteers really enjoyed working with them. Please pass on our sincere thanks for their hard work and pass on our info if they ever want to volunteer again. We can always use more hands to keep this volunteer ministry running. All the best and many blessing to the Salem UMC family." Would you like to volunteer? Or do you have furniture you would like to donate? Go to www.foundinfaithmd.org for more information.
- 100+ birthday cards were made for the youth of Board of Child Care (BCC)
- 115+ cards made for our military service persons.
- Volunteers went to New Hope shelter while others stayed back to make soup for the shelter to use as a future meal.

Circle the date on your 2021 calendars for our 2nd annual Day of Service on the third Monday of January.

Security at Salem!

Since the summer of 2015, there have been upwards of 15 church shootings at various houses of worship throughout the United States. The most recent attack took place in December 2019 at the West Freeway Church of Christ in Ft. Worth, Texas. Thanks to the heroic efforts and quick actions of a parishioner who was a member of West Freeway's Security Team, many lives were saved that day and the shooter was fatally wounded. Have you ever wondered, "Are we safe in Upper Falls, Maryland? Are we safe at Salem? Do we have measures in place to ensure our safety?" These are questions we should all be asking.

As members of our Salem family, we have many processes and procedures in place to ensure we provide the best protection we can to all of our members, and to those who visit our church throughout the week. In the summer of 2018, Pastor Jay and several members of our congregation formulated an internal Security Team who did a review of all existing policies, and then did a full assessment for what we can do to strengthen safety procedures already in place. Representatives of the Baltimore County Police Department met with our Security Team and did a complete walk-through and assessment of our buildings with great recommendations for enhanced safety measures. Meetings were held with our Noah's Ark Pre-School Director, as well as other key members within our church, to review procedures and, where needed, too strengthen current processes in the interest of everyone's safety with our pre-school staff and children, as well as our Sunday School staff and children. Those protocols are sound, effective, and are working! Additionally, in 2019, we installed a robust security camera system that captures 24-hour coverage of all critical areas inside and outside our church and offices. With the assistance of our Security Team, to include other active members of our church, key personnel are vigilant every Sunday for any type of suspicious activity or persons who may enter our facility for nefarious reasons. More important, our personnel are ready to respond, both appropriately and as needed.

It is important that we all keep vigilant and use common sense for any issues that may arise both within and outside our church. In many cases where problems have developed, it has usually resulted from personal family issues, domestic scenarios, or those suffering with mental illness. Please know we are always seeking feedback from all of our church members and are always thinking "outside of the box" for new ideas to further strengthen our security and to ensure the safety of all of our members. If you have new ideas, please share them. Finally, below are some general reminders we should all be doing whenever we are at Salem including:

- Stay alert for any suspicious activity, especially when entering and leaving the church.
- When at church for evening activities, particularly during the hours of darkness, use the buddy system and walk together when coming and going.
- Ensure your car is locked and that all valuables are secure and out-of-sight! (i.e., loose change, money, spare keys, cell phones, backpacks, computer bags, etc.)
- During nighttime hours, park in a well-lighted space and keep your cellphone and car keys handy.
- Consider carrying a small can of mace and have it ready *at all times*. It's inexpensive and effective!

CHURCH NEWS

Emergency Rotating Shelter – February 17-24

Salem will once again host the Emergency Rotating Shelter. We will need your help and prayer support. The signup board to volunteer is available in the Narthex. There are opportunities for all - day, evening or nights. Please consider how you can participate.

Joy & Bill Cogburn
Coordinators

We are in the process of converting the antique software we have used to track your faithful giving and mailing out quarterly/annual statements. The new software will allow your statements to be emailed, saving me a lot of time and saving Salem the cost of paper, ink, envelopes and postage. Please let me know if the email address in the new directory is not correct (or the best email for receiving giving statements) so that I can make sure the data is correct in the new software. If you still require statements sent via U.S. Postal Service, please let me know that as well (and make me aware of any address changes). You can reach me at kqsersen@hotmail.com or text 410-458-9063 or a legible detailed change in paper placed in the offering plate. Thank You! Karen Sersen, Financial Secretary



Tell your family, friends and neighbors: Noah's Ark is enrolling for the 2020-2021 school year!
Please call 410-592-2141 for more information.

Ongoing Opportunities

Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser

Every 2nd Monday of the month, 4 pm – 8 pm, Salem is participating in a new fundraiser at the Texas Roadhouse location in Fallston (Belair Rd, just south of Rt 152). The restaurant will give our church 10% of all sales from anyone who presents a flyer, either paper or on your phone. The flyers will be available at the back of the church each month. Don't want a piece of paper, take a picture with your phone and just show that! Please share flyers with your family and friends. This will be an ongoing fundraiser which helps support the ministries of the church. We're off to a great start - in December we raised \$65.00. Thanks!

Sapore de Mare Restaurant Fundraiser

The 4th Tuesday of every month Sapore de Mare will give our church 10% of all sales from anyone who mentions that they are from Salem United Methodist Church. Sapore de Mare is located at 504 Joppa Farm Rd, Joppa. Many members sit together for good food and great fellowship! We raised \$58 in December.

Men's Bible Study

Every Saturday at 7:30 am – 8:30 am the men meet for breakfast and Bible study in the fellowship hall. The study is led by Chris Rohe.

Wednesday Bible Study

Meeting every Wednesday from 10 am -11:30 am in the conference room at Salem House, Judy Jones leads the group.

In Loving Memory

Barbara Joan Sonberg

May 3, 1945 – January 6, 2020

Joined Salem Church September 10, 1972

Salem's Homebound Members

Marion Becker – Lorien Bel Air #330A, 1909 Emmorton Rd, Bel Air, MD 21015

Kay Butler – 8810 Walther Blvd, #1318. Baltimore, MD 21234

Verna Cooper – 9600 C Haven Farm Rd, Perry Hall, MD 21128

June Green – 6708 N River Dr, Baltimore, MD 21220

David Kauffman – 405 Mountain Rd, Fallston, MD 21047

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

Betty Zengel – 1617 Searles Rd, Baltimore, MD 21222

Bob Heacock – 1802 Sandee Ct, Edgewood, MD 21040

Pat O'Hara – 5625 Allender Rd, White Marsh, MD 21162

Judye Miller – P.O. Box 238, Upper Falls, MD 21156



Salem United Methodist Women

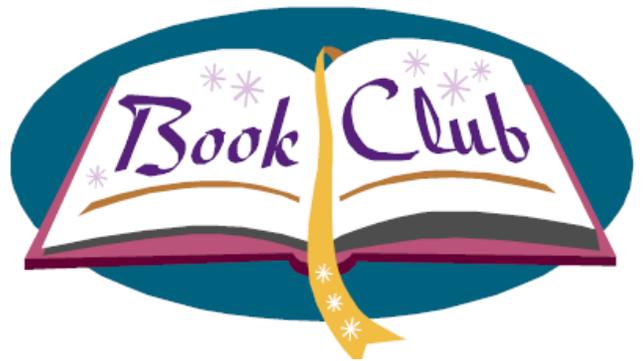
In December, 110 baby hats were delivered to the NICU in Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital and 110 hats were delivered to the NICU department Children's Hospital @ University of Maryland. Hats are always accepted. Please give them to Angela Spinner.

We are also currently accepting prayer shawls for Franklin Square Hospital.

Currently we are collecting snacks for the Board of Child Care youth. You may drop off your donations to the box in the Narthex. The snack theme is hot chocolate packets, marshmallows, fruit snacks, pudding cups, etc...



We have received information on the summer camping ministries at West River and Manidokan Camps. Contact Judy Jones if you are interested.



Salem Book Club continues on in to our 20th year! Over the years we have read a lot of good ones and one or two bad ones. This year our selections are based on genres that were selected at our fabulous Christmas party. Members who want to host a meeting reached into the Santa hat and each pulled out a genre (mystery, humor, spiritual, women, crime, best seller, etc.) We decided to choose our books this way this year as it allows us to read all different kinds of books that we might not normally select on our own. If you like to read, please consider joining the book club. Meetings are held every third Thursday of the month at 7pm. Please contact Susan DeLeo for information at sujoy1958@yahoo.com.

Graduate Recognition

Salem will be recognizing our graduates on Sunday, May 31st. In order for all of our graduates to be recognized, please let me know if you or a family member is graduating from high school, college, technical or trade school. Call or email the church office

(office@salemunited.org) with this information.

Thanks,
Judy Jones

HAM AND OYSTER DINNER

**Salem United Methodist Church
7901 Bradshaw Road
(between Rt. 7 and Belair Rd)
Saturday March 7, 2020
1pm until 6pm**

**ALLYOU CAN EAT!
served family style**

Menu

**ham, fried oysters,
German potato salad, green beans,
cole slaw, rolls, applesauce,
desserts and beverages**

Cost

**\$25 (eat in and carryout)
(\$5 ages 6-12)**

Tickets only available at the door

**Plus a
Bake Table!**

2020 Nominations Report

Finance Committee:

Christopher Rohe – Committee Chair
Carla Frisch – Treasurer
Karen Sersen – Financial Secretary
Rich Jones & Barbara Pumphrey – Committee Members
Scott Shelton – Church Council Chair
Jessica Rohe – SPRC Chair
Lauren Simpson – Lay Leader
Rev. Stacey Nickerson - Pastor

Lay Leadership Development:

Class of 2020 Judy Jones, Carol Kimball
Class of 2021 Mary Ellen Wehr, Sharon Aquaviva
Class of 2022 Ruth Burke, Mary List
Pastor Stacey Nickerson, Chairperson

SPRC/PPRC:

Class of 2020 – Michelle Brown, Dan Campbell
Class of 2021 – Bob Frisch, Doug DeLeo, Jessica Rohe (Chairperson)
Class of 2022 –Carolynn Faust, Ashley Carter
Lay Leader: Lauren Simpson
Pastor: Rev. Stacey Nickerson

Trustees:

Class of 2020 – Irene Mattheu, Henry Spinner
Class of 2021 – Jerry Sersen (President), Kevin Kully, Bruce List
Class of 2022 – Rob Ermer, Barbara Oxendine

Church Council:

Chairperson – Scott Shelton
Recording Secretary – Robin Wasmer
Lay Leader and Lay Member of Annual Conference – Lauren Simpson
Finance Chair – Christopher Rohe
Financial Secretary – Karen Sersen
Treasurer – Carla Frisch
SPRC Chair – Jessica Rohe
Trustee President – Jerry Sersen
Noah’s Ark Rep. – Tara Kully
Youth Ministry – Robin Iannucci
UMW – Amy Krebs and Sue Yurek
Family Ministries Coordinator – Judy Jones
Pastor – Rev. Stacey Nickerson
Members (at large) – Mary List; Bob Kimball

February

2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Men's Bible Study 9a.m.-12noon Sewing Samaritans 9a.m.-12noon
2 Worship 8a.m. & 10:45a.m. Communion Sunday Sunday School 9:30a.m.	3 Aerobics 9a.m.-10a.m. Caregivers Support Group- 7p.m.-Office	4 Sewing Samaritans 6p.m.-9p.m.	5 Aerobics 9a.m.-10a.m. Bible Study-10a.m.-Office Choir 7p.m.-8:30p.m.	6	7 Aerobics 9a.m.-10a.m. Youth Rock Retreat in Ocean City, MD	8 Men's Bible Study 7:30a.m.-8:30a.m. Rock Retreat
9 Worship 8a.m. & 10:45a.m. Rock Retreat Sunday School 9:30a.m.	10 Aerobics 9a.m.-10a.m. Boy Scouts 6:15p.m.-7:45p.m.-4 th &5 th Grade Rooms	11	12 Aerobics 9a.m.-10a.m. Bible Study 10a.m.-Office No Choir	13	14 Aerobics 9a.m.-10a.m. Valentine's Day	15 Men's Bible Study 7:30a.m.-8:30a.m.
16 Worship 8a.m. & 10:45a.m. Sunday School 9:30a.m. Confirmation Class 6p.m.	17 ERS Noah's Ark Closed	18 ERS Finance Meeting 7p.m. Council Meeting 7:30p.m.	19 ERS Bible Study 10a.m.-Office Choir 7p.m.-8:30p.m. ERS	20 ERS Book Club 7p.m.	21 ERS Women Moving On- Sunshine Grill-11:30a.m.	22 Men's Bible Study 7:30a.m.-8:30a.m. ERS
23 Worship 8a.m. & 10:45a.m. Sunday School 9:30a.m. ERS	24 ERS Aerobics 9a.m.-10a.m. Boy Scouts 6:15p.m.-7:45p.m.-4 th & 5 th Grade Rooms	25	26 Aerobics 9a.m.-10a.m. Bible Study 10a.m.-Office Soup Dinner 6p.m. Ash Wednesday 7p.m. Service	27	28 Aerobics 9a.m.-10a.m.	29 Men's Bible Study 7:30a.m.-8:30a.m. Sewing Samaritans 9a.m.-12noon