

Salem United Methodist Church

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Sept
2024



We are called to be active in God's blessing of the world!

The Spirit



Join us >>>

Sunday Services

8:00 a.m. in the Chapel

10:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary

- 10:45 a.m. service is
livestreamed at
salemunited.org/livestream
- Summer worship: 2nd
service is at 10:00 a.m. in
person & online from
Father's Day to Labor Day

Wednesday Evening Outdoor
Vespers

- 6:30 p.m., weather
permitting



Why Do Many Churches Have Red Doors?

The tradition of red doors dates back centuries. There are several meanings associated with red doors.

Red symbolizes the sacrificial blood of Christ that saves those who come to him. Red is also a reminder of the Passover and a sign of the Holy Spirit. Church doors began to be painted red as a way of remembering the ultimate sacrifice that others had made for their faith.

The red doors of churches traditionally signaled a place of sanctuary, refuge, and safety. Those in need would not be captured or harmed inside the holy walls of the church, which offered physical and spiritual protection.

Some believe that the doors of the Wittenberg Cathedral, where Martin Luther posted his 95 theses, were red. Red doors on Protestant churches indicate their roots in the Reformation.

Whatever the meaning, many churches today are recognized by their distinctive red doors.

*Article courtesy of Ask the UMC, a ministry of the United Methodist Church:
<https://www.umc.org/en/content/why-do-so-many-churches-have-red-doors-doors?> (published February 25, 2014)*

Pastor's Message >>>

This is back to school time for many, and back to a “non-summer routine” for Salem. Please take note of changes in our church schedule, and read the September calendar carefully. We are excited for the return of more opportunities for study, service, and spiritual growth now that traditional vacation time is coming to a close.

I want to update you on my work routine. As you know, I have been focusing on my healing from my jaw surgery in February. Currently I am healing from a small, follow-up surgical procedure on August 21. My main focus is spending time/energy on physical therapy (twice a week in person and daily work on my own). Thank God, my healing is going well! I appreciate your prayer support, and ask that you continue to keep me in prayer. I am ready now to add two things back to my weekly schedule.

1. **Vespers** will return on September 4 at 6:30 p.m. I am grateful for having had the break but I am happy to get back to weekly Vespers. We will meet outside, weather permitting. Be sure and check our social media in the case of impending inclement weather. If you have never tried Vespers, consider joining us on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the parking lot. Please bring a chair. We join together in prayer and reflection on a scripture reading while enjoying the blessing of God's creation. Our prayer/reflection time usually lasts about twenty minutes; there is time afterward for fellowship and sharing. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with God and with one another. We are grateful for this informal time of prayer in the beauty of nature.
2. **Pastor's Bible Study:** “Journey Through The Psalms” - I will be teaching a ten week study this fall on the Book of Psalms. This will follow-up on my summer sermon series based on Psalms. We will meet on Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. for an hour (or a little more) beginning on September 16. You have two options to participate: in person in the Salem House or on Zoom (online – use the link on the website under Community – Bible Study: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86945193408>). Please let me know if you would like to participate. I will be asking you to do reading from the Bible only; there is no additional book necessary for our study.

In terms of my work schedule, I am working from both my church office and my home office. I plan to continue with fall aerobics as I am able on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings. In addition I am committed to my physical therapy for the foreseeable future. My schedule varies, so please contact me ahead of time if you want to meet with me in person.

At this time of year, we are prayerfully and purposefully preparing for our annual **Church Conference** on Tuesday, October 10 at 6:00 p.m. Everyone who is a part of Salem United Methodist Church is invited to participate. Salem will be joining with two neighboring congregations (Camp Chapel UMC and Clark's UMC) by Zoom for a cluster Church Conference. Salem likes to gather in person as a group in the Salem House; we invite you to join us! If you want to join online individually and not at church, please let me know so I can get you the Zoom information.

Here is our worship plan for September:

September 1 – Holy Communion; “Keep Calm and Faith On: Those Who Do” based on James 1:17-27

*September 8 – Rally Day; “Keep Calm and Faith On: Jeremiah” based on Jeremiah 1:1-10
(*worship at 8:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.; new Sunday School year kicks off)

September 15 – “Keep Calm and Faith On: Anna” based on Luke 2:36-38

September 22 – “Keep Calm and Faith On: Matthew” based on Mark 2:13-17

September 29 – “Keep Calm and Faith On: The giving widow” based on Luke 21:1-4

I encourage you to read the scripture lessons for each week.

In thanks and praise of our amazing God -

Stacey

Wednesday Morning Bible Study >>>

The Wednesday morning Bible study will resume on September 11th at 10:00 a.m. in the church parlor. All are invited to join us as we begin a new video series by Kathie Lee Gifford and Rabbi Jason Sobel entitled, "The God of the How and When," which tells the stories of Abraham, Sarah, Moses, Joshua, and Mary, the mother of Jesus, who wondered how and when God would come through for them. Questions? Contact Judy Jones.

Fundraising >>>

From Lauren Simpson: Fundraisers greatly supplement our church budget. I'm asking everyone to help us spread the word about all of our fundraisers to help get more people through the door. This would be a huge help! Thank you! Please join us Saturday, September 7th from 8:00-10:30 am for our Breakfast Bash. Cost and menu items are in a graphic further in the newsletter. We will also be having our annual mum sale (details below), and in November, will be trying our hand at a chocolate tasting festival. Many helpers will be needed to pull this event off – bakers, candy makers of everything chocolate and people manning the tables during the event on November 16th. This event will need much publicity, so please tell all your family and friends! A planning meeting will be called soon.



HARDY MUM FLOWER SALE

From Lauren Simpson: It's time for our annual mum sale! In addition to multiple colors of mums in either 9 inch pots, 10 inch hanging baskets, or 12 inch terracotta pots, 8 inch ornamental cabbage/kale plants will be available, as well as your choice of 4 ½ inch pots (pack of 10) or a flat (8 pack of 4 plants) of pansies! Please fill out the order form (found in the narthex, online, and at the end of this newsletter), and submit it with payment by Monday, September 16. Flower pickup will be the following Sunday, September 29th, from 9:00 am – 12:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.



United
Women
in Faith

The Sewing Samaritans are gearing up for fall with another sewing date! Mark your calendar for September 17th from 6:00 – 9:00 pm. To make more sizes of lapquilts available for different uses, the Samaritans are requesting all quilts be between 32"x38" and 36"x40". They should be no smaller than 30"x30" or larger than 40"x40". This will allow the quilts to be used not only on wheelchairs, but on other standard furniture as well.

Did you miss getting one of the beautiful winter ornaments we sold last year? If so, you're in luck! Winter ornaments will be back, and we will announce the designs this fall. The ornaments will be an easy project to complete with either easy sewing or no sewing at all!

The UWF 2025 Reading Program is now available at <https://uwfaith.org/resources/reading-program/> The program "is a cherished tradition that brings together members to explore, share, and discuss books. (uwfaith.org)"

Thank You! >>>



From TEAMEffort Missions to Salem: TEAMEffort would like to thank your church for sending your youth to serve with us on a mission trip. They were hard workers and a great representation of your church body through detailed painting, constructing walkways and railings, as well as tagging and hanging clothing. We were so proud of them and we know you are too! In Altoona, lives have been changed because of the service from your youth. It was a joy to watch each of them grow relationally and spiritually throughout the week. The TEAMEffort staff thanks you for supporting your youth group. We enjoyed serving alongside them!

From TEAMEffort to our mission trip attendees: Camp was absolutely awesome with you all! Thank you for coming to serve! You put a ton of hard work into the mission sites! You all did a great job painting and building a walkway at Mr. Rick's and a great job with building a railing for Ms. Cindy. You also got to help the community at the thrift store! I know your impact will last beyond your week of camp. Thanks for trying out Pit Stop with me! As a staff we are thankful that you chose to give up a week of your summer to make a difference in the life of someone else! We enjoyed serving with you! (Erika)

From Judy Jones: I would like to thank you all for the thoughts, prayers, cards, food and visits following my recent recuperation from surgery. There's not a day that goes by that I don't thank God for blessing me with such a kind and caring church family. May God bless you all!



From Ronald McDonald House Charities Maryland: Thank you so much for donating tabs to RMHC Maryland! Every single tab will be recycled and we will use the money that we receive to keep our shuttles filled with gas. Our children love riding to their appointments in our brightly colored shuttles and their parents love the convenience of 'in-house' transportation. Thank you so much for helping us keep our shuttles moving through the busy Baltimore streets! (Also, a special thank you to Mark and Cindy Carter for delivering the tabs!)

From Darren List: Thank you guys for the bag of goodies. It's been an honor growing up in this church and a privilege to meet everyone inside. Thank you again.

From Angie Uhlhorn: Thank you so much for the gift! It means so much to me knowing I have your support!

2ND SERVICE MOVES TO
10:45 AM
SEPTEMBER 8TH



FAITH SHOWS THE
REALITY OF WHAT
WE HOPE FOR: IT
IS THE EVIDENCE
OF THINGS WE
CANNOT
SEE.

HEBREWS 11:1, NLT

IT'S TIME FOR THE SALEM UMC

BREAKFAST BASH!

SATURDAY, SEPT 7
8:00 - 10:30 AM

ALL YOU
CAN EAT!

ALL NEW MENU!

- PANCAKES (PUMPKIN & PLAIN)
- SAUSAGE GRAVY & BISCUITS/TATER TOTS
- EGGS
- SAUSAGE
- FRESH FRUIT
- BAKED APPLE FRITTERS

ADULTS: \$10
KIDS 6 & UNDER: \$5

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Young Adult Group >>>

The Young Adults Group will resume their regular, 3rd-Sunday-of-the-month meetings on September 15th at 9:30 am in the young adults room. The theme for this year is "Wisdom for Young Leaders." Pastries will be provided at each meeting. High school graduates, college students, and all other young adults are welcome! Questions? Contact John Sivey.



Rally Day >>>

September 8th marks the start of our Sunday School year. We'd like to thank the following teachers for leading classes this year:

- Nursery: Debbie Mattheu
- Elementary Aged Class; meets in the Junior Church room across from the chapel
 - Tammy Mikkonen and Rose Martin (1st Sunday of each month)
 - Tammy Mikkonen and Carolyn Hall (2nd Sunday of each month)
 - Jean Mattheu and Joanne Sonberg (3rd and 5th Sunday of each month)
 - Mike Brown and June Dahlstrom (4th Sunday of each month)
- Middle/High School; meets in the Mid/High School room across from the chapel
 - Judy Jones and Bob Kimball
- Adult Class; meets in the Parlor
 - Barb Oxendine

All are welcome! Classes meet weekly at 9:30 a.m. Hope to see you there!



Trunk or Treat >>>

It's not too early to start planning! We will be having our annual Trunk or Treat for the community on Saturday, October 26th from 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. (note the new time!) Please consider having a trunk at the event – you can decorate your car, come in costume, or just have treats available. If you're interested in having a trunk at the event, please contact Tara at salemunitedupperfalls@gmail.com.



SAVE THE DATE!

RESTAURANT DAY AT DESANTIS' PIZZA GRILL & BAR

**ALL DAY, ALL PURCHASES! NO FLYER NECESSARY.
SALEM RECEIVES 10% OF ALL PURCHASES.
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15TH**

NORTHVIEW SHOPPING CTR. - 9638 BELAIR ROAD

Outdoor Vespers

WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30PM
BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 4TH



July School Supply Drive >>>

Thanks to the generosity of our congregation, Salem was able to deliver recently over 700 items for use by the students of Magnolia Middle School in Joppa. Additionally, we were able to provide them with a donation of \$532.50 to use to support the students' needs! Please keep Magnolia Middle in your prayers, especially as they welcome a new principal this year.

Blessing of the Animals



Two opportunities!

- Wed. Oct. 2nd, 6:30pm
- Sun. Oct 6th, 9:15am

Please be sure to have your pet leashed or in a carrier.





Upcoming Events at Salem UMC

For details, visit saalemunited.org

September 2024

7th: Breakfast Bash, 8:00-10:30am
16th: Mum Sale prepaid orders due to Salem
29th: Mum Sale pickup

October 2024

2nd: Blessing of the Animals, 6:30pm
26th: Trunk or Treat, 3:00-4:30pm

November 2024

8th: Paint Night, 6:30pm
16th: Chocolate Tasting, 10:00am-1:00pm

December 2024

7th: Breakfast with Santa, 8:00-10:30am

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*Monday, Wednesday,
and Friday
9am – Noon
Other hours by
appointment*

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Members Corner >>>

Please remember our members who are unable to join us with a phone call or card.

Rocky Ails – Lake Wylie Assisted Living, 4877 Charlotte Hwy,
Apartment 334, Lake Wylie, SC 29710

Betty Knight – 8830 Walther Blvd, Garden Terrace #308,
Baltimore, MD 21234

Myrna Martin – 8100 Rossville Blvd, Brightview Room 207,
Baltimore, MD 21236

Bill Packer – c/o Dr. Debbie Packer, 4172 Knollcrest Circle N.,
Augusta, GA 30907

Alice Stewart c/o Paul Stewart – 217 Garnett Rd, Joppa, MD
21085

Rowlan Stumpf – Forest Hill Heights, 1 Colgate Drive Room 415,
Forest Hill, MD 21050

Betty Zengel – 8100 Rossville Blvd., Brightview Room 308,
Baltimore, MD 21236

Please continue to hold Joey Nuetzel in prayer as he recovers from his January car accident. You may send him cards to 5730 Allender Road, White Marsh, MD 21162



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8&10:00am Services	2 LABOR DAY	3	4 9am Aerobics (Hall) 6:30pm Vespers	5	6 9am Aerobics (Hall)	7 8 – 10:30 am Breakfast Bash (Hall)
8 Second Service Time Change 8&10:45am Services 9:30am Sunday School (all ages) 10am Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)	9 9am Aerobics (Hall) 7:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Parlor)	10	11 10am Morning Bible Study (Parlor) 6:30pm Vespers	12	13 9am Aerobics (Hall)	14
15 8&10:45am Services 9:30am Sunday School (all ages) 9:30am Young Adult Group (Young Adult Room) 10am Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)	16 Mum Sale prepaid orders due 9am Aerobics (Hall) 7pm Pastor's Bible Study (Office & Zoom) 7:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Parlor)	17 6-9pm Sewing Samaritans (Sewing Room)	18 9am Aerobics (Hall) 10am Morning Bible Study (Parlor) 1pm Book Club (call office) 6:30pm Vespers	19	20 9am Aerobics (Hall) 11:30am Women Moving On Lunch (call office)	21
22 8&10:45 am Services 9:30am Sunday School (all ages) 10am Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)	23 9am Aerobics (Hall) 7pm Pastor's Bible Study (Office & Zoom) 7:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Parlor)	24	25 9am Aerobics (Hall) 10am Morning Bible Study (Parlor) 6:30pm Vespers 7pm Church Council Meeting (Salem Room)	26	27 9am Aerobics (Hall)	28
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HARDY MUM FLOWER SALE



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All orders must be prepaid and received by September 16, 2024. Order forms may be placed in the offering plate, dropped off in the office, or mailed to the office at Salem United Methodist Church, PO Box 192, Upper Falls, MD 21156. Flowers may be picked up at Salem on Sunday, September 29, 2024 between 9:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Please contact salemunitedupperfalls@gmail.com or the office (410-592-2543) with any questions.

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Size	Color	Number Ordered	Price	Total
9 in. pot				
Mums	Orange/Bronze		\$7.00	
	Purple/Pink		\$7.00	
	Red		\$7.00	
	Yellow		\$7.00	
	White		\$7.00	
10 in. hanging basket				
Mums	Orange/Bronze		\$11.00	
	Purple/Pink		\$11.00	
	Red		\$11.00	
	Yellow		\$11.00	
	White		\$11.00	
12 in. terracotta pot				
Mums	Orange/Bronze		\$15.00	
	Purple/Pink		\$15.00	
	Red		\$15.00	
	Yellow		\$15.00	
	White		\$15.00	
8 in. Ornamental Cabbage				
	Purple		\$5.00	
	White		\$5.00	
Pansies				
	4 ½ in. pot (pk 10)		\$15.00	
	Flat (8 pk of 4 plants)		\$16.00	
			Total	

Please note: There will be no substitutions for flower color. Since substitutions are not allowed, the item would be removed from your order.