

## Salem United Methodist Church

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Summer  
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

10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

- 10:00 a.m. service is livestreamed at [salemunited.org/livestream](http://salemunited.org/livestream)
- Regular worship: 2<sup>nd</sup> service is at 10:45 a.m. in person & online from the second Sunday in September through the second Sunday in June.

Wednesday Evening Outdoor  
Vespers

- Vespers will resume September 4, 2024

## What is the meaning of "Amen"?

The word "amen" has ancient Semitic roots and is used in many languages and religions in the greater Middle East. The spread of Christianity and Islam, which both started in that region, expanded the use of the term worldwide.

"Amen" is spoken as a response to a prayer or blessing as a sign of affirmation, agreement and hope for fulfillment. The Hebrew words for "true," "trustworthy" and "faithful" share ancient-Semitic roots with "amen." Those praying respond "amen," adding their affirmation and, in effect, saying, "Let this be true," "We believe this is a trustworthy/truthful assertion or request" or "So be it."

"Amen" is used this way throughout the Bible. "Amen and Amen" marks the end of several collections of Psalms within the Book of Psalms (Psalm 41:14, 72:19, 89:52). Paul often ends his epistles with "amen." In Revelation, Jesus is called "the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God's creation" (Revelation 3:14). And throughout history, Christians have responded to statements in sermons or testimonies, or upon receiving the elements of communion, with "amen."

The word "amen" may also precede a statement as a means of emphasizing and calling attention to a declaration of truth. Jesus' words "Verily, verily" or "truly, I say to you" in the Gospels — written in Greek as AMHN, AMHN (pronounced Ah-meen, Ah-meen) — indicate to the listeners that what follows is true and the one making the statement has authority to make that claim.



Article courtesy of "Ask the UMC," <https://www.umc.org/en/content/ask-the-umc-what-is-the-meaning-of-the-word-amen>

# ***From Pastor Stacey >>>***

## Summer Worship

Below is an outline of our worship plans for the summer. I will be continuing our focus on the Psalms and then move into a reprise of our "Keep Calm and Faith On" series. For that series, we will once again be looking at some Biblical characters and the witness of their faith to persevere. Please remember that our worship times are 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. until after Labor Day. On September 8 we will resume Sunday School for the new school year and the worship times will be 8:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

- July 7 "Always Just" – Psalm 111; Key Verse: "Righteousness and justice are the foundation of God's throne." Psalm 89:14
- July 14 "Always Faithful" – Psalm 119:89-195; Key Verse: "Your faithfulness endures to all generations."
- July 21 Youth Mission Team Sharing
- July 28 "Always" – Psalm 71; Key Verse: "Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God."
- August 4 – Jerry Sersen, lay speaker; Psalm 91 (no Holy Communion)
- August 11 – Rev. Melissa McDade preaching; Holy Communion (\*please note change in typical Communion schedule)
- August 18 Begin new sermon series, "Keep Calm and Faith On"
- August 25 Back to School Blessing included in both worship services
- September 1 Holy Communion
- September 8 Rally Day – Sunday School kicks off for new school year; Worship at 8 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

## Confirmation Activities

Thank you to our youth and their families for expressing their interest in Confirmation Class this year. Please look for an email/text from me concerning our plans for this summer. I am looking forward to working with you all. If you haven't spoken with me yet, please feel free to contact me to express your interest.

## Vespers

Many of us have benefited from and enjoyed our Outdoor Vespers on Wednesday evening. We began meeting in July 2020 during the height of the pandemic and have been meeting regularly ever since that time. After prayerful consideration and conversations, we have decided to suspend Vespers for July and August. The biggest reason is for me to have a break to rest from speaking and focus on my physical therapy and healing. I appreciate your understanding and support.

It has been almost five months since my surgery (replacement of my temporomandibular joints) and I am working hard on continued recovery and healing. I am grateful for the healing blessings God is providing on this long journey, which includes our church family.

I look forward to resuming regular Vespers on Wednesday, September 4! In the meantime, I encourage you to be intentional about pausing for prayer wherever you are at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. If you can, go outside and give thanks to God for the wonders of creation!

My prayers for a wonderful summer for you and your families. May God bless us with relaxation, fun, and renewal so we will be re-energized for fall!

Blessings,

Stacey



## DINNER & DESSERT!

A FUNDRAISER FOR SALEM UMC  
AT THE PRIGEL FAMILY CREAMERY  
THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2024  
5:00-8:00PM



Must present paper or digital flyer at purchase for Salem to receive credit.  
Flyers available in narthex or on our website.

## Financial Secretary Notes >>>

From Karen Sersen: Second quarter giving statements will be emailed on July 11, 2024. If the statement does not arrive in your inbox, please check your junk and/or spam folders. If you have any questions or would like personalized giving envelopes, please contact me at [kqsersen@hotmail.com](mailto:kqsersen@hotmail.com)

## Regular Worship Schedule >>>

Beginning September 8, 2024, our second service will meet at 10:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary and online at [salemunited.org](http://salemunited.org).

## Can You Hear Me Now? >>>

From Mark Carter: Salem has recently purchased new hearing enhancement devices that will be located in the Narthex as you come into the back of the sanctuary. The devices will be in a basket on the table by the bulletins. We have two types of devices to choose from, and both are easy to operate. The only difference between the devices is the hearing pods – one device has one pod, while the other has two. Just turn them on and adjust the volume (a dial on one device, a +/- key on the other) to your preferred level. All devices are working now; however, if you cannot get any device to work, please let one of our Ushers or Tech Team members know. If you need assistance with operating any of the devices, please do not hesitate to ask.



## PAINT NIGHT

Friday, July 26  
6:30pm  
\$30 per person  
Signup in Narthex



## Vespers

WILL NOT MEET IN  
JULY OR AUGUST



# School Supplies Needed!

## FOR MAGNOLIA MIDDLE SCHOOL

DURING THE MONTH OF JULY, WE'RE COLLECTING THE FOLLOWING:

- COLORED PENCILS
- 2-POCKET FOLDERS
- WIDE RULED PAPER
- SPIRAL OR COMPOSITION NOTEBOOKS
- #2 PENCILS
- CLEAR OR MESH BACKPACKS
- REUSABLE PLASTIC WATER BOTTLES



QUESTIONS?  
CONTACT SALLY WAGNER



### Shrimp Boil Dinner >>>

It's that time again! The delicious dinner known as the Shrimp Boil will be held on Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. Seatings are available every half hour. Your prepaid RSVP is due August 19<sup>th</sup> – be sure to indicate what time you would like to be seated or if you would prefer carry-out. A registration form is available at the end of the newsletter, or you can pay and make your reservation online at [salemunited.org/shrimpboil](http://salemunited.org/shrimpboil).

**Blessing of the Backpacks**

**AUGUST 25TH, BOTH SERVICES**

For anyone going to school this fall - students of all ages and teachers alike! Bring your backpack to either service for a special blessing.

We will have a special back to school activity for our children during Children's Church that day!



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← **Young Adults Group** →

## PIZZA & GAME NIGHT



Saturday, July 27th - 6:00 pm  
at John Sivey's House (call office for details)  
Food, drinks, and games provided. Guests are welcome!

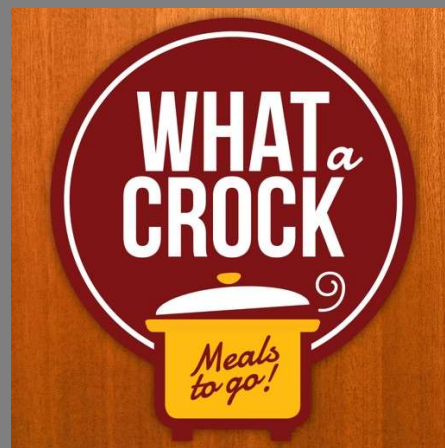
**Thank you! >>>**

**From Manna House:** Please accept the grateful thanks of all at Manna House, Inc. for your generous gift. The mission of Manna House is to offer assistance and support to the homeless, poor, and needy of Baltimore with services contributing toward their independence. One of the many services Manna House offers is a hot breakfast every weekday and holiday all year long. At a cost of \$2.50 per breakfast, your gift will provide many hot meals to the poor and homeless men, women and children that come to us looking for food. Your help will go a long way in assisting us to continue the work that we do for the poorest among us. If you are ever in the area, I invite you to drop in to see your generosity at work. Best regards, Antonio Coffield, Executive Director



The UWF invite you to participate in nominations for the Salem Matriarch Pin. This pin is awarded by the Salem United Women in Faith to honor women who have shown faith, service, and love. You may nominate a woman in our congregation who has exemplified these qualities and has helped to establish a foundation for those who follow them. A nomination form can be found at the end of the newsletter and also available in the narthex. All nominations are due and due by July 22. Please see Amy Krebs, Sue Yurek, or Sharon Marquette with questions.

The UWF is launching a new fundraiser this summer. We're proud to present a program to help make your day-to-day cooking easier! We're partnering with "What a Crock" – where you can buy pre-made meals that you simply put into your crock pot in the morning and have a delicious dinner ready for that night! All orders are shipped directly to you (frozen and packed in dry ice), and the UWF receives 20% of the proceeds from your order! With dinners ranging from chicken pot pie stew to beef burgundy, there's sure to be something you will enjoy. The menu changes often as well! Sides, soups, desserts and dips are available, as well as vegetarian and vegan options. Spicy dishes and meals without gluten ingredients are clearly marked. Meals are sold by portion size so you can tailor your order to your specific needs. To place an order, please go to <https://whatacrockfundraising.com> and be sure to choose "Salem Church" as the organization you want to support.



The Sewing Samaritans are happy to report ten fidget mats were sent to Citizens Care in Havre de Grace in May. There's still more to do - the sewing room will be buzzing to work on fidget mats and lapquilts in July and August!

We have four sewing dates in this summer: Thursday, July 18 from 6-9 pm; Saturday, July 20 from 9 am – 12 pm; Monday, August 12 from 6-9 pm; Saturday, August 17 from 9 am – 12 pm.



## Help Wanted! >>>

We are in need of adults to serve as Junior Church leaders! If you are able to serve during the 10:00am (summer) or 10:45am (traditional time) services for any number of Sundays, please let Pastor Stacey or Judy Jones know.

Sunday School leaders are also needed to serve once a month, beginning in September. Again, if you can help, please contact Pastor Stacey or Judy.



## Contact Us!

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

### **PASTOR:**

Rev. Dr. Stacey Nickerson  
pastor@salemunited.org  
Cell: (410) 627-1944

### **FAMILY MINISTRIES COORDINATOR:**

Judy Jones  
Judyjones149@gmail.com

### **COMMUNICATIONS & SOCIAL MEDIA**

#### **MANAGER:**

Tara Kully  
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### **DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:**

Katy Stevens  
katysmusicstudio@  
gmail.com



**MARK YOUR  
CALENDARS!**

**BREAKFAST  
BASH**

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

## 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



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9am Aerobics (Hall) 7:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Parlor)	2	3 9am Aerobics (Hall)	4	5 <b>NO AEROBICS OFFICE CLOSED</b>	6
7 8&10am Services	8 9am Aerobics (Hall) 7:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Parlor)	9	10 9am Aerobics (Hall)	11	12 9am Aerobics (Hall)	13
14 8&10am Services	15 9am Aerobics (Hall) 7:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Parlor)	16	17 9am Aerobics (Hall) 1pm Book Club (call office)	18 6-9pm Sewing Samaritans (Sewing Room)	19 9am Aerobics (Hall) 11:30am Women Moving On Luncheon (call office)	20 9am – noon Sewing Samaritans (Sewing Room)
21 8&10am Services	22 9am Aerobics (Hall) 7:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Parlor) <i>UWF Salem Matriarch Nominations Due</i>	23	24 9am Aerobics (Hall)	25 5-8pm Dinner & Dessert Fundraiser at Prigel Family Creamery	26 9am Aerobics (Hall) 6:30pm Paint Night (Fellowship Hall)	27 6pm Young Adult Group Pizza and Game Night (call office)
28 8&10am Services	29 9am Aerobics (Hall) 7:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Parlor)	30	31 9am Aerobics (Hall) 7pm Church Council Meeting (Salem Room)	8:00am & 10:00am services are in-person. 10:00am service live stream: <a href="https://salemunited.org/livestream">salemunited.org/livestream</a> <b>WORSHIP SCHEDULE NOTE:</b> Worship will be at 8:00 and 10:45 am from the second Sunday of September through the second Sunday of June. It is at 8:00 and 10:00 am starting Father's Day and continuing through Labor Day weekend. Second service is livestreamed at the link above.		



**SALEM**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# August

## 2024

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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
8&10am Services	7:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Parlor)					
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
8&10am Services <b>*Communion Sunday</b>	6-9pm Sewing Samaritans (Sewing Room) 7:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Parlor)			6-9pm Sewing Samaritans (Sewing Room)	11:30am Women Moving On Luncheon (call office)	9am – noon Sewing Samaritans (Sewing Room)
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
8&10am Services	7:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Parlor) <i>Prepaid Reservations for Shrimp Boil Due</i>	7pm Finance Committee Meeting (Salem Room)	1:00 pm Book Club (call office)			4-6:30pm Shrimp Boil (Fellowship Hall)
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
<b>Blessing of the Backpacks</b> 8&10am Services	7:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Parlor)					





# DINNER & DESSERT!



A FUNDRAISER FOR SALEM UMC  
AT THE PRIGEL FAMILY CREAMERY  
THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2024  
5:00-8:00PM

PRIGEL FAMILY CREAMERY IS HAPPY TO DONATE 20% OF ALL SALES (FOOD, ICE CREAM, GROCERIES, ETC.) FROM 5-8PM ON JULY 25, 2024 TO SALEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. FLYER MUST BE PRESENTED (PAPER OR DIGITAL) FOR SALEM TO RECEIVE CREDIT. MUST PRESENT A FLYER FOR EACH PURCHASE.

\*Flyers not allowed to be distributed on Prigel property. Photos courtesy of [prigelfamilycreamery.com](http://prigelfamilycreamery.com)

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4852 Long Green Road  
Glen Arm, MD 21057  
[prigelfamilycreamery.com](http://prigelfamilycreamery.com)

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# Low Country Shrimp Boil



It's time again for good food & fellowship! Come have both at Salem United Methodist Church's Shrimp Boil!

**Saturday, August 24, 2024**

**Salem UMC, 7901 Bradshaw Road, Upper Falls, MD 21156**

**4:00 – 6:30pm**

**\$28 per person (pre-paid only by 8/19)**

**Indoor dining and carry-out available!**

Treat yourself to a delicious low country style shrimp boil! With shrimp, smoked sausage, corn, potatoes, and onions, this meal is sure to satisfy your taste buds! Choose your time slot, make your reservation, and join us!

Please note all meals ***must*** be prepaid by August 19<sup>th</sup>. Orders may be mailed to the Salem office (must arrive by August 19<sup>th</sup>), or via our website ([salemunited.org/shrimiboil](http://salemunited.org/shrimiboil)). Mail checks payable to Salem UMC with "shrimp boil" noted on the memo line to: Salem United Methodist Church, PO Box 192, Upper Falls, MD 21156.

Please contact the office with any questions: (410) 592-2543 or [salemunitedupperfalls@gmail.com](mailto:salemunitedupperfalls@gmail.com).

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## SHRIMP BOIL RESERVATION – August 24, 2024

***All orders must be pre-paid and are due August 19th.***

***You must select a time slot for dining/pickup when placing your reservation.***

***Mail checks to Salem UMC, PO Box 192, Upper Falls, MD 21156.***

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone/Email \_\_\_\_\_

# of Orders	Time for dining/carry-out (please circle)					Cost	Total
	4:00pm	4:30pm	5:00pm	5:30pm	6:00pm	\$28.00 ea.	

Counters: Date \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Cash / Check # \_\_\_\_\_



# Salem Matriarch Nomination

**This pin is awarded to honor an elder woman who has shown faith, service, and love in her years as a church member. You may nominate a woman in our congregation who has exemplified these qualities and has established a foundation for those who follow. Nominees must be or have been an active participant in our church or previous churches.**

### Nominated by:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Nominee:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age:  80-85     86-90     90 and over

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Service to Salem (list leadership, committees, teaching, activities, support of missions, etc):

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### Why do you think this person should be honored?

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United  
Women  
in Faith

## Salem Matriarch Nomination

**Provide an example of their faith that is inspiring to you and others:**

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**Additional comments or information may be attached to this form.**

**Please return this form to the UWF by July 22, 2024. Forms may be placed in the offering plate or mailed/dropped off to the Salem office.**

**United Women in Faith  
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