

## Salem United Methodist Church

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June  
2023



*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: 2<sup>nd</sup>  
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



## What is Aldersgate Day?

Aldersgate Day is celebrated on May 24 (or the Sunday closest) to commemorate the day in 1738 when John Wesley experienced assurance of his salvation. Wesley reluctantly attended a group meeting that evening on Aldersgate Street in London. As he heard a reading from Luther's Preface to the Epistle to the Romans, he felt his "heart strangely warmed." Wesley wrote in his journal that at about 8:45 p.m. "while he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone for salvation; and an assurance was given me that He had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death."

Charles Wesley only a few days before had also had a conversion experience in a building that still stands on an adjacent block (John Bray's house on Little Britain). We do not know whether the building where John Wesley's experience took place still exists, nor exactly in which building on Aldersgate Street it may have been if it still stands. A monument at the Longon Museum on Aldersgate Street marks where some believe the building may have been.

Over time, Aldersgate Street has been shortened by common Methodist usage to simply Aldersgate. The word has come to represent both the place and John Wesley's experience.

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

## From Pastor Stacey >>>

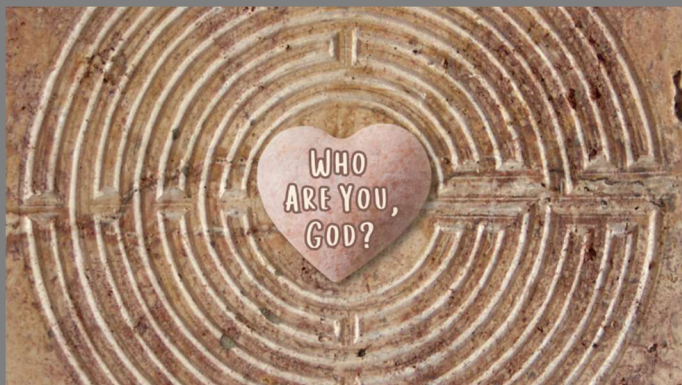
“Who Are You, God?” Have you ever wondered about the qualities of God we can experience? What can we learn of God from scripture, experience, tradition, and reason? What do we celebrate about God in our worship?

We will consider who God is through our new sermon series. This series began on June 2 and will continue into mid-July. For these next few weeks, we will meditate on what we can learn about God from our human experience. The guiding scripture lesson for each week will be a Psalm from the Book of Psalms. Here is the outline for the month of June:

- June 2 “Always Knowing” - Psalm 139:1-12; 23-24  
Key Verse: “O Lord, you have searched me and known me.” (Psalm 139:1)
- June 9 “Always Loving” - Psalm 138  
Key Verse: “Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.” (Psalm 138:8)
- June 16 “Always Helping” - Psalm 20  
Key Verse: “Now I know that the Lord will help his anointed.” (Psalm 20:5)
- June 23 “Always Redeeming” - Psalm 130  
Key Verse: “There is forgiveness with God.”
- June 30 Bob Kimball will be speaking on “Always Listening”

I encourage you to read the Book of Psalms on a regular basis. Our Bible contains 150 Psalms. You may want to develop a reading plan. For example, if you read five Psalms a day, you can read the entire book in a month of 30 days. Some of us followed this plan during the pandemic. The Psalms are designed for us to sing, pray, recite, and meditate upon regularly for our personal devotion as well as our worship together.

An Invitation to our youth: For youth who are going into the sixth grade and older – I invite you to meet with me on Sunday, June 9 at 9:30 a.m. in the chapel with your parent/grandparent/guardian. We will be planning for our Confirmation class. I would like to plan some activities for this summer. Confirmation is the place to grow in your faith, ask and answer your questions about God, and learn about following Jesus Christ. Please let me know if you are interested. I look forward to seeing you on Sunday!



### Confirmation Information session

Sunday, June 9

- 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel
- Rising 6th graders & up
- Youth and family are encouraged to attend!



## **Young Adult Group >>>**

The Young Adult group will not meet in June. Be on the lookout for details about the July gathering – a pizza and game night! More details on the July date will be available soon. Questions? Contact John Sivey at [Siveyjohn@gmail.com](mailto:Siveyjohn@gmail.com).

## **Summer Worship Schedule >>>**

From Father's Day (June 16) through Labor Day (September 1), 2<sup>nd</sup> service will meet at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary and online at [salemunited.org](http://salemunited.org).

## **Lenten Offering Update >>>**

You may recall we designated half of our Lenten offering to be sent to Manna House in Baltimore. Manna House "provides the homeless and poor of Baltimore City with goods and services to move towards independence and stability." ([mannahouseinc.org/about/](http://mannahouseinc.org/about/)) It is with great joy we are able to send a total of \$1440 (\$1290 from the Lenten offering and an additional \$150 donation) to Manna House. Thank you for your gifts in support of this ministry!



## Thank you! >>>

**From Heifer International:** I'm truly fortunate to witness every day how the giving spirit of groups like yours can change the world. No matter how much circumstances change, one thing remains the same: people continue to show generosity and dedication to the families we serve. Which is why I want to extend my sincere appreciation for your group's recent contribution of \$162.00 to Heifer. Your compassion makes a permanent difference in so many lives. I'm reminded of the quote by Mr. Fred Rogers: "All of us, at some time or other, need help. Whether we're giving or receiving help, each one of us has something valuable to bring to this world. That's one of the things that connects us as neighbors – in our own way, each one of us is a giver and a receiver." *And to magnify the joy of your gift, an additional group of generous donors has matched your donation, doubling the impact of your gift!* Thanks to your group of Heifer donors, moms are building businesses and earning steady income to feed their children...dads are running their own family farms instead of having to find work far away...you are providing nutritious food, education and hope for the next generation. I hope you know how much we, and the families who are touched by your generosity, appreciate you all. Our work would not be possible without you by our side. With appreciation, Christy Moore, Senior Vice President of Marketing



Thank you to all who participated in the Adult & Child painting event on May 19, led by Sue Yurek. Your support helped us to raise \$150 toward UWF missions!

We are continuing to work on guidelines for the pin presentations to honor those with significant contributions to the Salem UWF.

We hope to send those guidelines out in June. If you have any suggestions on what should be included in the guidelines, please contact Sue Yurek, Sharon Marquette, or Amy Krebs.

The Sewing Samaritans have received a request for ten fidget mats. Currently, we need two more mats to fill the order. We have also had a request for four lap quilts as well.

We have two sewing dates in June: Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 am to Noon, and Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 9:00 pm. If you are sewing at home and need materials, they are available in the sewing room. Please contact Susan Walker if you are sewing mats, so we know when the order is complete.

We have noticed some scissors, blades, and rotary cutters have been borrowed from the sewing room. Please return them as soon as possible for the upcoming sewing days.



*Sewing*  
Samaritans

## Eagle Scout Project >>>

One of our youth, Damian Kully, will be doing his Eagle Scout project for Salem. His project will create a meditation area and community prayer box next to the flagpole and memorial garden on the Salem lawn, and he would be grateful for any support to supplement his fundraising efforts. If you would like to donate funds to support the project, please make your donation payable to Salem and mark it "Eagle Scout Project." You may also make your donation online at [saalemunited.org/donate](http://saalemunited.org/donate), clicking donate now, and selecting Eagle Scout Project from the dropdown menu. Please note: any funds received in excess of the amount needed for the project will remain with Salem for the general fund.

## Youth News >>>

The middle/high school and elementary Sunday School classes collected money throughout the Lenten season and were able to send \$162 to Heifer International. The classes decided to direct those funds to provide eight flocks of chickens to families in countries where the Heifer Project works. Way to go, kids!

Four of our youth, along with three adults, will be serving on a mission trip in July. They will go to Altoona, PA, where they will work with the underserved in that community. We are very proud of them and wish them well as they serve as the hands and feet of Jesus. We look forward to hearing about their journey when they return.

## Congratulations, Graduates! >>>

Join us in celebrating our most recent graduates!

- Mark Colgan – PhD; Electrical & Computer Engineering, University of Delaware
- Darren List – Archbishop Curley High School
- Cameron Niles – Associate of Nursing, Harford Community College
- James Redmon – John Carroll High School
- Paige Redmon – John Carroll High School
- Joshua Stevens – Bachelors of Finance, Morgan State University
- Angela Uhlhorn – Catholic High School
- Donovan Walker – York Technical High School

## 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



## Contact Us!

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# June

## 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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8:00am & 10:00/10:45 am services are in-person. 10:00/10:45 am service live stream: <a href="https://salemunited.org/livestream">salemunited.org/livestream</a> <u>SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE NOTE:</u> Worship will be at 8:00 and 10:00 am from Father's Day through Labor Day. 10:00 service will be livestreamed at the link above.						
2 8&10:45am Services	3 9am Aerobics (Hall) 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous (Parlor)	4	5 9am Aerobics (Hall) 6:30pm Vespers	6	7 9am Aerobics (Hall)	8 9am – noon Sewing Samaritans (Sewing Room)
9 8&10:45am Services 9:30am Confirmation Information Session with Pastor Stacey (Chapel)	10 9am Aerobics (Hall) 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous (Parlor)	11	12 9am Aerobics (Hall) 6:30pm Vespers	13	14 9am Aerobics (Hall)	15
16 <b>Summer Worship Schedule Begins</b> 8&10 am Services Father's Day	17 9am Aerobics (Hall) 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous (Parlor)	18 6-9pm Sewing Samaritans (Sewing Room) 7pm Finance Committee Meeting (Salem Room)	19 9am Aerobics (Hall) 1:00 pm Book Club (call office) 6:30pm Vespers	20	21 9am Aerobics (Hall) 11:30am Women Moving On Lunch (call office)	22 8am Church Cleanup day (inside & outside)
23 8&10am Services	24 9am Aerobics (Hall) 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous (Parlor)	25	26 9am Aerobics (Hall) 6:30pm Vespers	27	28 9am Aerobics (Hall)	29
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