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Salem United Methodist Church

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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



Upcoming Events at Salem UMC

For details, visit salemunited.org

November 2024

8th: Paint Night, 6:30pm (prepaid rsvp due Oct 18th)

24th: Harvest Sunday

24th: Shrimp Soup Sale Pickup (prepaid orders due Nov 18th)

December 2024

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

8th: Service of Healing and Hope, 1:30 pm

24th: Christmas Eve Services, 7:00 & 11:00 pm



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Pastor's Message >>>

On October 8 we joined with two neighboring U.M. congregations to celebrate our Cluster Church Conference. We used our time to praise God for all that God is doing for us and through us. I would like to share my Pastor's Report from Salem's Church Conference in October:

I am here to testify to the healing power of our gracious, loving, and faithful God!

My goal this past year has been to heal from my surgery on February 2nd so that I can continue to serve in ministry. I thank God for the miracle of my healing! I was able to return during Holy Week and led my first solo service back on Resurrection Day – Easter Sunday!

I want to give thanks to our church family for supporting me. They have given me all that I need to facilitate my healing. I continue to lean on God for strength and courage to move forward. Thank you for all of your prayers – please keep them coming.

I want to express my appreciation for the leadership of Salem. I genuinely enjoy working with you. We share so much joy in our ministry together. We strive to fulfill our mission every day: to join in God's blessing of our community and world.

I particularly want to acknowledge our Staff-Parish Relations Committee and our chair person, Bob Frisch. Bob will be finishing his term as of December 31; he has led us well.

We have another significant change coming up in our church leadership. Our Church Treasurer, Carla Frisch, will retire at the end of 2024 after serving faithfully since 1996. I have not worked with a finer Treasurer in almost forty years of pastoral ministry. We have leaned on her, and she has always fulfilled her role admirably. Thank you, Carla! We will miss your work in this role but wish you and Bob all the best in this next season of your life together.

We have an incredibly gifted staff, and I want to give a shout out to them: Judy, Tara, Katy, and Kris. Each of you is special to Salem and to me. I give thanks to God for sharing in ministry with you all. I am looking forward to what God has waiting for us!

Addendum: Thank you for your kind words of affirmation and for the gift presented to me for Pastor Appreciation month (the presentation was made during the 10:45 a.m. service on October 27th). If you didn't see my gift yet, you will be seeing it during the Christmas Season! I thank you for the support you give to me, and for your partnership in our ministry. To God be all thanks and praise!

I want to highlight my gratitude to all of you and for all that God is doing through us at Salem. I also would like to share the words of praise to God we shared at Church Conference regarding how we have seen God working in the past year:

“We give thanks for the answers to prayer God has given us in our commitment to sharing our facility with our community. We have been praying for new opportunities; God has provided. We especially give thanks for the growth of our partnership with Alcoholics Anonymous, who impact many in recovery. We have welcomed two new AA groups. Also, we were able to provide space for a group of travelers during the heat of this summer. We give thanks for our continuing partnerships with Helping Hands Food Pantry, Upper Falls Dance Academy, Kingsville Rec and Parks Aerobics Class, and others.”

Here was our response: **God, we give you thanks!**

For our Church Conference, we were limited to one hundred words – well, that simply is not enough words to express our thanks to God! Here is your chance to add to our own litany, which will be used in our worship on Sunday, November 17. How would you answer this question: **Where have we seen God move in the life of the congregation and how did it benefit the community beyond the walls of the church?**

I invite you to send me (email, text or even handwritten) a one sentence answer to the question of how we have seen God at work in Salem Church in the past year. Here's an example we discussed in our Bible study group: "God has worked through the lives of our youth in their outreach in sharing God's love." Please keep it brief and focused. I want to use these in our worship together. Please let me know if you have any questions.

The holidays of Thanksgiving and Christmas are fast approaching! Salem has focused on outreach during this time of year. We are concentrating on two main outreach efforts: collection of items to support our ministry in providing food/shelter for those in need; collection of money to provide Christmas gifts to students at Magnolia Elementary School. Please see the specific items requested for each of these opportunities to share God's love in our community. Please prayerfully consider your holiday extra-mile giving.

Autumn Blessings, *Stacey*

Confirmation Class (for youth in grades six and up)

I have coordinated calendars with Ms. Judy, and have planned two Confirmation Class lessons during Sunday School class on Sunday, November 10 and Sunday, December 15. Youth interested in Confirmation Class are encouraged to check your calendars and reserve those dates. Please let me know if you have any questions. All youth are invited to these classes.

Worship Outline for November >>>

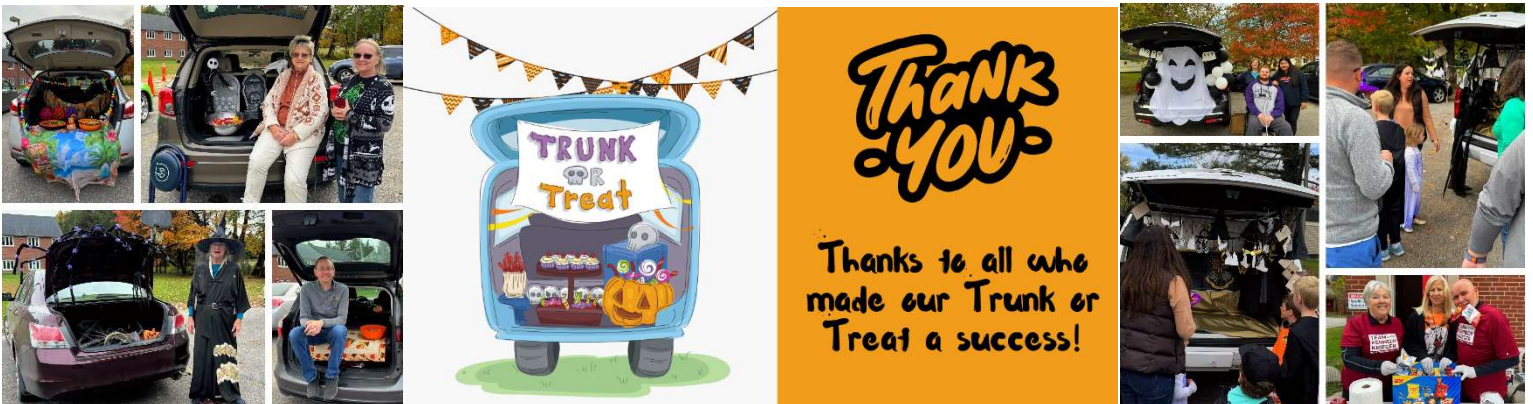
Our theme for November is "Growing Our Gratitude Tree." This is our key verse: "Be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus ... overflow with thanksgiving just as you were taught." Colossians 2:6-7 (CEB)

November 3 – All Saints Sunday; worship will include Holy Communion and a celebration of the saints of Salem who have gone to be with our Lord in the past year. Our scriptures will be Isaiah 25:6-9; Revelation 21:1-6 and our sermon will be "Enduring Gratitude."

November 10 – Our scripture will be Deuteronomy 6:1-9 and our sermon will be "Gratitude's Lessons."

November 17 – Our scripture will be Hebrews 10:11-25 and our sermon will be "Gratitude's Multiplication." We will also have a United Women in Faith special recognition.

November 24 – Harvest Sunday; our scripture will be Deuteronomy 26:1-11 and our sermon will be "Gratitude's Harvest."



Urgent Appeal: Thanks A Latte! >>>

From Bob Kimball, Finance Chair:

Dear Church Family,
We are blessed to be part of a community that seeks to serve God and one another with love and faithfulness. However, as we continue our mission, we have faced unexpected expenses and unplanned financial challenges that we must address together. Due to these increased operational costs and unexpected expenses, our general fund has fallen short of covering the church's essential needs for 2024. As of the end of August, we are nearly \$40,000 in the red.



Our general fund supports the day-to-day operations that keep our church open and thriving – and we have been able to keep our expenses within the budget for the past two years. However, fuel and insurance costs have ballooned by upwards of 30% and far exceeded what we thought those costs would have been this year. Additionally, we have had unforeseen maintenance repairs and, to date, have had to pay an additional \$18,000 in unplanned emergency repairs to our church building. With these unexpected increases and costs to maintain our church, there is very little left to cut in our budget and without your generous giving, vital aspects of our church life are now at risk.

We kindly ask you to prayerfully consider increasing your giving to help us close this budget gap. Every gift, large or small, makes a difference. Your continued support allows us to grow in faith, serve our community, and glorify God through our work.

The Finance Committee came up with a creative way to look at how each family could “eat this elephant one bite at a time.” We know it looks like we are asking a “LATTE”. We assumed if we could get every family at Salem who loves our church to consider increasing their weekly gift by \$36 a week, or \$6 a day (the cost of a latte – get it?) between now and the end of the year we could greatly reduce this gap, if not hopefully close it for 2024.

Thank you for your dedication and generosity. Together, we can ensure that our church remains a vital beacon of hope and service.

All Saints Sunday

November 3, 2024

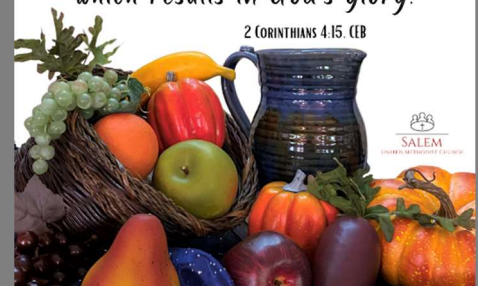
8:00 & 10:45 am services

Please join us for a light reception in the Fellowship Hall following the 10:45 am service.



As grace increases to benefit more and more people, it will cause gratitude to increase, which results in God's glory.

2 CORINTHIANS 4:15. CEB



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Thank You >>>

From UMCOR General Secretary, Roland Fernandes: The dear people you just helped with your gift to UMCOR (\$1,330 to US Disaster Response and Recovery) may never have the opportunity to meet you, but if they did, I am certain their response would be – *Thank you!* Since 1940, UMCOR has served as the humanitarian agency of The United Methodist Church, providing disaster response and relief to areas impacted by natural and man-made disasters around the world. And through your financial support, *you* are serving within a vital network of interactive relationships as UMCOR responds to increasingly-frequent and destructive storms – sharing 100% of donated funds with those in need! Together, may we continue to reveal the love of God for men, women, and children of all ethnic, racial, cultural, and national backgrounds and to demonstrate genuine love for our neighbors.

From Mary List: What a great day and evening at DeSantis Grille and Pub on October 15th. Thanks to everyone from Salem and other guests who supported our fundraiser. We hope you enjoyed your meals and even had a laugh or two! The DeSantis organization was very generous to Salem, even welcoming our Salem Family at the top of their menu. Please feel free to stop into DeSantis when you are in the area and let them know how much you enjoyed being there!





United
Women
in Faith

The UWF Matriarch pin presentations will be held November 17th. The pin will be awarded to Joanne McGuigan at the 8:00 a.m. service and to Judy Cantalupo and Marian O'Neil at the 10:45 a.m. service. Family and friends are welcome to attend! Thank you to all our nominees and awardees for the many ways they have served God!

The UWF winter fundraiser is fabric Christmas tree ornaments – each with unique decorations, or available undecorated! The funds raised will go to UMCOR toward hurricane recovery. Individual trees are \$3 each or 2 for \$5. Garlands will be available as well – measuring approximately 6 feet with loops on each end for hanging, and 9 trees per garland, for \$20 each. Ornaments and garlands will be on sale at Paint Night on November 8th, after each service on November 17th, at the pancake breakfast on December 7th, or by appointment after services through December 15th (contact Amy Krebs).



November Soup Sale >>>

From Lauren Simpson: As colder weather is setting in, our soups are warming up! November's soup sale features shrimp soup – the same as Maryland crab soup, but with crab swapped out for shrimp. This soup freezes very well and will make for a quick night's meal when you are pressed for time or just need to be warmed to the core. One quart will cost \$12.00, with all orders to be prepaid by November 18th. Pickup will be the following Sunday, November 24th. Forms are available in the narthex, at the end of the newsletter or at salemunited.org. Thank you for supporting Salem UMC!

Harvest Sunday FOOD DRIVE

NOVEMBER 24, 2024

SALEM WILL BE COLLECTING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO SUPPORT OUR OUTREACH WITH NEW HOPE AND WELCOME ONE SHELTERS:

- Large cans of baked beans and/or green beans
- Boxed stuffing mix
- Individual fruit cups
- Hamburger Helper (cheeseburger flavor)
- Sugar
- Ketchup/mustard/mayonnaise
- Paper plates, napkins, paper towels
- Plastic forks and spoons

Monetary donations should be marked "Harvest Sunday."

Christmas Families >>>

Salem will be supporting Magnolia Elementary School this year by providing 50 gifts to be distributed to the families of children from Magnolia Elementary School. Please consider making a monetary donation to be used toward purchasing the requested gifts. Envelopes will be provided for your donations – please place them in the offering plate, or mail your donation to the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Carter.



Contact Us!

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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,
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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.,
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Rowlan Stumpf – Forest Hill Heights, 1 Colgate Drive Room 415,
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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
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8:00am & 10:45 am services are in-person. 10:45 am service live stream: salemunited.org/livestream <i>Pastor's Study Zoom link:</i> https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86945193408						
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
All Saints Sunday; reception after 10:45 service 8&10:45am Services 9:30am Sunday School (all ages) 9:45am Choir (Sanctuary)	9am Aerobics (Hall) 7:00pm Pastor's Bible Study (Zoom) 7:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Parlor)	Youth mission trip to Wash 'n Fold in Edgewood – 10 am	9am Aerobics (Hall) 10am Morning Bible Study (Parlor) 6:30pm Vespers		9am Aerobics (Hall) 6:30pm Christmas Paint Night (Hall)	11am D. Campbell Funeral Service and Lunch
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
8&10:45am Services 9:30am Confirmation Class (mid/high school room) 9:30am Sunday School (all ages) 9:45am Choir (Sanctuary)	NO AEROBICS 7pm Pastor's Bible Study (Zoom) 7:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Parlor)		9am Aerobics (Hall) 10am Morning Bible Study (Parlor) 6:30pm Vespers		9am Aerobics (Hall) 11:30am Women Moving On luncheon (call office for details)	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
8&10:45 am Services 9:30am Sunday School (all ages) 9:45am Choir (Sanctuary)	Soup Sale prepaid orders due 9am Aerobics (Hall) 7pm Pastor's Bible Study (Zoom) 7:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Parlor)		9am Aerobics (Hall) 10am Morning Bible Study (Parlor) 1pm Book Club (call office) 6:30pm Vespers 7pm Church Council (Salem Room)		9am Aerobics (Hall)	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
8&10:45 am Services 9:30am Sunday School (all ages) 9:45am Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) Soup order pickup	NO AEROBICS 7pm Pastor's Bible Study (Zoom) 7:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Parlor)		NO AEROBICS 10am Morning Bible Study (Parlor) 6:30pm Vespers	Happy Thanksgiving	NO AEROBICS	



November Soup Sale

For November, we have Maryland Shrimp soup. This soup is similar to a Maryland Crab soup. Please note, this soup is freezer friendly.

Please note all orders (\$12 per quart) *must be prepaid* by November 18th. Orders may be placed in the collection plate at Salem, mailed to the office, or emailed to the office at salemunitedupperfalls@gmail.com with payment mailed or dropped off to the office. Mail checks to: Salem United Methodist Church, PO Box 192, Upper Falls, MD 21156.

All orders may be picked up Sunday, November 24th in the kitchen for 15 minutes after each service at Salem UMC.

Please contact Lauren Simpson with questions at (410) 592-3176.

PLEASE NOTE: If you are unable to print an order form, please call the Salem UMC office at 410-592-2543 or email salemunitedupperfalls@gmail.com to place an order.



NOVEMBER SOUP SALE ORDER FORM

All orders must be pre-paid and are due November 18th.

Orders may be picked up Sunday, November 24th in the kitchen for 15 minutes after each service at Salem UMC.

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

# of Quarts	Soup Type	Cost	Total
	Maryland Shrimp Soup	\$12.00 each	

Counters: Date _____ Amount: _____ Cash / Check # _____