

Salem United Methodist Church

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Oct
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



Upcoming Events at Salem UMC

For details, visit salemunited.org

October 2024

6th: Blessing of the Animals, 9:15 am

26th: Trunk or Treat, 3:00-4:30pm

27th: Shrimp & Chicken Jambalaya Sale Pickup (prepaid orders due Oct 21st)

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, 2:00 pm

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

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Pastor's Message >>>

Plant seeds of
kindness
and see
what grows.



For the month of October, we are joining with Resurrection Church (Pastor Adam Hamilton) and others across the country in a kindness campaign. I will be preaching a sermon series on the Golden Rule, "**Do Unto Others.**" These are the themes and scriptures for each Sunday:

October 6 – Celebration of World Communion Sunday during 8:00 and 10:45 a.m. worship. Our theme is kindness based on Luke 6:31-36.

October 13 – Our theme is compassion based on Isaiah 11:6-9.

October 20 – Our theme is humility based on Ephesians 4:1-6.

October 27 – Our theme is respect and love based on Matthew 22:34-40.

In addition to our worship, we will be focusing on ways to live the golden rule. Included in this newsletter is a list of "*30 Acts of Kindness in Thirty Days.*" Our challenge is to complete at least one act of kindness each day for the month of October. The list gives examples of acts you can complete. You are welcome to add your own or adapt this list. Please encourage others to participate with us in spreading kindness throughout our communities.

One item on the list relates to donating items for an animal shelter. In connection with our Blessing of the Animals on October 6 (9:15 a.m.), we will be taking donations for Luna's House in Edgewood. Please refer to the wish list on their website for what is needed: <https://lunashouse.org/wishlist.shtml>

When you look at the list of kindness acts, you may wish to invite others from Salem and/or the community to join with you. Please let me know. We want to work together to spread kindness and love in the spirit of Jesus Christ.

A quick reminder that our annual meeting (called a Church Conference) is on Tuesday, October 8 at 6:30 p.m. We will meet in the Salem House to join two other neighboring United Methodist Churches on Zoom. We will offer a word of thanksgiving for the ways God is working through Salem Church! Please let me know if you have any questions. I thank God for the ways we have participated in God's blessing of the world!

Autumn Blessings, *Stacey*



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.



Blessing
of the
Animals

Sunday
Oct 6th
9:15am

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



FAITH
IS THE REALITY OF WHAT
WE HOPE FOR:

IT IS THE EVIDENCE OF
THINGS WE CANNOT SEE.

Youth News >>>

From Judy Jones: The middle/high school Sunday School class is back in the swing after their summer break and the youth are looking forward to some activities this fall. They will be going to the Sunflower Fields in Jarrettsville on Sunday, September 29th to volunteer and help Rev. Melissa McDade with this ministry. On Election Day, November 5th, they will once again be going to the laundromat in Edgewood to pay for the laundry of clients there. This is a ministry the youth always look forward to. They will also be going to the Beachmont Corn Maze sometime in October just for fun. We have great kids here at Salem. Thanks for supporting them!

Fundraising >>>

From Lauren Simpson: Many thanks to everyone who participated in the mum sale! We will be starting to feel the cooler weather coming in soon, so it's time for our soup sales fundraiser. We are kicking the sale off with Jambalaya – a rice dish with shrimp and chicken (see image below). One quart containers will cost \$12. Prepaid orders are due Monday, October 21st and may be picked up after services on Sunday, October 27th. Order forms will be available in the narthex and on our website at salemunited.org. Keep an eye out for information on our November soup, which will be Shrimp Soup.

October Soup Sale

*Chicken & Shrimp
Jambalaya*

\$12 per quart
Prepaid orders due October 21st
Pickup October 27th

Forms in narthex & at
salemunited.org



United
Women
in Faith

Our next fundraiser will be fabric ornaments shaped like decorated Christmas trees. We'd love help creating these ornaments – the pattern and fabric will be provided. There are lots of jobs to do to create these ornaments - sewing, cutting, gluing, adding hanging loops, and stringing for garlands. The UWF will meet on October 2nd and October 9th from 1:00 – 4:00 pm in the sewing room. We'll have an assembly line set up since there are many things to do!

Sales for the ornaments will begin at the Paint Night event on November 8th and continue through December 15th. Some of the ornaments available will have a space for a name or a date, and garlands made up of the trees will be available as well. Sale proceeds will be used to make a donation to an UMCOR and/or UWF program (selection will be announced at a later date).

The Sewing Samaritans will not be meeting in October. Pastor Stacey will be delivering a number of completed lap quilts to Brightview Rossville. We also have more fidget mats in process.

Livestream Update >>>

We'd like to thank everyone for your patience and understanding while we replaced our livestream camera. The new camera is up and running! As part of the upgrade, you should see a noticeable difference in the transitions between portions of the service, making for a more enjoyable viewing experience. Please contact Tara (salemunitedupperfalls@gmail.com) with any questions.



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

Christmas Paint Night

Friday, November 8, 2024

6:30pm

Prepaid registration due October 18, 2024

Forms in narthex or our website

Questions? See Su DeLeo or Sue Yurek



Wooden Christmas
Ornament
Door Hanger
\$45.00



Wooden Snowman
Welcome
Door Hanger
\$40.00

Two projects to choose from - with a variety of paint colors! You can order a kit to take home and paint!

Thank You >>>

Thanks to the generosity of our congregation and the aerobics class, Salem was able to support Joppatowne Christian Church's efforts to provide snacks, water, and tissues to the faculty, staff, and students at Joppatowne High School in the wake of the tragic events of early September. Our donations of items and a generous check were delivered to Pastor Adam Shellenbarger at Joppatowne Christian, who facilitated their delivery to Joppatowne High School. In addition, our church made a donation to assist Sapore Di Mare restaurant in providing a meal to the school for the teachers and staff. Please continue to keep the Joppatowne community in your prayers as well as schools everywhere.



Trunk or Treat

OCTOBER 26

3 - 4:30 PM

INVITE A FRIEND!



HELPING HANDS COMMUNITY CONCERT

NOV 3 | 6:30 PM

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, KINGSVILLE

● ADMISSION: NON-PERISHABLE FOOD OR CANNED GOOD

**Do unto
others as
you would
have them
do unto you.**

- JESUS



Contact Us!

OFFICE HOURS:
*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.

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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

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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



SALEM

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		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	9am Aerobics (Hall) 1-4pm UWF ornament group (Sewing Room) 6:30pm Vespers		9am Aerobics (Hall)	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
8&10:45am Services 9:15am Blessing of the Animals 9:30am Sunday School (all ages) 9:45am Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)	9am Aerobics (Hall) 7:00pm Pastor's Bible Study (office & Zoom) 7:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Parlor)	6:30pm – Church Conference (office & Zoom – see Pastor Stacey for Zoom link)	9am Aerobics (Hall) 10am Morning Bible Study (Parlor) 1-4pm UWF ornament group (Sewing Room) 6:30pm Vespers		NO AEROBICS	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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27	28	29	30	31		
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Cooler weather will soon be upon us, so it's time for our monthly soup sales! This month's sale features Jambalaya. This jambalaya, a rice dish with shrimp and chicken, is the perfect hearty meal to cozy up with on a brisk autumn day. Please be aware this dish is freezable.

All orders must be prepaid by October 21st. 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.

Please plan to pick up your orders on Sunday, October 27th in the kitchen for 15 minutes after each service at Salem UMC.

Questions? Contact Lauren Simpson.

PLEASE NOTE: If you are unable to print an order form, please call the Salem UMC office at 410-529-2543 or email salemunitedupperfalls@gmail.com to place an order.

OCTOBER SOUP SALE ORDER FORM

All orders must be pre-paid and are due October 21st.

Pickup will be picked up Sunday, October 27th in the kitchen for 15 minutes after each service at Salem UMC.

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

# of Quarts	Soup Type	Cost	Total
	Jambalaya	\$12.00 each	

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

30 Acts of *kindness* in Thirty Days



Let's spread kindness throughout our communities!

We challenge you to complete at least one act of kindness each day for the next 30 days. We've gotten you started with our list of small ways you can positively impact those around you. Feel free to be creative and come up with your own acts of kindness!

Kindness is a ripple effect – encourage others to join the challenge by sharing your acts on social media!

- List 30 people and pray for one each day.
- Take a walk in your neighborhood and pray for each house.
- Leave the largest tip you can afford for a kind server.
- Write a letter to someone who has made a difference in your life.
- Chalk a sidewalk with uplifting messages.
- Send encouraging text messages to 5 people.
- Write cards for a local hospital.
- Pay for the person behind you at a drive-thru.
- Donate seasonal clothes to a clothing pantry.
- Compliment the first 3 people you talk with today.
- Reconnect with someone you haven't spoken with in a while.
- Donate towels, blankets and toys to an animal shelter.
- Surprise a neighbor or friend with freshly baked treats.
- Give parents a night out by offering to babysit for free.
- Give a thank-you treat to your mail, delivery and sanitation employees.
- Donate new socks and underwear to a local shelter.
- Post an encouraging sticky note message on a mirror or door.
- Host a clean-up party at a nearby park.
- Donate books to your local library or a book drive.
- Send a 'Thank You' card to your local police or fire station.
- Leave your server an encouraging note on their receipt.
- Post a positive and encouraging message on social media.
- Help your neighbor with their yard work.
- Donate packages of diapers and wipes to a local agency supporting families.
- Pause to hold the door open for someone behind you.
- Surprise someone with flowers.
- Participate in a blood drive.
- Donate food to a local food pantry.
- Write a positive review online for a local business.
- Pray for government leaders and send a note thanking them for their public service.

