



# SALEM BROOKEVILLE

A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

## NEWSLETTER September 2022

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### A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

I am so hopeful for you for this season. I know that things have been challenging for you for the past few years and I am so hopeful that this fall will finally be the season that you get to rest. I know you have been dealing with division and family challenges. I know you have been dealing with COVID. I know you have been dealing with politics. And I pray you have been living your faith and wondering how you can center God in your life narrative.

In the midst of these challenges I pray that our church community is a place for you to gather and rest. Ecclesiastes 4: 9-12 says:

*9-10 It's better to have a partner than go it alone.  
Share the work, share the wealth.  
And if one falls down, the other helps,  
But if there's no one to help, tough!*

*11 Two in a bed warm each other.  
Alone, you shiver all night.*

*12 By yourself you're unprotected.  
With a friend you can face the worst.  
Can you round up a third?  
A three-stranded rope isn't easily snapped.*

This fall we have a number of opportunities for you to come together to build community and (hopefully!) rest. Alan, our music minister, and I have been putting our heads together to come up with ways church can become a community of rest and renewal.

So many of us have been running on empty since the pandemic began. How can we take a breath and follow God when we are so incredibly tired?

This fall we will continue our music ministry with music classes and Brookeville Sing and S'more (formerly "Salem Sings"). If you haven't signed up for a music class, it's not too late! Our goal is not to put more stress onto your plate, but rather, to give you the chance to learn something for the fun of learning. We have a mix of group and individual classes. The group classes are Thursday for guitar (11 A.M.), music theory (11:45 A.M.) and ukulele (5:45 P.M.). Our individual classes are piano, speech, voice, and emotional centeredness. Each of these could become group classes if there is interest. We are still waiting on someone to ask for an accordion class (come on, make Alan's day). However, the sky and your imagination are the only limits on the classes!

You'll see Salem Sings has gotten a new name: Brookeville Sing and S'more. Why? Because we want this to be about so much more (so much... *s'more*??) than just Salem singing. We want to invite the larger community to rest with us. We'll continue to sing hymns, but we'll also add time for requests of all kinds. Want to hear show-tunes? Oldies? Other Christian songs? Simply request them and Alan will do his best to bring them to Brookeville Sing. Additionally, we'll continue sharing in s'mores and a fire until it is too cold to do so. So far we have had regular s'mores, Reeses' s'mores, and even a Klondike bar s'more. Again, our goal is to build community and rest together.

Brookeville Sing will be on the second and fourth Thursday of every month (excepting Thanksgiving and Christmas weeks).

My friend, I hope that these fall opportunities feel like a breath of fresh air for you. I know you're tired and I pray you'll allow community to be your remedy. As it says in Ecclesiastes, "by yourself you are unprotected. With a friend, you can face the worst." Let it be so! Amen.

Blessings,  
Rev. Emily

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### LEADERSHIP TEAM UPDATE

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At our August 21 meeting, your Leadership Team (and guests) discussed:

- Progress of our music ministries including: classes, Salem Sings; and upcoming ideas for creating Living History interviews with members, and visiting nursing homes.
- Our fall Stewardship Campaign. November will be our Stewardship Month. Please begin to think about your giving plan for 2023. You will be receiving more information soon.
- Preparations for our Church Conference (October 29 at 11:00 A.M.). Please plan to attend. It will be on Zoom.
- Ideas for "Gifts" to give to visitors who worship with us on Sundays.
- Discussion of the migrant situation. We have a request from the BWC to help out in several different ways. Emily is seeking additional information about what the conference is doing to provide support to migrants coming to Washington, DC and New York.

Grace and Peace,  
Debbie Ambrose

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## MUSICAL INSTRUCTION

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Hello Salem UMC, Brookeville, and the greater Olney region!

Starting this summer free musical instruction will be available at the Salem United Methodist Church provided by the Minister of Music Alan Naylor. This program will be available to ALL regardless of connection to Salem UMC. Young, old, eternal youths, or old souls ... any are welcome and all skill levels and interests will be given space.

Since this is a new outreach intended to provide access to any who desire it, the program will be a work in progress that grows and is flexible to accommodate the needs and desires of those who choose to come for learning. In order to be respectful of different needs, abilities, and background knowledge 15 minute rolling consultation slots will be offered throughout the months so that group classes versus individual instruction can be arranged. Once these assessments have taken place, classes of 30-60 minutes and individual instruction of 15-30 minutes will be arranged.

Alan will be available for ANY type of musical instruction or interaction that is desired (within reason). You are welcome to discuss in person during a consultation slot (masks requested) or submit requests via email to:

[music@salemunitedmethodist.org](mailto:music@salemunitedmethodist.org)

Examples:

- Reading musical notation
- piano, ukulele, organ, and vocal lessons
- Music history lessons
- Moderate to advanced music theory

- Repertoire suggestions
- Assistance learning Hymns
- Private music sharing/listening (come with requests and Alan can perform for you)
- Whatever is in your imagination as pertains to music
- Lessons in Piano tuning/technology
- Lessons in Audio engineering/acoustics

Alan is a Helen Hayes Award winning actor, singer, pianist, producer, and audio engineer who has performed across the world and is currently serving as the minister of music at Salem United Methodist Church. With both a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Opera Performance he has learned from the best musicians and performers in the world. His performances have been seen from Off Broadway to the Kennedy Center, and locally at the Olney Theatre Center. He has years of experience teaching piano and voice to both children and professional performers. He also has extensive experience working as a piano technician/rebuilder and audio engineer with clients ranging from the Kennedy Center to Concert Pianists and conservatory faculty. During the pandemic he founded a weekly cabaret series on Facebook and YouTube called "Night at Newcastle" and all 60 something episodes are available to be watched.

[www.alan-naylor.com](http://www.alan-naylor.com)

[Alan Naylor](#)

*Member AEA*

*Actor, Singer, Pianist, & Piano Technician*

*Certified Piano-Life-Saver Humidity System Installer*

*Helen Hayes Award: Outstanding Lead Actor in a Musical (2015)*

**Pronouns:**

He/Him/His

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## SEPTEMBER SERMON SERIES

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### Back to Basics: Covenant

The Hebrew Scriptures are filled with covenant after covenant. It seems like every page turn leads to a new generation making a new covenant with God. This is good news for us! This means that even if your family has a covenant with God, you get the chance to make your own covenant here and now. You don't have to rely on someone else's relationship with God. You can have your own.

September 11

Early Covenants: Noah and the Flood  
*Genesis 6: 5-22; 8: 6-12; 9: 8-17*

September 18

What Covenant Does God Make?: Starting with Abram  
*Genesis 12: 1-9*

September 25

What if I break the Covenant?: Covenant Renewal  
*Joshua 24: 1-26*

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## FALL BIBLE STUDY

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As Christians, we know better: true happiness will never consist of things. Contentment will never be found through satisfying the desires of this life. But a

culture that begs us to buy, buy, buy in an effort to make ourselves "better" does not leave us better off in any real sense—or ultimately satisfied. This study will discuss what's wrong with this picture.



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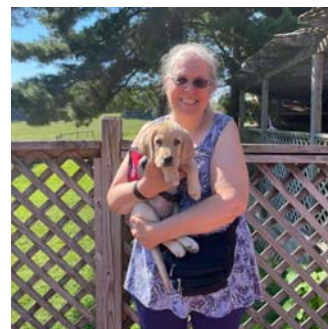
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## CAROLE'S NEW HERO DOG!

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Goodbye Hero Dogs Sue, and hello Hero Dogs Travis! Sue is working hard in advanced training to discern her future career. Meanwhile, a new puppy will be gracing her corner at church. Hero Dogs Travis is a two-month-old yellow lab who will hopefully be with us for the next sixteen months. He's named after Travis Manion, a Marine who valiantly gave his life to save others in Iraq in 2007.



Thank you Carole, for the loving foster care you provide.

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## PRAYER CORNER

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I was raised in a home with two parents who loved history. They studied it with great gusto and spoke of it around our dinner table. Those daily conversations fostered a curiosity in me to know how the things I observed in life came into being, like the roots of words, or the tiny germ of an idea that resulted in the combustion engine.

So, where did prayer begin?

“And mist went up from the earth and watered the whole face of the ground. And Jehovah God formed the man out of the dust from the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life and man became a living soul.” Genesis 2:6-7

God’s breath in us is prayer. God’s life in us is gentle, intimate and suggests a reflection of his likeness. Prayer began as a breath, at that single point in history, awakening a soul and giving that soul a bridge to God himself. Adam and Eve walked with God and used that breath to commune with, to love, and to share with God their joy of living.

You already know the next part of this story. Evil introduced itself by way of new thinking, ideas of independently discerning evil from good, and ideas of being God. So, we must now move forward in history to Jesus, the hill of Calvary and God’s son hanging on a cross. Adam and Eve had started a new order in our history and that is to forfeit communion with God for personal divinity. Their happy communion with God was lost, so their hearts hardened, and their spirits died. Adam and Eve now needed savior.

Moving forward a few more steps, we see Jesus appearing to the disciples, after his resurrection. “Then Jesus said to them again, Peace to you. As the father has sent Me, I also send you. And saying this, He breathed on them and said to them, Receive the Holy Spirit.” John 20:22

Through Jesus, the breath of God gives us life once again. The veil of separation between God and us is now torn, and we see God once again. We can love and experience the joy of living. Prayer is reestablished through an act of God which we can never fully understand this side of heaven. But prayer doesn’t require us to completely understand. It only requires us to show up.

Barbara Teague

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## READING ROOM

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Welcome to the Reading Room upstairs in the Community Hall where you’ll be able to read or borrow books, study guides, and other Christian-focused material. Rev. Emily made a video tour. Check it out on Facebook. The Reading Room is open on Sundays from 8:30 A.M. to noon. Thanks to Mary Kay who arranged to have another bookcase installed, and thanks to everyone who has donated books so far.

In each newsletter, I’ll list a few of the books available so you can get an idea what’s up there:

1. *Choosing Gratitude—Your Journey to Joy* by Nancy Leigh DeMoss
2. *Confronting the Controversies* by Adam Hamilton

3. *The Butterfly Effect—How Your Life Matters* by Andy Andrews
4. *Just Walk Across the Room* by Bill Hybels
5. *Portable Faith—How to Take your Church to the Community* by Sarah Cunningham

On the lighter side:

6. *Yes, Lord, I Have Sinned, but I have several excellent excuses* by James W. Moore

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## MISSIONS

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### The Lord's Table

The Lord's Table serves hot meals to those in need. All members of Salem UMC are invited to help them on October 7 and following that, the first Friday of every month at Epworth United Methodist Church, 9008 Rosemont Drive, Gaithersburg, MD. Additional volunteers are always needed.

### Olney HELP Food Donations

(Updated 08/18/22)—THE PANTRY IS CRITICALLY LOW! You may leave non-perishable food donations in the box in the Meeting Room behind the Sanctuary or in the marked box in the Community Hall. Nancy Cox, and Joan and Mark Aebig will deliver them to Olney HELP. Most needed items: boxed spaghetti, pancake syrup, jelly, canned pasta (esp. adult), pasta sauce, canned chicken/tuna/salmon/beef stew/corned beef, canned peas, corn & green beans, canned fruit, baked beans, fruit juice (both shelf stable bottles and juice

boxes for kids—100% juice only), instant potatoes (boxed), one-pound bags white rice, Rice a Roni, coffee, tea, dessert mixes and snacks for kids (granola bars, raisins, crackers, Goldfish). Currently they do not need any soups, other beans (kidney, pinto, black, etc.), mac and cheese or peanut butter. They are always in need of size 5 and 6 diapers. They do not need baby food as most families are finding it less expensive and healthier to make their own.

If you are interested in volunteering or know of someone in need, please call their Helpline at (301) 774-4334.

If you wish to make a financial donation, you may do so at: [www.olneyhelp.org](http://www.olneyhelp.org).

### Prayer Shawls

Prayer shawls are available free for anyone who is ill or needs comfort. Feel free to pick one up near the coat rack.

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## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

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Taken from a Facebook post: "Saw an op-ed that was on the surface a complaint about kids not wanting to take on family heirlooms but read like an elegy to dying traditions. The hardest part was the anxiety without recognizing that they didn't pave the way for the decisions they assumed their kids would make.

The anxiety makes sense. You're seeing, too late to do anything about it, that there's no foundation—no space—for the traditions you expected to pass on. Your kids can't take your mom's fine china. So now instead of enjoying what you have you worry about its future. I see a pattern in these op-eds though—a pattern in what's left unsaid.

There were responsibilities tied to these traditions. You collectively assumed they would be passed along. So collectively, what did you do to ensure those traditions could be passed along? You want the china passed down, but your kids have no room in their rentals. You want grandkids, but your kids don't have the financial stability. You want that cross-country RV never-ending road trip, but you've had decades of wanting lower taxes more than you wanted infrastructure.

The bleak outlook for traditions is a direct result of the unmaintained foundations for them. The second best time is always now—if it's important enough to op-ed about, what are you willing to change to get it back? What will you give up or reprioritize?"

What do you think?

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### **GUEST PREACHER**

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Thank you Buck Bartley for being a guest preacher in August.

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### **VACATION FUN**

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Would you like to share your summer vacation? Write two or three sentences about your vacation fun and sent it to Joan ([joanaebig@gmail.com](mailto:joanaebig@gmail.com)) who will add it to the next newsletter.

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### **BROOKVILLE SING AND S'MORE**

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The congregation enjoyed a couple of hymn sings this summer followed by campfires and making s'mores behind Rev. Emily's house. A good time was had by all!



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### **SCRIPTURE READERS NEEDED**

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We would like to expand the number of people who will read scripture during the worship service. If you would like to participate, please contact Rev. Emily.

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### **GIVING**

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Offerings can be sent to:  
Salem United Methodist Church  
12 High Street, Brookeville, MD 20833

If you would like to give by app, you can download the "Vanco Mobile" app and search for Salem United Methodist Church or by its invite code R8A63K.

If you haven't been able to access Vanco and would like to give electronically, we now have a PayPal option. You can use this link:

<https://paypal.me/SalemBrookeville>

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## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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If your name should be on the list, please contact the church. We don't want to leave you out. Thank you!

Another Happy Birthday greeting from the Bible:  
*Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, just as it is well with your soul.* (3 John 1:2)

### September

Lyon, Robert	09/01
Sterling, Ron	09/01
Whalen, Doug	09/04
Whalen, Barbara	09/06
Miller, Tim	09/11
Haines, Mollie	09/28

### Anniversaries

None listed

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## COVID

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**COVID POLICY:** Confused? Our policy is currently that masks are strongly recommended.

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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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Reverend Emily Hart takes Sabbath Days on Saturdays and Mondays for rest and renewal. She also honors time with her husband and dogs in the evening. Please contact her on these days (or after

8:30 P.M. on other days) only in an emergency or a scheduled meeting.

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