

SALEM BROOKEVILLE

A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR



Happy New Year!

How did 2022 go for you? I know for many of you, 2022 was a year of health challenges and loss. For others, it was a time of grandbabies and great joy! What are you hoping for in 2023?

Some of you may be tempted to make (and break!) new years resolutions. Before you do that, I encourage you to go to God. Here is a series of "prayer prompts":

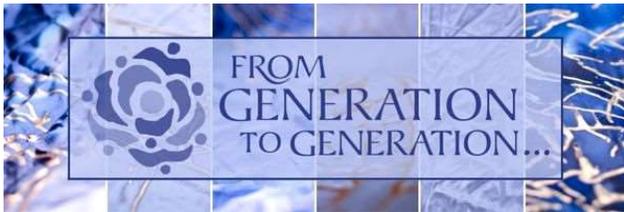
- How can I be aware of God in the new year?
- What am I grateful for that I no longer have?
- How have I grown this past year? How do I need to grow this year?
- What is most important to me this year?

Once you've prayed, go ahead and make those resolutions, if you want. Just do them with God holding your hand and leading you through.

New Years Blessings to you,

Rev. Emily

JANUARY SERMON SERIES



Jan. 1	Covenant Renewal	2 Kings 23:1-3
Jan. 8	We keep seeking	Matthew 2:1-23
Jan. 15	Temptation	Mathew 4: 1-17
Jan. 22	Happiness	Matthew 5: 1-20
Jan. 29	Necessities	Matthew 6: 7-21 [25-34]

WINTER BIBLE STUDY

We will continue studying the book of Acts from the "Immersion Bible Study". All you'll need is that book plus a Bible. Fellowship time is on Zoom at 6:30 P.M., and the study is from 7:00 to 8:00 P.M. on Wednesdays, Jan. 4, 11, and 18.

SANTA CLAUS(ES) CAME TO CHURCH!

Salem and the Mongol Erdem Culture School hosted the best, happiest, most wonderful Christmas party ever! At least 50 children and as many adults attended. The kids ran around decorating cookies (led by Mary Ellen Eaton), making candy (led by Churchill Groves and Velma Durant), of course, sitting on Santa's lap to receive a gift, and making new friends.

There were TWO Santas! You all know Santa Claus in his red suit. We enjoyed him ringing bells from his sleigh and hearing his hearty, "Ho Ho Ho!"

The second Santa was from Mongolia, and his official title is Grandpa Snow. Notice his glittery blue cape. There was a lot of bling in the room that afternoon. We enjoyed his singing along with the children from the Mongol School and doing the hand gestures. Both Santas have reindeer which could not attend due to health regulations (and they would eat all the cookies).

Some of the girls wore beautiful tulle dresses and were called 'Snow Angels'. In addition to the songs performed by the children of the Mongol School, our Alan led the entire group in Christmas carols.



This special event was organized and led by Rev. Emily, Quinn and Terry Anderson, and teachers and parents of the Mongol Erdem Culture School. Community advertising was done by Mollie Haines.



Quinn Anderson, Santa Claus, Grandpa Snow and Terry Anderson (above)



A special treat was the performance by a Mongolian student and his instructor (below) who played a beautiful song on their Mongolian Horsehead fiddles known as Morin khuur. This traditional stringed instrument is considered a symbol of the nation of Mongolia.



For additional photos on Facebook, see the “Mongol Erdem Language Culture School” where they have posted many pictures of the children.

DECORATING

Thank you to all who decorated the Sanctuary and Community Hall for the Christmas season. They include Nancy Nullmeyer, Velma Durant, Mary Ellen Eaton, Maryellen Brown, Kathy Kass, Nancy and Greg Cox, Debbie and Fred Ambrose, Mary Abramson, Quinn and Terry Anderson, Mark and Joan Aebig, Rev. Emily, Mollie Haines, Don Winter, students Matthew and Daniel Laughlin, and Kim Shear.

A special thank you to the teachers and parents from the Mongol Erdem Culture School who decorated and prepared gifts and the buffet lunch.



MISSIONS

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 the first Friday of every month from 1-5 P.M. at Epworth United Methodist Church, 9008 Rosemont Drive, Gaithersburg, MD. Additional volunteers are always needed.

Olney Help Food Needs

Updated 12/14/22. 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. Food items needed most at this time: Canned meats, such as tuna, chicken, turkey, corned beef, spam, salmon, Vienna sausage, etc.; Hamburger Helper, sloppy joe sauce, condensed soups - tomato, chicken noodle, vegetable, cream of mushroom, cream of chicken; canned chili, canned pasta, plain spaghetti sauce, boxed spaghetti and pasta, 1 lb. bags of rice and rice sides (Knorr/Roni), pancake mix/syrup, dessert mixes - cake, cookie, brownie. Cold cereal, baked beans, canned green beans, corn, peas (low/no salt), Canned fruit in juice, Jelly - all sizes, all flavors, condiments - BBQ sauce, ketchup, mustard, salad dressing; peanut butter (smooth) - 16-18 oz. jars, instant mashed potatoes - pouches and boxes, juice boxes - 100% juice, shelf stable bottled juice. If you are interested in volunteering or know 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.

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.

BROOKVILLE SING AND S'MORE

Brookeville Sing and S'more will be on the second and fourth Thursdays in January, starting Jan. 12 at 7 P.M. Rather than in the Sanctuary, it will take place in Rev. Emily's and Chris' home (parsonage, 8 High Street). The music will be led by Chris Hart. Additionally, their fireplace will be roaring, and we'll continue making s'mores. Our goal is to build community and rest together.

WEBSITE ADMINISTRATOR NEEDED



'TWAS THE NIGHT before Christmas when the church made a search
But not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse.
When what did my wondering eyes did appear
where decorations were hung in the sanctuary with care: a small congregation with no takers for the **God job** in the pews.
You see, we need a new Website Administrator: just one, not a few.
Who could it be? Cindy-Lou from Whoville?
Or even old St. Nick who may not know what HTML is, just yet.
But relax. All training will be provided.
Detail-oriented a plus, you'll become high tech so quick. What luck!

Your kids won't believe you know how to do this stuff!

And they'll want to **TALK WITH YOU** about it! Imagine that!

Soon I knew we'd have nothing to dread;
God would put a **spark in someone's heart.**

And a happy volunteer, led by God, will step forward,

"Happy New Year to all and to all a good night!"

If interested, talk with Nancy Joie Wilkie at mindsights@mindspring.com

TREE MONTGOMERY

Tree Montgomery is a program to plant shade trees – for FREE. When planted, the trees are more than ten feet tall and will eventually grow to more than 50 feet tall. The link, <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/green>trees> takes you through the application process which takes about six months. Everything is explained on the website, and it is user friendly. The program is for residents and businesses (including churches) that have a need for trees on their properties. Janice Vieira's experience is a positive one so far.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

A new member class called Connections will start on Thursday, Jan. 5 and go for four weeks. Time to be announced. Contact Rev. Emily with interest or if you have questions.

SCRIPTURE READERS NEEDED

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.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED TO SEND EMAILS

A volunteer is needed to send email announcements. This would include sending the weekly "What's Happening at Salem" email and some others from time to time. This is approximately a two hour a week commitment – about one hour composing the emails and attending the communications meeting via Zoom each Wednesday from 11:00 A.M – 12:00 P.M. If interested, please contact Rev. Emily.

READING ROOM

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 everyone who has donated books so far.

GIVING

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>

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



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

January Birthdays

Deb Van Horn	01/02
Rachel Bartley	01/03
Marilyn Lange	01/06
Maryellen Stanley-Brown	01/18
Joan Aebig	01/18
David Ranshaw	01/20
Marcia York	01/20
Rev. Emily Hart	01/21
Kathryn Ennes	01/22
Emma Poe-Yamagata	01/27
Wathsala Miller	01/29
Rick Myer	01/30

Anniversaries

Mark and Anne Ennes	01/25
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COVID

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

CONTACT INFORMATION

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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