



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



There is one thing that longtime members of Salem are consistently amazed at during our leadership team meetings.

It's our financial stability. According to you all, this is the MOST STABLE Salem's finances have ever been. Can I get a "hallelujah!"?

We are stable because of strategic choices the leadership teams have made over the years and because of your incredible generosity. I believe you are giving because of your hearts.

We want to continue growing in health and in our love of God, so the leadership team has

packed me off to Financial Leadership Academy Class of 2025!

This is a program offered by the Mid Atlantic Foundation of the United Methodist Church. It will have a series of in person classes, online discussions, and meetings with a coach.

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I'll additionally be working through exercises with a small group of members who can help me figure out how to best take advantage of these learnings at Salem. They've promised to teach us everything we need to know about church finances (schedules, rules, THEOLOGY, planned giving, culture, etc) that we weren't taught in seminary.

Get excited for this adventure!

Blessings,

Rev. Emily

LEADERSHIP TEAM UPDATE

Hello to all Salem congregants. We hope everyone had a blessed Easter celebration. We welcomed back JoAnn Keister and her family after a lengthy time away.

The Leadership Team met in April and took action on a couple of standing issues. The team focused on the sanctuary roof replacement cost and maintenance concerns. Some background: Galvalume, the product selected, is a steel based roofing product and so is subject to corrosive action. Corrosive effects are offset by a coating alloy of aluminum and tin on the base metal. Corrosive elements are mitigated and industry data approximates a 45 year lifetime, and it comes with a 25.5 year warranty. Approval to move forward, with contracting with a few caveats, was unanimous.

Salem team members met with the Brookeville Historic Committee to review a grant to approve to construct the new metal roof. We have a responsive and responsible bid from Hardin Construction LLC for

\$110,000 plus several elements to be priced. Salem is now seeking permitting from the Park and Planning Historic Preservation Committee.

Salem still needs to complete an assessment of the current status of its infrastructure. As said last time, the end result is a triage-type list identifying immediate repairs, repairs that can wait 6 months, and work that can be deferred for a longer interval. And a budget for getting it all accomplished within the list schedule and Salem's resources.

McCarty Commercial Construction has provided Salem with a preliminary sketch of a new sanctuary layout. We are looking into interior design and lighting consultants for ideas on finishes inside. Information has started being disseminated to the congregation.

In other matters, Salem will be offering once monthly Sunday child care starting at 9:15 A.M.

Reverend Emily and Churchill are in contact with Brookeville and Better Angels for common use ideas and lecture series nearing election time, respectively.

Mary Kay and Churchill are integrating QuikBooks software into a new computer to streamline budget reporting.

The March P and L statement shows Salem has over \$6,300 in profit through March. Always welcome news to report.

Mark Aebig, chair
Members: Mary Kay Abramson, Quinn Anderson, Chet Babylon, Buck Bartley, Churchill Groves, Hisashi Yamagata

EASTER SERMON SERIES



It's on the loose!

That's not normally a phrase we're happy to hear. We don't want wild animals or captured things released and running wild.

And yet, that's exactly what the Holy Spirit does.

On the day of crucifixion, the temple curtain is ripped in two.

Now, suddenly, the Holy Spirit will go wherever it wants. It's on the loose.

In the Hebrew scriptures God decided to live within the temple to be close to the people. This was a magnificent gift from our nomadic God. However, by the time Jesus is ready for crucifixion, God is ready for a change. The Spirit is not willing to only be as close to the people as the temple. Now the Spirit wants to live within the people themselves.

So, the curtain rips, and from then on we see the Spirit take the people through a wild ride that changes everything. New people are invited into the family, the Spirit gets close enough to interrupt sermons, and the disciples learn new depth of forgiveness.

This loosed Spirit is here to change the world. Will you join us?

May 5 On the Loose: Inspiration
Acts 4: 5-12

May 12 On the Loose: Ascension
Acts 1: 1-11

May 19 On the Loose: Pentecost
Acts 2: 1-21; John 15: 26-27; 16: 4b-15

Summer sermon series begins:

May 26 Trinity Sunday
2 Peter 1:16-18; Matthew 26:16-20

NEW BIBLE STUDY

A new Wednesday night Bible study, *1 and 2 Corinthians Immersion Study*, will begin May 1 and run for six weeks. See the website for the reading schedule.

6:30-7:00 P.M. gather
7:00-8:00 P.M. study

To purchase the book from Christianbook, you can use this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/56phaj6s>

To purchase the book from Amazon:

<https://tinyurl.com/yckfb83k>

The zoom link for all the Wednesday night studies is:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/94812192432?pwd=T256VnlzQ1VwVk83eGljeGRLL3pNQOT09#success>

NEW MEMBER JOINING CEREMONY

On April 7, six (!) new members joined Salem. They had met for five in depth classes on what it means to be a United Methodist and a member of Salem.



New members Kyle Mauzy (left, behind rail), Roberta Sybrant, Alden English, Marti English, Randi Heinbuch, and David Heinbuch (left to right in front of rail). On the right are mentors Pati Fekete and Barbara Whalen.

MISSIONS

The Lord's Table

The Salem volunteer days at The Lord's Table are held the first Friday of each month at 1 P.M. The next one is May 3. The location is Epworth United Methodist Church, 9008 Rosemont Drive, Gaithersburg, MD. Contact Churchill Groves for information.

Olney HELP Food Needs

You may leave non-perishable food donations in the box under the table in the sanctuary or in the marked box in the Community Hall. Most needed items include non-perishable snacks for kids over Spring break, canned fruit (in juice), peanut butter (16 oz, smooth), cold cereal (kids and adult), canned pasta, snacks for kids, pancake mix and pancake syrup. Also, canned fruit (in juice please), canned pasta, shelf stable bottled juice, frosting for all our cake mixes (we provide cake mix, frosting, candles, cupcake holders and sprinkles for the kids birthdays), pancake mix, canned chili, canned chicken, sloppy joe sauce, canned tomatoes (prefer low salt), adult cereal, spaghetti sauce –plain kind, canned meats, such as tuna, chicken, turkey, corned beef, spam, salmon, Vienna sausage, etc.;, 1 lb. bags of rice and rice sides (Knorr/Roni), pasta sides (Knorr/Roni), baked beans, canned green beans, corn, peas (low/no salt), Jelly - all sizes, all flavors, condiments - BBQ sauce, ketchup, mustard, salad dressing; instant mashed potatoes - pouches and boxes, juice boxes for the kids (100% juice please).

You can also drop off Giant gift cards at the Giant Customer Service desk, and they will hold them for Olney Help.

For those who find it easier to order online, they have a new Amazon wish list with many useful items on it.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/B9R4BSW2TAS5?ref=wl_share

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 to give to someone who is ill or needs comfort. Feel free to pick one up near the coat rack.

STANDING ON THE SHOULDERS OF GIANTS

After visiting several local churches, Nancy Cox, her husband Greg, and their three young boys, came to Salem in 1992 and made it their church home. In the 32 years since, Nancy has performed lots of God Jobs, many of them behind-the-scenes.



Nancy has served pancake breakfasts, been a member of the Leadership Team, served on the Cemetery Committee, run the Trash &

Treasure Room at the Christmas Bazaar, served Lion's Club Dinners, and, with other dedicated God Jobbers, created elaborate cardboard scenery for Vacation Bible School productions.

Add to those God Jobs her behind-the-scenes efforts. A project to reorganize the cupboards in the community hall kitchen led Nancy, Suzanne Friis and other energetic volunteers to clean and stain all the cabinets and paint the kitchen, hall entryway and bathrooms. Declaring themselves "Team Sparkle," they then painted the entire community hall, hung new curtains and artwork, and cleaned out and reorganized the storage room.

No job is too big or too small for Nancy to tackle. She regularly purchases kitchen and bathroom supplies, repairs holes in walls, weeds and plants flower beds, helps clean the kitchen grease trap and keeps all closets organized. Nancy continues doing God Jobs that help sustain Salem as a welcoming place of worship and a unique asset for the community.

Nancy, we 'stand on your shoulders,' benefiting today from all that you've done and continue to do for Salem United Methodist Church. Thank you!

Please contact Rev. Emily if you'd like a God Job that helps keep our sanctuary and community hall organized, supplied and sparkling.

CELEBRATING JOANN KEISTER'S RETURN TO CHURCH

One Sunday early in April, JoAnn and some of her family arrived at church and were joyfully greeted by many friends. It was also wonderful that newer congregants had the opportunity to see her, a person whose name they had heard many times before.



JoAnn riding on her Go-Go



JoAnn with daughter Joyce behind her, daughter Maggie, and son-in-law Henry



Daughters Maggie and Barbara, and their cousin Carol



Son-in-law Henry and the family's longtime friend Yvette



A beautiful portrait of JoAnn enjoying social hour

For a great article on JoAnn's hard work at Salem, see pages 5-6 of the April 2024 newsletter.

UPCOMING ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Baltimore-Washington Conference will be holding its Annual Conference from May 29-31. This year's theme is "Like Fire Shut Up in Our Bones," inspired by Jeremiah 20:9. Rev. Emily and Mark Aebig will be attending.

At the 2024 Session of the Baltimore-Washington Conference, members will consider four resolutions:

- Affirming common ground by recognizing the flaws of the proposed amendment to the Maryland Constitution establishing a right to reproductive freedom
- Recognition of Sickle Cell Disease in our UMC Communities

- Draw the Circle Wide: Celebrating the 40th Anniversary of Reconciling Ministries Network
- Establish Camping Sunday

More information about these resolutions can be found under the Events tab at:

www.bwcumc.org/

(Note: This Annual Conference is NOT the same as the General Conference which was recently held in North Carolina. Rev. Emily sent information about that in a special "Salem Announcements" email on April 25.)

YARD SALE MAY 18

Saturday, May 18! Mark your calendars! Bring your good quality furniture and other items to the church (times to be announced). These items will be sold with proceeds going to the church. Volunteers are needed to help.

More information will follow.

ASP

Although we don't have our own team this year, there is another local group of college freshman fund-raising for a trip this summer. This is the fifth time most of them have gone on this mission. If you would like to help, see the flyer at the end of this newsletter for information.

CEMETERY NEWS

We are increasing the prices of our Cemetery lots, from \$1,400.00 a lot to \$2,000.00 a lot starting September 1, 2024. We have a limited number of lots for cremains only from \$600.00 to \$1,000.00 a lot starting September 1, 2024. See Quinn Anderson or Chet Babylon.

SOCIAL HOUR

Please remember to sign up to bring snacks to the Community Hall so Social Hour can continue. This is another great way to encourage fellowship following the Worship service. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board down the hall from the sanctuary. Instead of weekly, we'll try once a month—maybe the third Sunday of the month. Nothing fancy. Just a dozen donuts cut in half is perfect.

LUNCH FOR SIX

Would you like to chat with others outside of church while enjoying lunch out? This is the perfect opportunity to socialize during the week. Groups have gone to GrillMarx, Mama Lucia, Panera Bread, Olney Grille, Dempsey's and more. There is a sign-up sheet for the next group on the bulletin board down the hall from the sanctuary.

READING ROOM

The Reading Room shelves are full! We cannot accept any more books. The good news is there are well over 400 books and DVDs. It's located upstairs in the Community Hall.

The Reading Room is open on Sundays from 8:30 A.M. to noon.

BIRTHDAYS



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

Marsha Thorpe	05/27
Bill Lavelly	05/28

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>

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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Caleb Bauman

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We are going to be attending Appalachia Service Project this summer on June 16-22. This trip will mark the fifth trip to ASP for most of us going. Most of us are currently college freshman who have attended this trip since 8th grade. We would all be extremely appreciative of any financial support generous church members can provide.



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