



# SALEM BROOKEVILLE

A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

## NEWSLETTER July/August 2022

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### A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Happy July!

I am delighted to announce that I'll be officially staying with you all for another year! As many of you know, in the United Methodist Church we are appointed and reappointed every year on July 1. All UMC ministers are "itinerant," meaning we travel from church to church as the Bishop and her Cabinet appoint us. Every year at Annual Conference the Bishop will "set" the appointments for the coming year. The Bishop has not assigned me to a new church, so I will be staying here for another cycle. Hooray!

The itinerant system is very important to our identity as United Methodists. It helps with church health by developing laity roots. Any mission or program that is totally dependent on the pastor is something temporary because our pastors move around. (This means that without you, all our church's programs are temporary!) While I support the itinerant system, I also love knowing we have another year together. We have so much to do together, Salem. This year we have time with Alan to work on our music ministry, we are working on sustainable volunteer systems, and perhaps we'll shift from our "holy no" into an "exuberant yes!"

Because of the pandemic and our collective exhaustion we've said a "holy no" to a lot of opportunities. Now that we officially have another year together, I think it's time to start thinking about how we want to spend it.

What would you like to see Salem do more of? Fellowship? Missions? Something else?

Let me know!

Blessings,  
Rev. Emily

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### LEADERSHIP TEAM UPDATE

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Leadership Team met on June 5, 2022. At that meeting we:

- Continued our ongoing discussion of the book *Mission Possible: A Simple Structure for Missional Effectiveness* by Kay Kotan and Blake Bradford. We are using our learnings and insights from this book to inform our work at Salem. We look for ideas that support our mission as a smaller congregation. A key idea is the importance of delegating tasks.
- Firmed up some details of our new contract with Alan as our Director of Music. This included discussion of ideas for other ways that Alan can enrich the music and worship experiences of our congregation and reach beyond to the community.
- Began our discussion of Stewardship for the rest of this year (2022) and next year (2023). We agreed that our stewardship is both monetary as well as the tasks that we all contribute to in our God jobs. We began to brainstorm ideas for fundraisers to supplement the generous giving of the congregation. We welcome any and all ideas from the congregation for ways we can raise money to support our ministry as well as other projects in the community.

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 consultation slots will be offered starting July 5 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 of 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.

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

*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  
(636) 578-5588

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## MUSIC IN THE SUMMER!!

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Our own minister of music, Alan Naylor, will be giving his first solo concert since the start of the pandemic this July 23 at 7:30 P.M. The performance will be at the Creative Cauldron in Falls Church, which is where Alan won his Helen Hayes Award for the musical "Jacques Brel." In addition, there will be tickets for a livestream available. Feel free to reach out to Alan or go to the following link for more information:

<https://www.creativecauldron.org/cabarets22.html>

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

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## SUMMER 2022 SERMON SERIES

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What might we learn if we took the risk to listen? If we took the risk to let these holy ones of God become our traveling companions on our summer journey? We might be troubled, and we will be, but we might also be lifted up. We might be challenged, but we might find reasons for hope, or we might find a renewed vision that inspires us for all the journeys we make. So, what do you say? Are you up for a journey this summer, a journey to the edge of our faith? Then you're ready for "Prophet Margins."

July 03  
Wash and Be Clean  
*2 Kings 5:1-14*

July 10  
What do You See?  
*Amos 7:7-17*

July 17  
Living in a Bitter Day  
*Amos 8:1-12*

July 24  
Pity in the House  
*Hosea 1:2-10*

July 31  
Cords of Kindness  
*Hosea 11:1-11*

August 07  
Learn to Do Good  
*Isaiah 1: 1;10-20*

August 14  
Yielding Wild Grapes  
*Isaiah 5:1-7*

August 21  
I Knew You  
*Jeremiah 1:4-10*

August 28  
Cracked Cistern  
*Jeremiah 2:4-13*

Series focused from UMC Discipleship.

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### **SUMMER STUDIES**

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The first summer reading suggestion for June was “Soil and Sacrament” by Fred Bahnson. Our Zoom discussion will be

July 6 from 7:00-8:00 P.M. (Pastor Emily will log on at 6:30 P.M. for fellowship), and our Brookeville Beer Farm discussion will be July 7 at 4:00 P.M. This book is excellent for anyone who loves gardening. Bahnson goes on a journey to discover himself through various gardens around the world. In the process he falls in love with God, gardening, and the process of feeding himself and others. It'll make you feel like your garden is a holy place.

Our second book will be “Breaking Free From Body Shame: Dare to Reclaim What God Has Named Good” by Jess Connolly. Our Zoom discussion will be August 10 from 7:00–8:00 P.M. (Pastor Emily will log on at 6:30 P.M. for fellowship), and our Brookeville Beer Farm discussion will be August 11 at 4:00 P.M. This book is good for anyone who has ever been on a diet or disliked their own body. It's perfect for beach season because it'll (hopefully) help you take a deep breath and love the skin you're in. This book is especially geared towards women and the people who love them. If you are a women, love a woman, have a daughter, granddaughter, or niece, this book is for you. It'll remind you that your body is a holy place.

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### **APPRECIATION FOR REV. EMILY**

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The year is 2020. Salem has gone through a lot of changes, many in our congregation passed the realm of space and joined God around his throne, our Music Director, moved away, then our Pastor retired.

Before she left, she told us who was taking her place, Rev. Emily Hart. She told us of her background working with the deaf and the wondrous work she had done. We were all looking forward to her arrival.

July came and this beautiful young woman filled our pulpit. Some people had doubts whether she could “handle Salem.” It didn’t take long before their doubts were turned to amazement!

Rev. Emily came to us at the height of Covid 19 (or the many names it has), but that did not stop her enthusiasm for the work assignment God had given her. Mask, outdoor services, Zoom, you name it we did it!



Then in 2021 her dream came true. Wish I could add pictures as OUR Rev. Emily was ordained! Such an exciting day! Not just for Emily and her family but the whole Salem Family rejoiced with her.

I must say preaching isn’t her only talent. Name them? Not a chance! We could never count them all. Let us congratulate Rev. Emily and vow to back her completely as she begins her third year at Salem. Rev. Emily Hart, Salem loves you and we are proud you are our Spiritual Leader! Looking forward to many years to come knowing God is with you and also with Salem.

Blessings,  
Velma Durant

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## FAREWELL TO SUZANNE FRIIS

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Salem volunteers said goodbye to Suzanne at Elder Pine on June 15. For her kind spirit and hard work we say thank you so much and safe travels!

Message from Suzanne—

Dear Salem Friends:

Thank you for the wonderful send-off, kind words and generous gift certificate for our new home in North Carolina. Being a member of Salem has made me understand the meaning of “church family” and it is difficult for me to say good-bye. I have been blessed in many ways by many people at Salem and hope that I can pour out the love I have been shown to those I meet in this next phase of our lives. The words “thank you” do not fully represent my gratitude, but know they are from the depths of my heart. And yes, God is Good all the time!

Suzanne Friis

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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. Go up the stairs and turn left to the last door on the right. Thank you, Suzanne, for bringing another bookcase. Come explore the new selections available. If you have books you'd like to donate, just put them on the table and Joan will type the titles into the catalog and shelve them. Hopefully, by the end of summer, the catalog will be complete and in a 3-ring binder on the table so you can look stuff up. To check out a book, just write the date, your name, and the book title in the spiral notebook. The Reading Room is open on Sundays from 8:30 A.M. to noon. 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. The Case for Christ—A Journalist's Personal Investigation of the Evidence for Jesus by Lee Strobel
2. The Reason for God – Conversations on Faith and Life by Timothy Keller
3. The Shack, Where Tragedy Confronts Eternity, a novel by William P. Young
4. The Space Between—A Parent's Guide to Teenage Development by Dr. Walt Mueller
5. Wonderful Worship in Smaller Churches by David R. Ray

A weighty history book:

6. Holy Warriors, A Modern History of the Crusades by Jonathan Phillips

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## MISSIONS

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### The Lord's Table

The Lord's Table is not using volunteers from Salem UMC during the summer.

### Olney HELP Food Donations

(Updated 05/11/22)—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. Nancy Cox, and Joan and Mark Aebig will deliver them to Olney HELP. Most needed items: rice sides (Rice-a-Roni, Knorr), 1 lb bags rice, pancake mix/syrup, boxes of instant potatoes (boxes and pouches), canned corn (preferably low or no salt), baked beans (especially 28-oz cans), canned pasta (adult type) sloppy joe sauce, canned/pouches tuna, pasta sauce, small condensed soups (tomato, chicken noodle, vegetable), pasta sides (Knorr/Roni), canned chili, jelly, snacks for kids—granola bars, raisins, crackers, Goldfish, etc.

If you are interested in volunteering or would like additional information, 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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## GUEST PREACHERS

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Thank you Deb Ambrose and Don Rider for being guest preachers in June.

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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 Hart at [pastor@salemunitedmethodist.org](mailto:pastor@salemunitedmethodist.org). Also we are looking for someone to schedule the scripture readers.

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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.

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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)*

### July

McKeever, Doug	07/01
Ennes, Ellen	07/02
Durant, Velma	07/05
Lange, Robert	07/06
Poe-Yamagata, Ian	07/06
Smith, Virginia	07/06
Weinberger, Jacob	07/14
Roberts, Amy	07/15
Weinberger, Ginny	07/20
Ennes, Mark	07/30

### August

Wahl, Ginny	08/07
Shear, Kim	08/08
Roberts, Blake	08/14
Smith, Halsey	08/16
Thurston, Yvette	08/18
Lewis, Charlyne	08/19
Aebig, Mark	08/24
Bittner, Cloyd, Jr.	08/29
Weinberger, Cooper	08/29
Lyon, Marie	08/30

### Anniversaries

Hart, Emily and Chris	07/13
Savage, Brandon and Debbie	08/07
Rhinehart, Roger and Patti	08/22
Friis, Mark and Suzanne	08/27

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**NEW ADDRESS**

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Janet Howes is moving to a new address!

Asbury Methodist Village,  
Kindley Assisted Living  
333 Russell Ave., Apt. 116  
Gaithersburg, MD 20877

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**COVID POLICY**

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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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The newsletter is prepared by the Salem United Methodist Church Communications Team. Contact any team member with questions or comments. Thanks!

Rev. Emily Hart  
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