



# SALEM BROOKEVILLE

A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

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## NEWSLETTER June 2023

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### A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR



Isn't it time we had a picture with the new puppy, Mr. Winkie?

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### Are you thirsty?

Well, things are heating up outside. So, you probably are! Thirst can come from several sources. Dehydration, medications, salty foods, medical issues are just a few. In fact, by the time you're thirsty, your body is already craving water.

Last year I was thirsty all the time. I would chug a bottle of water before bed only to startle awake, bone-dry, needing to chug another. I didn't know what to do. I couldn't seem to retain water long enough to feel relief from this terrible thirst. I tried adding salt to my diet, drinking colder water, adding electrolytes, everything. Finally, my doctor changed one of my medications and the thirst abated.

Relief.

Finally.

Once my thirst passed, it became steadily less intense in my memory.

"It wasn't really that bad." "I must have been exaggerating."

Isn't it funny how we do that? Something challenging slips into neutral over time.

We do that with our faith, too. I was physically thirsty, but it was nothing to the

way I've been spiritually thirsty. Spiritual thirst can be a little different though. We don't always recognize it for what it is. I may feel spiritually thirsty and need time in prayer, or in God's creation, or serving others. However, if I don't recognize my thirst for what it is, I'll seek comfort in other things, like online shopping or mindless eating. Those are two of my vices. I won't try to guess yours today!

We all have a God-sized hole inside us that—guess what! —only God can fill. When we try to fill it with other things, our souls will be thirsty.

This month, join us as we satisfy our soul deep thirst.

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### LEADERSHIP TEAM UPDATE

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At May's meeting, a lot of issues were brought to the Team.

Playground Day Outreach and Wednesday Night Dinner, two outreach events discussed in May, received no volunteer effort. Both outreach events are now in limbo while the Leadership Team decides on how to proceed.

The Mongol Erdem sanctuary leasing request has been dropped pending more information from their representatives.

Salem Church continues to operationalize its Mission and Vision by community building and celebrating things that unify our common humanity.

Pastor Emily has set goals to expand our connection to local young families and improving the church's guest strategy. She

has in place two Connectors and has developed a spreadsheet for basic information on possible constituents. She is also involved in Backstory Preaching methods for improving on her already fantastic sermons by participating in on-line lectures and other weekly events.

The Leadership Team is considering one of two cemetery management software to digitize records and make viewing cemetery information an on-line exercise. Both have indicated that they were willing to demonstrate their software on site but have submitted nothing at this point.

The Leadership team is looking to create a Building Maintenance Work Group to handle emergencies in the Sanctuary, Education and Parsonage buildings. Buck and Quinn expressed interest in being point people for enlisting volunteers and contractor phone numbers.

The Education building furnace system is in need of replacement. Mark will arrange to meet with Fred Ambrose to determine what components are required in this. The team will also be arranging to have the Parsonage physical plants inspected and serviced.

Please prayerfully consider volunteering. Your willingness to participate helps the church as a whole and for you to individually put faith into action.

If you are interested in anything mentioned this month please contact Mark Aebig ([aebigm@gmail.com](mailto:aebigm@gmail.com)) or Pastor Emily Hart ([emily@salemunitedmethodist.org](mailto:emily@salemunitedmethodist.org))

Mark Aebig, Chair  
Members: Mary Kay Abramson, Quinn Anderson, Buck Bartley, Velma Durant, Churchill Groves, and Hisashi Yamagata

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**JUNE SERMON SERIES**

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June 4  
John 7: 37-39

June 11  
Genesis 1-2:4

June 18  
Genesis 18: 1-15

June 25  
Genesis 21: 8-21

July 2  
Matthew 10: 40-42

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**MISSIONS**

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**The Lord's Table**

There will be no Lord's Table this summer, but will resume in the fall. The location is Epworth United Methodist Church, 9008 Rosemont Drive, Gaithersburg, MD. See Churchill Groves for information.

**Olney HELP Food Needs**

Thank you, Nancy Cox, for hauling our donated food to Olney HELP and for working

there each week. Here is a new way to find out what nonperishable food items the pantry needs. Control+click [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/24NT3T45084TG?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/24NT3T45084TG?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](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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**LUNCH FOR SIX**

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Would you like to chat with others outside of church while enjoying lunch out? This is the perfect opportunity to meet people who sit outside your pew. Groups have gone to GrillMarx and Olney Grille. Fun! There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board down the hall from the sanctuary for the next group.

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**SOCIAL HOUR**

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Also 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.

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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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**VOLUNTEER NEEDED TO SEND EMAILS**

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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 Team meeting via Zoom each Wednesday from 11:00 A.M – 12:00 P.M. If interested, 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!

June Birthdays

Debbie Savage	06/07
Cloyd Bittner	06/09
Mary Morell	06/12
Judy Ercolani	06/16
Brandon Savage	06/18
Danielle Van Horn	06/23

June Anniversaries

Doug and Barbara Whalen	06/09
Cloyd and Betty Bittner	06/10
John and Carole Roberts	06/22

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

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