



SALEM BROOKEVILLE

A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

NEWSLETTER June 2022

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SYMPATHIES

Our sympathies to Carole Roberts and family on the loss of Carole's grandmother "Bella." A longtime resident of Silver Spring, MD, Bella passed away May 2, 2022 at the age of 101.

Condolences can be sent to the Roberts Family at:

2949 Dubarry Lane
Brookeville, MD 20833

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made in Ribella's name (Ribella Gerwin) to Montgomery Hospice.

Condolences to the Odle and Bartley families. Buck Bartley's nephew, Robert David Odle (Bobby), son of Bob and Jane Bartley Odle, joined his mother Jane in God's eternal care on Monday, May 3. Bobby had courageously battled various maladies for seven years following treatments for throat cancer and had for a time lived with Buck and Susan Bartley. He is survived by his dad Bob Odle, stepmom Estelle Odle, and many aunts, uncles and cousins in the Bartley and Odle families.

A memorial service is planned for a later date. Condolences can be sent to Buck at:
5 Church Street, Brookeville, MD 20833



A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Happy Summer! (almost)

It's time for ice cream, pool and beach trips, and summer flowers. There's nothing I love better than sitting on a beach with a good book. What is your favorite thing to do during the summer?

In honor of beach reading, we are taking a step back from Bible study for the summer and instead embracing summer reading. I have two book recommendations for you this summer. That's right folks, no evening Bible Study from June through August. Covenant group will continue to meet year-round.

To do something different, we will be doing some summer reading this year. I have two book recommendations for you. One for June, one for July. At the end of each month, we'll gather to discuss the books. One gathering will be on Zoom and one will be at Brookeville Beer Farm. I've heard you all tend to vacation in August, so I tried to keep our summer reading dates in June and July.

Our first book will be *Soil and Sacrament* by Fred Bahnson. Our Zoom discussion will be July 6 from 7:00–8:00 P.M. I'll log on at 6:30 P.M. for fellowship. Our Beer Farm discussion will be July 7 from 4:30–6:00 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 July 27 from 7:00–8:00 P.M. I'll log on at 6:30 P.M. for fellowship. Our Beer Farm discussion will be July 28 from 4:30–6:00 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 woman, 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.

Blessings on your summer,

Rev. Emily

JUNE SERMON SERIES



Daughter, mother, aunt, sister. These are just some of the roles many women around us have. In Scripture, women are all of these and more. Women are leaders, followers, survivors, dancers. Often these stories are eclipsed by the more popular stories about men in scripture. For eight weeks we'll take time to see what we can learn from the women of scripture as they fight, love, and lead. Let's learn from women.

This sermon series began on Easter and continued through May and into June.

June 5 (Pentecost)

Desperate—Bleeding Woman (Pentecost)

Luke 8:40–54

June 12 (Trinity Sunday)

Lead—*Tabitha/Dorcas*

Acts 9: 36–42

June 19

Loyal—*Ruth*

Ruth 1: 1–18

JUNE STUDY, PENTECOST and TRINITY SUNDAY

Like A Woman

Wednesdays, June 1 and 8

7:00 P.M. on Zoom

If you'd like to go deeper, join us in our May/June Booklet, "Like a Woman". We will journey through weekly scripture readings, daily practices, and thought-provoking questions as we try to break out of the boxes the world tries to shove us into. If you are tired of division and are looking for a better way, this is the study for you. We will have small group discussions about the weekly readings every Wednesday night on Zoom from 6:30–8:00 P.M. Discussion starts at 7:00 P.M.

SUMMER STUDIES

Book Club

Mid-June: 'Soil and Sacrament'
(by Fred Bahson)

Mid-July: 'Breaking Free from Body Shame'
(by Jess Connolly)

See details in 'A Word from our Pastor' above.

MANY THANKS TO BARBARA

Many thanks to Barbara Teague who designed and facilitated the 'Our Prayer Life: Encouraging God'. This was a thought-provoking study of our own experiences with prayer, our struggles, and our hang-ups. And thank you, Barbara, for all the books you introduced us to.

LEADERSHIP TEAM UPDATE

Mary Kay Abramson, Velma Durant, Halsey Smith, Rev. Emily, Debbie Ambrose (chair)

June 2022

Alan Naylor presented the Leadership Team with recommendations for needed technology, and he submitted an initial proposal which was approved.

The Leadership Team is moving forward on goals set for the church, especially encouraging people to volunteer for God Jobs and tracking the work they do so we can celebrate it.

Discussions about this occurred during the Grace In Action Meeting.

The next Leadership Team meeting is set for June 5 at 11:00 A.M. All church members are invited to attend to see how the Leadership Team functions.

If you have any comments, send them to Debbie at djcambrose@gmail.com.

Team Sparkle!

Nancy Cox and Suzanne Friis have finished sprucing up our kitchen (new paint!). Come take a look! The sad news is that both our large and small freezers are still dead. We are hoping to replace one of them with a donation from a business or individual. Thanks, Halsey Smith, for working on this and keeping the lights, heat and plumbing working.

Grace and peace,
Debbie Ambrose

MISSIONS

The Lord's Table

The Lord's Table serves hot meals to those in need. All members of Salem UMC are invited to join them on the first Friday of every month at Epworth United Methodist Church, 9008 Rosemont Drive, Gaithersburg, MD. Contact Buck if you would like to carpool.





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. Suzanne Friis, 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.

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.

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 Suzanne Friis at friis17@yahoo.com. Volunteers read approximately six times each year and are scheduled based on their availability.

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.

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!

Happy Birthday greeting from the Bible:

This is the day that the Lord has made,
let us be glad and rejoice in it. (Psalm 118:24)

June

Savage, Debbie	06/07
Bittner, Cloyd	06/09
Morell, Mary	06/12
Ercolani, Judy	06/16
Savage, Brandon	06/18
Van Horn, Danielle	06/23
Wesley, John	06/28/1703

Anniversaries

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

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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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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