



# 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 October 2022

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### A WORD TO OUR PASTOR

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Sympathies to Rev. Emily, her husband Chris and his family. Two of Chris' grandparents, Emma Lindsay and Stan Fraga, on different sides of the family, passed away last week in Washington State. Condolences can be sent to the church.

Blessings from the entire congregation.

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### LEADERSHIP TEAM UPDATE

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Summer is over and we are gearing up for another exciting year of ministry at Salem. At our September meeting (9/11/22) your Leadership Team began on several important tasks that we will be working on in the next several months.

- In Preparation for our annual Church Conference (October 29, 2022) we worked on several tasks that will help us complete the reports required by the Baltimore Washington Conference as part of this yearly report of the work of our church.
  1. We looked at our current Mission and Vision statements with an eye to revising and updating them. These are in progress and will be shared with the congregation when they are finished.
  2. We checked in with members of the team who are working on various required reports to be shared at Church Conference including: our Membership Report, Financial Report, Trustees Report, and Discipleship Report. Please join us at Church Conference to learn more about the vital work going on at Salem.
  3. We have a church Work Day coming up on October 2. Please join us to help in taking care of our beautiful building.
- We continued to plan for our annual Giving Campaign. Expect a letter from Salem about the campaign later in October. Giving Sunday is planned for Sunday, November 20.
- Emily shared information from a meeting held for local spiritual leaders about Olney HELP. Hunger and food insecurity continue to be a huge problem in our area. We have committed to continue supporting this ministry and encourage all members to

contribute to our food bins regularly. Thanks to the Aebigs and Nancy Cox for being our drop off volunteers to the Olney HELP Pantry.

Grace and Peace,  
Debbie Ambrose

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### ADDITIONAL LEADERSHIP INFO

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For a few years now Salem UMC has been moving towards finding the best way to lead our church. We have leaned towards a Leadership Board type model as a way to foster more effective and streamlined committee and decision making structure.

Salem is not unique in this effort. Many large churches are also adopting this model of leadership.

In a nutshell, the Simplified Accountability Structure (SAS) combines the "Four Hats" (Council, Finance, Trustees and SPRC committees) into a single nine member Leadership Board. The board and Pastor will be held accountable to each other and the parishioners.

At each monthly meeting the Leadership Team focus is on the work that needs to be done in mission, ministry and upkeep. That is followed a week later by the Grace in Action meeting where we invite discussion with all parishioners either in the Community Hall or online.

Updates will appear occasionally in future newsletters.

Blessings,  
Mark Aebig

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## MUSICAL INSTRUCTION

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Hello Salem UMC, Brookeville, and the greater Olney region!

Starting this summer (AND CONTINUING INTO THE FALL!), free musical instruction will be provided by Alan Naylor, Minister of Music at Salem United Methodist Church and Helen Hayes Award Winner. This program will be available to ALL regardless of connection to Salem UMC, skill level, background, or interest. Young, old, beginner or music professional... all are invited to participate.

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 rolling consultation slots will be offered throughout the months 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.

See the website <http://www.salemunitedmethodist.org> to learn more about the program, Alan's experience and skills, and how to participate. This opportunity is not limited to our congregation so tell our friends and neighbors, young and old! Contact Alan at: [music@salemunitedmethodist.org](mailto:music@salemunitedmethodist.org) to schedule a consultation.

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 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.

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

[Alan Naylor](#)

*Member AEA*

*Actor, Singer, Pianist, & Piano Technician*

*Certified Piano-Life-Saver Humidity System Installer*

*Helen Hayes Award: Outstanding Lead Actor in a Musical (2015)*

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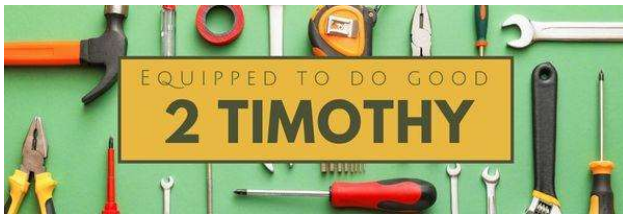
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## OCTOBER SERMON SERIES

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2 Timothy: Equipped to do Good

*What does it mean to be equipped to do good in the world?* 2 Timothy is one of three “pastoral letters” in the New Testament. This means they are written to specific people in a specific context—similar to a mentoring email today. When we read these letters we get a window into Pauline teaching that helps us to understand the kinds of worries first- and second-century Christians had. In 2 Timothy, we see the author (possibly Paul, but not definitely) taking time to advise his charge on matters of faith and leadership. Some of the letter would be only applicable to the recipient, while other parts are general to all Christians. We will focus on some sections that apply to everyone, even though I

encourage you to read the short letter in its entirety. Be equipped.

October 2

Revive God’s Gifts

2 Timothy 1: 1-14

October 9

Equipped to Speak

2 Timothy 2: 8-15

October 16

Equipped to Preach

2 Timothy 3: 14 - 4: 5

October 23

Equipped with Strength

2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18

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## ALL SAINTS DAY

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October 30

All Saints Day - Our Inheritance

Ephesians 1: 11-23

Today, we celebrate All Saint’s Day. It is a day to remember and celebrate those who have gone before us—our “cloud of witnesses.” Scripture tells us that we receive an inheritance in Christ that makes us God’s people. This is good news! It means that we can never go so far from God that we are separated for good. Instead, in life and in death we are connected to God forever. Hallelujah!

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## FALL BIBLE STUDY

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### A Life of Simplicity

There will be one more study for A Life of Simplicity on October 5.

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## WORK DAY

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How do the church filters and batteries get changed? We gather for an hour after church to do it! Join us on October 2 immediately after church to help us by doing some light "dirty work."

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## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

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Sunday, October 9 at 2 P.M. This free community event will be held rain or shine for people of all faiths and ages and their animals that may include dogs, cats, birds, fish, reptiles, rabbits and farm animals. Reverend Emily Hart will administer the blessings that celebrate the bond of love that animals have with their humans and the gifts that animals bring to our lives. All animals must be leashed or in pet carriers. If your beloved pet has passed on, please feel free to bring a photo.

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## MISSIONS

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### 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 October 7 and following that, the first Friday of every month at Epworth United Methodist Church, 9008 Rosemont Drive, Gaithersburg, MD. Additional volunteers are always needed.

### Olney HELP Food Donations

(Updated 08/18/22)—THE PANTRY IS CRITICALLY LOW! 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: boxed spaghetti, pancake syrup, jelly, canned pasta (esp. adult), pasta sauce, canned chicken/tuna/salmon/beef stew/corned beef, canned peas, corn & green beans, canned fruit, baked beans, fruit juice (both shelf stable bottles and juice boxes for kids – 100% juice only), instant potatoes (boxed), 1 lb. bags white rice, Rice a Roni, coffee, tea, dessert mixes and snacks for kids (granola bars, raisins, crackers, Goldfish). Currently they do not need any soups, other beans (kidney, pinto, black, etc), mac and cheese or peanut butter. They are always in need of size 5 and 6 diapers. They do not need baby food as most families are finding it less expensive and healthier to make their own.

If you are interested in volunteering or know of 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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### **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. 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. Here are some books available:

- 1) *Seven Sides of Self stories* by Nancy Joie Wilkie
- 2) *Fossil Woman*, a novel by Sharon Lyon
- 3) *Something Beautiful for God* (re: Mother Teresa) by Malcolm Muggeridge
- 4) *Gift of the Red Bird – A Spiritual Encounter* by Paula D'Arcy
- 5) *Proclaiming Grace & Methodism – Two Centuries of American Methodism* by American Bible Society
- 6) *A Guide to Pronouncing Biblical Names* by T. S. K. Scott-Craig

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### **BROOKEVILLE SING AND S'MORE**

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The congregation enjoys hymn sings led by Alan on the second and fourth Thursdays each month followed by campfires and making s'mores behind Rev. Emily's house.

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### **VACATION FUN**

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Would you like to share your summer vacation? Write two or three sentences about your vacation fun and sent it to Joan ([joanaebig@gmail.com](mailto:joanaebig@gmail.com)) who will add it to the next newsletter.

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### **APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT**

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Since ASP trips have been put on hold for a couple years, I'd like to include something in the newsletter to remind us of your service and God's grace.

Reflections on ASP experiences  
by Fred Ambrose, circa 2010

First, this isn't about "you or me" when we go down there. That said, each year now I have learned a great deal more about "me" than I had known before I went. Each year has been a personally very intense experience in so many ways. Each year brings new insight into my faith, my relationships with others, and with my God. Each year I have learned side by side with the "kids" - - for me it has been as humbling as it has been exhilarating .... and this is a good thing.

Second, the "kids" ... our "kids" .... they're not "kids" .... they are smart, inquisitive, impulsive, energetic, open minded, youth who are just plain fun to be around. If there is an "anti-aging" prescription, at least for me, our youth and the ASP experience is probably it. I come back feeling not that I didn't do enough, but that I was able to do so much, learn so much more than I had expected we would. Each year I leave realizing that I had a lot of fun being around everyone .... not just the folks we help, or the "Salem Family Contingent" ... but everyone. I find that I get so much out of working with the youth, and I have found that they are open to learning from us ... ahem, "older youth <at heart>. Win Win Win!

This year was, as it always is, a reality check ... a real "reality show" ... and in some sense a "survival show" .... It's about serious issues, bad luck or no luck, about tough, tough people and vulnerable children. It was about fun, jump shots and "red neck puzzles" ... unwinding at the local ice cream shop ... it was about warped boards and levers, chemistry and concrete, ... but most of all it was really just all about learning of GOD's wonderful world and how to live in it - - together.

What do I think? I think that the ASP experience, the boot camp like atmosphere, and the fact that we all know that we each have to depend on each other leads each of us to appreciate the meaning of our own faith in God .... That in the end, we also have to depend on God. We had the opportunity to be challenged collectively. This broke down barriers to communication. It makes adults young again, and it makes the youth suddenly "older" ... it makes us one with God.



A note from Joan Aebig: Thank you, Fred, for sharing your thoughts with us. I can imagine that you've been on many trips. Probably Buck Bartley and Hisashi Yamagata led all or most of them. I do know that Salem has participated with ASP for at least fifteen years. This is a blessed thing.

Stay tuned for next month's newsletter where I'll include an article on a little ASP history and some current events.

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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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### 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!

### October

Shear, Myron	10/01
Fekete, Pati	10/01
Meisner, Joe	10/09
Johns, Emily	10/24
Ambrose, Fred	10/25
Ambrose, Debbie	10/29

### Anniversaries

Aebig, Mark and Joan, 43 years	10/13
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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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