

# SALEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Electronic Bulletin**  
**12 High Street, Brookeville, MD**  
**January 31, 2021**

**Service Time: 9:30 A.M.**  
Online Live Worship: <https://SalemUMC.live>  
or

Worship on Zoom with Pre- and Post-Social Time beginning at 9:15 AM:  
<https://zoom.us/j/93461431149?pwd=eWk4VmorU1pvYW5nTXFkcG9ZUDNWUT09>

Pastor: Rev. Emily Hart  
Musician: Dr. Harry Dunstan

## **Welcome!**

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

## **Our Mission**

The Mission of the people of Salem United Methodist Church  
is to grow in Christian faith and express God's love to all.

## **Weekly Sign Language**

Eyes Open  
Precious  
Take My Hand  
Still  
Soul

## **Announcements**

**Bible Study and Joys and Concerns Time:** Wednesday February. 03 from 6:30–8:00 P.M.

- **Joys and Concerns** check-in every Wednesday from 6:30–7:00 P.M.
- All are welcome-no requirement to stay for the study.
- **Bible Study:** 7:00–8:00 P.M. Luke Immersion Study. Read Luke 5: 12-26; Luke 7: 1-17; Luke 8: 22-56; Luke 9: 37-43 and Chapter 4 in the book.

**Click here** to participate—

<https://zoom.us/j/94812192432?pwd=T256VnIzQ1VwVk83eGljeGRLL3pNQOT09>

**Lent Self-Guided Study Book:** During Lent, the Sermon Series will follow much of the book “Lent in Plain Sight: A Devotion Through Ten Objects” by Jill Duffield. It can be purchased on Amazon. If you need assistance with ordering, contact Suzanne Friis.

[https://www.amazon.com/Lent-Plain-Sight-Jill-Duffield/dp/0664265464/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?dchild=1&keywords=Lent+in+Plain+Sight+by+Jill+Duffield&qid=1611942166&s=books&sr=1-1](https://www.amazon.com/Lent-Plain-Sight-Jill-Duffield/dp/0664265464/ref=sr_1_1?dchild=1&keywords=Lent+in+Plain+Sight+by+Jill+Duffield&qid=1611942166&s=books&sr=1-1)

**The January 2021 Newsletter** is available on the Web site.

[http://www.salemunitedmethodist.org/320\\_salem-newsletter-current.php](http://www.salemunitedmethodist.org/320_salem-newsletter-current.php)

Velma would like to post contributions from the congregation in the newsletter. Please send thoughts, poems, and photos to her at: [velma\\_durant@yahoo.com](mailto:velma_durant@yahoo.com).

## **New District Superintendent Appointed**

The Rev. Park's term as the Central Maryland District Superintendent concludes at the end of June. The Rev. Dawn Hand, currently the superintendent of the Pittsburgh District in the Western Pennsylvania Conference, will begin serving July 01, 2021.

## **Worship**

### **Preparing**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship with Body Prayer

Song: UMH #474 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

### **Proclaiming**

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture: Ruth 1: 1-22

Sermon: Beginnings—Ruth

### **Responding**

Song: UMH #534 "Be Still, My Soul"

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Offering

Thank you for mailing in your offerings. Please continue to do so. If you haven't yet done so, please consider mailing your offerings to:

12 High Street

Brookeville, MD 20833

If you would like to give by app, please go to the Google Play store or the App Store (depending on your device) and download "Give Plus." Then search "churches near me," and Salem should pop up. You can do all your giving through this app!

If you have financial needs, please contact Rev. Emily. She will keep your need confidential and do all she can to assist you.

Offertory

### **Claiming**

Song: UMH #454 "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

Benediction

## Scripture

Ruth 1: 1–22 (New Revised Standard Version)

### Elimelech's Family Goes to Moab

1 In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. <sup>2</sup> The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. <sup>3</sup> But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. <sup>4</sup> These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, <sup>5</sup> both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

### Naomi and Her Moabite Daughters-in-Law

<sup>6</sup> Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had considered his people and given them food. <sup>7</sup> So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. <sup>8</sup> But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me." <sup>9</sup> The Lord grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. <sup>10</sup> They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." <sup>11</sup> But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands?" <sup>12</sup> Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, <sup>13</sup> would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the Lord has turned against me." <sup>14</sup> Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. <sup>15</sup> So she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." <sup>16</sup> But Ruth said,

"Do not press me to leave you  
or to turn back from following you!  
Where you go, I will go;  
where you lodge, I will lodge;

your people shall be my people,  
and your God my God.  
<sup>17</sup> Where you die, I will die—  
there will I be buried.

May the Lord do thus and so to me,  
and more as well,  
if even death parts me from you!"

<sup>18</sup> When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

<sup>19</sup> So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem. When they came to Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them; and the women said, “Is this Naomi?” <sup>20</sup> She said to them,

“Call me no longer Naomi,<sup>[a]</sup>  
call me Mara,<sup>[b]</sup>  
for the Almighty<sup>[c]</sup> has dealt bitterly with me.

<sup>21</sup> I went away full,  
but the Lord has brought me back empty;  
why call me Naomi  
when the Lord has dealt harshly with<sup>[d]</sup> me,  
and the Almighty<sup>[e]</sup> has brought calamity upon me?”

<sup>22</sup> So Naomi returned together with Ruth the Moabite, her daughter-in-law, who came back with her from the country of Moab. They came to Bethlehem at the beginning of the barley harvest.