



# SALEM BROOKEVILLE

A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

## NEWSLETTER June 2024

### A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR



As you may know General Conference 2020 finally took place this April (even though it's 2024!). Our delegates made many decisions on our behalf. To read the official UMC update, check out [UMNews.org](https://umnews.org).

The purpose of General Conference is to set budgets to fund ministries, establish rules and policies, and make decisions for the larger United Methodist Church.

While the GC is always filled with worship, many years it has been fraught with tension and deep social disagreement.

This year was different. There was deep sadness over disaffiliation, but also more hope than I've ever seen in a GC. UMNews says this is arguably the most consequential GC since 1968 when we convened to create the United Methodist church.

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After the delegates considered more than 1,000 petitions, here's an overview of the decisions made:

- Removed the prohibition against gay clergy
- Removed prohibition against same gender weddings
- Approved the budget for the next four years
- Approved a new clergy pension plan
- Granted deacons sacramental authority in their ministry setting
- Agreed to be "in full communion" with the Episcopal church
- Approved some Eurasian annual conferences to leave and become the "Christian Methodist Church"
- Reduced the number of US bishops from 39 to 32
- Approved regionalization petitions that will allow other Central Conferences to make contextual decisions for their ministry

While many are happy (these votes largely passed with huge majorities), some believe we spent too much time in an echo chamber and didn't spend time thinking about what the loss of so many churches will mean for us as a denomination. Bishop Will Willimon reminds us in an article titled "Missed Opportunities at the UMC general conference" that our US church is 96% white and 62% over 50. He is afraid we spent too much time looking ahead ambiguously without enough creative self-reflection on how we will reach out to other generations and demographics.

Overall, General Conference marks a new step in our denomination. However, it's important that we spend our time focusing on what God has called us, Salem UMC in Brookeville, to do. Continue to love and

welcome all, and I think we're on the right track.

Blessings,

Rev. Emily

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## SUMMER SERMON SERIES

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The Gospel of John tells us Christ is the light of the world. The epistle, 1 John (pronounced "first John"), doubles down on this message and helps us to understand what it means to walk in the light of Christ. Throughout this series we'll see the way God shows up for and loves us deeply. We'll also see the ways we can care for each other in the same way. In the end, that's the major message. It's all about love. So, this summer, as we approach the longest day of the year, let's find ways to walk in the Light.

2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Sundays after Pentecost:

June 2 *Jeremiah 20:9; Romans 12:1,9-12*

June 9 *1 John 1:1 – 2:2*

June 16 *1 John 3:1-7*

June 23 *1 John 3:16-24*

June 30 *1 John 4:7-21*

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## BIBLE STUDY

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The Wednesday night Bible study, *1 and 2 Corinthians Immersion Study*, continues for 2 more weeks, through June 12. See the website for the reading schedule.

6:30-7:00 P.M. gather  
7:00-8:00 P.M. study

To purchase the book from Christianbook, you can use this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/56phaj6s>

To purchase the book from Amazon:

<https://tinyurl.com/yckfb83k>

The zoom link for all the Wednesday night studies is:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/94812192432?pwd=T256VnlzQ1VwVk83eGljeGRLL3pNQOT09#success>

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## BAPTISM

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What a joy to have Violet Rita Kropkowski baptized on May 26. She is the daughter of Adrienne and Rob Kropkowski (middle), and her Godparents are Katherine & Brian Green (left).



Violet is the granddaughter of Maryellen Brown. After the service, a special social hour was held to celebrate this beautiful occasion.

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## MISSIONS

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### The Lord's Table

The Salem volunteer day at The Lord's Table will take a hiatus for the summer. The next one will be in Sept. The location is Epworth United Methodist Church, 9008 Rosemont Drive, Gaithersburg, MD. Contact Churchill Groves for information.

### **Olney HELP Food Needs**

You may leave non-perishable food donations in the box under the table in the sanctuary or in the marked box in the Community Hall. Most needed items include non-perishable snacks for kids over Spring break, canned fruit (in juice), peanut butter (16 oz, smooth), cold cereal (kids and adult), canned pasta, snacks for kids, pancake mix and pancake syrup. Also, canned fruit (in juice please), canned pasta, shelf stable bottled juice, frosting for all our cake mixes (we provide cake mix, frosting, candles, cupcake holders and sprinkles for the kids birthdays), pancake mix, canned chili, canned chicken, sloppy joe sauce, canned tomatoes (prefer low salt), adult cereal, spaghetti sauce –plain kind, canned meats, such as tuna, chicken, turkey, corned beef, spam, salmon, Vienna sausage, etc.;, 1 lb. bags of rice and rice sides (Knorr/Roni), pasta sides (Knorr/Roni), baked beans, canned green beans, corn, peas (low/no salt), Jelly - all sizes, all flavors, condiments - BBQ sauce, ketchup, mustard, salad dressing; instant mashed potatoes - pouches and boxes, juice boxes for the kids (100% juice please).

You can also drop off Giant gift cards at the Giant Customer Service desk, and they will hold them for Olney Help.

For those who find it easier to order online, they have a new Amazon wish list with many useful items on it.

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/B9R4BSW2TAS5?ref =wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/B9R4BSW2TAS5?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 to give to someone who is ill or needs comfort. Feel free to pick one up near the coat rack.

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### **YARD SALE**

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**Big thank you** to everyone who donated, volunteered, or organized the yard sale! This project was dreamed up by Cate McDonald, our neighbor and town clerk. All told, we raised more than \$500 and sent more than 4 carloads of donations to Goodwill and other local organizations. Special thank you to our local students who helped carry things to and from cars and their parents who helped to organize them. You're the best!!

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### **SUNDAY CHILDCARE REMINDER**

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Childcare during the Sunday worship service is generally offered the third Sunday of the month. If you would like to be reminded by text message when this will occur, please contact Rev. Emily.

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### **ASP**

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Although we don't have our own team this year, there is another local group of college freshman fund-raising for a trip this summer. This is the fifth time most of them have gone on this mission. If you would like to help, see the flyer at the end of this newsletter for information.

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## CEMETERY NEWS

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We are increasing the prices of our Cemetery lots, from \$1,400.00 a lot to \$2,000.00 a lot starting September 1, 2024. We have a limited number of lots for cremains only from \$600.00 to \$1,000.00 a lot starting September 1, 2024. See Quinn Anderson or Chet Babylon.

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## GOD'S GLORY IN OUR PARKING LOT

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*They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty—and I will meditate on your wonderful works.*

Psalm 145:5

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## SOCIAL HOUR

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Please 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. Instead of weekly, we'll try once a month—maybe the third Sunday of the month. Nothing fancy. Just a dozen donuts cut in half is perfect.

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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 socialize during the week. Groups have gone to GrillMarx, Mama Lucia, Panera Bread, Olney Grille, Dempsey's and more. There is a sign-up sheet for the next group on the bulletin board down the hall from the sanctuary.

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## READING ROOM

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The Reading Room shelves are full! We cannot accept any more books. The good news is there are well over 400 books and DVDs. It's located upstairs in the Community Hall. The Reading Room is open on Sundays from 8:30 A.M. to noon.

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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!

Birthdays

Nancy Nullmeyer	06/01
Debbie Savage	06/07
Judy Ercolani	06/16
Sarah Savage	06/18
Danielle Van Horn	06/23

Anniversaries

John and Carole Roberts	06/22
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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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**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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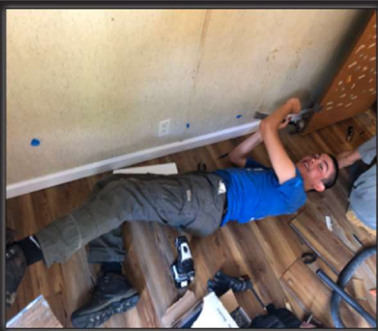
Mollie Haines

Carole Roberts

Nancy Joie Wilkie

Hisashi Yamagata

Kyle Mauzy, Intern



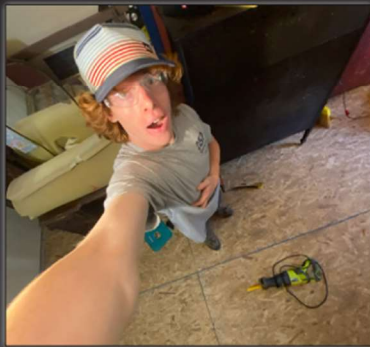
**Chris Chanto**

Years Attended: 3



**Nicholas Tedesco**

Years Attended:4



**Bryce Heinbuch**

Years Attended:4



**Timmy Zalewski**

Years Attended:4



**Bradley Skinker**

Years Attended:4



**Caleb Bauman**

To donate Venmo or contact:  
Bradley Skinker -  
Skinkerba@gmail.com

We are going to be attending Appalachia Service Project this summer on June 16-22. This trip will mark the fifth trip to ASP for most of us going. Most of us are currently college freshman who have attended this trip since 8th grade. We would all be extremely appreciative of any financial support generous church members can provide.



Scan this code to pay

If you have an questions please contact  
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