



# SALEM BROOKEVILLE

A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

## NEWSLETTER August 2024

### A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR



“Who is my neighbor?”

This is the question that the “expert in the law” asks Jesus in an attempt at a *gotcha* moment. Most of us know the story of the “Good” Samaritan that follows in Luke 10 (if you don’t—go look it up and email me one thing that stands out to you!).

In that story we see a man foolishly walking alone down a notorious street, inevitably get beaten up, robbed, and left for dead.

We don’t know much about that man—nothing about his nationality or religious

leanings. Jesus’ original audience may say he was reckless or asking for it. Nobody in their right mind traveled that road alone. According to them, no moral person traveled from Jerusalem, the seat of Jewish religious power, down to Jericho, where the Samaritans lived. So, he was going from what Jesus’ audience would consider a “good” place down to a “bad” place.

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Jesus' audience may not have liked this man right off the bat.

And yet Jesus uses this unlikable man to show the hypocrisy of the religious people and religious leaders. None of them took the time to stop and help this man on his death bed. (we'll ignore that they're also ostensibly foolishly traveling alone on a morally bad route...).

Then, (horror of horrors!) Jesus has a Samaritan help the foolish injured man. Nobody in Jesus' audience liked Samaritans. I bet they were the bad-guy foil to heroes in bedtime stories for kids.

This unlikely guy becomes the hero of the story. To this day, we call Samaritans "good" because of this story. It's the best public relations the Samaritans could have hoped for!

Why am I telling you this story?

Our country, county, and community have been asking "who is my neighbor?" and what *is* my responsibility to my neighbor?

Jesus doesn't answer the question. He tells the story and then invites his audience to ask themselves, "Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" They correctly answer, "The one who showed him mercy."

Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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, let's find ways to walk in the Light.

11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> Sundays after Pentecost:

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| August 4  | Lectio sermon<br><i>John 6: 24-35</i>      |
| August 11 | Walk in the Light<br><i>1 John 5: 9-13</i> |
| August 18 | Guest preacher                             |
| August 25 | Lectio sermon<br><i>Psalms 84</i>          |

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## SUNDAY CHILDCARE REMINDER

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Childcare during the Sunday worship service is 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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## 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 Oct. 4. 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: instant potatoes – both box and pouch, pancake syrup, baked beans, refried beans, and canned fruit in juice or fruit cups. Also, canned pasta (adult types), shelf stable bottled juice, canned chili, canned chicken, sloppy joe sauce, canned tomatoes (prefer low salt), 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, canned fruit in juice, 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.

### Greeting cards

A new ministry has begun! Is there someone you'd like to send a birthday card to, or a get-well card, or a sympathy card? You may be thinking about this when you hear prayer requests during "Joys and Concerns". Birthdays for the month are listed in each newsletter. Perhaps you know of someone who would just appreciate receiving a card saying, "I've been thinking of you." In the sanctuary, on the front, right pew, there's a basket full of greeting cards you can sift through, as well as a directory of addresses. Feel free to find the perfect card to bless someone. If you have any extra cards to donate, please give them to Carole Roberts and she will file them into the categories.

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### BIBLE STUDY

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The Wednesday night Bible Study is taking a break this summer and will resume in the fall.

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## STANDING ON THE SHOULDERS OF GIANTS

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Mary Kay Abramson was raised and educated in the Catholic faith but fell away from the church after her high school years. It was not until she attended a close friend's wedding at Salem United Methodist Church in 2000, that she found her new church home. Mary Kay said that "Everyone was so welcoming, including Clyde Unglesbee, a true disciple of Christ at Salem," who greeted visitors and welcomed them to Salem. Her daughter, Kelly was baptized and confirmed at Salem.



Mary Kay, daughter Kelly and husband Mike at Navy Post Graduate School in Monterey, CA where Kelly received her Master's Degree in cyber systems.

Mary Kay became involved in church life and during the years when there were two Sunday Worship Services, she attended the 8:15 service and served as an acolyte, usher and scripture reader. She assisted the Salem United Methodist Women's group by helping serve dinners at the Olney Sandy Spring Lions Club monthly meetings held in Salem's

community hall. Mary Kay also served as Recording Secretary of the Church Council (now known as the Leadership Team).

For the past ten years, Mary Kay has been Salem's church treasurer, responsible for paying bills, paying church staff, recording all income, expenses and donations, and reporting the church's financial status at monthly Leadership Team meetings. She works closely with Rev. Emily and the Leadership Team calculating the annual budget and completing the yearly Statistical Report required by the Baltimore Washington Conference.

The God Job of church Treasurer is a commitment that requires weekly attention to ensure that Salem operates smoothly. Mary Kay manages her Salem duties while working full-time as Operations Manager at CWTSato Travel where she has been employed for 33 years.

**Mary Kay, we 'stand on your shoulders' benefitting today from your on-going devotion of time and expertise to Salem United Methodist Church and your leadership overseeing the financial health and stability of our church. Thank you!**

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Please contact Rev. Emily about current God Jobs openings - you're probably the perfect person to fill one of them.

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### NOTICE: SALEM'S FINANCES SURVEY

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Keep an eye out for an upcoming survey about what you'd like to see regarding Salem's finances. The survey can be found soon in the bulletins or newsletter.

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## REMEMBERING MILDRED ALBRIGHT

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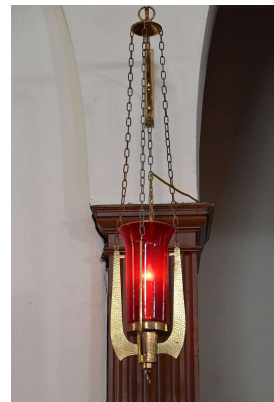
Mildred and Clarence Albright

Do you remember a wonderful, loving lady named Mildred Albright? It depends upon how long you've been at Salem. Mildred was born in 1907 and passed away on August 16, 1979. She was the mother of Carole Janney, and aunt of Jean Karl, both current members of Salem. Mildred was a long-time member of our church, having joined on December 2, 1945 by profession of faith. She remained a member until she died.

Church was such an important part of Mildred's life. She attended worship services every Sunday. Living just five houses south on High Street, she'd walk to church bringing her children and later her grandchildren to Sunday School. She loved serving on committees, such as the Staff-Parish Relations Committee. She also served on the United Methodist Women's Aid Society, and for some time, was its president. This society, meeting in members' homes, pursued many activities including wrapping bandages in WWII and holding biannual oyster supper fundraisers. Daughter Carole remembers "padding oysters", an old term for the

method--coating oysters in crumbs and often the practice of binding two oysters together in a single patty. (It's a bit of an old-fashioned technique, but you still see it on menus of restaurants in the DelMarVa.) These suppers grew into huge affairs, serving 1000 people! The Society also held bake sales, with Mildred routinely making applesauce cakes, coconut cakes and hard rolls which sold like hotcakes.

Have you noticed the **eternal flame**, the red lamp on the wall to the left of the altar? Our eternal flame burns continuously, as in many Methodist churches, in memory of Christ. It was given in 1979 in honor of Mildred Albright by her family and friends a couple months following her death. We are blessed to have this beautiful lamp in our sanctuary in honor of a giving, kind lady, devoted to our church and serving God.



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## SUMMER GARDEN PROJECT

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Salem once again is having its summer garden project on Thursdays from 9:30 – 11:30 A.M. We will need volunteers to supervise and bring snacks. The project started on June 27, continued in July and will continue on August 1, 8, and 15. To help out or for info, contact Rev. Emily.

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## ASP MISSION REPORT AND THANK YOU

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Hi, My name is Bryce Heinbuch. A few weeks ago a couple of friends and I went on a mission trip with the Appalachian Service Project to Wise County, Virginia. During this trip, we were able to start work on an accessibility ramp for a home. Over five days we were able to lay the foundation for the ramp and start work on the floorboards. Over the next two weeks, other groups were able to finish the ramp so that the homeowners had a fully functional ramp within three weeks.

During this trip, my friends and I were also able to meet new people and create a closer connection with God through prayers, worship, and daily devotionals. We would all like to kindly thank the Church and its members for the gracious donations and prayers. If you have any questions or want to know more about our trip, feel free to email me at [bryce.heinbuch123@gmail.com](mailto:bryce.heinbuch123@gmail.com)



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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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## 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.

One blistering hot Wednesday in July, we enjoyed a great lunch at Sol Azteca, laughing, swapping stories, and staying cool.



Clockwise from lower left: Janice Vieira, Carole Janney, Joan Aebig, Carole Roberts, Mark Aebig, Halsey Smith, Jean Karl, and Virginia Smith.

Yes, we grew from Six to Eight!

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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—the third Sunday of the month. Nothing fancy. Just a dozen donuts cut in half is perfect.

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## LORD'S TABLE COORDINATOR NEEDED

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The Lord's Table ministry is in need of a new coordinator. This God Job involves tallying how many volunteers will be able to serve on the first Friday of each month (at Epworth United Methodist Church, Gaithersburg). If needed, a call can be made to the person in charge of this at Epworth to find out if additional volunteers are available. Contact Churchill Groves at (410) 489-6904 if interested.

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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

Ginny Wahl	08/07
Kim Shear	08/08
Blake Roberts	08/14
Halsey Smith	08/16
Yvette Thurston	08/18
Charlyne Lewis	08/19
Mark Aebig	08/24
Cooper Weinberger	08/29
Marie Lyon	08/30

### Anniversaries

Sarah and Debbie Savage	08/07
Mark and Suzanne Friis	08/27

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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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