

SALEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

November 2022

SALEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Transforming Lives Through Christ (TLC)



WORSHIP WITH US
10 AM SUNDAYS



NOV
6TH

All Saints Day

Join us for worship/communion as we honor and remember those from our congregation who have passed over this year.

NOV
20TH

Thank Offering

Sunday, November 20th, 2022 is our Thank Offering Sunday. We will be collecting a special offering for our Thank Offering.

NOV
27TH

Advent Begins

Join us for the beginning of Advent! Denny Booher (CLM) will lead worship as we kick-off this year's Advent Season!

PASTOR OUT OF OFFICE

Pastor Stacy Gonzalez will be out of town (11/21/21 - 11/30/21). At this time, we will have an on-call Pastor for all pastoral emergencies while Pastor Stacy is away. If you need to leave a message for Pastor Stacy please contact Admin. Assistant, Hayley, in the Church Office to relay your messages (office@saleum.com). Please be aware that on: (November 17th and November 18th) both Pastor Stacy and Secretary Hayley will be out of the office. The Church Office will be closed on (11/17) & (11/18).

Urgent messages or Pastoral emergencies should be directed to the on-call pastor (if applicable). On Call Pastor Contact: Rev. Barb Seekford (610-310-8349)

SECRETARY OUT OF OFFICE

Administrative Assistant, Hayley, will be out of the office on vacation on (November 17th and November 18th). Please make sure to plan accordingly as our secretary will not be able to assist you in the church office these days. All messages, emails, notes etc. will be answered when our Administrative Assistant, Hayley, is back in the Office.

Revised Holiday Hours

The Church Office will be closed the following dates in November, please plan accordingly.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED:

Thurs. Nov. 17th, 2022

Fri. Nov. 18th, 2022

Thurs. Nov. 24th, 2022

(Thanksgiving Day)



FROM THE PASTOR

A LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Salem Family,

One of my greatest joys as a pastor is having the opportunity to connect with people in the community. One of my favorite things to connect about is how to share God’s love with our kids! So you can imagine how excited I was to have had the opportunity to gather together recently with representatives from both of our Blue Mt. Elementary Schools to talk about how Salem and our other downtown churches (St. Paul’s Lutheran and St. John’s UCC) can best support our students!

Did you know that the guidance counselor at Blue Mountain West attends our church? (*Hello Steve Freeman!*) At my request, Steve asked the teachers and nurse what they most needed right now.

I also spoke with the guidance counselor (Molly Zweibel) and the PTO president at the East building and from these conversations a Care Team was created to more fully address the needs of our students at this school.

From these conversations a few initial needs were highlighted. The common item requested at both schools is simply snacks to offer hungry students during the school day. It is often difficult for kids to focus on learning when their bellies are hungry. Simple nourishing prepackaged snacks are welcomed- think granola bars, peanut butter crackers, etc.

Beyond that we received a special request from each school:

- BMEW- Fleece Coats and Winter Coats
- BMEE- \$25 Gift Cards for Boyer's and Redner's to help families in need for Thanksgiving and who are struggling with food insecurity throughout the year.

So, in our November month of Celebration and Thanksgiving we will hold our first Thanksgiving Drive to Support our Students! We will collect items through November 13th and will deliver to the schools on November 14th. You can bring items to worship on Sunday or to the church office during the week.

This is just the beginning of an exciting partnership, with our downtown churches and our schools! Imagine all that God can do as we work together! If you are interested in working directly with me and our schools to continue to build these partnerships, I would love to have your support.

Looking forward to giving thanks and giving back with you in the month of November!

In Christ’s Abundant Love,

Stacy
Pastor Stacy



WE LOVE OUR STUDENTS!

Join our downtown Orwigsburg churches in a fall drive for our local Elementary Schools.

WE ARE COLLECTING

Drop off by Nov. 13th at the church office or during Sunday worship.

- \$25 GIFT CARDS FOR BOYER'S AND REDNERS
- NOURISHING PREPACKAGED SNACKS (GRANOLA BARS, PEANUT BUTTER CRACKERS)
- KIDS FLEECE AND WINTER COATS

2022 ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS DECORATING

Help us “Hang the greens” and so much more! We will be decorating the sanctuary, fellowship hall, the lobby, and of course our Christmas tree on **Saturday, December 5th at 9:00 AM**. Many hands make light work. Let’s deck the halls together!



TOWN TREE LIGHTING

On Saturday December 3rd, 2022 Orwigsburg will have their annual “Festival of Lights” tree lighting ceremony on the town square. All are invited to ring-in the Advent & Christmas season!

ADVENT WORKSHOP

Family Advent Workshop / Meal & Movie Night will be held on Sunday, December 4th, 2022. Join us for Family Crafts from 4 - 5 PM and a Meal & Movie from 5 - 7 PM. Movie: “The Star” Animated Feature (PG) Meal: Mac & Cheese. This event is 100% FREE!

HOLIDAY BOOK-BINGO

Join us on Dec. 10th at 11am we host the Orwigsburg Library for their annual Holiday Book Bingo fundraiser! This event is free for all ages. Donations are welcomed to support the library. Please bring your own bag for books. Food will be sold by our Salem United Women in Faith to support missions and ministry.

HOLIDAY HANDBELLS

Hear us ring! The God Squad (Handbell Choir) has been practicing for their Winter performance on Sunday, December 11th, 2022. Join us during worship to hear our handbells play.

LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE

Sometimes the holidays aren't always joyful. For many there is depression and grief surrounding these days. If that is you or someone you love, join us on December 21st for our Longest Night Service where we remember that God is with us, especially in our grief and pain.

JOIN US CHRISTMAS EVE

Christmas Eve will consist of two services on Dec. 24

- 4:00 PM Family-Style Contemporary Service
- 8:00 PM Traditional-Style Candlelight Service



COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS

Salem has set a big goal to meet our church budget in full so that we can gift our Christmas Eve offering back to the community. Help us give back to the community with the gift of giving!

This year's recipient will be our neighbor- the Orwigsburg Area Free Public Library.

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DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS

CURRENTLY WE'RE AT 65% OF OUR GOAL!

Follow our Tree Tracker in the welcome center to see our progress as we countdown the weeks until Christmas!

BE NOURISHED IN BODY, MIND AND SPIRIT

SALEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THURSDAY DINNER CHURCH

THURSDAY NIGHTS OCT. 13TH - NOV. 17TH

DINNER BEGINS

5:30 PM



WORSHIP BEGINS

6:00 PM

THURSDAY DINNER CHURCH

Perfect for those unable to attend worship on Sunday morning. We are offering a new way to worship! Join us as we kick-off our very first Dinner Church Service. We will hold Dinner Church every

Thursday evening (SUMC) from Oct. 13th - Nov. 17th. This is an interactive and engaging worship service. We hope you are able to connect with others and God. There is no charge for dinner. Nursery/ Childcare will be available for infants and toddlers.

What a gift for Salem to offer this opportunity for our neighbors!

The more help we have the more amazing it will be! Please contact the church office to volunteer. If you sign up for a specific area to serve, we will contact you about what dates you are available.

BELONGING

ALL AGES & ABILITIES ARE INVITED & INCLUDED

CONNECTION

A MEANINGFUL WAY TO CONNECT WITH GOD AND NEIGHBOR.

RENEWAL

HEAD INTO YOUR WEEKEND FILLED WITH HOPE AND PEACE.

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FALL 2022

SMALL GROUPS

Learn together, pray together, and grow together!

NEWS & UPDATES

MUSIC MINISTRY – A NEW TIME!

Attention all Salem worship singers & Musicians! Salem Worship Team Practice will be held on **Thursdays at 6:30 PM**. Practice will run for approximately one hour. If you are unable to attend please let the group know as soon as possible. Have a musical gift to share? Contact the worship team to sign up and raise your voice to the lord with us.

Please remember this includes all that participate in the praise team and the choir for worship.

For questions regarding music ministry practice please contact the Church Office or Kevin O'Brassill / Wendy Campbell / Pastor Stacy for more information.

GIRL SCOUT TROOP FALL UPDATE

Message from Troop 32727 Fall 2022 Update: We can't believe summer is over and it's almost time for a new season of Girl Scouts to begin! Our first meeting will take place in October and we can't wait to get back to Salem! Over the summer, we celebrated the conclusion of our first year with a roller skate party. We also had a fun bike ride and 80's movie night. On Sept. 18, we said goodbye to summer with a campfire cookout! We are now ready to get down to business. We are looking forward to earning more badges and finding various ways to help our community.

- (A NEW start time of 2 PM - 3:30 PM at Salem)
- Learning about goal setting and voting
- Candy/Nut/Magazine Sale begins

Thank you Salem UMC for your support!

SNL FALL SCHEDULE

Join us for a meal and recent theatrical releases. Join us every 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month for SNL. Meal & Movie Nights are 100% FREE and family friendly. Regular seating is available in the social hall.

FALL & WINTER MEAL & MOVIE NIGHT SCHEDULE

DATE/TIME	MOVIE FEATURE	MEAL
Nov. 6 th 6 - 8 PM	"Wesley" (Dove Best Picture and Best Drama Awards)	Meal: (TBD)
Nov. 20 th 6 - 8 PM	"The Most Reluctant Convert: The Untold Story of C.s. Lewis"	Meal: (TBD)
Dec. 4 th 4 - 7 PM	Family Advent Workshop / Meal & Movie Night ➤ 4-5 PM Advent Crafts ➤ 5-7 PM Dinner & Movie	Movie: "The Star" Animated Feature Meal: Mac& Cheese, etc.
Dec. 18 th 6 - 8 PM	Max Lucado's "The Christmas Candle"	Meal: (TBD)

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WEEKLY SMALL GROUPS

SMALL GROUPS. HUGE IMPACT.



SUNDAY MORNING BOOK DISCUSSION

9:00 AM - Sundays

Start of your Sunday Mornings with fellowship! Join our Small Group Book Discussions held every Sunday Morning at 9:00 AM. We meet before worship to discuss our monthly readings with group leader Denny Booher (CLM) in the Salem UMC library. All are welcome to attend this small group!

YOGA CLASSES WITH ED FOLK

7:00 PM - Tuesdays

This community small group led by Ed Folk meets every Tuesday evening at Salem UMC at 7:00 PM. Please contact Ed Folk directly for interest in joining his yoga class Tuesday Evenings. Participants must bring their own supplies and mats.

EAT. PRAY. COLOR.

10:00 AM - Wednesdays

Consume yummy treats, connect, and color! Each meeting has group discussion and prayer. Wednesday sessions at Cake Pros will continue through the Fall with Christian music as the theme for our coloring pages and devotions. Join us as we Eat, Pray and Color!!

HANDBELL CHOIR

7:00 PM - Wednesdays

Get ready to ring! Our hand bell choir: "The God Squad" has a place for YOU! We have practices on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm at Salem. The God Squad performs during services on multiple occasions and for Holiday Events. If you have an interest in handbells, contact Allison Wagner (Handbell Director) at 570-391-8948

CHOIR GROUP

6:00 PM - Thursdays

Raise your voice to the Lord with the Salem Choir! Practices are held Thursdays at 6:00 PM at Salem UMC. We are looking for new members! Raise your voice and sing out loud with us! All are welcome to join! For more information, contact Choir Director Wendy Campbell at: wendy2346b@yahoo.com

PRAISE BAND

7:00 PM - Thursdays

Do you have a musical talent? The Praise Band meets Thursdays at 7:00 PM to practice in the church sanctuary. Contact Praise Band Leader, Kevin O'Brassill for any questions about joining by emailing at: Kevin_OBrassill@cocalico.org

WOMEN'S WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

10:00 AM - Thursdays

This week's video and lesson are about Wesley's experiences as a missionary in Georgia and at Aldersgate in London. The group meets from 10 AM - 11 AM in Sandherr Hall and all women are welcome. Our next study is "Abide," from the teaching pastors at Max Lucado's church. Sign up at the Welcome Desk for a book study beginning on October 27.

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MONTHLY SMALL GROUPS

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

10:15 AM - Monthly
2nd & 4th Sundays

Grow in Faith, Friendship and FUN! Children's Church is held every 2nd & 4th Sunday! After the children's message, kids are invited downstairs for special Bible lessons and activities. Coloring pages are available in the back of the sanctuary.

(UMW) UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S GROUP

7:00 PM - Monthly
2nd Mondays

The UMW sponsors many fundraisers and local events. We are a fellowship based on caring and serving others. For more information about joining please contact UMW President, Sharon Booher booher11@verizon.net The United Methodist Women meet monthly on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 PM in the fellowship social hall. **Our next meeting will be October 10th at 7 PM.**

(UMM) UNITED METHODIST MEN'S GROUP

7:00 AM
Quarterly Meetings

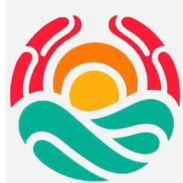
The UMM meets quarterly on the second Sunday of that month. UMM typically meet three times a year to discuss our current activities: Heritage Day Breakfast (8-11), working at our Annual Block Party, Hot Chocolate at Halloween Parade, and assisting the United Methodist Women with Soup Sales. Our fundraising activities support our children attending Church Summer Camp.

SCRAPBOOKING

4:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Monthly - 3rd Fridays

Make memories and make friends at the Scrapbooking Small Group! Scrapbooking meets every third Friday of the month from 4:00 pm—10:00 pm. Meet creative friendly fellowship at this small group! All ages are welcome to join.

A full list of small groups can be found online on our website at saalemum.com/smallgroups



JOY RISING

Salem has created a new community partner - Joy Rising. Our mission is to "enrich the lives of our neighbors by offering meaningful experiences of joy that are accessible to all people." Joy Rising will be a permanent partner to Salem and will allow us to expand our connection with our neighbors and engage more community partnerships. Many folks who wouldn't otherwise support a church, will support an organization that brings people together to offer joy! The idea is simple, but the impact will be tremendous! We have received funding for this new initiative and are excited to start spreading joy.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

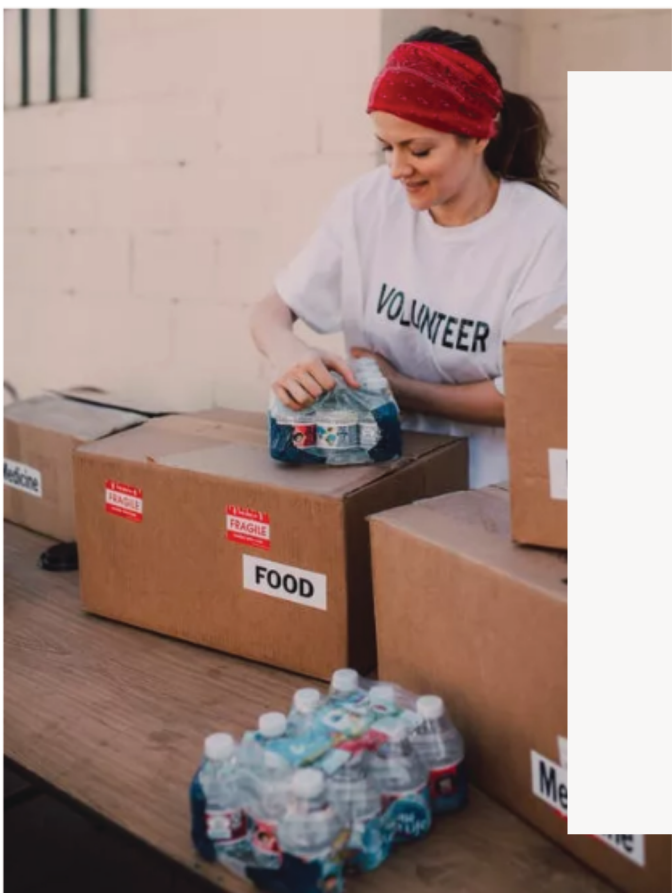
TEAM ORWIGSBURG

Team Orwigsburg is a local mission team that works within the community to expand our outreach program. Meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 7 pm. Get involved in community outreaches and events!

SERVANTS TO ALL (OUTREACH)

We continue to support Servants to All (Pottsville) with our donations and volunteer team. We are continuing to collect items to help this ministry. Items may be placed in plastic bins in the Church Library. We appreciate all of your help.

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HERE TO HELP

We are always looking for extra hands to help spread God's love throughout our community. We work hard to maintain a strong volunteer crew to help with events, special worships, activities and more! People choose to volunteer for a variety of reasons. For some it offers the chance to give something back to the community or make a difference to the people around them. For others it provides an opportunity to develop new skills or build on existing experience and knowledge. We have a place for you at Salem UMC!

FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS

HELPING FAMILIES IN NEED.

The local food pantry isn't just in need of donations — we need volunteers too! Food Pantry Distribution is part of Salem's outreach and witness to our community. We are in need of volunteers who can package supplies, and lift and distribute boxes. Food Pantry needs and updates are posted in our weekly bulletins and our monthly newsletter updates. If you would like to be notified when the Food Pantry needs help you can sign up for our updates and newsletter.

CHURCH PARTICIPANT

WORSHIP. SUPPORT. SERVE.

We are always in need of participants to help make church run smoothly. From helping out during our Sunday Service, to Children's Church programs, activities and events - we have so much to do! Many hands make light work. We strive to offer programs and services to everyone in our community at little to no cost. Is God calling you to make a difference? Join our volunteer team to lend a helping hand and spread the word of God.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Salem participates in many community outreaches and events that YOU can be a part of! Whether it's donating supplies, or donating your time — we appreciate all of your help! We provide many family fun events that are 100% FREE and open to the public. In order to have these events for generations to come, we need your support. Check out some of our upcoming events or get in touch with the church office for more ways to volunteer!

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WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

SIMPLE. SAFE. SECURE.



Together we can do more. Our offerings are an act of worship. Through your generosity, the church helps create more opportunities for people to experience a life-changing relationship with Jesus, and there is no greater impact we could make together. Thank you ahead of time for your faithfulness in continuing to share your offering.

ONLINE GIVING

Online giving has never been easier! We offer multiple online giving opportunities. Several people are sending their offering through online banking with their local bank, Vanco online-giving, and our QR Scan-and-Go Code. Contact Pastor Stacy or the Church Office if you want to sign up and give through Vanco Services. Contact by email at stacyadgonzalez@gmail.com. Call your local bank or check their website to see how you can set up automatic online banking payments.

GIVE DURING A SERVICE

If you prefer, you can still give during one of our weekend or midweek services by filling out a provided envelope and placing it in one of the offering containers. You can use this envelope to give by cash or check. Envelopes and offering containers will be made available at each location.

GIVE IN CHURCH OR ON THE GO!

SCAN AND GIVE!
GIVING MADE EASIER
It's as Easy as 1-2-3!

Scan me!

You now have the option to give online with your debit card, credit card or bank account. Just scan our QR Code shown and then click "Give Now" to donate! You can also go online to secure.myvanco.com/L-Z27H to GIVE.



CASH OR CHECK

If you would like to give by cash or check, you can mail your offering to our Office. Active Members receive yearly offering envelopes. Statements will be provided for those using Giving Envelopes. Statements cannot be provided for cash offerings.

"You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God." – 2 Corinthians 9:11



Offerings can be mailed to
Salem United Methodist Church
132 South Liberty Street
Orwigsburg PA 17961

Please make all checks payable to
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LET'S STAY CONNECTED



CHURCH OFFICE REGULAR HOURS

CLOSED MONDAYS

TUESDAY - THURSDAY
OPEN 9:00 AM
CLOSE 2:00 PM

FRIDAYS
OPEN 9:00 AM
CLOSE 1:00 PM

STAY UP TO DATE! JOIN OUR E-MAIL MONTHLY NEWS

You can sign up here to receive our weekly bulletin announcements, and our monthly Salem Newsletter & updates! Just email your current active email to us at office@salemum.com and ask to join the list!

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JOIN US IN PERSON OR ONLINE

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PLAN YOUR VISIT

Yearning for belonging and connection? Looking for a supportive community that with help you grow your faith? Join us on the journey. Together we're discovering what life is all about. We have a place for everyone. All are welcome here at Salem UMC! Check out our website to find out about all that is happening here. Or better yet - just stop in! Let us know you are coming and we will save you a seat - we can't wait to meet you!

WORSHIP LIVE SUNDAY MORNING

You can watch worship wherever you are online. Join us online by visiting us on [Facebook.com/salemchurchorwigsburg/](https://www.facebook.com/salemchurchorwigsburg/) Salem UMC offers both in-person and virtual worship on Facebook on Sundays.

HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?

Get in touch with our Office for more information or questions you may have about worship, events, and more. We are here to help and serve you as best as we can. Contact us so we can help guide you! Interested in weekly updates and newsletters like this? Sign up for our email mailing list. Just email your current active email to the Office at office@salemum.com to be added to our mailing list!



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