

Salem United Methodist Church

January 2013 Newsletter



To the Salem UM Church Family-

A New Year of Healing and Hope

Happy New Year! Somehow these three words offer a sense of newness and hope. 2012 is finished and 2013 offers new beginnings. For many of us 2012 has been a difficult year. We have had to say good-bye to people we've loved and some have lost their jobs. Even though no one can begin to predict what the New Year will bring, we have hope in a New Year.

But one thing is certain; we do not step into this New Year alone. We have just walked through Advent in which we called out, "Come, Lord Jesus!" And on Christmas Eve, we lit candles as a reminder that Jesus is the Light of the World. Even in the darkest corners of our lives and world, the light of Christ is present with us bringing healing and hope. This is our reality: dark corners that can be illuminated by the light of Christ. We along with our world need healing and hope through Christ more than ever.

This year Salem will celebrate 180 years. Countless numbers of people throughout these years have received Christ's healing and hope. Yet, I've heard people say that our wonderful Salem church community is the best kept secret. Why is that true? Why do people in our neighborhoods not know about the healing and hope that we offer to so many? Jesus told us not to hide our light, but to let it shine!

As people continue to be hurting and searching for hope in 2013, I am inviting all of us at Salem to let our light shine to offer Christ's healing and hope. One way to do that is for us to share our faith that is, to tell our stories of what God has been doing in our lives and through this

congregation. To assist us in thinking about what we would share about our faith, I invite all of us to reflect on these questions:

- † Why did I first come to Salem?
Why do I keep coming back?
- † When have I been aware of God's presence?
- † How is my life different because of Jesus?
- † How have I experienced the healing and hope of God?
- † In what ways has God blessed me?
- † In serving others, how am I sharing my faith?

Throughout this year, our hope is that we can share our faith stories with each other so that first, they may offer us hope and healing; and second, they may encourage us in finding our own faith sharing-voice.

Offering Christ's Healing and Hope,
Rev. Sue Shorb-Sterling

January's Worship Schedule

Worship Schedule for the Season of Epiphany

Jan 6 "Star of Wonder"

Isaiah 60: 1-6; Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3: 1-12; Matthew 2: 1-12

Jan 13 "The Mystery of Baptism: Healing Waters"

Isaiah 43: 1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8: 14-17; Luke 3: 15-17, 21-228

Jan 20 "Celebrating Hope"

Isaiah 62: 1-5; Psalm 36: 5-10; I Corinthians 12: 1-11; John 2: 1-11

Jan 27 “A Strong Foundation for Hope” Rev. Janet, preaching

Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19; I Corinthians 12: 12-31a; Luke 4: 14-21

Feb 3 “Holding onto Faith, Hope, and Love”

Jeremiah 1: 4-10; Psalm 71: 1-6; I Corinthians 13: 1-13; Luke 4: 21-30

Ministering to our Children

The Acolytes:



From left to right back row: Jacob Weinberger, Lexi Grovers, and Amy Roberts. Front row: Andrew Sterling, Brianna Groves, and Melody McWilliams. Missing: Savannah Miller

"Jesus said: 'I am the light of the world' (John 8:12). The presence of the light reminds us of Jesus' coming into our world and into our lives. The light is carried into the worship service as a symbol of Jesus' coming into the presence of the worshiping community." From [*Worship Matters: A United Methodist Guide to Worship Work, Vol. II*](#) by E. Byron Anderson.

We, at Salem UMC, are very blessed to have a wonderful group of children serving as our acolytes. We welcome all who are interested in bringing the light into worship. Children age 7 and above, as well as young adults are welcome to participate. Please contact Nancy Morell 301-325-2957 if you are interested.

Salem UMC Acolyte Schedule

January 2013:

Jan. 6: Andrew Sterling

Jan. 13: Lexi Groves

Jan. 20: Jacob Weinberger

Jan. 27: Melody McWilliams

Sunday, December 9



As we entered the Sanctuary today we found the Christmas tree had been set up and decorated; it is a beautiful sight to behold. Each decoration has a special meaning. In our service to the children, Rev. Janet explained what each ornament meant.



The children were excited and readily participated, some guessing what each symbol meant. Rev. Janet then explained why we use each one. We adults received an education as well.

The Gathering

With everyone bringing a covered dish, we had a well-balanced potluck dinner with our vast age group consisting of children through seniors. After dinner we left Orndorff Hall to share our Christmas joy in singing carols to the shut-in and nursing home. Bob and Helen Van Druff's was our first stop and they were delighted with our caroling. Unfortunately, it had been raining and we walked through the house to the den with wet feet. So sorry Helen and Bob!



Our caravan of cars drove to Sandy Spring Friends home where we gathered together again. As a group we stopped at various open social areas where the residents were. Then we walked up and down the halls and eventually stopped in Bobbie Beye's room to serenade her and her roommate. She came along with us and sang too!

At one point all 15 of us squeezed onto an elevator and went to resident area and sang while strolling down the hallways. Many of the residents were singing along with us and let us know in their own way how much they enjoyed our visit. The Christmas spirit and God's love surrounded us all!

We weren't done yet! We had two very special stops to make before going back to the church. Anna Unglesbee, who sang along with us, and Flo Johnston were thrilled with our caroling. Flo just kept grinning and saying "This is wonderful!" I must say I agreed with her from the carolers point of view! Many of us discovered this was a perfect way to get into the spirit of Christmas.

Salem Women's Holiday Bazaar



The Salam's Ladies Bazaar was a huge success. With Santa and the Elves moving around the hall made the children more excited. Hopefully, there will be a full report in our next edition of the Salem Newsletter.



PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE

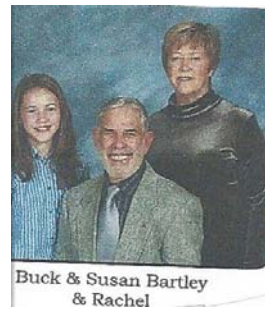
Blankets for the Homeless:



In memory of Brandon Fletcher we donated twenty blankets to the Central Union Mission to help out the homeless. Thank you to everyone for your contributions. Steve and Darlene Currier

Salem's Faithful Servant

Meet Buck Bartley



Buck & Susan Bartley & Rachel

Many of you know Buck Bartley because he is the man to call when things need to be done! Buck started attending Salem shortly after he moved to Brookeville in 1996. At that

time he and his wife Susan were members of St. Paul's Methodist in Kensington. The question was, "do we go to the driving church" or to the "eating church?" Eventually the "eating church" won as they felt it was important to be active in the local community.

Since then Buck has thrown himself into Salem life. He was chairman of the Trustees from 2003 until 2011 and now heads the Legacy Fund. He has attended every Disciple course at least once as well as many of the classes offered. He serves at the Lord's Table, washes dishes for Lions Club, is a member of the United Methodist Men, reads scripture, and has worked on ASP crews and the sausage grind. In addition, he is now working with Rob Morrell to expand Salem's exposure to the community. A tangible legacy, Buck was responsible for the procurement and installation of the playground at Salem when the equipment was slated for removal from Cashell Elementary.

Buck has six children and 13 grandchildren. He established Bartley Corporation with his brother Tom in 1970 after pursuing a degree in History, a subject he loves. He is currently CEO of the company with his son and nephew transitioning into ownership.

Buck describes Salem as a "step-up" church because whenever there is a need, we step up; and much of that "stepping up" is done by Buck.

-Submitted by Suzanne Friis

Salem has a New Website



After months of work, Brandon Savage was finally able to get the new website up and running. Be sure to check it out: salemunitedmethodist.org for all the latest information. There is also a new

broadcast system. Brandon held a class after the 10:00 am service on December 16 for those who would need the service.

Some of the topics covered on the website are:

- Come
 - Recent Messages
 - The Gathering
 - Traditional Worship
 - Worship Times
 - Upcoming Events
- Connect
 - Salem's History
 - What We Believe
 - Membership Process
 - Announcements & Newsletter
 - Give To Salem
 - Upcoming Events
- Grow
 - Disciple Bible Study Series
 - United Methodist Men
 - United Methodist Women
 - Youth Group
- Serve
 - Appalachia Service Project
 - Church Council
 - Community Garden
 - Compassion International
 - The Lord's Table
 - United Methodist Ministries
- Contact
 - Church Directions
 - Contact Our Pastors
 - Getting Married At Salem
 - Using Orndorff Hall
 - Salem Cemetery

FROM THE CONGREGATION



"Sharing With You" ...from Charlyne Lewis

This brand new year of 2013 brings with it all kinds of unexpected "surprises" for all of us...we only have to be open in our minds and hearts to receive them when they come our way!!

The Epiphany is truly a wondrous thing, isn't it? Wouldn't it be neat if we could be 'little mice' and be at the stable when the Magi arrived on that eventful day, and saw the Babe for the first time? What a picture that must have been...they were truly in awe of Him! We are so blessed each year to celebrate His birth and a 'new beginning' ahead for each of us.

May all of you, dear ones, be loved and blessed in this new year.



Charlyne

Matthew 2: 7-12

Salem Children's Pageant



At the 10:00 am service on December 23, the children of Salem presented for our enjoyment and the Glory to God, "The Christmas Time Warp" written and directed by our own, very talented, Churchill Groves.



The story took us from today to the lowly manger in Bethlehem as the teacher with the help of others told the old, old story of Jesus' birth. The congregation joined the children as we sang the old familiar Christmas Carols in praise of our "new born" King of Kings. Happy Birthday Jesus as we continue to celebrate the 12-days of Christmas.

Youth Group

January 6: youth group, 6:30-8:00 pm We begin the Easter video adventure

January 11-13: ROCK in Ocean City. Leave at 3:30 pm 1/11. Return around 3:00 pm 1/13. No youth group the evening of 1/13.

January 20: The Gathering, 6:30-8:00 pm

January 27: youth group, 6:30-8:00 pm

Happenings

Salem hosting Alcoholics Anonymous meetings

Beginning in January, Salem is honored to be hosting two different AA meetings. One will be every Wednesday eve in our Community Room (Orndorff Hall) from 8:00 pm- 9:30 pm. This is a larger meeting. A smaller one will be held on Thursday evenings in the choir room from 8:00 pm – 9:00 pm. If you know of anyone who would like to participate in this recovery program, please give them this information. Also, since this is an anonymous meeting we ask that we respect these spaces during their meetings.



Salem Gives Gift Baskets Again

Salem once again produced 8 gift baskets for the Holiday Basket Project. Each basket contains enough food for a family of six to make a sumptuous dinner for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Items are donated by Salem's parishioners and include items such as canned green beans, corn, yams, peas, stuffing, crackers and cookies. We will often add candles and a centerpiece for the table. Plus, each basket contains a gift card for perishables.

The Holiday Basket Project is a coalition of nonprofit, faith-based, public and private groups that collect and distribute food and gift cards for the Thanksgiving and December holidays to needy Montgomery County individuals and families. This project is not an entitlement program, but is strictly based on referrals by social workers, school counselors and other professionals. St. Peter's Catholic Church has long been the coordinating organization for the zip codes in our immediate area. Saint Peter's contacts several churches and organizations in these zip codes who in turn supply Food Baskets for the holidays. St. Peter's informs us that they have been involved in

this project for the last 17 years. During that time, they have seen the need in our area grow from about 100 families to over 300 families.



Presents for Bridges to Pals

For the past few years, Salem has helped with the Bridges to Pals annual Christmas party by purchasing gifts for some of the children in the program. Bridges to Pals, part of the Mental Health Association of Montgomery County, offers support to children and adolescents in foster care, as well as other “at-risk” children, through a one-on-one relationship with a caring, responsible mentor. The program helps youth develop a strong sense of self-worth and strengthens their ability to interact with others in positive ways, including building trusting relationships.

This year, Salem helped with 20 children who are in the program. The director, Jessica Tierney, makes “Wish Snowmen” that has the name of one of the children attached to it and a gift they wish to receive. Salem members took one or more Snowmen and purchased a gift for the child. In addition, we also supplied several gift cards from Old Navy, Target, and the GAP.

No doubt, Salem will help to make Christmas very special for these children.

December 23-Blue Christmas Service:

Blue Christmas, I’m sure we have all experienced one or more. The feeling of loneliness and despair seem to overwhelm the joys of the season. However, In Matthew 2:16 When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent his army and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. 17 Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: 18 "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more." We find that no matter the circumstances we are not alone because God is with us.

Rev. Janet reflected on the words “Don’t be afraid” recalling the words of the angels as they brought the news to Mary, Joseph and the Shepherds. As we celebrate the birth of our Savior we can know that we are not alone. The one we celebrate His birth is with us. Always!



We lit candles in memory of those gone before, Father, Mother, Children, Siblings, Husband, and those lost to us in Newtown, Ct. The wreath with either a blue or white rose to celebrate the life God has given us. “Be not Afraid for I am with you.”

Christmas Eve Service:

Christmas Eve, a time to welcome our Lord and Savior into the festivities as well as into our hearts and lives. The 5:00 pm service was for families; I did not attend so I can’t report on it. However, I did attend the 7:30 pm service and it was a wonderful blessing.

The music was outstanding with additional musicians joining Rose Eide-Altman (on the piano) and Dean Preville (on the drums). David Eide-Altman organ; Evonne Baasch, violin; Emma Poe-Yamagata, oboe; and Ian Poe-Yamagata, cello. The choir was in their best “voice.” Special singers were Brandon Savage, Chuck Sterling, Dale Boyd and Rev. Janet Craswell, and Molly Peters.

The Church was full almost to overflowing, Rev. Sue, gave a wonderful message: “The Promise Fulfilled” and we all shared in the blessings of Holy Communion. Throughout the service you could feel the Spirit of God among us; what more could a person ask for Christmas?



December 8th at 6:00 pm found us at Orndorff Hall with cookies spread around two tables. After a delicious bowl (or two) of seafood soup, we commenced to devour the wide assortment of cookies.



After a tough voting campaign, the winners were
 Bronze: Kulley Bancroft for her Oatmeal Scotties
 Silver: Debbie Savage for her Cranberry Blitz
 Gold: Carole Roberts with her S'more cookies.

See her recipe below.



Congratulations and thank you for your hard work and our enjoyment of your labors. The grand total raised for the ASP effort for 2013 was \$220.00

S'Mores Bars

Ingredients:

- 3/4 cup butter
- 2/3 cup sugar
- 1 egg

- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 18 whole graham crackers, crushed, about 3 cups
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 8 milk chocolate bars, approximately 1 1/2 ounces each
- 3 1/2 cups miniature marshmallows

Preparation:

Heat oven to 350°. Beat butter and sugar with electric mixer on medium speed until light and fluffy. Beat in egg and vanilla. Stir in crushed graham crackers, flour, and salt. Reserve 1 cup of the graham cracker mixture and press remaining mixture over the bottom of a **greased** 13x9x2-inch baking pan. Arrange chocolate bars, in a single layer, over graham cracker crust mixture in the pan. Sprinkle with marshmallows. Crumble reserved graham cracker mixture over the marshmallows. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes or until golden brown. Cool in pan on wire rack for 10 minutes. Cut into bars and cool completely. Makes about 2 dozen bars.

EPIPHANY AUCTION
& CHILI COOK-OFF

This is the one event you do **not** want to miss! A few years ago, we decided to combine two popular events into one fabulous evening of eating and competition, as well as the chance to bid on (and go home with) some unusual items you didn't know you wanted! And the whole evening benefits our ASP crews! There are lots of ways to enjoy yourself: 1. bring a pot of your favorite chili and see how it stands up to the competition (we'll supply all the fixings!); 2. come and eat chili and vote (as often as you want) for your favorite; 3. bring a gift* you didn't want/won't ever use and, after the chili competition, sit back and watch as our "auctioneer extraordinaire," Janet Craswell, takes mike in hand and persuades someone in the crowd (you?) to bid on an eclectic assortment of unique items. I guarantee you, there will be some things up for bid that will have you scratching your head and wondering. But I guarantee you'll be laughing and you might even leave with a very special something!

*Let's really challenge our auctioneer! We want to make sure we have gifts that will allow her to exercise all of her skills so the more "unusual" or odd the item is, the more I hope you'll donate it to the auction.

Please come! We always have fun and our ASP crews need your support. The chili tasting and voting begins at 6 pm; the auction begins at 7 pm. Bring dollars for chili voting and checks or cash for the auction. Depending on the amount of items donated, we may also be having a "silent auction" in addition to the live auction.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Salem Book Discussion: 2013 Schedule

Meetings 7:30 pm, Upstairs Classroom in Orndorff Hall

Thursday, Feb. 7 **The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind: Creating Currents of Electricity and Hope** by William Kamkwamba – Non-fiction

This is a remarkable true story about human inventiveness and its power to overcome crippling adversity. Born in Malawi, William had read about windmills and dreamed of building one that would bring to his small village a set of luxuries that only 2 percent of Malawians could enjoy: electricity and running water. With a small pile of once-forgotten science textbooks; some scrap metal, tractor parts, and bicycle halves; and an armory of curiosity and determination, he embarked on a daring plan to forge an unlikely contraption and small miracle that would change the lives around him.

Thursday, March 7 **The Last Report of the Miracles at Little No Horse** by Louise Erdrich - Fiction

Spanning nearly a century, Erdrich weaves the strange and compelling story of Father Damien Modeste, a beloved reservation priest who has hidden his true identity as a woman beneath his cassock.

Thursday, April 4 **The Faith Club** by Priscilla Warner, Suzanne Oliver and Ranya Idliby – Non-Fiction

Three mothers from three faiths-Islam, Christianity and Judaism-got together to write a

picture book for their children that would highlight the connections between their religions. After just a few meetings, however, it became clear that the women themselves needed an honest and open environment where they could admit-and discuss-their concerns, stereotypes, and misunderstandings about one another. After hours of soul-searching about the issues that divided them, Ranya, Suzanne and Priscilla grew close enough to discover and explore what united them.

Thursday, May 2 **The End of the Affair** by Graham Greene – Fiction

The story revolves around a doomed love affair that takes place in 1940s war-torn London. Maurice Bendrix, a successful writer, falls for Sarah Miles, the wife of a dreary civil servant with whom he has struck up a business relationship. Sarah calls the relationship off without warning or explanation and we later learn Sarah's side of the story via her journal which has fallen into Bendrix's hands. Her diary entries provide a glimpse into her view of the affair and reveals a surprising element to Sarah's character, namely her relationship with God, and the reasons why she gave up Bendrix all those years ago.

Thursday, June 6 **Behind the Beautiful Forevers: Life, Death and Hope in a Mumbai Undercity** by Katherine Boo - Non-fiction

Katherine Boo spent three years among the residents of the Annawadi slum, a sprawling, cockeyed settlement of more than 300 tin-roof huts and shacks in the shadow of Mumbai's International Airport. From within this "sumpy plug of slum" Boo unearths stories both tragic and poignant--about residents' efforts to raise families, earn a living, or simply survive.

The rest of the year will be printed at a later date.

REMINDER: Epiphany Auction and Chili Cook-off is Saturday, January 5th. MARK YOUR CALENDAR, You don't want to miss this one!

R.O.M.E.O.S. Will resume their meetings on January 7, 9:00 am at Dempsey's in Ashton.

United Methodist Men: On January 19, 2013 at 8:00 am we will meet in Orndorff Hall! We will be electing leaders for the 2013 year. Please plan to attend and consider whether or not you feel

called to lead the men's group. The survival of the group depends upon your participation.

Best, Brandon

The Gathering: Sunday, January 20 from 6:30 to 8 pm. Come join us for fun and spiritual refreshments only worshipping God can provide.

Trustees: Monday, January 21 at 7:00 pm in Salem Community Hall. We will be electing leaders for the 2013 year. Please plan to attend and consider whether or not you feel called to lead the men's group. The survival of the group depends upon your participation.

Pre-School Story-time: 10:00 am, 4th Wednesday every month.

January 23, 2013: Snow!

February 27: Teddy bears and real bears

March 27: Easter stories

April 24: Dogs and cats

May 22: Silly stories

Church Council: Thursday, January 24, 7:15 pm in Salem Community Hall.

Lord's Table: January 26, 1:00 to 5:00 pm. St. Martin's Catholic Church, Gaithersburg. Please come out and help make the New Year a good start for the less fortunate.

Sandy Spring Lions Club: Monday, January 28 at 7:00 pm, in Orndorff Hall.

Coffee Hour Hostesses

Hostesses/Co-Hostesses for the January time frame are:

January 6: Barbara A. & JoAnn K.:

January 13: Maryellen & BobB.

January 20: Anne E. & Joyce H.

January 27: Susan B.5

Birthdays and Anniversaries

If your name isn't on one of these lists, please add it to the list on the bulletin board. We don't want to leave you out. Thank you.

Our January Birthdays are:

Gundersen, Danielle 01/02

VanHorn, Deb 01/02

Bartley, Rachel 01/03

Stahley-Brown, Maryellen 01/18

Gregg, Kristen 01/20

Ennes, Kathryn 01/22

Poe-Yamagata, Emma 01/27

Our January Anniversaries:

Ennes, Mark and Anne 01/25

HEALTH NEWS FROM THE PARISH NURSE

1. FIRST AID KITS

I have placed a small first aid kit in the church office and in Orndorff Hall (in the bottom cabinet just outside the kitchen). Both are stocked with basic first aid items and are meant to be used for minor incidents. I have also purchased two first aid guides with magnetic backs. As soon as I find something to stick them to, you'll see them (in the kitchen and in the church office).

2. BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

I am planning to begin offering monthly blood pressure checks right after the first and second services beginning January 25th. I'm not quite sure where I'll be setting up shop, but will let everyone know as soon as I decide. I also plan to set up a small "resource library" with health-related information, probably in the church hall. As always, I am available anytime to answer your questions, if I can. My email address is stahleybrn@comcast.net; my home phone number is 301-774-1080.

Maryellen Brown, Parish Nurse

Blood Drive: Coming to Salem Feb 26, 2013. STAY TUNED!

In Our Community

Our House Organic Farm Program: Our House is stocked with egg cartons for the time being and sends thanks to all who donated them.

Sandy Spring Lions Club: Monday, January 28 at 7:00 pm, in Orndorff Hall.

Eyeglass Collection: Salem will continue to collect used eyeglasses, cell phones and hearing aids to donate to Lions Club. Please leave them in Orndorff Hall.

Manna Food Center: 9311 Gaither Road, Gaithersburg, MD 20877, or online at www.mannafood.org; to volunteer call 301-424-1130.

Olney Help: P.O. Box 430, Olney, MD 20832; to volunteer call 301-774-6829. They still have need of dried peas/beans (small bags), sloppy Joe sauce, crackers, cookies, granola bars, canned chili, pancake syrup, pasta side dishes, frosting, and canned meats. Please place items in the box in church hallway. No glass jars.

A Warm Thank You

5 December 2012

Sisterhood of St. Andrew Ukraine Orthodox Cathedral

Members of Salem United Methodist Church

Dear Friends,

Please accept our deep gratitude for your noble act of collecting and donating gently used clothing and toys for needy children, mostly orphans, in Ukraine. It is the second year in a row that you have done it, and it helped us again. We packed 21 packages for a total of 910 lbs. All were sent to different orphanages, schools and churches, mostly in the remote villages in different regions, where the need is the greatest. We hope that together we will make a difference for Christmas to many poor children. Christmas is celebrated on January 7 by the Orthodox Church, so they will get the presents just in time. Your kindness will make a difference to many!

It is a shame that after 21 years of independence, Ukraine and its people are suffering economic hardships, mostly due to corruption and greediness of the ruling government and a few oligarchs who do not care for the people but only for their own pockets. The moral principles of Christianity were ruined by long, destructive acts of communist rules in all the countries that have suffered under their occupation. The children and elderly suffer the most.

Our congregation is comparatively small (120 members) but we are trying to help the needy in Ukraine as much as we can, and your kind help is appreciated very much! Together we make a difference to some lucky children who will have a Happy Christmas, because somebody in a faraway land was thoughtful to their needs!

Our special Thank You goes to Mrs. Nancy Morell for all her efforts. God bless you and your family, Nancy!

May you All, and your families have a Wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Olha Matula, Charity Coordinator

Check It Out!

Prayer Shawls:

Prayer Shawls are available in Orndorff Hall. There is no cost; if you know anyone you want to share a prayer with all the time, see Carole Roberts or Rev. Sue for a shawl. The comfort they give is well worth the effort of delivering one to your friends, family or co-workers. They will thank you!

AND THE ANSWER IS -



Who did you guess?

How about:



Steve Currier

with his wife Darhlene

I wish to thank Carole Roberts and Lois Erisman for their guesses and Joyce and John Howes that came through with the correct answer.

Steve writes: "I am a member of our wonderful church. I was baptized in our church when I was 2 years old. I grew up playing on the church playground. I have been a federal employee for too many years. I was married in our church."