

# SALEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## April 2013 Newsletter

To the Salem UM Church Family-

Just one person.  
One person saw.  
One person heard.  
One person experienced.  
One person knew.  
One person understood.  
One person shared-  
And now many know.

As I contemplate the power of one person, I am reminded of the many one persons who saw, heard, and experienced the Risen Christ; the many one persons who knew and understood the Resurrection. Mary Magdalene who didn't hesitate in the climate of fear to share that Jesus is alive! Peter, Paul, Tabitha, and Lydia each were just one person who didn't let their political, social, and religious cultures stop them from sharing what they saw, heard, experienced, knew, and understood about their faith in Jesus Christ. Each one stepped out of the security of their world and took a risk to share who the Risen Christ is and what He offers: forgiveness and healing.

Just one person.  
We are many just one persons.  
What have we seen?  
What have we heard?  
What have we experienced?  
What do we know?  
What do we understand?  
With whom do we share?  
How many know because of just one person?

We celebrate the Resurrection of Christ on one Sunday. Yet each Sunday is a celebration of the Resurrection. In fact, each day in our lives can be a resurrection celebration, too. During this Easter Season we will focus on the stories of the post-resurrection biblical folk and our post-resurrection stories. How did they live to show others who the Resurrected Christ is? How do we?



After Christmas, I asked these questions to help us articulate our faith. I would like for us to revisit these as we move into Living the Resurrection this Easter Season.

- † 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?

During our worship time this Easter Season, we will have Faith Sharing Moments (FSM). If you would like to share your faith story during worship, contact me or Rev. Janet.

Living the Resurrection,  
Rev. Sue

### APRIL'S WORSHIP SCHEDULE

#### Worship Schedule:

- The Easter Season: Living the Resurrection**  
April 7 Via Lucis or Way of Light:  
Stations of the Resurrection John 20: 19-31  
April 14 "Change" Acts 9: 1-20  
April 21 "Life" Acts 9: 36-43  
April 28 "Everybody" Acts 11: 1-18; Rev. Janet  
May 5 Ascension Sunday "Come"  
Acts 16: 9-15  
May 12 Mother's Day/Malaria Sunday "Saved"  
Acts 16: 16-34  
May 19 Pentecost "Fire" Acts 2: 1-21

### SALEM UMC ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

- Apr. 7: Melody McWilliams
- Apr. 14: Brianna Groves
- Apr. 21: Jacob Weinberger
- Apr. 28: Andrew Sterling

## THE GATHERING



Melody McWilliams all dressed up for St. Patrick's Day

The March Gathering was on St. Patrick's Day, so we started the evening off with a Pot Luck Dinner, with everything from green popcorn, green salads (including a green Jell-O and pineapple salad), Irish stew and some fantastic green desserts.

We then played a card game that gave us insight into the Irish lore and our faith. When the games were over, we joined our efforts to prepare the plastic eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt.



All hands busy at work.

## COMMUNICATIONS

### Salem Mustard Seeds

Want to tell others about Salem UM Church but having trouble breaking the ice? Try offering them one of our spiffy red and white "mustard seeds": pens and shopping bags with the Salem Church logo. Tell them to keep it as a gift. And if they happen to ask about Salem Church...well, there's your chance!



**Marquee Volunteers Needed:** Volunteers are needed to keep the church marquee updated on a weekly basis. If you can help please contact Nancy Morell at 301-774-2504 or [bladennj17@aol.com](mailto:bladennj17@aol.com) or Mary Kay Abramson at [MAbramson@CWTSatoTravel.com](mailto:MAbramson@CWTSatoTravel.com).

## PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE

We are pleased to announce that to date \$244.27 has been raised in pennies for the scholarship fund in memory of a Montgomery County police officer, Bruce Prothero, who was killed in the line of duty. Pennies are still being accepted; see Mark Janney for information or to give him pennies.

## SHARING OUR FAITH

### How I came to Salem

By Bill Lavelly

About eleven years ago, a gentleman came into my place of work, stuck out his hand and said, "Hi, I'm John Howes." I had been a C and E Christian - that is I attended church on Christmas and Easter. Because of John's invitations, I began attending Salem's ASP breakfasts, oyster dinners and other meals open to the community. Whenever there was a meal, John and Joyce would invite my wife, Bobbi and me to be their guests. And we came.

I am an avid golfer. I play golf three to four times a week with John and other friends on Wednesday evenings, Friday evenings, and Sunday mornings (or at least I did). Two years ago, the Friday night between Easter Sunday and Holy Humor Sunday, John had another obligation. I was playing fairly good, but something just wasn't right. I lost my focus. My mind was distracted by something besides golf. I couldn't name it, but I knew I needed to talk with my

friends, John and Joyce. So I finished the game, put my clubs in my truck, and changed my shoes. I called John and Joyce to see if I could stop by. Of course they wanted to know what was wrong. I kept telling them nothing was wrong. When I appeared in their driveway, John and Joyce met me. They were sure something was wrong. So we went inside. I set down and then it all spilled out. I asked them what they thought about me joining Salem UMC. They both burst out with "one of our prayers has been answered." For the rest of Friday night and all day Saturday I struggled with getting up the courage to ask the congregation to accept me. So I went to church that first Sunday after Easter, Holy Humor Sunday. To mark the celebration, I dressed in my golf knickers, stood up during our time of sharing our joys and ask if the congregation would accept me as a member. Well, before the question was completely out of my mouth, Revs. Sue and Janet leapt from the pulpit and ran down to hug me. They said that prayers were being answered.

I left right after worship to make a noon tee time. I no longer play golf on Sunday mornings. You will find me every Sunday in worship at 10 am and then on the golf course after 1 pm. There are a lot of jokes about God showing up on the golf course. Well, God showed up that Friday night. And the joke is still being played on me! I give thanks to God and Salem for accepting me just as I am.

**HAPPENINGS**

**Preschool Story Time:**

10:00 am, the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month – (except December). Join us for stories, a craft, and snack at Salem United Methodist Church Community Hall. ALL PRESCHOOLERS AND THEIR ADULTS ARE WELCOME:



**April 24: Dogs and Cats**

For more information, please call Rev. Janet at 301-774-7772

**R.O.M.E.O.** Meets every Monday, except holidays, at 8 am in Dempsey's Restaurant in Ashton. All men

are welcome.

**Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings**

Wednesdays: 8:00-9:30 pm, Community Room  
Thursdays: 8:00-9:30 pm, Choir Room

**Addresses Needed:** Our Membership Chairman, Carole Roberts, would greatly appreciate your help in keeping the membership records up to date. If you know of any absentee members, please check with Carole with an updated address, phone number or any information that would help her contact them. Address can be emailed to Carole Roberts at [bsgsmom@gmail.com](mailto:bsgsmom@gmail.com), mailed to the church, or put the Membership mailbox.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Christian Day Camp is coming to Salem! Register Today!**

Calling all kids! Salem Christian Day Camp is the place for music, arts and crafts, science experiments, Bible stories, games, food and fun from around the world!

WHO: kids ages 3-12.

WHEN: July 8-12, 9:00-11:30 a.m.

WHERE: Salem UMC, 12 High Street, Brookeville

HOW MUCH: \$15 per child, \$30 max per family.

TO PRE-REGISTER: Pick up a registration form at the church, fill out the form in this newsletter or go to [www.salemunitedmethodist.org](http://www.salemunitedmethodist.org). Register early – space is limited!

FOR MORE INFO: Call Rev. Janet at 301-774-7772.

Confidential scholarships are available to cover the registration fee if needed.

**Three Religious Traditions in Conversation – A Jewish, Christian, and Muslim Dialogue:**

The institute for Christian and Jewish Studies and the Greater Olney Interfaith Ministerium are co-sponsoring a four-week adult education interfaith initiative at B'nai Shalom of Olney on Laytonsville Rd. (Rt. 108). Dates: April 16, 23, 30, & May 7; 7:30 – 9:15pm. Cost: \$40. For information see Revs. Sue or Janet.

**Discussion of "SNAP" (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) Challenge:** Sunday, April 7 following the 10 am service in Salem Community Hall.



**Family Movie Night:**  
**April 13, 6:30–8:00 pm**  
 Featuring the Disney classic “Mary Poppins”  
 This movie is rated “G”.  
 Snacks will be provided

**United Methodist Men:** Saturday, April 20, 7:30 am Salem Community Hall.

**Salem Methodist Women** breakfast meeting Saturday April 13, 9 am in the Community Hall  
 A light breakfast will be served, meeting to follow. All women are invited and encouraged to participate in discussing future mission projects and selecting committees for mission projects to help our group function more efficiently. Think and pray about how you can use your Godly Gifts to help our Mission Group.

**Church Council:** Thursday, April 25 at 7:15 pm in Salem Community Hall.

**Lord’s Table:** Saturday, April 27, 1:00-5:00 pm at St. Martin’s in Gaithersburg.

Make plans to help, you will come away with the joy of the Lord in your heart and the thankfulness that you were allowed to give a part of yourself to His service.

**Book Group Discussion:** Meet at 7:30 pm  
 Upstairs Classroom in Community Hall

**Tuesday, April 9, *The Faith Club* by Priscilla Warner, Suzanne Oliver and Ranya Idrily – 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.

## THE GATHERING

Sunday, April 21: Life in Appalachia. Through role-playing games, learn about the culture and challenges of the people we serve in Appalachia through the Appalachia Service Project.

Sunday, May 19: Deaf By Design, led by Rob Morell

Pot-luck Supper : 6:00 pm

Worship : 6:30-8:00 pm

## ASP

### ASP YARD SALE

**Saturday, April 20, 8:00 am – 1:00 pm in Salem Community Hall.** Items can be brought to the shed beginning Saturday, April 13 or dropped in the Hall Thursday, April 19 or Friday, April 20. **Help needed!** Please contact Adrienne Brown at: [age1188@gmail.com](mailto:age1188@gmail.com)

## COFFEE HOUR HOSTESSES

Hostesses for the April Sundays are:

4/7 Debbie M.

4/14 Barbara A. & Joann K.

4/21 Sharon L.

## MINISTERING TO OUR CHILDREN



Learning about Burkina Faso, West Africa

On the first Sunday of every month, our Sunday School students focus on mission. March 3, Randy Kennedy came to the Sunday School to tell about the work of his grandson and granddaughter-in-law, Ken and Anita Hoch, who are missionaries in Burkina Faso. Rev. Janet showed the children pictures of Burkina Faso and told them a little bit about the country, which she has visited. Randy then explained that one of the ways Ken and Anita tell people about Jesus is by telling them Bible stories. To help out, our children drew pictures of their favorite Bible stories. We are sending these to Burkina Faso, in hopes that the Hochs might be able to use them, or at least be encouraged to know that we are praying for them at Salem!



Ken and Anita Hoch



Shaded area is where the Hochs are working

## MINISTRY OF MUSIC

### Bell Choir Goes to Ocean City Festival



Back row L-R: David and Rose Eide-Altman, Bob Brown, Bob Lavelly. Front L-R: Dean and Doreen Preville, Maryellen Brown, and Anne Ennes.

Our choir performed with other choirs. 47 of us together rang "Joyful Praise," "Morning Joy," "Holy, Holy, Holy," and "Celebration" (plus an additional encore piece).

More advanced choirs also performed as a group, and, as was the case last year, were truly inspiring! In total,

there were 635 handbell musicians at the weekend's festival.

Anne Ennes

## FROM THE CONGREGATION



Sharing my thoughts with you  
from Charlyne Lewis  
(a recap from bygone days!)

This time of year is so neat, don't you think? There is so much of the Creator's hand-work all around us that is FREE - it makes me give

thanks time and again, to the Great One for His hand in all of this beauty that surrounds us every day. Whenever we think that our lives aren't 'going anywhere'...all we have to do is look around us...He appears, in the simple form of nature, to let us know that we are not alone in this old world, that there is truly a Father looking out for all of us...and He has given us His creative beauty to enjoy and share with others.

My favorite line from a hymn I love is, "in the rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me everywhere." And for me, that is the greatest thing about the seasons, each one brings along with it a truly different form of His work set to nature, and yes, I can really "hear Him pass, and speak to me" every day I am given. (See Hymn 144 - Ecclesiastes 3:1-8)

Bless all of you...enjoy the season!!

Charlyne

## YOUTH GROUP

**All meeting times are 6:30-8:00 pm  
(unless otherwise noted)**

April 7, Regular youth group meeting. Baking cookies for the troops!

April 14, Regular youth group meeting. Game night.

April 21, 6 pm potluck, 6:30-8:00 pm The Gathering.

April 28, Regular youth group meeting.

May 5, Cinco de Mayo nachos party. What is God doing in Mexico today?

May 12, MOTHER'S DAY. No youth group meeting. Stay home and do something nice for your mom.

May 19, 6 pm potluck, 6:30-8:00 pm The Gathering.

May 26, MEMORIAL DAY weekend. No youth group meeting.

June 2, Regular youth group meeting.

June 9, End of year party with Killer Bunnies themed food!

## 30-Hour Famine

[I am proud to give you the report on the 30-Hour Famine from one who lived it. One of the pictures accompanying this article was taken by Jacob Weinberger. The article was written by Amy Roberts both on their very first 30-Hour Famine. Good work guys! Velma Durant]

This was my first experience with the 30-hour famine and I definitely want to do it next year! It was a lot of fun even though it was tough. The thirty-hour famine is basically when we raise money from people who sponsor us for not eating for 30 hours. And trust me, 30 hours is a long time when you're not eating. The 30-hour famine is an event hosted by WorldVision, an organization that works to stop hunger. We came on Friday and we were assigned disabilities which we created through putting tape over one sunglasses lens, wearing heavy backpacks, etc. to make it feel like we really had the disability. These disabilities are very common in Africa, where hunger is a huge issue. We had to use these disabilities while we played games which gave us survival points if we won.



Kenny Wahl pretending to be blind  
(Picture by Jacob Weinberger)

There were many different games and after each one we learned a lesson. The whole time we couldn't eat and could only drink water and apple juice. We're very lucky we even got water because in Africa they have to go far to get disgusting water while they're hungry. We only had to walk to the tap. We learned what it was like to actually feel what hunger is and imagine that feeling every day of every week, and we couldn't even imagine what it would be like carrying 60 gallons of dirty water for miles while we're hungry just to survive. It really helped us get into the shoes of hungry people. Later on Saturday we went to The Lord's Table which you might've heard of, but it's like a soup kitchen and we feed people who can't quite afford food on their own and need a little bit of help. It was torture because we were fasting as we were serving all this delicious food and desserts, but it really paid off and I'm very glad I did it. The feeling you get when they look you in the eyes, smile, and say "thank you" is

amazing. You really have helped them survive and I'm proud of that. I would definitely like to go back to the Lord's Table sometime this year to help again. It's a great experience and it's a much better way to spend my time than at home watching TV or using other electronics. Being hungry has more effects than just fatigue, or other physical things. It also affects your mind. We found it's much harder to concentrate, our reflexes are slower, and we forget things much more often. We were also very tired and a lot of parts of our body ached. It definitely was a challenge and as soon as we finished the prayer for communion at 6 o'clock Saturday, we inhaled the bread and after grace we piled our plates with spaghetti. It really isn't a walk in the park being hungry, it's a huge challenge and it's really depressing people go through it every day. You realize how discomforting it is. I didn't want to do anything but nap because I was so tired and starving. And at least we knew we could eat at six; in Africa they have no idea when they'll eat next. Thanks to organizations like WorldVision, the number of children who die due to hunger has decreased by 19,000 per day in the past six years. It does make a difference and I'm happy I made one, too.

Submitted by: Amy Roberts



Members of the 30-Hour Famine: L-R; Wyatt Thompson, Amy Roberts, Donovan Thompson, Sarah Huber, Kenny Wahl, Blake Roberts, Jacob Weinberger, Amber Schell, and Joey Brantley.

## HOLY WEEK ACTIVITIES

### Holy Thursday, March 28, 2013

#### "The People vs. Judas Iscariot"

##### The Punishment Phase

(Adapted from a 5 act play by Wm. Clayton McCord)

We gathered in Salem's Community Hall for a bowl of delicious homemade vegetable beef soup prepared by Betty Bittner, along with lots of desserts prepared by the members of Salem UMC. The crowd was large but the soup never ran out! Many thanks to every one of our Ladies for their hard work in preparing tables and serving the food

We also wish to thank Ashton UMC, St. Paul UMC and Mt. Carmel UMC for joining us in the celebration of Holy Thursday.



The Cast included:

- Bailiff: Bill Lavelly, Salem UMC
- Judge: Mark Mullings, Mt. Carmel UMC
- Attorney Grace: Don Rider, Salem UMC
- Attorney Justice: Rob Morell, Salem UMC
- Mary Magdalene: Lori Scianelle, Ashton UMC
- Unnamed Woman: Barbara Turner, Ashton UMC
- Judas: Brandon Savage, Salem UMC
- Peter: Fred Ambrose, Salem UMC
- Friend of Judas: Mary Ellen Eaton, Salem UMC
- Chief Priest: Debbie Ambrose, Salem UMC
- Death: John Howes, Salem UMC

As each witness was called, the story unfolded of the Last Supper, Judas going to the High Priest and the last words of Jesus as He hung on the cross: “Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.” Does this include Judas?

The remainder of the congregation was the Jury. We had to decide Judas fate: Eternal punishment or God’s grace and mercy. The results were: 11 for Eternal Punishment, 4 Abstentions, and 54 for God’s Mercy.

How do you vote?

### Good Friday Service

Have you ever wondered why Good Friday is referred to as “good”? What happened to Jesus was definitely not good (see Matthew chapters 26-27). However, the results of Christ’s death are very good! [Romans 5:8](#), “But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” [First Peter 3:18](#) tells us, “For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit.”

Salem, Ashton, Mt. Carmel and St. Paul/Laytonville UMCs shared a Good Friday service this year, at St. Paul church. As I entered the church, there was a

feeling of peace, strength and unity. The choir, consisting of members from all four churches was already in place. I quickly found my seat beside a fellow Salem member and settled down to worship.

7:30 arrived, the music began with the choir singing, and this set the stage (so to speak). The choir would sing a song and one of the three Pastors (Salem’s Revs. Sue and Janet and Rev. Jenny Cannon from Ashton) would take turns reading the story of the trial up to when Jesus cried “It is finished.” The veil in the temple was torn from top to bottom and darkness filled the earth (for about 3 hours) and the earth shook with an earthquake. Those around said, “Surely this was the Son of God!” These scriptures were taken from all four Gospels, telling how he suffered for you and me.

Just think, if Jesus hadn’t died that “Good Friday” over two thousand years ago where would we be today? Close your eyes and think of that time, where would you be? What would you be doing? Would you be one of the crowd crying “crucify him!” or would you be at the foot of the cross with Mary, His mother, her sister and Mary Magdalene (one of the Gospels said that John was also there)? It’s a very hard question to answer, I would pray that I would have the strength and courage to stand up and say “This is my Lord and Savior.”

### Easter Sunrise Service



As the people began to gather on this blessed Easter Morn, entering the Salem Cemetery the sun was just creeping over the horizon. Back to your left you will find a lonely wooden cross – standing EMPTY! We rejoice as we celebrate once again the EMPTY tomb! Christ is risen! Risen indeed! Our young people step forward to start the service with our call to worship.



The trumpets sing out the news Alleluia! as the service begins. No one seems to mind the chill in the air as our

souls are warm with the love of God. Rev. Janet spoke words of Hope taken from 1 Corinthians 15:19-26. She reminded us that we are each “Called by Name” by the risen Christ.

Noah sang “Open Our Eyes,” a truly beautiful song and prayer. Rev. Janet closed the service with a beautiful poem written by one of our very own young people. It was truly a wonderful service in praising our Risen Savior

Breakfast was served in the Community Hall afterwards, hot coffee helped warm from head to cold feet, and the food, as always, was outstanding. Special thanks to Barbara Achstetter who lovingly gave her time to prepare such a great breakfast.

Such a beautiful sight to see upon entering the sanctuary, and hearing the beautiful music performed by our Bell Choir. “Morning Joy” and what a joy it was to be part of our freedom to worship our RISEN Savior on this beautiful Easter morning.



Such joy as we proclaimed: “He is Risen” with the echo throughout the building “He is Risen Indeed!” The music, the message, the praise all reflected the joys we share from our Risen Lord.

### Children’s Egg Hunt



Eggs, eggs, everywhere, eggs! Are they hard to find? The turnout was very good, the children had a wonderful time and



couldn’t miss the eggs!

Everyone went away with a bag full!



Even the little children had their time of hearing of the resurrection and they looked so pretty all dressed up, some even wore their rabbit ears!

After a heart-stirring message on “The Ultimate Act of Forgiveness” (if you missed it ask Bob Brown for a CD of the message, you will be glad you did) and the partaking of the blood and body of Christ in communion, we closed our service by proclaiming in song “You Are My King.”  
4/28 Steve C. & Darlene

### Let us Worship the Risen Lord



### BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

If your name should be 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 April Birthdays are:

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| Roberts, Carole     | 04/04 |
| Dean, Joyce         | 04/11 |
| Weinberger, Phillip | 04/14 |
| Benson, Kenny       | 04/17 |
| Boyd, Dale          | 04/28 |
| Currier, Katelyn    | 04/29 |

Our April Anniversaries are:

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|-------------------------|-------|
| Lavelly, Bill and Bobbi | 04/16 |
| Odbert, Fred and Carol  | 04/19 |



## Missions

### United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) HEALTH KITS

On Sunday, April 7 we will be putting health kits together. UMCOR gives these kits are given to people as part of the Church's disaster relief response. Each kit contains a hand towel, a washcloth, a comb, a metal nail clipper, 1 bath soap, 1 toothbrush, 6 band aids, 1 gallon plastic bag, and \$1 for purchasing toothpaste. Total cost of one kit is about \$12. The Baltimore-Washington Conference will be collecting these at our Annual Conference in May. If you are interested in contributing a kit, follow the instructions which can be found at:

<http://www.umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies>

**Olney Help:** P.O. Box 430, Olney, MD 20832

To volunteer call 301-774-6829.

Needs: 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.

## IN OUR COMMUNITY

### Spaghetti Dinner at Mt. Carmel United

**Methodist:** Friday, April 12, 4:00-7:00pm. Dine in or carry out. Located at 22222 Georgia Ave., Sunshine, MD. For more information call: 301-963-1285.

### Sandy Spring Lions Club:

Monday, April 29; 7:00 pm; Community Hall

### Our Sympathy to:

Janet Howes – loss of her sister Cornelia 2/2/2013  
Suzanne Friis – loss of her mother Louise Ludwig  
3/15/2013

## CHECK IT OUT!

### Prayer Shawl Ministry:

Know anyone who needs a prayer and God's warm embrace? Give them a Prayer Shawl. See Carole Roberts or Rev. Sue for a shawl.

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John 14:25-27 The Message: "I'm telling you these things while I'm still living with you. The Friend, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send at my request, will make everything plain to you. He will remind you of all the things I have told you. I'm leaving you well and whole. That's my parting gift to you. Peace. I don't leave you the way you're used to being left—feeling abandoned, bereft. So don't be upset. Don't be distraught.

## AND THE ANSWER IS –



Do you know her?

Special thanks to Doreen Preville and Charlyne Lewis, however their suggestions as to who our Mystery guest could be were wrong, good try - so here's the answer:

### **Carole Coffin Roberts**

**Carole writes:** I have lived in Maryland all my life, and have had a Brookeville mailing address almost 30 years of it. After earning my undergraduate degree in American Studies, with certification in Early Childhood Education, I did graduate work in mild and moderate handicapping conditions and reading. I taught elementary school for 11 years. I

married John in 1991, and Austin was born in 1994. We approached Rev. Mark about baptizing Austin, and so began our relationship with Salem. I think Blake was the last baptism Mark did at Salem, and Amy was born just as Pastor Lil came to Salem. Since Blake's birth I have been a stay at home mom, substitute teaching on the side. This has left me lots of time to volunteer with schools, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Salem. I am Salem's membership secretary, teach Sunday School and Vacation Bible School, can be found in the kitchen cooking for most church dinners, and have made over 100 prayer shawls. My hobbies are reading historical fiction, crocheting, and genealogy.

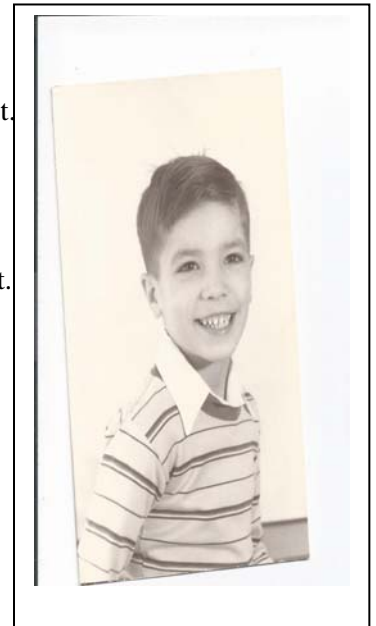


## OUR NEXT CHALLENGE ... DO YOU KNOW WHO THIS IS?



It isn't often we have two pictures to compare so let's enjoy this beautiful smile while we wrack our brains to try to figure out May's Mystery Guest. Call me 240-328-4810, text me, e-mail me or whisper in my ear. Who do you think this is?

Answer in May's Edition of the Salem Newsletter. I hope you are enjoying these flashes from our past. Remember, if you know who this is, e-mail me at [velma\\_durant@yahoo.com](mailto:velma_durant@yahoo.com) or stop me in Church and let me know.



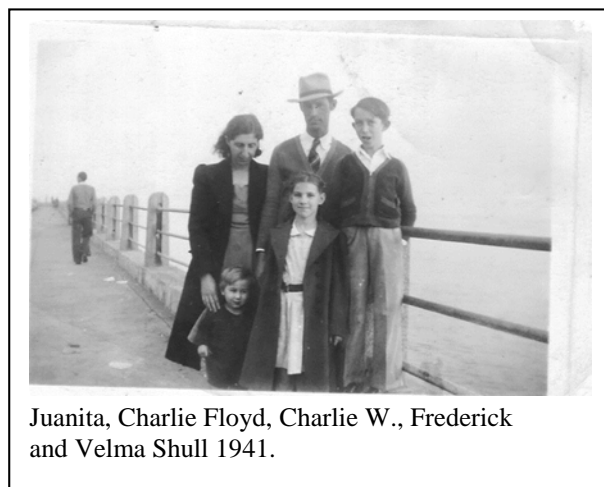
## You do know who this is!

I have frequently been asked why don't I put myself in the mystery guest spot. As coordinator of the Salem UMC Newsletter I do not feel comfortable in doing so; as a rational: I said everyone would know me as I haven't changed in looks in 70 years, only my hair; so, as an alternate possibility I thought I would just give you a brief look at my life.

### Velma Shull Durant



Curtis Smith and Velma Durant 2007



Juanita, Charlie Floyd, Charlie W., Frederick and Velma Shull 1941.

I was born and raised in South Carolina; from 1940, Charleston, SC became our playground. We (my brother and I) were able to go anywhere in Charleston safely as long as we were home in time for dinner, Mother never worried about us. I attended schools in Charleston and Charleston Heights, SC. In 1949 my family and I joined the North Charleston Church of God, where Richard Durant and I were married in 1954. Richard was in the Navy so we traveled extensively up and down the east coast (following the ship). We attended many different churches, met many people, some of whom I am still in contact, and had many experiences where God kept His hand on us as we traveled. Richard retired from the Navy in 1962 and we eventually moved back to Charleston; however, Richard felt the need to seek other employment and we moved to Maryland in 1967 where Richard went to work for Vitro Laboratories. We purchased a home in the Aspen Hill area where Rhonda presently lives. I was a "stay at home" Mom until Michelle was in school full time; I went to work for Vitro in 1980. Richard died in 1983 from pancreatic cancer. Richard and I have three children, Michael, Rhonda and Michelle. I have been active in church as Sunday school teacher, youth leader, Coordinator of Bible School, Leader for Girl and Boy Scouts, Girl Scouting Neighborhood coordinator, and District representative to local GS Council. My hobbies were/are sewing and decorating cakes, writing my life story, as well as genealogy. Richard and I enjoyed bowling and working with the Little League Baseball teams. Richard and I met Curt and Barbara Smith through Vitro where we met socially from time to time. When Richard died, Barbara and Curt were my "rocks," helping me maintain my balance and patiently being my "sounding board." When Barbara died she asked me to "take care" of Curt. On July 7, 2007 Curt and I were married. We make my home in Brookeville, Our hobby is traveling and, until recently, have made several cross-country trips, as well as spending time in Europe.



# Christian Day Camp

At Salem United Methodist  
Church, 12 High Street,

Brookeville MD

July 8-12, 2013

9:00-11:30 a.m.

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in school (as of Sept 2013): \_\_\_\_\_

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Responsible adult: \_\_\_\_\_ relationship to child: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies? (please list) \_\_\_\_\_

(If allergies might require emergency treatment, please give details on the back of this form.)

If your family has a church you attend regularly, please

list: \_\_\_\_\_

The following people may pick up my child from Day Camp:

Name

Phone number

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**Please return this form with registration fee of \$15 per child (\$30 max per family) to:  
Day Camp, Salem United Methodist Church, 12 High Street, Brookeville MD 20833.**

**Please make checks payable to "Salem UMC."**

**Questions? Please call Rev. Janet at 301-774-7772.** Confidential scholarships are available to cover the registration fee if needed.

# Salem United Methodist Church

**April 2013**

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Monday                                                 | Tuesday                                                                                                                                     | Wednesday                                                                                                                                                                        | <i>Thursday</i>                                                                                                               | Friday                                                      | Saturday                                                                |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>1</b><br>9:00am ROMEOS at<br>Dempsey's in Ashton    | <b>2</b><br>10:00am Prayer<br>Partners at Joanne<br>Keister's                                                                               | <b>3</b><br>9:00am Upper Room<br>Bible Discussion<br>(Choir Room)<br>7:00pm Disciple 1-<br>Hall upstairs<br>7:00pm Disciple 4-<br>Hall, upstairs<br>8:00pm AA-Hall,<br>main room | <b>4</b><br>6:30pm – Cub Scouts,<br>Hall<br>7:30-9:00pm Adult<br>Study, Seeing Gray,<br>Hall upstairs<br>8:00pm AA-Choir room | <b>5</b><br>10:00am Knitting<br>Group, Joanne<br>Keister's  | <b>6</b>                                                                |
| <b>7</b><br><br><b>Second Sunday of<br/>Easter</b><br><br>8:15am Worship<br>9:15am Adult Sunday<br>School<br>10:00am Worship<br>10:30 Youth Sunday Sch.<br>11:15am Coffee Social<br>11:15am Discussion of<br>"SNAP"<br>6:30-8:00pm Youth Group | <b>8</b><br>9:00am ROMEOS at<br>Dempsey's in<br>Ashton | <b>9</b><br>10:00am Prayer<br>Partners at Joanne<br>Keister's<br>7:00pm Tiger Den<br>meeting<br>7:30pm Book<br>Discussion Hall,<br>upstairs | <b>10</b><br>9:00am Upper Room<br>Bible Discussion<br>Choir Room<br>7:00pm Disciple 1-<br>Hall, upstairs<br>7:00pm Disciple 4-<br>Hall, upstairs<br>8:00pm AA-Hall,<br>main room | <b>11</b><br>6:30pm – Cub Scouts,<br>Hall<br>7:30-9:00pm Adult<br>Study, Seeing Gray,<br>Hall<br>8:00pm AA-Choir room         | <b>12</b><br>10:00am Knitting<br>Group, Joanne<br>Keister's | <b>13</b><br>6:30-8:00pm Family<br>Movie Night, "Mary<br>Poppins," Hall |

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| <b>Third Sunday of Easter</b><br>8:15am Worship<br>9:15am Adult Sunday Sch.<br>10:00am Worship<br>10:30 Youth Sunday Sch.<br>11:15am Coffee Social<br>6:30-8:00pm Youth Group                                | 9:00am ROMEOS at<br>Dempsey's in<br>Ashton                                            | 10:00am Prayer<br>Partners at Joanne<br>Keister's | 9:00am Upper Room<br>Bible Discussion<br>Choir Room<br>7:00pm Disciple 1-<br>Hall, upstairs<br>7:00pm Disciple 4-<br>Hall, upstairs<br>8:00pm AA-Hall,<br>main room                                         | 7:00pm Cub Scouts,<br>Hall<br>8:00pm AA-Choir room   | 9:30-11:00am Mom's<br>Group of Olney<br>10:00am Knitting<br>Group, Joanne<br>Keister's<br>3:00-9:00 pm - ASP<br>Yard Sale Set-up | 8:00 am-1:00 pm<br>ASP Yard Sale<br>UMM assisting Yard<br>Sale |
| <b>21</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>22</b>                                                                             | <b>23</b>                                         | <b>24</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>25</b>                                            | <b>26</b>                                                                                                                        | <b>27</b>                                                      |
| <b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b><br>8:15am Worship<br>9:15am Adult Sunday<br>School<br>10:00am Worship<br>10:30 Youth Sunday Sch.<br>11:15am Coffee Social<br>5:00-6:00pm Youth Group<br>6:00 pm The Gathering | 9:00am ROMEOS at<br>Dempsey's in<br>Ashton<br>7:00pm Sandy Spring<br>Lions Club, Hall | 10:00am Prayer<br>Partners at Joanne<br>Keister's | 9:00am Upper Room<br>Bible Discussion<br>Choir Room<br>10:00 Pre-School<br>Story Time, Hall<br>7:00pm Disciple 1-<br>Hall, upstairs<br>7:00pm Disciple 4-<br>Hall, upstairs<br>8:00pm AA-Hall,<br>main room | 7:15 Church Council,<br>Hall<br>8:00pm AA-Choir room | 10:00am Knitting<br>Group, Joanne<br>Keister's                                                                                   | 1:00-5:00pm Lord's<br>Table at St. Martin's                    |
| <b>28</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>29</b>                                                                             | <b>30</b>                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                      |                                                                                                                                  |                                                                |
| <b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b><br>8:15am Worship<br>9:15am Adult Sunday<br>School<br>10:00am Worship<br>10:30 Youth Sunday Sch.<br>11:15am Coffee Social<br>6:30-8:00 pm Youth Group                          | 9:00am ROMEOS at<br>Dempsey's in Ashton                                               | 10:00am Prayer<br>Partners at Joanne<br>Keister's |                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                      |                                                                                                                                  |                                                                |