

# Salem United Methodist Church

## July 2013 Newsletter

◀ **180 Years and Still Loving, Serving and Celebrating** ▶



SALEM Methodist Protestant Church 1833



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12 High Street, Brookeville, Maryland 20833

### To the Salem UM Church Family-

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It's July! It's summer! Where has this year gone? We are deep into vacationing, picnicking, and celebrating our country's independence. As we come into the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, I am reminded how our founding fathers stood up for their political beliefs. They believed that we should not be colonized by Great Britain, but that we should be an independent nation of states. These were people of courage who stood for their convictions. Where would we be today if they hadn't stood for their beliefs?

The 21<sup>st</sup> century is proving to be a time in which many do not trust religion or religious institutions. So what are we to do as Christians or Church in a non-religious, distrustful society? Worship in secret? Never mention our faith values? Go along with the crowd? As much as this phrase can get tiring, I will ask it, "What would Jesus do today?" My guess is pretty much what he did 2100 years ago. He shared God's love through actions and stories. He knew what he stood for and he stood for what he was/is.

So what do we as Christians stand for? This summer while we are doing all the typical summer things, we are trying to answer this question as we work our way through the Gospel of Luke in a sermon series called "What Do Christians Really Stand for?" (If you are away, the sermons can be accessed on our website: [www.salemunitiedmethodist.org](http://www.salemunitiedmethodist.org) or ask for a CD of the worship service you missed.) This question challenges us to wrestle with some key issues in our world. Our answers affect everything from being world leaders to coaching a team, from the legislative tables to the kitchen table, from boardrooms to the bedrooms. Are we compassionate and how? Can we forgive and begin again? How do we offer healing? Do we judge too quickly without knowing all the facts? What do we stand for? How do we do it? And more importantly why do we do it?

When the Israelites were released from Babylon to go back to Jerusalem, they realized how blessed they were to be home at last. They gathered for worship and confession. They wanted God's forgiveness and a new start. The people said, "Stand up and bless the Lord your God" (Nehemiah 9: 5a). They wanted to rediscover their beliefs and they knew it began with blessing God

for standing by them. This July we will sing or hear it sung, "God bless America." I understand the patriotism in this song and it warms our hearts. God has blessed and is blessing our great nation. But I challenge us as Christians to remember God's blessings by blessing God through knowing what we stand for and then sharing it like Jesus did.

This year we celebrate Salem's 180 years of ministry. God has stood by Salem and blessed this congregation immensely. The founding fathers and mothers of Salem and all that followed them stood by their faith so we can discover it for ourselves. As we continue this journey together, may we stand for our faith and may it all bless God!

Blessing God,  
Rev. Sue

### Worship Schedule:

- July 7 "Rule of Love" Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20
- July 14 "Loving Our Neighbors" Luke 10: 25-37
- July 21 "Slow Down, You Move Too Fast!"  
Luke 10: 38-42
- July 28 "Prayer" Luke 10: 38-42
- August 4 "It's Not About the \$\$\$"
- Luke 11: 1-13
- August 11 "Don't Be Afraid" Luke 12: 13-21
- August 18 "Sometimes Ya Gotta Say, 'No'"  
    Luke 12: 32-40
- August 25 "Doing What's Right" Luke 12: 49-56

### Ministering to our Children

The "Time for Children" on June 9<sup>th</sup> was a pleasant surprise for all of us. Miss Barbara (Achstetter) led the service, she talking to the Children about surprises. In the process she produced a wrapped gift and asked one of the children if they would like to open it; of course they did and there was another gift-wrapped package; of course one of the other children wanted to open that one. Surprise! It was a magic wand! Miss Barbara then called Rev. Janet forward and presented her with the magic wand in response to the announcement that it was Rev. Janet's birthday.



Miss Barbara then asked Rev. Janet to turn around which she did; Everyone in the congregation raised a picture and when Rev. Janet turned around facing the congregation again she was swamped with pictures of herself.



This segment of the service was a lot of fun and everyone had the opportunity to wish Rev. Janet a happy birthday all at once.

Since Miss Barbara is also in charge of the Sunday school, she proceeded to honor the Sunday School Teachers for their faithful service in teaching our children the word of God. Since Sunday school is over for this school year, the teachers get a well-deserved rest. In its place will be a time for children during the message where they will receive inspirational messages via video, then possibly have a chance to play in Salem's playground while they wait for their parents.



From left to right: Matt Groves standing in for his wife Churchill who wasn't able to attend, Rob Morrell, Carole Roberts, Nancy Morrell, and our Nursery teacher, Lora Kinikin.

We, as a church, wish to thank Barbara and each one of our teachers for a job well done.

**Honoring our Acolytes**

Each of our Acolytes was presented with a certificate and honored for their faithful service. Nancy Morrell, the director, spoke of their faithfulness in service and invited them to return for service in the fall and invited anyone else interested in joining them to contact her.



Left to right: Amy Roberts, Brianna Groves, Jacob Weinberger, Melody McWilliams, Andrew Sterling; missing is: Lexi Groves

**Salem UMC Acolyte Schedule**

**July**

**July 7: Brianna Groves**

**July 14: Andrew Sterling**  
**July 21: Melody McWilliams**  
**July 28: Amy Roberts**

**August**

**August 4: Jacob Weinberger**  
**August 11: Lexi Groves**  
**August 18: Melody McWilliams**  
**August 25: Amy Roberts**

**Substitute: Savannah Miller**

**FROM THE CONGREGATION**



**“Sharing My Thoughts With You”**

From Charlyne Lewis

This summer season is slipping by us at a great rate...so hopefully, all of us will be able to enjoy some of God's rich rewards bestowed upon us, as we go about our daily lives.

This month we celebrate our *Independence* on July 4<sup>th</sup>, when we once again come together as a Nation, to sing and give praises for our great country.

Now, more than any other time in history, we need to put our God at the forefront of all that we hold near and dear. with a special prayer for all our troops serving overseas fighting wars, and for all our dear wounded who are trying to heal and regain their lives back again. We, as a mighty Nation, under God, will conquer our enemies!

God Bless!

Enjoy your summer!  
 Charlyne

Ecclesiastes 11: verses 1-6  
 Hymns 696, 697, 698 (*sing out!!*)



## DISCIPLES

Disciple Bible Study is a key part of spiritual formation at Salem. There are four Disciple Bible courses, each meeting for about 34 weeks. Each year two of the four courses are offered, this year Disciple 1 and 4 were the choices.

Our Disciple Bible Study classes begin in September with the new school year. If you would like to participate in the 2013-14 classes beginning in September 2013, please contact Rev. Janet.



Graduation is a very special day and after 32 weeks of studying God's word, we were ready for this special day.

Disciples 1, lead by Rev. Janet, studied from Genesis to Revelations.



Disciples 1 students were Marsha Thorp, Connie Blaine, Kulley Bancroft, and (missing) Connie Summerville.

Disciples 4, lead by Rev. Sue, was under the Tree of Life. This covered the writings of the Hebrew

Bible and the New Testament gospel of John, the letters 1, 2, and 3 John, and the book of Revelations. .



Students were Debbie Ambrose, Chryl Kaisler Virginia Smith, Marsha York, Velma Durant and Buck Bartley.

Well done and congratulations to each of our new Disciples.

## CONGRATULATIONS

### To Our Graduates!

Graduation season is here. We were pleased to congratulate our Salem scholars! On June 2, we recognized our high school graduates at the 10:00 service.



Left to right: Emily Odbert, Sarah Sterling, Cooper Weinberger, Emma Poe-Yamagata, and Amanda Pustis (missing were Ruthie Lowe and Eric Lowe)

Our very best wishes to each of you:

Amanda Pustis will attend Cornell University  
Emma Poe-Yamagata will attend Georgia Tech

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Sarah Sterling will attend Frostburg University  
Cooper Weinberger will attend James Madison University

Emily Odbert will attend Mercyhurst University  
Ruthie Lowe will attend the University of West Florida

Eric Lowe will attend Salisbury University

Please remember our young people in your prayers as they venture into a new realm of their lives, that God will guide them and protect them.

### **To Our Music Appreciation:**

For over 6-weeks several members of our congregation met with our Music Director, Rose Eide-Altman in learning to read music; knowledge, fun and fellowship was the main feature. Congratulations to Joyce Dean, Chryl Kaisler, Rob Morrell, Den Preville, and Velma Durant. Thank you Rose for all your hard work in preparing our lessons and patiently going over and over again so we could fully understand.



### **SALEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MEMORIAL GARDEN ENGRAVED BRICKS**

The Memorial Garden was established in 2003-2004 and we have all enjoyed this beautiful

project to date. The Memorial Garden provides a special way to memorialize, honor and celebrate family and friends in a permanent and beautiful setting. Inasmuch as additional people have become a part of the Salem family, we are providing an opportunity to order additional bricks that will become a permanent addition to the Garden.

Additional brick orders can be placed up to September 1, 2013, with installation planned for late fall. Proceeds from this sale will go into the church general fund.

Brick size 4" x 8" engraved is \$125

Brick size 8" x 8" engraved is \$200

Contact Joyce Howes for memorial brick ordering information or call at 301-774-5851 or use [cucinotta1@verizon.net](mailto:cucinotta1@verizon.net).

### **Happenings**

**ATTENTION: Mark your calendar: Remember Christian Day Camp is coming to Salem July 8-12, 2013! Are you ready? There will be Fun, Games, Crafts and most important the word of God to share with the children.**

### **ASP**

#### **ASP BENEFIT DINNER AND CONCERT**

Sunday night, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, we gathered in the Community Hall to support the ASP teams as they are once again raising funds to sponsor three groups to lend a helping hand to those in need in Leesburg, Virginia. The Appalachian Service Project Benefit dinner and concert was a huge success in spite of Mother Nature giving us a terrific thunderstorm just as people were beginning to gather for the evening.

Spaghetti, salad, and lots of cookies, with coffee, tea and lemonade made for a great feast followed by The Enncore Singers, directed by our own Rose Eide-Altman.

They performed several arrangements acapella. One of the arrangements “Kittery” by William Billings (1746-1800) was actually parts of the Lord’s Prayer. Very beautiful and very short!



Katelyn Currier, Adrienne Brown, Carole Roberts, Katelyn Currier and Fred Ambrose



Part of The Encore Singers

Noah Beye spellbound us with an arrangement from Camelot by Lerner/Lowe, “If Ever I Would Leave You.” Words cannot describe the emotions brought forth as Noah sang this beautiful song.



Noah Beye

To round out the program our special guest was Edwina Humphrey-Flynn, soprano. You could feel the strength in “I Believe” by E. Drake; she ended her segment by changing the words a bit of “Bless This House” by M. Brahe to “Bless the ASP,” sung with all the energy our guest could muster as she sang this prayer to honor our ASP teams.



Edwina Hunphrey-Flynn

Rev. Janet explained to our visitors what the ASP stood for and some of the things our teams accomplished over the past few years.



Rev. Janet Craswell

The total amount from this fundraiser was \$518.00 after expenses.

The evening was enjoyed by all and it seemed no one wanted to leave, everyone stood around talking to members of the Encore Singers and other guests. Really a night to remember.



Noah joined The Encore Singers for the finale to the tune of Danny Boy.

Our ASP team wishes to thank each and every one of you for your help this year in raising the funds for their next adventure in Leesburg, Virginia. With every fundraiser, it has been said, "Salem never lets us down."

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**Prayer Shawls:**

Prayer Shawls are available in Salem Community 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!



Stephen Bloom and Emily Elliott were married by Rev. Sue on June 1<sup>st</sup>, at Woodlawn Manor in Sandy Spring, Maryland.

Steve is the son of Mary and Harold Bloom. Their family attended Salem when Steve was a child. They moved to Annapolis several years ago. Many will remember Steve as a young boy.

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God's Victory Garden is growing! Jim Nupp graciously donated the tomato and pepper plants again. Thank you Jim! Planting was accomplished on Mothers Day. Other than the unusual late frost we had to protect the plants from, we've been blessed with a good mix of rain and sunshine this Spring. We have tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, celery, string beans, zucchini & yellow squash this year. Once harvest begins, we'll need volunteers to take the produce to Manna (9311 Gaither Road,

Gaithersburg MD, 2 blocks off of Shady Grove Rd.). Please contact me if you'd be able/willing to transport the vegetables. Manna feeds over 170 families each day and over the summer, donations slow down. Let's do our part to help nourish our brothers and sisters.

Anne Ennes

July Anniversaries.

Sterling/Shorb-Sterling, Charles and Sue 7/03  
Van, Druff, Robert and Helen 07/03  
Smith-Durant, Curt and Velma 07/07  
Howes, John and Joyce 07/15  
Ranshaw, Dick and Joann 07/17  
Kaisler, Stephen and Chryl 07/30

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**R.O.M.E.O.**

R.O.M.E.O. is still going strong on Monday mornings at 9 am at Dempsey's in Ashton.

All men are welcome.

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

**Coffee Hour Hostesses**

**Hostesses/Co-Hostesses for the July time frame are:**

- 7/7 Carole R.
- 7/14 Churchill G. & Nancy M.
- 7/21 Susan B.
- 7/28 Marsha T.

**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 July Birthdays are:**

- McKeever, Doug 07/01
- Ennes, Ellen 07/02
- Durant, Velma 07/05
- Odbert, Carol 07/05
- Lange, Robert 07/06
- Poe-Yamagata, Ian 07/06
- Gundersen, Kristian 07/07
- Weinberger, Jacob 07/14
- Roberts, Amy 07/15
- Weinberger, Ginny 07/20
- Gundersen, Sue 07/21
- Benson, Rebecca 07/28
- Ennes, Mark 07/30

**HEALTH NEWS FROM THE PARISH NURSE**

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

**In Our Community**

**Sandy Spring Lions Club:** Monday, July 29 at 7:00 pm, in Salem Community Hall.

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

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**Manna Food Center:** 9311 Gaither Road, Gaithersburg, MD 20877, or online at [www.mannafood.org](http://www.mannafood.org); to volunteer call 301-424-1130.

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**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.

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**DEADLINE FOR AUGUST NEWSLETTER:**

**25 JULY 2013**

**The deadline for the September Newsletter will be earlier**

**August 15,**

**as I will be leaving the last week in August on vacation, so please mark your calendars now.**



**AND THE ANSWER IS -**



Did you guess?

I wish to thank



**Ginny Day Wahl**

Ginny wrote: "I was born in South Korea. I was adopted when I was 10 years old by a single mom. I lived in the Philippines when I was in middle school. I came to the U.S. and went to high school in Bethesda, MD. I am married and have 3 children. Kenny is my youngest, whom you all know. I also love working with children. I've been working with children for many, many years. I've been a Christian all my life. I joined Salem shortly after we moved to Brookeville several years ago."

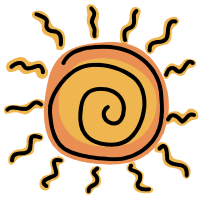
## OUR NEXT CHALLENGE ...

**DO YOU KNOW WHO THIS IS?**



Answer in August Edition of the Salem Newsletter.

I hope you are enjoying these flashes from our past. Remember, if you know anyone in this picture (I will give you a hint, it's one of the girls), e-mail me at [velma\\_durant@yahoo.com](mailto:velma_durant@yahoo.com) or stop me in Church and let me know



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It's the only one you've got  
Don't waste it being bored...

**DO SOMETHING!**

## Salem Summer Service Days

Thursdays in August, 9:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m.

August 1, 8, 15 and 22

Come to Salem United Methodist Church for  
Games (indoor and outdoor)

Movies

Time to talk and be with friends

And, most important of all:

**Service projects!**

Different project every week

Earn at least two SSLs each week



Who can come? Middle school and High school students

How much does it cost? \$15 for all four Wednesdays or \$5 a day to drop in

What should I bring? A bag lunch and closed-toe shoes (some service projects cannot be done in flip-flops). Permission slips for each service project will be sent out when you register and will be available at the door each morning.

Where is Salem? 12 High Street, Brookeville. We will gather in the community hall, which is the red brick building next to the white wood church.

How do I get more information? Call the church at 301-774-7772 or email Rev. Janet at [youth@salemunitedmethodist.org](mailto:youth@salemunitedmethodist.org)

To register, detach this part of the form and mail it to Salem UMC, 12 High St., Brookeville MD 20833.

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
school \_\_\_\_\_

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

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # during the day \_\_\_\_\_

Email for student \_\_\_\_\_ email for parent/guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Registering for (check all that apply) \_\_\_Aug. 1 \_\_\_Aug. 8 \_\_\_ Aug 15 \_\_\_Aug 22

Registration is \$15 for all four Wednesdays or \$5 per day for individual sessions. Please make checks payable to Salem UMC.