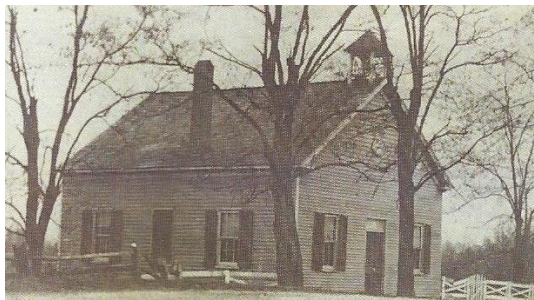


# Salem United Methodist Church

## December 2013 Newsletter

**“180 Years and Still Loving, Serving and Celebrating”**



SALEM Methodist Protestant Church 1833



SALEM United Methodist Church 2013

12 High Street, Brookeville, Maryland 20833

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

### TO THE SALEM UMC FAITH COMMUNITY -

To the Salem UMC Community-

Normally for the December newsletter I am writing about getting ready for Jesus, the Advent of his coming again or his coming as a babe in the manger. This year we are still getting ready for him, but our church community will be getting ready for something else as well. We are preparing our hearts to celebrate the ministry of Rev. Janet Craswell at Salem. As was announced in last month's newsletter, our 2014 budget is not able to support two clergy any longer. Janet who is our deacon is hired by Salem and not appointed by the Bishop to a church as an elder is. So it is with sad hearts that we are releasing her to find another meaningful ministry. So I would like to use this forum to share my thoughts about Janet's ministry among us.

As an elder of the UMC I realize that I am one of the few who have had the privilege in sharing the ministry with a deacon. There is about one deacon for every thirty-two elders in the denomination. And it has been such a blessing. Janet has served as Salem's deacon for ten years!

For five of them I have had the privilege to serve with her. When I reflect on our shared experience in serving this congregation, I am reminded of I Corinthians 12. Every one of us has been given different spiritual gifts but we all have the same Spirit of God. These different gifts are all part of the One Body of Jesus. Janet and I have the same Spirit in us, but we are gifted in different ways. Often I was amazed at just how our gifts complimented each other as they came together to serve God's people here at Salem. We served as partners in ministry. We respected our differences as we listened to the other, and then decided how to proceed. And I believe Salem has been blessed by this joint ministry.

I was asked recently if I will be able to minister without Janet here. By the grace of God all of us will continue to minister. Will we miss Janet's presence? Of course, we will! How could we not? Janet's role and mission here at Salem has been to help shape and form us spiritually. We have been recipients of her gifts of creativity, insights, intellect, spiritual depth, passion for justice, and humor. She is leaving us at a different place on our journey of grace than where we were when she began with us ten years ago. And for

that we need to offer our thanks and praise to God. Our journey will not end when she leaves. We will continue to grow in God's grace and knowledge.

As we await the coming of our Lord, we await also the new direction God is leading us at Salem and the new direction in which God will be leading Janet and her ministry.

With Advent Blessings,

Rev. Sue

P. S. We will have a celebration of Janet's ministry probably in early January. The date is to be determined. Stay tuned for this event.....

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As publisher of the Salem Newsletter, I was asked to talk to several people regarding their relationship in serving with Janet. Carole Roberts wrote: "If you ask any of the kids who participate in Salem's Youth Group why they attend every week they will usually tell you it's because it's fun. Probe a little deeper and you will hear that it is because Janet makes it so much fun. Whether it is baking cookies for the college students or troops, shopping for food with the money collected on Souper Bowl Sunday, making sure the traditional chocolate muffins are on the menu for Rock, or practicing for musical performances, Janet's upbeat attitude and amazing flexibility keeps our youth thinking and growing and serving throughout the year. She helps the kids tackle big topics like hunger with the 30 Hour Famine and poverty as she tells them about the life of their Compassion International adoptee Felix. She knows how to relate to teens using scenarios, games, and humor. She asks them what they think and encourages them to ask questions of their own. She knows what motivates kids these days whether it is using technology to get her message across, offering donuts between services to reward them getting up early to participate in a service, or hosting semi-annual killer bunny parties. But most of all, she looks for each one's gifts and encourages them to use them to glorify God. We have been so blessed to have her working with our youth!"

Some others made comments about how the Bible seemed to come alive during our Disciples' classes

and I think Rhonda Barrett wrapped it up just fine: "Janet = words of wisdom wrapped in a hot pink Boa and a tiara." Thank you Janet for sharing your wisdom and love with us for the past 10 very short years. Velma



Rev. Janet Craswell and Rev. Sue Shorb-Sterling – they work so well together.

### A LETTER FROM REV. JANET

Dear Salem People,

As you know by now, the position of Minister of Spiritual Formation at Salem has been eliminated from the 2014 budget. My last day at Salem will be December 31, 2013. It has been a blessing and privilege to serve with you these past 10 years. Salem church is part of the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church. In our conference, **clergy may not return to their past churches, except in very rare circumstances when specifically invited by the current pastor. Once I leave Salem, I will be gone.** I cannot come back for bazaars or dinners, for retreats or special events. I cannot officiate at weddings or funerals of Salem people, whether those events are held at the church or off-site. I cannot counsel you after December 31. I will hold you in my heart and in my prayers, but I will not be in ministry with you anymore.

Many of you have asked about the limits of the "no return" policy. After all, I will continue to live in Montgomery County and am in contact with many of you on social media. So here are some general guidelines: if you run into me somewhere, please say hi! You don't have to pretend that I'm invisible. We can talk to each other. **But I cannot talk to you about anything that is going on at Salem or within the United Methodist**

**denomination. Likewise, I will not talk with you about spiritual matters -- anything about your faith journey is to be shared with your pastor, not with me.** So, for example, we can talk about the weather and our families, we can talk about what my sons are doing and you can show me pictures of your grandkids. But we will not be talking about Salem.

At the end of December, I will be dropping my connections to the Salem Facebook page and the Salem ASP page as well. If I am your Facebook "friend," we can still be in contact, but under the same rules as apply face-to-face: **we will not talk about church at all.** If I get a job at another church, my Facebook page will likely contain information about the activities at my new appointment. If you prefer not to have that information in your newsfeed, it will not hurt my feelings if you "unfriend" me.

I know these rules may seem harsh, but experience throughout the United Methodist Church has proven that such boundaries are necessary for a healthy church. Salem needs to be able to move forward into the bright future God has planned for you. I need to be able to minister in whatever new way and with whatever new people God brings to me. We all need to be clear that after December 31, I will be your friend, but I can no longer be your pastor, spiritual mentor, counselor, or minister.

Grace and peace be yours through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
Rev. Janet

The Baltimore-Washington Conference mandates that the following paragraphs be printed verbatim when a clergyperson leaves a church:

#### **Returning to a Previous Appointment.**

1. As of the effective date of a new appointment, a pastor shall immediately cease all pastoral counseling and pastoral visitation with members or member families in the previous appointment. Since appointments are generally announced several weeks in advance, each pastor has

adequate time in which to effect closure and make appropriate referral to another for the pastoral care of members.

2. Pastors shall have a clear understanding with former congregations that they will not return to officiate at baptisms, weddings, and funerals, or do pastoral counseling or pastoral visitation in that parish. Pastors, active or retired, shall respectfully decline to participate in such duties when invited by members of a former congregation. Declining all such invitations is the responsibility of the previous pastor. The present pastor, at his or her discretion, may invite the previous pastor to return for pastoral functions. However, the present pastor should never be under any pressure to invite the previous pastor.

3. Several weeks prior to concluding a pastoral appointment, a pastor shall inform all members of the church of this policy by printing sections 1 and 2 verbatim in either a pastoral letter or a church newsletter to be sent to each member and encourage them to support the policy by their prayers and actions.

### **What's Next for Salem?**

On Sunday, November 17, Christie Latona, Mission Strategist for the Baltimore-Washington Conference, met with Salem's leaders. She discussed ways in which she could lead us through a new visioning process. Anyone interested in helping to set a new direction is welcome to attend. Set the date to begin this process: Saturday, February 8.

### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Worship: Advent Sermon Series: The Grinch, Scrooge, Santa, and JESUS

Dec 1 The Grinch and John the Baptist Matthew 3: 1-12, Rev. Janet preaching

Dec 8 A Transformation Story: Ebenezer Scrooge and the Holy Spirit James 5: 7-10

Dec. 15 Santa Claus and The Magnificat Luke 1: 47-55

Dec. 22 Children's Pageant: "Grandpa's Christmas"

5 pm Blue Christmas

Dec. 24 Family Christmas Eve 5 pm



Candlelight Communion 7:30 pm  
Dec. 29 10 am only "For Everything There is A  
Season...Ecclesiastes 3: 1-13

**Blue Christmas Service, December 22,  
5:00 pm**

**"The people who walked in darkness have seen  
a great light; those who lived in a land of deep  
darkness – on them light has shined." (Isaiah  
9:2)**

Christmas can be a painful time. Broken  
relationships, employment insecurity, ill health,  
isolation, the death of loved ones — all these can  
make us feel alone, sad, or just plain 'blue' in the  
midst of a society which seems bent on making  
merry. Even usually happy people can feel  
stressed by the pressure to create a picture-perfect  
holiday.

For these reasons, we will gather together for a  
Blue Christmas service --'blue' as in sad. This is a  
service where we can take our memories, pain,  
loneliness and fears and lay them before God. No  
need for false smiles or fake cheer. Nobody will  
expect you to be merry. Here we acknowledge  
that God's presence is for those who mourn, for  
those who struggle – and that God's Word comes  
to shine light into our darkness.

**Sunday, December 22, 5:00 p.m.**

**All are welcome.**

**DID YOU KNOW:**

That Rev. Janet came to Salem as a candidate for  
Permanent Deacon and Seminary student on  
Sunday, August 31, 2003 and has been a VERY  
active part of Salem UMC since then?

And, the FIRST ANNUAL Soup Supper and  
Cookie Bake-Off was held at Salem on December  
13, 2009?

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**



Charlotte Bryant was 99 years young on  
November 11<sup>th</sup>. Hope you had a great day!



November 30 Bob Van Druff was 94; here he is  
with his lovely bride of 71 years, Helen.



On November 6 Anna Unglesbee celebrated her  
94th birthday.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

Be sure to join us at the 10:00 service on Sunday,  
December 22 as the Salem Sunday school children  
present "Grandpa's Christmas." Through music,  
story, and pantomime, we will experience the  
story of Jesus' birth and learn the true meaning of  
Christmas.

All children are invited to participate in the  
pageant. We will rehearse December 8 and 15  
during the Sunday school time. There will be a  
dress rehearsal in the sanctuary on Saturday,

December 21 from 9:00 a.m. to noon (with lunch!). For more information, talk to Rev. Janet or Barbara Achstetter.

## NEED A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS GIFT?

**What do you give the person who already has everything?** Another sweater? Another video game? What about if you gave hope and health to the world instead?

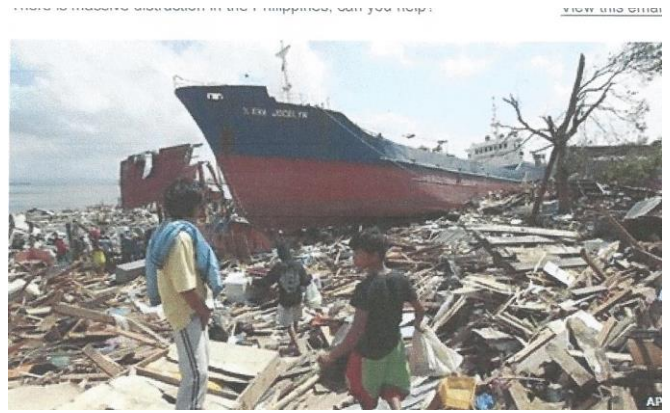
**On Sunday, December 1,** our Sunday school students will host an alternative giving fair during “Happy Hour” **from 9:00-10:00** and during the coffee hour following the 10:00 service. The kids will help "sell" animals and bed nets to anyone who would like to make a contribution to the Heifer Project or Imagine No Malaria, the United Methodist Church's anti-malaria campaign.

The alternative gift fair has gifts for every budget. \$10 will buy an anti-malarial bed net or a share of a sheep. \$75 provides enough medication to treat 15 patients stricken with malaria. For \$250 you can buy a water buffalo that will provide milk and the power to plow a field for a farmer in a developing country. \$30 will buy honeybees; \$60 will buy a trio of rabbits. All the donations to the Heifer Project or Imagine No Malaria include training for the recipient in farming or malaria prevention.

We spend a lot of time trying to teach our children that the real meaning of Christmas can't be bought at the mall. Come live that lesson by giving gifts that bring life and love to the world in the name of Jesus Christ. Please make sure your kids come to the 9:00 Happy Hour on December 1.

## MISSIONS

### UNITED METHODIST COMMITTEE ON RELIEF (UMCOR) IS THERE!



UMCOR – The United Methodist Committee on Relief is already in the Philippines.

In the wake of Typhoon **Haiyan**, UMCOR is actively mobilizing resources to respond to a series of disasters to hit the Philippines over the past 12 months. Though an accurate casualty toll is TBD, it is clear the destruction is massive.

UMCOR's and **UMCOR Philippines** initial response will involve distribution of food and water purification tablets. UMCOR expects to provide relief services to at least 1,000 families.

Support UMCOR’s relief and recovery work in the Philippines by giving to International Disaster Response, Advance #982450. 100% will be used to respond to this and other international disasters.

Here is where you can provide relief for international disasters:

[https://secure3.convio.net/gbgm/site/SPageNavigator/umcor\\_donate.html?type=1002&project=982450](https://secure3.convio.net/gbgm/site/SPageNavigator/umcor_donate.html?type=1002&project=982450)

## CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS & GIFT CARDS

Sunday, Dec. 15 is the final Sunday to bring gifts to the church as the baskets will be delivered to St. Peter’s on Dec. 19.

We will be collecting \$25 gift cards that will also be delivered to St. Peter’s for distribution along with the Christmas Baskets. The cards can be placed in the large envelope labeled GIFT CARDS on the wall near the gift baskets. The cards must be at the church by Dec. 15. The gift cards should come only from these stores: **TARGET** **KMART** **OLNEY TOYS** **TJMAXX**.

## PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE

**Rev. Jeanne Klauda**, a former Salem pastor, is recovering from different health issues. Cards and notes give her encouragement. Her address is: 840 Harbor View Terrace; Annapolis, MD 21409-4641.

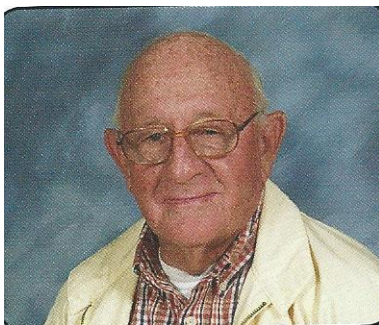
### Got Clothing?

We started a new mission this summer. The Glenmont United Methodist Church has a thrift store and has asked for donations of children's and youth clothing plus household items such as pots and pans, other cooking utensils, etc. If you have anything you can contribute, please bring them to Salem and place them in the collection box in the side entryway. We will see they get delivered. Speaking of delivery, I'd like a volunteer(s) that could take the donations to Glenmont UMC at least once a month, depending on quantity collected. If you can help, let me know.

Thank you, Libby

## 180 Years and Still Serving

### Testimony from Edward Gregg



**Eddie Gregg:**

By faith, Eddie's parents brought him here to be baptized at Salem in 1935. His father, Charles Gregg, was one of the men who hauled the lumber to build the church. Eddie said that as a child he was never given a choice about going to church. His parents expected him to be here, but when he misbehaved in church, he would have to go sit in the car! His wife, Frieda, was Trustee Chair for many years. So he got roped into many different projects around the church like renovating the Hall. The ramp was dedicated to the memory of

his grandson, Frankie, along with William Purkable, and Jeff Yinger. Eddie has only had one church in his life, Salem. He said it has helped him get through life. Here is where he learned to pray to God, which he still does every night.

## Ministering to our Children



It was Christ the King Sunday, Rev. Sue dressed one of the children as King, with the other children's help, and they talked about earthly kings and how he served the people and the people serve him. Then about our Heavenly King whom we serve and yes, He serves us. Christ the King of Kings and Lord of All.

## FROM THE CONGREGATION



Sharing my thoughts with you  
.....from Charlyne Lewis

The Advent Season is here - a time for all of us to once again reflect on the most famous and important date in the history of our world...the Birth of the Babe, Jesus. Now, it's true, most of us will be scurrying about, long shopping lists in hand, rushing from store to store and place to place, worrying about the 'material trappings' to fill our lives over the Christmas Holidays, when in reality, we need to dwell more on our 'spiritual trappings'...the Holy Birth; Joy, Peace, goodwill for those not as fortunate as we; worshiping around the Manger with those three Wise Men of old, as they adore the new Prince of Peace.

***Yes, this month of December is so very exciting....the whole world will be aglow with sacred worship and celebration to welcome the Infant once again into all their hearts.***



*May all of you also find the peace, love, and joy of this greatest of holiday seasons, and begin a new year refreshed in the Holy Spirit!*

**God Bless!!**

*Charlyne*

Hymn #217

*Matthew 1:18-25*



**MEMBER GIVES GIFT OF HAIR**



Ginny Wahl and her daughter, Melissa Kowalski, both had their hair cut and made the donation to Locks of Love which is an organization that makes wigs for cancer children. Said Ginny, “Every 2-3 years, I donate my hair to Locks of Love. This year, my daughter and I did it together. My daughter, who is a hair stylist, cut my hair. I donated 12 inches this year. If you are interested in donating your hair, you can go to their website for more detail, [www.locksoflove.org](http://www.locksoflove.org)”

**Remember our Shut-ins:**

I have been asked to post Anna Unglesbee’s new address so you might be able to send her Christmas Cards.

Mrs. Anna Unglesbee  
JK House of Grace  
2832 Aquarius Avenue  
Silver Spring, Maryland 20906

**Youth Group**

The Youth Group for December is as follows:  
12/8 – youth group 6:30 – 8:00.  
12/15 – youth group 6:30 – 8:00.  
12/22 – youth group 6:30 – 8:00.

**OUR SYMPATHY**

Our condolence to Debbie Savage on the loss of her beloved Grandfather, Kingsley Thompson, in November.

Also to the family of Jeff Kaufman who’s memorial ceremony was held at Salem on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Happenings**

**January – May 2014 Book Discussion Selections**

Meetings will be held on Thursdays at 7:30 pm upstairs in the Community Hall.

**January 9 – The Testament of Mary by Colm Tóibín (fiction)**

Shortlisted for the 2013 Man Booker Prize, Colm Tóibín's provocative, haunting, and indelible portrait of Mary presents her as a solitary older woman still seeking to understand the events that become the narrative of the New Testament and the foundation of Christianity.

In the ancient town of Ephesus, Mary lives alone, years after her Son’s crucifixion. She has no interest in collaborating with the authors of the Gospel—her keepers, who provide her with food and shelter and visit her regularly. She does not agree that her Son is the Son of God; nor that his death was “worth it;” nor that the “group of misfits he gathered around him, men who could not look a woman in the eye,” were holy disciples. Mary judges herself ruthlessly (she did not stay at the foot of the Cross until her Son died—she fled to save herself), and is equally harsh on her judgment of others. This woman who we know from centuries of paintings and scripture as the docile, loving, silent, long-suffering, obedient, worshipful mother of Christ becomes a tragic heroine with the relentless eloquence of Electra or Medea or Antigone. Tóibín’s tour de force of imagination and language is a portrait so vivid and convincing that our image of Mary will be forever transformed.

**YARD SALE**

Held on Saturday, November 2, our ladies earned over a thousand dollars, they have a large collection of Hummel collectibles to be sold; at present they are listed on e-bay but I am sure if you are interested you will be able to purchase some.

They are great gifts for the serious collector.

**HOLIDAY BAZAAR**

The Holiday Bazaar on Dec. 7 will feature a "Trash and Treasures" table and a book sale, but not a large-item yard sale. If you have books or small useful household or decorative items to donate you may leave them in the shed beginning Nov. 10 or bring them to the Hall Dec. 7. Please do not bring electronics or items too large to be displayed on a table.

**LORD'S TABLE**

December 28th, 1:00 - 5:00 pm at St. Martins in Gaithersburg.

**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.

**NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY**

**Attention: Salem Pictorial Directory-**

An additional photo date has been added so that everyone has the opportunity to have their photo included in the Salem Directory.

Photos will be taken Thursday, Dec. 5 2:00-8:00pm at the Brookeville Academy (directly across from Salem Church). Sign up online at: <http://salemunitedmethodist.us5.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=71cdc4ff5fc38907eba32367e&id=1c17c9e234&e=fca82c71d2>

(Note: when signing up remember to go to December on the calendar and click on the 5th which is highlighted) or call Joyce Howes at 301-774-5851.

**Coffee Hour Hostesses**

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

- 12/1 Maryellen & Bob B.
- 12/8 Sharon L.
- 12/15 Suzanne F.
- 12/22 Barbara A. & Joann K.
- 12/29 Joann R.

**Birthdays and Anniversaries**

If your name should be on one of these lists, please contact [velma\\_durant@yahoo.com](mailto:velma_durant@yahoo.com). We don't want to leave you out. Thank you.

**Our December Birthdays are:**

- Espejo, Christina 12/08
- Gundersen, Magne 12/08
- Groves, Lexie 12/10
- McClosky, Barb 12/11
- Achstetter, Barb 12/11
- Shorb-Sterling, Sue 12/21
- Gregg, Kasey 12/28

I have no anniversaries listed for the months of December. If your anniversary falls during this month please let me know so I can update my list and wish you and yours a very happy anniversary. Thank you. Velma

**In Our Community**

**Sandy Spring Lions Club:** Monday, December 25 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.

**"For I Was Hungry..."**

**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.

**Olney Help:** P.O. Box 430, Olney, MD 20830; to



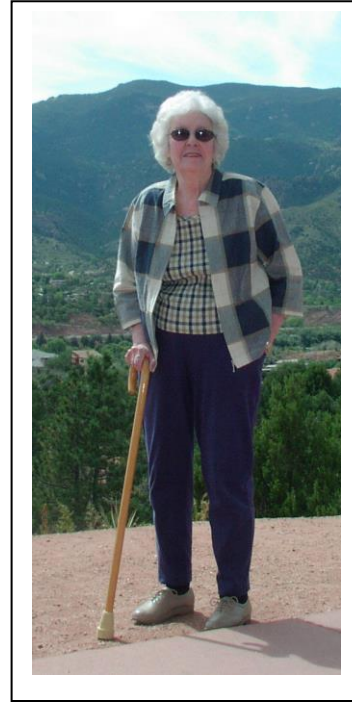
volunteer call 301-774-6829. They are desperately in need of rice sides (Rice a Roni/Knorr sides), peanut butter, jelly, canned chicken, fruit juice, snacks such as granola bars/crackers, cake mix/frosting, canned pasta. Please place items in a box in the church hallway. No glass jars.

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**Millian UMC Food Pantry:** Millian UMC, 13016 Parkland Dr., Rockville opens its food pantry on the second Saturday of the month. A box for food items is in the church hallway.

### 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!

**AND THE ANSWER IS –**



**Helen Van Druff**

I wish to thank Janet Craswell, Janet Howes; I believe Rose-Eide-Altman and Joann Ranshaw were the last two who got it right. Congratulations to all of you.

**Carmen writes of her Mother:** “Helen was born & raised in Watsontown, PA (about 16 miles south of Williamsport) in the Susquehanna River valley. Her parents were Bess and Drew Weaver. Bess was the Salutatorian of her class and taught school until she had children, and Drew was a master carpenter and stone mason.

Helen was musically talented and had the lead part in her high school operettas for 3 years in a row. She also liked to hunt and could handle a shotgun quite well to bring down pheasant! At the age of about 22 she moved to Washington, D.C. and got a job with the National Archives, which at the time was located in the Pentagon. She was living on Pennsylvania Avenue about a block from the White House when she met her future husband, Van, a handsome sailor who had just returned to the states after having been in Pearl Harbor during the Japanese attack. It was love at first sight and they were married after knowing each other for only 57 days! They only had a short time together before he had to go back to the Pacific and WW2... when he returned 2 years later, he had a daughter! No emailing or texting back then, just letters... and they were censored by the Navy. Many wartime marriages failed, but they have been married now for 71 years! She was a wonderful Navy Wife and always made wherever they lived “home”... and home was many places.

Helen’s interests over the years have included oil painting and playing the organ. She was also an accomplished seamstress and an excellent cook! *Submitted by: Carmen Harding, her daughter*

**OUR NEXT CHALLENGE ...**

**DO YOU KNOW WHO THIS IS?**



Can you guess who this cute little boy is?

Answer in January's Edition of the Salem News.

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.



# December 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1st Sun. in Advent</b> 8:00 AM Worship 9:00 AM Happy Hour Sunday 10:00 AM Worship 11:15 AM SPRC Meeting 11:15 AM Social Hour	9:00 AM Romeos in Ashton	10:00 AM Prayer Partners	9:00 AM Upper Room 8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous	2:00 PM Directory Photos 8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous	9:00 AM Bazaar Set-up 10:00 AM Knitting Group	10:00 AM Bazaar 10:00 AM Wedding Ceremony
<b>2nd Sun. in Advent</b> 8:15 AM Worship 9:15 AM Faith Focus 10:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM Children's Sunday School 11:15 AM Social Hour 6:30 PM Youth Group	9:00 AM Romeos in Ashton 7:00 PM Wolf Den meeting	10:00 AM Prayer Partners	9:00 AM Upper Room 8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous	6:30 PM Cub Scouts Den 2 Pack 434 7:00 PM Choir Practice 7:15 PM Church Council 8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous	10:00 AM Knitting Group	
<b>3rd Sun. in Advent</b> 8:15 AM Worship 9:15 AM Faith Focus 10:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM Children's Sunday School 11:15 AM Social Hour 6:30 PM Youth Group	9:00 AM Romeos in Ashton 7:00 PM Lion's Club of Sandy Spring	10:00 AM Prayer Partners	9:00 AM Upper Room 8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous	9:30 AM Olney Central Music Group 7:30 PM Choir Practice 8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous	10:00 AM Knitting Group	
<b>4th Sun. in Advent</b> 8:15 AM Worship 9:15 AM Faith Focus 10:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM Children's Sunday School 11:15 AM Social Hour 6:30 PM Youth Group Party	9:00 AM Romeos in Ashton	5:00 PM Family Christmas Eve Service 7:30 PM Traditional Christmas Eve Service	Christmas 9:00 AM Upper Room 8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous	8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous	10:00 AM Knitting Group	1:00 PM Lord's Table
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