

Salem United Methodist Church

November Newsletter

“181 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 UM CHURCH COMMUNITY



Giving Thanks...

As I reflect over this past year, I am grateful for so much. First of all, I give thanks for the support of this congregation during our transition from two clergy to one. Whenever I needed an extra set of hands or support in some way, someone was there to assist. We all grieved over the loss of our deacon, Rev. Janet Craswell, but God has provided and Salem is still a strong, vibrant congregation.

The second item for which I give thanks is the opportunity to celebrate with our town, Brookeville, the Bicentennial of Being Capital for a Day. I was invited to be on the planning

committee. This gave me the opportunity to get to know our neighbors and learn the details of the history of the event. I am grateful, too, for how we as a church offered hospitality to those in our town and to the thousands of visitors by providing food and a place to rest. I am thankful for every person from the church and our community who helped to make Salem known as the historical church that is very much alive. What an honor it is for me to serve this wonderful church of this great village!

In doing research on what Brookeville was like in 1814, I made a discovery that I wasn't expecting. I discovered that our church has roots in this Quaker village. In fact, I discovered that the beliefs of our Quaker neighbors may have even influenced the creation of the Methodist Protestant denomination! All this began with a young Quaker boy named Thomas McCormick. Born in Virginia to Quaker parents, his mother died when he was five years old. In 1797, his father sent him to live with his uncle and aunt, Thomas and Mary Brooke Moore in Brookeville. They raised him in their Quaker home. Both were active in the Sandy Spring Meeting. He more than likely attended the Meeting with them until 1806 when he was apprenticed as a carpenter in Baltimore. There he

heard Methodist preaching and converted to Methodism in 1811. He led a class meeting that grew to 150 members. In 1817 he returned to Brookeville to build a stately country home for his uncle, Thomas Moore, which was named Longwood, and still stands today. In 1822, he was ordained a deacon in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

During this time the Methodist Episcopal Church was organized with a Bishop as the ruling leader. Yearly meetings called conferences were only attended by the clergy. The laity had no voice or vote in organizational matters of the church. As a newly formed democratic nation, McCormick and several of his colleagues tried to persuade other clergy to reform the governing structure of the church so it would be governed more democratically. They had two ideas for this new church restructure: 1) the church should not have a bishop. A bishop brought images of a king which our new nation had recently rejected. 2) Laity and clergy should have equal voice and vote at the annual conference meetings. Their proposal was rejected by the clergy of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1827 and McCormick with his colleagues was expelled from the denomination. In 1830 these expelled clergy formed the Methodist Protestant Church, an appropriate name since they were in protest against the Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1833, Rev. Thomas McCormick, now an ordained elder, started Salem Methodist Protestant Church in Brookeville. He lived in Brookeville most of his adult life and was a leader in the town as well as the church.

In 1939 the Methodist Episcopal and Methodist Protestant churches reunited. A compromise was reached on the church's governing structure. The bishop remained as the ecclesiastical leader, but both clergy and laity would have an equal voice and vote at annual conferences which the church still does to this day.

The Quaker value of "all is equal" would have been part of McCormick's foundation during his formative years. Would this have influenced his leadership in trying to reform the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the eventual creation of the Methodist Protestant Church? With his Quaker roots, McCormick would have viewed all: bishops,

clergy, and laity, as equals and would have rejected the hierarchy in the church as well as the exclusion of the laity.

So on this Thanksgiving, I am thankful to have had this opportunity to research Thomas McCormick and discover this lost fact: that the Quakers in Brookeville just may have influenced who we are today as a United Methodist Church in which clergy and laity are viewed as equals!

Thanks be to God!
Rev. Sue

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

November Sermon Series:

Giving Thanks For...

"Give thanks in all circumstances," Paul instructs (1 Thessalonians 5:18). Is that even possible? Can we give thanks when we question God's motives or when we question our faith in God? Can we give thanks when we or others are suffering? Can we be thankful in our sufferings? Why does God allow suffering, anyway? In November, the month in which we are reminded to be thankful for our blessings, our sermon series will explore these various aspects of giving thanks.



Sunday, November 2 "...For The Saints of God"
Psalm 34:1-10; John 11:32-44;
Revelation 7:9-17

Sunday, November 9 " For Questions" (Pledge Sunday)
Psalm 42:1-4, 9-11; Luke 18:1-8;
2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Sunday, November 16 "...For Suffering"
Job 1:20-22, 42:1-6; Psalm 22:1-11;
John 16:33-17:11, 14-17; Romans 8:18-28,
31-39

Sunday, November 23 "...For Blessings" (Christ the King and Thanksgiving Sunday)
Psalm 100; Matthew 25:31-46;
Ephesians 1:15-23

Sunday, November 30 First Sunday in Advent

Greater Olney Interfaith Ministerium Thanksgiving Service

Tuesday, November 25 at B'nai Shalom; 18401
Burtfield Dr, Olney (on Rt. 108); 7:30 pm

With Community Choir

ASP 2015

Stay tuned for more details. Contact Bob Brown at rmiabrown@comcast.net if you are interested in an exciting week this summer helping people less fortunate than you and, if you are in High School, earn you Community Service points.

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

On Sunday, October 5th, following the theme of the Adult Sermon, "Peace Filled Zone," Rev. Sue presented to the children "Where in the World?"



With a globe of the world in hand, Rev. Sue talked with the children about where we live on the globe, the difference between the land and the water and how God made them all. She had previously placed a map of the world out where everyone in the congregation could put stick pins in places they had visited or lived. She showed this to the children and had them talk about places they had lived. Rev. Sue explained how God in His might had His hand on the whole world and not just on Brookeville.

Just before prayer, the Children sang "God's Got the Whole World in God's Hands," the congregation joining in as the children were dismissed for Sunday School.

FROM OUR MINISTER OF MUSIC

Join a Salem Music Group!

Handbell choir rehearsals are 11:30-12:30 pm after church on Sundays. The church choir is rehearsing on Mondays from 7:30-8:30 pm (except for Lion's Club Monday meetings. New members are welcome to join each group. If you have any questions email Rose Eide-Altman, roseonkeys@gmail.com.

YOUTH FUND RAISER COMPASSION CHILD AND ROCK



A very good turn out for their first fund raiser.

On Sunday, October 12th the young people of Salem UMC served a delicious meal prepared by Maria Luciano, it consisted of homemade Puerto Rican food. Menu: Arroz con Pollo y Frijoles con Flan, Rice with Chicken and Beans with Flan for dessert along with angel food cake and brownies. After dinner there was a wide variety of games. Notice the sign on the back? One of the games was to guess what famous person you are supposed to be. Some of "us" older people have never heard of some of the people!



Donations were very welcome as it helped support their trip to ROCK and their Compassion Child. Fun was had by all.

Memorial Garden

On Sunday, November 9 after both worship services we will dedicate six bricks in our Memorial Garden. They are:

In Memory of: Grace Bryan, Bobbie Charles, and Rebecca Watts

In Honor of: Mary Ellen Eaton, Yvette Thurston, and Dave Yinger

The church would like to thank Dave Yinger for volunteering his time in placing every memorial brick in our garden over the years. Dave is now 88 years old and has told us that he has placed his last brick in our garden. So we honor him with a brick.

COLLEGE STUDENTS' ADDRESSES

Alexx Beach (Will be attending school in London).

Address to be published later.

Below is an update on Austin Robert's address, please make the correction in your address book.

Austin Roberts
Walker Avenue Apartments
990 Walker Avenue, Apt 1317C
Catonsville, Maryland 21228

FROM THE CONGREGATION

TOGETHER WE SERVE

By: Velma Durant

Have you looked at the Altar recently? Have you noticed that there are MANY Sundays when there are no flowers or there is an artificial arrangement below the cross? Did you know there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for flowers for the Altar?

Oh you say, "I didn't know we had to add yet another expense to our already giving to the church? Is it really OUR responsibility to put flowers on the Altar as well?"

Let's think about this for a moment - Our responsibility, we support our church with our tithes and offerings and we give to the Pastor's fund to help those in need for an emergency situation. Those are our obligations, we attend service regularly and that's our obligation, we help with the bazaar or the Lord's Table and the Lion's Club meeting - what else is expected of us? These are all true,

but have you thought about what God has done for you?

We wake up each morning - we either have sunshine to brighten our day or rain to refresh the air, water our plants, and provide water for our morning showers and cup of coffee. We have a car. We have clothes on our backs. We have a beautiful church where we can worship our God without being shot or put in jail.

But you say flowers for the Altar, what does THAT have to do with anything? Remember how God told Moses (see Leviticus 27:30) to bring a gift offering before the Altar (back then it was a pair of doves, a lamb to be slaughtered, or unleavened bread)? We, you and I, placing flowers on the Altar each Sunday is not a responsibility, but a gift to God. He doesn't care if they are out of your garden or flowers from the fields, maybe an arrangement from the florist you could take to a shut-in after service (double gift), or maybe just a simple potted plant from your local grocery store.

No, flowers for the Altar is not a responsibility but a pleasure, a gift from you to your God, He has given so much including His only Son for you There are only 8 more Sundays before we cover our Altar with Poinsettias for the Holidays; will your gift to God be among those 8 weeks?

\$20,000 Legacy Fund Challenge Wrap-up

Our Legacy Fund \$20,000 matching fund challenge campaign has ended, and we are pleased to report the response has been amazing. Through the generosity of church members and organizations, \$18,500 has been contributed or pledged to meet the challenge. What this means is that, including the matching funds, over \$37,000 has been added to our Legacy Fund to meet the expenses of new sidewalks, heating, air-conditioning, and video systems in our sanctuary, all without affecting our base balance of \$50,000, which we try to maintain for catastrophic events.

We are constantly amazed at the dedication shown by our church family, to continually step up to meet every challenge. So it is with grateful

hearts that we thank all of our challenge responders, for the financial support you have provided. Thank you for your love and prayers.

Buck Bartley for the Legacy Fund Committee

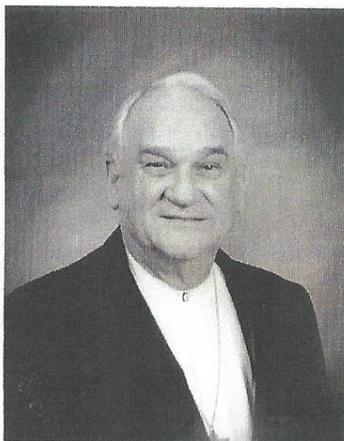
181 YEARS AND STILL SERVING

During the past few months we have been concentrating on comments and memories of members and former members of our congregation to provide articles for this column. The thought came to mind to review our former pastors and members “gone before us.”

The following words were taken from the 1984 Anniversary Celebration, the picture from an earlier date:

Reverend Lowell Garland

1960-1964



“I still cherish my four years at Salem Church. They were growing years for me and the church. I have many fond memories and friends in Brookeville. I am sorry not to be able to share with you on September 30, but my heart and my love will surely be with you. My best wishes for a wonderful day and many more years of service of our Lord.” **Note: this was written in response to a visit request for the 1984 Anniversary Celebration.**

Celebrating Halloween

Our Community Hall was filled with costumed children and adults on Sunday evening, October 26. Kulley Bancroft’s Halloween decorations set the atmosphere for fun and games.



We dressed mummies with toilet paper, smashed “pumpkin” balloons, bobbed for doughnuts and apples to name some of the games that were played. And of course, there was plenty of fun, spooky snacks as well. Thanks to all who came and for all who organized the event!

YOUTH GROUP

All meetings will be on Sundays from 6:30 – 8:00 pm in the Community Hall unless otherwise noted:

Nov. 2 "Remembering Those Who Died"

Nov. 9 At Tom and Trisha Luke’s home

SALEM UMC ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

November

Nov. 2: Jacob Weinberger

Nov. 9: Melody McWilliams

Nov. 16: Dominick Terry

Nov. 23: Andrew Sterling

Nov. 30: Tiffany Huber

IMAGINE NO MALARIA

The chart shows that we are almost there! Our goal of \$2,500 is well in sight. Can we pinch a penny or two to make the dream of No More Malaria come true? No plates will be passed, however, there is a basket on the table by the chart to place your offering and what a blessing to finally realize - No More Malaria!

CONGRATULATIONS

Wedding:

Members of the Salem UMC wish to pass on our congratulations to the Kaisler family. Their daughter Rebecca was married in London on

October 23 to Mr. Conrad Williams; more information to follow.

Brad and Sabrina Bradford were married at Salem on October 4th. They reside in Olney. Our congratulations to them.

Baptism:



On October 19, Sadie Ann Holden was baptized. She is the daughter of Scott and Ashley Holden of Olney.

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**Have you missed the Salem calendar at the end of the Newsletter? You can now find it on the web site.** Go to [www.salemunitiedmethodist.org](http://www.salemunitiedmethodist.org). Click on "Connect" and then to Calendar. Also take a look at upcoming studies, book club, read the newsletter and much more!

**We would also like to post some Ministries of Salem on our webpage.** If you have some great pictures send them to Suzanne Friis.

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REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS:

Rev. Jeanne Klauda, Anna Unglesbee, Flo Johnston, Bob and Helen Van Druff, Reta McKeever, Janet and Rob Howes, Eddie Gregg and Tony Hopkins. Their addresses are posted on the bulletin board in the hallway or call Rev. Sue.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Next Meeting – December 11th at 7:15 pm.

**Church Council Highlights
October 23, 2015**

- Bob Brown spoke to the Youth Group on October 19 about ASP. There is interest in participating this summer!
- Stewardship Letters have been mailed.

- Apportionment payments are up to date ☺
- The Legacy Fund challenge has been met! An additional \$39,625 will be added to the fund bringing the balance to approximately \$97,000. We are so richly blessed!
- A proposed budget for 2015 was approved. Hasashi Yamagata shared the how the salary portion of the budget was determined. We also discussed the formula used by the Baltimore/Washington Conference for determining our Apportionments. The budget will be adjusted as needed based on the results of our Stewardship Campaign. Pledges are due on Sunday, November 9.
- A conversation was held about a proposal from Kulley Bancroft, Chair of the Finance Committee, for simplifying our current church accounts and investing some of our funds into an investment account . The total plan was received positively. However, questions were raised that need to be answered before we move forward with implementation.
- Fred Ambrose shared a summary of the extensive work completed by the Trustees in the past year. This was shared with the congregation on Sunday, October 26.
- The list of Officers and Committee members for the coming year was shared. Some positions remain unfilled. The complete list will be presented at Charge Conference .
- Council voted to apply to become a Teaching Congregation for a student in the Practice in Ministry and Mission (PMM) Program. This was the same program that initially brought Rev Janet to our church.
- David Yinger, bricklayer, will be recognized on Nov. 9 for his generous service to Salem in laying ALL of the bricks in the Memorial Garden.
- Mary Ellen Brown shared the work of the Safe Sanctuaries committee in updating Salem’s Safe Sanctuaries Policy, and updating our records on members who

have completed the requirements to work with our children and youth.

- Carole Roberts shared her work with our Membership Rolls. Letters have been sent to inactive members. Updated and current lists will be shared at Charge Conference.
- Next Meeting – December 11, 2014, 7:15. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

OLNEY COMMUNITY NIGHT



Salem participated once again in Olney Community Night. It was held on Monday, October 20 at Good Counsel High School. We joined many other organizations, groups and businesses from the area to share our message of grace and welcome with the community. Our beautiful display was created by Anne Ennes, (thanks, Anne!). Rev. Sue, Buck Bartley, Bill Lavelly and Debbie Ambrose took turns standing with our display to greet and visit with community members who came to the event. People enjoyed the notes written by members of the congregation. We also shared pens, bags, mugs and, of course, lollipops for folks to take away. It was a fun and festive evening.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTESSES

Hostesses for November

11/2	Darhlene Currier
11/9	Velma Durant
11/16	Joyce Howes
11/23	Debbie Savage
11/30	Debbie Ambrose

If you can provide snacks for coffee hour, please contact Anne Ennes or Joyce Howes or go to: www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4FA8AA2BA3F85-coffee

SIGN-UP FOR:

ALTAR FLOWERS:

Providing altar flowers is a nice way to honor or remember a loved one. Sign-up on the bulletin board.

NURSERY HELPERS:

Our nursery attendant has resigned. Until a new one can be found, we need volunteers to watch our preschoolers and toddlers in the nursery during worship. A sign-up sheet is available or see Rev. Sue.

COFFEE HOUR:

There are several future empty spots on our Coffee Hour sign-up sheet. Please consider filling one of those spots. Very simple snacks or outrageously - it's your choice. And it CAN be fun. Men are welcome to participate!

HAPPENINGS

Salem's Charge Conference:

Sunday, Nov. 9, 5:30 pm In Community Room
Annual "State of the Church" meeting with our District Superintendent Rev. J. W. Park. Open to everyone. Very important for leaders to attend. RSVP to Debbie Ambrose by Sunday, Nov. 2 djcambrose@gmail.com. Light Supper will be served.

Lord's Table

November 23rd, The Lord's Table is a soup kitchen located at St. Martin of Tours, 201 S. Frederick Ave., Gaithersburg. We begin cooking at 1 pm and serve at 3:30 pm. We welcome everyone to come and help serve.

Thanksgiving Baskets

It's that time of year again. Our congregation joins other churches in the area in providing Thanksgiving dinner for those who are not able to provide for themselves. Each year we fill 4-baskets with items for a Thanksgiving feast. Please be on the lookout for the list and help fill these baskets. "When you do this unto the least of these, my brethren..."

IT'S BAZAAR TIME!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!! December 6th is the day of Salem's Annual Bazaar! We could use your "trash to treasures" and lots of baked goods, cookies, pies, cakes and many varieties of breads. We could also use your help in setting up, serving and clean-up afterwards. There will be Santa Clause with his elves and a shop for the kids. How about having lunch with us? Any questions call Debbie McKeever at 301-370-0659.

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### JUST A REMINDER

To order your Café Justo Coffee please contact Kathryn Ennes at church or via e-mail at [k\\_ennes@yahoo.com](mailto:k_ennes@yahoo.com).

### A GREAT BIG THANK YOU

To my Church family for caring: As most of you know, I have trouble getting around. Recently my scooter failed, not just the scooter but the batteries as well. My church family stepped in and provided me with Ruth Sterling's scooter and I think of her everytime I use it, which is everyday. So many thanks for the ability to be mobile once again.

Also thank you to all who have provided the polyfil; it is most appreciated and look for the stuffed stuff at he Bazaar on December 6<sup>th</sup>.

JoAnn Keister

Many, Many thanks to my son (-in-law) Russell McWilliams for "saving the newsletter". I had so many issues with the internet and later my printer and he fixed it! Without his help I would still be trying to gather all my information so I could retype it. Thanks again Russ. Velma Durant

### BOOK DISCUSSION SELECTIONS FALL 2014-SPRING 2015

**All meetings are held on Thursdays and are at 7:30 pm in the Choir Room**

November 6 - **City of Tranquil Light by Bo Caldwell**

Fiction - Not in MCPL but in Howard and Frederick

Will Kiehn is seemingly destined for life as a humble farmer in the Midwest when, having felt a

call from God, he travels to the vast North China Plain in the early twentieth-century. There he is surprised by love and weds a strong and determined fellow missionary, Katherine. They soon find themselves witnesses to the crumbling of a more than two-thousand-year-old dynasty that plunges the country into decades of civil war. As the couple works to improve the lives of the people of Kuang P'ing Ch'eng— City of Tranquil Light, a place they come to love—and face incredible hardship, will their faith and relationship be enough to sustain them?

Told through Will and Katherine's alternating viewpoints—and inspired by the lives of the author's maternal grandparents—*City of Tranquil Light* is a tender and elegiac portrait of a young marriage set against the backdrop of the shifting face of a beautiful but torn nation. A deeply spiritual book, it shows how those who work to teach others often have the most to learn, and is further evidence that Bo Caldwell writes "vividly and with great historical perspective" (*San Jose Mercury News*).

December 4 - **Same Kind of Different As Me: A Modern-Day Slave, an International Art Dealer, and the Unlikely Woman Who Bound Them Together**

A true story by Ron Hall, Denver Moore and Lynn Vincent

February 5 - **Light Between Oceans**

by M.L. Stedman

March 5 - **The Silence Of Bonaventure Arrow**

by Rita Leganski

May 7 - **Girl Meets God** by Lauren Winner

June 5 - **Someone** by Alice McDermott

### 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 November Birthdays are:**

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|--------------------|-------|
| Beach, Sally       | 11/03 |
| Bancroft, Kulley   | 11/04 |
| McWilliams, Melody | 11/04 |
| Ungelsbee, Anna    | 11/06 |
| Blaine, Connie     | 11/09 |
| Bryan, Charlotte   | 11/11 |

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| Pustis, Joey      | 11/12 |
| Beach, Alex       | 11/15 |
| Bittner, Betty    | 11/17 |
| Smith, Curtis     | 11/17 |
| Miller, Savannah  | 11/19 |
| Brown, Adrienne   | 11/21 |
| Paulk, Sandra     | 11/22 |
| Eide-Altman, Rose | 11/23 |
| Howes, Joyce      | 11/24 |
| Van Druff, Bob    | 11/30 |

The below special people are celebrating a very special birthday this year. Let's shower them with birthday cards. Below are their addresses:

Anna Unglesbee: 95 years old on Nov. 6  
 JK House of Grace  
 2832 Aquarius Ave.  
 Silver Spring, MD 20906

Charlotte Bryan: 100 years old on Nov 11  
 Cards can be mailed to:

Charlotte Bryan  
 c/o Joanne Burroughs  
 2873 Galaxy Dr.  
 Chambersburg, PA 17202

Bob Van Druff: 95 years old on Nov 30  
 3024 Holiday Dr.  
 Brookeville, Md 20833

**I have no listings for November Anniversaries.**

### IN OUR COMMUNITY

**Sandy Spring Lions Club:** Monday, November 24 at 7:00 pm, in Salem Community Hall.

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

**Our House** needs Egg Cartons. Please save your empty egg cartons, place them in the kitchen in the hallway, someone will get them to Our House.

### “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 still are in desperate 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.

**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.

**Got Clothing?** 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.

**Disaster Victim Assistance:** Monetary donations will be sent to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Make checks payable to Salem UMC and mark “disaster relief” in the memo line. Or donate online at [www/umcor.org](http://www/umcor.org).

### 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 –**

**Our many thanks to all who e-mailed me with their guess. Unfortunately Lois picked the wrong person. The winners are: Libby Wright, Chryl Kaisler, Carole Roberts, Joyce Howes, and Sharon Lyon. Thanks to everyone for playing Do You Know Who This Is.**



**If you guessed Rose, you were right! Here 7-year old Rose is with her Foster Sister, Dovie.**



Rose Eide-Altman

Rose writes: “I was born in Wisconsin but we moved to Maryland when I was 4 and I grew up on Briggs Chaney Road (Silver Spring) in the old farmhouse that had belonged to Mr. Briggs. I have 3 (tall) brothers and when I begged my parents for a sister they opened our home to a foster child, Dovie, who is in the picture. It was only supposed to be short term but due to her long term health problems she stayed with us permanently and became my sister.

I started piano lessons at 7 years old because I enjoyed hearing my mother and older brother practice their lessons. Later I studied violin and wanted to play as many instruments as I could, in high school I played baritone in the band and violin in the college orchestra. Piano can be such a solitary instrument so it is nice to be able to play in an organization.

The summer of 1996 my life was changing because I was going back to school full time to work on my Master's degree in music and was looking for a job that would work around that schedule. I saw an ad in a music store in Rockville for the organist/choir director job opening at Salem and applied. I remember meeting Mark Wadell, Clyde Unglesbee, Barbara Charles and Mary Bloom, SPRC chair, in the audition and being impressed by how friendly everyone was. I still greatly appreciate that at Salem and love working with everyone!”

**OUR NEXT CHALLENGE ...**

**DO YOU KNOW WHO THIS IS?**



Can you guess who this beautiful young lady is?

Call me 240-328-4810, email me [velma\\_durant@yahoo.com](mailto:velma_durant@yahoo.com) or stop me at church, I would love to publish your name as a person who knows.

Answer in December's Edition of the Salem News.

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and edited by Curtis Smith and Rev. Sue Shorb-Sterling.



We are pleased to introduce a new Special Offer section of UMCmarket. You can now take advantage of this additional way of donating to your church or ministry. These deals come directly from the stores and will immediately generate a donation at the time of your order. These special offers will donate a dollar amount rather than a percentage of your purchase. Continue to check back for more special offers and services during the holiday season. Log in to UMCmarket and click on our OFFERS page to make sure the donation reaches your church.

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