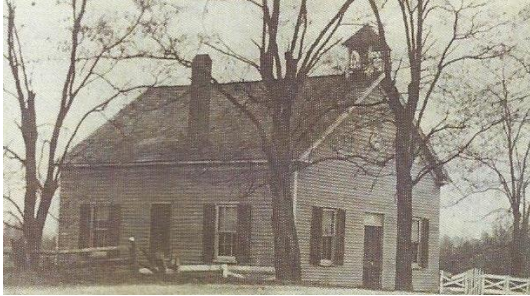


Salem United Methodist Church

March 2015 Newsletter

“182 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.

Sunday Services 8:15 am and 10:00 am

**TO THE SALEM UM CHURCH
COMMUNITY**



Rev. Sue Shorb-Sterling.

To the Salem UM Community-

When you read this it will be the month of March. I think all of us are ready to say good-bye to February this year. Even though it is the shortest month of the year, it seemed like the longest one with the frigid temperatures and the many snow occurrences that we had. Two Sundays in a row we had to cancel our worship services. And three times our ASP breakfast was postponed. We really missed being together in worship. Some reported that their weeks seemed not to go as smoothly without the weekly focused corporate worship. Even if we are faithful in our daily prayers and devotion, there is nothing to substitute the joint singing of praises to God, giving thanks together,

praying the prayers, hearing God's Word read and proclaimed, and being in the intentional presence of God with each other.

In February we began the season of Lent: a time to devote ourselves to spiritual disciplines to grow deeper in our faith as we walk the journey of Christ to the cross and the Resurrection. What spiritual discipline are you practicing during Lent? If you need ideas, here are some.

-Worshiping

1. Commit to making worship at church on Sunday mornings a priority and be in worship every Sunday.

2. Find ways to worship during the week. Play your favorite Christian tunes.

3. Give praise and thanks to God for the beauty of the earth. The snows we had really were beautiful.

4. Name your blessings and give thanks to God for them.

-Fasting

1. From Apathy. Instead find a need in the church, family, or community, pray about it and be open to God's leading in meeting that need.

2. From Purchasing Your Wanta-Haves or Must-Haves. Only purchase what you and your family really need.

3. From Eating out and/or buying specialty coffees.

Instead with the money you would have spent on these items, save the money and buy food for Olney Help or donate it to our Appalachia Service Project Teams, World Vision's Thirty Hour Famine, Imagine No Malaria, or a mission of your choice.

-Praying

1. Find time each day to pray for an issue in the news that is a concern for you.

2. Listen for injustices in the news. Pray for justice and be open to how God may be calling you to work for justice.

3. Pray for family members, colleagues, the pastor, the church, those on the prayer list in the bulletin.

4. Join our Salem Prayer Partners Group. We meet every Tuesday morning at 10 am. See Rev. Sue for location. If you can't make it and want to pray for those on their list, see Velma Durant, the newsletter publisher.

5. Know of someone who is suffering or wounded, pray for God's transformative power to be at work in their life.

-Serving

1. Serve at the Lord's Table at St. Martins of Tours on Saturday, March 28, 1:00 pm-5:00 pm

2. Identify who in our congregation or neighborhood has a need and meet that need for them.

3. Serve through a ministry in the church. Need help identifying something, see me.

Why should we practice spiritual disciplines? Practice makes perfect. An athlete or musician practices often to keep up their skill level. So must we as Christians. When we practice spiritual disciplines we grow spiritual muscles that will save the world for Jesus Christ. After all, that is why Jesus came, died, and rose again (John 3:17). With these strong spiritual muscles we build a stronger Body of Christ in the world.

Building Spiritual Muscles, Rev. Sue

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Lent Sermon Series: From wRacked to Restored

Sunday, March 1, Second Sunday in Lent:

From Pennies to Provision (30 Hour Famine)

Sunday, March 8, Third Sunday in Lent:

From Clutter to Clever

Sunday, March 15, Fourth Sunday in Lent:

From Hurting to Healing

Sunday, March 22, Fifth Sunday in Lent:

From Forfeit to Fruitful

Sunday, March 29, Palm Sunday *Sixth Sunday of*

Lent From Useless to Useful

Lenten Study

A WORLD WORTH SAVING Classes offered:

Tuesday evenings, 7:15 pm, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Wednesday mornings, 10:00 am, March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1

Books are \$10.00; see Rev. Sue for your copy.

Salem's Faithful Servants

A huge thank you to our trustees who made sure walks and parking lot were cleared after the many snow and ice occurrences. After each one they were out there shoveling and clearing the snow. The two Sundays that we had to cancel worship, these men were out in the frigid temperatures at 7:00 am trying their best to get our properties cleared so we could gather. With the frigid temperatures and ice, they lost the battle both Sundays. We give thanks to God for the faithful service of these hard-working men: Buck Bartley, Fred Ambrose, George Robinson, Bob Brown, David Ranshaw and Rick Myers.

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU

We have several "thank yous" this month.

From Janet Howes

"Thank you My Salem Family for all the wonderful valentines you showered me with this Valentines Day. Each one was filled with your love and I loved everyone of them."

From Churchill Groves' Mother and Dad came the following:

"Dear Rev. Sue,

Thank you for so much: The beautiful service you held for the family and friends of Matt

Groves, the comfort and support you gave to Churchill and the children, and the use of your lovely church and fellowship hall. Our many thanks also, to the ladies of the church for the bounteous table they laid and kindness and care they showered on the mourners.

You have truly found your calling in the ministry. The ladies echo your caring and helpful spirit.

Thank you all for everything you have done.

In deepest appreciation,

George and Nancy Siehl

Welcome to Salem UMC



Wathsala Harischandra with her daughter Sandali Chandradasa and son, Sandalu Chandradasa

Originally from Sri Lanka, Wathsala joins Salem's staff as Nursery Teacher. She migrated to the USA six years ago and resides with her husband and two children in Olney.

Her background is: Served as an Elementary teacher for Sri Lanka for eleven years, worked as a Montessori teacher in Rockville, and Sunday Church Nursery at a Presbyterian church in Washington, DC.

She said, "I love working with kids!"

YOUTH GROUP

Sundays: 6:30-8:00 pm
Community Hall

We thank the congregation for supporting our trip to Rock in Ocean City and for your support as we did World Vision's 30 Hour Famine. Your donations for the Famine will assist fighting hunger and its root causes around the world.

March 1 No Youth (We are home resting from the Famine.)

March 8 What does it mean to be a Christian?

Part 1

March 15 What does it mean to be a Christian?

Part 2

March 22 What does it mean to be a Christian ?

Part 3

March 29 What does it mean to be a Christian?

Part 4

Souper Bowl Of Caring 2015



Thanks to the generosity of the congregation the Youth Group went shopping with \$335.25 collected for Souper Bowl of Caring. Aided by a lot of 10 for \$10, and some even better deals, they filled 15 bags and boxes. Purchases included six 5 lb bags of rice, 24 bags of dried beans, six 5 lb bags of masa flour, 23 boxes of cereal (cold and hot), 28 side dishes, 20 boxes of pasta, 10 cans of spaghetti sauce, 32 canned vegetables, 8 canned meat, 10 cans of soup, 8 cans of fruit, 10 packages of juice boxes, 4 jelly, 4 pancake syrup, 4 pancake mixes, 4 cake mixes, 4 frosting, 10 packages of pudding cups, and 20 packages of fruit cups. All in all 237 packages of healthy food items were purchased to help families in need!

Carole Roberts

ROCK 2015- ADVENTURES WITH SALEM'S YOUTH

By Joseph Meisner



Picture thanks to Blake Roberts

We started our ROCK weekend on Friday, February 6th at three-thirty. After raiding one of the Olney 711s, and stopping for gas, we were on our way - to Hardee's. I had never been to one. It was really good. Ok, so we finished Hardee's and continued to Ocean City. Let me share with you that the sunset and red hues over the farm-land on the Eastern shore was like nothing I have ever seen before, and I wasn't the only one who appreciated it. A fellow traveler recorded the moment for posterity from the side of the road on route 50.

We arrived at our respective condos at about seven-thirty, unpacked, and it was on to our first evening of fun, music and praise at the Roland E Powell Convention Center. We listened to a Christian rock band, and the emcees psyched the crowd up in preparation for the weekend's main speaker, Reggie Dabbs, a crowd favorite, and five-time speaker at ROCK. It was clear from the beginning why the youth enjoyed him so much. He was ebullient, truthful, fearless, and he played a mean saxophone. He discussed his life including: reading the bible twenty seven times. That's right, I said twenty seven times, to his adoptive father who could not read. He also talked about how his father loved him so much that he gave him his home, and more importantly, his heart. It was clear from Reggie's passion that God had taken this man, who had once been in foster care, and helped to shape his powerful personality, and Reggie made it clear from that evening on that he was there to redeem souls in the name of Christ. And boy did he, through the use of scripture and personal stories to convey spiritual truths, including stories about forgiveness and the redeeming love that only God can bring. He hammered home the message of leading a life that is Christ-centered, in word and in deed, and admitted that he was praying for every soul in that convention center. He asked us if we were prepared to die for Christ; pretty heavy stuff for such a young crowd, but the youth loved it because he pulled no punches, and we were all better because of it.

The weekend also included some low key and funny moments. Mary Ellen Eaton cooking delicious dinners and breakfasts, consisting of egg sandwiches and Lasagna, not all at the same time.

We also visited the beach at sunset, and the youth leaders were asked to dance to "Apache, Jump on It," during one of the breakout sessions. Daytime temps were in the forties until Sunday, and hit sixty-five on our way back. We stopped at Candy Kitchen, apparently a perennial favorite, and a Burger King in Cambridge, which I'm pretty sure was an Italian restaurant before that, but I digress.

So if you love fast food, the Eastern shore, youthful energy, and God, next year's ROCK may be just what you've been seeking.

All in all, it was a great weekend, a spiritual weekend in Ocean City, and for this writer, a first opportunity to see Ocean City in February. Even more importantly, an opportunity to bear witness to the myriad of ways that God is working in the lives of our youth. Our future is safe in their hands. You can trust me on that.

Youth Attending: Amy and Blake Roberts, Joey Brandt, Wyatt, Donovan, and Aidan Thompson, Jacob Weinberger, Karmen Martin and Carlos Barinas

Adults Attending: Joe Meisner, Tom Luke, Mary Ellen Eaton, and Rev. Sue.

Thirty Hour Famine sponsored by World Vision (30hourfamine.org)

This event will be covered in the April edition of the Salem Newsletter.

ASP 2015

Due to circumstances beyond our control (Mother Nature sent us LOTS of snow), the Valentine Breakfast had to be cancelled. If you would like to give ASP the offering you would have given for breakfast, please feel free to do so. There are only two more fund raisers and they have only reached about half what they need to make the trip. Remember, no one in the crews receives a penny of this money-it is all expense money to get them there, sustain them while they are there, and bring them home!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Future fund- raisers are:

March 8th 11:15 am ASP Breakfast

April 18th – Yard Sale (bring in items a week before the sale)

Both events will be in the Community Room

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

While Rev. Sue was with the youth at ROCK, the Disciples Fast Track Class took over the responsibility of conducting both services on Feb. 7th.



Libby Wright talked to Piper and Shelby Luke about God's love and then read them a Bible story. Piper enjoyed answering the questions using the microphone.

Earlier there was a Sunday when all the children were either sick or on travel, Rev. Sue was so disappointed. Members of the congregation wanted to hear her "Time for Children," so some came forward and said the children are here, give us the lesson. And she did.



With a game of Simon Says and a talk of Fishers of men everyone in the congregation had our Bible lesson and had lots of fun, especially the "children."

SALEM UNITED METHODIST MEN

Men of Salem come out on the first Saturday of each month in the Community Hall at 8:00 am and enjoy breakfast along with your meeting.

Invocation for the Maryland Senate Wednesday, February 4, 2015



With Rev. Sue is the State Senate President, Mike Miller

Our Pastor was invited to provide the invocation for the opening session for the State Senate. Below is her prayer:

Holy God who out of love created and sustains all people, we ask for your blessings to be upon these leaders of our great State of Maryland.

Bless the Governor, Larry Hogan, the State Senate President, Mike Miller, and the Speaker of the House, Michael Busch. Give them clarity of mind, skill, and judgment as they lead this state's government. Bless all the delegates of the House and the senators of the Senate as they wrestle with and debate the fiscal issues before them. Give them wisdom in their decision-making to be the best possible stewards of the state's revenues.

Remind each of our responsibility to every citizen of this state, especially to those who do not have the capability to advocate for themselves. Keep us ever mindful that the decisions that are made in this chamber have an impact on those we may never meet, but who may be the most in need.

Guide and sustain every one of us as we diligently and faithfully strive to do without partiality or prejudice what is in the best interest of the future of the State of Maryland and all its citizens.

Thank you for hearing our prayers and receiving them unto your care. We pray this in the name of all that is Holy, Amen.

Written by:

Rev. Sue Shorb-Sterling
Salem United Methodist Church
Brookeville, MD (Montgomery County)

**INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY BLURB
22JAN14 REVISED 2-2015**

"I wonder if there's worship this morning at Salem..."

Here is how you find out about the cancellation of the services before getting in your car:

1. Call the church at (301) 774-7772 after 7:00 am on Sunday and listen to the recorded message.
2. Rev. Sue will attempt to call all regular participants of the 8:15 service to announce the cancellation of that service.
3. Check your email. If you're subscribed to the church's mailing list, you'll find a message from the church. The message will be sent to you by 7:00 am on Sunday

Here is how the church makes the decision about the service cancellation.

Where there is a concern about the impending weather (such as freezing rain and heavy snowfall) that might affect the congregation's coming to the church, Salem Trustee Chair and Pastor review weather forecasts and decide whether they should cancel the worship services early on Sunday morning (around 6:30 am).

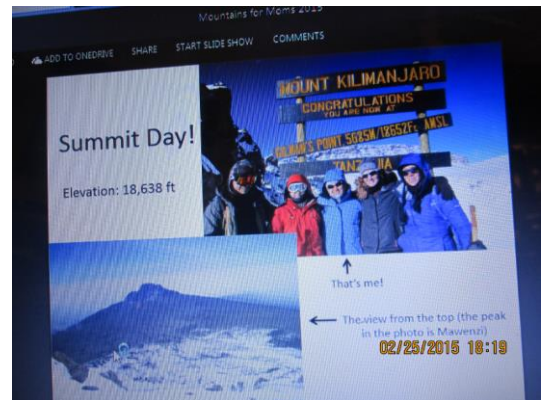
Please note - Sometimes the decision will be made to cancel the 8:15 service and then to hold the 10:00 service later in the morning. This decision may change based on weather conditions. If you come to the 10:00 service, please check your email after 9:00 am to look for another message about the later service.

for the 8:15 service and by 9:00am for the 10:00 service.

4. If you have access to internet, visit Salem's Facebook page. The message will be posted by 7:00 am on Sunday.

If you any questions or comments, please contact the Pastor, Rev. Sue [(301) 774-7772, pastor@salemunitedmethodist.org] or Trustee Chair, Connie Somerville [(301-854-2638 gds6621@verizon.net)].

**Climbing Kilimanjaro- Trip recap
From Amanda Pustis**



Good afternoon friends and family,
Happy New Year!

I have returned from Tanzania, Africa! I had a wonderful time and I am blessed that I was a part of this once in a lifetime experience! I can proudly say that I made it to the top of Africa!

I attached some photos in a PowerPoint from my trip. We went on a safari for two days (Ngorongoro crater and Tarangire National Park), climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro for 6 days (4 days up, 2 down) and volunteered at the United African Alliance Community Center where we played with the kids and relaxed.

Thank you for everyone who donated to Operation Fistula and wished me well on my journey! With your help and generosity we have raised \$8,707! That is enough to change 36 lives!

We are still fundraising, so if you haven't donated and would like to, or if you know anyone who would like to donate to this cause and make a difference in a woman's life, please follow this link:

http://www.opfistula.org/blog/m4m_cornell/amanda-pustis/

Every bit helps!!

If you have any questions or comments about donating or about my trip, please feel free to email me!

Many thanks for your support! I truly appreciate it.

Sincerely,

Amanda Pustis
Cornell University
Class of 2017

a.pustis@hotmail.com

Amanda has a file to share with you on OneDrive. To view it, click the link below.

 [Mountains for Moms 2015.pptx](#)

(This file is a power point file much too large to put on Facebook – I tried. If you want to see all the pictures you can e-mail me and I will send you the file. The pictures may be in her blog which she mentions in her letter. I have not gone to the blog yet; I do not know how to access it otherwise. Sorry! I did take a screen shot which I have added to the story, velma_durant@yahoo.com)

FROM THE CONGREGATION



“Sharing My Thoughts With You” from Charlyne Lewis

*(a favorite repeat from years past -
this post is from the April-May 2002*

Edition of the Salem Newsletter.)

Spring has sprung...the grass is turning green and new life in nature will be forthcoming! As we approach this Easter, my prayers for all of you is to receive a renewed heart and spirit in Jesus.

Our forty days of Lent helps us to renew and refresh our bodies and minds and focus on what Jesus did for each of us by going to Calvary to pay the price for all of our sins upon this earth. Easter is a ‘new beginning’ then for us...let each one live it well during this year of 2015 (only the date was changed).

God Bless!! Charlyne

Hymn (657) **“This Is the Day that the Lord has made.”**

“There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it.”

Edith Wharton

EDITOR’S NOTE:

It has been suggested that I include the UMC website address: www.umc.org. If you should read something you think the congregation would enjoy, please write it up and send it to me and I will print it. Velma

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS:

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

CHURCH COUNCIL

Church Council Meeting Highlights February 26, 2015

- The meeting was well attended. Every seat at the table was filled! Please thank a Church Council member for their devotion and commitment to ministries at Salem.
- Mary Abramson opened the meeting with a devotion. She challenged us to continue thinking about being radical disciples and finding ways to share our relationship with God with others.
- Please keep Eddie Gregg, Jean Karl, Helen Van Druff, Doug Whalen, Joanne Keister, Charlene Lewis, and Marcia Thorp’s husband, Ron, in your prayers.
- We were reminded of the 30 Hour Famine and ASP breakfast coming up this weekend. The March Discretionary Fund will go to the support of our youths’ participation in the 30 Hour Famine.
- The Lenten Sermon series and Lenten Study class topics were shared. Both will begin the week of March 1.
- We continued our discussion from January about declining church attendance. Council members shared thoughts and ideas about activities and actions we can be taking to encourage and welcome both members and non-members to join together in worship each Sunday. An important message that was discussed is the need to be and remain in contact with our church family members both in person and in other ways. We all need to reach out and stay in touch with each other.

Salem News March 2015

- The plan for Emergency Cancellation of Sunday Services was reviewed and updated.
- George Robinson and Buck Bartley shared the success of the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. It was a wonderful event for our church family and guests.
- Joyce Howes reported on the Memorials Fund. She continues to encourage members to purchase memorial bricks for the Memorial Garden.
- Connie Somerville thanked the faithful trustees who have been involved in clearing snow this winter. She also shared routine and corrective maintenance tasks that have been completed in January. The next Trustees meeting will be held to discuss plans for outdoor work in the spring, including work on the playground.
- Kulley Bancroft reported on our finances. Statements of giving for 2014 have been delivered. She shared progress on the reorganization of our various church accounts. Kulley met with the Cemetery Committee to explain how the placement of their funds in a long term investment account will work. Our operating budget remains positive and Mary Abramson continues to make sure our bills are paid on time.
- Hisashi Yamagata reported on the work of SPRC (Staff Parish Relations Committee). They have reimbursed Rev. Sue for the balance of her allocated Continuing Education Fund for 2014. They will be meeting soon to work with Sue to establish pastoral goals for 2015
- Members are reminded to submit pledges and offerings for our two snowed-out Sundays. Thank you! The meeting was closed with prayer by Debbie Ambrose. Our next meeting is March 26. As always, ALL are welcome. Come and join your leaders in the work of our church.
Debbie Ambrose ☺

COFFEE HOUR HOSTESSES

Please plan to volunteer as Hostess for Coffee Hour this New Year!

Volunteers can go to Sign Up Genius.com and use my email address Cucinotta@Verizon.net to get to "Salem Coffee 2015" to sign up. I have all the new 2015 dates in there.

Thanks for volunteering and thanks! Joyce

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| 3/1/2015 | Cancelled |
| 3/8/2015 | ASP Breakfast |
| 3/15/2015 | Velma Durant |
| 3/22/2015 | Anne Ennes & Joyce Howes |
| 3/29/2015 | Bill Lavelly |

SIGN-UP FOR:

ALTAR FLOWERS:



Altar Flowers

Wouldn't it be lovely if our altar were enhanced with flowers each Sunday?

If you would like to provide flowers you may either place your name on the list on the church bulletin board or go to Sign-Up Genius at: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0948AAAD2AA5F94-altar

When signing up, please indicate if the flowers are a tribute (for example: from the Smith family in honor of John's 10th birthday). Tributes will be listed in the Sunday announcements.

Purchase your flowers at the vendor of your choice and bring by Saturday afternoon. Call Rev. Sue before you head out so she can open the church for you.

Contact Suzanne Friis with questions.

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| 3/1/2015 | Suzanne Friis |
| 3/8/2015 | Velma Durant |
| 3/15/2015 | Curtis Smith |
| 3/22/2015 | Debbie Ambrose |
| 3/29/2015 | Eddie Gregg |

HAPPENINGS

Lord's Table

March 28th, The Lord's Table is a soup kitchen located at St. Martins 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.

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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).

**BOOK DISCUSSION SELECTIONS**

**SPRING 2015**

**All meetings are held on Thursdays and are at 7:30 pm at Joanne Ranshaw's**

**(If you don't know her address please check your church directory)**

March 5: **Girl Meets God** by Lauren Winner biography 303 pages (3 copies in library so probably will have to purchase this one)

The child of a Jewish father and a lapsed Southern Baptist mother, Lauren F. Winner chose to become an Orthodox Jew. But even as she was observing Sabbath rituals and studying Jewish law, Lauren was increasingly drawn to Christianity. Courageously leaving what she loved, she eventually converted. In *Girl Meets God*, this appealing woman takes us through a year in her Christian life as she attempts to reconcile both sides of her religious identity.

May 7: **Someone** by Alice McDermott

June 5: **Same Kind of Different As Me: A Modern-Day Slave, an International Art Dealer, and the Unlikely Woman Who Bound Them Together** by Ron Hall Denver Moore and Lynn Vincent

**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 March Birthdays are:**

- Groves, Briana 03/11
- Groves, Nicholas 03/12
- Buswell, Beth (Geib) 03/16
- VanHorn, Zach 03/20
- Sterling, Becky 03/26
- Beye, David 03/29
- Robinson, George 03/29
- Ochsenreiter, Lauren 03/31

There are no Anniversaries listed for March.

**IN OUR COMMUNITY**

**Sandy Spring Lions Club:** Monday, March 23 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 on the coat rack in the hallway; someone will get them to Our House.

**Jesus Prays on the Mount of Olives**

**Luke 22:** <sup>39</sup> He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. <sup>40</sup> When he reached the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial." <sup>41</sup> Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed, <sup>42</sup> "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done." <sup>43</sup> Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. <sup>44</sup> In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. <sup>45</sup> When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, <sup>46</sup> and he said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

**"FOR I WAS HUNGRY..."**

Have you noticed the nearly empty food boxes for our charities? Let's all make it a point to bring at least one food item each week. Read each entry below to know what kind is needed.

**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 the box marked for Olney Help 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. The Millian UMC 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 or on the coat rack in the Church hallway. 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 or if they are on the coat rack just take one. The comfort they give is well worth the effort of delivering one to your friends, family or co-workers. They will thank you!

To our Prayer Shawl Ministry: we have received two SPECIAL Thank yous (Anonymous and Debbie Willis):

"What would we do without the love and prayers of the people of God?! Please thank your ladies for the prayer shawl – it gave me warmth and comfort- both physical and emotional!

"The last several months were definitely not what I expected, but by prayers and God's grace and healing touch I think I am recovering!

Thank you once again." Anonymous

"Thank you for your time and resources making my lovely beautiful 'Prayer Shawl.' A loving ministry of warmth and encouragement. Christ our Righteousness," Debbie Willis

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OUR NEXT CHALLENGE ...

DO YOU KNOW WHO THIS IS?

Do you know who this lovely young lady is? Give me a call (240-328-4810), stop me in Church or e-mail me (velma_durant@yahoo.com) and offer your guess...



Isn't she beautiful? But who is she?

SALEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MEMORY GARDEN ENGRAVED BRICKS



The Memory Garden was established in 2003-2004 and we have all enjoyed this beautiful project to date. The Memory 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 with Joyce Howes, with installation planned for late spring. 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

Brick ordering information forms are on the table in the Sanctuary or you may contact Joyce Howes at 301-774-5851 or cucinotta1@verizon.net.

MEMORY GARDEN BRICK ORDER FORM

Brick Purchased by: _____

Phone or email: _____

Check Size:

Brick Size 4" x 8"

Brick Size 8" x 8"

Message for engraving:

Make check payable to Salem United Methodist Church with Memory Garden on the memo line and give to Joyce Howes.

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