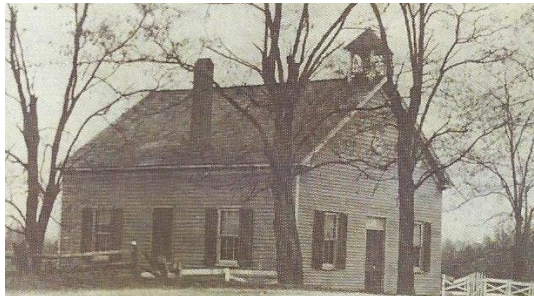


Salem United Methodist Church

April 2015 Newsletter

“182 Years and Still Loving, Serving and Celebrating”



SALEM Methodist Protestant Church 1833



SALEM United Methodist Church 2015

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 Church Community,

There is a saying, “We have to take the bad with the good.” This reminds me of the winter we’ve had. I suppose we need to have frigid temperatures, ice, and snow for us to appreciate the warmth and beauty of spring! Would we appreciate spring if we had it every day? I suppose, also, this is why Jesus had to be crucified before the Resurrection. Would we really appreciate all the Resurrection represents if Jesus hadn’t been crucified on the cross? Just as moving from winter to spring or from death to resurrection is a process, so is our faith. We need to experience those moments of dying to self or to sin, in order to recognize Christ’s life-giving, resurrected life, or re-birth moments in our faith journey. And this

doesn’t happen overnight, either. For Jesus, it took three days. For us, it takes a lifetime.

Think of a bulb, or a seed, or a cocoon. It takes time for the plant or the butterfly to emerge. God’s creation takes time and never ends. God is continually creating and recreating both in nature and in us. Just as creation was a process so is re-creation. God making something new in us is a process, too.

Our faith journey process begins with the cross which would not have any meaning to us, if Jesus hadn’t risen from the dead on that first Easter morning. Because of his Resurrection, the cross becomes a symbol of victory over evil, sin, despair, and death. With the telling of his Resurrection, we hear the words that promise new life. We want to believe. We want to praise God. We want that promise of new life, yet it is still a mystery to us. And as this mystery overwhelms us, we cling to the promise of Jesus, “I am the Resurrection and the life. Everyone who believes in me will never die.” This is the promise and our hope! This is the process of our faith journey, too!

Alleluia, He is Risen! He is risen, indeed!

Discovering the process,

Rev. Sue

Rev. Sue will be on vacation from April 5-April 12. If there is a pastoral emergency, call Deb Ambrose, Buck Bartley, or Hisashi Yamagata.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

April 5 Resurrection Sunday "Fully Restored"

April 12 "God's Great Dance Floor" Ginny Weinberger, Lay Leader

Easter Sermon Series:

"It Doesn't Happen Overnight"

April 19 "Bulbs"

April 26 "Seeds"

May 3 "Cocoons"

May 10 "A Mystery"

Easter Season Schedule:

April 2: 7:30 pm, Maundy Thursday Service at Ashton UMC

April 3. Good Friday Service at St. Paul's UMC. Laytonsville, MD

April 3, 10:00 am Join us for prayer and the anointing of our church properties as we remember the Crucifixion.

Salem's Easter Worship Celebration

Easter Sunrise Service: 7:00 am in Salem Cemetery

Community Breakfast: 7:30 am in the Community Hall

Worship Celebration: 8:15 am in Sanctuary

Community Easter Egg Hunt: 9:30 am in the Community Hall

Worship Celebration: 10:00 am in Sanctuary followed by Fellowship Hour

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU

I, Velma, wish to thank Suzanne Friis for taking over the responsibility of publishing the Salem Newsletter while Curt and I head for Olympia National Park in Washington State, visit family along the way, etc., etc. There is a strong possibility that there will be a combined May-June edition so don't think you were forgotten if one month you do not receive a copy.

We plan to return on or about June 10th. If you are interested in our trip, I have a blog in which I try to write (when we have the internet) daily. The address is velmadurant.blogspot.com and the title is "On the Road Again - WOW."

If you have anything you wish Suzanne to publish, be sure to e-mail it to her in a timely manner. Thank you Suzanne and thank you to the readers of the SALEM NEWSLETTER.

YOUTH GROUP

Sundays: 6:30-8:00 pm

Community Hall

April 5 Easter Sunday, no youth group

April 12 ASP Training

What Does It Mean to Be A Christian Cont'd

April 19 and 26

THIRTY HOUR FAMINE



From left to right-Wyatt Thompson, Amy Robertson, Joey Brantley, Donovan Thompson, Kenny Wahl, and Aiden Thompson

Sponsored by World Vision, each year our young people participate in this ministry to help fight hunger around the world. This year's theme was "Make It Your Fight" and Salem's young people did just that!

The fast started at noon on Friday, April 24, the young people gathered at the community hall at 6 pm, there they studied about one of the countries World Vision helps, played games related to the country and along with Adult supervisors spread their sleeping bags for a hungry sleep-over. On Saturday, found themselves preparing and serving dinner at St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church in Gaithersburg to the homeless and less fortunate while still in the fasting mode. Upon arriving back at the Community Hall, they found their mothers and other interested adults had a nice dinner waiting to break their fast.

During both services on Sunday, our young people told the congregation what the fast had meant to them: they also told about the country they had been studying - truly making the fight for hunger their fight.

ASP 2015



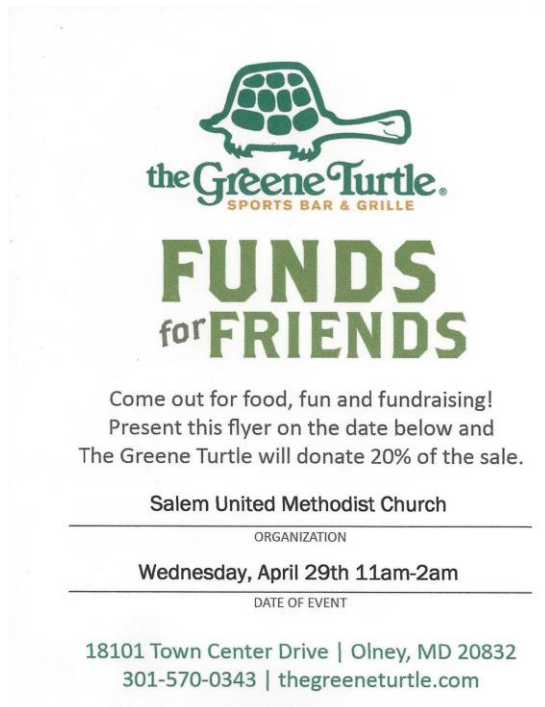
ASP Members serving Breakfast

Finally, our ASP teams were able to have their February Fundraiser on March 8th. There was a very good turn-out and as always the food and service were great. Thank you to all who helped prepare the food and to all who helped consume it. Your donation will go a long way in helping our three teams make it to Kentucky the week of June 28 – July 4. There are two more scheduled Fund raisers - please come out and support the Salem ASP teams.

ASP Fundraiser at Greene Turtle:

Wednesday, April 29, 11am-2am

Save the date! Greene Turtle will donate 20% of a sale to ASP. You must present this invitation to your server for our ASP to receive this donation. Reproduce the invitation and invite your family and friends.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Future fund- raisers are:

April 18th – Yard Sale starting at 8:00 am (start picking out the items you would like to donate, but do not bring them to church until you are asked).

May 9th Mother's Day dinner- details later.

ALL THESE EVENTS WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE COMMUNITY HALL!

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. There will be no meeting in April as it will be a "Work Day", please plan to come out to help make our church and property look great.

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

On Sunday, March 22nd, the Fifth Sunday of Lent, Rev. Sue talked to the children about dead seeds.



The children were given a bean that was sprouting. She talked to the children about seeds reproducing their kind: "You can't plant a bean and expect to get potatoes..." Each child was given a cup with dirt and allowed to plant their seed. Instructions were to put it in a window, water it and watch it grow to see how a dead seed produces new life. Many thanks to Tom Luke for securing the table so it didn't fall over on our little ones and to Rob Morell for the quick clean up afterwards.

PALM SUNDAY

John 12:13 – So they took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed [is] the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord.



On March 29th as the congregation gathered for worship, each was handed a palm leaf in memory of Holy Week, Rev Sue has been concreting her sermons through Lent on - from – to: Lent Sermon Series: From wRecked to Restored ; Second Sunday in Lent: From Pennies to Provision (30 Hour Famine); Third Sunday in Lent: From Clutter to Clever; Fourth Sunday in Lent: From Hurting to Healing; Fifth Sunday in Lent: From Forfeit to Fruitful; Palm Sunday Sixth Sunday of Lent: From Useless to Useful.

From the beautiful hymns starting with “Hosanna! Hosanna!” and ending with “In Christ Alone.” One could feel the closeness of our God and Savior. Even the “Time for Children” was centered around Jesus entry into Jerusalem, with a parade waving the palm leaves as they paraded around the sanctuary.

The service ended with the reading of Mark 14:32-15:37: with the prayer in Gethsemane thru to the death of Jesus. It was hard not to weep as we listened to the familiar story. Could we be stronger than Peter if we were in the same circumstances? Stay tuned on APRIL 5TH- we will be celebrating the RISEN CHRIST!

FROM THE CONGREGATION



“Sharing My Thoughts With You”
from Charlyne Lewis

Easter and the Resurrection!! What a glorious time of year. Look around you...everywhere ‘new life’ appears before us...the awaking butterflies, the beautiful flowers popping out of the ground, birds everywhere ‘nesting’ with their young...ah, Spring!

And then, we soon march toward the warm days of summer, which for a lot of us means trips, vacations, enjoying our families and friends together. But we still need to keep in mind the One who gave us all of this richness to enjoy. Jesus! He is our best friend in everything we undertake daily. He will always be there for us when all else fails. Look to Him first, then every other need in your lives will be met with “abundance”, as He declares.

Enjoy your ‘God-given’ days ahead, folks, and always put Jesus at the top of your list of ‘invited guests’ at your next backyard cookout, trip, vacation, or whatever you plan to undertake.

God Bless!!.

Charlyne



Hymn #420
Ephesians 4:25-5:2

CONGRATULATIONS



After being postponed because of snow, March 15th is the day Glanna Pearl Flora, the daughter of Christopher and Ashleigh Flora was baptized. We as a church will be very glad to help and encourage along her Christian journey.

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**REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS:**

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

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### Board of Trustees Meeting Highlights March 16, 2015

- This was the first of four planned meetings this year and was well attended.
- Rev. Sue spoke about Saint Brigid, Patron of Ireland during devotion.
- Special thanks for the snow and ice removal went out to Buck Bartley, Fred Ambrose, George Robinson, Bob Brown, David Ranshaw and Rick Myers.
- 2015 Corrective maintenance projects have included:
  - A new sink has been installed in the kitchen.
  - The boiler has been inspected and waiting for certificate.
- 2015 Planned and in progress projects include but not limited:
  - Repairing rotted wood trim in Breezeway (Fred) and garage door at Parsonage (ASP project);
  - Yearly project of playground area (Blake Roberts as an Eagle project);
  - Installation of new dish sanitizer & meat slicer in the Community Hall kitchen once Mary Ellen Eaton advises the Women's Group of her selection of appliances. She is researching ice makers for the kitchen.
- 2015 Spring Clean-up:
  - Outdoor clean-up will occur on March 30 from 8am-11am. This will include mulching, weeding and trimming. Buck said the mowing of the lawns will begin first week of April by the 2015 volunteers;
  - Indoor clean-up date TBD as Connie Somerville will meet with Suzanne Friis to begin a check list of tasks through-out the Church and Community Hall.
  - Buildings Exteriors (roof replacement) - David will contact Chet Babylon & Eddie Gregg to learn of the tenure of the existing roofs on the Church, Community Hall & Parsonage to determine which requires replacement

first. Major expense; David will look into the exterior siding conditions.

- Building Mechanical & Electrical - Fred, Rick, & David will review the 2015 service maintenance agreements & requirements, life cycle of the heat pump and electrical wiring that is out of date. Fred is meeting with Congressional A/C to discuss the heat pump. Discussion of the installation of new furnace & A/C (Fred & Buck overseeing this project & Our House assisting with the excavation of the dirt).
  - Parsonage - Fred & George will handle the A/C filter replacement in the crawl space; repair the kitchen dishwasher cabinet; installation of the smoke & carbon monoxide detectors in the attic; & Rev. Sue said the kitchen walls have been prepped for painting.
  - Bob Brown e-mailed the group about moving the sound system, installation of the new screen and projector, and upgrading the AV laptop and Church computer.
  - The meeting was closed with a prayer by Rev. Sue.
  - Our next meeting is scheduled for June 15, 2015 at 7:00pm.
- Connie Somerville

## CHURCH COUNCIL

### Church Council Meeting Highlights March 26, 2015

- The meeting was well attended again! Please thank a Church Council member for their devotion and commitment to ministries at Salem.
- Please keep Joey Brantley, Eddie Gregg, Jean Karl, Helen VanDruff, Doug Whalen, and Marcia Thorp's husband, Ron, in your prayers.
- The Easter schedule and events were highlighted.
- We again discussed church attendance and ways to keep connected with members of our church family.

- Buck Bartley announced an outdoor workday on Tues, March 30 to spruce up the church for Easter.
- Joyce Howes reported on the Memorials Fund. She will be contacting family members about their wishes for the use of funds in the Memorials account.
- Connie Somerville thanked the faithful trustees who have been involved in clearing snow this winter. She shared a summary of the work completed by the Trustees in January and February. (See her article elsewhere in this newsletter.)
- Bob Brown presented proposals for the purchase of new video equipment for the sanctuary and two new laptop computers for the church. Both proposals were accepted. This equipment will be funded out of the Legacy Fund.
- Buck Bartley shared that the Legacy Fund will also be spending ~ \$18,000 to replace one of our furnace and air conditioner systems. Bids are being sought at this time.
- Hasashi Yamagata raised the question of how to pay for visiting pastors for Rev. Sue. We have budgeted for 8 Sundays. This will cover Sue's anticipated recovery from her knee surgery in May. She also has 3 more Sunday's of leave. Church Council voted to authorize money for 3 additional Sundays to fill the pulpit with a visiting pastor. (The expense per Sunday is \$200.)
- The Salem Women served a Veterans Luncheon on March 2 and Lions Club dinner on March 23. They will also be hosting the Memorial Service reception for Loretta Murphy.
- The meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. Sue. Our next meeting is April 23. As always, ALL are welcome. Come and join your leaders in the ministries 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 [Cucinotta1@Verizon.net](mailto:Cucinotta1@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  
 4/5/2015 Debbie Ambrose  
 4/12/2015 Ginny Ann Weinberger  
 with Virginia Smith  
 4/19/2015 Velma Durant  
 4/26/2015 OPEN

### GREETINGS FROM BURKINA FASO, WEST AFRICA!

Greetings from Burkina Faso, West Africa! Attached [see last page of newsletter for calendar] is our prayer calendar. As we sow the seed of God's Word (and His love through relationships and development work), we ask that you water it through your prayers.

A couple of key points: emphasis on the village of Sindou—we're doing a Children's Health series on wisdom and childhood diseases (i.e. when to get to the hospital and how to treat beforehand). We're also doing a great deal of visiting in hopes of getting critical mass for Bible storying groups (and eventually the church!) -young men in Kangoura and Kawara (and obstacles that keep God's Word from them). - access to ladies through our popcorn project, Children's health club.

Until the Jula bow to Jesus,  
 Ken, Anita, Natalie, and Lydia (Hoch)

### BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON CONFERENCE LEADERSHIP DAY

On Saturday, March 14, five members of Salem attended the annual Leadership Day at James Hubert Blake High School. The event lasted from 8:30 – 3:00. Our honored guest was Rev. Jorge Aceveda from Ft. Myers, Florida. He led a spirit-filled worship in the cafeteria to a group of over 300. The rest of the day was spent in small class sessions which provided information, ideas and support for local churches. Over 40 topics were offered!! Lunch was served at noon. This provided opportunities for fellowship and connecting with others. Be watching for announcements for this event next year and please consider joining us. It is truly a wonderful event.

By: Debbie Ambrose

## SIGN-UP FOR:

### ALTAR FLOWERS:



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/](http://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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| 4/5/2015  | Sharon Craddock |
| 4/12/2015 | OPEN            |
| 4/19/2015 | OPEN            |
| 4/26/2015 | OPEN            |

### OUR SYMPATHY

To the family of Loretta Murphy, a neighbor of Salem UMC. A Memorial Service was held at Salem on March 29<sup>th</sup>

### HAPPENINGS

#### Greater Olney Interfaith Ministerium Movie Night

Sunday, April 19, 7:15 pm St. Peters Parish Hall, 2900 Olney Sandy Spring Road, Olney (behind the playground). "Arranged" - An independent film depicting the lives of two young women (Jewish and Muslim) of marriageable age as they interact with their families and faith traditions while developing a deep friendship. Over refreshments, we will share our own experiences with supporting marriage in our faith traditions.

[www.arrangedthemovie.com](http://www.arrangedthemovie.com)

### Lord's Table

April 25<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**UM Summer Camps:** Brochures are on the table by the coat rack. Or for more information and to register go to [www.bwccampsandretreats.com](http://www.bwccampsandretreats.com).

**Give to Salem as you shop online:** You can have part of the profit from your purchases at online stores like Amazon, Macy's, Kohl's, etc. be sent to Salem UMC. Check out the retailer and sign-up at [www.umcmarket.org](http://www.umcmarket.org)

**Vacation Bible School "G-Force!":** July 6-10, 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Registration opens April 1 on-line or forms available in the church. If you can assist, contact Rev. Sue.

### 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)**

April 9: **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. We don't want to leave you out. Thank you.

**Our APRIL Birthdays are:**

- Roberts, Carole 04/04
- Rhinehart, Patti 04/10
- Dean, Joyce 04/11
- Summerville, Connie 04/14
- Weinberger, Phillip 04/14
- Benson, Kenny 04/17
- Rider, Don 04/17
- Ennis, Anne 04/18
- Van Druff, Helen 04/22
- Boyd, Dale 04/28
- Currier, Katelyn 04/29

**Our April Anniversaries:**

- Ercolani, Al and Judy 04/13
- Lovely, Bill and Bobbi 04/16
- Odbert, Fred and Carol 04/19

I wish to apologize to Debbie and Fred Ambrose, they celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in March and it was not on my list. If I forgot anyone else PLEASE contact me so I can add it to the list. I do not want to leave anyone out. Velma

**IN OUR COMMUNITY**

**Sandy Spring Lions Club:** Monday, April 27 at 7:00 pm, in Salem Community Hall. Help is always welcome in the preparation and clean-up, Call Mary Ellen Eaton for details.

**Eye-glass 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.

**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).

**"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.

**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!

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OUR NEXT CHALLENGE ...

DO YOU KNOW WHO THIS IS?

Since I will be on vacation for the next two months our next Challenge will appear in the July issue of the SALEM NEWSLETTER

Instead of a challenge, I wish to fill a request and print the words of a song:

It's Me Again Lord

Troubles come and I can't find an answer
Lonely nights I spend in agony
I have no other friend that I can turn to
So here I am Lord back on my knees.

Chorus:

It's me again Lord, I've got a prayer that needs an answer
It's me again Lord, I've got a problem I can't solve
Well I don't mean to worry you but here I am facing something new
And I need help that only comes from You, it's me again Lord.

Well I know You're mighty busy in Your Heaven
Forming worlds and hanging stars to shine
But You promised if I'd ask I'd receive it
So here I am Lord asking one more time.

Chorus:

Author Unknown

Published on *Bluegrass Lyrics* (<http://www.bluegrasslyrics.com>)

AND THE ANSWER IS:

If you guessed Pattie Rhinehart you were correct!

We had several guesses but Joyce Howes is the only one who guessed right.

Congratulations



Patti Rhinehart



Patti with husband Roger Rhinehart

Roger and I have been going to Salem for over 25 years. When we decided to marry we did not have a church we attended. Since we came to the Christmas Eve Service with Betty Bittner, Roger's sister, she suggested we marry there. We met with Mark Waddell and were married in a quaint little ceremony. We started coming regularly to church and shortly thereafter joined Salem's family.

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 e-mail: _____

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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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Pray for Julia Muslims! www.cmfi.org/burkinafaso April 2015						
5 Pray for us to increase in our cultural understanding to enable us to be more effective witnesses here.	6 Pray for our Children's Health club this month as we focus on wisdom (and knowing when a child needs to go to the hospital).	7 Pray for our experimental farm that it might give us more opportunities to share the Gospel.	8 Pray that lives of families will be transformed both physically and spiritually through our service here.	9 Pray that the welder Bissiri would respond to Ken's invitation to study God's Word together.	10 Pray for Kangoura as Ken is working through the Old Testament with some eager young men of this village.	11 Pray that we will honor God with our work and with our rest.
12 Pray today for the children in our health program as we work together to help widows this month.	13 Pray for Orokia to wholeheartedly choose Christ.	14 Pray that people will come to us and ask us to teach them about Jesus.	15 Pray for the young men who serve as volunteers in our children's health club.	16 Pray for our popcorn microenterprise project in Sindou. Pray that it encourages women and leads them to Jesus.	17 Pray that Omar, Jakridja, and Bakary would be the captivated by the Gospel and would pass it on!	18 Pray that we will reflect the love of Christ in all that we do.
19 Pray that the commitment to idol worship in Sindou would be broken by the gospel.	20 Pray for our team to have clarity in discernment and joy as we meet together and pray.	21 Pray that leadership in the communities where we work would give us increased access to young people.	22 Pray for wisdom on how to replicate our popcorn project in other locales.	23 Pray that the community of Noumousso will be united in development efforts.	24 Pray that Madou would find other Muslims who want to follow Jesus with him.	25 Pray that Anita and Tabitha's friendship with Dja-ta will build bridges with other women as well.
26 Pray for Brian as he disciples young believers.	27 Praise God for the progress that has been made in fighting ebola in West Africa.	28 Pray for the Branes to see the fruit of their hard work in studying Djoula.	29 Pray that the timid young men in Kawara would overcome obstacles to follow Jesus.	30 Pray for Haruna who has heard the story of Jesus but is resisting.		

CMF International: Branes, Hochs, and Hausers in Burkina Faso, West Africa

Feel free to copy and hand out within your church.

