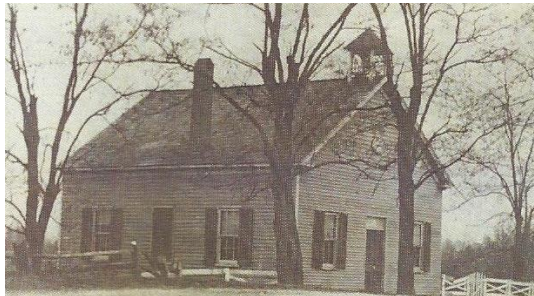


Salem United Methodist Church

July 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. Dr. Sue Shorb-Sterling.

Dear Salem UM Church Community,

As I am writing this, I am still recovering from receiving new knees. Hopefully by the time I return in mid-July, I will be walking without assistance. These eight weeks of recovery have been a gift, as well as a challenge. My focus has been learning to walk again with two new knees. Your prayers and support have carried me through. Thank you for your cards, visits, flowers, emails, text and Facebook messages. Every one of them has encouraged me on this journey. I am recovering well and I give credit to the power of prayer and a great support system.

I am also grateful to Rev. Mark Derby and Rev. Jim Skillington for delivering the messages on Sundays during my time of recovery. I have had the joy of listening to the recordings of our

Sunday worship. They have been a blessing to me. While I listen to them, (and often I listen to them several times) I feel as though I am present with you as praises to God are sung, joys and concerns are shared, scriptures are read, and the message delivered. The Holy Spirit touches my heart through the recordings on a compact disc. Our CD ministry is a vital ministry for those who are unable to attend our worship service.

There are so many in our congregation who contribute to the many ministries that we offer at Salem. We are blessed to have so many capable leaders. I also need to thank the many who are assisting with a variety of ministries in my absence. I would list their names to thank them, but I am afraid I might miss someone. You know who you are, so “thank you” for maintaining our ministries in my absence.

In the United Methodist Church July is the beginning of a new year of ministry. Each year the Bishop appoints pastors to churches. Sometimes these are new appointments. Other times they are reappointments. I am honored to announce that I have been reappointed to Salem for another year. This begins my eighth year at Salem. There have been many changes during the past seven years. We have said many good-byes, as well as welcomed so many into our community of faith.

Change is a part of life, but one thing is certain, our God never changes. God's love offered to us through Jesus endures forever.

I give thanks for all of you at Salem and how you faithfully serve Christ both within the church and beyond its walls. I look forward to another year in which we continue to be a signpost of God's grace to the world. Perhaps, just perhaps this year, God will show us a new way to offer grace to our community and beyond.

Your humble servant,
Rev. Dr. Sue Shorb-Sterling



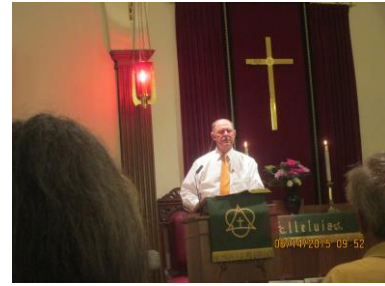
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

During Rev. Dr. Sue's recuperations time from double knee replacement, we have had two very distinguished and knowledgeable ministers fill our pulpit. Our heart felt thanks go out to them. Please visit us again.



When we introduced Rev. Jim Skillington, on Sunday, June 7th he informed us that he grew up "just down the road" and during that time Salem was his 'home church.' Welcome home, Rev. Skillington!

Serving two Sundays as our speaker, Rev. Skillington likes to tell stories of real people who make the Scripture of the day come into our century, thus showing God's word is alive and working in lives today. It was a privilege having Rev. Skillington fill in for Pastor Sue as she recuperates from her recent surgery.



The Reverend Mark Derby, a native of Delaware, was ordained Elder in 1977 at the Washington National Cathedral and retired this past year in June. During his itinerant ministry he served four churches: Bowie UMC, Montgomery UMC in Damascus, Faith UMC in Rockville and Grace UMC in Gaithersburg. He also served as a District Superintendent of the Baltimore-Harford District and the Washington West District from 2000 – 2007. Rev. Derby is now serving as a Ministry Representative of Ambassadors for Christ International, an evangelical mission with staff serving in 21 countries. He is also consulting with local congregations to aid them in growing their ministries. Rev. Derby is married to Joyce, a clinical psychologist, has three married sons, and five grandchildren. With his final service on July 12th, he will have blessed us with the word of God six times during Rev. Sue's confinement.

Thank you for your service both for joining us.



We would also wish to express our thanks to Trudy Eide for her wonderful help in providing such beautiful music for our services while our Music Director, Rose Edie-Altman has been on vacation. Trudy is Rose's Sister-in-Law.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

July 5: Rev. Mark Derby, preaching
July 12: Rev. Mark Derby, preaching

Summer Sermon Series: The Biblical Messages of Dr. Seuss

Some of us read them as children. Others read them to our children. We loved them. They spoke

to us. Who knew there were biblical messages in them? Dr. Seuss was not a particularly religious man, yet God's messages of love and redemption are intertwined in the rhyme and fantasy of his books. For the remainder of July and August we will hear again some of these favorite stories interfaced with scripture.

This sermon series was inspired by a gift to Rev. Sue. Several saw the play on the letters of Rev. Sue's name now that she is a Doctor, Dr. SueSS. Thanks to Blake Roberts who researched this further and discovered these books: *The Gospel According to Dr. Seuss* by James Kemp and *The Parables of Dr. Seuss*. He then gave them to her as a gift for receiving her doctorate.

July 19: ONE SERVICE ONLY at 10:00 am
"The Cat in the Hat Returns" Mess and our Mess
Isaiah 1:15-20; Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56;
2 Corinthians 5: 16-21

CHURCH-WIDE PICNIC following service – please bring a dish to share, Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided. Those who attend the 8:15 service are encouraged to attend this service and picnic.

July 26: "Yertle the Turtle" and the Sermon on the Mount
Matthew 5:1-12; Matthew 7:24-27

YOUTH GROUP

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

THE YOUTH GROUP WILL RESUME THEIR MEETINGS IN SEPTEMBER

ASP 2015

Fundraising Success!

Greene Turtle: Wednesday, April 29

We are pleased to announce that about \$155.00 was raised through this campaign. Thank you, each and every one who participated.

Mother's Day Dinner: May 9

The Mystery Theater was a roaring success with a total of \$850.00 raised for ASP.



On Saturday May 9 there was a murder at Salem. The captain of a pirate ship met his demise and there were suspects galore. Our youth did a wonderful job portraying all the possible villains, and Barbara Achstetter and her fabulous helpers outdid themselves with a scrumptious dinner. A fun time was had by all and it was a successful fundraiser for our Appalachian Service Project team. By: Carole Roberts

On May 9th, the Appalachian Service Project teams hosted a murder mystery dinner at Salem UMC which was a lot of fun for everyone. The theme of the night was pirates and it was complete with eye patches, parrots, and pirate's booty. Special thanks to Barbara Achstetter who prepared a nutritious pirate themed meal with roasted turkey, roasted pork, roasted vegetables, sauerkraut, and salad. By: Debbie Savage

Thanks to all the performers and everyone who attended.

June 7: The Mighty Kelltones and the Encore Singers

We were honored to have these two extremely talented groups present a benefit concert for the ASP group here at Salem.

Before the service is described, I would like to list the names of the members of each group



Encore Singers: Debbie Ambrose, Bill Bates, Ruth Digel, David Eide-Altman, Rose Eide-Altman (Director), Jane Hiebert-White, Mary Hiebert-White, Margo Maier, Joel Pereira, Jeb

Rechen, Maryellen Rechen, Laurie Ryffel, Ivey Wallace, and Bill Wilson.



The Mighty Kelltones: Kathie Lillie (Celtic harp, concertina, penny whistle, hurdy-gurdy and percussion), Ralph Lillie (guitars and percussion) and Chapin Vasilake (vocals and percussion).

Both groups gave outstanding performances, the music was very enjoyable and made you want to get up and dance!

ASP added \$196.00 to their travel funds as a result of this wonderful donation of the time and effort of these very talented groups

Members of our ASP teams gathered at Salem on Sunday the 21st for a dedication prayer.



Sunday Morning, June 28, our ASP team left Salem for a week in Harlan County, KY. They are due to return July 4th.



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.

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

During Rev. Dr. Sue's absence, several members of the congregation filled the 'leaders' spot. As the publisher was away, for the May 24 and 31 sessions, we do not have pictures but, thanks Nancy Morell and Anne Ennis for your service.

For June 7th - Tricia Huff



And June 14th - Debbie Ambrose



Debbie also led the children in honoring this year's Sunday school teachers.



Teachers left to right: Kulley Bancroft, Debbie Savage, Connie Somerville, Joyce Howes and Debbie Ambrose. Missing are Barbara Achstetter and Carole Roberts. The children left to right are: Ricky, Gabby, Layla, and Mari.

June 21st - Ginny Weinberger



June 28th - Debbie Savage



Our thanks to each person who participated in our "Time For Children."

WELCOME TO THE OURI KOREAN CHURCH

For the next 6-months and maybe longer, the Olney Korean Church will be sharing our sanctuary. We give them a warm welcome.



Rev. K: Jong Yoo, (far left); daughter-in-law, AE Kyung Yoo; wife, In Soon Yoo; and son, Young Yoo.

Salem is sharing its sanctuary and choir room with OURI Korean Church on Sundays from 1:00–3:00 pm. This is a small upstart church of 7 members led by Rev. Yoo. The church council approved a 6-month trial period with the possibilities of Salem becoming their permanent home. They will make a weekly donation to Salem. Please respect their time here and welcome members if you see them. May God bless their Ministry.

FROM THE CONGREGATION

"Sharing My Thoughts With You"
from Charlyne Lewis



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

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

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

Charlyne

Ecclesiastes 11: verses 1-6

Hymns 696, 697, 698 (sing out!!)



CONGRATULATIONS

On Sunday, May 17 we had three special celebrations at Salem! First we recognized the three high school graduates - Carlos Barinas, Blake Roberts, and Ian Poe Yamagata. Reverend Sue gave the students a gift bag and they in turn surprised her with a gift of their own - three books entitled "Parables of Dr. Seuss", "The Gospel According to Dr. Seuss", and a leader's guide to go with the other two books. If you don't get the significance of this, Sue often signs emails Sue S.S. and one of her friend's pointed out that when she finished her doctorate she would be Dr. Sue.S.S.



Next, three youth joined the church. Amy Roberts confirmed her baptismal vows and Carlos Barinas and Jacob Weinberger were both baptized.

Then all three formally joined the church by professing their faith.



Jacob Weinberger and Carlos Barinas were baptized



Finally, we celebrated Reverend Sue's Doctorate! Sue was given a beautiful handmade stole designed by Anne Ennes that had the bowl and pitcher on one side for the deacon and the cup and bread for the elder on the other side. This was representative of her doctoral project: Two Clergy Can Lead Better Than One.



As the service concluded a Congo line was formed to exit the church, and everyone congregated around the marquee in front of the church where Deb Ambrose added the "Dr." to Sue's name.



Photo by: Carole Roberts

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.

LEGACY FUND REPORT – JUNE 2015

Our Salem Community has been much blessed with so many faithful members of vision and action – visionaries who could see things like playgrounds, street sidewalks, audio and video systems, newly upgraded heating and air-conditioning systems, and remodeled social hall and parsonage. Fortunately to fulfill such dreams, Anna and Clyde Unglesbee had the foresight to lead our congregation to create The Legacy Fund in 2008. Since then, our members and friends have raised over \$240,000 which has been used to bring these visions to fruition.

This past year and half has been particularly eventful. We increased our Fund by over \$44,000 with a challenge campaign, but spent \$58,000 on front sidewalk and new heating, ventilating, and air-conditioning (HVAC) systems in the parsonage and sanctuary for the most part. This has yielded major benefits. Storm water drainage through our property has greatly diminished, and the safe, efficient operation of our HVAC systems is ensured now and for the long term. But the costs of these important improvements have depleted our Legacy Fund to \$38,000, a level \$12,000 below our comfort level of \$50,000, the cushion we have been trying to maintain for emergencies. So recognizing with gratitude your

past support, and in consideration of our future hopes and needs, we sincerely ask you to not forget our Legacy Fund when considering your charitable giving.

Peace and blessing,

~Buck Bartley, for the Legacy Fund Committee

CHURCH COUNCIL

5 Church Council Committees and Ministry Area Brief Reports Mid-June, 2015

Church Council will not be meeting this summer. Instead, Committee and Ministry Area chairs are submitting information on-line. **The next Church Council meeting will be August 27, 2015.**

On-Line Reports

1. Missions from Libby Wright – Lord's Table shut down in June and will reopen in September. Ongoing missions continue, including Olney Help, Glenmont thrift store. 22 people joined together to form 3 work teams for ASP. They are in Harlan County, Kentucky.

2. Memorials from Joyce Howes - Families with funds in the Memorials account will be contacted soon regarding their wishes.

3. Youth from Rev. Sue - Youth had an end of the year party at the Luke's on May 31 that was a lot of fun. We will not meet until Sept.

4. SPRC from Hisashi Yamagata- The first meeting after Rev. Sue is back will be to plan for the rest of the year, including her evaluation and finalizing her sex offender registration policy, etc

5. Communication from Suzanne Friis -

If you have not already done so, please send me the dates for any committee meetings or events you have scheduled. To see if dates are available, go to our

website: www.salemunitiedmethodist.org.

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6. Safe Sanctuaries from Mary Ellen Brown - Mary Ellen has been working with Trak-1 to complete background screenings. The process of submitting names and completing the screenings has proven to be time consuming and requiring a lot of time spent on line and on the phone with people from Trak-1. In addition, there have been

many questions from church members about the need to provide more information than may be needed to do the criminal background check. At the next SPRC meeting, Mary Ellen will be recommending that we look into using another company for the screenings.

We will also need to develop an alternate method of doing background screenings and motor vehicle records checks for those members who refuse to provide the required information.

7. Education from Debbie Ambrose - Sunday school ended on June 14. This year's teachers were recognized. Our summer care for children will be led by Wathsala Harischandra with help from members of the congregation who sign up to be a second adult. This will include Veggie Tale videos and Christian crafts. Children will meet in the choir room after the Children's message. Because of lack of children or adults available, we have postponed our annual Vacation Bible School until next summer.

8. Discretionary Fund from Mary Abramson - \$300 was collected in our special offering on June 1. This money was sent to UMBWC to support churches in developing ministries in Baltimore following the unrest there.

9. Budget and Finance from Kulley Bancroft -

- a. We are doing well with our operating expenses (keeping to our budget). Unfortunately, our giving as of the end of May is down by ~\$7000. We will be sending a letter about this to the congregation along with second quarter giving reports. The letter will remind folks to keep up with their summer giving.

- b. We have established 3 Long-Term investment accounts with the Mid-Atlantic United Methodist Foundation, Inc. They are:

Kimmel Endowment Fund - \$90,000

Cemetery Fund - \$35,000

Legacy Fund - \$20,000

Additional monies will be added to the Cemetery Fund and the Legacy Fund after they have closed out their T. Rowe Price Accounts and moved their money into these new accounts.

10. Legacy Fund from Bill Lively and Buck Bartley- Spending a lot of money on the church and parsonage a/c systems.

11. Cemetery from Chet Babylon – The Cemetery Committee met to discuss and decide how they would reinvest their Funds in the new Investment Accounts.

12. BOARD OF TRUSTEES from Connie Somerville Minutes 06/15/2015 -

(These minutes have been edited to highlight important information for the Council)

a. Pending actions for 2015:

(1) Completed - Major projects:

- New furnace, A/C and LPG fuel tank installed for Church & Sanctuary. WSSC failed us for several items.
- Replaced the sump pump in the basement of the Sanctuary addition.
- Corrected the faulty wiring and circuit breaker controlling electric lighting & signage in the Community Hall.

(2) Planned and in progress:

- Church -
 - New lights and photo-switch to be installed on outside signage and new lighting & some rewiring proceeding in crawl space under Church Sanctuary.
- Community Hall -
 - Installed new sink and faucets per Health Department directives in kitchen.
- Parsonage -
 - Both A/C & air handling units were replaced this past week.
- Playground -
 - Blake Roberts completed his Eagle Scout Project having installed an updated drainage system last fall and repainted all major equipment on March 30. Improvement is evident.
 - Old mulch and weeds cleaned up and new mulch spread over area.
- Indoor Cleaning -
 - First cleaning day was June 6 at the Church. Debbie A., Buck

B., Suzanne F., Marsha T. & Connie S. rolled up their sleeves and with the dust flying, attacked the Sanctuary. The next cleaning day is scheduled for July 11 at 8:30am. First goal is to complete the list from June 6 and focus on the Community Hall.

b. Sub-Committee Assignments:

- (1) Buildings Interiors & Janitorial - Buck Bartley & George Robinson to collaborate with Hisashi Yamagata
 - Tony Hopkins' wife & son continue to do a top-notch job while Tony is recovering from a bone marrow transplant and cancer treatments.
- (2) Buildings Exteriors - David Ranshaw
 - We need to have some remaining maintenance accomplished on breezeway pillar/columns.
 - General painting of the church exterior.
 - Check on servicing the bell mechanism, paint, etc).
- (3) Building Mechanical & Electrical - Fred Ambrose, Rick Myers & David Ranshaw
 - Parsonage - Both A/C & air handling units were replaced this past week. The new units are several factors more energy efficient and the air handling systems will use proper air filters, improving the AQI and reducing the annual operating costs. This was necessitated by age, improper (original) installation, improper maintenance and consequently unhealthy accumulations of dust, dirt and mold in the air handlers of the former A.C & air handling units. (POC=Fred A.)
 - Both HVAC systems in Church are now new. The indoor air

quality is now improved (AQI) while increasing the energy efficiency & reducing the costs of heating and air conditioning the Church Building.

- We had all the A/C units serviced with some minor component replacements on the two remaining old A/C units servicing the social hall and kitchen of the Community Hall. These two units are very old but are optimistic that we will make it through the year and perhaps the next year before they will need replacement.
- (4) Church Grounds - Buck Bartley
- The mowing schedule is working well and our lawns are well maintained by 10 faithful volunteers. Fred trimmed around the Sanctuary and Parsonage.
 - Fred is concerned about several maple trees that will require professional trimming to avoid future damage to the buildings.
- (5) Gardens - Don Rider (lawns), Joanne & Carolyn Ranshaw (gardens)
- Joanne is having a delivery of bulk mulch that will be stored behind the garage.
- (6) Insurance & Facilities Usage - Bob Brown, Suzanne Friis & Rev. Sue
- Questions remain with the liability insurance as we share our church with the Korean Church. Bob will contact insurance agent to get answers.
- (7) Parsonage - Fred Ambrose & George Robinson
- We need to have some painting accomplished (
 - i.e. garage door, wood trim around doors, etc.)
- We need to obtain estimates and plan to have the under floor of the Parsonage

office insulated. Recommend spray in place foam insulation vs. fiber (glass or rock wool).

- Ask Ed Blaine to look into repairing the stairway window (broken or loose spring believed to be the problem).
- (8) Tech Committee - Bob Brown
- The two (2) Toshiba computers will be purchased after the ASP event with upgraded Quick Books application.
 - The video and sound systems are up and running.
- c. Other Business: Mary Ellen Eaton will present a \$2,000.00 check (Salem ASP) from Salem Women to Bob Brown on Monday, June 22, 2015.
~Debbie Ambrose ☺

COFFEE HOUR HOSTESSES

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

Volunteers can go to Sign Up Genius.com and use my email address 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

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

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. Dr. Sue before you head out so she can open the church for you.

Contact Suzanne Friis with questions.

HAPPENINGS

Lord's Table: Salem's participation with the Lord's Table will resume in the fall.

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
News from OUR HOUSE: New Dormitory Under Construction

OUR HOUSE is a vocational/educational facility for “at risk” youth, located on Zion Road in Brookeville. OUR HOUSE currently houses 16 young men in training ages 16-21. You may have seen OUR HOUSE residents working in various community events, like the Strawberry Festival, Taste of Olney, Brookeville’s Bicentennial Celebration, and at Salem UMC. The OUR HOUSE mission is “...to teach carpentry skills, workforce readiness, and GED preparation to abandoned, abused, homeless, and orphaned teenage boys.” The program is designed to be highly structured, disciplined, and rigorous, requiring dedication and commitment on the part of the residents, the goal being for each graduate “...to leave...equipped with a trade, the academic tools, and social skills to function as a working tax-paying adult.”

The success of the OUR HOUSE program has been recognized nationally. Started in 1993 by Richard “Benny” Bienvenue with 4 young men, today 16 youths are in training. Their new dorm is in the beginning throes of construction, and when completed, will enable OUR HOUSE to greatly expand training to 24 trainees age 16 to 18. Future plans for the current dorm are envisioned to provide 16 older graduates of the program with extended-stay training and development of leadership skills. The new dormitory has been designed to “green” building standards and is projected to cost \$3.0 million when completed. To date approximately \$2.2 million has been raised for the project. If you would like to help OUR HOUSE expand their mission and meet their financial goal to fully fund their new dormitory project, please send your tax deductible contribution to:

OUR HOUSE
19715 Zion Road
Brookeville MD 20833-1505
301.519.1019

OUR HOUSE is a worthy local mission, making a real difference in the lives of young men seeking a “second chance.” All contributions to

the OUR HOUSE mission will be gratefully received.

~Buck Bartley

JUST A REMINDER

To order your Café Justo Coffee please contact Kathryn Ennes at church or via e-mail at k_ennes@yahoo.com.

MISSIONS

August, once again, will be school supply month. Libby has not heard from St. Peters as to which school we will be collecting for; this is just a reminder to start picking up items as you shop. Remember backpacks are always on the list of needed items.

BOOK DISCUSSION SELECTIONS

Fall Book Club dates:

Thursday Oct. 1: 7:30 pm

The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis
(meeting at Suzanne Friis')

Thursday, November 5: 7:30 pm

(book and location tbd)

Thursday, December 3: 7:30 pm

(book and location tbd)

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 July Birthdays are:

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

Our July Anniversaries:

Sterling/Shorb-Sterling, Charles and Sue	07/03
Van, Druff, Robert and Helen	07/03
Smith-Durant, Curt and Velma	07/07

IN OUR COMMUNITY

Sandy Spring Lions Club: Monday, July 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.

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.

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.

“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; 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!



A WARM THANK YOU

On June 16th Pam Mullay wrote: “Just wanted to let you know that my grandmother is still going strong and wears her prayer shawl every day. “I saw my grandmother this weekend and she is still sporting her prayer shawl. She absolutely loves it! The prayer shawl ministry at Salem is such a blessing.” Please continue to pray for her. Her name is Marian Vitkauskas.”

