

Salem United Methodist Church

August 2015 Newsletter

“181 Years and Still Loving, Serving and Celebrating”



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PRAISES TO GOD! REV. DR. SUE IS BACK!

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



Rev. Dr. Sue Shorb-Sterling.

To the Salem UM Church Community,

We are entering into the last month of summer. There is still time for vacations and recreation before school and our fall busy-ness begins. Summer does connote a slower, more relaxing fun time. So in keeping with the summer theme of fun, our worship this summer will focus on some of our favorite stories of Dr. Seuss and the biblical messages that are in these children's stories. These messages are not ones to dismiss because they are in a children's picture book, but are deep, eternal truths. Our human condition hasn't changed over millennia. We can be a selfish and stubborn people. Dr. Seuss illustrates these conditions with

humor and adds glimpses of God's grace in his stories. If you miss any of these sermons, they will be posted on our website:
www.salemunitiedmethodist.org/sermon-series-study.html. Enjoy the rest of your summer.

With Blessings,
Rev. Sue

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Summer Sermon Series: The Biblical Messages of Dr. Seuss

- Aug 2 "Green Eggs and Ham or Eat this..."
Exodus 16:2-3, 11-15; John 6:28-40;
Ephesians 4:1-6
- Aug 9 "Oh, the Places You Will Go or
I will bless..."
Genesis 12:1-9; Luke 17:5-6;
Ephesians 3:8-13
- Aug 16 "Horton Hears a Who or Caring for
the Least"
Matthew 25:31-46; I John 4:4-16
- Aug 23 "The Sneetches or You Are Different
From Me"
Matthew 15:21-28; Galatians 3:23-29;
James 2:1-4

Aug 31 "The Lorax or Save Our World, Please"
Genesis 1; John 15:1-2, 4-6;
Romans 1:18-25

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU

Thank You, Salem, from Rev. Sue

After taking eight weeks to recuperate from having two knees replaced, I have returned. Learning to walk with two new knees takes time and has its challenges. I want to thank all of you for your patience as I stride slowly into resuming all the duties as your pastor. Thankfully our slower summer schedule does allow more time for me to gain strength. Thank you for your prayers and support during this time. Thank you for the wonderful welcome I received my first Sunday back. The picnic was so much fun! We are a blessed congregation and I am honored to serve as your pastor. Your prayers and support have been an inspiration and an encouragement. I look forward to what God has in store for us this next appointed year.

WELCOME HOME PASTOR



On July 19th Salem welcomed Rev. Dr. Sue home and back in the pulpit. In a combined 8:15 and 10:00 am service, seated as she is still recuperating from double kneed replacement surgery, she presented her sermon on "The Biblical Message of Dr. Seuss 'The Cat in the Hat Returns or Cleaning up Our Mess.'" During the service, Kulley Bancroft read a poem she wrote in the Dr. Seuss format:

We missed our Sue, we missed her much
We missed her warm and gentle touch
We missed her hugs, we missed her kisses
And all her constant warm well wishes
Without her here, our church was sad
Though guest pastors were not too bad

It's good to see her smiling face
Feel her love and feel her grace

So welcome back with brand new knees
You make it look like such a breeze

So, all in all, that's how it goes
We missed your head & shoulders, knees & toes!

Thank you, Kulley. You expressed the way
Salem feels so gracefully.

After service we adjourned to the community hall where we stayed cool while some of the men (Bill Lavelly and John Howes) stood over the hot grills cooking our hot dogs and hamburgers, while George Robinson ran back and forth delivering the cooked items.



In the meantime, our ladies were busy setting up all the goodies the members of the congregation brought.



Please go to the Salem Facebook page to see all of the pictures of the picnic. After everyone ate there were fun and games. However, this reporter did not stay for that part of the picnic so I can't report on it. Thanks to Barbara Achstetter for taking care of that part of the day. Salem, job well done!



YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group will continue in the fall.

CONGRATULATIONS



Carole Roberts, New Eagle Scout Blake Roberts, and John Roberts

From Google: **Eagle Scout** is the highest rank attainable in the Boy **Scouting** program of the Boy **Scouts** of America (BSA). A **Scout** who attains this rank is called an **Eagle Scout** or **Eagle**. Since its introduction in 1911, the **Eagle Scout** rank has been earned by more than two million young men.

Salem is proud to announce that one of our own, Blake Roberts, son of John and Carole Roberts, has obtained the rank of Eagle Scout: this picture was obtained from Facebook. When asked if this was the official ceremony, Carole replied: "His Eagle Ceremony will be in December. It can take 6-8 weeks for the awards to come from national and he leaves for college in 4 weeks. The district advancement chair did a little ceremony last night after the Board of Review and brought the carved Eagle for photo ops." This was also obtained from Facebook.

Blake refinished Salem's playground, including solving the standing water problem as his service project. A job well done.

Congratulations also to:

Myron and Kim Scherr on the birth of their 5th Grandson, Quinten, born on July 8th to their daughter and son-in-law, Amy and Eric Smith.

Also congratulations to:

July 22nd celebrates the birth of Don and Joanne Rider's 7th Grandchild, Reese Eleanor Conlin.

ASP 2015

ASP is history for 2015 and we are already looking forward to all the fun fund raisers for our

2016 missionary adventure. Missionary adventure? You ask? Yes! As you provide your services to the people the ASP organization sends you to, you are showing God's love to everyone you work with. By: Velma Durant



ASP2015 - Harlan County KY

On June 28 at 5:30 am, Salem's 22 ASP missionaries (13 youth and 9 adults) departed for Harlan county KY. Our week of making homes "Warmer, Safer and Drier" started upon our arrival in Evarts KY at a former elementary school that would be our home for the next week. We slept in classrooms, ate in the cafeteria, showered outside and shared devotions during this unseasonably cool week. We were met by our staff of four college students who were responsible for selecting and then managing the projects for 10 work crews each week, they also provided for all of our needs at the center. The ability of ASP staffers always amazes us but this crew was the best we have ever had.



Our projects began Monday morning for three wonderful families, all with young children. One crew (Bob, Kulley, Frank, Rachel, Jake, Emma and Wyatt) spent the week shoring-up floors, installing vinyl composition tile (vct) tile and insulating under the house. Our second crew (Buck, Barbara, Carlos, Joey, Amy, Cameron, and

Bernice) insulated walls and installed drywall in a house that was totally uninsulated. They also painted and did a little decorating for the young girl whose bedroom would now keep her warm in the cold winter. Our third crew (Fred, Hisashi, Erin, Blake, Karmen, Donovan and Kenny) had the biggest challenge. After years of erosion caused by water running underneath the house, this house was close to falling down. Our crew designed, built and installed new girders under the home. This house isn't going anywhere now. Our floating volunteer (David) kept busy moving among the projects repairing dangerous electrical issues.

The week went quickly and it also included a culture night, which was visit from a local storyteller, and a picnic with the families. Our Salem youth were no less than amazing. They worked hard, rose to every challenge and did not complain when the work got tough. They connected with the families, especially the children, and they were a genuine pleasure to be with for the week.

To see pictures and hear reflections from the volunteers who were there, please plan to attend ASP Sunday, September 20, 2015.

By: Bob Brown

A TIME FOR CHILDREN



For her first Sunday back from health leave of absence, Rev. Dr. Sue read to the children the story of Dr. Seuss' book "Cat in the Hat" and explained that each story Dr. Seuss wrote had a special meaning behind them.

Memory Garden

If you are interested in placing an order for a brick to honor/remember someone, please see the order blank at the end of this newsletter.

Sympathy

Our condolence to Buck and Susan Bartley on the death of Buck's aunt Eleanor Bickmann.

FROM THE CONGREGATION



"Sharing My Thoughts With You" ...from Charlyne Lewis

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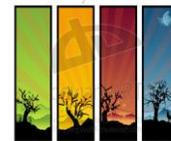
If you're like me, right about now you are asking 'just WHERE has the summer gone'? ... and I suppose most of us are caught up in this mad, mad, whirl called LIFE. Well, every once in a while we all just need to kick back, chill out, and smell the roses; commune with God and nature; lead a loving hand to someone less fortunate than ourselves; and in general just 'let go and let God'!

Now when I am feeling 'pooped,' I just go sit on my porch and commune with the Great Spirit ... and boy, He has shown me so many wonderful things in nature that His hands have created. Why, just the other day when we drove up in our yard, lo and behold! There were new baby rabbits (this was exciting to us as we had no rabbit population in over four years, since the foxes moved in). What a precious sight to see. And once again, I was praising the Lord for sending these dear creatures to us; along with our large herd of deer, and now their new babies, plus a multitude of birds to sing to us. Isn't He wonderful?

When you stop and think about it, each of us, be it creature or man, was put on this great planet for a purpose, and for the humankind. I believe it is our duty to do the best we can to be givers, and not just takers of what God has so richly blessed us all with ... and then, when we finally reach the 'golden stairs', He can say to us "You have given your best to mankind and shown love for all my creatures. Well done, my good and faithful servant."

GOD BLESS!! Charlyne

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8



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.



Thank you for your previous participation in the UMCmarket program. Since the launch of UMCmarket in 2012, over 40,000 supporters have signed up, benefiting over 4,000 UMC ministries.

We recently announced the launch of a new and upgraded version of the UMCmarket program, and invite you to look at the new site today! The new UMCmarket still contributes a percentage of each online purchase you make at our participating stores to your designated ministry, but also includes the following features and enhancements:

Over 3,000 participating stores organized by category, name, and user-designated favorites

Redesigned UMCmarket website with improved user experience

Hundreds of continually updated savings offers for you from retailers like...



COFFEE HOUR HOSTESSES

Hostesses for August

Have you signed up to provide snacks for coffee hour. It doesn't have to be fancy; please contact Anne Ennes @ ALHEnMD@aol.com or Joyce Howes @ cucinotta1@verizon.net with your date to serve.

Men, consider being host for a Sunday or two.

Pease go to:

www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4FA8AA2BA3F85-coffee to sign up during the year.

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



Where Will You BE On The 22nd Of This Month? WILL YOU BE WITH SALEM UMC AT THE FREDERICK KEYS BASEBALL GAME?

**Frederick Keys vs Myrtle Beach Pelicans
August 22, Saturday 6PM**

Harry Grove Stadium

21 Stadium Dr

Frederick, Maryland

Tickets are \$11.00 each

We are sitting near home plate, first base line on the field level

Sign-Up Sheet is on the bulletin board in the church or contact Libby Wright either by email libster@verizon.net (put baseball tickets in the subject line).



School Supplies Needed

It's hard to believe that summer is almost over and our schools are getting ready for the new year but guess what...IT IS AND THEY ARE!

As you know, our church has worked with St. Peter's Catholic Church on collecting school supplies for several years. We again are helping with Brooke Grove Elementary's request. The following are the most needed supplies:

- Large backpacks**
- Pencil boxes/pouches**
- Dividers, binders**
- Markers**

Church Council: Meeting August 27th in Choir room. At 7:15 pm.

Lord's Table

September 26th: 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.

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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 FALL 2015**

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](mailto:velma_durant@yahoo.com). We don't want to leave you out. Thank you.

### **Our August Birthdays are:**

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| Whal, Ginny        | 08/07 |
| Roberts, Blake     | 08/14 |
| Thurston, Yvette   | 08/18 |
| Lewis, Charlyne    | 08/19 |
| Bittner, Cloyd Jr. | 08/29 |

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| Weinberger, Cooper | 08/29 |
| Lyon, Marie        | 08/30 |

### **The Anniversaries listed for August:**

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|----------------------------|-------|
| Savage, Brandon and Debbie | 08/07 |
| Rhinehart, Roger and Patti | 08/22 |
| Brown, Bob and Maryellen   | 08/27 |
| Friis, Mark and Suzanna    | 08/27 |

## **IN OUR COMMUNITY**

**Sandy Spring Lions Club:** Monday, August 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 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).

## PRAYER SHAWLS

Prayer Shawls are available in Salem Community Hall. There is no cost; if you know anyone you want to share a prayer with all the time, see Carole Roberts or Rev. Sue for a shawl. The comfort they give is well worth the effort of delivering one to your friends, family or co-workers. They will thank you!

### Thank You

Salem has received two thank you notes:

**From Glenmont UMC:** “We at Glenmont United Methodist Church would like to thank you and your church for the kindness and generosity that you have shared with our Thrift Store.

Your donations have been a tremendous blessing to our humble store and our customers are delighted with the items you have shared.

Again, we want to thank you for your support in helping us to reach out to the community.

God’s peace and grace be with you always.

Pastor Saroj Sangha”

**From AFCI:** “Greetings in the Lord Jesus Christ! On behalf of Ambassadors for Christ International, I want to thank you for your generous offering for our ministry in Fiji. By your gift you are helping us to strengthen local churches in Fiji as we provide training in discipleship and evangelism. Our two missionaries in Fiji, Sione Veituna and Kaipati Tekavei, will be greatly encouraged by your generosity.

I have personally been blessed by the opportunity to share God’s Word with you and by your openness and response to the Word. I rejoice that you have honored my ministry among you by investing in the ministry of AFCI. As I have shared with you, I am very enthusiastic about AFCI and our vision, ‘Teams of nationals accelerating the spread of the Gospel through local churches worldwide.’ After I return from Thailand and Fiji, I would love to have the opportunity to report to you how God has been moving and working in Asia and the Pacific Islands.

Thank you for being so gracious and generous!

Mark A. Derby  
Ministry Representative  
Ambassadors for Christ International”

## Your Help Needed

From Olney Help: “As one of our ongoing supporters you know that Olney Help is an all-volunteer non-profit organization that has provided assistance to our neighbors in need since 1969. For more than 46 years, Olney Help has been meeting its goal of ‘People Helping People’ with emergency financial and food assistance to residents of our area. We have been able to consistently provide this support to the greater Olney area because of the generosity of our local donor community.

We currently have a crisis because our current property, our location for the last 29 years, has been sold and we must vacate the pantry before the end of the year. As a result we are starting a Capital Campaign to build a new pantry facility. We are partnering with the Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department to construct a 14 x 40-foot building on their land.

We are reaching out to you and your congregation to ask for your support. We need funds to buy a structure and maintain it. In addition, we need building supplies and expertise to finish the inside of the building so that we can safely store the non-perishable food that you so kindly donate.

This is our largest undertaking and one that must be done rapidly if we are to be able to continue providing food to those in need in our community.

We hope that we can count on you to help us. You can make tax-deductible donations on line at [www.olneyhelp.org](http://www.olneyhelp.org) or you can write check to Olney Help, earmarked for the Capital Fund and mailed to Olney Help, P.O. Box 430, Olney, MD 20830-0430. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely

Ruth Filbert, Capital Fund Chairman  
Kathryn Murdock, Secretary  
Marilyn Simonds, Director, Olney Help  
Larry Pendleton, Treasurer”

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Rev. Sue Shorb-Sterling.

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.

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](mailto:cucinotta1@verizon.net).

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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:

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