

Salem United Methodist Church

December 2015 Newsletter

“181 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.

Isaiah 9:6 New King James Version (NKJV)

“For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

TO THE SALEM UM CHURCH COMMUNITY



Rev. Dr. Sue Shorb-Sterling.

To the Salem UM Church Community,

As I write this the world seems to be in total chaos and in the midst of bedlam. The threat of terror is like metastatic cancer spreading throughout the world. In the midst of this bedlam, can we find Bethlehem? Can we find peace? Can we find the Living Savior among us? Usually when we think of Christmas bedlam, we think of all the stress we create at this time of year to make

it the “best Christmas ever.” Or we create our own chaos because we cave in to the world’s materialistic expectations. In the midst of all this madness, Christmas comes. It is then that we remember our need for a Savior. We remember that Jesus is born. And we remember that we have a Savior who promises to return again. We pray, “Come, Lord Jesus, come.”

So how can we find Bethlehem in the midst of all this? Or perhaps how can we be part of creating Bethlehem moments for ourselves and others? The world is searching for peace. The world yearns to be saved from itself. At Christmas we sing “O Little Town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie.” But during that first Christmas, Bethlehem was not still or silent. It was a small town bulging with too many people who were afraid. They were under strict orders to migrate to their town of origin to be counted and taxed for the Emperor’s purposes. They did not know what to expect. They were not a free people. The Roman

Empire occupied their country. The Roman soldiers terrorized the people. They were known to steal people out of their homes and use them as slaves or kill them if they couldn't meet the soldiers' demands. This was the climate in which a young couple immigrates to Bethlehem. The woman is in labor and could give birth at any moment, perhaps even on the street. The man searches and searches for lodging, but can only find a small barn where the animals are housed. In the midst of this bedlam, God's Son, our Savior, Jesus is born.

If God can show up as a helpless baby in the midst of the chaos of this first Christmas, how does God show up in the midst of our bedlam? In the midst of the world's bedlam? This Advent and Christmas our focus will be on finding Bethlehem in the midst of bedlam. James Moore wrote with this title, "Finding Bethlehem in the Midst of Bedlam." He writes, "The message is clear: If we have faith in Christ, if we have hope in Christ, if we have love in Christ, then we have Christmas that will last all year long."

This Advent and Christmas season we are on a quest to find and keep Bethlehem in our lives.
With Advent Blessings,
Rev. Sue

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Prayer and Share Worship Wednesdays 7:00-7:30 pm

Advent and Christmas Worship Schedule

"Finding Bethlehem in the Midst of Bedlam"
Sunday, Nov. 29 First Sunday in Advent

"What is Really Important?"

Sunday, Dec. 6 "Imprisoned or Free?"

Sunday, Dec. 13 "Power or Love?"

Poinsettia and Manger Memories Sunday

Sunday, Dec. 20 "Remind Us Again" –

Children's Las Posadas at 10:00 am

5:00 pm "The Darkest Night" Worship:

This worship is for those that Christmas is not the most wonderful time of the year.

Thursday, Dec. 24 Christmas Eve

"Mind the Light"

Family Worship: 5:00 pm

Traditional Candlelight Worship: 7:30 pm

Sunday, Dec. 27 (One Worship Time: 10:00 am)

Erin Wheeler: "The Mouse and the Light"

Manger Memories as We Find Bethlehem

Do you have a special manger or nativity scene that you put out every Christmas? Perhaps it has a story from your childhood? Or a special memory? Or perhaps it is just special to you? Would you consider bringing it to church on Sunday, Dec. 13th? We will display these in the room behind our worship space. If there is a special memory or story to go with it, write it up to be displayed with the manger scene. We would like to display them through Sunday, Dec. 20th, if possible. Then you can take them for your Christmas at home.

Advent Devotions

Advent devotionals: can be read, downloaded, or printed from the Baltimore-Washington Conference website, www.bwcumc.org

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group: Meets Every Sunday Evening

7:00-8:00 pm

Youth Bell Choir: 6:30-7:00 pm

Sunday, Dec. 6 Bell Choir Dress Rehearsal

Sunday, Dec. 13 Finding Bethlehem in the
Midst of Bedlam: Superhero

Sunday, Dec. 20 Christmas Caroling
(No bell choir rehearsal)

Everyone is invited to join the youth group to go Christmas caroling to our neighbors and shut-ins on Sunday, Dec. 20 at 6:30-8:00 pm.



The turn out was great for the pasta dinner on November 8th as their first fund raiser to support their Compassion child.

The winner of the eating pasta without silverware is a tie:



Jacob Weinberger



ROCK in Ocean City, MD Feb 5-7 SYMPATHY

Our sympathy to Doreen Preville on the death of her mother, Tess Grubbs on Wednesday, November 11, 2015 of Rockville, MD. Beloved wife of the late Chester C. Grubbs. Mother of Claude C. "Buddy" Grubbs (wife-Bev), Claudia L. Young (husband-Lloyd), Patricia Newell (husband-Gerald), Doreen S. Preville (husband-Dean) and Kathleen Dawn Drew (husband-Rusty). Mrs. Grubbs is also survived by her 9 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren and by her siblings, Effie M. Norton and Edmund Gorab. Interment was at Parklawn Memorial Park.

Our sympathy to the McKeever family on the loss of Doug's Mother, Reta.



Reta C. McKeever, 87, of Brookeville, MD passed away on November 24, 2015. Daughter of the late Herbert and Margaret Rae Carothers. Survived by her husband, Robert Livingston McKeever, Jr., as well as five children: Robert L. McKeever III of Brookeville, MD, Margaret M. Berwanger of Brinklow, MD, Sherran M. Ratliff

of Brinklow, MD, Douglas L. McKeever of Brinklow, MD, and Carol M. Hoffmaster of Brookeville, MD. Also survived by nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Salem United Methodist Church. Interment was at Salem Brookeville Cemetery.

We extend our condolence to the Luke family on the death Thanksgiving week of Tom's mother, Nancy Gard. She was 79 years old and resided in Texas.

The Book Club

Book Discussion: Tuesday, Dec. 8, 7:30 pm at Kulley Bancroft's. We will discuss the first several chapters of "Jesus, A Pilgrimage" by Rev. Jim Martin. Join us for a little discussion and a lot of fellowship while enjoying Kulley's Christmas splendor!

CONGRATULATIONS

To our new Masters in Nursing Informatics Nurse



Joyce Annt Wedler

In the summer of 2013, the department I worked in at Suburban Hospital began to go through a lot of changes. Concerns for our jobs in the future arose and knowing that I did not want to return back to the bedside as a Nurse in the ICU, I decided to return to school. I already had a Computer Science degree and a Nursing degree and had always dreamed of putting the two together. Working on several health information technology projects had landed me in an IT position as a nurse, but without further education I probably would not find another job elsewhere. In

September 2013 I began the pursuit to a Masters in Nursing Informatics.

Health Informatics, which includes medical and nursing informatics, is a growing field as health organizations move towards electronic medical records. Going back to school would allow me to put the two degrees together and to find a secure position in the future. The road was long, hard, and stressful and I also had new responsibilities and certifications I needed to obtain to keep my position at the hospital. I also dealt with health issues of my 89 year old mother, the publication of my first peer-reviewed journal article last spring, and my son's wedding in Seattle in October.

Finally, after two years I finished my last course and will graduate with honors in the top 15% with a 4.0 GPA, and will be in the Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society in January. However, I will not be going because the graduation is in Orlando. I should be getting my diploma in the next couple of weeks.

I could not have done any of it without the encouragement and support of my family and the many prayers from the Salem community.

Joyce

ASP 2016

The Publisher is leaving the previous written article from October in place in hopes that someone will volunteer to help ASP in the positions listed below or just stop Bob Brown and ask "How can I help?"

ASP 2015 is HISTORY and will be so noted in The History of Salem UMC. However, ASP 2016 fund - raisers are about to get underway. Bob is desperately looking for SOMEONE who will pick up the "Event Planning Hat" and RUN with it. Can you (or maybe a committee) organize the Cookie bake-off, the Chili cook-off and auction, and the annual yard sale? Do you (or the committee) have NEW fun ideas to raise money for our next ASP Missionary Opportunity? Please let Bob Brown hear from you soon!

The first fund raiser, Breakfast, was held November 15, 2015 in the community hall after the 10 am service and was very well attended.

Fund Raiser for 2016 ASP Adventure



Members of the Youth Group, with Mary Ellen Eaton's help, preparing breakfast to raise money to support their 2016 ASP adventure this time in West Virginia.

A TIME FOR CHILDREN



On November 22nd, just before Libby Wright delivered the food baskets to St. Peters Catholic Church, Erin talked to the children about Thanksgiving and what it means to give to the less fortunate. Not just on special days but all year through. By the altar rail were the boxes of food delivered to St Peters. All the churches in the area fed over 200 families this Thanksgiving.

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.

Salem Cemetery

Cemetery Lot Price Increase: The cost of Salem's cemetery lots will increase by \$200.00 beginning January 1, 2016. Please see Chet Babylon for purchase or information.

A Christmas Story

This year, since time was running short, your publisher chose a story from the internet for this section, I hope you enjoy it.

From <http://www.thoughts-about-god.com/christmas/christmasstory.htm>

The Christmas Story



The story of the Birth of Christ Jesus (from the book of Luke in the Holy Bible)

"About that time Caesar Augustus ordered a census to be taken throughout the Empire. This was the first census when Quirinius was the governor of Syria. Everyone had to travel to his hometown to be accounted for. So Joseph went from the Galilean town of Nazareth up to Bethlehem in Judah, David's hometown, for the census. As a descendant of David he had to go there. He went with Mary, his fiancée, who was pregnant.

While they were there, the time came for her to give birth. She gave birth to a son, her firstborn. She wrapped Him in a blanket and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the hostel.



There were shepherds camping in the neighborhood. They had set night watches over their sheep. Suddenly, God's angel stood among them and God's glory blazed around them. They were terrified. The angel said, "Don't be afraid. I'm here to announce a great and joyful event that is meant for everybody worldwide: A Savior has just been born in David's town, a Savior who is

Messiah and Master. This is what you're to look for: a baby wrapped in a blanket and lying in a manger."

At once the angel was joined by a huge angelic choir singing God's praises: "Glory to God in the heavenly heights; Peace to all men and women on earth who please Him."

As the angel choir withdrew into heaven, the shepherds talked it over. "Let's get over to Bethlehem as fast as we can and see for ourselves what God has revealed to us." They left, running, and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. Seeing was believing. They told everyone they met what the angels had said about this child. All who heard the shepherds were impressed.

Mary kept all these things to herself, holding them dear, deep within herself. The shepherds returned and let loose, glorifying and praising God for everything they had heard and seen. It turned out exactly the way they'd been told!" (*Luke 2:1-20*).

It was a simple scene that first

Christmas – a rough room, a young couple and nothing but a feeding trough to put the child in. It was probably quite cold and with family far away there was little help. Not exactly the Hallmark moment we like to show in Christmas pageants. And yet this rustic scene marked the greatest event in the history of mankind.

God's Son became human and came to earth to save us. God had promised to send a Messiah, one who would save His people. He could have easily burst on the scene as a full grown man, a seven foot warrior with fiery eyes and arms of steel. This was what many people were looking for, but it wasn't how God did it. He arrived in the arms of a young girl. He was, as another of our authors put it, "*a very small package, wrapped in rags, given from the heart of God. The perfect gift.*"

God gave His only Son to die in our place so that we, in all our brokenness, could know forgiveness. He came so that we could know what love feels like, real love – love that never leaves,

love that never disappoints, love that is never betrayed. He sent His Son into a corrupted world to bring us hope.

How are you doing this Christmas?

Are you having a hard time finding hope in the world? Are you having a hard time finding peace? It doesn't have to be that way. You can have peace and find hope and know forgiveness through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

You can receive Christ right now by faith through prayer. Praying is simply talking to God. God knows your heart and is not so concerned with your words as He is with the attitude of your heart. Here's a suggested prayer:

Lord Jesus, I want to know You personally. Thank You for dying on the cross for my sins. I open the door of my life to You and ask You to come in as my Saviour and Lord. Take control of my life. Thank You for forgiving my sins and giving me eternal life. Bring peace to my world this Christmas. Make me the kind of person You want me to be.

If this prayer expresses the desire of your heart, pray it right now and Christ will come into your life as He promised. If you invited Jesus Christ into your life, thank God often that He is in your life, that He will never leave you and that you have eternal life.

Church Council Meeting

Church Council Meeting - the next meeting will be held December 10th at 7:15pm. Thanks to Kulley, our Finance Chair, and her committee for completing a 2016 budget which is included at the end of this newsletter for your information. The Church Council passed this budget at our October meeting and the Charge Conference passed it in November as well.

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. Our December meeting will eat breakfast at Mt. Carmel's country breakfast on Sat. Dec. 5 at 8:30 am.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTESSES

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.

Please 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 Jones 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.

2015 Charge Conference



From left to right: District Superintendent Rev. JW Park of Baltimore-Washington UMC, Pastor Rev. Dr. Sue Shorb-Sterling, and Intern Erin Wheeler

Charge Conference was held at Salem on Nov 15 at 3:45pm. District Superintendent JW Park was at the meeting, and there were 11

members from Salem in attendance. Rev. Sue opened the meeting with a prayer.

JW shared with us that in Aug 2016 Bishop Marcus Matthews will be retiring. At the General Conference in April any new Bishop's will be elected.

Pastor compensation was presented, and approved. The Ministry Leadership for 2016 was presented, and all nominations were approved as presented.

Debbie Ambrose is our certified Lay Servant, and we all voted unanimously by ballot to keep Debbie as Lay Servant.

JW closed the meeting with a prayer, and we adjourned at 5pm.

Mary Kay Abramson

All Snowmen Taken! Thank you to everyone who took a snowman from YMCA Mentoring Holiday Gift Drive. These children are involved in the child welfare system and the holidays are especially challenging for them. Please return your gift with the snowman attached by Sunday, Dec 13th. Please wrap the gift.

HAPPENINGS

Welcome Spirit Club! Spirit Club, a fitness group for those with disabilities, began meeting in the Community Hall from 6-7 pm beginning Sept. 16. Our own Philip Weinberger is an avid participant.

Seniors on the Move – Exercise Class: Fridays, 9:00-10:00 am in the Community Hall. Drop in – registration not required! Participate and pay by the session or for the full fall program. For more information contact the leader, Mary-Jo Cosgrove, at mjcosgrove58@gmail.com

GivingTuesday Dec. 1 - "Activate Love"

Transform Lives. Change the World: All donations are matched dollar for dollar up to \$1million. Go to www.umcmission.org and go to Give and Search Mission.

Country Breakfast at Mt. Carmel UMC:

Saturday, Dec. 5. 7 am – 11 am. All you can eat: eggs, sausage, pancakes, beverages and more!

Christmas Evensong: A Christmas music worship experience at St. Paul's in Laytonsville on

Sunday, December 6 at 4 pm. Anyone interested in singing with a joint choir of Ashton, St. Paul's and Mt Carmels' choirs; rehearsal begins at 3 pm.

Cemetery Committee Meeting: Thursday, Dec. 17, 7:00 pm in the Choir Room.

Lord's Table Needs Volunteers: Salem will once again serve dinner to the homeless at the Lord's Table at St. Martin's in Gaithersburg on the 4th Saturday of each month through June. Help is needed for set-up, food preparation and particularly for serving between 3:30-4:40 pm. If you can help in any way, please sign up on the bulletin board. The next Lord's Table is Saturday, December 26th.

JUST A REMINDER

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

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 December Birthdays are:

Espejo, Christina	12/08
Gundersen, Magne	12/08
Groves, Lexie	12/10
McClosky, Barb	12/11
Achstetter, Barb	12/11
Shorb-Sterling, Sue	12/21
Gregg, Kasey	12/28

There are no anniversaries listed for December.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

Sandy Spring Lions Club: Monday, December 14th at 7:00 pm, in Salem Community Hall.

There is a standing request for help in preparing the dinner and setting up the room for the meeting. If you can help Mondays please contact Maryellen Eaton.

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; we will see that Our House gets them.

“FOR I WAS HUNGRY...”

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.

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.

Syrian Refugees: Monetary donations will be sent to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Make checks payable to Salem UMC and mark “Syrian refugees” in the memo line. Or donate online at www.umcor.org.

SHAWLS

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

A NOTE OF THANKS

This e-mail was received by Libby Wright concerning the Thanksgiving baskets.

Hi Libby - yes families!! Actually I ran the numbers more closely and it turns out we served a little over 200 families! Thank you again and Happy Thanksgiving!!!

Christmas baskets are in the church waiting to be filled. Please sign up for items to fill them.

Salem United Methodist Church

November 5, 2015

I wanted to thank you all for the many cards and kind words and prayers following the death of my mother a few weeks ago.

Your love, caring and support means so much. I am grateful.

Love and peace to you all.
Eileen Poe-Yamagata



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ANNA UNGLESBEE!

On Friday, November 6 a group of Anna's friends and relatives gathered at J. K. House of Grace to celebrate Anna's 95th birthday. She requested pizza for her birthday lunch.

Those who attended her birthday lunch were: Carol Janney, Rev. Sue, Jean Karl, Shirley Bowker, Diane Unglesbee, Patti Chappell, Anna, Cindy Peters, Joyce Howes, and Denise Blasewitz who lead us in a hymn sing after pizza and birthday cake.

The Salem Newsletter is assembled and published by Velma Durant, and edited by Curtis Smith and Rev. Dr. Sue Shorb-Sterling

Alternative Giving Suggestions

Alternative Giving is a gift idea for someone who has everything or in memory of a loved one. An alternative gift keeps on giving throughout the year. Here are suggestions for your Christmas giving.

Locally:

Our House is a residential job training center for youth. They are raising funds for a new dormitory for the youth. Donations can be mailed to Our House, 19715 Zion Road, Brookeville, MD 20833 or online at www.our-house.org

Olney Help provides emergency food and financial assistance for those in need in our community. Financial donations can be made to Olney Help, P. O. Box 430, Olney, MD 20830 or online at www.olneyhelp.org

United Methodist Church Ministries:

Salem UM Church's Legacy Fund, Memorial Fund, or Operating Fund- The Legacy Fund provides for major repairs around the church and new ministries. The Memorial Fund provides for items used by the congregation. The Operating Fund ensures that our ministries continue. Donations can be sent to Salem UM Church, 12 High St., Brookeville, MD 20833 or placed in the offering plate. Please mark to which fund the donation is to go.

Board of Child Care Auxiliary is an agency within the church that cares for children, youth, and families. The Auxiliary ensures that youth who are in residential care receives presents at Christmas and birthdays. They provide school supplies and summer outings, too. Donations to the Auxiliary can be made to Salem UM Church, marked Board of Child Care Auxiliary. For more info, go to www.boardofchildcare.org

United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) Advanced Special: Refugee Response Project. Donations can be made to Salem Um Church, marked, "Refugee Fund." Or make a donation online at www.umcor.org to Global Refugee/Migration Crisis Advance Special # 3022144. Check out other Advanced Specials online that minister to those at home and around the world. 100% of donations to Advanced Specials go directly to this ministry.

Advanced Special Giving Tuesday, Dec 1- Every donation made online at umcmission.org/giving-tuesday will "Activate Love. Transform Lives. Change the World." The Advance at umcmission.org/give on Dec. 1, 2015 will be matched up to \$1 million.

Internationally:

Heifer International works with communities to end world hunger and poverty by bringing sustainable agriculture and commerce to areas stricken with poverty. Animals are provided as both food and sustainable income. This brings opportunities for community growth. Donations of animals and other supplies can be made online at www.heifer.org or mail donation to: Heifer International, 1 World Avenue, Little Rock, AR 72202

Compassion is a Christian ministry that addresses the spiritual, social, economic, and physical needs of individual children who live in poverty. Donations can be made to unsponsored children, water projects, or disaster relief at www.compassion.com or mailed to Compassion International, 12290 Voyager Parkway, Colorado Springs, CO 80921-3668. Or consider adopting a child. Monthly cost is \$38 a month.

World Vision works alongside children, families, and communities to provide the tools and training they need for long-term solutions to poverty and injustice. Donations can be made for clean water, micro loans, education and other areas. Donations can be made at www.worldvision.org or mailed to World Vision, P.O. Box 9716, Federal Way, WA 98063

Can you think of other organizations to give a gift that keeps on giving and helps those who have less?

"And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'" Matthew 25:40

Alternative Giving is a way to give a gift to the Christ Child.

Salem United Methodist Church 2016 Budget

2016

INCOME

Pledge	\$128,000.00
Identified	\$60,000.00
Plate	\$3,500.00
Other	<u>\$9,000.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$200,500.00

EXPENSES

Apportionment	\$28,700.00
Bank Fees	\$60.00
VANCO Fees	\$144.00
Caring Ministry	\$0.00
Evangelism & Special Events	\$250.00

Facilities & Equip

Landscaping/Snow Removal	\$3,000.00
Permits/Licenses/Fees	\$800.00
Maintenance/Repair	\$2,500.00
Insurance	\$4,500.00
Maintenance Supplies	\$3,575.00
Ministry	\$300.00
Seminary Intern Ministry Mileage	\$1,700.00
Supplies	\$500.00

Operations

Books/Subscriptions	\$600.00
Printing/Copying	\$650.00
Worship Supplies	\$3,500.00
Envelopes/Flowers	\$300.00
Sunday School/VBS Supplies	\$600.00
Video License	\$100.00
Musical Supplies	\$250.00
Maintenance	\$0.00
Advertising	\$250.00
Substitute Organist	\$1,200.00
Substitute Custodian	\$600.00
Guest Pastor	\$800.00
Postage/Delivery	\$250.00
Copier Lease	\$1,155.00
Telephone (Verizon)	\$3,500.00
Newsletter	\$250.00
Property Taxes	\$375.00

Safe Sanctuary \$250.00

SALARIES/BENEFITS

Payroll	\$93,406.00
Health Insurance	\$10,081.00
Taxes	\$6,500.00
Pension	\$12,156.00
Housing Allowance	\$0.00
Travel/Education	\$4,100.00

UTILITIES

Water, Gas, Fuel, Electric	<u>\$31,000.00</u>
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TOTAL LIABILITIES \$217,902.00

Loss/Gain -\$16,327.00

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 cuginotta1@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.



Cookie Bake-Off Fundraiser EAT COOKIES (like Cookie Monster)

----- and -----

HELP

Raise funds for Salem ASP!

**Sunday, December 13th
during the fellowship hour
Salem UMC Community Hall**

BAKERS NEEDED!!

Bring your favorite Christmas cookies* to earn the title
of "Most Awesome Cookie-Maker"

JUDGES NEEDED!!

Your votes determine the "Most Awesome Cookie-Maker"

\$\$ One dollar/voting chip \$\$

100% of proceeds go to support the 2016 ASP!

COOKIE MONSTERS NEEDED!!

Enjoy awesome cookies and the fellowship!!

*Please bring enough cookies for sharing and voting. Please also provide recipe and label if nuts included.

Appalachia Service Project (ASP) is a Christian ministry, open to all people, that inspires hope and

service through volunteer home repair in Central Appalachia. For more information, please visit ASP website at: <https://www.asphome.org/>

Salem UMC is planning to raise approximately \$8,000 through various fundraising activities for the next 6 months to send at least two 6-7 person crews to ASP in WV next summer. For more information on the Salem ASP, please contact Bob Brown at rmiabrown@gmail.com.

Next ASP fundraising event: Epiphany Auction and Chili Cook-off (Saturday, January 9th, 2016)