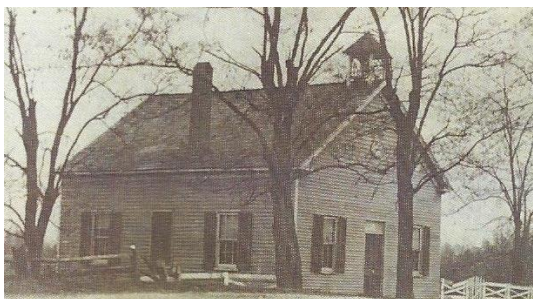


Salem United Methodist Church

January 2016 Newsletter

“181 Years and Still Loving, Serving and Celebrating”



SALEM United Methodist Church 2015



SALEM Methodist Protestant Church 1833

12 High Street, Brookeville, Maryland 20833

Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

IN MEMORY OF JOHN HARVEY HOWES

September 6, 1943 – December 5, 2015



John Harvey Howes was born on September 6, 1943 in the old Montgomery General Hospital to Paul W. and Katherine Green Howes who predeceased him. John was the baby of the family with an older sister, Joann Richards and an older brother, Paul A. Howes. Georgia Avenue was John's home for most of his life except for

those years he was away at school. He lived his adult life in the house he built beside his childhood home. John attended Sherwood High, but didn't graduate from there. As a teen-ager John became a "naughty boy" and was sent to Sandford Prep School from which he received his high school diploma. His time at this school seemed to put him

back on the right track. He attended Wesley College in Dover, Delaware for two years and then transferred to West Virginia Wesleyan where he met the love of his life Joyce. After college, Joyce and John were married on July 15, 1966. Together they had two sons, Chris and Craig who gave John three grandchildren: Dylan, Kalyn, and Madison.

At the age of eight John was riding his bike on Georgia Ave. Right in front of his home a car hit him and he lost his left arm. However, having only one arm never stopped John from being all he could be. As a youth he played football and baseball and in later years John was an umpire and an avid golfer.

His entire career was in the plumbing, heating, and air conditioning business. For twenty-one years he worked for his father's plumbing company, Paul W. Howes and Sons as the office manager. For the past twenty years John worked for N. H. Yates, Inc.

John became a member of Sandy Spring Lions Club in 1966. On June 17, 1984, John became a member at Salem with his wife and sons. John served faithfully in both the church and the Lions Club.

Rev. Sue's Eulogy

TO THE SALEM UM CHURCH COMMUNITY



Rev. Dr. Sue Shorb-Sterling.

To the Salem UM Church Community,

Happy New Year! 2016 is upon us. We made it through Christmas and are well headed into the season of Epiphany, the season in which Christ is made known to us. One of the ways that Jesus is made known to us is through prayer. The Bible records that Jesus often went away to be alone to connect with God. According to Luke's

Gospel, when Jesus returned from one prayer session, one of his disciples asked him to teach them to pray (Luke 11:1). So Jesus taught a version of the prayer we pray every week, The Lord's Prayer. Since this was the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples, perhaps we should call it, The Disciples' Prayer, instead!

Last fall someone suggested that I preach a sermon series on The Lord's Prayer. What a fitting idea for the Epiphany season! In this sermon series we will dig beneath the words we know from memory to get to their meaning and purpose. This sermon series will begin on January 17 and take us through to February 7. We have a short Epiphany season because Lent begins on Wednesday, February 10.

As you contemplate this sermon series, think on this: "What would you like to discover about prayer?" Send me your responses.

Happy Epiphany!

Rev. Sue

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

Jan 3: Epiphany - Erin Wheeler, preaching

Jan 10: Baptism of Our Lord Sunday, New Members being received.

Epiphany Sermon Series: "Teach Us To Pray..."

Jan 17: Intimate Praise

Jan 24: Please, Lord

Jan 31: Forgive?

Feb 7: Please, Lord, Part 2

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group Meets Every Sunday Evening

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

Youth Group: 7:00-8:00 pm

Jan 3: No Youth Group

Jan 10, 17, 24, and 31: We will learn new bell songs and more about grace as well as the church.

During the morning service on December 20th the Young People displayed their wonderful talents playing the Bell Choir. Playing "O Come All Ye Faithful" and "Carol of the Bells" it made one feel very proud knowing these were OUR young people.



Youth Bell Choir

(so sorry for the lighting)

~~~~~  
**ROCK in Ocean City, MD**  
**Feb 5-7**  
 ~~~~~

Membership Classes to Join the Church will be held on Saturday, January 9th; the ceremony will take place on January 10th.

The Book Club

There will be no meeting for January; February's selection will be announced.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Debbie and Brandon Savage on the upcoming addition in their family; twins are expected in June. Stay tuned!

~~~~~  
 And to Randy Kennedy's Grandson and his wife, Ken and Anita Hoch, missionaries in Burkina Faso, Africa, on the birth of a son,



Judah Paxton

born December 10, 2015 in Winchester, VA, weighing in at 7 lbs, 11 oz and 20" long; Judah was named after Leah's son in Genesis 29. The Hochs will be returning to Africa in the near future.



Left to right Anna Unglesbee, Helen Van Druff and Bob Van Druff

**Happy Birthday Bob Van Druff!** Bob celebrated his 96<sup>th</sup> birthday November 30<sup>th</sup> but we celebrated later because of inclement weather.

**ASP 2016**

**ASP COOKIE BAKE-OFF**

The annual "Cookie Bake Off", held each year as a fund raiser for the ASP trip, was held on December 13<sup>th</sup> during Coffee Hour in the Community Hall. There was a very good variety to choose from and the decision for the favorite was very hard to make.



Each vote was \$1.00 and the grand total for the day was \$310.00.



Bob Brown getting the trophies ready  
And the winners are:



First Place Aiden Thompson, Second Place Barbara Achstetter, third place, Amy Roberts

Congratulations and thanks for the treats

The next fundraiser will be the Chili Cook-off and Epiphany Auction on Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the Community Hall. Dig out your favorite recipe and join us. If you have anything

to donate for the auction please contact Bob Brown.

## A TIME FOR CHILDREN

After Sunday school on December 20<sup>th</sup>, the children were treated to a try at breaking a piñata. It was unbroken.



11/29/2015



On the first Sunday of Advent, Erin Wheeler, our Seminary Intern, talked to the children about symbols. Holding up pictures of different objects and having the children identify them was great fun for them and even one of the very young was able, with a shout, to identify Mickey Mouse.



Erin then led the children over to the decorated Christmas tree, which was decorated with symbols of the Christian faith and the children were able to identify many of the symbols as Erin explained their meaning.

This year, your Publisher is taking the liberty to add another program for our children.

On December 20<sup>th</sup>, Rev. Sue told the story from Luke 2:1-4. **In those days Caesar Augustus<sup>1</sup> issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria. And everyone went to his own town to register. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David.**

This story was reenacted by the children as Mary (Amy Roberts) and Joseph (Jacob Weinberger) on their journey to register in the city looked for a place to spend the night, especially since it was time for the birth of the Christ Child.

With the help of the children, Mary and Joseph went from inn to inn looking for a place to stay; the innkeepers (Tom Luke, Myron Shearer) had to tell them there was no room (with the help of the congregation). Finally one innkeeper (Maryellen Brown), although there was ‘no room in the inn,’ offered them the stable where the Christ Child was born.



The children did a wonderful job of telling the story and everyone enjoyed this “Time for Children.”

### THE LONGEST NIGHT

For many, the Christmas Season is a sad time because someone they love is absent from the

fold, whether it be by death or deployment, the loved one is sorely missed.



As the service started there was only the light of Christ shining out as our light was too dim to shine; but as we focused on the joy God sends with His light, we too can feel the light of our loved ones with us, as we light a candle in their honor and place a flower in the empty wreath, we know our loved ones are with us, if only in our hearts. As long as we remember, our loved ones are always with us.



### CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Such a wonderful way to start the Christmas Day celebration! It is 7:30 and the sanctuary is full, waiting for the joyful proclamation, Joy to the World! Jesus Christ is born! The music was a blessing as the congregation sang the old familiar hymns of gladness and Brandon Savage sang “Strange Way To Save The World” and “I Heard The Bells on Christmas Day” as Salem’s bell rang out to the world.



Chuck Sterling sang a Jewish song that was so fitting for the season, "Sweetest Dreams Be Thine."



As a special guest, Rose Edie-Altman brought a family friend, Cellist, Sam Shin. He played "Gesu Bambino," the only way to describe it is BEAUTIFUL!!! Thank you Sam, please come again.



Leaving the service with a renewing of the knowledge John 1:1-5, New International Version (NIV) **1. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it**

As Rev. Sue spoke of Christ as the light in the world of darkness we lit our candles to show



the darkness is vanished. As we each hold our candles high, the darkness cannot stay.

**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.



**Christmas Food Baskets** Once again Salem filled 4 baskets to feed the less fortunate. Thank you, Salem, for caring, once again joining with St. Peters Catholic Church to provide a wonderful Christmas dinner for the less fortunate.

**SALEM'S CHRISTMAS GIVING**

The YMCA Mentoring Holiday Gift Drive is a program for children involved in the child welfare system, snowmen gift program and was a huge success here at Salem.



With a prayer of blessings the gifts were delivered to a representative of the Montgomery County YMCA.

### 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.

### FROM THE CONGREGATION



#### "Sharing With You" ...from Charlyne Lewis

This brand new year of 2016 brings with it all kinds of unexpected "surprises" for all of us - we only have to be open in our minds and hearts to receive them when they come our way!!

The Epiphany is truly a wondrous thing, isn't it? Wouldn't it be neat if we could be 'little mice' and be at the stable when the Magi arrived on that eventful day, and saw the Babe for the first time? What a picture that must have been...they were truly in awe of Him! We are so blessed each year to celebrate His birth and a 'new beginning' ahead for each of us.

May all of you, dear ones, be loved and blessed in this New Year.

Charlyne

*Matthew 2: 7-12*



### CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Church Council Meeting - the next meeting will be held January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:15pm in the Choir Room.

### SALEM UNITED METHODIST MEN

The next meeting of the men's group will be Sat. Jan 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am in the Community Hall. The officers for 2016 are; Buck Bartley, Chair, & Chet Babylon Treasurer. All Salem men are encouraged to attend as we plan for the ways we can serve our God, our Church & our community.

### COFFEE HOUR HOSTESSES/HOSTS

Have you signed up to provide snacks for coffee hour? It doesn't have to be fancy; please contact Anne Ennes @ [ALHENMD@aol.com](mailto:ALHENMD@aol.com) or Joyce Howes @ [cucinotta1@verizon.net](mailto: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](http://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/20F0948AAD2AA5F94-altar](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0948AAD2AA5F94-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 BAZAAR

Salem UMC is truly blessed with the many talents that embody our church. We give of ourselves in so many ways as a means of serving God. Thank you to those who assisted with the success of this year's Salem UMC Holiday Bazaar. The monies (over \$4,300.00) were raised

Salem News January 2016

at this event and will help the Salem Women continue to send monies to our local charities and ASP as we have in the past. Again thank you to those who came, supported and volunteered their time to make this a successful bazaar. It was great seeing those we have not seen in ages! A follow-up meeting will be held in January 2016.

Connie Somerville



The ladies who gave their 'all'

Over \$4,300.00 was made during 5 hours of operation, which will be used in different programs of the church,



The different theme baskets were a big hit as were the baked goods.

The big thrill for the young and old alike was Santa. Not only did he sit on his throne by the beautifully decorated Christmas tree but he also walked around talking to children everywhere.



Anna Ungelsbee with Santa.

**HAPPENINGS**

**Welcome Spirit Club!** Spirit Club, a fitness group for those with disabilities, meets Wednesdays in the Community Hall from 6-7 pm. 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](mailto:mjcosgrove58@gmail.com)

**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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, January 23rd.

~~~~~

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 January Birthdays are:

- Gundersen, Danielle 01/02
- VanHorn, Deb 01/02
- Bartley, Rachel 01/03
- Lange, Marilyn 01/06
- Stahley-Brown, Maryellen 01/18
- Gregg, Kristen 01/20
- Ranshaw, David 01/20
- York, Marcia 01/20
- Ennes, Kathryn 01/22
- Robinson, Linda 01/24
- Poe-Yamagata, Emma 01/27
- Harischandra, Wathsala 01/29

The January Anniversaries are:
Ennes, Mark and Anne 01/25

The Windows of Salem UMC, Brookeville, MD

by Rose Eide-Altman

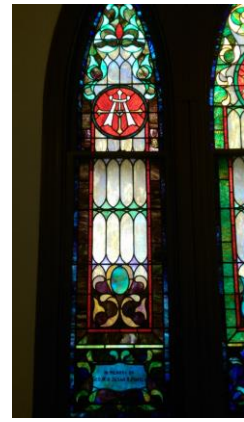
This is the first in a series of articles about the people mentioned in the stained glass windows of Salem United Methodist Church, Brookeville, MD. For ease of discussion I have numbered the windows, with number 1 being the one in the choir loft, front right of church. Follow around that north facing wall with windows 1-5, then 6-8 together in the back of the church, the east facing wall, and on around. The sources are Sources: "The Book of Names, Genealogical Record of a Community;" the history of Brookeville; the Federal Census as found on www.ancestry.com; and www.findagrave.com. This article is just a simple overview of facts from these public documents.

The first windows we will look at are the three that have the name "Parsly", windows 4, 6 and 14.



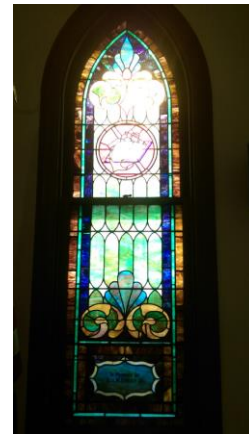
Window 4 is inscribed
"In Memory of Margaret J. Parsly"

Margaret J. Parsly (June 3, 1822-Jan. 8, 1895) was listed in the census as a seamstress, and the records never include a husband so apparently she never married. She is sister to George Parsley, Sr. (see window 6) and buried in the Salem cemetery with last name spelled "Parsley", not "Parsly" as in the window.



Window 6 is inscribed
"In Memory of Geo. W. & Susan R. Parsly".

George W. Parsley, Sr. (May 30, 1820-July 15, 1902) was married to Susan R. Lewis (Sept. 16, 1822-Nov. 5, 1898). George was a shoemaker and they had 3 children: Margaret E. Parsley (b. 1847, married William Hicks Jones, see window 11); John Henry Parsley (Nov. 28, 1851-Dec. 14, 1923) and George W. Parsley, Jr. (1853-May 16, 1895). George, Sr. and Susan are buried in the Salem cemetery where the last name is spelled "Parsley", not "Parsly" like the window.



Window 14 is inscribed "In Memory of Geo. W.
Parsly Jr."

George W. Parsly, Jr. (1853-May 16, 1895) was the son of George and Susan Parsly, Sr. (see window 6) and he was married to Annie Kate Jones (Oct. 4, 1857-Dec. 17, 1944). George was a shoemaker like his father, died at 42 years old, and he and Annie, who lived 87 years, are buried in the Salem cemetery where their names are spelled "Parsley", again unlike the windows. His son was Charles Elgar Parsley (1888-1955) who is also buried in the Salem cemetery, along with his wife Addie Parsley (1881-1954).

The church was built in 1910. It is interesting to note that all 4 of these individuals died within 15 years prior to that time, leading me to believe that the windows were installed at the time of it being built rather than at a later time. A likely person to donate and memorialize the windows would have been Annie Kate Jones, George Parsly, Jr.'s wife.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

Sandy Spring Lions Club: Monday, January 25th 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](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!

A NOTE OF THANKS

On behalf of my sons, Chris and Craig, and their families, I would like to thank the people of Salem for helping us prepare for the celebration and remembrance of John's life. John demonstrated great commitment and kept his priorities in order. You demonstrated these same qualities to us these past few weeks, especially at his memorial service. It couldn't have been a more perfect tribute. Thank you to Pastor Sue and everyone at Salem who supported John and our family. Well done, good and faithful servants of God...well done. John would hug each and everyone of you!

May You All Enjoy Peace and Love This Christmas

Joyce Howes

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

Additional brick orders can be placed with Joyce Howes, with installation planned for late spring. Proceeds from this sale will go into the church general fund.

Brick size 4" x 8" engraved is \$125

Brick size 8" x 8" engraved is \$200

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

MEMORY GARDEN BRICK ORDER FORM

Brick Purchased by: _____

Phone or email:

Check Size:

Brick Size 4" x 8"

Brick Size 8" x 8"

Message for engraving:

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