

Salem United Methodist Church

March 2016 Newsletter

«183 Years and Still Loving, Serving and Celebrating»



SALEM Methodist Protestant Church 1833



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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,

Someone said to me recently, "Can you believe it is March already? Where did January and February go?" I concurred as I thought, "Wasn't it Christmas just a short while ago?" Yet here we are in the season of Lent, preparing ourselves to face the Crucifixion and Resurrection yet again. Good preparation for any event is so important for the success of an event. Some events may even take years to plan. Just look at this election season and see how much planning goes into the journey to become President. For Jesus, his trek to the cross was the focus of his ministry. It really began before he was born. But when he started to take the literal steps to journey to

Jerusalem, he began to prepare his disciples for his upcoming death and resurrection by asking questions. A good teacher asks questions for the students to ponder.

The first question was, "Who do you say that I am?" (Luke 9:20). The crowds believed that Jesus was a second Elijah or John the Baptist, but Peter answered that Jesus is the Christ sent by God. The term, "Christ" is the Greek word for Messiah. At this point in the story, it is difficult to know if Peter understood Jesus to be a military deliverer who was going to take back Jerusalem from the Romans or if he was the spiritual Messiah.

The second question was, "What advantage do people have if they gain the whole world for themselves yet perish or lose their lives?" (Luke 9:25). Right before Jesus asks this question, he tells his disciples about his upcoming rejection, suffering, execution, and resurrection. Jesus then answers is won question with the importance of self-denial, taking up one's cross, and following him. In other words, to lose one's life is to be saved. That's the challenge of the cross. Dying to self and following Jesus is the cost of discipleship. What does that look like for us in the 21st century?

During the rest of the season of Lent, we will be asking ourselves the two questions Jesus asked his disciples. How do we answer them? Following Jesus is difficult and challenging. Does what we believe match what we say and do? Following Jesus is pledging our allegiance to him before our allegiance to anything or anyone else. Do we try to live by pledging allegiance to two different and sometimes contradictory worlds?

So “Who do you say Jesus is?” and “What advantage do we have to gain if we do not pursue being a faithful disciple of Jesus?”

The questions Jesus asks are revolutionary in character. He is a rebel with a cause- a rebel who stirred up trouble 2000 years ago and still does today as he offers hope, joy, and peace in the midst of pain, suffering, and conflict.

Just asking,
Rev. Sue

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

**Lent Sermon Series: (Re)Discovering Jesus:
Rebel, Revolutionary, Radical**

March 6 The Revolutionary Jesus
March 13 The Radical Jesus (Daylight Saving Time begins. Set those clocks one hour ahead.)

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March 27 Easter Sunday
7:00 am Easter Sunrise in Cemetery
7:30 am Breakfast in Community Hall
8:15 and 10:00 am Sermon Title: A Revolutionary Resurrection
9:30 am Easter Egg Hunt

Holy Week

Holy Thursday at Salem 7:30 pm in Community Hall
Soup Supper, “Denied, Betrayed” skit, and table communion
Good Friday at St. Paul in Laytonsville 7:30 pm
Experiencing the Crucifixion through scripture and music

Easter Egg Hunt

Easter morning at 9:30 am. Churchill Groves is organizing this. We are in need of wrapped candy donations. Bring them to the church by March 20.

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group Meets Every Sunday Evening

All middle and high-school students are welcome. You do not need to attend Salem.

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

Youth Group: 7:00-8:00 pm

The youth group will be studying The Renegade Gospel

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**ROCK**

Thank you to all who adopted a Rocker.



From left to right: Rev. Sue, Amy Roberts, Mary Ellen Eaton in front of Joey Brantley, Aiden Thompson in front of Donovan Thompson, Wyatt Thompson, Jacob Weinberger, Sandy Harishcandra, Tom Luke (missing Joe Meisner)

On Friday, Feb 5 seven youth and four adults began our annual pilgrimage to Ocean City to participate in ROCK, a youth event sponsored by the Baltimore-Washington Conference at the Convention Center. We joined with 5000 youth and adults from all over our Conference area to worship with two Christian bands, 7eveth Time Down and Urban Street Level. Our speaker for the weekend was Dr. Brenda Salter McNeil, Associate Professor of Reconciliation Studies from Seattle Pacific University. She led a Bible study on the Book of Jonah and compared what he went through with her own life and encouraged us to see how we fit into Jonah’s story. Her message was that each person has a purpose, but like Jonah we can run away from our purpose, but God keeps calling us back to our purpose.

Submitted by: Rev. Sue Shorb-Sterling

## Souper Bowl Sunday



Our young people celebrated Souper Bowl a week late since they were enjoying their time at ROCK. The congregation was very generous and with the store weekly ad in hand they did a fantastic job in shopping for Olney Help.

## Game Night



Mary Morrel, Shelby, Piper, and Tom Luke played Twister with Nancy Morrel giving directions.

There were between 12–15 people who attended the youth-sponsored game night. We snacked and played games that were old favorites and a few new games. The room was filled with laughter and people having fun.

## 30-HOUR FAMINE 2016



The Salem youth group successfully completed another 30 Hour Famine on February 26 and 27. The famine is a fundraiser which asks sponsors to support youth as they fast to help overcome worldwide hunger. Their efforts raised

about \$1200 for the ministry of World Vision to the 805 million people who are hungry around the globe. These funds will help with emergency responses, recovery, and long-term development, helping children and families achieve food security. World Vision helps by teaching improved farming techniques, equipping families to grow healthier crops and livestock, providing access to clean water for nutritious harvests, running malnutrition centers, and distributing emergency food supplies when there's a disaster. A donation of \$35 can feed one child for one month.

Our youth did more than go hungry; they sought compassion, awareness, insight, understanding, sympathy, consideration, kindness, love for those who are hungry, and the presence of God. They were physically challenged to experience a small bit of what the most marginalized go through daily. They were spiritually encouraged to find the will, passion, and faith to know God's heart for the poor. They served their neighbors at The Lord's Table. They were relationally bonded in hunger and hope.



The experience was rewarding for all involved. Thank you to participating youth: Joey Brantley, Amy Roberts, Aiden Thompson, Donovan Thompson, Wyatt Thompson, and Jacob Weinberger. Thank you to the adult volunteers: Barbara Achstetter, Mary Ellen Eaton, Tom Luke, Joe Meisner, Carol Roberts, Erin Wheeler, and Rev. Sue.

You can see more information or donate online by visiting [30hourfamine.org](http://30hourfamine.org).

Submitted by: Erin Wheeler

## THE SALEM LADIES REPORT

There was a 2015 Salem Holiday Bazaar follow-up meeting held on February 13, 2016. A brunch of several yummy egg casseroles, fruit and breads/rolls and juice was served. We raised a little more than \$4,300.00 at the 2015 Bazaar! Amazing work done by all. We discussed having several fundraisers during the year to avoid burnouts. Mary Ellen Eaton dispersed checks in January 2016 to in-house recipients. She will disperse checks up to \$2,000.00 to these local charities: Our House, Winter Growth, Compassion, Olney Help, Montgomery Hospice (formally Hospice Caring), Prison Outreach, Wesley Theological Ministry and Central Union Mission.

### Future Fundraisers:

**April 1, 2016** (6:30pm to 9:00pm) - "Movie Night" (no charge for movie), \$\$ for food (hot dogs, burgers, fries, popcorn, brownies and cookies) "Inside Out" was mentioned as feature movie.

**April 30, 2016** (5:00pm to 7:30pm) - "Spring Fried Chicken Dinner" with fixings. Debbie McKeever will take care of the chicken. More to come!

**September 2016 (TBD)** "September Back to School Spaghetti Supper" with fixings. Stay tuned!

**November 25, 2016** (time TBD) Decorate Salem UMC for the Christmas Holiday. More to come!

Mary Ellen Eaton and Fred Ambrose plan to visit the showroom in Baltimore this spring to see the dish sanitizer and ice maker that has been selected for the kitchen.

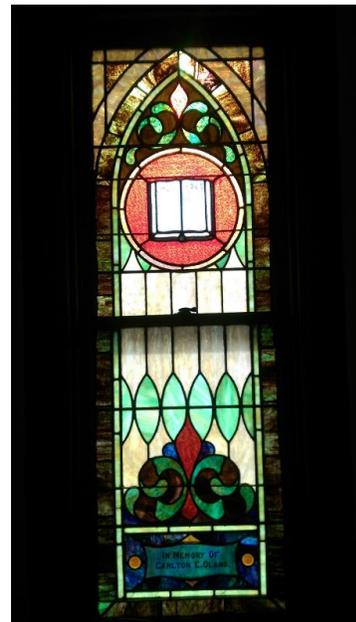
## THE WINDOWS OF SALEM UMC, BROOKEVILLE, MD

by Rose Eide-Altman

The third article about the people mentioned in the stained glass windows of Salem United Methodist Church, Brookeville, MD, features windows 12, 13 and 15. 13 and 15 are memorials of children, and 12 is the grandfather of 13. I think it is interesting to note that the children's windows were originally installed in the "Sunday School" wing: the bump-out room closest to Church Street. Window 15 was moved in 1995 to create the

doorway from the sanctuary to the addition, and installed beside the back door leading to the covered walkway and ramp to the education building.

Just a reminder: 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 I used are: "The Book of Names, Genealogical Record of a Community": the history of Brookeville; the Federal Census records as found on [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com); and cemetery records on [www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com). These window articles are just a simple overview of facts from these public documents.



Window 12 is inscribed: "In Memory of Carlton E. Oland"

Carlton Edward Oland (Nov. 22, 1848-Aug. 7, 1906) was married to Margaret A. Oland (April 28, 1853-May 4, 1939). Carlton and Margaret are buried in the Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Frederick. Carlton was a farmer and they had 15 children, one of whom was Amy Florence Oland Hett, mother of Bertha Hett, window 13. Other children included Birdie Virginia Oland Hawkins (1880-1968) and Bertha Johnson Oland Parsley (1883-1974).



Window 13 is inscribed: "In Memory of Bertha V. Hett"

Bertha Virginia Hett is buried in Mount Carmel Patuxent Cemetery. Her tombstone states: "Bertha V., daughter of J. D. and Amy F. Hett, Died Jan. 16, 1906, aged 1 year, 18 days." Her parents: Amy Florence Oland (Feb. 22, 1879-Jan. 15, 1959) married on March 2, 1897 to John Douglas Hett (1877-Jan. 19, 1964) are both buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Frederick. They had 5 other children.



Window 15 is inscribed:

"In Memory of Meredith B. Green by the Sunday School"

The Book of Names states that Meredith Brooke Green (April 12, 1901- Aug. 26, 1910) died at 9 years old. His parents were Dr. William  
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French Green (July, 1851- May 25, 1919), the Brookeville physician, and Edith Farquhar Brooke Green (May 30, 1869 – 1954). They had one other child: Mary F. Green (b. 1904). According to the 1920 census, after Dr. Green died in 1919, Edith and her daughter moved in with her sister, Mary B. Brooke, in Olney.

## THE BOOK CLUB

**Tuesday, March 8, 7:30 pm** at Debbie Ambrose's home

**Peaches for Father Francis by Joanne Harris** (fiction)

When Vianne Rocher receives a letter from beyond the grave, she has no choice but to return to Lansquenet, where she once owned a chocolate shop and learned the meaning of home. But returning to one's past can be a dangerous pursuit, and Vianne and her daughters find the beautiful French village changed in unexpected ways: women veiled in black, the scent of spices in the air, and—facing the church—a minaret. Most surprising of all, her old nemesis, Francis Reynaud, desperately needs her help. Can Vianne work her magic once again?

**Tuesday, April 5, 7:30 pm** at Suzanne Friis' home.

**Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption** by Bryan Stephenson (non-fiction) This author will be speaking at the Weinberg Center in Frederick on Thursday, April 21.

A powerful true story about the potential for mercy to redeem us, and a clarion call to fix our broken system of justice. Bryan Stephenson was a young lawyer when he founded the Equal Justice Initiative, a legal practice dedicated to defending those most desperate and in need: the poor, the wrongly condemned, and women and children trapped in the farthest reaches of our criminal justice system. One of his first cases was that of Walter McMillian, a young man who was sentenced to die for a notorious murder he insisted he didn't commit. The case drew Bryan into a tangle of conspiracy, political machination, and legal brinkmanship—and transformed his understanding of mercy and justice forever. *Just Mercy* is at once an unforgettable account of an idealistic, gifted young lawyer's coming of age, a moving window into the lives of those he has

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defended, and an inspiring argument for compassion in the pursuit of true justice.

**Tuesday, May 3** at 7:30 pm. Location TBD.

**Jesus Feminist** by Sarah Bessey (non-fiction). Location TBD

Gender roles have been debated for centuries, and now Sarah Bessey offers a clarion freedom call for all who want to realize their giftedness and potential in the kingdom of God. Through a thoughtful review of biblical teaching and church practices, Bessey shares how following Jesus made a feminist out of her.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

**Congratulations Dr. Don Moore**

Don Moore has been appointed Director of The Oregon Zoo. He was a Smithsonian National Zoological Park senior scientist and served as the Associate Director of Animal Care Sciences at the National Zoo. Don attended our 8:15 worship service and was faithful in serving at The Lord’s Table where he made the “best” soup to warm the clients on cold days. Don has also presented programs on climate change at Salem and created the landscaping in front of the ramp. We pray for him as he transitions to his new position and location. We look forward to his trips back to Brookeville.

**OUR SYMPATHY**

Salem UMC expresses their condolence to:

Debbie and Brandon Savage and the rest of the Rice family on the loss of her father, Donald Rice.

Hisashi Yamagata and his family on the loss of his father, Osamu Yamagata in Japan.

The Seibel family on the loss of their wife and Mother, Pat Seibel.

Joanne Ranshaw and family on the loss of her uncle John Kovalchick.

And to Patti Fekete on the loss of her step-mother, Louise Garris.

Matthew 20:28 ESV

“Even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

**FROM THE CONGREGATION**

**“Sharing My Thoughts With You”  
from Charlyne Lewis**



We are now going through the 40 days of Lent...a time in our lives to stop and reflect on things we *have* done; *not* done; and how we can correct some of the mistakes we’ve made.

Lent is a very special season of our Church year...we can once again ‘*feel*’ along with Jesus the scourging, the whip lashes, the heavy Cross, and finally the nails hammered into His flesh...as we travel the road to Calvary along with our Lord. It is also a time of repentance, fasting, and forgiveness on our part.

May each of you experience a ‘new beginning’ this Easter, and rejoice in all the wonderful gifts the Master has so freely given you.

God Bless...

Charlyne

Hymn 593  
Mark 12:28-34



**Technology and Biomedical Ethics**

On February 14, I was one of four participants in a panel discussion entitled “Technology and Biomedical Ethics” which was sponsored by the Wesley-Nexus Foundation and held at the Baltimore-Washington United Methodist Conference Center. The discussions drew on our

professional expertise, but were meant to illumine our personal beliefs, informed by our religious convictions, about ethical issues raised by rapidly development biomedical technologies.

My main reason for participating in this panel discussion was my concern about a culture of science that increasingly rejects religion, and often voices special contempt for Christianity. Suffice to say that for two thousand years Western society has dramatically altered life on Earth with scientific innovation. For most of that history, the scientists were either guided or restrained by Judeo-Christian ethics. I believe it is because of that powerful restraining force that, on the whole, more good than harm has been accomplished by science. But one wonders how the world might be now had our scientists felt no obligation to conform to, or even acknowledge, the moral code embodied in our religious teachings. In my worst moments I fear that we are soon to learn the dreadful answer to that question. Now, more than ever, it is important for scientists to acknowledge that the realm of morality is beyond the scope of our power to create or control – and that we are in desperate need of guidance.

More on the meeting can be found at:

<http://www.wesnex.org/>

Rob Morell

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New Prayer Practices

Even those who have been praying for a lifetime can benefit from **new prayer practices**. Here are a few examples of **new ways to pray**:

- **Breath prayers:** Inhale one worshipful phrase and exhaling another.
- Personalize Scripture in prayer. Substitute a name or the words "I" or "me" where appropriate.
- Read Scripture as you pray. Read a verse or two, then stop to pray what comes to mind. Continue the process several times throughout a passage of Scripture.
- Involve all of your senses. Hold a cross or another physical reminder of your faith. Light candles. Pray in the moonlight or at sunrise.

- Travel and pray. **Walk and pray** for your neighbors and community. Pray for the children as you wait in line to pick up yours. Pray for businesses as you pass their billboards on the interstate.
- Pray through the alphabet. Think of a name of God or a characteristic of God that begins with each letter. Or use each letter as a prompt for a certain person for whom you can pray.
- Check out Upper Room's **prayer methods** and register for their **prayer challenge**.

Submitted by Suzanne Friis

ASP 2016

Valentine Breakfast



Pictured left to right are Amy Roberts, Aiden Thompson, Wyatt Thompson, Jacob Weinberger, Donovan Thompson and Donovan's friend

Members of the ASP team heading for West Virginia this summer created a wonderful breakfast for their February Fundraiser.

Future Fund raisers include:

ASP Encore Singers Concert: Sunday, March 6, 2016, at 6pm in the Sanctuary. Concert features the Kelltones, specialists in original Celtic music with voice and Celtic instruments and the Encore Singers, and a cappella chamber choir. Freewill donation benefits the Appalachian Service Project.

Oyster Dinner: Saturday, March 12, 6:00 pm in the Community Hall. See flyer for details.

Yard sale

Saturday, April 16, 8:00 am – 1:00 pm

All proceeds support the ASP crews' home-building trip June 19-25 in West Virginia.

To donate items, contact Buck Bartley.

A TIME FOR CHILDREN



During the children's sermon on February 21 we started our Lenten study of Jesus by learning about some of his nicknames: Shepherd, Lamb, King, Son of God, Son of Man, Servant of all, and Savior of the World. It's fun to learn more about Jesus from his names just like our nicknames reveal things about us. Thank you, God, for Jesus!

Submitted by: Erin Wheeler

MEMORY GARDEN

If you are interested in placing an order for a brick to honor/remember someone Please see Joyce Howes for more information.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Church Council Meeting Highlights
February 25, 2016

- † Debbie Ambrose opened the meeting with a devotion from the Upper Room. We are reminded to examine whether we are living in faith and are called to act upon the fruit of the Spirit, planting seeds of the gospel where they are needed as Christ has called us to do.
- † Rev. Sue reported on January worship attendance. The average was 59. Concern was shared for the VanDruffs. The family is searching for a new caregiver for them.
- † We have many events coming up in March, especially during Holy Week. Be sure to check your Sunday bulletin for the latest.
- † Suzanne Friis shared progress on the writing of a Salem Ministries Book which will contain important information about our committees, ministries, and operations. This will be a "Nuts and Bolts" about Salem.

- † Bill Lively shared the current balance of the Legacy Fund. (\$32,130.28) This reflects generous contributions made in memory of John Howes.
- † Connie Somerville shared recent work of the Trustees, including a report on our snow removal effort.
- † Connie also shared information about the Women's plans for the upcoming year.
- † Trish Luke addressed the Council. She has been doing much personal reflection and prayer about issues that affect us all individually and nationally. She is very passionate about the need for Christians to be informed and active around these issues. She has found several websites with information/ materials/ programs about: encouraging people to register and vote; understanding Islam; and encouraging congregations to become more involved in civic issues. Council members will be examining these websites and prayerfully considering the role that Salem might play in addressing the issues they present. Thanks, Trish!
- † The Council discussed the 3 Goals we have identified for 2016. They are:
 1. Increase attendance (grow our church family)
 2. Find new ways to reach out to the community
 3. Continue to streamline our various church accounts into one Operating Account

In small groups, we brainstormed ways to move forward with these goals. Be watching for these ideas to develop over the next several months.

Rev. Sue ended the meeting with prayer.

Our next meeting is April 28, 2016. All are welcome.

Debbie Ambrose, Church Council Chair

SALEM UNITED METHODIST MEN

There will be a special Men's Group Breakfast Sat. April 2nd in the Community Hall, at 9:00 am. Men from neighboring UM Churches are being invited. Our speaker for the morning is Rev. Tim Warner who serves Emory Grove UMC in Gaithersburg. Rev. Jim Pugh who serves St. Paul's in Laytonsville and Mt. Carmel in Sunshine will be leading the men in singing. Salem men invite a friend. Coffee and donuts will be served.

SIGN-UP FOR:

ALTAR FLOWERS:

If you would like to provide flowers during the 2016 worship year, please sign up on the list posted on the bulletin board in the Hallway.

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.

Coffee Hour Hostesses/Hosts

Have you signed up to provide snacks for coffee hour? Please volunteer to provide a coffee hour or two this year. You may sign up on the list posted on the bulletin board in the Hall or go to: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4fa8aa2ba3f85-coffee2>

Volunteers-in-Mission (VIM) trip to Costa Rica:



David Ranshaw was part of a 34-person team that went to Costa Rica Feb 12-Feb 20. The team, sponsored by Catonsville UMC, did various work projects in the local community and at the Methodist Rural Retreat Center.

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 March Birthdays are:

Groves, Briana	03/11
Groves, Nicholas	03/12
Buswell, Beth (Geib)	03/16
VanHorn, Zach	03/20
Sterling, Becky	03/26
Beye, David	03/29
Robinson, George	03/29
Ochsenreiter, Lauren	03/31

The March Anniversaries are:

Ambrose, Fred and Debbie	03/22
Howes, Warren and Janet	03/29

OUR COMMUNITY

Sandy Spring Lions Club: Monday, March 29th 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.

HAPPENINGS

Spaces Available on Tour of the Holy Land with St. Paul's UMC (Kensington): Buck and Rachel Bartley will be taking a tour of the Holy Land organized by Rev. Buckingham, a biblical scholar. This trip includes the actual area of the Jordan River where Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist, a site only recently opened to tourists. If you are interested in joining the tour, contact Buck Bartley.

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

Church Summer Camp: The Baltimore-Washington Conference offers summer camp for children and youth from Grades 3-12 both at Manidokan located across the Potomac River from Harpers Ferry, WV and West River south of Annapolis. Brochures with the summer schedule are on the table by the side entrance of the church.

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, September 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, March 26th.

Kairos Prison Ministry: Ron Sterling will be leading a team of 35 Christian men who will minister the Love of Christ to 42 residents at the Western Correctional Institution (W.C.I.) in Cumberland Md. Thurs. April 21-Sun. April 24. We are invited to support this ministry these ways:

Prayer: The entire 72 hours is covered with prayer. We can register to pray at www.3dayol.org, click on prayer vigils, and look for Western Cumberland.

Write Letters: During this time, the prison residents receive letters of spiritual encouragement. We are invited to write these types of letters. The letters can be addressed: “Dear Brother in Christ” and brought to the church.

Decorate a Place Mat: At each meal, the residents will receive placements decorated with images and words that reflect God’s love. Bring completed to church.

Purchase a Bible: Each resident will receive a Bible. The cost of the Bible is \$25. Checks can be made out to Maryland Kairos and given to Rev. Sue.

JUST A REMINDER

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

“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.

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!

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**Thank you ladies for all the Prayer Shawls, it is a vital ministry of our church, a blessing to those who receive them and the person who gives them knowing they helped in bringing HOPE to those sick, and burdened with other issues.**

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Rev. Dr. Sue Shorb-Sterling or Suzanne Friis

## My Trip to Baltimore

- Erin Wheeler

In January I participated in the Baltimore



Intercultural Immersion course led by Dr. Anthony Hunt through Wesley Theological Seminary. The class promised to provide an in-context, in-depth engagement with the study of urban ministry in Baltimore, Maryland with a focus on the impact of issues such as economics, violence, addiction, health, and education along with shifts in demographics and cultures on community and ministry settings.

For ten days I lived in international community with twelve other seminary students as we visited and ministered in significant sites throughout the area.

We started the week by serving breakfast at Manna House, a ministry to the poor and marginalized. We were able to speak with residents in Sandtown about their community as we toured the neighborhood with Rev. Rodney Hudson from Ames Memorial UMC. We visited the Board of Childcare and learned about their work with unhoused youth. We toured Healthcare for the Homeless. We spoke with Councilwoman Rev. Helen Holton about public policy and the intersection of faith and politics. We visited The Samaritan Woman and The Living Well which are ministries addressing human trafficking. We visited Lovely Lane UMC and Sharp Street Memorial to get a sense of urban church history. We visited several other churches which are pioneering new ways to address community



partnerships and immigration ministry.

My conclusion is that urban ministry - and all ministries - is about loving people. Loving people looks like this: teaching life skills, not ignoring problems, honoring and respecting all individuals, and seeing people with the eyes of Christ. Part of that vision is a harsh reality. Part of that vision is faithful hope. This wisdom was flashing before my eyes for ten days in Baltimore.

Dr. Hunt repeatedly asked us to look for signs of hope in Baltimore. On our first drive through the city we encountered a large art installation which would become a regular sight as we traveled about the city. Curious and intrigued by the billboard style signs, I went to the internet for more information and learned that the signs are part of a collection of

nine murals commissioned in 2014 by the city in a project titled *Love Letter to Baltimore*. The artist, Stephen Powers ESPO, employs purple, white, black, and orange block letters to create public art in highly visible locations like along the I-95 and I-295 corridors. The mural I saw became a regular reminder of hope. Painted on the Second Chance building is a store-sized mural which states, "What is and what can be." This message of renewal perfectly captures what I learned about Baltimore and urban ministry. It speaks to the pride of the city's history and the desire for a better future. Many murals and examples of street art in the city reminded me of hope breaking in and the fighting spirit of people who have not given up on their home. My improved Christ-like perspective on ministry applies this kind of aggressive hope which sees

boldly with clarity what is and what can be in each community and person.

**ASP FUNDRAISER  
ROAST BEEF AND OYSTER DINNER**



Saturday, March 12  
5:30 - 7:30 pm  
Salem Community Hall

**EAT IN OR CARRY OUT**

Oysters, roast beef, hot dogs for kids, green beans, mashed potatoes/gravy, stewed tomatoes, dessert, coffee and iced tea.

\$30.00/Adult

\$10.00/Child

For reservations call/text 240-388-8490

Walk-ins accepted.

Proceeds support the Appalachian Service work crews' summer homebuilding trip.

**ASP FUNDRAISER  
ROAST BEEF AND OYSTER DINNER**