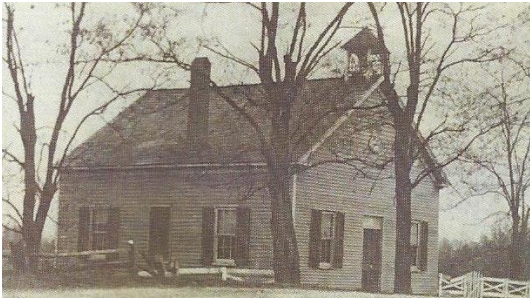


# Salem United Methodist Church

## July - August 2016 Newsletter

«183 Years and Still Loving, Serving and Celebrating»



SALEM Methodist Protestant Church 1833



SALEM United Methodist Church 2016

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-

One of the hallmarks of the 21<sup>st</sup> century is the lack of loyalty people have to organizations. People are not trusting organized groups or clubs; and aren't becoming members. This is also true with organized religion. Denominations are shrinking in numbers while there are a growing number of people who are claiming to be non-religious. So what is Methodism and why are we Methodist? What does it mean to be a Christian who claims to be a Methodist? We will be exploring these questions in our summer sermon series from July 24-Aug 28. Perhaps an

understanding of Methodism will help us both understand who we are as Christians and be able to explain to others what Methodism is.

We will learn how Methodism came to be. We will come to an understanding that we are concerned about inviting people to experience God's grace. We will identify the importance of growing in our knowledge and love of God. And we will see how Methodists put their faith and love into action through disciplined living. Methodism is often called the practical faith because we believe that we are to witness our faith through our actions.

During the summer many of us will be taking time to re-create and recreate through time away on vacations. While we are away, sermons can still be viewed on our website at [www.salemunitedmethodist.org](http://www.salemunitedmethodist.org); pick up hard copy when you return, contact Rev. Sue and she can email you a copy, or obtain a CD for a particular Sunday by contacting Rev. Sue or Bob Brown.

Salem is a Methodist Church and has been for 183 years. Through these years many have come through our doors, sat in our pews, experienced God's grace, and have put their faith into action both at the church and in the world.

They are our witnesses to how to practice disciplined living. Does this method to Christianity still have something to offer us in the 21st century? I believe so!

Yours in Christ,  
Rev. Sue

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**New Sermon Series:**

July 10 Erin Wheeler, preaching  
July 17 Rev. Mark Derby, preaching

Summer Sermon Series: "So, What is a United Methodist?"

- July 24 Historical
- July 31 Experiential
- Aug 7 Disciplined
- Aug 14 Practical
- Aug 21 Love in Action
- Aug 28 Faith in Action

**GUEST MINISTERS**

Salem wishes to thank the following Ministers for filling our Pulpit while Rev. Sue is enjoying her much-earned vacation.

On July 10<sup>th</sup> Erin Wheeler was welcomed back. She told us of her work this summer with Manna House in Baltimore. She became interested in it when her class in Seminary spent two weeks working with the poor and homeless in Baltimore. She was very impressed in their ministry and dedicated much of her summer working with them.



On July 17<sup>th</sup> Rev. Mark Derby will be presenting the Word. We are very pleased that Rev. Derby has made time to join us for a service during Rev. Dr. Sue's vacation.



This picture is from an earlier visit.

**YOUTH GROUP**

**Youth Group: 6:30-8:00 pm**

All middle and high-school students are welcome.  
You do not need to attend Salem.  
Youth Group will reconvene in September

**THE BOOK CLUB**

**Stay tuned for the Fall schedule.**

**OUR SYMPATHY TO:**

We wish to express our condolence to:  
The Cox Family on the loss of Nancy's Mother, Marie Saul.  
To Kim and Myron Shear on the loss of her father, Elmer Johnson.  
And to Randy Kennedy on the loss of his beloved pet and companion, Snuggles.  
Trish Huff (Luke) lost her beloved pet to cancer. However; they have acquired a new puppy who likes to chew on the girls' (Piper's and Shelby's) toes.

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*Psalm 30:5 ...Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.*  
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**1John 5:14...Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.**

**APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT (ASP) 2016**



The Consecration of the ASP Team



**Back Row:** Danielle Van Horn, Joey Brandt, Amy Roberts, Jacob Weinberger, Wyatt Thompson, Kenny Wahl, Sandy Harischandra, Cameron Dougherty, Donovan Thompson

**Front Row:** David Ranshaw, Bob Brown, Barbara Achstetter, Libby Wright, Hisashi Yamagata

We give thanks for our two ASP teams who have returned home safely from West Virginia. They had no problems on the drive back even with all the flooding in that state. Both teams worked hard and really made a difference in the lives of two families in Logan County! Well done, good and faithful Salem servants of God!

Rev. Sue Shorb-Sterling

**SALEM UNITED METHODIST MEN**

All men are invited to the Salem Men’s Group for breakfast and devotions on the first Saturday of the month at 8:30 am.

**FREDERICK KEYS BASEBALL GAME**



Salem members, family and friends attended the Frederick Keys game. It was a wonderful evening in a beautiful ballpark that enables you to sit close to the field and all the action. After the game, everyone was treated to a great display of fireworks.

**MEMORY GARDEN**

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



**YOU RAISE ME UP**

**When I am down, and, oh, my soul, so weary  
When troubles come, and my heart burdened be  
Then, I am still and wait here in the silence  
Until you come and sit awhile with me**

**You raise me up, so I can stand on mountains  
You raise me up to walk on stormy seas  
I am strong when I am on your shoulders  
You raise me up to more than I can be**  
[Josh Groban - You Raise Me Up Lyrics](#)  
[MetroLyrics](#)

## A TIME FOR CHILDREN



Debbie Ambrose shares her family Bible with the children during A Time for Children.

## OUR THANKS

Salem UMC would like to thank Trudy Eide for filling in for Rose while she is enjoying her vacation. It has been a pleasure having Trudy with us these few weeks.



Trudy Eide

## CONGRATULATIONS

### Honoring Our Graduates

We are proud of our recent College Graduates:



John, Austin and Carol Roberts

Austin Roberts graduated May 19<sup>th</sup> from University of Maryland/ Baltimore County (UMBC). He received his BS in Computer Science and hopes to find a software development position in Central Florida.

Danielle Van Horn graduated from University of Maryland with a Bachelor in Math and a teaching certificate in education. She has been hired by MCPS to teach high school math.

Katelyn Currier graduated from Frostburg University.



Our High School Graduates are: Wyatt Thompson (Sherwood HS), Savannah Miller (Good Counsel HS), and Zach Van Horn (Sherwood HS). Congratulations to all our Graduates. May God guide you on your life's journey.

## THE SALEM UMC WOMEN'S GROUP

### Future Events:

**September 2016** (TBD) "September Back to School Spaghetti Supper" with fixings. Signs needed.

**November 25-26, 2016** (time TBD) "Decorate Salem UMC for the Christmas Holidays".

Details to follow.

**December 4, 2016** (6:00pm - 7:30pm) "Celebrate Christmas with Salem" with an outdoor tree lighting, carols with choir, and light refreshments (cookies, pastries, hot chocolate, tea & coffee) served in Community Hall. Nancy Morell will coordinate. Signs needed. Details to follow.

**December 10, 2016** (10:00 am to 2:00pm) The "2016 Christmas Bazaar" tradition continues with baked goods, unique treasures, crafts, baskets, Santa and food. Please begin collecting items for the baskets and ideas for the craft table. Connie Somerville will coordinate. Signs to be updated. Details to follow.

## CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

### Church Council Meeting Highlights May 26, 2016

- † Suzanne Friis opened the meeting with devotion.
- † Rev. Sue reported on May worship attendance. The average for May was 59 and the Year to Date average is 65.
- † Joys were shared about: the Savage twins, an upcoming wedding (June 12) of the VanDruff's grandson, Eric, and his fiancée Bethany, and our new high school and college graduates.
- † We share in the loss of Kim Shear's father, and Nancy Cox's mother.
- † We have been assigned a new intern for next year. Her name is Samantha (Sam) Larson. She will be joining us at the end of August. Yeah!!

- † Rev. Sue will be on vacation from July 4-17. Erin Wheeler will be preaching on July 10 and Mark Derby on July 17.
- † Rose will be on vacation from June 19 through July 17. She and David will be visiting family in Norway.
- † Debbie Ambrose shared that June 12 will be the last day for regular Sunday school. Summer Sunday child care will begin on June 19. We still need volunteers to help with this. Check the sign-up sheet.
- † We are in need of volunteers to sign up for upcoming Coffee Hours. Please check the sign-up sheet in the Community Hall.
- † The Olney Days Parade was rained out! We'll save our decorations for next year.
- † Mary Abramson reported the balance in our checking account (operating fund) to be \$23,690 as of May 26. We continue to search for a new Financial Secretary.
- † Mid-year giving statements will be coming out soon.
- † Connie Somerville reported our new kitchen equipment has arrived and is waiting installation. (This has happened since the Council met.)
- † The Council prayerfully considered a proposal from the Budget and Finance Committee and the Legacy Committee for the use of the generous gift from the estate of Flo Johnston. The amount of the gift is \$42,304.45. A motion was made, seconded and approved that :
  - 10% of the gift be invested
  - 10% be donated to ministries of the church or ones that Flo would have supported (to be determined by a small group and the Missions Area Leader, Libby Wright)
  - 80% go to the Legacy fund for repair/renovation needs of the church (to be determined by the Trustees).
- ❖ Time was spent discussing activities that Salem could engage in for

outreach to the community. We discussed ideas such as: articles in the Olney Newspaper, free coffee and donuts for commuters once a month, helping with the Blood Drive, small group classes, and ways we could serve the town of Brookeville. This discussion and actions will continue. Input from the congregation is welcome and encouraged.

Rev. Sue closed the meeting with prayer.

Next Meeting - August 18, 2016. All are welcome!!

Debbie Ambrose, Church Council Chair

Hello All,

Many thanks to those who responded about a preference for our next Church Council meeting. The consensus is for August 18. Please put this on your calendars. We will need a strong turnout at this meeting as we move into our new year. We will be starting to make plans for Charge Conference which is on October 30 at 5:00 pm.

FYI - by the end of today the new kitchen equipment should be installed and ready to go! Stop in and take a look! Many thanks to Mary Ellen Eaton, Betty Bittner, Fred Ambrose, David Ranshaw, Rev. Sue and Bill Lavelly for the hours (and days) it has taken to make this happen.

Peace,  
Debbie

### 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>

### 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 July - August Birthdays are:**

##### July

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

##### August

Wahl, Ginny	08/07
Shear, Myron	08/08
Meisner, Bridey	08/09
Roberts, Blake	08/14
Smith, Halsey	08/16
Thurston, Yvette	08/18
Lewis, Charlyne	08/19
Bittner, Cloyd Jr.	08/29
Weinberger, Cooper	08/29
Lyon, Marie	08/30

#### **Our July – August Anniversaries**

##### JULY

Sterling/Shorb-Sterling, Charles and Sue	07/03
Van, Druff, Robert and Helen	07/03
Smith-Durant, Curt and Velma	07/07
Howes, John and Joyce	07/15
Ranshaw, Dick and Joann	07/17

## AUGUST

Savage, Brandon and Debbie	08/07
Eide-Altman, David and Rose	08/10
Rhinehart, Roger and Patti	08/22
Brown, Bob and Maryellen	08/27
Friis, Mark and Suzanna	08/27

### SERVING OUR COMMUNITY



Kulley Bancroft accepting the Melvin Jones Award

A picture of Bill Lavelly was unavailable.

Lions Club Melvin Jones Award: Each year each Lions Club awards a member or two for their leadership in the club and service to the community. The award is named after the Lions Club founder, Melvin Jones. This year the Sandy Spring Lions Club chose Bill Lavelly and Kulley Bancroft to receive this prestigious award. Bill serves as Salem's Lay Leader and Kulley serves as Salem's Finance Chair. Other Melvin Jones award winners who also are or were members of Salem are: Joyce Howes, Halsey Smith, Bob Van Druff, Myron Shear, John Howes and Clyde Unglesbee. We give thanks that these Salem servants are living out their Christian discipleship in our community in this way.

### OUR COMMUNITY

**Sandy Spring Lions Club:** Monday, July 25 and August 22 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 Mary Ellen 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

**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 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, 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, September 24<sup>th</sup>.

### Did You Know?

**Sermons** are available on CD for those who are unable to attend service on Sunday. To receive a CD contact Bob Brown at [rmia@gmail.com](mailto:rmia@gmail.com).

**Newsletter:** Any info or pictures of any Salem event or ministries can be sent to Velma Durant, [velma\\_durant@yahoo.com](mailto:velma_durant@yahoo.com) by the third week of the month.

**Are You Receiving, or wish to, Emails from Salem?** If you are not. Send a request to Rev. Sue at [shorster@yahoo.com](mailto:shorster@yahoo.com). These emails provide information about Salem events, closings, and our congregation.

**You can Give to Salem as You Shop Online:** You can have part of the profit from your purchase at online stores like Amazon, Macy's, Kohl's, etc. be sent to Salem UMC. Check out the retailer and sign-up at [www.umcmarket.org](http://www.umcmarket.org).

## 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).

### "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.

### PRAYER SHAWLS

Prayer Shawls are available in Salem entry hall on top of the coat rack. There is no cost; if you know anyone you want to share a prayer with all the time, please help yourself to 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

As publisher of Salem's newsletter. Since I was away for three weeks, I did not have any information on what was happening at Salem and I wish to thank everyone who helped me with pictures, information and articles for the July-August edition; especially Rev. Dr. Sue, who has taken time from her much-earned vacation, for helping me through a very difficult moment. This edition would not be without the help of all of you, you know who you are! THANKS!!!

Velma Durant

"Til the Storm Passes By  
by [Bill Gaither](#)

Verse 1:  
In the dark of the midnight, I have oft hid my face  
While the storms howl above me, and there's no hiding place.

'Mid the crash of the thunder, precious Lord, hear my cry:  
"Keep me safe, 'til the storm passes by"

Chorus:  
'Til the storm passes over, 'til the thunder sounds no more,  
'Til the clouds roll forever from the sky,  
Hold me fast, let me stand in the hollow of Thy hand;  
Keep me safe 'til the storm passes by.

Verse 2:  
Many times Satan tells me, "There is no need to try,  
For there's no end of sorrow, there's no hope by and by."  
But I know Thou art with me, and tomorrow I'll rise  
Where the storms never darken the skies.

Chorus:

Verse 3:  
When the long night has ended and the storms come no more,  
Let me stand in Thy presence on that bright, peaceful shore.  
In that land where the tempest never comes, Lord may I  
Dwell with Thee when the storm passes by.

Chorus:

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Lyrics submitted by [Rich Packwood](#).

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