

Salem United Methodist Church

April 2018 Newsletter

“184 Years and Still Loving, Serving and Celebrating”



SALEM Methodist Protestant Church 1833



SALEM United Methodist Church 2018

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,
Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

We shout these words on Easter morning as we celebrate once again the Resurrection of Jesus the Christ, our Lord and Savior. As Christians we have fun with Easter egg hunts, but even Easter eggs can remind us of the New Life we receive in Christ. This is what the Resurrection means: death has become Life. Sorrow becomes Joy. Darkness gives way to Light. Weakness can be a Strength. Fear gives way to Faith.

The Resurrection of Jesus is God's way of showing us how great God's love is for all of humanity and creation. This love of God is a gift to us. As we accept this love, we become the Children of God. Yes, even adults become like children again. We are awestruck. We see the world differently after we receive God's love. We are curious. We ask questions as we grow in our love for God. And we grow in our love for others as we see the world through God's eyes. John Wesley called this- growing in Christian perfection. We know that we are not perfect. Only God is perfect. And God gives us God's perfect love which continually shapes us and molds us so that our lives become more and more like the image of loving perfection of Jesus the Christ. This is what the Resurrection of the Lord does for us. It perfects us in love. One day this love will be made perfect when we enter into our eternal life with God. Until then, we continue to grow in our second childhood filled with the love for God and each other.

For six weeks the church celebrates our New Life in Christ with the liturgical season of Easter. During this Easter season our worship will celebrate what this Resurrection Love means for

us and what a great privilege it is to be a recipient of such great a love. Yes, Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed, in you and in me! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Sue

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Easter Worship Series:

Resurrection Love: The Great Privilege

- Sunday, April 1 Resurrection Sunday
Sermon Title: Resurrection Love
John 20:1-18; I Corinthians 15:1-11
- Sunday, April 8 Jo Schonewolf, preaching
Sermon Title: Put Your Hand in My Side
John 20:19-31; I John 1:1-2:2; Acts 4:32-35
- Sunday, April 15
Sermon Title: A New Childhood
Luke 24:36b-48; I John 3:1-7; Acts 3:12-19;
Psalm 4
- Sunday, April 22
Sermon Title: Loving Like...
John 10:11-18; I John 3:16-24; Acts 4:5-12;
Psalm 23
- Sunday, April 29
Sermon Title: No Fear
John 15:1-8; I John 4:7-21; Acts 8:26-40;
Psalm 22:25-31
- Sunday, May 6
Sermon Title: Perfecting, not Perfect
John 15:9-17; I John 5:1-6; Acts 10:44-48;
Psalm 98
- Sunday, May 13 Mother's Day and Compassion
Child Sunday
- Sunday, May 21 Pentecost Sunday

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group Meets Every Sunday Evening

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

Youth Schedule

- April 1 Easter Sunday - No Youth
April 8 Prayer Stations
April 15 ASP Training
April 22 News Night
April 29 ASP Concert in Church- 6:00 p.m.
Youth will help with set-up and clean-up
of refreshments
May 6 Messy Games (Jo's last Sunday with us)

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

March 29, 2018, the congregations of Mt Carmel, Salem and St. Paul United Methodist Churches gathered at St. Paul's in Laytonsville to celebrate Maundy Thursday or if you wish Holy Thursday. This is the day when Jesus celebrated the Passover meal with his disciples and the night he was betrayed by Judas Iscariot.

As we sang "Take our Bread, we ask you; take our hearts we love you; take our lives, O Father we are yours, we are yours," our hearts filled with the joy of knowing we are indeed His. Scripture readings by Meg Clemmer, Jo Schonewolf, Our Seminary Intern,, Rev. Sue and Rev. Jean Lee of St. Paul, after which Rev. Lee answered the question "What is Maundy Thursday."

John 13:1-5 (KJV)¹ Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end. ² And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him; ³ Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God; ⁴ He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself. ⁵ After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded.

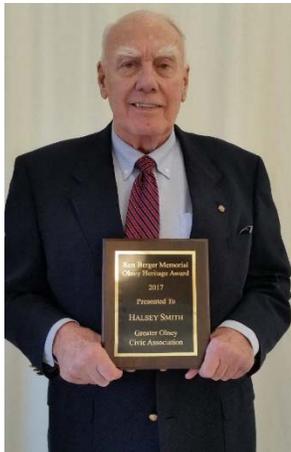


After the hand or feet washing everyone was dismissed.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Go to the last pages of the newsletter to experience The Journey to the Cross.

A SALEM SERVANT



On Sunday, March 18, Halsey Smith was awarded by The Greater Olney Civic Association the Ron Berger Heritage Award. This award recognizes significant long term contributions that have helped shape the development of Olney and/or improves the quality of life that makes Olney such a special place. This award is named for a past GOCA president who helped create GOCA and then remained actively involved for over 40 years, mentoring many over the years.

Halsey was honored for his forty plus years of service to the Olney community through the Montgomery Hospital Board, Sandy Spring Lions Club, American Legion, and the Advisory Board of Longwood Recreational Center.

Well done, good and faithful servant! Jesus said, "...whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant." Mark 10:43b

SCIENCE AND RELIGION SMALL GROUP

Timing: Wednesdays, March 28-May 2 7:00 pm

Description: When we hear about science and religion in the news or in culture, we often hear about an unending, unresolvable conflict. This can leave us wondering how we got here and what we can do about it. Join us for six weeks as we talk about the roots of the conflict narrative between science and religion, how we think about both science and religion, and our responses to the conflict as Christians.

Session outlines:

3/28 : "Blessed are the peacemakers..."

Introduction, background, and history

4/4: "In the beginning, God..."

Conflict in Science and Religion (evolution, creationism, climate change, miracles, ethics)

4/11: "Many parts, one body"

Independence rather than conflict (roles of science and religion)

4/18: "How very good it is when the kindred live in unity"

Dialogue rather than conflict (listening to both science and religion)

4/25: "The heaven declare the glory of God"

Integration rather than conflict (awe and wonder in both science and religion)

5/2: "Let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak"

APPALACHIAN SERVICE PROJECT (ASP) 2018

The 2018 trip to West Virginia is scheduled for June 17-23, 2018. Upcoming Fundraisers:

Yard Sale: Saturday, April 21

Encore Concert: Sunday, April 29 6:00 pm



Sunday, March 25th was another successful fund raiser for Salem's ASP Teams as they prepare for another opportunity to serve others. Usually in the reports of ASP activities we are featuring the youth who give up a week of their summer vacation to go to Appalachia to repair and/or reconstruct homes giving those less fortunate better living conditions. In this report I, your publisher, would like to honor the adults behind our youth. They not only spend their vacation working with, supervising and chaperoning the young people, teaching them the "rules of the road" – so to speak – but every fundraiser you will find the parents of our youth plus many others who can't be with them on their

mission but want to be part of the action. Bob Brown has faithfully led the effort for many years. Working with him of course, is his wife, Maryellen. Our Adult team, whether they travel or not, you will find Carole Roberts, Libby Wright, Hisashi Yamagata, Buck Bartley, David Ranshaw, Jesse Myers and not pictured is Wathsala Harischandra.

There may be others who work behind the scene that are unknown, but to all of you we lift our hats in thanks because without you and your caring support, Salem's ASP would not exist. I am sure there are others that help from time to time and to all who provide support a big Thank you!

This fund raiser brought in \$826.00 for trip expenses.

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

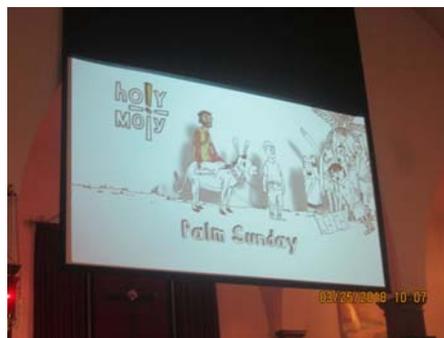


Rev. Sue brought building blocks and had the children build towers with them and knock them down. She then told how Jesus knocked over the tables in the Temple because the people weren't doing what was right. Sometimes we need to knock things down when it is wrong so that we can rebuild in a better way.



On Palm Sunday our Seminary Intern, Jo, presented to the children a cartoon of the disciples

getting the donkey for Jesus to ride into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. Afterward the children answered questions regarding the donkey who, when he knew he was doing God's will, he willingly carried Jesus into Jerusalem.



THE LORD'S TABLE

**The next Lord's Table is Saturday, April 28.
The last Lord's Table for the 2018-2019 season will be:**

Saturday, May 26, 2018, 1:00-5:00 P.M.

**At St. Martin's of Tours Catholic Church
201 S. Frederick Avenue, Gaithersburg, Md.**

Come and help to create a delicious meal to serve those who are hungry in our community.

CONGRATULATIONS



Our congratulations to Fred and Debbie Ambrose on the birth of another grandson. Robert Bruce Stout, son of Brian and Katie Ambrose Stout, Born March 21, 2018.

We also extend our congratulations to Debbie and Brandon Savage on the birth of their son, Nathan James.



Debbie wrote on Facebook: “Welcome to the world, Nathan James Savage! Born yesterday, March 26 2018 at 1:09 am. Nathan means "gift from God." His middle name James is in honor of his big brother Jacob (James is the English version of Jacob and they have the same meaning).”

JACOB SAVAGE MEMORIAL BOOK DRIVE



The Savage family is running a book drive donation in memory of their son Jacob for the month of April. Please donate new children's board books that will be given to Georgetown University's pediatric transplant unit. It is important that the books be new as the children have weak immune systems. For questions, contact Brandon Savage.

BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, April 24, 7:30 pm –
The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World by Dalai Lama, Desmond Tutu and Douglas Carlton Abrams
 Location to be decided

Tuesday, May 22, 7:30 pm –
Gilead by Marilynne Robinson
 Location to be decided

SIGN-UP FOR ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to provide flowers during the 2018 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

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 Community Hall.

MEMORY GARDEN

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

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 April Birthdays are:

- Roberts, Carole 04/04
- Rhinehart, Patti 04/10
- Wedler, Joyce 04/11
- Weinberger, Phillip 04/14
- Benson, Kenny 04/17
- Rider, Don 04/17
- Ennes, Anne 04/18
- Van Druff, Helen 04/22**

Helen will be 99 years old! Please send her a birthday card at her home: 3024 Holiday Dr. Brookeville, MD 20833

- Currier, Katelyn 04/29

April Anniversaries:

- Shear, Myron and Kim 04/04
- Ercolani, Al and Judy 04/13
- Loverly, Bill and Bobbie 04/16

OUR COMMUNITY

Sunday School: We are short a Sunday School teacher. If you can volunteer monthly, on the fifth Sunday or even now and then (or as a sub) please contact Deb Ambrose.

Salem Men's Meeting: Saturday, April 14th at 8:00 am in the Community Hall.

Sandy Spring Lions Club: The next dinner will be on Monday April 23rd at 7:00 pm. **There is a standing request for help in preparing the dinner, setting up, serving and cleaning up. If you can help, please contact Mary Ellen Eaton.**

Eye-glass Collection: Salem continues to collect used eyeglasses, cell phones and hearing aids to donate to Lions Club. Please leave them in Salem Community Hall.

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.

“FOR I WAS HUNGRY...”

Manna Food Center: 9311 Gaither Road, Gaithersburg, MD 20877
To volunteer call 301-424-1130 or online at www.mannafood.org.

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 the 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 do help. Just knowing someone cares is sometimes just the right medicine. They will thank you!

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE THE JOURNEY TO THE CROSS

(A note from Velma, your Publisher: This story cannot be told in one or two paragraphs so I ask that you bear with me as I take you briefly on the Journey to the Cross. I also ask that you grab your Bible and read the scriptures as you read of each station.)



Our Worship Team and Guides: Meg Clemmer, Jo Schonewolf, Rev. Jean Lee and Rev. Sue Shorb-Sterling

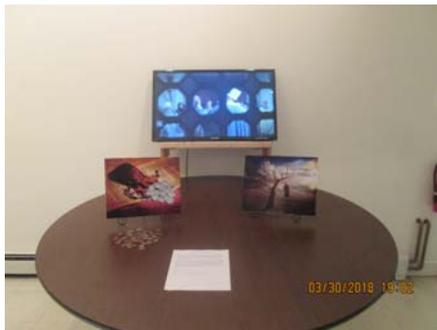


Salem's Music Director Rose Eide-Altman

This Journey is shared by Mt. Carmel, Salem, and St. Paul United Methodist Churches. Come along with us as we retrace Jesus' Journey to the Cross.

STATION #1: CREATION

There was no Scripture at this station but a quote from N. T. Wright's **For All God's Worth** and another quote by Fr Richard Rohr.



Beautiful pictures of God's Creation are rotation on the screen we were asked to reflect on the image of the infant world in all its perfection.

Now, take a moment to think of the good things God has created in this world.

STATION #2: THE FALL

"The Fall, the Fall, God the fall of Man, the fruit is found in every eye and every hand..."(Gungor)
Read Romans 6:23.



Reflect on "Everything is broken now..." We were instructed to pick a stone from a dish of stones and carry it around with us during the service as a representative of our sins. (A little stone can become heavy!)

STATION #3: THE GARDEN

We were invited to kneel if we were able as we read Matthew 26: 45-46 and to reflect on the pain and suffering Jesus was about to go through. Reflect: Is there an area in your life where you

need to make a choice to love ad sacrifice – even if it comes with a cost?



Behind the candles is a small fountain which gave a calming feeling.

STATION #4: BETRAYED BY JUDAS

Read Matthew 26:14-16



The video showed Judas with the Chief Priest, then Jesus and the Disciples in the Garden when Judas betrays Him. Reflect: How much is your integrity worth? Would you betray a friend for twenty thousand dollars? And, why do we seem to compromise our values so quickly for money?

STATION #5: PETER'S DENIAL AND OF OUR DENIAL OF CHRIST

Read Matthew 26:69-75



Jacob Weinberger is our guide at this Station. Reflect: Sometimes our betrayal is not motivated by financial gain but rather social acceptance. A brief quote by Brennan Manning is given and we were asked to think of a time when we in some form denied our Lord. We were asked to write it down and place the paper in the fire.

STATION #6: JESUS IS WHIPPED

Read Matthew 27:27-31a.



As we entered Salem's Memorial Garden the cross was draped in a white robe, our instructions was to take the provided red felt marker and strike the loose part of the clothing making a red mark. Reflect on all the things Jesus underwent before and while on the cross. "O the divine disgrace of our Savior"

Our next stop was inside the Church.

(On a personal note, I found this to be the hardest of all, it was very hard to pick up that red pen and place a stripe on the cloth representing our Christ.)

STATION #7: NAILING AND FORGIVENESS

Read Luke 23:33-34



As we entered the building, we were directed to the Choir Room. As you can see there was a board with partially embedded nails. Our instructions were to reflect on the fact that even as Jesus was dying on the cross He asked the Father to forgive those who put Him there. We were to use the provided hammer and drive the nail into the wood as means of forgiveness to those who have harmed us.

STATION #8: "IT IS FINISHED"

Read Matthew 19:28-30.



Upon entering the Sanctuary we were directed to the Altar where candles were lit. We were asked to reflect on 4 points: Can you feel the presence of death? Can you feel the heaviness of despair? Can you feel the sorrow, emptiness, and confusion, and finally Can you feel the darkness? We were then instructed to extinguish one candle as a symbol of Jesus dying.

STATION #9: "LETTING GO"

Read Romans 6:2-14



Our last stop was at the baptismal font. Here we were given five items to reflect on: Let the rock in your hand symbolize every sinful attitude and action, all that you wish you weren't, the shadow within, the brokenness you have experienced, and finally the brokenness you have caused. We were directed to drop the rock in the baptismal font and let your sin die with Christ.

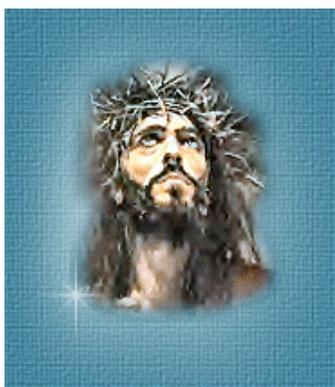
We were then asked to sit quietly and reflect on the journey we had just taken. The two Pastors extinguished the remaining burning candles, except one. It represented the light of Christ which is eternal. It was taken with them as they left the altar. From the back of the sanctuary the four ministerial members read additional details of that Friday long ago. Then the congregation sang

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross.” When the hymn ended, we were dismissed and we left in silence.



A slide of a video of
“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

AN EASTER POEM



THE RESURRECTION

We hold so close to our hearts
The cross where Jesus died,
But so much more than the blood-stained cross
Is that Jesus came back to life

The stone's been rolled away;
The tomb lay open and bare —
They looked for Him, and then the angel said
That He is no longer here

Oh what joy they must have felt
To see Him just once more,
To eat with Him, to drink with Him,
To receive Him back as Lord

So much did He accomplish
Through His death upon the cross
And in His rising from the dead,
He reconciled us back to God

Nothing else could bridge the gap
That sin had wrenched apart —
Now we can freely go to God
And receive Christ in our hearts.

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BIBLE TRIVIA FOR APRIL

How well do you know the Bible?

1. When Judas returned the money he had received to the chief priests and elders, what did they decide to do with it?
2. Who is the one person consistently named in the Gospels as first one at the tomb after the resurrection, either alone or with others?
3. Upon hearing that Jesus' tomb was empty, who ran to the tomb to look?
4. After it was reported that Jesus rose from the dead, two followers went home to Emmaus. They were joined by a man. How did they recognize who this man was?

Answers below.

1. They bought a field in which to bury foreigners. (Matthew 27-6-7)
2. Mary Magdalene (Matthew 28:1, Mark 16:1-2 and John 20:1)
3. Peter, and according to the Gospel of John, another, the beloved disciple. (Luke 24:12; John 20:3-10)
4. They invited the man into their home for dinner. When he broke the bread, they recognized him as the Risen Christ. (Luke 24:30-31)

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YARD SALE

APRIL 21, 2018

9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

SALEM UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH

12 HIGH STREET

BROOKEVILLE,

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TO SUPPORT THE APPALACHIAN SERVICE PROJECT

BENEFIT CONCERT
APRIL 29, 2018
7:30 pm

**REFRESHMENTS
AVAILABLE**

**AN ENJOYABLE
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SUPPORT A
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