

Salem United Methodist Church

April - May 2019 Newsletter

“184 Years and Still Loving, Serving and Celebrating”



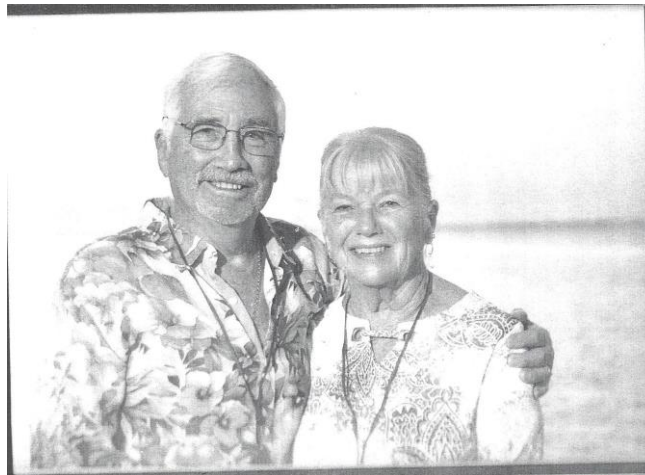
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Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.



Salem welcomes back Kathy and Mike Bowser. Mike wrote:

Kathy and Mike Bowser have been long-time residents of the state of Maryland due to Mike's career as a member of the United States Marine Band. In 1984 after Mike's retirement from the band, they chose to stay in Maryland and not return to the state of Pennsylvania, which was where both Kathy and Mike came from originally.

Mike and Kathy were married in Salem United Methodist Church and were members of Salem for several years, but when Mike's Mother moved in with them, to make it easier for her they moved their membership to Emory Church UMC. With the passing of Mile's Mother, they have decided to return to Salem.

Both Kathy and Mike enjoy golf, sailing and gardening. Mike still tunes pianos in the area and they both maintain positions as superintendents of dog shows,

Mike and Kathy, welcome home!

TO THE SALEM UM CHURCH COMMUNITY



Rev. Dr. Sue Shorb-Sterling

To the Salem UM Church Community,

We, the members of Salem's community, wish to extend our deepest sympathy to Rev. Sue and her husband, Chuck, on the loss of their oldest granddaughter, Norah Brubaker.

Rev. Sue expresses thanks to members of the congregation and others in the community for their many prayers and other acts of kindness offered to them during this time of grief.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Easter Sermon Series: Resurrection Healing

May 12 Why Mother's Day?

Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23;
Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

May 19 Recovering

Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148;
Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:32-35

May 26 Mending

Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation
21:1-10, 22-22:5; John 14:23-29

June 2 Forgiving

Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97; Revelation
22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John 17:20-26

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group Meets Every Sunday Evening

Youth Schedule: 6:30-8:00 P.M.

May 5 Jo Shonewolf's last youth group
May 12 Mother's Day: Enjoy Mom
No Youth Group
May 19 End of the Year Picnic at the
Weinberger home
May 26 Memorial Day weekend
No Youth Group

A WORD FROM JO SHONEWOLF

There's a gigantic fish pillow in the youth room that will inevitably be brought down to the hall each and every scavenger hunt. The clue could be "something that makes you happy" or "something surprising" or "something that represents Jesus" and lo and behold, here comes the fish. After getting over my initial surprise the first time it showed up, I've come to look forward to the appearance of the gigantic fish pillow over my two years here and am, as we speak, planning the clue on my last scavenger hunt that will give one youth or another the chance to go looking for it so that we can have something familiar in the face of a goodbye.

Maybe that's why Jesus had a breakfast of fish and bread with his disciples on that morning after the Resurrection. He called them from their fishing nets at the beginning of his ministry and here he is, after they thought the ministry was over, bonding again with them over fish. The truth the disciples needed to learn was that no matter how hard or joyous the road you've walked together has been, there's an end to every ministry and a new beginning that comes afterward. It doesn't make the goodbyes any easier, though, and so Jesus turns, as he often does, to food.

Thank God for that example. A farewell potluck never fails to comfort my soul (though I have to say, I tend to pass on the seafood). But before we get to the quiche and sausage dip, let me say a few words of thanks to you all as you've supported me on my seminary journey.

Thank you for showing up. From services on Sunday mornings to Science and Religion Bible studies on Wednesday evenings to Faith on Tap on Friday nights, you've come to listen to what I have to share and to share your own experience with me. Showing up is

half the battle as they say and I've valued each and every time you've shown up for me.

Thank you for teaching me. I've sat in on church conference and church leadership team meetings and been able to ask an abundance of questions to help me understand how running a church like Salem works. I've listened to many a conversation at coffee hour or Bible study that has given me insight into how others who have walked a different path and lived a different life incorporate our shared faith into their lives. Through all of this, you've taught me a whole other way of being the church than the churches I grew up in did, which is experience I wouldn't have gotten anywhere else.

Thank you for supporting me. I walked into this internship with a lot of confidence about my pastoral abilities and learned the hard way, as most of us do, that I had much more to learn than I thought I had. Thank you for sticking with me through bumpy sermons and lengthy theological rants as I learned what to say and how to say it. Thank you for offering me praise when I had earned it (and constructive feedback when I had earned that too). Thank you for your generous donations to help my immersion to South Africa. And thank you for all of your kind words about the gifts you see in me-- they made more of a difference than you know.

Thank you for trusting me. It's been an honor to work with the youth and do children's time week in and week out and it's been a blessing to my preparation for ministry to be able to preach and plan worship as often as I have. But you've also welcomed me into your church and trusted me with your stories and that is one of the best gifts a church can give a pastor.

And, to save the best for last, thanks so much to Pastor Sue and to Deb Ambrose for being my learning partners for this internship. You've loved and supported me through some

difficult times over the past two years and given me grace and encouragement throughout. I genuinely could not have done this without learning partners like you two.

My last Sunday at Salem is May 5 and I'll graduate on Monday, May 13. While I still don't know exactly what's next for me, I do know that I'm much more prepared for what God throws my way because of my time here at Salem. I'll miss this church and I hope you'll all be able to say goodbye, hopefully over some food after church on the 5th. I'll pass on the fish dishes but maybe a certain pillow will make an appearance, for nostalgia's sake!

THANK YOU, REV. HIGHFIELD



Salem thanks Rev. Dave Highfield for stepping in as an ordained elder so we could celebrate communion on Easter Sunday. Rev. Dave was Rev. Sue's and Chuck's pastor in Westminster, MD before Rev. Sue began seminary.

HOLY THURSDAY THE LORD'S PASSOVER DINNER

On April 18 members of Salem, Mt. Carmel and St. Paul's United Methodist Church met at Salem's Community Hall to remember, worship, witness the enactment of Jesus celebrating Passover with His disciples and receive communion.

The enactment of the Passover Dinner or the Last Supper featured only Peter, (Joe) John (Yvette), James (Brandon), Judas (Buck). Bob portrayed Jesus. It was a very moving presentation, one that brought the scripture alive, if only for a moment.



Jesus with his Disciples

Left to right Buck Bartley (Judas), Brandon Savage (James), Bob Brown (Jesus), Joe Meisner (Peter,) and Yvette Thurston (John)

After the Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer, we were dismissed in silence.

HE IS RISEN

As the sun rose over the horizon casting its light into Salem's Cemetery, people began to gather. Jo Shonewolf and Rose Eide-Altman were the leaders of the day, and a very beautiful service it was. We all gathered back at the Community Hall where Maryellen Eaton had a delicious breakfast set for us.



GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP



Rev Jean Lee

April 19 found members of Salem and Mt. Carmel United Methodist Churches joining the congregation of St Paul United Methodist Church in remembering the suffering of Christ as He hung on the cross. The program was centered around the Seven last words of Christ.

In a darkened church the congregation sang "Go to Dark Gethsemane," then members of the three churches read scriptures containing the last words of Jesus. Jane Evans – Luke 23:26-27, 2-37; Hannah Lee Luke 23:8-43; Buck Bartley – John 19:23-27; Jo Shonewolf – Matthew 27:45-54; for a break in the reading Carson Erdle sang a solo (sorry I don't have the name of the song); our fifth reader, Nick Erdle – John 19:28-29; Ruth Hornseth – Luke 23:44-54; the final reader, Tina Burke – John 19:30, 38-42: Lou Bland sang "Above All," a very moving moment.

The message of the day was "Receiving the New Creation." Jo did an outstanding job of presenting the message and our souls were fed to running over. The question remains "What will you do with this new creation?" Rev. Highfield led us in Holy Communion. The music was, as always, outstanding. Rose Eide-Altman always brings such joy whether on the piano or organ. She has been joined by Nancy Wilkie on the guitar adding to the enjoyment of our blessings. For Easter, Rose invited Gabby and Jenna Apola who played their violins to a spell-bound congregation. Thank you, ladies, for adding to our blessings. We went away feeling the risen Christ.



APPALACHIAN SERVICE PROJECT (ASP) 2019

Hisashi Yamagata reported “Thank you all for great work April 14th at the ASP breakfast. We raised over \$700 and added \$526 to our balance after taking expenses. So far we have raised close to \$5,000.”

Yard Sale

Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make this a successful event. Bob Brown reported the ASP made approximately \$1,300.

100 YEARS YOUNG!

Can you imagine being 100 years (old) young? One of our long-time members reached that milestone on April 22, but because the celebration would be the same day as Easter, her family decided to celebrate with the Salem community the following Sunday.



On April 28th, the congregation gathered in the Community Hall where we sang, “Happy Birthday,” to Helen Van Druff and shared in a beautiful birthday cake. Helen and her husband, Bob, settled in Brookeville when he retired from the Navy and took a job with a government contractor. They raised their son, Larry, and daughter, Carmen, and began attending Salem. Bob joined the heavenly band several years ago. Happy Birthday Helen! May God richly bless you.

FROM THE CONGREGATION



“Sharing my thoughts with you...” from Charlyne Lewis.

Easter and the Resurrection!!

What a glorious time of year. Look around you...everywhere ‘new life’ appears before us...the awaking butterflies, the beautiful flowers popping out of the ground, birds everywhere ‘nesting’ with their young...ah, Spring!

And then, we march toward the warm days of summer, which for a lot of us means trips, vacations, enjoying our families and friends together. But we still need to keep in mind the One who gave us all of this richness to enjoy. Jesus! He is our best friend in everything we undertake daily. He will always be there for us when all else fails. Look to Him first, then every other need in your lives will be met with “abundance,” as He declares.

Enjoy your ‘God-given’ days ahead, folks, and always put Jesus at the top of your list of ‘invited guests’ at your next backyard cookout, trip, vacation, or whatever you plan to undertake.

God Bless!!
Hymn #420

Charlyne
Ephesians 4:25-5:2

TITO THE SERVICE DOG

Many of you have not met Tito. He is an amazing puppy being raised and trained by our equally amazing Carole Roberts.



Written for Tito by Carole Roberts

Hi, I am Hero Dogs Bernardo Vicente de Gálvez but you can call me Tito. I am halfway through my time with the Roberts' family, working hard to learn the skills needed to become a service dog for a veteran or first responder. One of the most important parts of my training is going to lots of places and meeting lots of people so I will be prepared for any situation my hero might need to take me into. I am also learning lots of skills like how to properly greet people (hint-I am supposed to sit, not jump or rough house), how to pick things up and deliver them to my handler, how to stay in one place quietly (church is really helping me learn that), and how to ignore distractions like food on the floor (that's a tough one).

On April 19th I turned one year old and will have approximately 6 more months with my puppy raisers before I go to Canine College at Hero Dogs where they will give me advanced training and look at what my strengths are and what my final career will be. While I hope very much to make the grade as a full-service dog, I could also be put to work as a therapy dog, facility dog, or skilled home companion.

Hero Dogs, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation that improves quality of life for our nation's heroes by raising, training, and placing service dogs and other highly skilled canines, free of charge with lifetime support of the partnerships. You are welcome to visit the Hero Dogs website to learn more <http://www.hero-dogs.org/>. Also, if you want to see more of my day to day activities, I have my own FaceBook page (search Raising Tito) and Instagram – herodogstito.



Nathan Savage is enjoying Tito's company and love very much.

Thank you, Carole, for a job well done, we will miss Tito when he leaves to be with his forever HERO.

CONDOLENCES

We extend our sympathy to:

- the Fisher family on the loss of their father, Charles
- Curtis Smith on the loss of his daughter-in-law, Sharon
- Rev. Sue Shorb-Sterling and Chuck Sterling on the loss of their granddaughter, Norah.

CONGRATULATIONS



Jacob Weinberger with Grandmother Virginia Smith

Congratulations to Jacob Weinberger upon achieving the highest rank in Scouting when he became an Eagle Scout.



Grandmother Maryellen and Vivian

Our congratulations to Maryellen and Bob Brown on the birth of their first grandchild, Vivian Charlie Brown. Vivian belongs to their son, Ian and his wife, Jillian.



Granddaddy Bob and Vivian

BOOK CLUB

The next book club will be on Tuesday, June 4 at 7:30 P.M. and meet at the home of Suzanne Friis. We will be reading "Roar" by Cecelia Ahern. Cecelia Ahern gives us thirty stories, all titled "The Woman Who...", that capture the different facets of women's lives. The stories capture the moments the characters are overwhelmed by guilt, confusion, frustration, intimidation, exhaustion - the private moments when they feel the need to "roar".

SIGN-UP FOR ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to provide flowers during the 2019 worship year, please sign up on the list posted on the bulletin board in the Hallway.

SOMETHING'S HAPPENING AT SALEM COMMUNITY HALL

Franklin Delano Roosevelt Program. Saturday, May 18, 7:00 P.M.

Delmas Wood will present his well-known impersonation of FDR. In 1995 he created the FDR Living Museum on his property on Dr. Bird Rd. in Sandy Spring. The museum includes photographs, books, and videos about FDR, and a life-size figure of America's four-term president.

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.

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 were:

Roberts, Carole	04/04
Rhinehart, Patti	04/10
Weinberger, Phillip	04/14
Rider, Don	04/17
Ennes, Anne	04/18
Van Druff, Helen	04/22

Helen is 100 years old!

Savage, Matthew and Jacob	04/22
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 May Birthdays:

Thorp, Marsha	05/27
Lavelly, Bill	05/28

There are no May Anniversaries.

OUR COMMUNITY

Salem Men's Meeting: Saturday, May 12 at 8:00 P.M. in the Community Hall.

Sandy Spring Lions Club: The next dinner will be on Monday May 20th at 7:00 P.M.

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.

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.

Spirit Club: A fitness group for those with disabilities meets Wednesdays in the Community Hall from 6:00-7:00 P.M. Our own Philip Weinberger is an avid participant.

Seniors on the Move – Exercise Class: Fridays, 9:00-10:00 A.M. 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.

Lord's Table: The Lord's Table soup kitchen has been relocated but is now on a Friday. Contact Libby Wright for location if you would like to help out.

Stepping Stones Family Shelter: Stepping Stones Family Shelter helps to transition homeless families into permanent housing through a continuum of services, such as emergency shelter to post-shelter support. This non-profit gives the needed support for at-risk families so they can achieve a stable home life. They are always in need of items for the families. Please check your bulletin for a list of needed items. There are boxes available in the Sanctuary to place your gifts.

MEMORY GARDEN

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

"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 entry hall of the church 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!

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