

# Salem United Methodist Church

## June 2019 Newsletter

"186 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-

"I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus" (I Corinthians 1:4). As Paul was pastoring his congregations through his letters, he often writes that he gives thanks for the people in these churches. These words resonate deeply within me. This June marks my eleventh year serving as pastor at Salem. I give thanks for every one of these years and I give thanks for every person at Salem as well. We have walked together through

moments of joy and celebrations, as well as moments of sadness and grief. We have welcomed people into our midst and together we have supported each other as we have had to say some good-byes. We have done this together with God's strength and grace.

These words of giving thanks for you have been amplified in the last couple of months as our family has gone through a crisis and a death. As your pastor stepped aside to focus on being a mother and grandmother, you have been there supporting our family through this challenging time. We can feel your prayers lifting us up. Your notes, texts, emails, cards, donations, gifts, and hugs are a soothing balm on our parched hearts. Your empathy, sympathy, compassion, and love are helping us come to terms with this new reality that is so difficult to accept. Saying "thank you" somehow doesn't seem adequate. Yet these are the only words that I can find. So many of you have told me

there are no words to express such a loss and there aren't. Also, there aren't any words that can express my deep gratitude for all of you during this time. Your hearts broke when our hearts broke.

I am reminded of the words of the song, "I am the Church. You are the Church. We are the Church together." Sometimes it is in the moments of crisis that we realize just how much we are the church together. Like Paul, I continually give thanks for you and our ministry together. May God be glorified in all we do.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Sue

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- June 2 Easter Sermon Series: Resurrection Healing  
Sermon Title: Forgiving
- June 9 Pentecost Sunday, ASP Team Consecration, Honoring our Graduates  
Sermon Title: New Beginnings
- June 16 Father's Day  
Sermon Title: A Father's Character
- June 23 Sermon Title: What God Does
- June 30 Sermon Title: Free to Follow

## YOUTH GROUP

**Youth Group Meets Sundays:  
6:30-8:00 P.M.**

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

School is out, enjoy your summer and watch for Youth Activities in September. Enjoy your summer-be safe and love God.

## MEMORIAL DAY



MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 27, 2019

The sun smiled down on members of Salem UMC and guests from the community as we gathered at the Salem UM Cemetery to honor those brave men and women who gave their lives that WE might be free. American Legion Norman Price Post #68 Presented colors and the Encore Singers sang "The Star Spangled Banner." It was a very moving moment.



The Memorial Day Service opened with the presentation of colors by the American Legion followed by The Encore Singers, singing The National Anthem. Our pastor, Rev. Dr. Sue Shorb-Sterling, offered prayer

and read Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, which begins with “A time to be born and a time to die” and ends with “A time for war and a time for peace.” So many things in between that we humans experience in a lifetime.



The Encore Singers presented “God Bless America,” also sang “America the Beautiful” at the end followed by Taps.



Our speaker of the day was Mr. Tim Wainscott, Commander for the Sgt. Jack Hettchen, Jr. Detachment #1428 of the Marine Corps League in Rockville, MD.



And for probably the very last time, since he will be going away to college, our Jacob Weinberger, closed the service with Taps.



As we look around the cemetery, many graves of our loved ones spread out before us; however, there is one section in the back where I understand is buried men who fought in the Civil War. The stones have been wiped clean by the elements and they are Known Only To God.



At the bottom of the program were these words “We may not see their faces anymore, but their love is with us forever. Help us to always remember them in the recesses of our heart.”

## CONGRATULATIONS

May seems to be a month of transitions. Congratulations to all who are transitioning through graduation. Our prayers are with each as they begin the next phase of their journeys.

### Seminary



Jo with Rev. Sue

Jo Schonewolf, received her Masters of Divinity Degree from Wesley Theological Seminary on May 13 at the National Cathedral. We are pleased to say she has been appointed to a church in Whittier, NC where she will lead the congregation as their pastor.

### College



Ian Poe-Yamagata with his Grandmother in Japan

Graduating from the University of Maryland, College Park, with double major

in Economics and Japanese. Going to Japan to teach English at local high/middle schools through the The Japan Exchange and Teaching program from August for a year (or more).

Born on July 6 in Pittsburg, PA, Ian graduated from Olney Elementary, Rosa Park Middle, and Sherwood High Schools.



Blake Roberts with his Parents, John and Carole

Blake Roberts graduated from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University on May 6th with a BS in Electrical Engineering. He will be staying in Daytona and working in one of the labs at ERU this summer, then will begin his graduate degree in the fall.

### High School



Sherwood High School Class of 2019

All of our High School Graduates are from Sherwood High School this year, Amy Roberts, Karmen Martin, Jacob

Weinberger and Donovan Thompson. Graduation day was on May 29. On June 9 Salem will be honoring all of our High School Graduates.



Amy Roberts will be attending the University of Maryland Baltimore County next fall. Although she is not 100% decided on her major she is interested in the life sciences, and UMBC is opening a brand new Interdisciplinary Life Sciences Center.



Karmen Martin is also graduating from Sherwood she plans to attend Towson in the fall where she will major in Nursing.



Jacob Weinberger

Jacob Weinberger was a member of Sherwood's track team. He graduated with an award for having 295 ½ hours of service (only 75 is required) and a Honor Cord for Science Honor Society. He plans to attend Virginia Tech in the fall, majoring in the Sciences.



Donovan Thompson shown with the 2018 ASP team. He is seated to Amy's left

Even though Donovan Thompson is not a member of Salem, he is quite active in the Youth Group and ASP. He was also a member of the Youth Hand Bells. In the fall he plans to attend Montgomery College.

### **SOMETHING'S HAPPENING AT SALEM**

On Saturday, May 18 about forty people from the community as well as Salem gathered outside Salem's Community Room to receive President Franklin Delano

Roosevelt and his wife, Eleanor. They were driven by chauffeur and accompanied by two secret service agents. No, we haven't figured out how to do time travel at Salem.



Delmas Wood and Suzanne Phillips reenacted these two iconic historical figures. Dressed in clothing of the 1940s era, they actually looked very much like these two leaders.



The evening's program began with Suzanne reading the speech that Eleanor gave on her Sunday night radio show on December 7, 1941. Her voice was the first "official" voice that the country heard after Pearl Harbor was bombed that day. She informed the nation that the President was meeting with the cabinet and military leaders to decide on how to proceed. Her speech set the tone for the rest of the war as

she encouraged everyone to come together for the sake of the nation.



Then Delmas gave FDR's speech to the nation which was given on December 8. In his speech he shared what the leaders had decided. He, too, encouraged people to remain strong and come together. After the speech, Delmas stepped out of character and told how the power of God's love can transform hearts so that enemies can become family. He told the story of an American soldier who was in a Japanese POW camp. After the war he became a missionary to Japan where he brought the Good News of Jesus to those who once were enemies.

Thank you, Delmas and Suzanne, for giving us a glimpse into our past through two courageous leaders who rose to the challenge during a national crisis.

## THANK YOU

Debbie Savage reported that: "We will make delivery of 140 books to Georgetown's pediatric transplant unit during the week of May 26 – June 1.

Thank you for helping to keep our son Jacob's memory alive."

## APPALACHIAN SERVICE PROJECT (ASP) 2019

The 2019 trip to Charmco in Greenbrier County, West Virginia will begin as they leave early Sunday morning June 16. They return to Salem on June 22. See below for information regarding the ASP last fund raiser for this year's mission trip.

Again this year you will be given the honor of adopting a member of the ASP team. A \$30.00 donation (make checks payable to Salem UMC with ASP on the Memo line. Pick up a form in the Sanctuary.) Provide a goodie bag for them, suggestions are on the flyer (see last page) but, most important, pray for your adoptee as well as the whole ASP Team.

### ASP Benefit Concert

Sunday, June 9, 6:00 P.M. The Encore Singers, Strings of Joy with Evonne Baach, and Rose and David Eide-Altman on piano and organ will offer a concert to benefit our Appalachia Service Projects Teams. Invite your friends and family to enjoy a night of music.

## SALEM MEN'S MEETING

There has been no word if the Salem Men will continue to meet on the second Saturday of the month during the summer months. Please contact your President for more information.

## BOOK CLUB

The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 4 at 7:30 P.M. at the home of Suzanne

Friis; the book "Roar" by Cecelia Ahern. There are 30 stories in the book, each one 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." Information for the 2019-2020 season will be announced in the September issue of The Salem News.

## SANDY SPRING LIONS CLUB

The last monthly Lions Club dinner to be served at Salem will be, Monday June 24, at 7:00 P.M. Help is needed to prepare, set up, serve, and clean up.

### Sandy Spring Lions Club Blood Drive

Tuesday, June 11 from 1:00 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. in the Salem Community Hall. Please contact Joyce Howes or call 1-800-733-2767 to donate blood.

## 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.

### **Our June Birthdays**

Savage, Debbie	06/07
Morell, Mary	06/12
Ercolani, Judy	06/16
Savage, Brandon	06/18

### **Our June Anniversaries**

Whaler, Doug and Barbara	06/09
Roberts, John and Carole	06/22

## OUR COMMUNITY

**Eyeglass Collection:** The Lions Club recycles used eyeglasses, cell phones, and hearing aids. Place in box in 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.

**Alcohol Anonymous Groups:**

Wednesdays, 8:30 P.M.-Large Group

Thursdays, 8:00 P.M.-Small Group

**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 season. For more information contact the leader, Mary-Jo Cosgrove, at [mjcosgrove58@gmail.com](mailto:mjcosgrove58@gmail.com).

**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 church or contact Carole Roberts

**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.

**“FOR I WAS HUNGRY...”**

**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!

**MEMORY GARDEN**

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

**PRAYER SHAWLS**

Know someone who is hurting? Take them a Prayer Shawl. They are available at no cost in the Salem entry hall on top of the coat rack. There is no cost.

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# **Appalachian Service Project Trip**

## **June 16-22, 2019**

### **ADOPT AN ASP VOLUNTEER!**

**This year we are supporting a crew of six youth and three adult volunteers:**

**Youth:** Karl McDonald, Aidan Thompson, Donovan Thompson, Jacob Weinberger, Nathan Nguyen Dinh, and Sandy Chandradasa

**Adults:** Danielle Van Horn, Jesse Myers, and Hisashi Yamagata

#### **Support a Volunteer in Three Ways!**

1. Make a \$30 donation (payable to Salem UMC with ASP adoption in the memo line). Forms are available in the sanctuary or you may contact Hisashi to make an adoption (hyamagata@hotmail.com). Leave checks in the basket on the front table or mail to Salem by Sunday, June 9.
2. Provide the volunteer with a small bag of 4-5 goodies. Suggestions include playing cards, Frisbees, games, bandanas, snacks, gum, non-melting candy, powdered lemonade/ice tea mixes. Feel free to ask the volunteer or his parent for favorites.  
Drop off the Goodie Bags in the Community Hall on Friday, June 14 or Saturday, June 15 by 5:00 pm. The crews depart very early Sunday morning, June 16.
3. Pray for your volunteer, the ASP crews and the recipient families.

If you have questions, feel free to contact one of the Leaders.