

Salem United Methodist Church

July - August 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.



Photo of Bill and Caroline Herndon taken for their 70th Wedding Anniversary

On Sunday, June 23, Bill entered into eternal life at the Kline Hospice Center in Mt. Airy. He was 93 years old. He and Caroline have been members at Salem since April 24, 1987, however, according to Caroline they attended for years before they joined. Last year Bill and Caroline moved from Leisure World to Country Meadows Retirement Community in Frederick, MD. Together they had three children: Linda Shores, Debra Piper, and William, Jr.; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Bill will be buried with his family in his home town of Locust Grove, VA in Laurel Hill Cemetery on Monday, July 8. A Celebration of Life will be held at Country Meadows on Tuesday, July 9 at 11:00 A.M.

TO THE SALEM UM CHURCH COMMUNITY



Rev. Dr. Sue Shorb-Sterling.

To the Salem UM Church Community,

The numbers of people who say they don't believe in God or say they believe in God, but not the church, is growing every day. Can we, who are growing in our faith and service through the church, when asked what we believe and why we believe it' articulate our faith? Can we explain to non-believers what we believe, in whom we believe, and why we believe?

The Apostles' Creed which was first written in the second century by those in the early church and later revised in the fourth century has been held since then as a statement of belief for the Christian church. This Creed is organized around the Trinity: God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit with a mention of the Communion of Saints, Forgiveness of Sins, and the Resurrection of the Body. However, except for a brief history about Jesus, there is little to no explanation of who God and the Holy Spirit is or what the other terms mentioned actually mean.

This summer we will develop both definitions and explanations so we can come to a deeper understanding and be able to articulate our beliefs. We will do this in three ways. First, our Covenant Discipleship Group which meets on Wednesday mornings will be reading a

chapter of Adam Hamilton's book, *Creed*, the Wednesday before Sunday's sermon on the topic. Second, our worship and sermon series, "I Believe in..." will focus each week on one of the tenets of the Apostles' Creed. And, third, we will resume our Faith on Tap Fridays to discuss the topic from the preceding Sunday. (See below for the schedules.) To participate in any or all of these three, one doesn't have to read the book, *Creed*, by Adam Hamilton.

However, if one would like to follow along with the book, the book can be purchased online or downloaded onto a reading app.

Why spend this time on an ancient creed? In addition to being able to articulate our faith with others, knowing what we believe effects our understanding of what it means to be fully human as a follower of Jesus. Knowing what we believe shapes our values and morality. It shapes what we do with our time and money. And it shapes how we face life's challenges when they occur.

Will you join me in a conversation this summer as we learn together about God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit?

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Sue

**Rev. Sue will be on vacation
Tuesday, July 9-Tuesday, July 23**

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sun. July 7 "Get Out of the Way!"

I Kings 5:1-14; Psalm 30;

Galatians 6:1-16; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Sun. July 14 Mark Derby, preaching

Sun. July 21 Mark Derby, preaching

Summer Sermon Series: "I Believe in..."

- Sun. July 28 "God"
Sun. Aug 4 "Jesus Christ"
Sun. Aug. 11 "Holy Spirit"
Sun. Aug. 18 "Church and the
Communion of Saints"
Sun. Aug. 25 "Forgiveness of Sins"
Sun. Sept. 1 "Resurrection of the
Body"

Covenant Disciple Group

Meets Wednesdays 8:30-9:30 A.M.
in Community Hall

During the Sermon Series, "I Believe in..." which is based on the Apostles' Creed, the Covenant Disciple group will be discussing the topic for the upcoming Sunday. They will also be reading each week the accompanying chapters in Adam Hamilton's book, *Creed*.

- Wed. July 24 God
Wed. July 31 Jesus Christ
Wed. Aug. 7 Holy Spirit
Wed. Aug. 14 Church and Communion
of Saints
Wed. Aug. 21 Forgiveness of Sins
Wed. Aug. 28 Resurrection of the Body

Faith on Tap Fridays at 6:00 P.M.

During the Sermon Series, "I Believe in..." which is based on the Apostles' Creed, we will be gathering at Waredaca Brewing Company, 4017 Damascus Rd, Laytonsville, Maryland 20882 to discuss the past Sunday's sermon topic. Everyone is invited to attend and bring a lawn chair. Waredaca does serve non-alcoholic beverages, too, along with some food items. There is usually a food truck.

- Fri. Aug. 2 God
Fri. Aug. 9 Jesus Christ
Fri. Aug. 16 Holy Spirit

- Fri. Aug. 23 Church and
Communion of Saints
Fri. Aug. 30 Forgiveness of Sins
Fri. Sept. 6 Resurrection of the Body

The Apostles' Creed Ecumenical Version

From: United Methodist Hymnal

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son,
our Lord.
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living
and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of the saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

YOUTH GROUP

**Youth Group is taking a summer
break. Stay tuned for the fall schedule**

APPALACHIAN SERVICE PROJECT (ASP) 2019

Our ASP Team left Salem UMC on the morning of June 16th for Charmco in Greenbrier County, West Virginia where they spent a week making life a little easier for those in Appalachia.



Our Appalachia Service Project Team heading to Charmco, WVA to help make one home a little drier. Team members were: Youth: Karl McDonald, Aidan Thompson, Donovan Thompson, Jacob Weinberger, Nathan Nguven Dinh, and Sandy Chandradasa.

Adults: Danielle Van Horn, Jesse Myers and Hisashi Yamagata



Day 2 – Narrative by Hisashi: Their project was to dig a drainage system.

“Since the site wasn’t cleared for digging, we kept working on the roof. It rained on and off all day, and some of us who were on the roof were pretty wet. We met the whole family in the morning.



Danielle took charge of being an ambassador. She and Nathan helped the family sort through their belongings.

Day 3 – Work continues on the roof repair and digging begins on the drainage system. This house has a history of flooding.

Jesse: “The theory is that a natural spring is under the house. The block foundation is sitting in water and is crumbling and the septic seems to have moved as well.”



Danielle: “They were flooded but the house wasn’t destroyed. Water got to the height of the porch but didn’t ruin the inside. The main issue is the yard. I’ve mainly done work inside with Nathan and talked with the family. Wasn’t on the ASP agenda but the mom asked if we could help her sort and organize. We did 2 rooms like the above picture, and cleaning out the kitchen some. It was a great bonding with the family. We found lots of photos that were fun to go through with them. I think we totaled somewhere around 28 contractor bags full of stuff to throw away,



This is the “After” picture.



Salem ASP Day 5: Roof and drainage completed! Another home “warmer, safe, and DRIER!”



CONGRATULATIONS

To Virginia Smith as she celebrates her 90th Birthday on July 6.

OUR SYMPATHY

Our condolences to the Ambrose and Huntermann families on the loss of Baby Jack Thomas. He was born three months premature. Jack received excellent care at Holy Cross NICU, but his heart stopped and could not be restarted.

GOOD-BYE TO SUE DALEY



Sue Daley and Buck Bartley

It was with very mixed feelings that we said our “Good-byes” to Sue on June 23. A long-time participant of Salem, Sue is joining her husband, Don Moore, in Oregon where he is overseeing the Portland Zoo.



Sue has been a very active participant in the Town of Brookeville Community, serving as a Commissioner (2011-2019) and served as President of the Commissioners, as well. She and Buck

Bartley worked diligently to bring the Brookeville by-pass to reality. Sue and Don were faithful workers at the Lord's Table while it was operating. Sue faithfully attended Salem's 8:15 A.M. worship service and will be greatly missed.

SALEM'S PRAYER PARTNERS

Did you know Salem has a Prayer Partners group that meets at JoAnn Keister's house on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 to pray for your requests? It is open for anyone who would like to add their voice to our prayers. If you have a request you would like to add to the "list" you can send an email or text message to Rev. Sue, Velma Durant, JoAnn Keister, or Patti Rhinehart.

BOOK CLUB

Salem Book Club will resume in the fall.

SIGN-UP FOR ALTAR FLOWERS

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.

If you would like to provide flowers during the 2019 worship year, please signup on the list posted on the bulletin board in the hallway in the church. Contact Carole Roberts with questions.

COFFEE HOUR

HELP WANTED: People to sign up to serve for Coffee Hour for July and August as well as the rest of the year.

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 or contact Joyce Howes.

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 July – August Birthdays are:

July

McKeever, Doug	07/01
Ennes, Ellen	07/02
Durant, Velma	07/05
Lange, Robert	07/06
Smith, Virginia	07/06
Poe-Yamagata, Ian	07/06
Wheeler, Erin	07/06
Weinberger, Jacob	07/14
Roberts, Amy	07/15
Weinberger, Ginny	07/20
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
Weinberger, Cooper	08/29
Lyon, Marie	08/30

Our July - August Anniversaries are:

July

Sterling/Shorb-Sterling, Charles and Sue	07/03
Van, Druff, Robert and Helen	07/03
Smith-Durant, Curtis 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

OUR COMMUNITY

Salem Men’s Meeting: The Salem UM Men meet the second Saturday of the month at 8:00 A.M. for a breakfast meeting. All men are welcome to attend.

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.

“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. **Olney**

Help Food Needs: At this time Olney Help **MOST NEEDS:** Boost or Ensure, jelly (28-32 oz.), canned fruit, canned chicken, beef stew, canned meats, cold cereal, juice,

pancake mix, pancake syrup. In low supply: rice & pasta side dishes and evaporated milk. They currently have enough boxed pasta, boxed spaghetti, canned beans. No glass jars. Gift cards appreciated.

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!

PASTOR INFORMATION

Reverend Sue takes a Sabbath Day on Mondays for rest and renewal. Please contact her on that day only in an emergency.

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