Salem United Methodist Church May 2013 Newsletter



To the Salem UM Church Family-

Happy Birthday, Church! Yes, this month we celebrate two birthdays: 1) the birthday of the Church at Pentecost when the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples (May 19); 2) Salem's birthday. On Sunday, May 26, Salem will be 180 years old! In 2013 we are still loving, serving, and celebrating! Those that gathered to sing praises to God, to pray, to hear the Word proclaimed, to share in the Lord's Supper on May 26, 1833 for the dedication could not have imagined that we would still be doing the same thing in this location today! But we are! We are a church that is alive with Christ's love and grace offered to each other and to our neighbors.

One wonders just how many have experienced the love of Christ during these 180 years through this faith community. How many have heard and studied God's Word? How many have answered the call to serve God and neighbor here and throughout the world? How many times have we celebrated the Living Christ in worship, through communion, with baptisms, weddings, and funerals? How many lives were changed because of Salem's presence in Brookeville? Hundreds? Thousands? The number is impossible for us to obtain. But God knows. God knows how faithful we have been throughout these 180 years.

Since this newsletter goes out not just to those who are active at Salem, but to many whose lives have been touched by Salem, I am inviting us to remember what this church has meant to each of us. Some of us attended Salem with our families as children many years ago. Some moved into the area, attended for a while, and then moved away. No matter when you attended Salem, let us know what Salem means or meant to you. We would love to receive your Salem memories. And/or if you have pictures of special Salem memories, send them also to us via email at

shorster@yahoo.com or

youth@salemunitedmethodist.org, our Facebook page, or drop us a note at Salem United Methodist Church, 12 High St., Brookeville, Md. 20833.

And plan to attend and celebrate with us on Sunday, May 26, 2013.

From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,

Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

Still Loving, Serving, and Celebrating, Rev. Sue

Worship Schedule:

Easter Sermon Series Continued: Living the Resurrection

Sunday, May 5 "Come" Acts 16: 9-15 with Bell Choir's "Joseph's Coat"

Sunday, May 12 "Saved" Mother's Day Acts 16: 16-34

Sunday, May 19 Pentecost Sunday "Fire" Acts 2: 1-21

Sunday, May 26 Trinity Sunday: Salem's 180th Birthday John 16: 12-15; Romans 4: 1-5

Salem UMC Acolyte Schedule

May 2013:

May 5: Amy Roberts

May 12: Lexi Groves

May 19: Jacob Weinberger

May 26: Andrew Sterling

<u>June</u>

June 2: Andrew Sterling

June 9: Lexi Groves

June 16: Jacob Weinberger

June 23: Melody McWilliams

June 30: Amy Roberts

<u>July</u>

July 7: Brianna Groves July 14: Andrew Sterling

July 21: Melody McWilliams

July 28: Amy Roberts

August

August 4: Jacob Weinberger

August 11: Lexi Groves

August 18: Melody McWilliams

August 25: Amy Roberts

Substitute: Savannah Miller

FROM THE CONGREGATION

Thanks to Anne Ennes for the following devotions from the Council meeting of April 26th.

1 Peter 1:14-15 "As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as He who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct;..."

1 Peter 2:1-5 "So put away all malice and all guile and insincerity and envy and all slander. Like newborn babes, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation; for you have tasted the kindness of the Lord. Come to Him, to that living stone, rejected by men but in God's sight chosen and precious; and like living stones be yourselves built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."

It is 2013. "Church" as our parents or grandparents have experienced it has changed. However, God's ultimate message continues to resonate and to remain relevant in His continually changing and evolving Kingdom. We all learned the parable of the sower in our childhood, but what brings that smile, that element of wonder and awe: the well-tended & planned row of crops or the one struggling wildflower defying all odds and sprouting between craggy rocks? We can be that wildflower of God! Our new-found footing may not be the most comfortable, we don't always feel like we have a grip on the issues, but we're strong and can reach for and reflect God's light and love no matter what!

Dear God,

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You are the "living stone" for all of us—all of us precious and chosen by You. Sometimes it's difficult to keep up with society's changes. We sometimes feel our foundation is shifting beneath our feet, our roots are not quite settled, or we're seeking the perfect mix of nutrients to sustain us. Perhaps we shouldn't be planted too firmly in our established zones like plants. It is the everchanging journey we desire to make with You Lord. You know where we need to grow, where we can grow. Let us be content, basking in Your light, renewing our determination to live open, accepting, love-filled lives. Amen.

Salem Women's Group

May 11, UMW dinner, Fried Chicken and Fish. See flyer at the end of this newsletter. Bring your mom, someone else's mom, somebody who acts like a mom, or somebody who has a mom!

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE

Health Kits: We Made 62 Health Kits for UMCOR!Want to make more?

We still have some time before annual conference in Baltimore. As many of you know, we made several Health Kits for UMCOR last Sunday as part of the post-Easter Sunday Service. But as great as that number is, we still have room for more kits in the storage bin so if the spirit moves you, please feel free to make more.

Thanks to all of you who helped roll and make the numerous Health Kits we have so far. We will still be collecting them until May 26. People have mentioned to me at church they plan to make some more Health Kits.

HOW WONDERFUL! By Libby Wright

CONGRATULATIONS

God has blessed our Salem Family with several new Grandchildren in the last month, and a wedding. Congratulations to each of you.

April 2nd, Pastor Sue and Chuck Sterling became the proud grandparents of their third granddaughter; Sarah Renee was born to their son Chris and daughter-in-law Jennifer.

April 14th, Rob and Barb McClosky welcomed Sophia Marie to their family. Their daughter and

son-in-law Christi and Lou Espejo are the proud parents.

Don Rider welcomed Christopher Legge, his fifth grandson, to be joined in July with his sixth grandchild. Stay tuned!

April 20th, Deb and Doug McKeever have a new granddaughter; Grace Addison has made the McKeevers a very happy couple.

Each of these wonderful children are a gift from the Lord and we thank Him for their and their mothers' good health. Looking forward to meeting each one in person!

April 28th, Fred and Debbie Ambrose welcomed their new "daughter" when their son Mark married Lora Wallenstein. Congratulations!

Congratulations, Graduates!

Graduation season is coming. Please join us in congratulating our Salem scholars! On June 2, we will recognize our high school graduates at the 10:00 service.

Graduating from high school are:

Eric Lowe Ruthie Lowe Emily Odbert Emma Poe-Yamagata Amanda Pustis Sarah Sterling Cooper Weinberger

Graduating from college:

Anna Lyon is finishing her AA degree from Howard Community College. She will be pursuing a BA degree in art at St. Mary's College of Maryland.

Adrienne Brown is finishing her certification as a Veterinary Technician from the Community College of Baltimore County.

Kathryn Ennes is graduating from Eastern Mennonite University with a degree in nursing.

Emily Weinberger is finishing her BA degree at James Madison University. She will continue at JMU one more year to complete an MA in special education.

I apologize if we've missed any names. If you notice someone missing, please let me know and we will include them in the June newsletter!

Rev. Janet

Youth Group

May 12, MOTHER'S DAY. No youth group meeting. Stay home and do something nice for your mom.

May 19, The Gathering. Join us at 6 pm for potluck: the program is 6:30-8:00 pm. May 26, MEMORIAL DAY weekend. No youth group meeting.

June 2, regular youth group meeting, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

June 9, end of the year Killer Bunnies-themed party. 6:30-8:00 p.m. Come for green gelatin with evil pineapple chunks, cheese balls, large prune Danishes, carrots, cabbage, water, and KILLER BUNNIES! Bring your favorite Killer Bunnies food to share! (Adults, don't worry. Killer Bunnies is a card game we play in youth group. We really aren't killing rabbits... ①)

THE GATHERING

Preparing for the Appalachia Service Project: The April Gathering

The April Gathering time was devoted to learning about some of the problems facing the people we will be serving in Appalachia this summer. The Appalachia Service Project gave us an exercise: we had to imagine that we were ASP coordinators who had to decide which homes to work on this summer. We had a stack of five applications, but we could only pick one. The applications they gave us were real (the homeowners had agreed to participate in this training exercise), but fortunately, the decision we had to make that evening was not. We had to weigh the need of the families against the amount of work to be done. Some of the work was too extensive for volunteer crews to be able to complete in one summer. Several homes had black mold, so we had to discuss the problem of sending volunteers into a potentially hazardous work environment. One family had multiple children; several families had disabled family members. One family reported zero income; other families' only income was

Social Security or disability payments. How to decide?

The actual decision wasn't the point of the exercise. The point was to begin to understand. In the applications, we read of families' struggles with unemployment, work injuries, disability and poverty. When we arrive in Appalachia this summer, some real ASP coordinators will have selected work sites for us. Our job will be to make the homes warmer, safer and drier, and to show God's love to the families we serve.

Rev. Janet

<u>Deaf By Design:</u> <u>The MayGathering</u>

Sunday, May 19 following 6:00 pm potluck, 6:30 to 8 pm. Come join us for fun and spiritual refreshments only worshipping God can provide. The subject will be "Deaf by Design" – Rob Morell will share his insights as a research biologist and geneticist. How is God working through the scientific community today?

Happenings

UMM/UMW: The United Methodist Men and Women of the Central Maryland District are cosponsoring a retreat on May 18, 2013, 9:30 am – 4:00 pm at Seneca Creek State Park in Gaithersburg, Md. The theme of the retreat is "Solving the Silent Crime: Intercepting Teen Dating Violence Before it Hits the Evening News." This retreat is for all adults who interact with young people as a parent, grandparent, classroom teacher, pastor, Sunday school teacher, youth group leader, coach, etc. The retreat will provide awareness of the issue of teen dating violence and provide information on ways to stop it. Please contact Kathleen Charters at kcharters@mac.com or 240-463-7598 for more information.

Alternative Mothers Day Gift

Every 60 seconds, malaria claims a life in Africa. Imagine No Malaria is an extraordinary effort of the people of The United Methodist Church, putting our faith into action to end preventable

deaths by malaria in Africa, with bed nets, treatment, education, communications, and advocacy, especially the death of a child or a mother.

Consider donating to Imagine No Malaria in honor of or in memory of your mother or another woman who has nurtured you. You will "Share the Love. Save a Life." Your gift to Imagine No Malaria will help reduce the number of deaths from malaria on the African continent as well as assist the mothers in Africa who struggle each day to protect their children from malaria.

A large bed net will cover two or more children. Each bed net costs \$10. Make checks payable to Salem UMC with "malaria net" in the subject line. These gifts can be made in honor of, or in memory of a specific person if you like; just add a note with your check.

For more information check out: www.imaginenomalaria.org/Sharethelove

May 19, Olney Days

The Olney Day Parade is coming up on Sunday, May 19 at 2 pm. The Church Council would like to see us march in the parade as a way of letting the community know who we are. The theme of the parade is "Olney Days-30 Years old and Still Marching." I thought a theme for our group could be "Salem UM Church- 180 years old and still Loving, Serving, and Celebrating." Bill Herndon has already agreed to drive one of his antique cars in the parade for our older members to ride in. We need others to walk, hold our banner, give away lollipops and bags. If you would like to join us, talk to Rev. Sue.

Memorial Day Worship Service, Salem UMC Cemetery, Monday, May 26, 9:30 am

ASP

ASP Happenings

The 2013 ASP crews have been busy raising money for our fast approaching mission to Lee County, Virginia June 30 -July 6. Our April 20 yard sale was a great success. There was a good flow of customers all morning long. Thanks for all the donations of "treasures" and the many

volunteers who worked so hard to make this sale great. We raised \$1,065.51 for our ASP teams.



Recently some of our ASP volunteers put their home repair talent to use at Salem by replacing the roof on the church shed.

May 19 11:00-1:00, ASP Breakfast. Come enjoy a yummy hot breakfast for a good cause!

ASP Spaghetti Dinner and Concert. On Sunday, June 2, we will host a concert presented by our music director, Rose Eide-Altman. Performing will be the Encore Singers along with some of Salem's and Brookeville's finest solo talent.

Dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the community hall Concert at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Mission Consideration Drive thru Prayer



At the April Council Meeting a proposal was presented for Salem to have a session of drive-thru prayers. This would take place once a month on a Monday morning during rush hour. Several of our Members would be available to pray for (almost) whatever the person in the car requested. An example: The car pulls in, and the Salem

Volunteer would walk up to the car and ask "How can I pray with you today?" A short prayer later they would be on their way. The council decided that the idea was worth looking into.

If this is something you would like to participate in, please see a member of the council, Rev. Sue, Rev. Janet, Anne Ennes or Velma Durant and let us know you are interested.

On Holiday Mondays (or on the day the return rush begins) a group of Salem volunteers would be available to offer a hot cup of coffee, maybe a donut, a short prayer for whatever they may need, and the use of the restrooms.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Salem Book Discussion: 2013 ScheduleMeetings 7:30 pm, Upstairs Classroom in Salem
Community Hall

Thursday, May 9 <u>The End of the Affair</u> by Graham Greene – Fiction

The story revolves around a doomed love affair that takes place in 1940s war-torn London.

Maurice Bendrix, a successful writer, falls for Sarah Miles, the wife of a dreary civil servant with whom he has struck up a business relationship. Sarah calls the relationship off without warning or explanation and we later learn Sarah's side of the story via her journal which has fallen into Bendrix's hands. Her diary entries provide a glimpse into her view of the affair and reveals a surprising element to Sarah's character, namely her relationship with God, and the reasons why she gave up Bendrix all those years ago.

Thursday, June 6 **Behind the Beautiful Forevers: Life, Death and Hope in a Mumbai Undercity** by Katherine Boo - Non-fiction

Katherine Boo spent three years among the residents of the Annawadi slum, a sprawling, cockeyed settlement of more than 300 tin-roof huts and shacks in the shadow of Mumbai's International Airport. From within this "sumpy plug of slum" Boo unearths stories both tragic and poignant-about residents' efforts to raise families, earn a living, or simply survive.

R.O.M.E.O. 9:00 am at Dempsey's in Ashton. Join the "Retired Old Men Eating Out" for fellowship, talk, and a great breakfast.

<u>**Pre-School Story-time:**</u> 10:00 am, 4th Wednesday every month.

May 22: Silly stories

<u>Church Council:</u> Thursday, May 23, 7:15 pm in Salem Community Hall.

<u>Lord's Table:</u> May 25, 1:00 to 5:00 pm. St. Martin's Catholic Church, Gaithersburg. Please come out and help make the day a good one for the less fortunate.

Coffee Hour Hosts and Hostesses

5/5 Brandon & Debbie S.

5/12 MEN

5/19 Susan B.

5/26 Maryellen & Bob B.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

If your name should be on one of these lists, please add it to the list on the bulletin board. We don't want to leave you out. Thank you.

Our May Birthdays are:

Hammer, Becca	05/01
McClosky, Lindsey	05/05
Beye, Noah	05/06
Preville, Dean	05/08
Sterling, Chuck	05/14
Langley, Conor	05/28
Lavely, Bill	05/28

I have no record of May anniversaries.

Life Line Screening

Again Salem will be hosting Life Line health services screening on Tuesday, June 18 in the Community Hall. Life line can screen for potential health problems. They can perform various blood tests, bone density screening, Peripheral Arterial Disease (PAD) Screening, Atrial Fibrillation Screening (Irregular Heart Rhythm), Carotid Artery Screening, and Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening. Prices vary per test. For

more information and to register visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners.

HEALTH NEWS FROM THE PARISH NURSE

Asthma Update:

If you have asthma, make sure you talk to your doctor about your asthma triggers and how to avoid them. Also be sure to discuss the warning signs of an asthma attack and what you should do if your symptoms get worse. A helpful website for all things asthma is www.nhlbi.nih.gov I encourage anyone who has asthma or knows someone who has it to check out this site. Lots of good information and handouts.

Health Information:

I am working on setting up areas in the church and the hall where I will put health related information of interest. Keep watching! And as always, if you have a health related question or concern, please contact me.

As always, I am available anytime to answer your questions, if I can. My email address is stahleybrn@comcast.net; my home phone number is 301-774-1080.

Maryellen Brown

In Our Community

Sandy Spring Lions Club: Monday, May 27 at 7:00 pm, in Salem Community Hall.

Eyeglass Collection: Salem will continue to collect used eyeglasses, cell phones and hearing aids to donate to Lions Club. Please leave them in Salem Community Hall.

Manna Food Center: _9311 Gaither Road, Gaithersburg, MD 20877, or online at www.mannafood.org; to volunteer call 301-424-1130.

Olney Help: P.O. Box 430, Olney, MD 20832; to volunteer call 301-774-6829. They still have need of dried peas/beans (small bags), sloppy Joe sauce, crackers, cookies, granola bars, canned chili, pancake syrup, pasta side dishes, frosting, and canned meats. Please place items in the box in church hallway. No glass jars.

A Warm Thank You

Thanks - Thanks - Thanks!

"Angels in our midst." To all that keep me in touch with my church family by

Newsletter – Velma CD's - Bob Brown/Joyce Dean Prayer Partners Crochet – Knitting Cards & Bulletins And anyone else – hugs – prayers JoAnn Keister

I wish to express my deepest thanks to everyone for your prayers, encouraging words, and visits while my husband, Curtis Smith, was in the hospital. I am pleased to report God has once again answered our prayers and has, indeed, been with us. Curt is doing so much better.

Velma Durant

Check It Out!

Prayer Shawls:

Prayer Shawls are available in Salem Community Hall. There is no cost; if you know anyone you want to share a prayer with all the time, see Carole Roberts or Rev. Sue for 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!

SALEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 12 HIGH STREET BROOKEVILLE, MD 20833

MOTHER'S DAY DINNER IN HONOR OF ALL MOTHERS

Bring your mother, grandmother, daughter, daughter-in-law, aunt, niece and cousin

Everyone is welcome

SATURDAY MAY 11, 2013 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM

MENU

Fried Chicken
Baked Fish
Vegetables
Salad
Coffee, tea & desserts

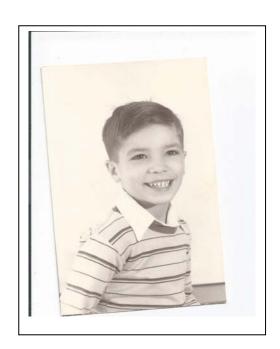
Eat in or carry out

Tickets: Advanced tickets to be prepaid. Pick up at the door \$20.00 in advance. \$25.00 purchased at the door Ages 3-12 - \$12.00 in advance. \$15.00 purchased at the door Under 3 – free

For reservations and information call 301-873-3807 or 301-370-0659 If no answer please leave a message

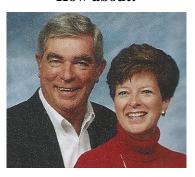
AND THE ANSWER IS -





Whom did you guess? I wish to commend Janet Howes and Rhonda Barrett for the correct answer. In Worship service on Sunday, April 14th, Yvette Thurston also came up with the correct answer. Rhonda commented; "Can't miss that smile."

How about:



John Howes and his lovely bride Joyce

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OUR NEXT CHALLENGE ...

DO YOU KNOW WHO THIS IS?



Answer in June's Edition of the Salem Newsletter.

I hope you are enjoying these flashes from our past. Remember, if you know anyone in this picture (I will give you a hint, it's one of the girls), e-mail me at velma durant@yahoo.com or stop me in Church and let me know

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			9:00am "Upper Room" Bible Discussion, Choir Room 7:00pm Disciple 1, Hall (upstairs) 7:00pm Disciple 4, Hall (upstairs) 8:00pm AA, Hall (main room)	6:30pm Cub Scouts, Den 3, Hall 7:30pm, Book Discussion, Hall (upstairs) 8:00pm AA, Choir room	3 10:00am Knitting Group, Joanne Keister's	4
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