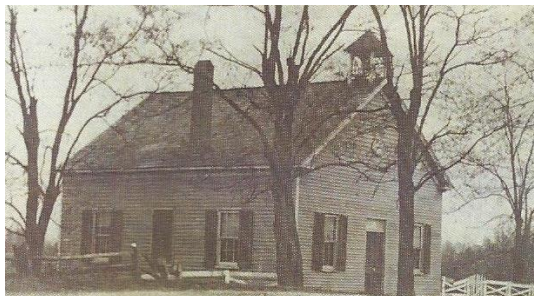


# Salem United Methodist Church

## May - June 2015 Newsletter

**“182 Years and Still Loving, Serving and Celebrating”**



SALEM United Methodist Church 2015/SALEM Methodist Protestant Church 1833

12 High Street, Brookeville, Maryland 20833

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

**Sunday Services 8:15 am and 10:00 am**

**TO THE SALEM UM CHURCH  
COMMUNITY**



Rev. Sue Shorb-Sterling.

To the Salem UM Church Community,  
It is the merry month of May! And it will be a busy one for us at Salem. Our three Appalachia Service Project Teams are forming and preparing for their trip to Harland County, Kentucky. They will have a murder mystery dinner theatre to raise funds (see pg. 3 for more info). Then there is Mother's Day, Confirmation Sunday, and the Memorial Day Service in our cemetery. In the midst of all this, we move from the Easter Season to celebrating Pentecost, the moment when the Holy Spirit empowered the disciples to go out and preach about Jesus to those who came to Jerusalem for the festival. All of this is

evidence that Salem is a vibrant congregation and I am so grateful to serve as your pastor. The merry month of May will be a busy one for me as well. After completing all the course work and the project paper (sometimes called a thesis), the degree of Doctor of Ministry will be conferred upon me at the National Cathedral on Monday, May 11 at 2:00 pm. Everyone is invited to attend! To celebrate reaching this achievement, some might go to Disneyworld, but not me. I am scheduled to have both of my knees replaced on May 19. This surgery is well overdue. And for all those who question why I am getting both done at the same time. As the doctor stated to me, "You don't have a good leg to stand on." This is not just a cliché in my case. Yes, I know it will be painful and challenging so I covet your prayers. I am also looking forward to standing, walking, climbing stairs, and exercising without pain. The recovery time is to take eight weeks, so I will need that time for healing. During my recovery the pulpit will be covered by two clergy; Rev. Mark Derby, retired elder, and Rev. Jim Skillington (see preaching schedule on pg. 3). Even though Mark is retired, he is very involved with church consulting work and overseas missions. I'm sure he will share

stories of his mission work with Salem during his sermons. Jim is not retired. He is an ordained elder who is in an extension ministry at Village Life in Columbia. This organization provides communication services for non-profits and churches. For more information about this organization go to [www.villagelife.org](http://www.villagelife.org). One could say that Jim is in the communication business.

In addition to all of this, my husband, Chuck, is waiting to hear when he will have back surgery. There is a real possibility we may be recovering at the same time! So we really do need your healing prayers!

As I am writing this, the news media is reporting the riots in Baltimore. My heart is heavy for a city that has worked so hard to become a great place, a city many love. My prayers are with the City of Baltimore. May God guide them to peace and justice. Even in the midst of our pain, the great ministries at Salem, and health issues, we cling to the faith that Jesus continues to be Lord over all the earth.

Prayerfully,  
Rev. Sue

**Rev. Sue will be on Health Leave of Absence for knee replacement surgery from May 19<sup>th</sup> until her doctor clears her to resume her normal activities. If there is a pastoral emergency, call Deb Ambrose, Buck Bartley, or Hisashi Yamagata.**

### **A Huge Thank You from Rev. Sue**

The phrase that it takes a village to raise a child could be paraphrased that it takes more than a community of faith to assist with the development of a Doctor in Ministry (DMin) Project. I could not have completed the project or the paper without the support of so many individuals and everyone at Salem. First, allow me to share my project and it's title: *Two Clergy Can Lead Better Than One: A Suggested Protocol For United Methodist Elders and Deacons Who Serve Together*. The purpose of this project was to seek an understanding of the role and ministry potential of the office of deacon by suggesting a protocol for deacons and elders who serve together in the local church. The position of deacon as a permanent ordained

position is only twenty years old in the United Methodist Church. Since there is only one deacon for every fifteen elders in the denomination, most elders have never served with a deacon and don't understand the ministry potential that a deacon can offer the church. To develop the suggested protocol, I collected data from elders, deacons, and the laity in the churches where they both serve. I also collected data from the laity at Salem, our deacon, Janet Craswell, and from my experience of serving her. With this data I composed a suggested protocol and then attempted to test it with clergy dyads who were serving together for the first time.

None of this would have been possible without the support and assistance of many. First, this project and its paper would not have been possible without the dedication and patience of Rev. Janet Craswell, with whom I had the privilege to serve at Salem for five years. She taught me about the vital role and function of the deacon for the church. Thank you, Janet, for sharing your enthusiasm and love for this office. You are a deacon extraordinaire! Second, I give thanks to all of you at Salem. You gave me prayer support, time to do my research and write, assisted with developing surveys and interview questions, as well as shared how you witnessed an elder and a deacon serve together. I won't mention any names because I might miss someone. But in one way or another all of you have been part of this process. So thank you, Salem UMC, for providing the opportunity for this elder to serve with a deacon, which served as the impetus for this project. My prayer is that this DMin project will in some way benefit other elders and deacons who have the opportunity to serve together.

A video of a presentation of this DMin project can be viewed at:  
<http://www.ustream.tv/channel/two-clergy-can-lead-better-than-one>

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Easter Sermons Series:

“It Doesn’t Happen Overnight!”

May 3: “Cocoons”

May 10: “A Mystery”

8:15 Worship only - Special Music by the Waynesburg Univ. Lamplighter Touring Choir

May 17: Confirmation Sunday

May 24: Rev. Mark Derby, preaching

May 31: Rev. Jim Skillington, preaching

Monday, May 25; Memorial Day Service, 9:30 am Salem UM Cemetery

The Norman Price Post 68 of the American Legion will present colors. Bob Gill, chaplain of the post will give a Memorial Day reflection.

Taps will be played by Jacob Weinberger.

June 7: Jim Skillington, preaching

June 14: Mark Derby, preaching

June 21: Mark Derby, preaching

June 28: Mark Derby, preaching

## YOUTH GROUP

Sundays: 6:30-8:00 pm  
Community Hall

May 3: ASP Training 6:00 pm, May 10: Mother’s Day, no youth group; Spend time with Mom

May 19: Confirmation Sunday, no youth group

May 24: Memorial Day weekend, no youth

May 31: Youth Picnic, TBA

## ASP 2015

Appalachian Service Project: **Three** crews will be participating in the 2015 ASP service trip to Harland County, Kentucky June 28 – July 4. The ASP volunteers this year are:

Youth: Blake Roberts, Rachel Bartley, Jacob Weinberger, Kenny Wahl, Joey Brantley, Karmen Martin, Carlos Barnas, Wyatt Thompson, Donovan Thompson, Cameron Daugherty, Bernice Bethke, Emma Senk.

Adults: Buck Bartley, Fred Ambrose, Hisashi Yamagata, Barbara Achstetter, Kully Bancroft, Frank Senk, Erin Wheeler, Bob Brown

## Yard Sale

Thank you everyone for your contributions!

The ASP trip fund has grown by \$1,425, which we thank God for.



The next Fund Raiser:



**Mystery Murder Dinner – Pirates!**

Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

The ASP crew will serve dinner while you try to figure out “who dunnit.” The cost of \$20.00 includes appetizer, dinner, dessert and beverage. Pay at the door or RSVP to Barbara Achstetter at [xachstetter@yahoo.com](mailto:xachstetter@yahoo.com). Proceeds support the ASP trip to Kentucky this summer.

**THIS EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE COMMUNITY HALL!**

## SALEM UNITED METHODIST MEN

Men of Salem, come out on the first Saturday of each month in the Community Hall at 8:00 am and enjoy breakfast along with your meeting. Upcoming meetings on May 2 and June 6.

## A TIME FOR CHILDREN

On Sunday, April 5th, after a wild half-hour of egg hunting and excitement, the children settled down for their time of worship.



To begin, Rev. Sue showed the children a plastic egg, explaining the resurrection. Then she read a story to them about the resurrection. After the story Rev. Sue presented each child with a copy of the book.

### FROM THE CONGREGATION

"Sharing my thoughts with you for May..."

from Charlyne Lewis

**Your Senses** This time of year is so neat,  
**Will Tell You** don't you think? There is so  
**That God Made** much of the Creator's hand-work  
**The Spring** all around us that is FREE - it makes me give thanks time and again, to the Great One for His hand in all of this beauty that surrounds us every day. Whenever we think that our lives aren't 'going anywhere' ...all we have to do is look around us...He appears, in the simple form of nature, to let us know that we are not alone in this old world, that there is truly a Father looking out for all of us...and He has given us His creative beauty to enjoy and share with others. My favorite line from a hymn I love is, "in the rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me everywhere." And for me, that is the greatest thing about the seasons, each one brings along with it a truly different form of His work set to nature, and yes, I can really "hear Him pass, and speak to me" every day I am given. Bless all of you...enjoy the season!!



(See Hymn 144 – Ecclesiastes 3:1-8)

"Sharing my thoughts with you for June..."

from Charlyne Lewis



Here we are into June, which some folks look at as the 'LOVE Month' ...because it is a perfect season for finding a new LOVE in ones' life, or maybe getting engaged, or best of all – married! The Bible is full of 'LOVE'

passages....how many do you and I practice every day?

Speaking of LOVE, let me say: hasn't the Lord been good to us...He keeps sending His *loving* creatures into our own 'south forty' just so we can enjoy His handiwork first hand. (that's LOVE!) – Are you so blessed? Do you have any of these precious creatures visiting you?...as we

live where we do, we experience a great variety of His marvelous creations!

Nature has always been a part of my growing up, instilled with plenty of LOVE by my parents, to always treat God's creatures with kindness, LOVE, and respect...so it really has rubbed off on me...yes, "His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me"...every day as He and I walk this life-path together.

God Bless!

(1 Corinthians 13:1-13, Hymn #122)

~Charlyne

### REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS:

Rev. Jeanne Klauda, Anna Unglesbee, Bob and Helen Van Druff, Reta McKeever, Jean Karl, Janet and Rob Howes, Eddie Gregg and Tony Hopkins. Their addresses are posted on the bulletin board in the hallway, or call Rev. Sue.

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Board of Trustees Meeting Highlights  
June 15, 2015 at 7:00pm.

- Spring cleaning is underway both inside and out. Connie and Buck are looking into replacing the worn carpet by the side doorway with tile. Our new projector and screen are installed and working wonderfully. Thanks to Bob Brown and David Ranshaw for their hard work. Bob is working on researching and purchasing two new computers for the church. Fred Ambrose reported on the progress in purchasing new HVAC for the church.
- ~Connie Somerville

### CHURCH COUNCIL

Church Council Meeting Highlights  
April 23, 2015

Our meeting table was full! Please thank a Church Council member for their devotion and commitment to ministries at Salem. I would like to personally thank all members of the Church Council for their faithful attendance.

- Bill Lavelly began the meeting with devotion. Thanks, Bill
- Continue to keep, Eddie Gregg, Helen VanDruff, Doug Whalen, and Marcia Thorp's husband, Ron, in your prayers.

- We celebrated the wonderful message shared on April 12 by Ginny Weinberger, our dancing queen, and the wonderful music shared at worship on April 19 by the Atholton Academy Band.
- We discussed the jobs that will need to be done by church members while Rev. Sue is on medical leave (May 18-July 14) Rev. Sue will be contacting members in search of other volunteers. Thanks in advance for a smile and a “Yes!”
- We voted to take a break from participation in the Olney Days Parade this year. Last year we marched with our wonderful butterflies. Be thinking about what we can do next year to make a splash in the community.
- The ASP teams have their assignment. They will be going to Harland County, Kentucky to do God’s work in the world.
- Work of the Finance Committee was shared. Everyone will be receiving quarterly statements of giving this year. Our first quarter spending was compared with our budget. Our giving is a bit behind. Thanks to all who so generously support our Salem ministries.
- Joyce Howes reported on the Memorials Fund. She will be contacting family members about their wishes for the use of funds in the Memorials account.
- Hasashi Yamagata reported that Tony Hopkins is having a bone marrow transplant on May 11. His family will continue his work during his absence.
- Vacation Bible School planning is underway.
- The meeting was closed with prayer by Velma Durant. We will not be meeting in May. Our next meeting will be in June. The date is TBD. As always, ALL are welcome. Come and join your leaders in the ministries of our church.
- ~Deb Ambrose ☺

## SIGN UP FOR

### Coffee Hour:

Volunteers are needed for coffee hour. Use Sign up Genius.com and use my e-mail address [cucinotta1@verizon.net](mailto:cucinotta1@verizon.net) to get to "Salem Coffee 2015" to sign up. I have all the new 2015 dates in there.

Thanks for volunteering! Joyce

6/21/2015	OPEN
6/28/2015	OPEN

### Altar Flowers:

If you would like to provide flowers you may either place your name on the list on the church bulletin board or go to Sign-Up Genius at: [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0948AAAD2AA5F94-altar](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0948AAAD2AA5F94-altar)

When signing up, please indicate if the flowers are a tribute (for example: from the Smith 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 them to the church Saturday afternoon; please deliver the flowers to the church by 7:30 Sunday morning.

## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Saint Paul UMC Laytonsville was the scene of the Maundy Thursday Service on April 2<sup>nd</sup> with Pastor Jim Pugh hosting. Starting the service with The Gathering, Rev. Emily Berkowitz (of Ashton UMC) read the story of The Betrayal with Rev. Sue Shorb-Sterling (Salem UMC) completing the Thursday activities with the story of Jesus and his disciples observing the Passover Meal. The choir (a combination of all three churches) was outstanding.



Before communion was served, Rev. Berkowitz read the story of The Arrest and Rev. Pugh told us about The Council according to Mark 14:53-64. Rev. Sue led the Stripping of the Altar. After the choir sang “What Wondrous Love Is This?” the congregation was dismissed in quiet meditation. This was a very thoughtful service which really touched the heart.



Good Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> found us gathering at Ashton UMC. Again, the three churches combined into a very impressive choir led by Rev. Pugh of Laytonsville UMC. As the service progressed, each Pastor told us of the Seven Last Words on the Cross. There was a table behind the cross (see picture) with 7 candles burning brightly. After the Pastors read and spoke about the last words of Christ, they extinguished the candles one by one until, with the words “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit,” all the candles were out, and our Lord and Savior was dead. The choir closed this segment of the service with the special music “How Beautiful”:

“And as He laid down His life,  
We offer this sacrifice:  
That we will live just as He died,  
Willing to pay the price.”

The service ended with the congregation singing “Were You There?”

**HE IS NOT DEAD! HE HAS RISEN.  
ALLELUIA!**

The time is 7:00 am, the place is Salem UMC Cemetery, and the sun is just creeping over the edge of our vision. It is Sunday and there are about 53 people gathered to celebrate the greatest event in the life of a Christian, The Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



The air was cool but The Spirit was with us. Under the direction of our Minister of Music, Rose Eide-Altman, two of our young people played the trumpet - heartwarming and meaningful music for the occasion. Those joining Rose were Joel Pierra, Donovan Thompson and Jacob Weinberger. Our youth, Wyatt Thompson (Thomas), Carlos Barinas

(Peter), Donovan Thompson (The Beloved Disciple), and Karmen Martin (Mary Magdalene) gave us the stories of “Waiting for the Dawn” and “Morning has Broken;” Amy Roberts read the story of the resurrection from John 20:1-10 and Jacob Weinberger led us in the Resurrection Prayer. Rev. Sue gave the Meditation “The New Day.”

By the time the sun began to share its warming beams, we headed back to the Community Hall where Barbara Achstetter had a buffet of many delicious dishes for our enjoyment as we shared Easter Breakfast together.



The children were really excited! It isn't quite 9:30 am but they are “climbing the wall” so to speak, anxious to begin the traditional Easter Egg Hunt. To help them calm down (if that is possible), Connie Blain brought her prize-winning bunnies in for the enjoyment of the children and adults alike. Thank you Connie, they are beautiful!

Finally the word comes and the stampede begins, out to the Church playground and the field beyond, the children raced. No one really knows who found the most eggs but the important thing is they had fun.



The photo shows just those in the lower field; there were still children around the playground. Caught Chuck Sterling with the golden egg!



As 10:00 am approached, the congregation began to gather. The sanctuary is decorated with a beautiful flower tree with flowers purchased by members of the congregation.

Once again our young people presented the story of “Waiting for the Dawn” (see the sunrise service for details). Special music set the tone of the service and Rev. Sue completed her Lenten Sermon Series, “From wRecked to Restored” with her soul-searching message “Fully Restored.” In her closing remarks, Rev. Sue stressed “This process of restoration is in each of us today. Can you identify with any of these disciples? The skeptic or questioning Thomas? Peter who was quick to deny ever knowing Jesus? The beloved Disciple who knew Jesus loved him? Or Mary Magdalene who was totally committed? Restoring us fully is what the resurrection is all about. It’s not about Jesus. It’s about Jesus rising from the dead to give hope to us, to those of us who are burdened by sin and who are oppressed by those who sin against us...

### COMPASSION CHILD

Do You Have Compassion?



April 26 is Compassion Sunday and in these next few weeks, I will be sending out information on how to sponsor a child that needs your help.

Compassion International exists as a Christian child advocacy ministry that releases children from spiritual, economic, social and physical poverty and enables them to become responsible, fulfilled Christian adults. Founded by the Rev. Everett Swanson in 1952, Compassion began providing Korean War orphans with food, shelter, education and health care, as well as Christian training. Today, Compassion helps more than 1.5 million children in 26 countries. Charity Navigator, America's

largest charity evaluator, has awarded Compassion its highest rating — four stars — for 14 consecutive years, placing Compassion in the top 1 percent of all charities.

Please watch [this short 4 minute video](#) about Keylin Rodriquez, who lives in Tipitapa, Nicaragua in Central America, as she learns she has a sponsor.

A child needs you to help them to escape from poverty. Many of us at Salem United Methodist Church sponsor one or more children through Compassion. This is YOUR opportunity to release a child from poverty in Jesus’ name. For just a tax-deductible contribution of \$38 a month, you will give a poor child hope and a better future through the loving intervention of a Christ-centered program run by a local church in their neighborhood.

Will you have compassion and sponsor a child today? Go [here](#) to learn more about it and pick a child to sponsor.

Thank you. ~Libby

### HAPPENINGS

#### Waynesburg University Lamplighter Touring Choir

**Sunday, May 10 at 8:15 am service**

The Waynesburg University Lamplighter Touring Choir will be providing a morning song service on Mother’s Day, Sunday, May 10 at 8:15 only. This eighteen member choral group will be presenting classical, contemporary Christian music, hymns, and traditional spirituals all in inspiring arrangements.

#### Vacation Bible School

**“G-Force Adventure Park”!**



July 6-10, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Plans are underway for this years’ Vacation Bible School. We will enjoy time together exploring ways that “In God we live, move, and exist.” (Acts 17:28a). Our Bible stories will be about ways God teaches us to **Move, Act, Care, Follow, and Share** in the world. Help is needed for sharing Bible stories, making crafts, exploring science, worshiping through music, playing games, and enjoying snacks. If you are available to help for one, two, or all five evenings please contact Debbie Ambrose. Registration forms available in the sanctuary or on the Salem website.

## **Salem Has a New Video Screen!**



After fighting with the old screen for years, we have a new screen and a projector that comes from the ceiling. Thanks to Buck Bartley, Bob Brown, and David Ranshaw for the great job.

**Lord's Table:** May 23<sup>rd</sup>, The Lord's Table is a soup kitchen located at St. Martins of Tours, 201 S. Frederick Ave., Gaithersburg. We begin cooking at 1 pm and serve at 3:30 pm. We welcome everyone to come and help serve. This is our last Lord's table until September.

**UM Summer Camps:** Brochures are on the table by the coat rack. Or for more information and to register go to [www.bwccampsandretreats.com](http://www.bwccampsandretreats.com).

**Café Justo Coffee:** To order contact Kathryn Ennes at church or via e-mail at [k\\_ennes@yahoo.com](mailto:k_ennes@yahoo.com).

## **BOOK DISCUSSION**

**Someone** by Alice McDermott Fiction, 232 pgs. Thursday, May 7, 7:30 pm - Hosted at the home of Debbie Ambrose

An ordinary life—its sharp pains and unexpected joys, its bursts of clarity and moments of confusion—lived by an ordinary woman. Scattered recollections—of childhood, adolescence, motherhood, old age—come together in this transformative narrative, stitched into a vibrant whole by McDermott's deft, lyrical voice.

**Same Kind of Different As Me: A Modern-Day Slave, an International Art Dealer, and the Unlikely Woman Who Bound Them**

**Together** by Ron Hall, Denver Moore and Lynn Vincent Biography, 245 pgs.

Thursday, June 4. Location TBD

A dangerous, homeless drifter who grew up picking cotton in virtual slavery. An upscale art dealer accustomed to the world of Armani and Chanel. A gutsy woman with a stubborn dream. A story so incredible no novelist would dare dream it. It begins outside a burning plantation hut in Louisiana . . . and an East Texas honky-tonk . . . and, without a doubt, in the heart of

God. It unfolds in a Hollywood hacienda . . . an upscale New York gallery . . . a downtown dumpster . . . a Texas ranch. Gritty with pain and betrayal and brutality, this true story also shines with an unexpected, life-changing love.

## **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

If your name should be on one of these lists, please contact [velma\\_durant@yahoo.com](mailto:velma_durant@yahoo.com). We don't want to leave you out. Thank you.

**Our May - June Birthdays are:**

### **May**

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

### **June**

Savage, Debbie	06/07
Bittner, Cloyd	06.09
Craswell, Janet	06/09
Benson, Timmy	06/11
Morell, Mary	06/12
Odbert, Fred	06/12
Odbert, Emily	06/13
Ercolani, Judy	06/16
Savage, Brandon	06/18
McClosky, Aubrey	06/21
Van Horn, Danielle	06/23
Beye, Gene	06/24

**Our May-June Anniversaries:**

There were no May Anniversaries listed.

### **June**

Beye-Craswell, Gene and Janet	06/03
Whalen, Doug and Barbara	06/09
Bittner, Cloyd and Betty	06/10
Roberts, John and Carole	06/22

## **IN OUR COMMUNITY**

**Mt. Carmel Beef BBQ:** Saturday, May 9, 11:00am- 7:00pm. Bake Sale. Eat in or carry out.

**Sandy Spring Lions Club:** Monday, May 18 at 7:00 pm, in Salem Community Hall. Help is always welcome in the preparation and clean-up, Call Mary Ellen Eaton for details.



**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.

**Our House:** Needs Egg Cartons. Please save your empty egg cartons, place them on the coat rack in the hallway; someone will get them to Our House.

**Disaster Victim Assistance:** Monetary donations will be sent to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Make checks payable to Salem UMC and mark “disaster relief” in the memo line. Or donate online at [www/umcor.org](http://www.umcor.org).

### “FOR I WAS HUNGRY...”

**Have you noticed the nearly empty food boxes for our charities? Let’s all make it a point to bring at least one food item each week. Read each entry below to know what kind is needed.**

**Manna Food Center:** 9311 Gaither Road, Gaithersburg, MD 20877, or online at [www.mannafood.org](http://www.mannafood.org);

To volunteer call 301-424-1130.

**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.

**Millian UMC Food Pantry:** Millian UMC, 13016 Parkland Dr., Rockville opens its food pantry on the second Saturday of the month. The Millian UMC box for food items is in the church hallway.

**Got Clothing?** The Glenmont United Methodist Church has a thrift store and has asked for donations of children’s and youth clothing plus household items such as pots and pans, other cooking utensils, etc. If you have anything you can contribute, please bring them to Salem and place them in the collection box in the side entryway. We will see they get delivered.

### THANK YOU!

#### **To Atholton Adventist Academy Band**

Salem was honored to have the Atholton Adventist Academy Band play for us on April 19. Under the direction of our own Joel Pierra, the band performed “Crown of Majesty,” “Amazing Grace,” and many others.



Thank you so much for sharing your talents with us and please come again.

#### **For Prayer Shawls...**

Prayer Shawls are available in Salem Community Hall or on the coat rack in the Church hallway. 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 or if they are on the coat rack, just take one. The comfort they give is well worth the effort of delivering one to your friends, family or co-workers. They will thank you!

#### **A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR PRAYER SHAWL GROUP**

I just wanted to share with you what a blessing Deb Ambrose was to me last week. As you may know, I read all of the church’s newsletters and have always read about the prayer shawls that you offer to folks in need. I have never had a need for one until last week. Having just returned from being out of the office for a week, I found out that my grandmother was not doing well and decided to go to Pennsylvania on Friday to visit her. I had just finished reading Salem’s newsletter and was reminded of the prayer shawl ministry. I thought what a wonderful thing that would be to bring one to my grandmother. I contacted Deb and she graciously volunteered to bring it to me at the office since I had a crazy schedule and was in all- day training sessions for three days.

I brought my grandmother the shawl late Friday afternoon and she absolutely loved it. She

has been going downhill (she has ovarian cancer) since her treatments began last month, but my dad told me yesterday that the doctors think she is well enough to go home in the next day or so. God is at work with your prayer shawl ministry and in the actions of Deb and the other wonderful people at Salem UMC. The prayer shawl Deb picked for my grandmother was so beautiful, unique, and obviously made with loving hands!

I thank God to be able to work with such wonderful people!

Blessings, Pam Mullay

District Administrator, Central Maryland District

### **OUR NEXT CHALLENGE DO YOU KNOW WHO THIS IS?**

Since I will be on vacation for the next two months "Our Next Challenge" will appear in the July issue of the Salem Newsletter. Instead of a challenge, I wish to fill a request and print the words of a song:

#### It's Me Again Lord

Troubles come and I can't find an answer  
Lonely nights I spend in agony  
I have no other friend that I can turn to  
So here I am Lord back on my knees.

Chorus:

It's me again Lord, I've got a prayer that needs  
an answer

It's me again Lord, I've got a problem I can't  
solve

Well I don't mean to worry you but here I am  
facing something new

And I need help that only comes from You, it's  
me again Lord.

Well I know You're mighty busy in Your Heaven  
Forming worlds and hanging stars to shine  
But You promised if I'd ask I'd receive it  
So here I am Lord asking one more time.

Chorus

Author Unknown

Published on Bluegrass Lyrics

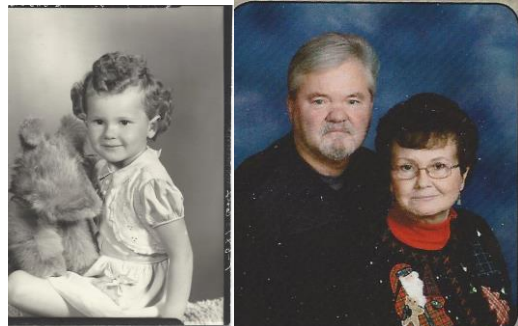
(<http://www.bluegrasslyrics.com>)

AND THE ANSWER IS:

**Pattie Rhinehart!**

**We had several guesses but Joyce Howes is  
the only one who guessed correctly.**

**Congratulations Joyce!**



Roger and I have been going to Salem for over 25 years. When we decided to marry we did not have a church we attended. Since we came to the Christmas Eve Service with Betty Bittner, Roger's sister, she suggested we marry there. We met with Mark Waddell and were married in a quaint little ceremony. We started coming regularly to church and shortly thereafter joined Salem's family.

SALEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MEMORY GARDEN ENGRAVED BRICKS



The Memory Garden was established in 2003-2004 and we have all enjoyed this beautiful project to date. The Memory Garden provides a special way to **memorialize, honor and celebrate family and friends** in a permanent and beautiful setting. Inasmuch as additional people have become a part of the Salem family, we are providing an opportunity to order additional bricks that will become a permanent addition to the Garden.++

Additional brick orders can be placed with Joyce Howes, with installation planned for late spring. Proceeds from this sale will go into the church general fund.

Brick size 4" x 8" engraved is \$125

Brick size 8" x 8" engraved is \$200

Brick ordering information forms are on the table in the Sanctuary or you may contact Joyce Howes at 301-774-5851 or [cucinotta1@verizon.net](mailto:cucinotta1@verizon.net).

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MEMORY GARDEN BRICK ORDER FORM

Brick Purchased by: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone or e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Check Size:

Brick Size 4" x 8"

Brick Size 8" x 8"

Message for engraving:

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Make check payable to Salem United Methodist Church with Memory Garden on the memo line and give/send to Joyce Howes.