

Salem United Methodist Church

September 2015 Newsletter

“181 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.

TO THE SALEM UM CHURCH COMMUNITY



Rev. Dr. Sue Shorb-Sterling.

To the Salem UM Church Community, September is upon us. Summer is over and the school season has begun again. With the beginning of this school season, Salem will become a learning partner with a seminary intern, Erin Wheeler. She is in her second year at Wesley Theological Seminary. One of the requirements of their Masters of Divinity degree is to be placed with a congregation to learn how to be a minister. This program is called Practice in Ministry and Mission or PM&M. This program requires that she spend ten hours a week serving in the local church.

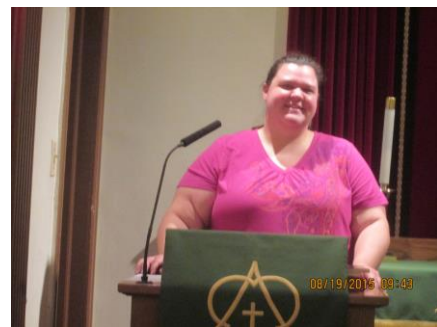
As a learning partner, Salem will offer her opportunities to preach, and to lead worship and small groups. Erin served as part of our

Appalachia Service Project (ASP) teams this summer. Through this experience she came to know our youth and wants to assist with our youth group, as well.

I am looking forward to being a learning partner and mentor for Erin during the 2015-2016 school year. Welcome, Erin!

With God's grace,

Rev. Sue



Erin Wheeler

Dear friends and members of Salem,

I am excited about sharing this year with you in ministry. I am eager to get to know you as we worship, serve, and learn together. As a way of introduction, let me share with you a bit about my journey:

I was born and raised in York, Pennsylvania and all of my immediate family members still live there. My parents generously care for my two cats as well as their own two dogs while I am at school. I have a younger sister in her senior year of college and a younger brother who is married with two children.

I graduated from Grove City College with a degree in English, Secondary Education and taught a variety of English classes. My favorite class was British Literature at Pine Grove Area High School which allowed me to teach great stuff like *Hamlet*, Postmodern poetry, and Anglo-Saxon riddles. I left that career to attend seminary and pursue my calling to ordained ministry.

When the idea of becoming a pastor popped into my brain, I had a wealth of arguments ready to negate it: I'm not knowledgeable, experienced, significant, or good enough. God's response came through the radio. When I don't hear God's voice in scripture, I often hear it in music. This is how God got my attention on a Monday morning in March. It seemed that each of my concerns was addressed by the next song on the radio.

I suddenly understood and accepted that God had already given me guidance, help, and answers; I simply was not listening. Instead, I was arguing and delaying. I was freshly overwhelmed with the truth of God's grace and realized that as a pastor I could and should be weak and imperfect, yet strengthened by Christ. My life is full of lessons teaching me to rely on God. I have found that when I call out, I am provided with undefeatable strength. I was fully assured that I would not be alone when making this change but closer to God than ever before. After accepting this fact I allowed myself to really consider saying yes, following God, and dedicating my life to God in service to the church.

All of this came to me as I turned onto school property. I remember wishing I had time to explore this decision immediately instead of teaching for the next eight hours. This is when I noticed the strangely vacant parking lot as a colleague pulled her car up next to mine and ironically asked, "Didn't you get the call?" School was cancelled that day due to a power outage. I

thanked God and I went home to explore my next steps: seminary and candidacy.

I am already grateful for the role you will all play in my formation as a pastor. I look forward to being part of a vibrant community where fellowship, Bible literacy, and service make church relevant across generations and throughout a diverse local community. May we experience authentic growth as disciples learning to help each other love and live like Jesus. It is my hope that our ministry together will engage us all in our God-given callings to build the kingdom of God.

In Christian love,
Erin Wheeler

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- Sept 6 Labor Day Weekend:
"The Fruits of our Labor"
Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23;
Mark 7: 31-37; James 2:5-9, 12-17
- Sept 13 Sunday School Kick-off:
Discipleship: A Lifelong Learning Process
Psalm 19; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38
- Sept 20 ASP Sunday:
Reflections on this Summer's Appalachia
Service Project Mission
- Sept 27 Stewardship Sermon Series:
Wesley's Simple Rules for Money: Earn
Save, and Give
I Kings 3:5-15; Proverbs 3:13-14;
Luke 12:13-21

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group 6:30-8:00 pm in the Community Hall

- Sept 6: Labor Day weekend; No Youth Group
Sept 13: Welcome back to Youth Group
Sept 20: What is Grace? Part 1
Sept 27: What is Grace? Part 2

Music at Salem

This summer Salem was blessed to have several individuals participate in special music: our substitute pastor, **Mark Derby**, shared his bountiful musical talent by singing a solo as well as playing a trumpet solo. He also surprised the first service when he sat down to play the opening hymns on the piano because the substitute pianist was running late. And sometimes we caught him "tinkling the keys" between the services. **Ian Poe-**

Yamagata played several cello solos on July 5, and on July 12 there was a piano trio: flute (**Nancy Morell**), violin (Rose Eide-Altman) and piano (**Joanne Ranshaw**). Hopefully we will hear from them again. **John Howes** brought his grandson, **Dylan Howes**, to play bass guitar when John sang “The Unicorn Song” on August 30. And coming in September Amy Roberts will be playing her guitar on the children’s story song. We are blessed to have these musicians, as well as many others, in our congregation and during the next few months you will be hearing more from them as I work on filling our services with special music. If you or anyone you know would like to share their musical talent with the church during the service, please let me know at my email: roseonkeys@gmail.com

This fall we are planning on beginning a **youth handbell choir** which will rehearse at the beginning of youth group, Sunday evenings at 6:30pm. If you know of anyone interested in ringing bells along with our youth please let me or the pastor know. We will be posting the schedule in the bulletin.

Trudy Eide

I was very happy that my sister-in-law, Trudy Eide, was able to substitute for me when I was on vacation. Trudy is married to my youngest brother, Phillip, and she grew up in Michigan. You may think she is tall but my brother is 6’7” so they are a good match. Trudy works at the Seventh-day Adventist Church world headquarters in Silver Spring (Randolph Road and Route 29) and she and Phil just moved from Hyattsville to Beltsville. She plays the piano for morning worship at work, as well as for various churches in the area as needed. Another of her musical hobbies is singing in the National Christian Choir, which she has been doing for years. Trudy greatly enjoyed playing for Salem and, with advance notice, will be happy to help again.

Joel Pereira

Last year we were blessed with the musical talents of Joel Pereira, the band teacher at Atholton Adventist School in Columbia. This was only a part-time job and all year he was looking for more work. He also had a passion for overseas

mission work and so over the summer he heard about a music opening at a school in Taiwan. He talked to the principal and they hired him 2 weeks before classes were to begin. He had one week to get his plane ticket and things together and leave. But he is very happy with the new work. They gave him a new 2 bedroom apartment to use, along with an iPad and smartphone. He is teaching classroom music for grades 1-8, as well as band and possibly private lessons, at Taipei Adventist American School, Taipei, Taiwan. Keep him in your prayers that all goes well this year. His email is pjrosa1952@yahoo.com

Rose Eide-Altman
roseonkeys@gmail.com

SYMPATHY



To the family of Calvin E. Musgrove, a resident of Northern Silver Spring, MD, and a member of Salem UMC since 1938, died on Friday, July 24, 2015 at the age of 88. Calvin was the dearly beloved husband for 69 years to his wife Alice Edwards Musgrove. Beloved father of Rodney and Marlies Musgrove and Debbie and Steve Cullen, both of Silver Spring, MD, and Mike and Shirley Musgrove of Woodbine, MD. Son of the late Howard and Josephine Musgrove of Brookeville, MD. Brother of the late Howard Jr. of Rockville, MD.

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Our sympathy goes out to the family of Jamie Luke who died suddenly, the former wife of Tom and the mother of Mason, Emily and Evan Luke; a memorial service was held at Salem UMC on Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. Please remember the Luke family in your prayers.

## CONGRATULATIONS

### To our new college students:

Blake Roberts (Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona, Florida)

Ian Poe-Yamgata (The University of Maryland)

### Other College students addresses:

Austin Roberts (University of Maryland, Baltimore Campus)

Noah Beye (Catholic University)

Katelyn Currier (Frostburg State University)

Eric Lowe (Salisbury University)

Ruthie Lowe (University of West Florida)

Anna Lyon (St. Mary's College of Maryland)

Emily Odbert (Mercyhurst University)

Emma Poe-Yamagata (Georgia Tech)

Amanda Pustis (Cornell University)

Spencer Sterling (U. of Maryland, College Park)

Sarah Sterling (Frostburg State University)

Danielle Van Horn (Montgomery College)

Cooper Weinberger (James Madison University)

## CONGRATUATIONS TO THE WHALEY-MILLER FAMILY

Please say hello to the newest completely official member of the Whaley-Miller clan, and Americas newest citizen, our daughter Valerija Elizabeth Miller!

### A VERY WARM WELCOME FROM YOUR SALEM FAMILY



(The above information was posted on Tim Miller's Facebook page on August 1, 2015)

## ASP 2015

### A Letter of ASP Thank You

Salem United Methodist Church,

As our summer is coming to a close, we as a staff would like to personally thank your church for your time commitment and willingness in volunteering with ASP! We hope you all enjoyed your week in Harlan, we loved working with your group!

Robert, thank you for coming to lead your group. We appreciate you and your church's hard work. We appreciate you all, and thanks again for helping us, and our organization accomplish our mission of making homes warmer and safer, and drier.

GOD BLESS,  
ASP Harlan Staff '15  
Anna, Annaiee, Zakk, Ian

## A TIME FOR CHILDREN



On August 2nd, Rev. Sue talked about Dr. Seuss' book "Green Eggs and Ham." About what we eat and do we remember to give thanks?

## Memory Garden

If you are interested in placing an order for a brick to honor/remember someone, please see the order blank at the end of this newsletter.

## It's Back to Sunday School Time!

Pencils, crayons, markers, Bibles, acting out stories, pictures projects, games... it's time for Sunday School again!!!! We will be starting on Sunday, September 13. We will gather right after the Children's Message in the upstairs room of Community Hall. All children grades K-5 are welcome. Nursery care will also be provided for our younger children in the Nursery Room. The teachers are looking forward to seeing everyone

again ☺ Hope you'll join us to learn more about the stories and messages of the Bible.

## FROM THE CONGREGATION



### "Sharing my thoughts with you"... from Charlyne Lewis

*Can't you just hear it happening all around you...the sights and sounds of 'Fall in the air'...and the busyness of nature is so amazing, isn't it?*

Out here at our 'South Forty.' things are starting to get into high gear...our herd of deer are now showing off their fall colors (around our neck of the woods, it was happening by the middle of the month); the large bucks have been shedding their velvet from those beautiful antlers...our friendly feathered friends are getting prepared for the winter months ahead by getting their quarters in order now...and the good Lord is taking His palette in hand to begin those gorgeous colors He displays every year. It is simply wonderful don't you think??

*God Bless!! See you all at the Bazaar in December...(I'll be working in my favorite place – the kitchen.)*

(Hymn 86 – "Mountains Are All Aglow," says it all!!)

*Psalm 65:9-13*

Charlyne



## Church Council Meeting Highlights

August 27, 2015

After a summer hiatus, Church Council reconvened and began to focus on the upcoming season.

- Debbie Ambrose began the meeting with our devotion, focused on Romans 4:11-16.
- Erin Wheeler, our new intern from Wesley Theological Seminary, was introduced.
- We celebrated the amazing work and success of this summer's ASP teams.
- Concerns were shared for the family of Calvin Musgrove, the Van Drufts, Tom Luke's family, Buck Bartley's nephew,

Sharon Lyon's parents, the Daleys, and Virginia Smith.

- The average Year-to-Date attendance for Sunday mornings is 61.
- Upcoming Events:
  - Sept. 13 – Sunday School Begins for grades K-5, Youth Group begins
  - Sept. 25 – Showing of the film about the Brookeville Bicentennial Celebration (7:30 pm)
  - Oct. 4 – World Communion Sunday, International Potluck for Coffee Hour
  - Oct 12 – Olney Community Night
  - Dec. 5 – Women's Christmas Bazaar
- Charge Conference will be held on November 1 at 12:00 noon. We will have a congregational potluck on that Sunday. Members are encouraged to bring a dish to share, enjoy lunch and fellowship, and then stay for Charge Conference. This is our yearly report to the Conference about our ministries at Salem.
- Rev. Sue shared upcoming plans for sermons and for fall classes.
- Salem was very generous in contributing school supplies. They have been delivered and will be helping students in the area this fall.
- We discussed staying in touch with our college students. Watch for information about "adoptions"!
- Our Operating Budget was discussed. We continue to have a negative balance. Kindly check to see that you are up-to-date with your giving. Thank you.
- Balances in our various accounts were reported (Endowment, Cemetery, Legacy, Men's, Women's, ASP, Youth, Discretionary, Memorials)
- The work of the Cemetery Committee was shared, including upcoming increases in pricing beginning January 1. Nancy Cox has been faithfully working on updating our Cemetery Policy document. Thanks, Nancy.

- Planning for our fall Stewardship Campaign was shared. Brandon Savage is organizing this. Thanks, Brandon!
- Connie Somerville shared the work of the Trustees, including two successful cleaning days. One more is planned for Sept. 12. Please consider joining us!
- Our two new computers will soon be installed at Salem thanks to Bob Brown (and no thanks to problems with delivery by UPS ☹)
- Mary Ellen Brown shared her successes and the challenges involved in meeting the requirements of the Safe Sanctuary Policy. SPRC will continue to address these requirements and work to make the process effective and manageable for Salem. Debbie Ambrose, Chairman

**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.

**Friends at Salem:**

**Next meeting on Saturday, September 12**, to avoid the Labor Day weekend. The meeting will be listed on the church calendar.

George Robinson

**COFFEE HOUR HOSTESSES**

**Hostesses for September**

Have you signed up to provide snacks for coffee hour? It doesn't have to be fancy; please contact Anne Ennes @ [ALHEnMD@aol.com](mailto:ALHEnMD@aol.com) or Joyce Howes @ [cucinotta1@verizon.net](mailto:cucinotta1@verizon.net) with your date to serve.

Men, consider being host for a Sunday or two.

Please go to:

[www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4FA8AA2BA3F85-coffee](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4FA8AA2BA3F85-coffee) to sign up during the year.

**SIGN-UP FOR:**

**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 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 for you.

Contact Suzanne Friis with questions.

**FREDERICK KEYS BASEBALL GAME**

Were you with Salem UMC at the Frederick Keys baseball game August 22?

On August 22, more than 30 Salem members, family and friends attended the Frederick Keys game. It was a wonderful evening in a beautiful ballpark that enables you to sit close to the field and all the action. After the game, everyone was treated to a great display of fireworks. Although the Keys lost to the Myrtle Beach Pelicans, a good time was had by all. Next year, "be there or be square."



It was reported that fun was had by all in spite of the Keys losing the game



[James 1:6](#) | [NIV](#)

But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.

**Salem, How Does Your Garden Grow**



The 1st harvest was July 11th & we've been harvesting & delivering once a week since then. Yvette & Velma have been my delivery angels. I'd say we're averaging between 16 & 25 lbs. each delivery. We've delivered beans, peppers, cucumbers, green & yellow summer squashes, & recently, lots of tomatoes.

Anne Ennis, Salem's Gardner

**James 1:6 NIV**

But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.

**School Supplies**



Salem did it again!

In the annual school supply drive sponsored each year by St. Peter's Catholic Church, we have gone over the top again; not pictured are the backpacks which were in another box much too big to fit in the picture. We again are helping with Brooke Grove Elementary School. Our thanks go out to Libby Wright who coordinates with St. Peters on a lot of our "Mission" projects.

**HAPPENINGS**

**Cleaning Day:** We had a much deserved month off; however it is time to finish our task of cleaning. The Community Hall needs us. We have the upstairs to complete, mainly organizing several rooms and a bit of dusting. Several shelves will be purchased for the front new corner storage room. The downstairs is what has not been touched by the smell of lemon Pledge, sweeping, etc., so we must attack this area as well.

Having said that, **our next Cleaning Day is Saturday, September 12, 2015 from 8am to 11:30am.** Light snacks and drinks will be available for those assisting with cleaning the Community Hall. We hope to see you then!

Thank you, Connie S.

**Church Council:** Meeting September 24<sup>th</sup> in Choir room. At 7:15 pm.

**Brookeville, Capital For A Day:** On Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, in the Community Room; you are invited to see Maryland PBS movie made during last year's reenactment of President Madison being in Brookeville during the English invasion of our nation's capital.

**Lord's Table**

September 26<sup>th</sup>: The Lord's Table is a soup kitchen located at St. Martin 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.

**Older Adults Away at West River:** West River is hosting their annual Older Adults Day Away on Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 9:30am – 3:30 pm at their Retreat Center in West River, MD. Rev. Antony Hunt will be speaking about God's Mosaic Building Beloved Communities in Changing Times. Registration and event flyer can be obtained at Salem UMC.

**JUST A REMINDER**

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

## BOOK DISCUSSION SELECTIONS FALL 2015

Fall Book Club dates:

Thursday Oct. 1: 7:30 pm

The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis  
(meeting at Suzanne Friis')

Thursday, November 5: 7:30 pm

(book and location tbd)

Thursday, December 3: 7:30 pm

(book and location tbd)

## 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 September Birthdays are:

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|--------------------|-------|
| Lyon, Robert       | 09/01 |
| Sterling, Ron      | 09/01 |
| Whalen, Doug       | 09/04 |
| Howes, John        | 09/06 |
| Whalen, Barbara    | 09/06 |
| Paulk, Sammy       | 09/06 |
| Langley, Rori      | 09/08 |
| Miller, Tim        | 09/11 |
| Langley, Alexandra | 09/14 |
| Luke, Piper        | 09/22 |
| Sterling, Spencer  | 09/30 |

The Anniversaries listed for September:

There are no Anniversaries listed for September.

If you have an anniversary or Birthday that hasn't been noted in the Salem news, please sign-up on the list on the table by the door.

## IN OUR COMMUNITY

**Sandy Spring Lions Club:** Monday, September 28 at 7:00 pm, in Salem Community Hall.

**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 in the kitchen in the hallway; we will see they will get them to Our House.

## "FOR I WAS HUNGRY..."

**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.

**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).

## 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!

## Your Help Needed

From Olney Help: "As one of our ongoing supporters you know that Olney Help is an all-volunteer non-profit organization that has provided assistance to our neighbors in need since 1969. For more than 46 years, Olney Help has been meeting its goal of 'People Helping People' with emergency financial and food assistance to residents of our area. We have been able to consistently provide this support to the greater Olney area because of the generosity of our local donor community.



We currently have a crisis because our current property, our location for the last 29 years, has been sold and we must vacate the pantry before the end of the year. As a result we are starting a Capital Campaign to build a new pantry facility. We are partnering with the Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department to construct a 14 x 40-foot building on their land.

We are reaching out to you and your congregation to ask for your support. We need funds to buy a structure and maintain it. In addition, we need building supplies and expertise to finish the inside of the building so that we can safely store the non-perishable food that you so kindly donate.

This is our largest undertaking and one that must be done rapidly if we are to be able to continue providing food to those in need in our community.

We hope that we can count on you to help us. You can make tax-deductible donations on line at [www.olneyhelp.org](http://www.olneyhelp.org) or you can write check to Olney Help, earmarked for the Capital Fund and mailed to Olney Help, P.O. Box430, Olney, MD 20830-0430. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely

Ruth Filbert, Capital Fund Chairman  
Kathryn Murdock, Secretary  
Marilyn Simonds, Director, Olney Help  
Larry Pendleton, Treasurer”

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[Romans 15:13](#) | [NIV](#) May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit

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**On Eagles' Wings lyrics**

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord  
Who abide in His shadow for life  
Say to the Lord  
"My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

And He will raise you up on eagles' wings  
Bear you on the breath of dawn  
Make you to shine like the sun  
And hold you in the palm of His hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you  
And famine will bring you no fear  
Under His wings your refuge  
His faithfulness your shield.

And He will raise you up on eagles' wings  
Bear you on the breath of dawn  
Make you to shine like the sun  
And hold you in the palm of His hand.

You need not fear the terror of the night  
Nor the arrow that flies by day  
Though thousands fall about you  
Near you it shall not come.

And He will raise you up on eagles' wings  
Bear you on the breath of dawn  
Make you to shine like the sun  
And hold you in the palm of His hand.

For to His angels He's given a command  
To guard you in all of your ways  
Upon their hands they will bear you up  
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.

And He will raise you up on eagles' wings  
Bear you on the breath of dawn  
Make you to shine like the sun  
And hold you in the palm of His hand...

.No author given

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