

Salem United Methodist Church

September 2016 Newsletter

«183 Years and Still Loving, Serving and Celebrating»



SALEM Methodist Protestant Church 1833



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12 High Street, Brookeville, Maryland 20833

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

TO THE SALEM UM CHURCH COMMUNITY

Salem UM Church Welcomes Our New Seminary
Intern



Samantha and Alex Larson at the beach (2016)

Samantha Larson, the 2016-2017 Wesley Theological Seminary intern at Salem UMC, is in her final year of Seminary. In addition to being in school and an intern at Salem, Sam is pursuing ordination through the Virginia United Methodist Conference to become a pastor. Sam grew up in

the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia where most of her family still resides. She attended Eastern Mennonite University to study nursing. At the end of her degree, Sam decided to pursue a year-long volunteer experience with a ministry in Washington, DC that incorporated both her nursing and ministry skills. After working at Joseph's House, a hospice for homeless men and women with AIDS for a year, Sam realized her calling was in ministry. After working as a mission and outreach coordinator at an Episcopal church the following year, Sam decided to begin the ordination process in the United Methodist Church as well as apply to seminary. She began at Wesley in 2013 directly after marrying her husband, Alex, that August. She looks forward to her time at Salem UMC, to learning with and from the congregation, as well as having the congregation learn from her. Alex, Sam's husband, will also be attending Salem UMC with her on Sundays and helping out as he is able. Alex is a licensed social worker currently working at NMS Healthcare in Hyattsville, MD. Both Sam and Alex are looking forward to being a part of Salem's church community this year!

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- Sept 4 Welcome Samantha Larson!
Labor Day Sunday
Scripture: Deuteronomy 30:15-20;
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; Luke 14:25-33
Sermon Title: "Hard Labor"
- Sept 11 Samantha Larson, preaching
Children's Sunday School restarts
- Sept 18 Baptisms of Matthew and Jacob Savage
Scriptures: Ephesians 3:16 - 21
and Psalm 77
Sermon: "Our Hope is in Christ"
- Sept 25 Appalachia Service Project Sunday

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group Meets Every Sunday Evening

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

Summer is over! School has begun! Time for
YOUTH GROUP!

Begins Sept 11: 6:30 -8:00 pm

What to expect?

- Bell Choir Rehearsal
- Meet our new seminary intern, Sam and her husband, Alex
- Be ready to share the exciting things you did this summer.

2016 Stewardship Campaign: "I Love My Church!"

Usually Stewardship Campaigns focus on what we bring to the church as a way of thanking God for all God does in our lives. But this year the campaign will have a new twist. Instead of focusing on what we bring to the church, we are asking why we love Salem United Methodist Church. So be thinking about this during the month of September.

- † Why do I love Salem UMC?
- † What is it about Salem that makes it special?

If you are willing to share your thoughts publicly, contact Kulley Bancroft or Rev. Sue.

SALEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Trustees met on July 26 to discuss the completed projects in the kitchen and routine

maintenance of the A/C. Thank you! Please stop by and check out the kitchen. They discussed the major carpentry projects that include the bell tower, the breezeway, Church entrance, the roof and the general painting that will follow those carpentry projects. The next Trustees meeting is scheduled for September 19 at 7:00 pm in the Community Hall.

by Connie Somerville

FROM THE CONGREGATION

During the summer I was given an article that appeared in a 1972 issue of the Salem News. Since the publication of the July-August newsletter, the article was misplaced. I am pleased to say I FOUND it and I would like to share with you the thoughts of our own Late Flo Johnston....Velma

SOCIAL CONCERNS:

I am a human being.
I think you know me.
I am seen often.
I am white.
I am black.
I am young.
I am old.
I am rich.
I am poor.
I live here.
I know this is a Christian community because everyone tells me it is.
I have opinions on things which may be different from yours and I guess that's all right.
I know this is a Christian community because everyone tells me it is.
I feel you hold contempt for me –
I do not conform.
My hair is long.
My clothes may not be what you think they should be.
And the music I enjoy is probably not to your liking.
I believe this does not please you.
But I know this is a Christian community because everyone tells me it is.
I've lived a long time.
My speech may not be clear and my mind a little foggy.
My step is a little slow.

I live alone and I get lonely.
 I guess you are busy.
 But I know this is a Christian community because
 everyone tells me it is.
 I am full of life and perhaps at times too lively.
 I've not had your experience, but my mind is
 brimming over with enthusiasm and I, too,
 want to put some of the things I've learned
 into action.
 But I hesitate you may not understand.
 But I know this is a Christian community because
 everyone tells me it is.
 I guess you forgot.

By: Flo Johnston



**“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

THE BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will publish their selections and calendar at a later date.

ASP 2016



Appalachia Service Project 2016
 -Logan County WV

By: Bob Brown

Our two Salem ASP work crews departed for Logan County West Virginia early on Sunday June 19. Our destination, Chapmanville Middle School, would be our home for the next week. Upon arrival we unpacked, met the center staff and settled-in to the classrooms where we would sleep. We were then assigned our projects that would keep us busy for the next week.

Project # 1: This crew consisted of adults: Barbara Achstetter, Hisashi Yamagata, David Ranshaw, and youth: Jacob Weinberger, Kenny Wahl, Donovan Thompson and Sandy Chandradasa. Their project was to help a family who had not had electricity or running water in their house for almost two years. They also needed drywall repair where a ceiling was falling down. David, our master electrician, got to work restoring power to the house while the rest of the crew worked on the drywall repairs. Because water was supplied by an electric well pump, when electricity was restored, running water was also restored. Unfortunately, since the water had not been running for so long, the water heater tank had rusted-out and it leaked. It would have to be replaced by a following crew. By the end of the week the new drywall was installed and the family once again had electricity and running water in their house.

Project #2: This crew consisted of adults: Bob Brown, Libby Wright, Danielle Van Horn, and youth: Amy Roberts, Wyatt Thompson, Joey

Brantly and Cameron Dougherty. Their assignment was to replace floors in a home that had been flooded. They began in a bathroom and bedroom. The particle board subfloor had disintegrated when it got wet and the only thing holding the floor together was the vinyl covering. The crew began by removing the old floor. Then they installed new insulation and a new sub-floor. Finally they installed laminate plank flooring in the bedroom and vinyl composite tile (vct) in the bathroom. By the end of the week this part of the home had a new beautiful and safe floor.

Additional work crews would follow to continue the re-flooring throughout the whole house.

The 2016 Salem ASP team would like to thank everyone for their support. We can always count on our Salem family to go “above and beyond” to make this important mission possible. Because of your generous support, we were not only able to fund our work crews but we were also able to donate extra money toward the replacement of the leaking water heater tank for project #1 and for a new toilet and vanity for project #2. These items were not included in ASP’s budget for these projects.

To hear and see more about this amazing week of making homes warmer, safer and drier, please join us for ASP Sunday, September 24 2016 at both the 8:15 and 10:00 worship services.



Children and Rob Morrell with Gold Medals!

THE LORD’S TABLE

**First Lord’s Table: Sat. Sept 24, 1:00-5:00 pm
At St. Martin’s Catholic Church, Gaithersburg**

September is upon us and time to think about our commitment to our commitment to God to feed the hungry through The Lord’s Table at St. Martin’s Catholic Church in Gaithersburg. Salem UMC has been fulfilling this commitment for many years. Please mark the 4th Saturday of each month, September thru May, as a day of service to the Lord and feel the warm, fuzzy feeling you leave with after spending time with those less fortunate as you. Don’t forget to invite them to church!

Contact: Barbara Achstetter

THE SALEM UMC WOMEN'S GROUP

The Women's Group met on August 13 to discuss the upcoming "Salem Spaghetti Supper" which will be held on Saturday, October 8 from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm in the Community Hall. The meal will cost \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children under 12 years of age. It will include spaghetti sauce (meatless), meat balls, steamed veggies, salad bar, bread, assorted desserts, coffee, tea and water. More information to come at the next meeting.

October 8- “Salem Spaghetti Supper”

November 25 - "Decorate Salem UMC for the Christmas Holidays."

December 4 - "Celebrate Christmas with Salem UMC."

December 10 - “Salem UMC Christmas Bazaar.”

A TIME FOR CHILDREN



Rev. Sue talked to the children about the Olympics and how the contestants had to work really hard to be able to participate. She related it to our “race” to the Kingdom of God. Each one received their Gold award; and our thanks to Rob Morell for his support.

LET'S TALK ABOUT PRAYER

THE BEST WAY TO PRAY

A priest, a minister and a guru sat discussing the best positions for prayer, while a telephone repairman worked nearby. "Kneeling is definitely the best way to pray," the priest said. "No," said the minister. "I get the best results standing with my hands outstretched to Heaven." "You're both wrong," the guru said. "The most effective prayer position is lying down on the floor." The repairman could contain himself no longer. "Hey, fellas," he interrupted. "The best prayin' I ever did was when I was hangin' upside down from a telephone pole."

MEMORY GARDEN

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

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Church Council Meeting Highlights
August 18, 2016

- † Bill Lavelly opened the meeting with devotion.
- † Rev. Sue reported on worship attendance. The average for June was 55, July was 47 and the Year to Date is 59.
- † Joys were shared about members enjoying summer, and vacations, and returning to church!
- † We pray for Mary Ellen Eaton, Rose Eide Altman, Chuck Sterling, Curt Smith, and Josh Beebee after recent hospitalizations and surgeries.
- † We continue to work on our goals for the year. Goal #1 is increasing church attendance. We will connect our Stewardship Campaign with this goal. Our campaign theme is "Why I Love my Church." Please be thinking about your reasons for loving Salem.
- ‡ Goal #2 is expand our outreach to the community. We have a number of ideas that are being investigated including: articles in the Olney Newspaper, free coffee and donuts for commuters once a

month, book club at the Olney Library, new t-shirts, and ways we could serve the town of Brookeville. Input from the congregation is welcome and encouraged. Stay tuned!!

- † Sunday school and our Stewardship campaign will both begin on September 11.
- † The OURI Korean church is no longer meeting at Salem. We considered and approved a request by Rev. Paul Park to use Salem on Sunday afternoons for a new church start-up.
- † We received a report of our account balances. All 3 of our investment accounts recorded profits in the second quarter!
- † Bill Lavelly shared the organizations who received donations from Flo Johnston's gift to Salem. They are: Our House, Mary's House (DC) and the General Board of Global Ministries for a special program that trains women to care for older adults.
- † Connie Somerville shared the priorities determined by the Trustees for the use of Flo Johnston's estate for church maintenance and improvement projects. These include:
 1. Bell tower, breezeway and eaves – carpentry and painting
 2. Cupola on the Community Hall – repair and painting
 3. Roof inspection and estimates for repair/replacement
 4. Interior painting and carpet
 5. Rewire breezeway with LED
- ‡ Hasashi Yamagata shared work of the SPRC. Rev. Sue's yearly goals have been discussed and reviewed. Our Registered Sex Offender Policy is almost complete. Hasashi will be putting our Safe Sanctuaries records on a data base and working with SPRC members to complete required background checks.
- ‡ The Cemetery Committee has completed their work on our updated Cemetery Policy. This will be mailed out to all current owners of cemetery plots.

† Joyce Howes reported recent expenditures from the Memorials accounts.

Buck Bartley closed the meeting with prayer.

Next Meeting –September 22, 2016. All are welcome!!

Debbie Ambrose, Church Council Chair

A WORD ABOUT MISSIONS

Collecting School Supplies



We collected and blessed boxes of school supplies for children that attend Brooke Grove Elementary, from pens and pencils to backpacks.

From Suzanne Friis: We carried 5 full boxes of supplies to the school and although I did not count them, I estimate it was 8-9 backpacks and 6-7 lunch boxes plus a full book of binders and a wonderful assortment of markers, glue sticks, composition books, pens and pencils, crayons and notepads. The staff was very grateful and said they had already received requests for supplies from local families. Pastor Sue asked if Salem could be of further assistance through volunteering or providing other support and they were going to consider how we might help in the future.

Stay Tuned! Lots of missions and good deeds ahead of us. We will be sending out details soon. What we have planned to make:

Cruiser Kits: Thank you goodie bags for our men and women in blue. We will drop them off at the Olney satellite police station.

Health Kits: UMCOR sent many of these kits to help people that have faced floods, storms, and other disasters. Salem will purchase the supplies and we will assemble new kits at the church. The kits will be sent to UMCOR to help

restock their supplies. Donations to purchase items for the kits will be greatly appreciated.

Flood Buckets: We would like to send flood buckets to UMCOR too so their stock can be replaced. More information on how they can be assembled will be forthcoming.

Salem UM Church at the Frederick Keys



*Rev. Sue, Chuck, and family at the Keys Game
On June 4, 2016*

We had such a great time back in June that we decided to go a second time this summer. Thirty-four of us went to the baseball game between the Frederick Keys and the Wilmington Blue Rocks on Sept 3. Because the Frederick Keys put on such a good show and are family friendly, we plan to go again next year. Hope you can join us and invite friends and family, too.

SIGN-UP FOR:

ALTAR FLOWERS: If you would like to provide flowers during the 2016 worship year, please sign up on the list posted on the bulletin board in the Hallway.

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.

Coffee Hour Hostesses/Hosts

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 Hall or go to: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4fa8aa2ba3f85-coffee2>

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 September Birthdays are:

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
Meisner, Evelyn	09/20
Luke, Piper	09/22
Sterling, Spencer	09/30

There are no September Anniversaries listed.

OUR COMMUNITY

Sandy Spring Lions Club: Monday, September 26th at 7:00 pm, in Salem Community Hall.

There is a standing request for help in preparing the dinner and setting up the room for the meeting. If you can help Mondays, please contact Mary Ellen Eaton.

Eye-glass 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; we will see that Our House gets them.

HAPPENINGS

Baptism Service: The baptisms of Matthew and Jacob Savage is scheduled for Sunday September 18, 10:00 worship.

Lion's Club Blood Drive: Sandy Spring Lions Club Blood drive will be held on October 18 at the Salem Community Hall from 1:00 – 6:30 pm

Volunteer to save a life!

Contact Joyce Howes at cucinoa24@icloud.com or call 301-774-5851 for your appointment.

Spirit Club: Spirit Club, a fitness group for those with disabilities, meets Wednesdays in the Community Hall from 6-7 pm. Our own Philip Weinberger is an avid participant.

Seniors on the Move – Exercise Class: Fridays, 9:00-10:00 am in the Community Hall. Drop in – registration not required! Participate and pay by the session or for the full fall program. For more information contact the leader, Mary-Jo Cosgrove, at mjcosgrove58@gmail.com

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**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).

[Café Justo](#) is a coffee grower cooperative based in Salvador Urbina, Chiapas, Mexico – a ministry of [Frontero de Cristo](#). They market a pure, organic coffee which is grown, harvested and marketed in the spirit of justice.

**“FOR I WAS HUNGRY...”**

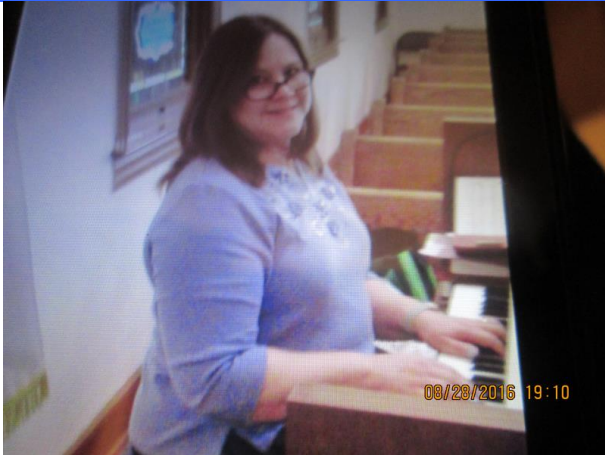
**Manna Food Center:** 9311 Gaither Road, Gaithersburg, MD 20877, or online at [www.mannafood.org](http://www.mannafood.org); to volunteer call 301-424-1130.

**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, please.

**PRAYER SHAWLS**

Prayer Shawls are available in 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 will thank you!

## THANK YOU



Salem UMC wishes to thank Maggy Neyra for filling in for Rose at the organ, while she is recuperating from surgery. Thank you very much. Please visit us again.



The verse inside reads:

“Thank you” is a simple phrase, but still it’s meant to show that we appreciate your kindness more than you could know.’

And the message:

Dear Members of the Salem United Methodist Church, We would like to express our thanks and appreciation for providing the Craver-Oland Family a place to gather for the past 4 years for our yearly reunion.

Due to the loss of many of our elder family members and changing times, we have decided to end the Craver-Oland Reunion. Your willingness to share the Social Hall with our family has helped us stay connected. It has been a place for our family members to share stories, news, hugs, laughter, and of course those special family recipes from past generations.

With our thanks and appreciation, we enclose a donation to the church. You have truly been a blessing to us.

With love, The Craver-Oland Family

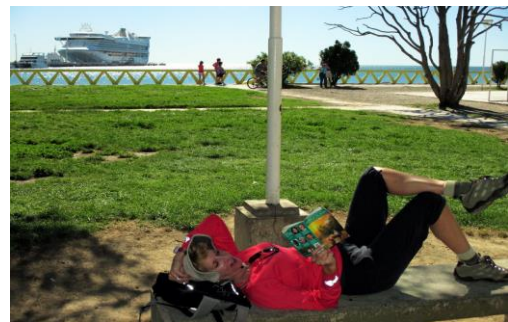
## THANK YOU, LADIES



Thank you ladies for all the Prayer Shawls; it is a vital ministry of our church, a blessing to those who receive them and the person who gives them, knowing they helped in bringing HOPE to those sick, and burdened with other issues.

## A NOTE OF INTEREST

**Pastor Sue,** Here's a picture that proves Kim takes her *Upper Room* with her everywhere!



This was in Puerto Madryn, Argentina in January. Our cruise ship is in the background.

The second picture, a few days earlier, shows Kim & Pati Fekete listening outside the door of a church that was having Sunday services in Ushuaia, Argentina. (That's the southernmost town in the world, at the very tip of South America.)



We didn't go in, because the service was in Spanish ;- ) Myron Shear



***Small Groups: A Great Way to Grow in Faith  
And A Great Way to Get to Know Others***

The Mission of the People of Salem United Methodist Church is to grow in Christian faith and express God's love to all. A great way to grow in our Christian faith is through small groups.

Here are some ideas. Please check one or more that you would be interested in participating.

- Self-determined small group
- Small group for Accountable Discipleship: Inspiring and Supporting One Another in our Faith Journeys
  - Women's Only Group
  - Men's Only Group
  - Mixed Group
- Bible Study (Jesus in the Gospels: 30 Week Study about Jesus)
- Book Studies (6-8 weeks)
  - Half Truths by Adam Hamilton (God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and Other Things the Bible Doesn't Say)
  - Following Jesus in a Culture of Fear (The Christian Practice of Everyday Life) by Scott Bader Saye
  - Faithlink: online ready-to-use lessons that connect faith to current events and issues (cokesbury.com/Faithlink)
- Study on Prayer
- Understanding Islam
- Your Suggestions: \_\_\_\_\_
- I would be willing to get a small group started.

\*Days and times to be determined as groups form

If you are interested in participating in one of these small groups or would like to start your own, send an email to Rev. Sue at [pastor@salemunitedmethodist.org](mailto:pastor@salemunitedmethodist.org)

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