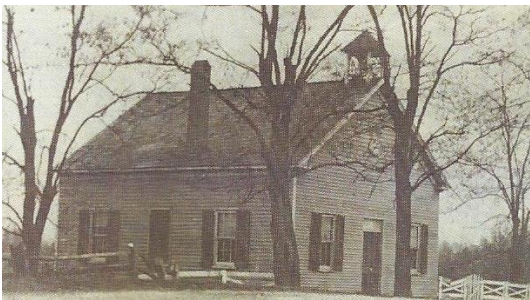


# Salem United Methodist Church

## October 2016 Newsletter

«183 Years and Still Loving, Serving and Celebrating»



SALEM Methodist Protestant Church 1833



SALEM United Methodist Church 2016

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



Rev. Dr. Sue Shorb-Sterling.

To the Salem UM Church Community,

I have heard it said many times, "I just love Salem." Many of us do, but what is it about Salem that we love. Why is our church important to us? Where would we be without our church?

Those that support Salem financially have received our Annual Stewardship letter not only asking for pledges, but asking: what do you love or treasure by being a part of this congregation?

Here are some suggested reasons. Which ones would be included in your answer?

- Our Congregation or the Church Community
- Our Worship and Preaching

- Our Outreach and Missions
- Our Location
- Our History
- Our Size
- Small Groups, such as Bible Studies, Prayer Group, Upper Room, Youth Group, Women's Group, Men's Group, Book studies

Finally, we will conclude our Stewardship Series with a special

**Homecoming Sunday, October 16**  
**One worship: 10:00 am only.**

We are sending special invitations to former members, former worshippers, and family members who used to attend here. Do you know someone to invite? They could be someone who used to attend or someone who is looking for a church community. The invitation is on the back page of this newsletter. Feel free to print it and give it to someone.

Salem has been loving, serving, and celebrating for 133 years. That really is something to celebrate as we continue to grow in Christian faith and express God's love to all.

Yours in Christ,  
Rev. Sue

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### Stewardship Sermon Series:

Why I Love My Church?

Sunday, Oct 2

Sermon Title: "Our Spirit of Generosity"

Sunday, Oct 9

Sermon Title: "Our Spirit of Faith"

Sunday, Oct 16 Homecoming Sunday

10:00 Worship only

Sermon Title: "We love Salem because..."

Sunday, Oct 23 Samantha Larson,

Seminary Intern preaching

Sermon Series: Who is My Neighbor?

Sunday, Oct 30 "Was Jesus Serious?"

Sunday, Nov 6 All Saints Sunday

"Neighbors Who Are Out of This World"

Sunday, Nov 13 "More than Words"

Sunday, Nov 20 Christ the King Sunday and

Thanksgiving Sunday

Samantha Larson, Seminary Intern, preaching

Sunday, Nov 27 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent

## YOUTH GROUP

### Youth Group Meets Every Sunday Evening

All middle and high-school students are welcome.

You do not need to attend Salem.

6:30-7:00 pm Bell Choir

7:00-8:00 pm Time Together

Oct 2 How to be a Christian? Part 1

Oct 9 How to be a Christian? Part 2

With Sam and Alex Larson

Oct 16 Putting Cruiser Kits together

Oct 23 Car Wash after 10:00 worship

No Youth Group that evening

Oct 30 Table and Treat Party

### Youth Car Wash:

Sunday, October 23 After 10:00 Worship



Each year the Youth Group has fundraisers to help them support their Compassion Child, Felix. Funds raised from the car wash will go to support him. The cost of supporting Felix is \$40 a month.

### Table and Treat:

Sunday, October 30 7:00-8:00 pm

On Salem's Front Lawn



There is Trick or Treat and Truck or Treat. This year we thought we would try something new, Table and Treat. Last year we tried a Truck or Treat in our parking lot. It was dark and few came because it was not visible from the street. This year we are going to try a Table and Treat in our front yard so we can offer treats to the community.

Prizes will be given to the most creative decorated tables. To reserve your table contact Barb Achstetter.

### ROCK is Feb 3-5, 2017 in Ocean City, MD

Presenter: Preston Centuolo

Bands: Sidewalk Prophets and Urban Street Level

**Registration Forms must be returned by**

**Sunday, Oct 23; Cost: \$70**

(A deposit of \$50 must be made on Oct 23. The remaining \$20 can be paid in January.)

For a registration form, see Rev. Sue.

## BAPTISM OF SAVAGE TWINS

For those of you who were unable to attend this heart warming service, here are those beautiful boys.



Debbie and Brandon want to thank everyone for their prayers and support before and after their miracle boys were born. The family needs our continued support as well as prayers for Jacob and Matthew.

## FROM THE CONGREGATION

### Three Simple, Yet Practical Rules

In August during the sermon series, “So, What is a United Methodist, Rev. Sue introduced to the congregation John Wesley’s three rules for the Methodist societies or class meetings. They were: 1) Do No Harm; 2) Do Good; 3) Stay Connected to God. Then she invited us to think of ways in which we could keep these three rules and to write them down on posters posted in the church’s hallway. Here is what the congregation wrote.

#### **We do no harm:**

- By watching our words.
- By respecting all of God’s creation.
- By treating others with respect.
- By holding our tempers.
- To the earth and the sky.
- To our children, spouses, and self.

#### **We do good:**

- By donating blood.
- By helping our neighbor.
- By focusing on serving others.
- By helping the homeless.
- By helping others.
- By working at the Lord’s Table.
- By praying.
- By helping a child.
- By taking good care of the earth and sky.
- To own family as you would do for God and to others.

#### **Stay Connected to God:**

- By going to Church.
- By worshipping God at home and in church.
- Through fellowship with other Christians.
- By doing Bible study alone or in small groups.
- Through daily devotions.
- By taking Communion.
- By volunteering at The Lord’s Table.
- By volunteering in the Community.
- Through showing grace and love to our family like we feel for God.
- By laughing.

## The Strawbridge Shrine Field Trip

Submitted by Rose Eide Altman



On Friday, September 23, 2016 Reverend Sue led a field trip for Salem members to Strawbridge Shrine located in New Windsor, MD in Carroll County, as a follow-up of her summer sermon series on the history of the Methodist Church. Rev. Sue and Joyce Howes and Rose Eide-Altman went and were greeted by the caretaker, Tim Kemp, and a docent, Marian Goettee at the Visitor’s Center.

The property dates back to about 1760 when Robert Strawbridge and his wife, Elizabeth, emigrated from Ireland and settled in this location. In Ireland they had become acquainted with John Wesley’s religious beliefs and the practice of holding house meetings to share and nurture the ideas. Once settled in Maryland Robert Strawbridge began riding a circuit and sharing his new found faith with his neighbors and soon there were house meetings throughout Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. Today he is considered the founder of the Methodist Church in America.

The Strawbridge Shrine is the farm and the farmhouse, built around the original log cabin that Robert and Elizabeth lived in. This farmhouse was occupied up until 1999 when the previous owner died. It had been bought in the 1970’s by the Strawbridge Shrine Board with the agreement that the current owner had a lifetime occupancy. Once the house was empty the Board began to do archeological research so that now visitors can view the different layers of flooring and wall coverings that existed when the Strawbridges lived

there as well as those that were added over the years.

Today the historic museum site is not only home to the Original Strawbridge Farmhouse but also:

**The Evans House:** the home of America's first recorded convert to Methodism and where the First Society met for more than 40 years. This building was saved from destruction and moved from several miles away.

**The Log Meeting House:** a replica, built from logs dating to the 1760's, is an authentic re-creation of the first Methodist house of worship in the new world. The original building had stood in an adjoining farm.

There is also a caretaker's home with a Visitors Center in the basement, with displays, artifacts, video presentation, gift shop and modern restrooms.

Two impressive statues of Robert and Elizabeth Strawbridge are also located on the grounds, along with other historical markers and items. It was a beautiful day and a fascinating tour of local history with national importance.

Visiting hours are Fridays and Saturdays, 10am-4pm, and Sundays, 1-4pm. For more information visit <http://www.strawbridgeshrine.org>.

**Another Strawbridge Shrine Tour:** For those who were unable to take the Strawbridge Tour in September, we have another one scheduled for **Saturday, Oct 22 at 10 am.** Meet at the church parking lot at 9 am to car pool or meet us at Strawbridge Shrine, 2650 Strawbridge Lane, New Windsor, MD 2177. The tour takes about 90 minutes. Strawbridge Shrine is the home of Robert Strawbridge who began the American Methodism movement.

### THE BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will meet October 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm, at Joanne Ranshaw's. "Little Bee" by Chris Cleave will be discussed.

### ASP 2016

September 25<sup>th</sup> our ASP team presented a special program so we would be able to see in pictures and word about their mission in the Appalachia Service Project 2016 in Logan County WV.



Our Faithful ASP Teams.

It was very interesting to see the transformation their week made in the lives of people who are less fortunate than we. Of course a week is not long enough to get the job completed, as our team rolled out at the end of their week, another team rolled in to pick up where our team left off.

By the end of summer, the two families our teams served were living in much better conditions. Thank you each member of ASP, including Bob Brown who is the leader and others in the congregation who tirelessly plan and carry-out the fundraisers providing for the teams to do their mission work.

### A TIME FOR CHILDREN

A time for Children had three different special occasions in September and I, as publisher, have chosen to show pictures of all three. The first picture is of our 2016-2017 Seminary Intern, Samantha Larson, giving her very first Time For Children.



Our second picture is Rev. Sue explaining the Covenant of Baptism on the day Matthew and Jacob Savage were baptized.



The boys are Scott (on the left) and Ezra Langdon. Melody McWilliams is standing by Rev. Sue. Mrs. Langdon is a friend of Debbie's.

The third and final picture is with Amy Roberts talking about the ASP adventure this past summer.



### THE LORD'S TABLE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1-5 PM

Join us as we fulfill our commitment to St. Martin's Catholic Church in Gaithersburg, and our commitment to God to feed the hungry. Salem has been fulfilling this commitment for many years. Contact Barbara Achstetter if you can help.

### THE SALEM UMC WOMEN'S GROUP

Please remember **October 8<sup>th</sup>** ! The Ladies of Salem are preparing a Spaghetti Supper **from 5:00 – 7:30 pm in the Community Hall**. The cost is \$20.00 for Adults and \$10.00 for Children under 12. The menu includes Meatless sauce with Meatballs on the side, Steamed Vegetables, Salad Bar, Bread, Beverage, and Dessert. Come join them and bring your appetite.

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

**December 4** - "Celebrate Christmas with Salem UMC."

**December 10** - "Salem UMC Christmas Bazaar."

### LET'S TALK ABOUT PRAYER

Here are some simple steps to structure our prayer time.

- **Adoration:** Spend time praising and worshipping God. Acknowledge who He is. Praise Him for His attributes of faithfulness, goodness, power, mercy, and love. "I will praise Him from the bottom of my heart: 'LORD, who can compare with you? Who else rescues the weak and helpless from the strong? Who else protects the poor and needy from those who want to rob them?'" ([Psalm 35:10](#)).
- **Confession:** Confess our sins to the Lord, because He always forgives us. Confession is a daily cleansing exercise. "But if we confess our sins to Him, He is faithful and just to forgive us and to cleanse us from every wrong" ([1 John 1:9](#)).
- **Thanksgiving:** Give thanks to the Lord for the many blessings He has given us. Thank Him for the big and small things in our lives. These are the blessings that we easily take for granted. "Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! His faithful love endures forever" ([1 Chronicles 16:34](#)).
- **Supplication:** Present our requests to God. God is our Father and He is delighted when we come to Him with our requests. "Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank Him for all He has done" ([Philippians 4:6](#)).

### CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Church Council Meeting Highlights  
September 22, 2016

- Bill Lavelly opened the meeting with devotion.
- Rev. Sue reported on worship attendance. The average for August was 51, and the Year to Date is 56.
- Joys and Concerns –Matthew and Jacob Savage were baptized. The Twins have been diagnosed with cystic fibrosis. Jacob displays symptoms of the disease. Pray for the family. Joyce Wedler's mother is in hospice. Continue to pray for Buck Bartley's nephew, Bobby.
- We continue to work on our goals for the year.

Goal #1 is increasing church attendance. Our Stewardship Campaign is in full swing with an emphasis on “Why I Love My Church.” Stewardship letters have been mailed. In addition to your annual pledge, please consider how you might be a steward by reaching out to friends, neighbors and folks we haven’t seen for a while and inviting them to church.

Goal #2 is expand our outreach to the community. We will be participating in Olney Community Night. We have ordered Salem magnets to distribute. Our Commuter coffee and donuts will begin on one Monday in November.

Goal #3 is to continue to streamline our financial accounts. Kulley Bancroft and Mary Kay Abramson are continuing to work on this. We will soon be combining most church accounts as sub-accounts within our Operating Account.

- Salem is planning a Homecoming!! October 16, 2016. We hope to see many members, old and new for worship and fellowship on this day. Flyers will be in the Bulletin and will be mailed to members who do not attend regularly.
- Children’s Sunday School is trying a new curriculum this year called Deep Blue. We have 3 adult class/groups – Jesus in the Gospels (Wednesday evenings), Following Jesus in a Culture of Fear (starting at the end of October), and an Accountable Discipleship group (starting mid-end of October.)
- Lord’s Table is back in business! Please sign up to volunteer.
- Libby Wright is coordinating an effort to assemble Care Bags for our Police Officers.
- Connie Somerville shared that the Trustees are in the process of obtaining bids for carpentry work on our Bell Tower, and breezeway, and exterior painting. We are also considering additional tree trimming/removal.
- Hasashi Yamagata that our required Registered Sex Offender Policy is complete.
- The Cemetery Committee has completed their work on our updated Cemetery Policy. This has been mailed out to all current owners of cemetery plots.

Rev. Sue closed the meeting with prayer. Next Meeting –October 27, 2016. All are welcome!!  
Debbie Ambrose, Church Council Chair

## A WORD ABOUT MISSIONS

### Goodie Bags for Local Police



We are in the process of making 40 goodies bags, or Cruiser Kits, for our local police as a thank-you for their service to our community. BUT, WE NEED YOUR HELP! Instead of each of us making a kit, we are asking that people donate what goes into them. There is a sign-up list posted on SignUp Genius.

Here is the link:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/508094fadaf22a13-cruiser>

Since some of the components, such as the instant coffee packages, chewing gum, and packaged Advil are not inexpensive. Please feel free to shop and share the costs with someone else.

I have priced most of the items via Amazon.com. But many of these items can be bought at other bulk supply stores such as Costco, Sam's Club, and Staples. The grocery store will also have many of these items. When you go online to sign up, the number in the parentheses is how many items you will need to supply for us to make 40 kits. If the number is 80, as it is for Band Aids, it is because we are putting two bandages into one kit. We hope to get all the items to the church by October 16 so our youth can assemble them.

Please pick one or more items to purchase and deliver them to Salem by October 16.

Tricia Luke has already taken the initiative to make 40 Cruiser Kits. She and her daughters had fun giving them to the police. Our challenge is to match what Tricia has already done!

Thank you for your generosity!

**Any questions, please contact**  
**Libby at libbyleew@gmail.com**  
**or Tricia triciahuff@gmail.com**

## 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>

### MEMORY GARDEN

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

## RECYCLING AT SALEM

By Carole Roberts

### What to put in the blue bin in the community hall:

- ❖ most paper/cardboard (even paper plates& paper cups can go in there)
- ❖ plastic bottles & other recyclable plastics
- ❖ cans
- ❖ glass bottles and jars
- ❖ foil

Please empty things of as much liquid as possible.

### What NOT to put in the blue bin:

- ❖ plastic wrapping or plastic bags
- ❖ napkins or paper towels
- ❖ styrofoam cups

## 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 October Birthdays are:

Shear, Kim	10/01
Lowe, Eric	10/03
Lowe, Ruthie	10/03
Frazier, Nick	10/06
Brown, Robert	10/07
Meisner, Joe	10/09
Harishcandra, Sandy	10/16
Weinberger, Emily	10/24
Ambrose, Fred	10/25
Kaisler, Chryl	10/25
Ambrose, Debbie	10/29

### October Anniversaries:

Rider, Don and Joanne	10/10
Preville, Dean and Doreen	10/20

## OUR COMMUNITY

**Sandy Spring Lions Club:** There is **NO** Lions Club dinner meeting on Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. The next dinner will be on Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. **There is a standing request for help in preparing the dinner and setting up the room for the meeting. If you can help, please contact Mary Ellen Eaton.**

**Lion's Club Blood Drive:** Want to help a stranger? We do it all the time at Salem in so many different ways. Here is one that doesn't cost a dime. Give a lifesaving blood donation of course! It doesn't hurt, takes about an hour, and the blood drive is held right here at Salem UMC on Thursday, October 13 from 12:30-6:00.

What could be more convenient? And the American Red Cross has made great improvements in their processing. If you have never donated before, I will be there to help you.

Contact me (Joyce Howes) at 301-774-5851 or use the web site [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org). Look for the date and Sandy Spring Lions Club Blood Drive on 10/13. Call me if you have any questions. Salem UMC has several regular donors!

**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.

**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](mailto:mjcosgrove58@gmail.com).

**Our House** is NOT collecting egg boxes at this time. Please dispose of or recycle them at home.

**Charge Conference:** Sunday, October 30 at 5:30 pm at Grace UMC in Gaithersburg.

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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.

**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 do

help. Just knowing someone cares is sometimes just the right medicine. They will thank you!



Giving a prayer shawl is being a part of this very important ministry.

**THANK YOU**

**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.**



And a great big THANK YOU to everyone who kept our property looking lovely and inviting. worked so hard through the summer to keep the grounds looking lovely. Thank you to the mowers and to those who kept the flower beds weed-free. Your hard work throughout the summer has not gone unnoticed.

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# Salem United Methodist Church

cordially invites you to a

## Homecoming Celebration

Please join us on Sunday, October 16, 2016 as we gather for Worship and Fellowship.

We hope to see many of our church family members, both old and new! We will join together to remember our past in stories and pictures, and look to our future as disciples of Christ in the world.

10:00 – Worship

11:15 – Luncheon Reception

