

Salem United Methodist Church

November 2017 Newsletter

«184 Years and Still Loving, Serving and Celebrating»



SALEM Methodist Protestant Church 1833



SALEM United Methodist Church 2017

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,

In the month of November, we remember to give thanks. We begin the month with remembering and giving thanks for those who have gone on to receive their heavenly reward. Then we move towards the national holiday of Thanksgiving in which we are reminded again to give thanks for our blessings.

What are our blessings? Homes? Family? Jobs? Health? Life? The earth that sustains us? What else? When we are surrounded by so much negativity and non-constructive criticism, so much lying and back biting, we can quickly forget that there is One who has given us everything. We can quickly forget to be thankful.

“Every day is a day of Thanksgiving” is the title of an African-American spiritual. The words of the chorus are: “God’s been so good to me. Everyday

He’s blessing me. Every day is a day of thanksgiving; take the time to glorify the Lord today.” The first verse states: “I thank God for the moments when I worship His name, I thank Him for the sacrifice of praise. It's no mystery to say, how my God is every day; making my way through clouds so dark, bringing His light into my heart.” The second verse is: “Yes, there's pressures all around me when fighting Satan's descending powers, that never cease from trying to bring me down. But I just lift my hands to glory, believing in God's redemption story; thanking Him for His saving grace, as God gives me power just to win this race.”

What uplifting words! What glorious words to remind us that God is blessing us not just every day, but every moment of every day. When we focus on God’s blessings in our lives and in the world, we will experience God’s light in our hearts driving the gloom and darkness away.

Would you join me in finding one blessing every day in the month of November? Can we claim every day as a day of thanksgiving?

Giving Thanks,
Rev. Sue

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Nov 5 All Saints Sunday "Surrounded"
Nov 12 Jo Schoenwolf, seminary intern preaching
Nov 19 Thanksgiving Sunday
Nov 26 Christ the King Sunday

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Greater Olney Interfaith Ministerium
Thanksgiving Service: The eighth annual Thanksgiving service will be held at Sandy Spring Friends School Dramatic Arts Auditorium on Tuesday, November 21 at 7:30 pm. This year we are giving thanks for our local farmers who feed us!

Clergy from all three faith traditions: Jewish, Christian, and Muslim traditions will be presenting scripture from their faith traditions. Todd Greenstone, a local farmer, will be the featured speaker.

Christmas Eve Services at Salem UMC

Sunday, December 24

Family Service at 5:00 pm

Candlelight Service at 7:30 pm

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group Meets Every Sunday Evening

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

Bell Choir: 6:30-7:00 pm

Youth Group: 7:00-8:00 pm

Car Wash

In spite of the weather, our youth still washed cars to raise money for their Compassion Child, Felix on Oct 15. Their effort netted \$329.50. The cost for Felix is \$40 a month. Any donation would be appreciated as this amount will support Felix for only a few months.

Halloween Party

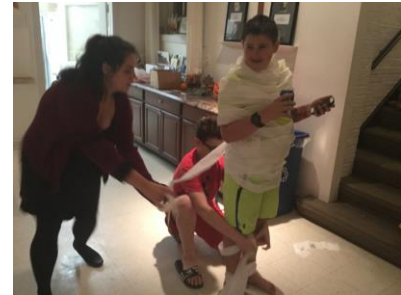
The October 29th youth meeting was their annual Halloween Party which was open to the community. Here is their story in pictures:



All parties need lots of food



And Games



Competition



Hands-on art work



Adults had fun too!

Youth Schedule:

11/5: What is the church?
11/12: The early church
11/19: The Reformation
11/26: The Church today

MEMBERSHIP

It's that time of year when we go over the membership rolls and notice that we have quite a few members who are no longer active at Salem. I encourage all of you to think about anyone you haven't seen in a while and reach out; whether it be a phone call, note, or even social media and let them know they are missed. Sometimes all it takes is knowing someone cares to either bring someone back to church or at least comfort them if they are not able to do so at this time.

Carole Roberts, Membership Secretary

GROWING IN OUR CHRISTIAN FAITH

UMC #GivingTuesday is Nov. 28: Last year, more than \$850,000 was given from 2,550 people in 19 countries in support of the Advance, the designated giving channel of the UMC. The denomination's #GivingTuesday theme this year is "Connect Your Passion with God's Mission." Visit umcmmission.org/give to learn more about United Methodist missionaries and Advance projects.

NEW DISCUSSION GROUP

Six Week Discussion Group Based on Timothy Keller's book "The Reason For God"

Submitted by: Virginia Smith

November 14 will close out our weekly get-together. We have acknowledged how different it can be to answer how faith questions challenge Christianity. A video opens the discussion when Dr. Keller interacts with six young adults who question all religions, especially Christianity. His dialogue with these skeptics gives convincing reasons for a strong belief in a Christian God. He also strengthens our own spiritual realities.

This book is not a "quick read," but well worth the time. I think our group will agree that Dr. Keller has given us some valuable tools to articulate and defend our faith.

COMMUNITY NIGHT IN GREATER OLNEY

Olney Community Night was held on Monday, October 9, at Good Counsel High School. Salem had a table which was frequented by many. We gave out many Upper Room Devotionals, coffee cups, pens, and flyers for the Christmas Bazaar and Ghost

Stories. In addition, we had the opportunity to connect with familiar faces as well as new ones.



Taken from The Greater Olney News

"FAITH ON TAP" ON HOLD

We tried something new this year. We went to local craft breweries, The Brookeville Beer Garden and Waredaca, to discuss a variety of faith issues. We began this on Friday evenings in August and then moved to once a month in September and October. With the dawn of cooler weather, Faith on Tap will resume in the spring. Stay tuned.

BROOKEVILLE'S LITTLE FREE LIBRARY



Dedication of The Little Free Library
Sarah Dove on the right side of the Little Free Library

YES! Salem has a roadside library. Sarah Dove built this library as part of a project for her Girl Scout Gold Award. We dedicated the library to the Glory of God on Sunday, October 29. The purpose of the library is to build community, spark creativity, and inspire readers. This library is a new way Salem strives to connect with our community. Registered on the official website, <https://littlefreelibrary.org>, this library is available to anyone who drives by, walks through town, or comes to Salem. So stop by, take a book - leave a book. Enjoy!

SALEM MISSIONS AT WORK

By: Libby Wright

THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS



Previous year's baskets

Once again, as part of an ecumenical effort led by St Peter's Catholic Church, we will be creating four gift baskets for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. These baskets will be distributed to families that are struggling financially and live in the Olney area.

Starting November 5, there will be a sign-up paper and four plastic bins to collect a variety of food stuffs. All gifts must be at the church by November 19. Please do not purchase perishable items (rolls, fresh potatoes, etc.) until just a day or two before November 19. We don't want them to become moldy or rotten.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS



Snowman gifts being dedicated before being sent to the YMCA in 2015.

We will also help with the YMCA Youth Mentoring Program's annual holiday party. This program helps and strengthens some of the most vulnerable children in Montgomery County. As you may recall, we donate toys for a list of 20 children provided to us by the YMCA. Expect the "snowmen" that hold the children's names to be dropped off at our church very soon.

Chili Challenge for Olney Help

On December 3rd, TBA, Good Hope Presbyterian Church, 17930 Bowie Mill Road, Derwood, is challenging Salem's chili cooks to a cook-off. They heard we make good chili! The purpose: To raise funds for Olney Help. Salem folk, are we up to the challenge?

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

Sunday, October 8th, our seminary intern, Jo Schonewolf, talked to our children about "Being One." She explained even though they were one person, they were still a member of one family, one church, one class in school, etc.; the same with God the Father, Son Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, Three-in-One God-Head.



A great sermon presented in a way everyone could understand.

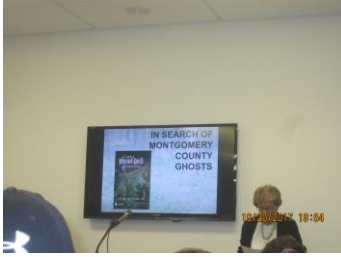


Everyone enjoyed Matthew Savage's participation. The subject of this message was words. Jo was talking to Matthew about different words we use including prayer. In this picture they are praying.

APPALACHIAN SERVICE PROJECT (ASP) 2018

ASP is a volunteer home repair ministry with the goal of making sub-standard housing in Appalachia "warmer, safer and drier." Salem will be sending two teams to Appalachia, June 17-23, 2018. **Our first fundraiser will be a breakfast on Sunday, Nov. 19 after the 10:00 worship service.** Yum-yum!

SALEM'S FASCINATING SPEAKER SERIES



Salem's first speakers in Salem's new Speaker Series were "In Search of Ghosts, Montgomery County, Maryland" by Karen Lottes and Dorothy Pugh of MC Historical Society Speakers Bureau, on Friday, October 20th in our Community Room.



Thanks to Kim and Myron Shear for all your hard work in organizing and supervising this event.



Karen Lottes and Dorothy Pugh

Taking turns, Kathy and Dorothy, told very interesting stories of places in Montgomery County where people have heard and at times seen evidence of people who have been gone a very long time.

Some of the places talked about were:

1. Cabin John Bridge (the old one) where it has been heard Union Soldiers marching across.
2. Olney Theater, the house where the actors sometimes spent the night. Seems the original owner never left. Several interesting stories, one regarding Helen

Hayes daughter, Mary. Much laughter with that story.

3. Beall-Dawson House where a slave keeps coming in the kitchen.
4. In the Bloomfield house the children who lived/visited never lacked for a playmate; there was one in residence who loved playing with the toys.

There were other stories all of which made for a very enjoyable evening. Thanks to Myron. The slide show went smoothly with the stories.



Attendance for the evening was over-whelming. There was standing room only with some having to be turned away. And thanks to the ladies of Salem. The refreshments were in abundance.



As the presentations were winding down, we heard this ghostly sound coming from the back of the hall. Everyone turned to see this ghostly figure walking down the aisle, eyes shining and feet showing (unfortunately no picture). This sheet glided toward the microphone. And it began to speak as it lifted the part covering the head, revealing our own Rev. Sue. She told the gathering that Salem had its own ghost, The Holy Ghost, who visits us each time we gather together, giving us peace and encouragement. She spoke a little about the history of the church, invited those interested to tour the church, shared our worship hours, and invited every one to join us in worship service.

OLNEY HELP NEEDS HELP

Olney Help, our local food pantry, shelves are in need of restocking. They specifically need these items: boxed spaghetti, juice boxes, shelf-stable bottled juice, canned pasta (Chef Boyardee, etc.), instant potatoes, canned chili, boxed pasta sides (Knorr/Ronie, etc.), peanut butter, and jelly.

Please place items in the box marked for Olney Help in the church hallway.

Thank you note from Olney Help

Dear Salem United Methodist Church,

On behalf of the many individuals and families we assist, I would like to thank you for the non-perishable food donation to our pantry in September 2017. Contributions like yours help us to deliver food to 52 clients in August 2017 which fed 116 adults and 94 children. Your generous donation of non-perishable food makes it possible for our organization to exist and makes this community a great place to live. Thank you again for your support!

Sincerely yours,

Cate McDonald

Secretary, Olney Help

IN MEMORY OF CHARLOTTE HAWKINS BRYAN November 11, 1914 – October 31, 2017



Mom's Eulogy

Written by Joanne Burroughs, Charlotte's daughter

There is a song that my mother used to love hearing her niece, Chris Crawford and her husband, Houston, sing. The song is entitled "Precious Memories," and the chorus goes like this:

Precious memories, how they linger, how they ever flood my soul.

In the silence of the midnight, precious, sacred scenes unfold.

Well, my Mom had lots of precious memories over her lifetime and she shared many of them with our family, some of which I would like to share with you.

First of all, Mom did love her church, Salem United Methodist in Brookeville. She proudly proclaimed that her Dad, a carpenter, helped to build this church; and her parents were the first couple to be married at Salem. In later years, she and some of her sisters were fondly known as the sweet little cotton heads who claimed the third row pew each Sunday morning.

When Mom came along in 1914, she joined two sisters, Mary Ellen and Gladys. Believing by now that they may not have a son to name after her Dad, Charles Robert, Charlie and Anna decided to name my mom Charlotte Roberta. At least Granddaddy would have a namesake! Charles Robert, Jr., did eventually join the family in 1921, following the birth of Ruth and Evelyn, and preceding the arrivals of Cornelia, Janet and little brother, Gerald.

Being part of a large family offered many opportunities to develop precious memories. Mom would recite stories of the playful antics and lively times they shared while growing up. For instance, she and her siblings loved to sleigh ride down the road in front of their house, known as Brookeville hill. To make a really fast track, they would pour buckets of water down the hill. No concern about cars and certainly no snow plows to deal with! The parlor was the one room of the house where one could escape the chaos for a peaceful time alone or with a friend. Mom chuckled as she told the story of when her oldest sister, Mary Ellen, brought her boyfriend into the parlor. Unbeknownst to Mary Ellen, Mom and some of her sisters had hidden in the parlor closet and jumped out at the most inopportune time. If you knew Mary Ellen, you know that did not set well with her!

Mom never denied that there were also tough times keeping a family that large clothed and fed, but they weathered those storms together with the older siblings helping out. I was impressed when Mom told us, with no regrets at all, that she bought most of her little sister's clothes.

Mom shared with us memories of her school days when she began as a first grader in the one-room school in Olney. You may have heard her tell the story of how left-handers were not well received back then. Mom would face the consequence of getting a ruler across her knuckles if she did not try to write with her right hand. Mom eventually won that battle, because try as she may, she just could not be anything but left-handed. In later years she saw that teacher and received an apology.

In 1920, after the Hawkins family moved to Brookeville, Mom attended the one-room schoolhouse, now known as Orndorff Hall here at Salem. High School began in eighth grade at Sherwood. By that time they actually had a motorized school bus which was more like an open wagon with a tarp for the roof, but they were thrilled with it!

Mom witnessed many changes in her lifetime. She told us how in her senior year, she worked for 50 cents a day as caregiver for an elderly woman in the community. After high school when she moved to DC, with her sister, Gladys, they each earned \$3 a day plus tips at Mrs. K's and their room rent was \$3 a week.

On February 1, 1938, Charlotte married James Ellsworth Bryan, better known as Ike. He was a loving husband and father and they enjoyed 35 years together until his untimely death at age 62 following his seventh heart attack.

In June of 1942, Charlotte and Ike purchased their first home in Olney, a little bungalow for \$2500. Anna Joyce arrived in December of '42 and shortly after, their family was completed with the births of Joanne Rebecca in November of '43 and James Ellsworth Bryan, Jr (aka, Jimmy), in March of '45. Mom shared memories of the busy time of our infant and toddler years...how Joyce cried for her first three months, and what it was like to have three in bottles and diapers all at one time!

As I grew older, I began to build my own precious memories of Mom and our family. At a young age, I remember our parents wanting to make a better life for their family. Daddy hooked up water in the house so we no longer had to draw water from the well in the back yard; and added a bathroom so we could reap the benefits of indoor plumbing; and

he installed central heat and dismantled the old wood stove that sat in the dining room.

I recall that Mom also became well-known for her baking skills and during our early childhood years, she baked and sold cakes. I especially remember the coconut cakes because Joyce and I were given the "privilege" of grating the fresh coconut. Sometimes we thought we wouldn't care if we never saw another coconut! A lot of work, yes, but it came with its rewards. Many times when she would do a cake for someone, Mom also baked what she called a little test cake and we all got a taste. Sometimes she would allow us to frost it first, or even "decorate" it. Perhaps that's where I initially developed my interest in cake decorating. I loved to watch her cut red and green cherries and transform them to look like poinsettias on top of a cake.

As cafeteria manager at Olney Elementary, Charlotte became very popular with the staff and students because the food was soooo good! Mom added her special touch to the lunches they served and found innovative ways to use up the County staples, like turning the abundant supply of corn meal into corn meal cookies...and they were a great hit!

Mom's love for baking was certainly passed down to her daughters, and perhaps in later years, to her son as well. Jimmy is known for making a mean chocolate chip cookie! But, NO ONE, NO ONE, could EVER match her rolls...each one perfectly formed and absolutely delicious...and always requested at family gatherings. No meal was complete without Grandma's rolls! She was just an all-around excellent cook and baker and now I often turn to her recipes because after all these years, I still believe they're the best.

We never lived on a farm, but we had a big garden and there were potato patches and corn fields shared with Daddy's side of the family. So, needless to say, Mom provided hands-on experience in harvesting, canning and freezing. She would even take us to the pea field after the harvesters gleaned with their machines and we would gather and freeze what peas remained in the field.

In 1958, Charlotte and Ike moved our family to a new home in Sunshine, built by her father and brothers with most of the plumbing done by Daddy. In the months and years that followed, I admired

Mom's quiet faith, strength, courage and determination to keep our family going through some tough trials. Nine months after moving, Daddy suffered his first heart attack in the wee hours of the morning on their 20th wedding anniversary; and she drove him to the hospital during what became known as the Blizzard of 1958, dumping about 30 inches of snow in our area.

As Daddy suffered more heart attacks and his health deteriorated to the point where he could no longer work, Mom began to search for a higher salaried job; and at the age of 47, landed the supervisory position in the Nutrition Dept. at N.I.H. Eventually that position was abolished, but Mom's determination to keep our family secure, prompted her to take classes to brush up on her typing and office skills. Her hard work was rewarded with a position as secretary to Dr. Wood in the National Cancer Institute, remaining there until her retirement in 1981. I recall attending her retirement party and learning how highly respected she was by the doctors and co-workers and I felt so proud of her.

Mom had looked forward to retirement and eventually moved to Mt. Airy to be closer to her daughters. Family was a priority and she shared her love for us in so many ways. She usually did her weekly laundry at our house while I was at work, and against my protests, she insisted on adding our laundry to hers to "make it more worthwhile" in her words. Further evidence that she had been there was when we opened the refrigerator and there was our favorite tapioca or deviled eggs...or cookies or some other homemade treat on the counter. When someone got sick, we could always count on a visit from Grandma, with homemade chicken noodle soup and baked custard in hand. We were also blessed with the hand-crocheted Afghans and the needlepoint creations. Then there was the sewing and mending. Whenever anyone in the family needed a patch or hem or repair or alteration, Mom was always willing to answer the call. She even carried her thimble in her purse just in case!

Mom also enjoyed being involved in the lives of her grandchildren, whether it be attending school performances, doing a taffy pull with them and their friends, or having them for a sleepover. She built a loving relationship with each of her grandchildren

and great-grandchildren, leaving them with precious memories of their own.

Mom was always ready to go whenever anyone said the word! She looked forward to her annual visits to Kentucky to spend time with Jimmy and his family. She enjoyed traveling and even had the amazing opportunity to visit Thailand in 1979. At the age of 87, she traveled with family to Arizona, and could keep up with the best of them, touring the Grand Canyon, hiking the hills, climbing the mountainsides, and cruising the rough terrain on the famous pink jeep excursion in Sedona.

Mom never seemed to lack energy. Always self-disciplined and determined to be productive, she would aim each day to accomplish something worthwhile in the most proficient manner and do it to the best of her ability. Even as the dementia slowly took its toll, she would often tell Joyce, Jimmy, or me to "Hurry up, let's go! We'll be late for church!" She kept that same feisty Hawkins spirit; but at the same time, she was sweet and affectionate, and could be so unintentionally funny.

When Charlotte turned 90, she decided it was time to turn in the car keys, and gradually she and we began to realize her independent lifestyle was coming to an end. At the age of 91, Mom came to Chambersburg to live with Paul and me. There were plenty of adjustments and challenges to be sure. But there were also many precious moments which I will always cherish... for instance, watching Mom begin every morning with her Bible and devotional book following breakfast. Then when macular degeneration deprived her of the ability to read, we would sometimes sit on the screened-in porch with the morning sun warming us and the birds chirping, and I would read her Bible and devotional to her.

For seven years, Paul and I had the privilege of caring for Mom. She had been a widow for so long and we felt God's call to provide her with the comfort and peace that she would never be alone in the last chapter of her life. But we didn't do it single handed. Joyce, Jim, Jimmy, the grandchildren and their families were part of our team and offered tremendous support and respite care. Even though it was not in my plan and was against my wishes, when it became physically necessary to move her to the nursing home, Mom still had someone from the family with her on almost a daily basis. For the past

four and a half years, Menno Haven Nursing Center lovingly assisted us in caring for her.

Menno Haven offered numerous Christ-centered services and programs that eventually helped Mom to feel right at home. She looked forward to attending Sunday Chapel services and weekly Sing Alongs, where she heard many of her favorite old hymns. Together, we enjoyed attending special events and performances by outside groups. The wonderful Life Enrichment staff, with their enthusiasm and encouragement, even got Mom, at almost 101, to get up and dance at their Fall Ball!

Charlotte gradually forgot many things, even our names or her own name at times; however, the transformation Jesus made in her life was never forgotten. Sometimes as I sat with her, I would ask, "Do you love Jesus?" The reply was always a resounding, "Yes, I do!" Sometimes she would want to sing, but said she couldn't recall the words to the hymns, so I would suggest she sing, "Jesus Loves Me." And with just a little prompting, the words flowed sweetly and beautifully from her lips.

It was important to me to accompany Mom to church, and most Sundays, Paul and I did just that. Sometimes she would talk through it or sleep through it, but she always heard the music and I could sense the peace it gave her. And as I sat there holding her hand throughout the service...sometimes with her pulling my hand to her face to place a gentle kiss on it...I was keenly aware that all too soon the time would come when this, too, would be a precious memory.

Charlotte, what a blessing you have been to our family and to so many others. What a treasured gift to Joyce, Jimmy and me, and what an honor it has been to call you Mom. We love you dearly and cherish all the precious memories that linger in our hearts.

THE LORD'S TABLE

Salem UMC is committed to serve a meal at the Lord's Table to those on the margins in our community on the fourth Saturday of the month.

Thank you to all who came out in October to serve. Next date is November 25th from 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm at St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church, 201 S. Frederick Avenue, Gaithersburg, MD 20877. Please come and help us serve.

BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

CENTRAL MARYLAND DISTRICT CLUSTER CHURCH CONFERENCE

October 28, 2017

Oakdale UMC hosted Church Conferences for Ashton, Highland, Oakdale, Salem and Sharp Street UMC Churches. As people gathered, coffee and other refreshments were set out for their enjoyment. Members of Oakdale were there to meet and direct attendees, while Rev. J. W. Park, our District Superintendent made his way through the gathering, greeting the attendees.

Before the business of the day, everyone met in the Sanctuary for a joint worship service. One of the Presiding Elders read Ephesians 4:1-6, 11-16 in both Bibles; the New Revised Standard Version and The Message. Rev. Park spoke briefly on these scriptures with the theme of the day being "We Are ONE: Connected in Covenant."

Elder Jane Wood, Pastor at Locust UMC, in Columbia, Maryland asked three questions with congregation participation:

1. Why is it important in this time and in this place to say that "We are One: Connected in Covenant"?
2. What are the exciting ways your congregation is living out its calling and covenant?
3. Where is God calling your congregation to greater oneness with the community/mission field?

Once the service was over, the churches assembled to their appointed places for the business at hand.

The business of the church conference was to hear the pastor's report, vote on the pastor's salary, make sure the church is in compliance with Safe Sanctuary policy, and receive reports from the Lay Servant, Finance Committee which included the 2018 budget, and the Trustees. This year we did not vote on the leadership report because Salem is in the process of streamlining its leadership roster. When this is complete, we will have another Church Conference to vote on the new leadership roster.

Copies of these reports are available in the church for anyone to take.

Rev. Jane Wood was our Presiding Elder and once the business was completed, members were encouraged to share their opinion/feelings. Several spoke to the benefit of being part of a small church ministry. After a group picture we were allowed to leave, there was no formal closing ceremony.



From left: Rev. Dr. Sue Shorb-Sterling, Carole Roberts, Jo Schonewolf, Halsey Smith, Randy Kennedy, Rev. Jane Wood, Hisashi Yamagata and Mary Abramson.

Not pictured, Velma Durant, photographer

BOOK CLUB

Salem's Book Club will not meet again until after the holidays, date to be announced. Stay tuned for more information.

SALEM UM MEN

The Salem UM Men meet the second Saturday of the month at 8:00 am for a breakfast meeting. All men are welcome to attend on November 11th.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The planning for 2017 Christmas Bazaar has begun. Anyone interested in helping or have ideas to make this year's Christmas Bazaar spectacular, contact Deb McKeever.

Help Needed with the Bazaar!

Donations are needed for the Unique Treasures sale. Clean out those cabinets and bring decorative and useful items for the sale. No large furniture or clothing please. Items can be placed in the Hall classrooms to the left of the stairs.

Items are also needed to construct "theme baskets." Pick a theme, purchase goods/gift certificates and drop your donation in the Hall classrooms to the left of the stairs. Popular themes

are: toys, food/beverage, spa, pets, holiday and gardening. For more information contact Kulley Bancroft at kulley1145@hotmail.com.

Bake Goods Needed on Bazaar Day

Bring your favorite sweets and treats for the Bazaar Bake Table. Please have items packaged for sale with the ingredients listed. Drop your goodies in the Hall on Friday, Dec. 8 or on Saturday, Dec. 9 by 8:00 am. For questions contact Carole Roberts at bsgsmom@gmail.com or Joyce Howes at cucinotta24@icloud.com

SIGN-UP FOR ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to provide flowers during the 2017 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. Sue before you head out so she can open the church for you. Contact Suzanne Friis with questions.

MEMORY GARDEN

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

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 November Birthdays are:

Beach, Sally	11/03
Bancroft, Kulley	11/04
McWilliams, Melody	11/04
Ungelsbee, Anna	11/06
Blaine, Connie	11/09
Pustis, Joey	11/12
Beach, Alex	11/15
Bittner, Betty	11/17
Smith, Curtis	11/17
Miller, Savannah	11/19
Brown, Adrienne	11/21
Meisner, Thomas	11/21
Paulk, Sandra	11/22

Eide-Altman, Rose 11/23
Howes, Joyce 11/24

November Anniversaries

There are no Anniversaries this month.

COFFEE HOUR

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 please go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090949a9aa2aa1fc1-coffee> or contact Joyce Howes.

OUR COMMUNITY

Sandy Spring Lions Club: The next dinner will be on Monday, November 28th at 7:00 pm. If you can help, please contact Mary Ellen Eaton.

Eyeglass Collection: Salem continues to collect used eyeglasses, cell phones and hearing aids to donate to Lions Club. Please leave in the designated box in Salem Community Hall.

Spirit Club: A fitness group for those with disabilities meets Wednesdays in the Community Hall from 6:00-7:00 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 entire program. For more information contact the leader, Mary-Jo Cosgrove, at mjcosgrove58@gmail.com.

Alcoholic Anonymous Groups: Meet in the Community Hall on Wednesdays and Thursdays, 8:30-9:30 pm.

PRAYER SHAWLS



Know someone who could use some spiritual comfort. Give them a prayer shawl.

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Presents

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Saturday, December 9, 2017

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Theme Baskets

Bake Table / Craft Table

Unique Treasures / Book Nook

Santa Shop for Children

Lunch Menu for Children and Adults

FEATURING

LUNCH WITH SAINT NICK

11:30 AM to 1:00 PM

Take Your Own Pic with Saint Nick

POINSETTIA SUNDAY

December 17, 2017

ORDER DEADLINE - Sunday, December 10

YOUR NAME(S): _____

PHONE: _____

_____ RED @ \$11.00 each

_____ WHITE @ \$11.00 each

TOTAL: \$ _____

Make checks payable to Salem United Methodist Church. Place form with check in the basket on the table in the Sanctuary or mail to: Suzanne Friis, 17 North Street, Brookeville, MD 20833

TRIBUTES (if desired)

IN MEMORY OF _____

IN HONOR OF _____

Tributes will be listed in the bulletin. Poinsettias may be taken home after the Christmas Eve Service. Contact Suzanne Friis with questions: friis17@yahoo.com or 301-774-5828.