

# Salem United Methodist Church

## March 2018 Newsletter

“184 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



Rev. Dr. Sue Shorb-Sterling  
Pastor

To the Salem UM Church Community,

We are in the middle of the season of Lent. How are you doing on your Lenten journey? Have you been able to practice the suggested Lenten Disciplines? Spiritual Disciplines can take us both on outward and inward journeys. The Spiritual Disciplines of prayer, meditation, reading devotions and the Bible are ways to practice the inward journey. The Spiritual Disciplines of serving others through acts of compassion and justice are ways to practice the outward journey.

The inward journey of connecting with God, or being with God, could be seen as vertical. The outward journey of connecting with others, or

doing, could be seen as horizontal. Their intersection creates a cross.

Jesus' life among us was a pattern of the inward journey, going to a quiet place to pray, being with God; and the outward journey of healing and preaching, doing for others. Even on the evening before Jesus took the outward journey to the cross, he took time to go to a quiet place, the Garden of Gethsemane, to pray.

As we practice our spiritual disciplines during Lent, reflect on what the cross means to you. During the rest of the season of Lent we will be expressing in different ways what the cross means to us as we continue to journey to the cross. What does the cross mean to you?

Journeying With You,

Rev. Sue

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

#### Lenten Sermon Series: A Lenten Journey- Inward and Outward Cont'd

Sunday, March 4 "Disturbance"

Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19;

I Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22

Lenten Discipline: Clean or Create

Sunday, March 11 "The Darkness"

United Committee on Relief Sunday

Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22;  
 Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21  
 Lenten Discipline: Centering Prayer  
 Sunday, March 18 "Suffering"  
 Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-12;  
 Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33  
 Lenten Discipline: Praying your Day  
 Sunday, March 25 Palm/Passion Sunday  
 Jo Schonewolf, preaching  
 Mark 1:1-11; Mark 14:1-15, 47  
 Holy Thursday 7:30 pm at St. Paul UMC  
 in Laytonsville  
 Good Friday 7:30 pm at Salem UMC  
 Sunday, April 1 Resurrection Sunday  
 John 20:1-18; I Corinthians 15:1-11  
 7:00 am Sunrise Service in cemetery  
 7:30 am Continental Breakfast in  
 Community Hall  
 9:30 am Easter Egg Hunt  
 8:15 and 10:00 am Worship

Jo Schonewolf will be on vacation during her seminary spring break and will not be with us on Sundays, March 4 and 11.

### **UMCOR Sunday: March 11**

#### **(United Methodist Committee on Relief)**

When disasters such as earthquakes, typhoons, hurricanes, etc. strike around the globe, we watch the drama unfold on our living room televisions and feel entirely helpless. How could any one person make a difference in the wake of such widespread devastation? As responders around the globe scramble to help survivors, the United Methodist Committee on Relief, UMCOR, is prepared to act. Since 1940, when UMCOR's forerunner was established to meet the needs of those suffering overseas at the onset of World War II, we've continued to respond to those in desperate need. Today UMCOR is present throughout more than eighty countries around the world.

Once a year the United Methodist Church takes a special offering to support the church's compassionate response to human suffering. This offering allows UMCOR to act as the arms and legs of Christ's church, moving toward the most vulnerable in their darkest days. Convinced that all people have God-given worth and dignity—without regard to race, religion or gender—

together the church assists those impacted by crisis or chronic need.

### **Greater Olney Interfaith Ministerium Hosts An Interfaith Discussion Series**

**Where:** New Hope Presbyterian Church,  
 17930 Bowie Mill Road, Derwood, MD 20855  
**When:** First Three Wednesdays in March; 7:00pm  
**What:**

Wednesday, March 7- Religion as a Resource for Peace

Wednesday, March 14- Social Harmony

Wednesday, March 21- Faith in Challenging Times

Presenters are from the three Abrahamic traditions: Jewish, Christian, and Muslim and will open a dialogue on topics that impact all of us. All are welcome. No cost to attend. Bring non-perishable food donations for Olney Help Food Pantry.

### **SCIENCE AND RELIGION SMALL GROUP**

#### **Connecting Science and Religion**

**When:** Wednesdays, March 21-April 25  
 6:30-7:30 pm

**Description:** When we hear about science and religion in the news or in culture, we often hear about an unending, unresolvable conflict. This can leave us wondering how we got here and what we can do about it. Join us for six weeks as we talk about the roots of the conflict narrative between science and religion, how we think about both science and religion, and our responses to the conflict as Christians.

#### **What:**

3/21: "Blessed are the peacemakers..."  
 Introduction, background, and history

3/28: "In the beginning, God..."  
 Conflict in Science and Religion (evolution, creationism, climate change, miracles, ethics)

4/4: "Many parts, one body"  
 Independence rather than conflict (roles of science and religion)

4/11: "How very good it is when the kindred live in unity"  
 Dialogue rather than conflict (listening to both science and religion)

4/18: "The heaven declare the glory of God"  
Integration rather than conflict (awe and wonder in both science and religion)

4/25: "Let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak"

### **YOUTH GROUP**

Youth Group Meets Every Sunday Evening

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

6:30-7:00 pm Youth Bell Choir

7:00-8:00 pm Time Together

Teach Us To Pray:

Understanding the Lord's Prayer

March 4: Part 1

March 11: Part 2

March 18: Part 3

March 25: Part 4

### **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING**



From left to right: Joey Brantley, Amy Roberts, Donovan Thompson, Aiden Thompson, Jacob Weinberger. Missing: Karl McDonald

Thanks to the generous donations of the congregation, the youth group was able to purchase \$300 worth of groceries and \$100 of grocery store gift cards. All were donated to Olney Help, who helps families in need of food. The gift cards will be used to purchase fresh meats, vegetables, and fruits for families.

### **WORLD VISION: 30 HOUR FAMINE** **BE HUNGRY-SO THE WORLD CAN BE** **HUNGER-FREE**



Left to right: Jo Schonewolf, Rickie Gonzales, Jacob Weinberger, Donovan Thompson, Amy Roberts and Aiden Thompson

On Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> our Youth led us in worship. They had participated in the World Vision's 30-Hour Fast for Hunger and reported what they learned to the congregation. A film was shown of the hunger and needs in underdeveloped countries where droughts are common. A special offering was taken to help fund World Vision efforts to send food to these countries.

The Youth told about their experience in fasting for 30-hours from Friday lunch until Saturday at 6 p.m. At the height of their hunger, they prepared and served food to the less fortunate in our communities at the Lord's Table sponsored by St. Martin's Catholic Church in Gaithersburg.

When asked when they felt hunger the most during this time, most of the young people said "when they got home from school and at bedtime." None mentioned the time they were preparing and serving food at the Lord's Table.

Their presentation and effort was great, they broke their fast upon returning to the Community Hall, where there was Holy Communion and a spaghetti dinner waiting for them. Good job Young People, we are proud of you.



Our Youth breaking their fast with Holy Communion





One of the activities during the 30 Hour Famine was to create games with what they could find. The boys discovered how many could fit inside a hula hoop!

### ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE



Our Worship Team

From left to right: Jo Schonewolf, seminary intern, Rev. Sue Shorb-Sterling, Rev. Jean Lee, Pastor of Mt. Carmel and St. Paul's UMCs, Rose Edie-Altman, Music Director

This past Wednesday [2/14/2018] when Lent began we gathered in this sanctuary, faced our mortality as we received the sign of the cross made with ashes on our foreheads, wrote a sin on a paper heart, tore our hearts, offered them to the Lord, and burned them, as we received God's grace and forgiveness with clean new heart. The 40 day journey to the cross has begun. During this time of Lent we will be invited to journey inwardly by looking at our inner self, our relationship with God, and our relationship with others. And we will be invited to journey outwardly as we realize that there are changes that need to be made in our lives, people that need our love and compassion, and injustices that need to be made right. We each will do this ongoing journey differently, but we will not make this journey alone. This journey ends when we stand at the cross and move into the Resurrection.

From: Rev. Sue's Sermon (2/18/18)

### COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT



Salem's annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held at 9:30 am to 10 am at the Community Hall.

### SALEM BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, March 27, 7:30 pm –  
*Small Great Things* by Jodi Piccoult  
 Joanne Rider hosting

Tuesday, April 24, 7:30 pm –  
*The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World* by Dalai Lama, Desmond Tutu and Douglas Carlton Abrams  
 Location to be decided

Tuesday, May 22, 7:30 pm –  
*Gilead* by Marilynne Robinson  
 Location to be decided

### ASP 2018

#### Appalachian Service Project Trip June 17-23, 2018

February 11<sup>th</sup> found our ASP Team busy preparing breakfast for the Congregation's enjoyment and to raise funds for their trip.



Last minute check



The line moved swiftly

Our thanks to the parents who helped prepare the feast, as well as, the young people and advisors who worked so hard to make this fund raiser a great success. We are pleased to announce \$801.00 was raised toward their adventure.



Work is done, now it's their turn!

ASP Future Fundraisers:

March 28: Breakfast after 10:00 worship

April 21: Yard Sale 8:00 am-1:00 pm

Items may be brought in the week before

April 29: Encore Singers/Keltones Concert  
6:00 pm

## A TIME FOR CHILDREN



Jo, using the piano to show harmony, not just in music but in life, played a single cord, adding to them as she talked to the children, when finally all notes together made beautiful music. So in life, as we live in harmony with others we will make a beautiful life.

## THE LORD'S TABLE

The next Lord's Table is Saturday,  
March 24, 2018, 1-5 pm.

### COAT DRIVE

Salem coat drive in January to benefit the needy at the Central Union Mission was a great success. Rick Myers was pleased to report that 17 heavy coats, 90 sweaters/Fleece Jackets and 11 children's snowsuits and other items were delivered.. We thank Randy Kennedy and Rick for their effort in this project.

### OUR SYMPATHY

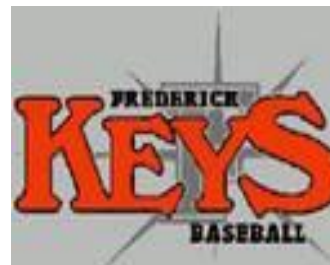
Our deepest sympathy to the Beebe Family on the loss of Eric's Dad on January 9<sup>th</sup> in Johnson City. NY.

### CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Randy Kennedy on the birth of his newest granddaughter and to Chryl Kaisler, who is a grandmother for the very first time! Isobel Fraye Williams was born in Margate, Kent, U.K. on January 28, 2018 weighing at 6 lbs 5 oz, to Chryl's daughter Rebecca and her husband, Conrad Williams.

### Are You Ready for Some Baseball?



We are trying to find a date when Salem would like to go to the Frederick Keys game.

Here are three proposed Saturday dates:

- May 12 Potomac Nationals 6pm
- May 19 Myrtle Beach Pelicans 6pm
- June 2 Lynchburg Hillcats 6pm

Tickets: \$12 (if we get 25 tickets)

Children Ages 2 and younger-FREE

### SIGN-UP FOR ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to provide flowers during the 2018 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

**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.

### 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](mailto:velma_durant@yahoo.com). We don't want to leave you out. Thank you.

#### Our March Birthdays are:

- Groves, Briana 03/11
- Groves, Nicholas 03/12
- Buswell, Beth (Geib) 03/16
- VanHorn, Zach 03/20
- Sterling, Becky 03/26
- Beye, David 03/29
- Robinson, George 03/29
- Ochsenreiter, Lauren 03/31

#### March Anniversaries are:

- Ambrose, Fred and Debbie 03/22
- Howes, Warren and Janet 03/29

## OUR COMMUNITY

**Salem Men's Meeting:** Saturday, March 10th at 8:00 am in the Community Hall.

**Sandy Spring Lions Club:** The next dinner will be on Monday March 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. **There is a standing request for help in preparing the dinner, setting up, serving and cleaning up. If you can help, please contact Mary Ellen Eaton.**

**American Legion:** The next luncheon will be March 12 at 1:00 pm.

**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.

**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).

### “FOR I WAS HUNGRY...”

**Manna Food Center:** 9311 Gaither Road, Gaithersburg, MD 20877

To volunteer call 301-424-1130 or online at [www.mannafood.org](http://www.mannafood.org).

**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 the 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!



The Prayer Shawl Knitters: Carole Roberts, Yvette Thurston, Joann Keister and Sam Larson

### FROM THE CONGREGATION

The following was taken from the March, 2005 edition of the Salem News, - there was no credit given:

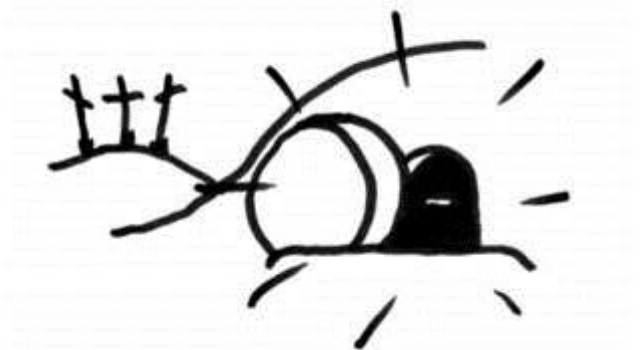
#### GOD'S MOST AMAZING GRACE

If there had been another way,  
Do you think He would have died?  
No other man could take his place,  
Not even if one tried.  
God did not ask for volunteers,  
But even if He had,  
Would you have said, "Take me instead?"  
Folks would have thought you mad.  
None of us was good enough,  
To take His place upon that cross,  
None of us was rich enough,  
To have paid that high a cost.  
It's hard to believe a loving God,  
Would sacrifice His Son,  
But, it had to be that way, you see,  
He was the only One.  
He took our sin along with Him,  
As directed from above,  
None of us so generous,  
We would offer that much love.  
He said He would leave the tomb,  
He would ascend to heaven,  
Three days later He was gone,  
Hallelujah! He Was Risen!  
Brother, you could not substitute,  
You could not take His place,  
He took yours - the only way,  
God's most amazing grace.

This was also taken from March 2005 Salem News:

#### AN EASTER TRILOGY:GOOD FRIDAY

This is the day He suffered,  
This is the day He died,  
The day that He was martyred,  
The day the angels cried.  
This is the day the soldiers jeered,  
When they nailed him to the cross,  
The day that foolish people cheered,  
Not aware of their great loss.  
This is the day the doves flew away,  
The day that His blood ran free,  
This is the day mankind was saved,  
This day at Calvary.  
This is the day of heartache,  
The day of sacrifice,  
This is the day He led the way,  
Into Paradise.  
This is the day we need to pray,  
We need to fall upon our knees,  
This is the day we need to say,  
Father, forgive us, please.



Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live, even though they die. John 11:25

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