



# Salem United Methodist Church

## June 2018 Newsletter

**"185 Years and Still Loving, Serving and Celebrating"**

12 High Street, Brookeville, Maryland 20833

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

### Salem Celebrates 185 Years!



On May 26, 1833 a group gathered for worship and began a church in Brookeville which we call Salem. For 185 years people have gathered every Sunday to praise God in song and voice, listen to the Word being preached, and pray. From this church community many have come to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior and have served those in need out of love.

For all the saints who have gone before us and for all the saints who will follow, we give thanks!

**TO THE SALEM UM CHURCH  
COMMUNITY**



Rev. Dr. Sue Shorb-Sterling.

To the Salem UM Church Community

Summer is upon us! Vacations are being planned. We need time to rest and refresh ourselves. One place that I find refreshment is in reading the Psalms. The Psalms are intimate conversations with God that express who we are, who God is, and the relationship between God and us. These ancient prayers to God are written from the depths of the human soul. They speak to the human condition. They identify our pain. They identify our need to be recognized and loved. They recognize our failings. And they recognize that we need God. These poetical prayers also recognize who God is in our lives. God knows us. God hears us. God answers us. God saves and God forgives. These are just a few of God's actions recognized by the psalmists. Can you think of others?

As we enter into the summer, our worship will focus on the Psalms. We will offer praise, cry out our pain, call upon the

Lord, and confess that we need God. The sermons will focus on how the Psalmist recognizes God's actions in the midst of all that happens in our lives.

Would you join me in studying these Psalms? I invite you to read the Psalm for the week each day. Reflect on it. How is God speaking to you through this Psalm? Jot down your insights. And if you like, feel free to share your insights with me.

Here are the suggested Psalms to read for the weeks in June.

- Psalm 138: May 28-June 3
- Psalm 139: June 4-9
- Psalm 20: June 11-16
- Psalm 9: June 18-23
- Psalm 130: June 25-30

My prayer is that our lives will be blessed as we walk through the Psalms together.

Praying the Psalms, Rev. Sue

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### *A Walk Through the Psalms*

- Sunday, June 3 Psalm 138- God Saves
- Sunday, June 10 Psalm 139- God Knows  
Consecration of ASP Teams and  
Baptism of Lyla Berwanger
- Sunday, June 17 Psalm 20- God Answers  
Father's Day
- Sunday, June 24 Psalm 9- God Brings
- Sunday, July 1 Psalm 130- God Forgives

## YOUTH GROUP

**Youth Group Meets Sundays:  
6:30-8:00 p.m.**

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

### Youth Schedule:

Bell Choir will resume in the fall

School is out, enjoy your summer and watch for Youth Activities in September. Enjoy your summer-be safe and love God.

## MEMORIAL DAY



MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 28, 2018

The day was gray with a fine mist of rain, but the people came. Members of the American Legion Norman Price Post presented colors at precisely 9:30 A.M.



Mike Bean (American Flag)  
Martie Predoehl (Legion Flag)

Members of our congregation and members of our community were in attendance.



Some seated



Some standing

After the Pledge Allegiance to the Flag, Rev. Sue opened the Service in prayer. Chuck Sterling sang “Last Night Together,” a story of a soldier talking to a 1918 soldier who died in battle.



Chuck Sterling

Scriptures from John 15:12-13 and I John 3:16-17 were read. Delmas Wood spoke on how God works in building relationships and bringing peace even through the horrors of war.



Delmas Wood

Chuck sang, “Green Fields of France,” another story in song of another war, another life lost. Before closing, Rev. Sue

asked who had lost love ones in service to our country. Many hands were raised and names called out. Then she asked who among us has served. And finally asked the group to name those they know who have served. After the final prayer you could hear the lonely sound of Taps being played by our own Jacob Weinberger from Boy Scout Troop #264.



Jacob Weinberger

I say lonely because taps is played at every military funeral and one feels so lonely standing beside their loved one as the flag is being folded and presented to you. Memorial Day! A day set aside to remember – remember each military personal, each loved one, friend or family, who have gone before you. Honor their memory, not just today, but always.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

May seems to be a month of transitions. Congratulations to all who are transitioning through graduation or marriage. Our prayers are with each as they begin the next phase of their journeys.

**Valerija Miller**



From left to right:  
Valerija, Janet, and Savannah, sister

Val will be entering high school in the fall. She is the daughter of Tim Miller and Janet Whaley and is quite active in sports.

### **Joey Brantley**



Joey graduated from Sherwood High School on May 31, 2018 at the DAR Hall in Washington, DC. Joey is the grandson of Joann Keister and the nephew of Barbara Achstetter. Joey is active in Salem's youth group and served on several ASP teams. Joey's plans are to attend Montgomery College part-time and pursue a career in plumbing.

### **Sandali Chandredasa**

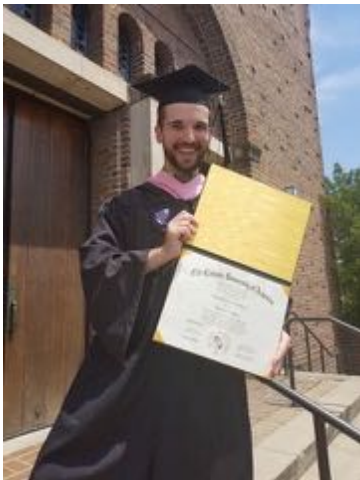


Sandali, daughter of Wathsala Haischandra, graduated from University of Maryland, College Park campus on May 7, 2018 with a Bachelor of Science in Public Health and a minor in Spanish. She plans to continue her education with the goal of becoming an optometrist.



Wathsala and Sandali

### **Noah Beye**



Noah, the son of Eugene Beye and Rev Janet Craswell, graduated with a Bachelors in Music degree in Musical Theater from Catholic University on May 12, 2018. We are excited for Noah and will be looking forward to seeing him in plays and films (maybe even on TV) in the near future. He will be in a few plays in the D.C. area this summer.



Janet, Noah, and Gene  
**Erin Wheeler**



Rev. Sue, Erin, and Velma Durrant

We are pleased to announce Erin, our former seminary intern, received her Masters of Divinity from Wesley Theological Seminary on May 7, 2018 at The Washington National Cathedral. Erin will become the pastor of three small congregations in her home state of Pennsylvania in July.

**David Beye and Megan Hill**



We are pleased to congratulate David and Megan on their marriage on May 19, 2018 at Salem. Rev. Sue officiated. Megan is the daughter of Ute and Britt Hill and David is the son of Eugene Beye and Rev. Janet Craswell, Salem's former deacon.



## THANK YOU



Debbie and Brandon Savage posted the following on Facebook and wished to share it to their Salem Family as well.



“We made a delivery of 231 books headed to Georgetown’s pediatric transplant unit !!! Thanks mostly in part to your generosity. Thank you for helping to keep our son Jacob’s memory alive. The book 'No Two Alike' is a special one—it’s about twins and has cardinals as the main characters. Cardinals are special to us as they remind us of Jacob. It’s always been a favorite book we read to our boys from the start. Special thanks to Suzanne Friis who paid for us to include some special titles that we specifically enjoyed reading to Jacob.”



## GIRLS ON THE RUN



Nancy Morell wrote: On Sunday, May 20th, (my daughter) Mary and I participated in the Girls on the Run 5K held at the Westfield's Montgomery Mall. It was a fantastic run and after a week of non-stop rain the sun came out just before the race began. This was Mary's 4th time running this race and Nancy's first. "I am very proud of Mary as she is a very fast runner and could have easily finished the race in half the time. But, she insisted that she wanted to stay with me during the entire race and support me. I am grateful for that." Girls on the Run is a wonderful after-school program for girls Grades 3-8 which fosters self-esteem, health, fitness and friendship.

Here is what the website says about Girls on the Run, "At Girls on the Run we inspire girls to recognize their inner strength and celebrate what makes them one of a kind. Trained coaches lead small teams through our research-based curricula which includes dynamic discussions, activities and running games. Over the course of the ten-week program, girls in 3rd-8th grade develop essential skills to help them navigate their worlds and establish a lifetime appreciation for health and fitness." For more information see: <https://www.girlsontherunofmoco.org/Our-Programs>.



## APPALACHIAN SERVICE PROJECT (ASP) 2018

**Serving in Kentucky, June 17-23, 2018.**

### ADOPT AN ASP VOLUNTEER!

Our ASP teams will be in Louisa, Kentucky June 17-22. Crew members are:

**Adult team leaders:** Bob Brown, Lori Dove, Jessie Myers, Libby Wright, Hasashi Yamagata

**Young Adult:** Wyatt Thompson

**Youth Participants:** Joey Brantley, Sandy Chandradasa, Sarah Dove, Alexa

Nguyendinh, Amy Roberts, Aidan Thompson, and Donovan Thompson

Support our volunteers by:

1. Making a \$30 donation and providing a Small "goodie bag" for your selected crew member.
2. Praying for the ASP crews and recipient families.

Adoption forms will be available in church June 3 and 10. Adoption Deadline is Sunday, June 10.

Please leave checks in the marked basket in the sanctuary and deliver the "goodie bag" to the Community Hall no later than Saturday, June 16 by 3:00 pm.

For more information, contact Bob Brown at [rmiabrown@gmail.com](mailto:rmiabrown@gmail.com).

## Compassion International

On Mother's Day, Salem celebrated Compassion International. Libby Wright shared how Compassion International began by rescuing orphans in the 1950's war-torn South Korea and how it has grown over the years and what it does today. Several parishioners sponsor one or even two children who live in countries located in Africa, Asia, and Latin Americas. For just \$38 a month, you too can sponsor a child out of poverty by providing food, education, healthcare, and a life that is filled with Jesus's love. Make a difference in a child's life and sponsor a child from Compassion International! See Libby Wright if you have any questions or go to the Compassion International website.

## A TIME FOR CHILDREN



Mother's Day was Compassion Sunday. Rev. Sue told the children about her Compassion Child, Aleida, from El Salvador. Aleida graduated from high school this year and is now employed in a bakery. Rev. Sue read a letter that Aleida wrote thank her for her sponsorship for the past nine years. Without this sponsorship, Aleida would not have been able to attend school.

## SALEM MEN'S MEETING

The United Methodist Men's group meet the second Saturday morning for breakfast at 8:00 A.M. Next breakfast meeting is Saturday, June 9 at 8:30 A.M.

## THE LORD'S TABLE

The fourth Saturday in May was the final Lord's Table for the school year. We celebrated with a Memorial Day Picnic menu of hot dogs, baked beans, and apple pie. There was even beach music. About halfway through the meal, one of the diners said, "This is just like a Memorial Day picnic!" Yes, and that was our intent.

We will begin serving on the fourth Saturday in September. Next Lord's Table is September 22 at St. Martin's of Tours Catholic Church in Gaithersburg.

## BOOK CLUB

Information for the 2018-2019 season will be announced in the September issue of The Salem News.

## FREDERICK KEYS BASEBALL



See the Frederick Keys vs Buies Creek Astros! On August 11, Saturday, Salem UMC will sponsor another fun evening with the Frederick Keys at Nymeo Field, Harry Grove Stadium. The game starts at 6 p.m. We have reserved a block of seats in Section 113, right behind the home dugout. Cost of the tickets are \$12.00 each. Children 2 and younger are admitted free, but still need a ticket for entry. And, there are always fireworks after the game! Fun, fun, fun for the entire family. Contact Libby for tickets.

## SANDY SPRING LIONS CLUB

The next dinner will be:

Monday June 25, 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.

## 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.

**Our June Birthdays are:**

Savage, Debbie

06/07



Bittner, Cloyd	06/09
Craswell, Janet	06/09
Benson, Timmy	06/11
Morell, Mary	06/12
Ercolani, Judy	06/16
Savage, Brandon	06/18
McClosky, Aubrey	06/21
Van Horn, Danielle	06/23
Beye, Gene	06/24

**Our June Anniversaries**

Beye-Craswell, Gene and Janet	06/03
Whaler, Doug and Barbara	06/09
Bittner, Cloyd and Betty	06/10
Roberts, John and Carole	06/22

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