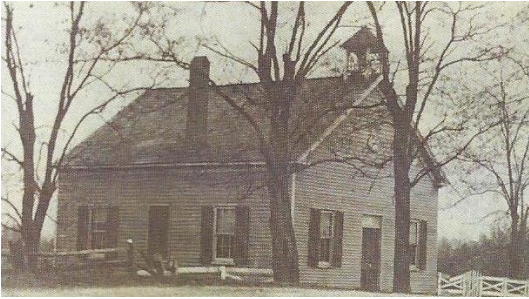


Salem United Methodist Church

September 2019 Newsletter

“186 Years and Still Loving, Serving and Celebrating”



SALEM Methodist Protestant Church 1833



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

Welcome to Our New Member



Curtis Merlin Smith

Sunday, August 18, 2019 was a memorable day for Curtis Smith as he committed his life publicly and cast his lot with Salem UMC. Curt had been attending with his wife, Velma Durant, on occasions but began regular attendance a year ago.



Curt was born in Birmingham, Alabama on November 17, 1929 to Frances and Homer Smith. When he was very young his parents divorced, and years later his mother remarried.

His step-dad was a career Navy man which meant moving a lot. Chief Conkell retired in San Diego, California and they settled there.

With his Mother's help, Curt joined the Army when he was 16 so he could take advantage of the GI Bill of Rights for a college education. After 2-years in Austria, Curt returned to San Diego where he attended and graduated with a mechanical engineering/aeronautical BS degree from San Diego State College. In 1951, while still in school, he met and married Barbara Jean Pierce (d. 3/17/2007). They have 3 boys, Nolan, Alan, and Wayne; 4 grandchildren and 3 great-grands. He is retired from Vitro Corporation and resides in the Brookeville area.

TO THE SALEM UM CHURCH COMMUNITY



Rev. Dr. Sue Shorb-Sterling.

To the Salem UM Church Community:

Life is full of challenges no matter what age we are. Children and youth have challenges in school. Young adults have challenges in figuring out how to be an adult. Adults have challenges balancing jobs and families. Older adults can have physical challenges as they age. Our challenges can be physical, emotional, physiological, social, and/or spiritual. As we face these challenges, we have choices. We can give up. We can seek comfort in ways that are unhealthy for us. Or we can meet these challenges head-on knowing that God is with us, guiding, comforting, providing, empowering, and saving us.

However, in the midst of our personal challenges, God does not go easy on us. When we become comfortable, God

challenges us, too. These challenges can make us uncomfortable and we may want to turn a deaf ear. Or we may want to accept the challenge and pray for God to help us change our behavior so we can live more faithful lives.

The scriptures can be like a two-edged sword. To one the scriptures may offer comfort; to another the scriptures may offer a challenge. Our Triune God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer both comforts us when we are challenged in life and challenges us when we become too comfortable.

During our worship in September, we will examine how the same scripture can be comforting to one while challenging to another. Perhaps you have experienced this in your life. What scriptures do you find challenging? What scriptures do you find comforting? What scriptures might be both depending on one's situation?

Both Challenged and Comforted,
Rev. Sue

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Worship Schedule:

Conclusion of Summer Sermon Series:

"I Believe in..."

Sun. Sept. 1

"The Resurrection of the Body"

September Sermon Series:

Challenge or Comfort?

Sun. Sept. 8 "First Things"

Jeremiah 18:1-11; Psalm 139:1-6,
13-18; Philemon 1-21;
Luke 14:25-33

Sun. Sept. 15 ASP Sunday

Appalachia Service Project Team

Sun. Sept. 22 "Ouch!"

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1; Psalm 79:1-9;
I Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13

Sun. Sept. 29 "Really?"

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15;
Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16,
I Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31

YOUTH GROUP

Meets On Sunday Evenings

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

Youth Group Begins:

Sunday, Sept 8 at 6:30-8:00 P.M.

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU

In July our pastor, Rev. Sue, and our music director, Rose Eide-Altman, took their annual vacation; but before they left, they made sure each service was well covered in message and music.



Rev. Mark Derby, substitute preacher

We wish to take this opportunity to express our heart-felt thanks to Rev Mark Derby for bringing God's word to us on July 14 and 21. And for the July 7th 8:15 service Carlan Cogen was on the piano and the 10:00 service Debby Szasz provided beautiful organ music. (No pictures.)

July 14 gave us a double blessing. Our pianist for the day, Rachel Potts, was joined by her husband, David, on the violin.



On July 21, at the 8:15 service Carlan Cogen was once again the pianist. We again had a double blessing; at the 10:00 service, Carolyn Reitman was the pianist and Edwina Flynn sang "Safe Within Your Arms" beautifully.



Our final guest musician was Chris Inae, who provided spiritually uplifting music on July 28.



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THE LORD'S TABLE

The Lord's Table has moved from St. Martin's Catholic Church to Epworth UMC, 008 Rosemont Dr. Gaithersburg. Volunteers from Salem serve the first Friday of the month from 1:00-5:00 P.M.

Mark your calendar for Friday, October 4. This will be our first serving date.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Yvette Thurston

As we celebrated Curt Smith joining the church on August 18th, we also celebrated Yvette Thurston's 21st birthday AGAIN!



Velma Durant, Curtis Smith,
Yvette Thurston

4-H Princess Sara Dove

Congratulations to Sara Dove on being crowned as 4-H Princess for the MC Ag Fair. She was selected based on her leadership skills, involvement with the fair, 4-H, and her community. Her week at the fair were filled with attending many of the 4-H events. Sara has attended Salem for the last few years and served on an ASP team. She is a senior at Covenant Life School in Gaithersburg.



Rev. Sue and Sara Dove at 2019
Montgomery County Agricultural Fair

Mr. & Mrs. Rob Kropkowski

We also pass on our congratulations to the Brown Family on the marriage of their daughter, Adrienne, on August 17th.



Mr. & Mrs. Rob Kropkowski

Something Happening at Salem

Tuesday, September 24, 7:00 P.M.
Aging in Place by Joe Meisner,
Occupational Therapist

In this presentation, we will discuss normal aging, plus ways to improve safety and independence at home. Finally, Joe will present effective strategies for managing age related changes, with a focus on safety at home, and above all else, quality of life.

Invite friends, neighbors, and family.

BOOK CLUB

Salem Book Club will resume in the fall. Stay tuned for more information.

SIGN-UP FOR ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to provide flowers during the 2019 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. Contact Suzanne Friis with questions.

COFFEE HOUR

HELP WANTED: People to sign up to serve for Coffee Hour for September as well as the rest of the year.

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 contact Joyce Howes.

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 September Birthdays are:

Lyon, Robert	09/01
Whalen, Doug	09/04
Howes, John	09/06
Whalen, Barbara	09/06
Langley, Rori	09/08
Miller, Tim	09/11
Langley, Alexandra	09/14
Meisner Evelyn	09/20
Luke, Piper	09/22

There are no September Anniversaries.

OUR COMMUNITY

Salem Men's Meeting: The Salem UM Men meet the second Saturday of the month at 8:00 A.M. for a breakfast meeting. All men are welcome to attend.

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.

Wednesday Covenant Discipleship

Group: The Wednesday Covenant meet on Wednesday mornings at 8:30-9:30 A.M.

School Supplies. Once again Salem came through with an over supply of supplies to help the children in economical struggling homes. A big THANK YOU!

STEPPING STONES FAMILY SHELTER:

Stepping Stones Family Shelter helps to transition homeless families into permanent housing through a continuum of services, such as emergency shelter to post-shelter support. This non-profit

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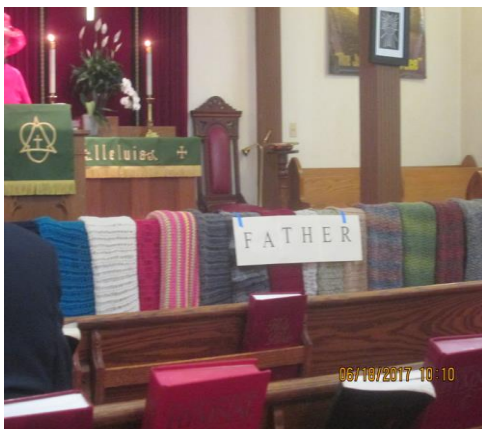
gives the needed support for at-risk families so they can achieve a stable home life. They are always in need of items for the families. There are boxes available in the choir room to place your gifts.

“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.

Olney Help: P.O. Box 430, Olney, MD 20830
To volunteer call 301-774-6829. **Olney Help Food Needs:** At this time Olney Help **MOST NEEDS:** Boost or Ensure, jelly (28-32 oz.), canned fruit, canned chicken, beef stew, canned meats, cold cereal, juice, pancake mix, pancake syrup. In low supply: rice & pasta side dishes and evaporated milk. They currently have enough boxed pasta, boxed spaghetti, canned beans. No glass jars. Gift cards appreciated.

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!

PASTOR INFORMATION:

Reverend Sue takes a Sabbath Day on Mondays for rest and renewal. Please contact her on that day only in an emergency.

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