

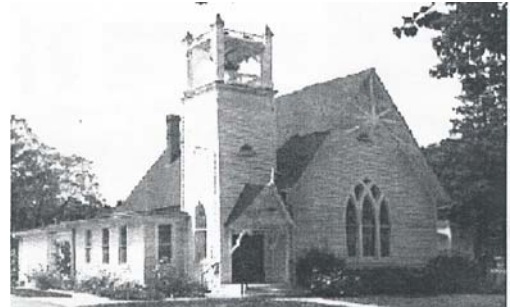
Salem United Methodist Church

October 2019 Newsletter

«186 Years and Still Loving, Serving and Celebrating»



SALEM United Methodist Church 1833



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

TO THE SALEM UMC CHURCH COMMUNITY



Rev. Dr. Sue Shorb-Sterling.

To the Salem UMC Community

I love to research the meaning of the names we use for ourselves. Each name has a different meaning. Often, these meanings seem to match the person's personality. When I am asked to baptize a baby, I research the meaning of his or her first and middle names. Then I search for a Bible verse that illustrates the meaning of the name. Using both the meaning of the names and the Bible verse, I create a small plaque which I give to the child's parents. My hope is that the plaque is a reminder to

the child in later years how special they are in the eyes of God.

Names matter. In the Bible, names have significance. For instance, Jacob means the supplanter because he was grabbing the heel of his twin brother, Esau, when they were born. Later after Jacob wrestled with God in the night, God gave him a new name, Israel, which means struggled with God and prevailed. Another example is the meaning of the name, Jesus. When Joseph found out that Mary was going to be the mother of the Son of God, the angel told him to call the baby, Jesus, because it means the one that delivers, rescues, or saves. During Jesus' ministry as part of the formation of the disciples, Jesus asks them, "Who do you say that I am?" "They answered, "John the Baptist; but others, Elijah; and still others, that one of the ancient prophets has arisen." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered, "The Messiah of God." (Luke 9:18-21). Peter gave the correct

answer. The word, Messiah, means deliverer. Jesus the Messiah is God's deliverer of humanity.

If you were asked the same question by Jesus, "Who do you say that I am?" how would you answer it? During our worship in the month of October, we will be exploring answers to that question based on the lectionary scriptures.

In today's world, the name of Jesus is often used, but not in a holy context. How do you use the name of Jesus? Who do you say that he is?

In the name of Jesus,
Rev. Sue

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Worship Series: "Who Do You Say That I am?"

Sun., Oct. 6 World Communion Sunday

Sermon Title: Servant? Savior?

Lamentations 1:1-6; Psalm 137;

2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

Sun., Oct. 13 Creator? Refiner? Healer?

Jeremiah 29:1,4-7; Psalm 66:1-12; 2

Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

Sun., Oct. 20 Covenant Maker? Teacher? Listener?

Jeremiah 31:27-34; Psalm 119:97-

104; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

Sun., Oct. 27 Humble? Provider?

Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65; 2

Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

All Saints Sunday, November 3

We remember those who have died this past year as part of the Communion of Saints during our worship on the first Sunday in November. If you have had a loved one, a friend, a neighbor, a co-worker who has died this past year, please submit the name to Rev. Sue.

Also, remember to bring cut flowers. They will be presented at the altar during our opening songs in memory of any loved one.

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group Meets Every Sunday Evening, 6:30 P.M.

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

We will be visiting two youth groups in the month of October: Zion UMC youth group and the Greater Gaithersburg Youth Group. Dates are still to be determined.

NOTES FROM CHURCH CONFERENCE 2019

On Saturday, September 7, Salem with several United Methodist Churches in the area held Church Conferences. We first met together for worship and a message from our District Superintendent, Rev. J. W. Park. He spoke about the issues before General Conference 2020 and the possible split of the United Methodist denomination over the inclusion or exclusion of the LGTBQIA+ community.

An elder was assigned to preside over each Church Conference. Each church met in different rooms. The elder who presided over Salem's Church Conference was Rev. Bill Maisch who serves at Calvary UMC in Mt. Airy. These reports were shared: The Pastor's, Inactive Membership, Nominations, Finance and Trustee's, as well as the Congregational Profile. We voted on the Clergy Compensation for 2020 and the Nominations Report. We also voted for Deb Ambrose as a Certified Lay Servant. All of these passed. Those in attendance were Rev. Sue, Halsey Smith, Deb Ambrose, Mary Kay Abramson, Libby

Wright, Brandon Savage, and Don Rider. Rev. Maisch complimented Salem on its many ministries both within the church community and outside the church walls to the community.

Rev. Sue

GROWING IN OUR CHRISTIAN FAITH

DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY

The Disciple Bible Study finally ended with dinner together, followed by Holy Communion. It was a rough class in the fact that so many of our small group had commitments or other issues that interrupted our classes. However, it only made the fellowship and study all the more enjoyable. The knowledge shared was awesome. On Sunday, September 22, Velma Durant, Kathryn Epenshade, Joe Meisner, Brandon Savage and Curtis Smith received from our instructor, Rev. Dr. Sue Shorb-Sterling, our Disciples I Certificates and red Disciple Bible Study pins to show the world our accomplishment.



From left to right: Joe Meisner, Curtis Smith, Velma Durant, Kathryn Epenshade, Brandon Savage (with Nathan who did not take the class) and Rev. Sue.

You will notice Curt wearing ear phones. Salem is now providing ear phones for those in the congregation with hearing problems. If you need a pair ask an usher, they will be glad to help.

NEW BOOK STUDY THE UNIVERSAL CHRIST

Beginning Wednesday, October 2, “The Universal Christ” by Richard Rohr, will begin. Classes will start at 7:00 P.M. in the meeting room (former Choir room) and a chapter a week will be discussed. Each participant needs to have a copy of the book, which can be purchased on-line as it is a “required reading” for the class. Bring a Bible and a journal to record one’s thoughts. One can come any Wednesday.

BOOK CLUB

Thursday, October 24, at 7:00 P.M. Salem’s Book Club will meet at the home of Suzanne Friis. The book, *The Gift of Years Growing Older Gracefully*, by Joan Chittister will be discussed.

SHARING GOD’S LOVE TO ALL

“The King will reply ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’”
Matthew 25:40 (NIV)

APPALACHIAN SERVICE PROJECT (ASP)



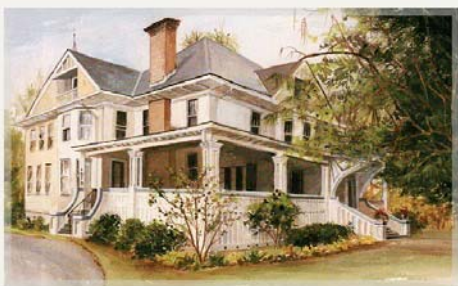
On Sunday, September 15, the ASP Team gave their report to the congregation about another successful mission to West Virginia.

Hisashi Yamagata, Jesse Myers representing the Adult Leadership, and Karl McDonald, Donovan and Aiden Thompson representing the Youth

shared their experience in worship service.

They dug a trench to drain the water from around the house to another location, repaired the roof, and helped to clean out and sorting items in some rooms in the house. Another very successful adventure in sharing God's love and being God's hands.

STEPPING STONES FAMILY SHELTER



Stepping Stones Family Shelter is a temporary shelter that provides support to homeless families with children. This first homeless shelter in Montgomery County began as a faith-based initiative in Gaithersburg. It is now located in a historic home, the Dawson Farmhouse, in Rockville, Maryland.

They are in need of after school snacks for the children such as items that are sweet, salty, fruity and juicy. Examples: Hostess mini muffins; cheese & crackers; Welches fruit treats; juice boxes. All snacks must be individually wrapped and be brought in on Sunday, October 6.

Also, they are in need of meals for between 25-40 people. The Wednesday morning Covenant Discipleship group will be making a dinner and delivering it on Wednesday, October 16. If there are other groups in the church who would like to provide a meal at Stepping Stones, contact Libby Wright.

OLNEY HELP NEEDS HELP

Olney Help needs help restocking their food pantry. The number of families that they are serving monthly has increased from 45 to 60. In addition, fall is a low time for the pantry. Because summer donations slow down and the holiday giving surge has not yet begun, there is a dire need to restock their pantry with small condensed soups, canned meats (chicken, salmon, beef stew, etc.), canned pasta, sloppy joe sauce, canned chili, canned fruit, instant potatoes, spaghetti sauce, shelf stable bottled juice, and pancake mix/syrup. Please bring in food items this Sunday, Oct 6 or any Sunday in October.

Olney Help also needs financial resources so they can both assist families financially and purchase fresh fruit, vegetables, meat, and fish to supplement the food packages. The Discretionary Offering on Sunday, October 6 will go to Olney Help or donations can be made online at www.olneyhelp.org or donate gift cards from a local grocery store.

CENTRAL UNION MISSION

During the month of October Salem will be collecting new and gently used coats, jackets, and sweaters for Central Union Mission. These will be given to the homeless to keep them warm during the winter months. Coats can be dropped off at the church.

THE LORD'S TABLE

The Lord's Table is now at Epworth UMC, 9008 Rosemont Dr., Gaithersburg. Volunteers from Salem serve the first Friday of the month from 1:00 – 5:00 P.M. Please mark your calendar and consider serving.

SOMETHING HAPPENING AT SALEM

Aging in Place

By Joe Meisner, Occupational Therapist



At 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, September 24, 24 people gathered to learn from Joe Meisner, an Occupational Therapist, all about “Aging in Place.” We listened, then discussed the normal aging process with hints on making our environment a safer and more convenient place to live.



Joe assured us that growing old is not all that bad as long as we understand that some of the things “around the house” have to go for safety and independent living.

Future Something Happening At Salem

Events: Mark your calendars

Safety on the Internet

Tuesday, October 22, 7:00 P.M.

**Presenter: Brandon Savage,
Software Developer**

There seem to be so many ways to be taken advantage of online. How do you keep yourself and your loved ones safe

from internet scams, data loss, and criminal elements? Come learn best practices for protecting yourself online.

Button Farm Living History Center and the History of Slavery in Maryland

Tuesday, November 5, 7:00 P.M.

Presenter: Tony Cohen

Tony Cohen, president of the Menare Foundation and curator of the Button Farm in Germantown, Maryland, will speak about the state’s only living history center depicting 19th century slave plantation life. He will include stories of anti-slavery figures, the location of sanctuary sites and reveal the routes used by freedom seekers throughout the region. He will also discuss his organization’s upcoming book "Great Escapes: Journeys on Maryland's Underground Railroad" to be released in early 2020.

More information can be found at www.menare and www.buttonfarm.org.

Salem’s Annual Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, December 7

10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Salem’s Christmas Bazaar will have a baked table, crafts, holiday treasures, food, fun for children, and more. Santa has been known to visit us at the Bazaar.

Needed: Volunteers to make gift baskets, crafts, backed goods, donate gently used items for the Trash and Treasures Shop, and help in the kitchen as well as the Children’s Christmas Shop.

SALEM UNITED METHODIST MEN

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 on October 12.

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 or contact Carole Roberts.

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 October Birthdays are:

Shear, Myron	10/01
Brown, Robert	10/07
Meisner, Joe	10/09
Chandradasa, Sandy	10/16
Chandradasa, Sandali	10/22
Jones, Emily (Weinberger)	10/24
Ambrose, Fred	10/25
Ambrose, Debbie	10/29

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY

Rev. Sue's mother, Charlotte Gehr, celebrated her 96th birthday on October 1.

October Anniversaries

Rider, Don and Joanne 10/10

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 contact Joyce Howes.

OUR COMMUNITY

Mongol Erdem, Inc.

A Mongolian Culture School will be using three classrooms on the second floor of the Community Hall from 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. on Saturdays beginning in October through the first week of June. They will also use the Community Hall for dance from 3:00 - 4:30 P.M. and the back room of the church for piano lessons from 9:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. Salem will still be able to use our rooms for our events held on Saturdays.

National Drug Take Back Day

Saturday, October 26 is National Prescription Drug Take Back Day. This is an opportunity to safely dispose of unused or out-of-date drugs. Most important it will prevent them from being misused. The 2018 National Survey on Drug Use and Health found that 9.9 million Americans misused controlled prescription drugs and most of them obtained the drugs from family or friends from the home medicine cabinet.

Drugs can be dropped off at these locations from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. on October 26. In the Brookeville area there are 5 locations within 10 miles. Collection locations are being supervised by The Montgomery County Police.

-North Creek Community Center
20125 Arrowhead Rd,
Montgomery Village, MD

-Leisure World Medstar Pharmacy
305 North Leisure World Blvd.
Silver Spring, MD

-Damascus United Methodist Church
9700 New Church St, Damascus, MD

-Asbury Methodist Village
201 Russell Ave, Gaithersburg, MD

-Gaithersburg Police Department
14 Fulks Corner Ave, Gaithersburg

To find a location near you, go to
<https://takebackday.dea.gov.=7>

Lions Club Red Cross Blood Drive

Tuesday, October 15, 1:30–6:30 P.M.
in Salem’s Community Hall.

Interested in donating blood, register at
www.redcrossblood.org. Walk-ins are also
welcomed.

Eyeglass Collection: Salem continues to
collect used eyeglasses, cell phones and
hearing aids to donate to Lions Club.
Please leave your donation 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 P.M.
Our own Philip Weinberger is an avid
participant.

Seniors on the Move Exercise Class:
Fridays, 9:00–10:00 A.M. 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 P.M.

PRAYER SHAWLS

Know someone who could use some
spiritual comfort. Give them a prayer
shawl. Prayer shawls are located above the
coat rack in the church hallway.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Reverend Sue Shorb-Sterling takes a
sabbath day on Mondays for rest and
renewal! Please contact her on that day
only in an emergency.

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SIX LITTLE STORIES WITH LOTS OF MEANINGS

- (1). Once all villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer, all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella. That is faith.
- (2). When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them. That is trust.
- (3). Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but still we set the alarms to wake up. That is hope.
- (4). We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. That is confidence.
- (5). We see the world suffering, but still, we get married and have children. That is love.
- (6). On an old man's shirt was written a sentence 'I am not 80 years old; I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience.' That is attitude.

Have a happy day and live your life like these six stories.
Remember - Good friends are the rare jewels of life,
difficult to find and impossible to replace!!

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