

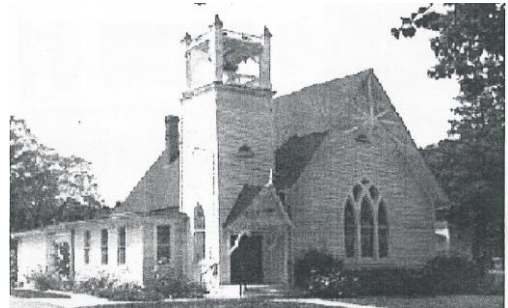
Salem United Methodist Church

November 2019 Newsletter

“186 Years and Still Loving, Serving and Celebrating”



SALEM Protestant Methodist Church 1833



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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:

Yes, it is November already! We are moving into the end of the 2019 year. 2020 is just around the corner. As we enter these last two months our thoughts begin to focus on thankfulness. What has happened this past year for which you were thankful? What blessings have you experienced so far in 2019?

In the church we also begin to offer thanks to all who have supported the ministries of the church by your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. Salem United Methodist Church would not exist without you. All of us together make up this part of the Body of Christ. We strive to be a signpost of God's grace to the world as we grow in

our Christian faith and share God's love to all. As Salem's Leadership Team plans for 2020, especially planning financially, we look to you to continue to support the ministries of this church. We have received this gift of a church community with all of its wonderful property and buildings from those who saw the need to provide a space and place for the love of Christ to be shared and manifested in this area. We are called to continue sharing this gift so the love of Christ can continue to be shared and manifested to future generations.

As we plan financially for 2020, we are asking each member and participant of the church to consider pledging financially to Salem. For the month of November, we are spearheading a giving campaign so we know how to plan for the New Year. The theme for this year's campaign is **Living Faithfully by Our Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, and Witness.** During worship we will be exploring how we live out these five aspects of our faith in our daily living. A letter with a pledge card will be coming your way soon.

Please pray for our church, our leadership, and our ministries as we continue to grow in Christian love and share God's love to all.

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Sue

LIVING FAITHFULLY BY OUR PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE, AND WITNESS.

Our Christian beliefs mean nothing unless we incorporate them into our daily lives. In the United Methodist tradition, we are called to live our faith by our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. Here are some definitions on these five aspects of living faithfully.

Prayers: We are to be a people who pray as though we are having a conversation with God, listen for God, and pray for concerns: personal, communal, and global.

Presence: We are to be a people of presence. Ever have someone tell you they can't be present with you for some reason and they say, "I'll be with you in spirit." It's not quite the same as physically being present. Our presence in worship, with each other, or with a friend who is celebrating or hurting is important.

Gifts: We are to be a people who give freely. God gives generously to us. All that we have, our finances, our time, our intellect, our talents and abilities, and our very life is a gift from God. And God calls us to give generously of ourselves for others.

Service: We are to be a people who are called to use our gifts to serve. We can serve in a variety of ways within the church, in the community, in our families, and at work. Jesus said that he came to serve and not to be served.

Witness: We are to be a people who witness our faith to others with our prayers, presence, gifts, and service. We can also be a witness by talking about our faith, too.

For the month of November during worship, we will be exploring how we are stewards of these five aspects of living faithfully. The Salem Leadership Team is also asking us to consider how we commit to Salem United Methodist Church by living faithfully. We chose Salem as our church community. How do each of us commit our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness for the sake of Christ in the church we chose? Look for a letter to come out in early November asking you to share how you live faithfully through your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

November 3 All Saints Sunday
Sermon Title: "I Will Be Grateful"
Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 150; Ephesians 1:11-23;
Luke 6:20-22

Stewardship Sermon Series:

Living Faithfully by Our...

November 10 "Prayers and Presence"

Prayers: Jeremiah 33:1-3; Psalm 13;

Matthew 6:5-13; Philippians 4:4-7

Presence: Exodus 33:12-14;

Psalm 51:1-4; 10-12; John 11:17-27

November 17 "Gifts"

Gifts: Deuteronomy 15:7-11; Psalm 145:14-

20a; Luke 21:1-4; I Corinthians 12:4-11

November 24 "Service and Witness"

Service: Joshua 24:1, 13-15; Matthew 20:20-29; I Peter 4:8-11;

Witness: Joshua 22:25-27; Psalm 66:1-7, 16-20; Matthew 28:16-20; Acts 1:8-11

FROM THE SALEM LEADERSHIP TEAM (SLT):

In May of 2018 at a special held Church Conference, the members of Salem voted to have one governing body of seven team members called the Salem Leadership Team. This new governing body would become all the former administrative and ministry area committees of the church. The former Chairs of Finance, Staff-Parish Relations, and Trustees were part of the newly formed team until the end of 2018. They helped to train the new team in these areas. The team did not have a full seven-member team until May of 2019. During the past eighteen months the team has been learning all the aspects of leading the church as we transitioned from the Church Council model to the new Leadership Team model.

The *2016 Book of Discipline* allows churches to develop a one governing body (¶244.2). However, this paragraph does not stipulate how the team is to be organized. Salem's Leadership Team agreed that they needed a policy to help guide and shape them. In keeping with other administrative paragraphs in the UM Church's *Book of Discipline*, we developed a policy which needs to

be approved at a Church Conference. Our District Superintendent, Rev. J. W. Park has authorized Salem to have a Church Conference on Sunday, November 24 after both worship services. A copy of the proposed Salem United Methodist Church Leadership Team Policy is attached at the end of this newsletter for you to review. Any questions or concerns can be brought to the Church Conference, to Rev. Sue, or any team member. The team consists of: Mary Abramson, Nancy Cox, Joe Meisner, Don Rider, Brandon Savage, Halsey Smith, Libby Wright.

Notes from October's Leadership Team Meeting:

The team has been reading a book, *The Blank Slate*, which encourages churches to explore innovative ways that make sense to younger generations and design the future church.

Celebrations: Opening of Mongol Erdem school who use our facilities on Saturdays.

Joe Meisner's presentation on Aging in Place

Concerns: Deaths of Bill Herndon, Jr, son of Caroline Herndon; and of Bill Holston, brother-in-law of Eddie Gregg. Rev. Sue officiated both funerals.

Guest Presentation: Cristin Cooper, a candidate for ministry in the UMC, presented her new ministry of neighboring called Coop's Soup. Cristin makes soups and sells them at the local farmer's market. She builds relationships with her customers and invites them to have a dinner of soup at the Brookeville Beer Farm on Wednesday nights. At this dinner she blesses the food and has a devotion/discussion time with her new neighbors. She was asking permission to use our Community Hall in the winter months for her dinner gathering and to use our kitchen to make her soup.

Something Happening at Salem: We have Something Happening at Salem events scheduled through the end of the year. We need to find presentations for 2020.

Finance: Giving is down slightly. All bills are paid. 2020 budget will be presented at November's meeting. Stewardship Campaign is being planned for November.

Church Policies: Policies such as Finance, Cemetery, Discretionary Fund, Safe Sanctuaries are being updated to include language about the role of the Salem Leadership Team.

Leadership Team Policy: A proposed policy was presented to the Team. Minor corrections were made. The policy will be presented to the congregation and voted on at a special held Church Conference

Pastor Evaluation and Congregational Goals: Both are in process and are due to the Conference office by December 1.

Trustees: Received proposals to replace the roof on the parsonage and clean gutters. Decided on Thanos Remodeling for \$8500. Exterior window on the Church St. door was broken. Blaine Windows are replacing the entire two pane window for \$620. The winter maintenance on all furnaces completed. Snow Removal contract signed with Todd Greenstone. Recertification of Back Flow Preventers done.

Expressing God's Love to All: Connecting with our Community: Olney Help requested food and funds. Salem donated a car load of groceries and \$500. The Covenant Discipleship group made a meal for the Stepping Stone Family Homeless Shelter. And coats are being collected for the Central Union Mission

Special Called Church Conference:

**Sunday, November 24
after both worship services.**

We will be voting on two items:

- 1) Salem Leadership Team's new policy**
- 2) Brandon Savage as a Certified Lay Servant**

INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The Greater Olney Interfaith Ministerium's annual Thanksgiving service will be held at the Sandy Spring Friends School - 16923 Norwood Rd, Sandy Spring, MD 20860 - in the theater on Tuesday Nov. 26 from 7:30-8:30 P.M. The theme this year is "Lend a Helping Hand."

FREE BIBLES, STUDY MATERIALS, AND CHRISTIAN FICTION

A little housecleaning is occurring at Salem and as a result, there are a number of FREE Bibles, Study Materials and Christian Fiction up for grabs on the countertop in the Hall. **Please help yourself!** They will be available through Sunday, Dec. 1 then donated to the thrift store.

THE MONGOL ERDEM SCHOOL OPENING CEREMONIES



On Saturday, October 5 Mongol Erdem School opened in Salem's Community Hall. The school teaches the Mongolian language, culture, and dance to second generation children of Mongolian heritage. The school meets on Saturdays from 10:00 A.M. – 4:30 P.M. Piano lessons are also taught in the church's meeting room from 9:00 A.M. -6:30 P.M.

FROM OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR

Hello everyone,

I thought it would be nice to form a handbell choir to play at the Christmas Eve Service, Dec. 24 at 7:30 P.M. I've talked to most of you about this and am hoping that you are still interested. Several of you said that Thursdays at 7:00 P.M. would be a good time to rehearse. I realize that the book club meets on the 24th and we can skip that evening.

You don't have to have experience ringing and the note reading isn't too difficult. Once we get

the music learned it would be nice to play some of it for a worship service or two in December before the 24th, but we can discuss that more. I'll also send out a general email to the church at large inviting anyone interested to join us. It is best to have 7 ringers for 2 octave music or 11 ringers for 3 octave music. But we can adapt to any size if necessary. The main thing is to know at the beginning who and how many will be in the group so we can assign parts.

I hope to see you on Thursday! If you aren't able to join us please let me know.

Many thanks!

Rose Eide-Altman

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

CONGRATULATIONS!



Congratulations to Noah Beye on his recent engagement to Anna Phillips-Brown.

CONDOLENCES TO:

Eddie Greg and Barbara Whalen on the death of their brother-in-law and uncle, Bill Holston on October 5, 2019. Bill became a member of Salem UMC in 1958.

Caroline Herndon on the sudden death of her son, William (Billy) Herndon, Jr. on October 15. His father, Bill, predeceased him on June 23, 2019. In addition to his mother, Billy leaves a wife, Sharon, and two children, Taylor and Bradley.

Mary Ellen Eaton on the sudden death of her nephew, Christopher Trimper of Ocean City, MD on October 24, 2019. He leaves a wife, Michelle, and three young children.

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)

STEPPING STONES FAMILY SHELTER



Dinner: On Wednesday, October 16, Salem's Covenant Disciple Group provided a Beef Stew Dinner to the home. Using Brandon Savage's family recipe, he along with Debbie Ambrose, Buck Bartley, Bob Brown, Velma Durant, Yvette Thurston, Rev. Sue Shorb-Sterling and Mary Lou Williamson, prepared dinner during the regular class period. Yvette delivered the meal.

The shelter is in need for others to provide a dinner. It can be prepared and delivered any time before 5:30 P.M. The meal can be reheated for serving. If you are interested in providing a simple meal, call the shelter 301-251-0567, so they will know it is coming,



Snacks: A huge thank you to all who contributed snacks for the children at Stepping Stones Family Shelter on Sunday, October 6. Rev. Sue and Velma Durant put together 50 bags for after-school snacks. In addition, there were two huge boxes filled with snack foods that were delivered to the shelter.

COATS FOR CENTRAL UNION MISSION

Salem is collecting coats this fall to be donated to Central Union Mission. Thank you, Rick Myers and Randy Kennedy for organizing this.

A WORD FROM THE MISSION FIELD

From Ken & Anita Hoch

(Randy Kennedy's grandson)

After prayerful discussion with CMF leadership, our team has decided to return to Burkina Faso to continue our work with the Jula! In light of ongoing security concerns, we won't, however, return to live in Fasting Town as previously, but will be moving to a larger, more secure city further from the borders. This is the 2nd largest city in Burkina Faso, is Jula-speaking and is a patchwork of communities, many of them Muslim. Ken is currently making a list of Fasting Town, Rockville and New Voice Jula friends who have relatives in the city in order to make this ministry an extension of the old one. We plan to move, Lord willing, in January.

Pray for Ken and Brian as they each make trips this month to Burkina Faso to renew car paperwork and begin the search for housing. Pray that we would find safe, affordable housing that is strategic to our ministry in the city.

Pray with us through this transition!

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 consider serving.

SOMETHING HAPPENING AT SALEM

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

Presenter: Tony Cohen

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

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, baked goods, donated gently used items for the Trash and Treasures Shop, and help in the kitchen as well as the Children's Christmas Shop.

Can you work for two hours in the kitchen preparing and serving lunch? If so, contact Suzanne at friis17@yahoo.com

Can you be Santa's helper for picture taking from 11:30 AM-1:00PM?

If so, contact Suzanne at friis17@yahoo.com

Can you work for 2 hours in "Unique Treasures" or help pack up afterwards? If so, contact Nancy Cox at nancycox@yahoo.com

Can you provide "Treasures" for the "Unique Treasures" room? If so, before Dec. 7, please bring clean "gently loved" items to the Treasures room (upstairs in the Hall) such as: Smaller decorative items, Christmas decorations, Household items (no appliances), Jewelry Books, games, toys. Please do not bring clothing, electronics, larger "yard sale" items or anything dirty, rusty, or damaged.

Can you provide bake sale items? Drop these off Friday, Dec. 6 beginning at noon or Sat. Dec. 7 before 9:30 AM. Label all baked goods containing nuts, milk or eggs. Contact Carole Roberts with questions at bsgsmom@gmail.com

Can you supply items for a themed gift basket? A comprehensive list is forthcoming. Bring items or a gift card to the "Basket Room" upstairs in the Hall by Nov. 30. For questions, contact Kulley at kulley1145@hotmail.com



Safety on the Internet Tuesday, October 22 Presenter: Brandon Savage, Software Developer



Brandon presented ten ways that may help users stay safe on the internet. They are listed below.

Apply Software Updates

1

Operating system and system software manufacturers receive information about security vulnerabilities that need to be addressed in their software all the time. Keep up to date with the latest software updates.

Use An Upgraded Browser

2

Similar to software updates, it's crucial that your browser be up to date as well. Most browsers will automatically download and install updates, and it's a good idea to check up on this from time to time.

Use Antivirus Software

3

Good antivirus software is crucial for protecting your system. There are many paid and a few included options for protecting your system (like Windows

Defender). Be sure to keep your antivirus software definitions up to date!

Use An Adblocker

4

Adblocking software not only makes the internet browsing experience more enjoyable, but also protects you from thieves. uBlock Origin and Adblock Plus are popular options.

Never Use The Same Password Twice

5

Passwords are like keys – they should be unique for each "door" they are unlocking. Do not reuse passwords, and avoid simple, easy-to-guess passwords. Consider using secure passwords.

Use A Password Manager

6

A password manager remembers passwords so you don't have to – and you can use secure passwords.

2FA All The Things!

7

2FA (or 2 Factor Authentication) is a means of protecting your accounts by requiring something you know + something you have.

Look For SSL Encryption

8

SSL Encryption is a way of ensuring communications between you and the website you're accessing are encrypted. But it doesn't prevent bad actors from mimicking websites you trust, so always verify the URL of the website you're visiting.

9

Establish And Enforce Rules For Children

Parents must establish and maintain control of the internet to keep children safe. Children can exhibit poor judgement and need parents to talk with them and guide them.

Avoid Sharing Personal Information

10

You're not going to win the lottery from a Nigerian prince, and you're not going to be arrested for back taxes through email. Avoid sharing your personal information with people you don't know to avoid scams.

FROM THE CONGREGATION

"Sharing my thoughts with you..."

from Charlyne Lewis

Greetings once again to all of the dear Salem Church Community!!

This month several things of importance to all of us take place: Veteran's Day, and Thanksgiving! Let us first pause on the 11th to pray for Veterans of ALL wars, both living and dead; then a special prayer for our Troops who are fighting to keep us a free Nation.

On the 28th, we will all give our thanks to our Master, for once again providing us with so much bounty...tables overflowing with delicious food, family and friends to share it with, special customs being observed.

He is the One who is our special Guest at our tables. Let us praise Him and be thankful!!

God Bless!!

Charlyne

Psalm 50-14 Hymn #97.

BOOK CLUB

Our next Salem Book Club Meeting will be at 7:30 P.M. on Tuesday, Dec. 3 the home of Suzanne Friis. We will be reading: "God and Churchill: How the Great Leader's Sense of Divine Destiny Changed His Troubled World and Offers Hope for Ours" by Jonathan Sandys and Wallace Henley.

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 Nov. 9.

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 November Birthdays are:

Bancroft, Kulley	11/04
Ungelsbee, Anna (99 years)	11/06
Blaine, Connie	11/09
Bittner, Betty	11/17
Smith, Curtis	11/17
Miller, Savannah	11/19
Brown, Adrienne	11/21
Meisner, Thomas	11/21
Eide-Altman, Rose	11/23
Howes, Joyce	11/24

There are no November Anniversaries

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 contact Joyce Howes.

OLNEY HELP NEEDS HELP

Here is a list of food items they need now: Canned chicken, sloppy joe sauce, instant mashed potatoes, canned chili, beef stew, canned fruit (no sugar), juice, pasta sides (Knorr/Roni), and vanilla or strawberry Boost or Ensure. Please place items in the box marked for Olney Help in the church hallway. No glass jars.

OUR COMMUNITY

American Legion: Veterans Day Luncheon November 12, Salem's Community Hall. If you can help with this meal, 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 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, 8:30-9:30 P.M. and Thursdays, 8:00-9:00 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.

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