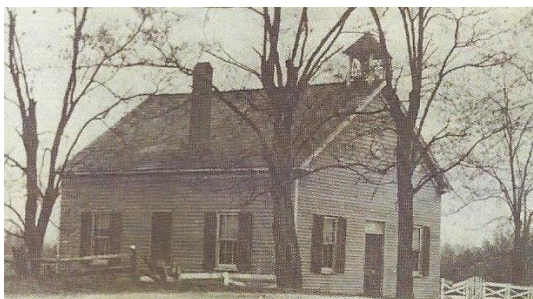


Salem United Methodist Church

July Newsletter

“181 Years and Still Loving, Serving and Celebrating”



SALEM Methodist Protestant Church 1833



SALEM United Methodist Church 2013

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

230th SESSION OF THE BALTIMORE- WASHINGTON ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2014

By: Buck Bartley

Theme: “Building Bridges...Be Love”

The Conference scripture text was- the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37) with word “mercy” as the heart of the text.

Our opening worship service Thursday (5/29) evening was led by Bishop Marcus Matthews, who called on the assembly “to build bridges for those who will come after us – bridges of understanding, bridges of hope, for others to experience for themselves some measure of God’s deep and abiding grace.” But bridge building requires us to do a new thing.

The Bishop continued, “Whenever Jesus truly shows up in our lives...our human consciousness becomes expanded; and all of our former narrow ways of thinking are put to the test.” So with the bishop’s sermon, in conjunction with the theology of rescuing our brothers and sisters from the ditch, tending their wounds, and showing them mercy, we thus began two-and-a-half-days of “holy conferencing” which is as close as I have ever been to an old-fashion tent revival. Our work and worship sessions included five

plenary sessions, two early morning bible studies, and four worship services. The conference concluded Saturday (5/31) afternoon with the Service of Commissioning, Reception and Ordination as all the clergy exited in procession, and the whole assembly rousingly sang “We are marching to the light of God...” in English, Spanish, and Zulu. Immediately afterwards, our Reverend Sue confided emotionally, “I have never felt so empowered leaving Annual Conference.” The “...Be Love” part of our theme was palpable in all we did.

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” is what we had as our Methodist flock from across our conference (which includes all of Maryland and the most eastern counties of West Virginia) joined in robustly singing our many hymns and spirit filled songs. Even the walls seemed to sing; an experience, profoundly moving, as we sang traditional hymns like “Here I am Lord,” “Marching to Zion,” “Great is Thy Faithfulness,” and the less traditional theme song of the Conference, “I need you, you need me, I need you to survive...” which we sang as we moved to greet each other in our opening service.

Our Bible study sessions were led by Dr. James Salley of Africa University in Zimbabwe, who used the metaphors of the bridges and the parable of the Good Samaritan to encourage us to practice “ditch theology,” to cross over to rescue our brothers and sisters wounded in the ditch. Bishop Kenneth Carter of the

Florida Conference led the Service of the Saints and the Service of Ordination. Bishop Carter's faith and love for the United Methodist Church is centered on "...our deep, inclusive, and lifelong doctrine of the grace of God." Accompanying our worship leaders were choirs from Africa University, the Eden Korean Women's Choir, the First UMC of Hyattsville, and the Latino band "No Other Name." Every service was full of joy and love.

The business of the Conference included five plenary sessions starting with Delores Martin, Conference Lay Leader, who asked, "Do you build bridges or set fire to them?" and encouraged us to train laity in the obstacles "to crossing the bridge." We received greetings from Baltimore mayor, Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, and the District Superintendents' reports highlighted unique outreach programs to their communities. Sadly, the Conference approved closing Calvary UMC, Churchville, MD, whose congregation voted to disband earlier this year. Other reports included the "Imagine No Malaria" campaign where almost \$2 million has been pledged or collected toward our goal this year of \$2.1 million. A \$17.3 million budget was approved.

Eighteen "Recommendations and Resolutions" were voted on during the plenary sessions. Most of them passed. The five most contentious resolutions concerning lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) rights were reserved for consideration on Friday evening (5/30) in "Circles of Grace." The ground rules for this holy conferencing were established by Rev. Karin Walker of Fallston UMC to allow each person within more than 100 circles of eight to ten persons to speak respectfully and to be heard respectfully. Within my circle, one fellow dead set against the LGBT resolutions said he had never felt more comfortable expressing his opinion without being belittled or ostracized. After an hour or so of discussion, we voted by paper ballot on each resolution, the results of which follow:

1. To support legislation in West Virginia to end discrimination in employment or housing based on sexual orientation. Passed 806 to 49.
2. To implore the Council of Bishops to cease clergy trials for performing same-sex marriage. Passed 519 to 314.
3. Complicated resolution, but essentially to agree to disagree on LGBT rights to marry, be free of threat of church trials or discipline on LGBT issues, and encourage our conference members to be in ministry to all God's children and work against provisions in the Book of Discipline (BOD) which discriminate

against the LGBT persons. Passed 539 to 342.

4. To declare opposition to all provisions in the BOD which restrict participation of LGBT persons in the UMC and to be in ministry to all persons, regardless. Passed 548 to 304.
5. To declare that our conference supports the removal of all provisions in the BOD and Social Principles that discriminate against or restrict the participation of laity or clergy based on their sexual orientation. Passed 511 to 344.

These divisive issues have not been easy to discuss within a forum of 1000 voting members. So the process of placing these issues within our "Circles of Grace" was truly inspired and reminded me of Jesus feeding the 5000 by separating the throng into groups of 50 to 100. Rev. Wanda Duckett set the tone for our evening deliberations with this challenging poetry...

Let's see, what comes next?

Oh yes, "love your neighbor."

That'll preach...

But it still doesn't reach the wounds or the bruises
Until each one chooses to put
the neighbor back in the hood.

We are the ones...

We can't hear them from our shrines,
Can't see them through closed blinds,
Can't love them with closed minds.

The world is waiting and we are the ones.

So without rancor we completed the process, which caused our Bishop Matthews to state in his wrap-up letter to the conferees: "I was especially moved by the time we spent in those 'Circles of Grace' Friday evening. In our process, our willingness to be open to the Holy Spirit, and in the way we shared openly and authentically about some important and challenging issues, we offered a witness about how to come together to be the church of Jesus Christ. The evaluations show that people believed 'God was all around us.' One person wrote, 'For the first time in 10 years, someone other than God heard my thoughts,' and another person said, 'I was hesitant, but I have never been so in love with the church!' I think this is a model we can offer to the denomination to help us all as we move forward as bridge builders, connecting with God, one another and the world."

And the Bishop's concluding observation: "Before the closing prayer of the annual conference, I had the opportunity to look out over the ballroom and I

can't tell you how full my heart was. We are one of the most diverse conferences in the denomination, and the beauty of our diversity, in all its forms, gathers in one room each year for worship and holy conferencing. Our guests from South Korea and Africa University in Zimbabwe richly blessed us. But I was also touched by the family we are and what potential we have when we gather to 'be love.'"

That says it all. This was surely an historic annual conference. Warm feelings of the Holy Spirit engulfed the entire proceedings. It was a joy to be a participant. We are blessed to have a remarkable bishop leading our conference, a God-centered holy man, who embodies all to the "fruits of the spirits" outlined in Galatians...Thanks be to God.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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Rev. Sue is on vacation July 11-July 25

Sunday, July 6 "How May I Help You?"

I Samuel 3:1-10; Psalm 86;

Mark 10:35-45; Acts 6:1-7

Sunday, July 13 Vacation Bible School:

Jungle Safari

God: Creator, Provider, Protector,
Savior, and King

Sunday, July 20 Stephen Stahley, preaching. Stephen is a former priest and is the brother of Maryellen Brown

Summer Sermon Series: Take Five

"Won't you stop and take a little time out with me, just take five;

Stop your busy day and take the time out to see I'm alive," by Dave Brubeck

Life over-scheduled? Not enough hours in the day?

"Take Five" may help refocus our priorities.

Sunday, July 27 Take One: "One Day?" Exodus 20:8-11; John 5:1-17

Sunday, August 3 Take Two: "Just a Job?" Genesis 2:1-3, 15; John 15:9-17; Galatians 6:4-10

Sunday, August 10 Take Three: "A Resume" John 17:1-7; Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-16

Sunday, August 17 Take Four: "The Boss" 2 Chronicles 15:1-8; Matthew 28:16-20

Sunday, August 24 Take Five: "Out of Town" Psalm 90:13-17; Assorted verses from Jonah; Colossians 1:3-10

Legacy Fund Annual Report – 2014

What wonderful things we have accomplished with the last grand vision of Clyde and Anna Unglesbee to create a separate church fund, the Legacy Fund, to provide for capital improvements and initiation of

innovative church programs. Since its inception in May 2008, generous members have contributed almost \$200,000, of which we have expended \$140,000 to pay off church loans, remodel the parsonage and social hall, replace furnaces and air handlers, fix storm drainage problems, renovate plumbing to accommodate WSSC requirements, and a good deal more.

However, we have more to do, like replace our front sidewalk, paint the bell tower, and install a more convenient video system. With that in mind, along with any emergency situations which may arise, a couple of our members have approached us with a proposal to gift the Legacy Fund up to \$20,000 in a matching gift challenge, where every dollar contributed by our members and friends to the Legacy Fund will be matched by our challenge donors. In other words, this is a chance for your one dollar to equal two. This offer expires September 30, 2014.

If you would like to help meet the full potential of this offer, please place your contribution in the Sunday offering plate clearly marked for the Legacy Fund Challenge. Or you can mail your contribution directly to the church. No gift is too big or too small. Hopefully, we can take full advantage of this generous offer to substantially increase the current value of our Legacy Fund.

There is always much to do, many improvements to make, and this challenge provides a wonderful opportunity to meet some of those needs. Thanks to all of our donors, past, present, and future that have supported the Fund as we continue forward in God's ever-changing new world.

Blessing,

Buck Bartley, for the Legacy Fund Committee.

BROOKVILLE BICENTENNIAL U.S. CAPITAL FOR A DAY

U.S. CAPITAL FOR A DAY: Save the Dates: During the Bicentennial celebrations when Brookeville was Capital for a Day (August 30-31), Salem will be serving and selling food to the people who will be visiting our town. The menu will be turkey, ham, and vegetarian sandwiches, hot dogs, potato salad, french fries, chips, watermelon, cookies, and beverages. We will need many hands to assist with this. We will need people on Wed, Thur, and Fri for prep work both in the mornings and evenings. Also, we are organizing 2-3 hour shifts on Saturday and Sunday during the event. Sign-up sheets

are being developed. Invite friends, family, co-workers, ANYONE, to help us serve those who will be visiting our town.

WORSHIP ON THE LAWN: As part of the Bicentennial festivities, Salem will be inviting our community to worship with us on Sunday, August 31 on the front lawn. **We will have only one worship service at 9:15 am.**

CHOIR: We are creating a Community Choir that will sing choral music by 19th century composers at our Worship on the Lawn. Know of anyone who likes to sing? Invite them to rehearsals on Mondays, August 11, 18, and 24 in our Community Hall at 7 pm.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

On July 7th at 8:30 pm the Middle School gather to begin Safari in Vacation Bible



6:30 pm until pre-school to children will their 'Jungle Salem's annual School. There Family Dinner

will be a free in the Salem Community Hall starting at 6 pm. The school will run until July 11th. The cost of the adventure is \$15.00 per child or \$30.00 per family. The children will explore the nature of God through projects, games, stories and music.

Something new has been added this year. Any interested Salem adult/VBS parent will take part in the opening and closings with the children and then participate in a Bible study/discussion/creative time in the Choir Room. Like the children we will be focusing on a different attribute of God: Creator, Provider, Protector, Savior, and King. **These classes are free.** To register, complete a VBS registration form and mark it as an **adult** participant.

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

The third Sunday in June we honored our fathers, some very young and some much older. Rev. Sue talked to the children about fathers and what they do in our lives.



She explained that just like we have a father that lives with us in our house, we have a father that lives with us in our hearts.

As Rev. Sue spoke of fathers, the children spelled it out. Very good service; the adults were also interested in the children's time and readily participated. After all we are ALL CHILDREN OF GOD!



After service each father was presented with a lapel pin of the Christian symbol of a fish.

FROM THE CONGREGATION

This section of the newsletter is just for you. We would like to see more people submitting articles of inspiration. We wish to thank Charlyne Lewis for her faithfulness in sharing her thoughts with us. Look for Charlyne's latest thoughts in next month's Newsletter.

Emma Poe-Yamagata Needs Your Help

This coming December, as part of Engineers without Borders, a national non-profit organization that designs and implements solutions for health and infrastructure needs in developing countries, Emma Poe-Yamagata will be traveling to Cameroon with other students from Georgia Tech to complete the implementation of a solar-powered well for a community in desperate need of such a water source.

In order to go on this trip, Emma needs to raise \$1000 for a plane ticket to Cameroon, and will be fundraising at Salem on August 3rd. She and Ian will be performing during the church service and hosting a bake sale after in the church hall.

We will Miss You!

Dear Rev. Sue,

June 28, 2014

Thank you so much for all that Salem has done for us. We appreciate the thought of sending us off with blessings, but unfortunately, we are leaving the area next Sunday. Everything has happened so fast. I did not realize how fast our house would sell. It was only on the market for 3 weeks!! We have been relocated in Gaithersburg - actually near the church where Joe & I got married. How funny is that - going back to

our "roots" where it all began. Love the way God works!!

Hopefully, we will return for visits - as my family & Joe's are still in the area. I don't think we will be back this year for any visits - but hopefully we can come back next year. When and if we do, we will definitely visit Salem.

Again, thank you for everything. Hopefully we will find a church in the Chicago area that is just as wonderful as Salem! I believe God will make sure we do :)
Ana Pustis & Family

OLNEY DAY PARADE

This article ran in last month's newsletter; however, we did not have our trophy.



With our Butterfly signs and the cars clearly marked, 17 faithful warriors gathered to participate in the Olney Days Parade on May 18th. This year it was decided that we would ride.



Salem UMC won 1st Place in the Floats Division.

We wish to express out thanks to Debbie Ambrose and Anne Ennes for all the work they put in planning our participation in the parade. For a better picture of the trophy and butterflies please see the pictures on Salem's Facebook page.

181 YEARS AND STILL SERVING

The following was taken from the September 30, 1984 Anniversary Booklet:

"Many books have been written within the past several years on what it is that fills churches with vitality. And the key factor seems to be this: vitality exists where congregations dare to dream great dreams. On this day, the Anniversary of Salem United Methodist Church, Brookeville, we celebrate the dream. It is a dream first cherished by a small group of Methodist

Protestants who by hard work, faith and sacrifice, 'plowed and planted' the field where we now reap the harvest. And through the years, that same commitment and self-sacrifice of our mothers and fathers in the faith has come to dwell within us. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we now claim the dream: the dream that from this place called Salem, the Gospel will be healed, and lives will be reborn.



Rev. Jeanne W. Klauda

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As your pastor, it has been my privilege to share your dream for this church. You have taught me to love this sacred place. Together, we have seen miracles: over the past three years our worship attendance has more than doubled; we have received over fifty new members into our fellowship; a church school has begun again; quality music provided by our talented choir and choirmaster/organist, continue to enrich our services; the fellowships of United Methodist Men and United Methodist Women are among the most active in our Conference; and, by the continuing generosity of our people, a mortgage has been laid to rest. Our future looks bright, and we rightly give thanks to God whose grace has met this church at the point of our every need.

To have shared in your lives and rich heritage has truly been a blessing to me. For your support, your prayers, your faith, and your love, I am forever grateful.

Yours in Christ, Rev. Jeanne W. Klauda"

CONDOLENCES

Our Condolences to Nathaniel Cogen and his family on the loss of his grandfather, Quicie Barley. Nathan is our summer pianist while Rose is on vacation.

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Activities will begin again in the fall: watch for future details.

SALEM UMC ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

Due to summer vacations, there is a sign-up list on the bulletin board for the Acolyte service. The active list will be available in September for the fall/winter season. Anyone interested in joining the Acolyte program please see Nancy Morell.

IMAGINE NO MALARIA

We honor and remember our Fathers through a special Father's Day offering for Imagine No Malaria of \$395!

In Memory of:

Roy Lee Kennedy (Pop)
Nathan Freadin
Richard W. Ranshaw
Melvin C. Bonifant
Charles Ernest Ranshaw
Charles Hipwell Pascoe
Peter Mantzouris
Harry Roberts
Walter Marker
Jacob Shorb
Harold Shorb
George Sterling

Given By:

Randy Kennedy
Eric Beebe
Carol R. Bonifant
Carol R. Bonifant
Joanne Ranshaw
Joanne Ranshaw
Deb McKeever
Carole Roberts
Rev. Sue
Rev. Sue
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Rev. Sue

In Honor of:

Richard Beebe
Ed Paden
Doug, Greg, Blake, and Robert McKeever
Joe Schaap
Allen Coffin
John Roberts
Charles Sterling
Eric Brubaker
Chris Sterling

Given By:

Eric Beebe
Eric Beebe
Deb McKeever
Carol Roberts
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CONGRATULATIONS

To the McKeever's:

Cole Robert joined the McKeever family on June 8th; the proud parents are Blake and Lori McKeever and the proud grandparents are Doug and Debbie McKeever. Congratulations to everyone.

To our High School Graduates:

On June 15th we honored our High School graduates, Noah Beye and Maddie van Horn, with a gift of a Bible to take to college with them. Maddie couldn't attend so her gift will be presented to her privately,



Noah Beye accepting his gift from Rev. Sue. Later in the service Noah worshiped with us in song, singing "Thy Holy Wings O Savior," a blessing to all of us. Pray for him and Maddie as they start their college careers.

To Our Sunday School Teachers:

Sunday, June 22nd we honored our Sunday School teachers for a job well done.



Our "fearless" leader, Barbara Achstetter, thanked each one with the following speech:

"I want to tell you Thank you, but it doesn't seem enough. Words don't seem sufficient – 'Blah, blah' and all that stuff.

Thank you for linking Salem Youths on your things to do list.

Thank you for doing what you did, instead of being too busy, or just forgetting about it.

Thank you for caring and tending to our Salem Flock; you kept us all from weakening; like Jesus, you are our rock.

Thank you for the time you gave to each child who looks to you; you truly make a difference by all you say and do.

For as you touch each tender heart, you leave your imprint there; and always they'll remember you, how much you really cared.

Keep on loving, keep on caring, sharing Christ as you do. For one day they'll return and say, 'Teacher, I do thank you.'"



Connie Somerville, Carole Roberts, Nancy and Rob Morell



Kulley Bancroft, Ginny Weinberger, and Joyce Howes

To our Acolytes:



Jacob Weinberger and Andrew Sterling with Nancy Morell
 Nancy Morell, our Acolyte leader, read John 8:12 (NIV) “When Jesus spoke again to the people, He said, ‘I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.’ She continued: Did you know??? The word acolyte comes from the Greek word akolouthos, meaning companion, attendant, or helper. The acolyte ministry dates back to the Old Testament of the Bible, when the prophet Samuel is seen assisting Eli the Levite priest, and Elisha is seen assisting Elijah the Prophet.

In the Methodist tradition, acolytes participate in the worship service in a variety of ways. They typically light and extinguish the altar candles. The lighting of the altar candles in the worship service is a symbol of Jesus’ coming into the presence of the worshiping community. At conclusion of the service the acolytes relight their ‘candle lighter’ and then process out into the narthex. This symbolizes that Jesus Christ is for all people everywhere. It also symbolizes the light of Jesus Christ going out into the world where we are all called to serve.

The acolytes who have served this past year are: Jacob Weinberger, Andrew Sterling, Dominick Terry, Tiffany Huber and Sarah Huber.”

A SPECIAL THANK YOU



Dear Salem family,

Thank you so much for your gifts, prayers, support, and heart felt wishes. It warms my heart to know that as I go off to school in an uncertain field, I have the love and support of each and everyone of you.

It was a genuine pleasure to worship with you this past Sunday. Even after such a long absence, your welcoming smiles made me feel right at home.

Salem will always have a special place in my heart. I pray that as we all move forward, the church may grow and thrive. Thank you for all that you have done for me through my years with you. You have shaped me into the man I am today.

God bless you all, Noah Beye

Thank You For Our Beautiful Flower Gardens



Have you noticed the beautiful gardens around our buildings? I don’t know everyone who worked on them but I do know that Don Moore, Joyce Howes and Joanne Ranshaw along with her daughter, Carol Bonifant, have put in a lot of hours to make our property beautiful. If I have forgotten anyone please forgive me, these are the only ones I know of. (Velma) This picture was taken on the side of the church where the cornerstone is located. Next time you are at church take a moment to look around at all the beautiful flowers. And the lawns! Thank you, men, for all your hard work, helping to keep Salem UMC the beautiful sanctuary she is.

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS:

Rev. Jeanne Klauda, Anna Unglesbee, Flo Johnston, Bob and Helen Van Druff, Reta McKeever, Janet and Rob Howes

COFFEE HOUR HOSTESSES

Hostesses for July

PLEASE NOTE THE OPEN POSITIONS!

- July 6: OPEN
- July 13: Velma Durant
- July 20: OPEN
- July 27: OPEN

Please consider taking one of the open days.

GOD'S VICTORY GARDEN: GROWING VEGETABLES FOR MANNA

The harvest has begun. If you can deliver vegetables to Manna, please contact Anne Ennes (ALHEnMD@aol.com) Thanks!

ATTENTION METHODIST MEN.

The Men's group will be restarting their breakfast meetings in the Community Hall, Sat. July 5, at 8:30 am. All Salem men are encouraged to come and enjoy a great breakfast and the fellowship of your Brothers in Christ.

Any questions or suggestions, please call Randy Kennedy, 240-938-6664.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Next Meeting – September 11th at 7:15 pm. Everyone is welcome.

Debbie Ambrose, Church Council Chair

SIGN-UP FOR ALTAR FLOWERS

Providing altar flowers is a nice way to honor or remember a loved one. Sign-up on the bulletin board. Flowers provided by the donor.

HAPPENINGS

LORD'S TABLE

Our participation in the Lord's Table will resume in the fall. Thank you to Barbara Achstetter and her volunteer staff for their faithful service to "the least of these in our community."

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**JUST A REMINDER**

To order your Cafè Justo Coffee please contact Kathryn Ennes at church or via e-mail at [k\\_ennes@yahoo.com](mailto:k_ennes@yahoo.com).

The question is asked why Salem is selling coffee. The following answer: "We are selling Cafe Justo Coffee because it is a better option than store brands and a better option than most fair trade options. It is a cooperative where the growers get to control their situation. The growers receive a living wage so they don't need to consider illegal immigration. It's an environmentally sustainable option and organic. So we are supporting hard-working people and any extra money we make goes into the discretionary fund. K. Ennes."

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We need Polyfil: Work has begun on crafts for Christmas Bazaar. If you have polyfil we could use it. Call Joanne Keister.

2014 BOOK DISCUSSION

The book club will resume in the fall: watch for additional 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 July Birthdays are:

McKeever, Doug	07/01
Ennes, Ellen	07/02
Durant, Velma	07/05
Odbert, Carol	07/05
Lange, Robert	07/06
Poe-Yamagata, Ian	07/06
Gundersen, Kristian	07/07
Weinberger, Jacob	07/14
Roberts, Amy	07/15
Weinberger, Ginny	07/20
Gundersen, Sue	07/21
Benson, Rebecca	07/28
Ennes, Mark	07/30

July Anniversaries

Sterling/Shorb-Sterling, Charles and Sue	07/03
Van, Druff, Robert and Helen	07/03
Smith-Durant, Curt and Velma	07/07
Howes, John and Joyce	07/15
Ranshaw, Dick and Joanne	07/17

IN OUR COMMUNITY

Sandy Spring Lions Club: Monday, July 28 at 7:00 pm, in Salem Community Hall.

Eyeglass Collection: Salem will continue to collect used eyeglasses, cell phones and hearing aids to donate to Lions Club. Please leave them in Salem Community Hall.

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**Romans 1:9; That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. (KJV)**

**“FOR I WAS HUNGRY...”**

**Manna Food Center:**

9311 Gaither Road, Gaithersburg, MD 20877, or online at [www.mannafood.org](http://www.mannafood.org); to volunteer call 301-424-1130.

**Olney Help:** P.O. Box 430, Olney, MD 20830; to volunteer call 301-774-6829. They 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 a box in the church hallway. No glass jars.

**PLEASE NOTE:** From Ruth Filbert of Olney Help. We have joined a fundraising project sponsored by Amazon. If you order from Amazon you can go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com), choose Olney Help as the beneficiary and we will receive 1/2 percent of the cost of all eligible items. The prices, your account, Amazon prime, etc. all remain the same - we just get a donation. I spot-checked a few items and everything was eligible but I am sure there are probably some items that are not.

Please consider bookmarking this site and telling all your friends, relatives, congregations and anyone else you know. We have seen a significant increase in both food and financial assistance and can really use any money that this effort generates.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thanks for your support.

Ruth Filbert (rfilbert46@msn.com)

**Millian UMC Food Pantry:** Millian UMC, 13016 Parkland Dr., Rockville opens its food pantry on the second Saturday of the month. A box for food items is in the church hallway.

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Got Clothing? The Glenmont United Methodist Church has a thrift store and has asked for donations of children’s and youth clothing plus household items such as pots and pans, other cooking utensils, etc. If you have anything you can contribute, please bring them to Salem and place them in the collection box in the side entryway. We will see they get delivered.

Disaster Victim Assistance: Monetary donations will be sent to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Make checks payable to Salem UMC and mark “disaster relief” in the memo line. Or donate online at www.mcor.org.

Thank You to Salem’s Prayer Partners - To everyone of our Prayer Partners; there are four that meet each Tuesday morning at JoAnne Keister’s home to pray for each request given. However, there are many more, those who work and those who for some other reason cannot be there, who also pray over the prayer list. Thank you for your faithfulness.

SHAWLS

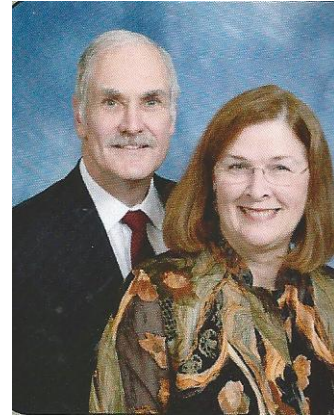
Prayer Shawls are available in Salem Community Hall. There is no cost; if you know anyone you want to share a prayer with all the time, see Carole Roberts or Rev. Sue for a shawl. The comfort they give is well worth the effort of delivering one to your friends, family or co-workers. They will thank you!

AND THE ANSWER IS –Fred Ambrose

Sad to say no one made a guess this time, guess we stumped you. Give a try next month.



Fred Ambrose



Fred Ambrose with his beautiful wife Debbie
(Taken from the new Church Directory)

Fred wrote: “Well ... To begin I was born in the north shore coastal town of Beverly Massachusetts in 1950 into a family of three sisters and a brother; my parents were in their forties when I came along. While undated, the picture of me is said to be the last photo of me before I had my first hair cut ... and that was probably when I was between one and two years old. At the time my father was a grounds keeper and driver for a wealthy man on an estate just outside of Beverly, and my mother did other chores on the estate. While lacking in neighbors and children to play with my life was an idyllic one nonetheless with fields, ponds, and woods to roam and explore until I was old enough to go to public school.

At the time of my birth my brother was already 21 years old and was in the Army and heading to Korea along with one of my future brothers-in-law. Being so much younger than my sisters and brother the standing joke, which for me wasn't, was that I had two fathers and four mothers, but no siblings. My mother's nick name for me was Nicodemus but it wasn't until I was taking a class at Salem that I realized the significance of that nick name.

My favorite movie is “October Sky,” I was born in October and I grew up in a family environment that while geographically removed from the place of this movie inspiration, bore a striking resemblance to my own childhood experiences and future motivations. By the 7th grade I was hooked on math, science, and the ability of people to improvise, invent, and overcome difficulties through knowledge and effort.

It was during this formative time in 1964 that my family moved to Baltimore, Maryland and I had to adjust to and learn about real industrial cities and being land-locked in an alien place; it was not a good transition but my interests became my refuge and even greater passion. So began my long journey through Maryland high schools, junior college and ultimately the University of Maryland. It was at our high-rise dorm complex at university that I met Deborah Castner. She and I met at a blood drive for an accident victim. It turned out she had never given blood before and was a bit green which matched her beautiful eyes perfectly. It was not how I would have imagined I would meet the woman whom I would marry, but it was and it worked out well. That was in 1973.

Deb and I were married in March of 1975 while I was finishing my degree in chemical engineering. As I had great aspirations but no resources to speak of I had to find ways to stretch my money as far as it would go which usually meant that I had to find ways to fix things myself or go without. Deb was none too sure about letting me work on her '68 Ford Mustang when we were dating but it was in need of some repairs. I told her while I had never worked on a Ford before I'd just get a book about her car and after all it wasn't rocket science. Her initial skepticism gave way to an acceptance of my talent for figuring things out. To this day that need and God's gift of a good mind has enabled Deb and me to live well and raise two wonderful children, Katie and Mark. They have in turn given us two handsome grandsons and two beautiful granddaughters.

I retired from my professional life in 2011 having spent 37 years doing everything from metallurgical research to serving the national intelligence services. My hobbies are numerous and are limited only by the time I have in each day. I love machinery and have rebuilt everything from kitchen mixers to autos; presently I'm rebuilding an old four-wheel drive vehicle; an 80 year old cabin in the woods; and of course, anything that comes my way at Salem. I still love the thrill of being outdoors in fall and winter, skiing and hiking, camping, or just enjoying the fall colors brings me back to my earliest years of growing up in Beverly.”

**OUR NEXT CHALLENGE ...
DO YOU KNOW WHO THIS IS?**



Can you guess who this beautiful young lady is?
We are blessed with two pictures of the same person.
This time I will give you a hint, it's someone from Salem's past.
Answer in August's Edition of the Salem News.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 8:15 AM Worship - How May I Help You? ■ 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study ■ 10:00 AM Worship-How May I Help You? ■ 10:30 AM Summer Sunday School ■ 11:15 AM Social Hour 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 9:00 AM Romeos in Ashton ■ 6:30 PM Vacation Bible School and Adult Study 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 10:00 AM Prayer Partners ■ ... Vacation Bible School and Adult Study 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 8:30 AM Upper Room ■ 8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous ■ ... Vacation Bible School and Adult Study 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 10:00 AM Knitting Group ■ ... Vacation Bible School and Adult Study 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 7:30 AM Men's Breakfast and Fellowship
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