

Salem United Methodist Church

August 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



Two hundred years ago the village of Brookeville was the commercial hub in this area. With the surrounding farmlands and a mill on each side of town, Brookeville became a market place for goods and services as well as agricultural products. Settled by Quakers who believed that the “Inner-light” of God resides in every person, this village was distinct in that it was a community of mutual respect and social consciousness. The Quakers practiced plainness, thrift, pacifism, and opposed slavery. Their ideals and beliefs were deemed progressive for the era. For instance, Brookeville had a sizable free black population. The residents of the town were notable surveyors, inventors, and agriculturalists who experimented in new farming techniques. In late August of 1814, their lives changed when the British came up the Potomac to attack our nation's capital.

Responding to the threat of attack, Washington families packed up what they could and headed north. The Town of Brookeville was located on a paved post road that linked Washington with the north. After walking for about ten hours, these refugees stumbled upon this progressive, pacifist village. Here they sought refuge as they received reports of the British setting fire to the federal buildings. The House and State Departments packed up important national documents. The Bank of Washington and the Bank of Columbia packed up their specie. All these came to Brookeville where they were kept safe in the post office in Caleb Bentley's home. The post office was considered a secured facility because it had iron bars on the windows (and they are still there!). The streets were filled with carriages, wagons, and troops. The residents opened their homes providing lodging and food to strangers. This pacifist village offered their hospitality to all refugees, including the troops who were in retreat. Their houses were filled to capacity. And then at nine in the evening of Friday, August 26 a knock came on the door of Caleb Bentley's house. Could they house one more? Yes, they could and their guest was introduced to them as the President of

the United States! President Madison and his men stayed in Brookeville that night and left the next day after it was deemed safe to return to Washington.

On Saturday, August 30 and Sunday, August 31, the Town of Brookeville is remembering the Bicentennial of this event when it was both a refugee center and Capital For A Day. This is a perfect opportunity for Salem to offer hospitality to the many guests who will be visiting our town. We will be providing a place of refreshment and refuge. (See below how you can be part of this great event.)

The Book of Hebrews records “Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it” (Hebrews 13:2). We never know just to whom we might be offering hospitality. But I know that others will see the heart of Salem this weekend, a heart like our Quaker neighbors expressed, God’s love to all.

Blessings,

Rev. Sue

BROOKEVILLE BICENTENNIAL U.S. CAPITAL FOR A DAY

Salem Offers Hospitality: Sat. Aug. 30, and Sun. Aug. 31

- † Our sanctuary: a place of refuge for those who need to escape the August heat.
- † Our Hall: a place of refuge for the many living history people to escape the crowds.
- † Our choir room: the first aid center for the town.
- † Our front lawn: a place of refreshment for selling refreshing beverages and sandwiches.
- † Worship on the lawn: Sunday morning 9:15 am

Needed: Many Hands and Willing Hearts to help us serve and connect with our community in this way. Invite family members, neighbors, and friends to help us offer hospitality. We will need people to help with food preparation both mornings and evenings the preceding Wed.-Fri., as well as to staff 2-3 hour shifts the Saturday and

Sunday of the event. Please sign up on the bulletin board or contact Kulley Bancroft or Rev. Sue. For more information about the Bicentennial go to: www.uscapitalforaday.com

Needed: Singers for Bicentennial Community

Choir: We are creating a Community Choir that will sing choral music by 19th century composers at our Worship on the Lawn. Rehearsals on Mondays, August 11, 18, and 24 in our Community Hall at 7 pm.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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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

Is Life over-scheduled?

Not enough hours in the day?

“Take Five” may help refocus our priorities.

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”

Psalms 90:13-17; Assorted verses from

Jonah; Colossians 1:3-10

Legacy Fund Annual Report – 2014

Let’s not forget our Legacy Fund and the generous offer of two of our members to raise funds of major repairs and advance technology for our services and buildings. Remember with your contributions we are closer to accepting the challenge and turn \$20,00.00 easily into \$40,00.00, we could see a shining bell tower with a new coat of paint, a video system where the screen will cooperate during a service and a summer of cool services where people will not have to use fans to help cool themselves.



Disciple Fast Track is a shorter version of Disciple Bible Study. The differences are:

Disciple Bible Study: 34 weeks; 2 1/2 hours class time once a week

Disciple Fast Track: 24 weeks; 75 minutes class time once a week

Both classes read from Genesis to Revelation.

Interested in being part of Disciple Fast Track?

Contact Rev. Sue

DURING REV. SUE'S VACATION



Debbie Ambrose with Piper Luke

During Rev. Sue's vacation we have been blessed to have two very good services. On July 13th Debbie Ambrose closed out our annual Bible School with a trip through the Jungle, we sang songs, did crafts and enjoyed the children's participation in the service.



Stephen Staley

The on July 20th we had the privilege of listening to Maryellen Brown's brother, Stephen Staley, a former Catholic priest, preach a very memorable sermon on "Upon This Rock." Our scripture

reading for the sermon came from Matthew 16, "Upon this rock I will build my church." He spoke of his time in Cincinnati Ohio when he was a priest in charge of one of the lowest income areas of the state. He showed us a rock he had picked up on the shore of Lake Erie; he called it his Cincinnati stone, some would have called it worry stone. He rubs the stone, he said the worries of yesterday and tomorrow seem to leave and allows him to concentrate on today. He mentioned that someday the mountains in this world, Colorado, Everest, and others would crumble, but we can put ourselves on the Rock of all Nations and stand firm; as Jesus and His Father, God, is truly the Rock of our Salvation.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Our VBS theme this year was Jungle Safari and as we look about the room it really is a Jungle out there! The decorations are beautiful.

Our helpers were:

- Barbara Achsetter Deb Ambrose
- Joey Brantley Steve Currier
- Anne Enness Joyce Keister
- JoAnn Keister Joyce Howes
- Ana and Sharon Lyons
- Trish and Tom Luke
- Nancy and Rob Morrel
- Joanne Ranshaw
- Carole, Blake and Amy Roberts

Those attending the Adult Safari were:

- Kevin and Debbie Hayberg
- Stephen and Kelly Taylor
- Joanne Ranshaw
- Rob Morrel Tom Luke
- Chuck Sterling Rev. Sue, Safari Guide
- Barbara Achsetter was this year's Director.



Below is a report from Carole Roberts on the Preschool class:

We were very busy in the preschool room. Some of the activities we did were: illustrate a 6-sided box with the six days of creation, make sand dough with flour and oil as an extension of the Elijah story, use blocks to build protection for smaller animals from lions, make a colorful painting on which the words "God saves us through Jesus" "magically" appeared, and made crowns and our own representation of the four creatures with many eyes and six wings in Revelation. Of course, like the older kids we also made musical instruments each day - day night cymbals, animal egg maracas, Lion tambourines, Belled Believe It Bands, and Heavenly Harps

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

While Rev. Sue is on vacation and renewing her strength and getting some much needed rest, members of our congregation filled in for her on July 13th. A review of our Bible School was the main theme of our morning worship and Debbie Ambrose led the children and adults in many activities, especially the songs where the children were glad to lead us in the motions.

Then on Sunday the 20th, Anne Ennes told us about ‘Stone Soup.’



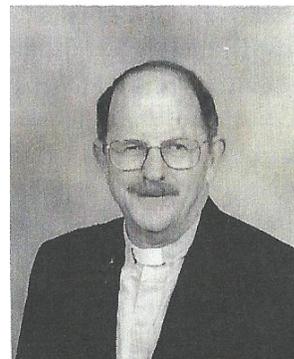
With Anne are Gaby Martin, Ricky, Laylah and Mari Gonzalez.

We remember the story of the traveler who entered a village asking for some food but no one would feed him, so he decided to make stone soup. Everyone in the village was excited – Soup from stone? So Anne had one of the children place a stone in a soup then another a lot of hearts, another peace – an extra portion of that! As the list grew and grew we found that we had Jesus and His Father, God, in the soup, which made a well-founded life filled with the Love of God and our salvation.

181 YEARS AND STILL SERVING

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

Ed Voorhaar
1974-1975



“Dear Friends,
Congratulations to the congregation of Salem United Methodist Church during your Anniversary Celebration.

We thank God for every wonderful memory we have of our ministry with the congregation in Brookeville. It was wonderful to have a small part in your great tradition and history. Some of you may recall a ‘circuit rider’ who arrived on horseback at Salem Church one Sunday in June 1976 during the American Bicentennial celebration. My arrival that morning was a reminder of our great heritage as a country and as a church. We rejoice with you during this Methodist Bicentennial year for each event you celebrate during your Anniversary Celebration 1984, especially the Service of Dedication!

May God’s blessing and guidance be with the congregation of Salem U.M.C. during the years ahead so that other achievements might be accomplished for God’s Kingdom through your ministry.

Yours in Christ, The Voorhaar Family (Ed, Polly, Brian, Michele and Heather)”

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**DID YOU KNOW THAT SALEM HAS A HISTORIC COMMITTEE?**

Carole Roberts, Debbie Ambrose, Marcia York and Velma Durant are working diligently to gather all the information they can on the history of Salem. We are scanning old pictures, researching former pastors,

checking the history of the stained glass windows and any other thing we can think of.

If you have ANYTHING you would like to contribute to our search or the history it self please see one of the above. Old newsletters – Thanks to Carole Roberts there is a copy of a lot of the older ones scanned and safely stored on an external hard drive. If you have any old newsletters please see Velma about borrowing them for scanning. A list of missing years will be posted on the bulletin board, in the near future, hopefully we will be able to fill in the missing years and have the old copies available for those interested in seeing them.

**FROM THE CONGREGATION**



**“Sharing my thoughts with you....”**

from Charlyne Lewis

Most of us have returned from our “summer fun”...and are preparing for the new Fall year. Let’s just step back a bit here, and decide ‘where’ and ‘to whom’ our priorities lie...our families, friends, co-workers, special events, etc...BUT let’s not forget to put that ‘Number One Person’ at the very top of ALL of this...none other than our precious Savior, Jesus!! After all, without Him at the helm of our lives, we’d get nowhere, fast! Speaking from experience, I can tell you folks, He *is* necessary, or else nothing works. We are blessed every day that we are ‘up and breathing,’ and owe it all to Him...He will truly grant ALL of our prayers and requests, if we only *trust* in the One who can make it all happen!

God Bless!!

Charlyne

The Prayer of Jabez 4: 10  
Hymn #380



Nancy Morrel sent a poem she knew we would all enjoy. She said it was copyrighted and I would probably need to get permission. I emailed the author and within 15 minutes time I received a reply and an approved copy. Enjoy this poem and thank you Nancy for thinking of us. Such a wonderful feeling reading it, we can all relate to this poem. (Velma)

**WHEN I SAY, "I AM A CHRISTIAN"**

When I say, "I am a Christian"  
I'm not shouting, "I've been saved!"  
I'm whispering, "I get lost sometimes"  
That's why I chose this way"

When I say, "I am a Christian"  
I don't speak with human pride  
I'm confessing that I stumble  
Needing God to be my guide

When I say, "I am a Christian"  
I'm not trying to be strong  
I'm professing that I'm weak  
And pray for strength to carry on

When I say, "I am a Christian"  
I'm not bragging of success  
I'm admitting that I've failed  
And cannot ever pay the debt

When I say, "I am a Christian"  
I don't think I know it all  
I submit to my confusion  
Asking humbly to be taught

When I say, "I am a Christian"  
I'm not claiming to be perfect  
My flaws are all too visible  
But God believes I'm worth it

When I say, "I am a Christian"  
I still feel the sting of pain  
I have my share of heartache,  
Which is why I seek His name

When I say, "I am a Christian"  
I do not wish to judge  
I have no authority  
I only know I'm loved

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## CONDOLENCES

Our Condolences to the Wahl family on the loss of Jerry's father, Kenneth, in Minnesota. Our prayers are with you during your time of grief.

## 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 have not reached our goal of \$2,500. Please consider giving in Memory of someone or in honor of someone or just because you want someone to be able to sleep without the fear of contracting malaria from the swarms of mosquitoes they have to live with.

## CONGRATULATIONS

### To the Ranshaws:



Celebrating the arrival of a new Great-grandchild, Joanne is thrilled to announce the arrival of Richard Wayne IV, on July 10, 2014, weight 8 lbs 4 oz; Son of Ashley and Richard Wayne Ranshaw, III.

## A SPECIAL THANK YOU

To Nathan Cogers for his faithful service of providing us with such beautiful music while our Music Director, Rose Eide-Altman, was on vacation.

## REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS:

Rev. Jeanne Klauda, Anna Unglesbee, Flo Johnston, Bob and Helen Van Druff, Reta McKeever, Janet and Rob Howes, Eddie Gregg and Tony Hopkins. Their addresses are posted on the bulletin board in the hallway or call Rev. Sue.

## CHURCH COUNCIL

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

Debbie Ambrose, Church Council Chair

## COFFEE HOUR HOSTESSES

### Hostesses for August

### PLEASE NOTE THE OPEN POSITIONS!

|           |                    |
|-----------|--------------------|
| 8/03/2014 | Barbara Achstetter |
| 8/10/2014 | Marsha Thorpe      |
| 8/17/2014 | OPEN               |
| 8/24/2014 | Debbie Ambrose     |
| 8/31/2014 | OPEN               |

Please consider taking one of the open days.

## GOD'S VICTORY GARDEN: GROWING VEGETABLES FOR MANNA

The harvest has begun. So far 56 lbs of vegetables have been delivered to Manna. Below is a picture of the Manna crew weighing in our latest offering.



From left to right Lou Nyass, Blanch Hall, and Referral Office Manager Yelba Majica

The employees are most thankful for each delivery that is made and a thank you from the line of people waiting for their turn to obtain food for their families. We also wish to thank Anne Ennes for all her hard work in planting and maintaining the garden.

## ATTENTION METHODIST MEN.

The Men's Group will not meet in August. Watch for a special meeting in Sept. that will be open to all & will be very interesting. Mark Sat., Sept. 6th, 8:30 am on your calendar; details will follow.

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

## 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 are to be provided by the donor.

## HAPPENINGS

### LORD'S TABLE

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

**School Supplies:** Again this year we are cooperating with St. Peters Catholic Church in providing school supplies for Brooke Grove Elementary School. This is a county-wide effort and all supplies should be in the box provided at church by **August 17<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you once again for your thoughtfulness and support.

Brooke Grove Elementary will need:

- Large Backpacks
- School boxes
- Washable Markers
- Large and regular crayons (8 pk/24 pk)
- Colored Pencils (12 pk and 24 pk)
- Expo markers
- Red pens
- Yellow highlighters
- ½" and 1" flexible plastic 3 ring binders
- Sticky notes
- Pink erasers
- Inexpensive flash drives
- Notebook dividers
- Multi-pack of highlighters
- Spiral notebooks – wide ruled
- Marble composition folders
- Large Elmer's Glue sticks
- #2 pencils (dozen packs)
- Pencil Pouches
- Double pocket folders

Plastic pocket folders w clear slip covers  
Calculators.

### 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).

**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](mailto:velma_durant@yahoo.com). We don't want to leave you out. Thank you.

### Our August Birthdays are:

|                    |       |
|--------------------|-------|
| Ranshaw, Joanne    | 08/02 |
| Wahl, Ginny        | 08/07 |
| Roberts, Blake     | 08/14 |
| Thurston, Yvette   | 08/18 |
| Lewis, Charlyne    | 08/19 |
| Bittner, Cloyd Jr. | 08/29 |
| Weinberger, Cooper | 08/29 |
| Lyon, Marie        | 08/30 |

### August Anniversaries

|                            |       |
|----------------------------|-------|
| Savage, Brandon and Debbie | 08/07 |
| Rhinehart, Roger and Patti | 08/22 |
| Brown, Bob and Maryellen   | 08/27 |
| Friis, Mark and Suzanna    | 08/27 |

## IN OUR COMMUNITY

**Sandy Spring Lions Club:** Monday, August 25 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.

## "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.

**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](http://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 – Rev. Lillian Geib**

Sad to say no one made a guess this time, guess we stumped you. Give a try next month. I gave you a hint, someone from Salem’s past.



**Rev. Lil writes:** “Born at Georgetown Hospital some time ago - I am a true Washingtonian. My mom taught in DC Public Schools and my Dad was in Real Estate in the area. Before I was the pastor at Salem I was a VISTA volunteer, a social service worker/administrator and pastor at Solomons and Olivet UMCs. Paul and I have been married for thirty-one years, have three children and four grandsons with another grandbaby on the way gender unknown. We are currently living in Spencer, Virginia enjoying a very active retirement. Once a month I teach an adult Sunday School class and preach on occasion. Third Saturday of the month finds us working in the food bank and at the end of July we will be volunteering at a Health Event in Wise, Virginia. Hope you all are having a great summer.”



Rev. Lil and Rev. Janet at Salem

**OUR NEXT CHALLENGE ...**

**DO YOU KNOW WHO THIS IS?**



Can you guess who this adorable little boy is?  
Answer in September's Edition of the Salem News.

The Salem Newsletter is assembled and published by Velma Durant,  
and edited by Curtis Smith and Rev. Sue Shorb-Sterling.