

Salem United Methodist Church

January 2015 Newsletter

“181 Years and Still Loving, Serving and Celebrating”



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HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE SALEM NEWSLETTER

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



Dec. 21st Happy Birthday Rev. Sue! Chuck Sterling joins his wife for a birthday photograph.

Dear Salem UM Church Community,

A New Year has begun! And with that comes the hope of a new beginning, but often it doesn't take long before we realize that life goes on about the same. Our problems are still there. The New Year didn't wipe them away. The celebration of the birth of a Savior, Christ, the Lord seems so long ago. However, in the church we continue to celebrate Jesus, making his self known to us in this Season of Epiphany. One could say, I suppose, that the Epiphany is a Jesus Selfie! No, Jesus

doesn't post his "selfie" on Facebook, so how is Jesus being made known to you?

Or perhaps Jesus isn't being made known to you, and you are wrestling with doubt. If you are, you are not alone. In fact we should not be afraid to doubt anything. Doubting is not a sign of weakness. No matter how strong our faith is, at some point we experience doubt. When we doubt, we begin to ask the right questions. When these questions are answered, then our faith grows stronger. Doubt causes us to dig deeper into our relationship with God.

Did you know that some prominent Christians wrestled with doubt? C. S. Lewis struggled with issues in his personal life and mood swings. He wrote, "Faith is the art of holding on to things your reason has once accepted, in spite of your changing moods." Mother Teresa, who is remembered for her unwavering faith as she ministered to the poor and sick, struggled with loneliness and doubts. She wrote, "Darkness is such that I really do not see - neither it with my mind nor with my reason - the place of God in my

soul is blank.” She felt empty and void of God’s love and faith. Martin Luther had moments of doubt about his salvation. And from the Bible, Thomas doubted that Jesus rose from the dead.

So to all of us who have moments in which we doubt our faith, we stand in good company. We can question the existence of God. We can question the presence of Christ in our life. We can question if the Holy Spirit has any power. We can ask, “If Jesus is our Emmanuel - God with us, then why does he feel so very far away?”

During this season of Epiphany we will wrestle with our doubts. We will ask the questions. We may even scream out our pain. But together, we seek the answers as Jesus is manifest in our doubts and questioning. Those who have doubted before us have shown us that God does hear our questions. Jesus does show up. And the Holy Spirit does continue to offer us comfort.

I would like to know about your doubts, so email me (shorster@yahoo.com), send me a private message on Facebook, or drop me a note. Here are some questions you can consider:

- † Have you ever doubted God?
- † What is/was your doubt?
- † Did your faith grow stronger because of the doubting?
- † How did your faith grow stronger?

2015 is a New Year, but I have faith that we will not be alone in this year as we have not been alone in previous ones. Do you doubt this?

Wrestling With You,
Rev. Sue

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Visiting Clergy

- Jan 4: Epiphany of The Lord Sunday,
Rev. Mark Derby, retired pastor “Finding Your Place at God’s Banquet Table”
Luke 15:11-32
- Jan 11: Baptism of Our Lord Sunday, Rev. J. W. Park, District Superintendent of Central Maryland, Baltimore-Washington Conference

Sermon Series:

The D/F Wrestling Match: Doubt/Faith

Sunday, Jan 18: “Can Anything Good Come Out Of This?”

I Samuel 3:1-20; Psalm 139:1-6,13-18;
John 1:43-51

Sunday, Jan 25: “Really?”

Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 62:512; Mark 1:14-20

Sunday, Feb 1: “But I Thought I Knew?”

Psalm 111; I Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28

Sunday, Feb 8: “Am I Being Ignored?”

Isaiah 40: 21-31; Psalm 147:1-11;
I Corinthians 9:16-23

WITH DEEP GRATITUDE

As I reflect on 2014, I am grateful for the joint ministries that we have done together. We entered 2014 with some trepidation as we transitioned from two clergy: one elder and one deacon, to only having an elder. If we doubted, God has been faithful. This year has been filled with hard work and joy, as we served alongside each other. Thank you for a great year of ministry.

I would also like to thank the SPRC for granting me two weeks writing leave to finish the project paper for my Doctor in Ministry degree. Upon successful completion of this paper, I should receive my degree in May. I thank all of you for your prayers and continued support.

Rev.Sue

YOUTH GROUP

Sundays: 6:30-8:00 pm
Community Hall



Cast members listed below

Our worship service for December 21st was presented by our youth group, which did a fantastic job.

“A Child Is Born” was adapted from Bible Zone Live Advent Sunday School Lessons with adaptation written by Barbara Achstetter. There were 4 Scenes covering the announcement in Isaiah to the birth of Jesus in the Little Town of Bethlehem.

The cast consisted of:

- Narrators: Amy Roberts and Sarah Morillo
- Isaiah: Jacob Weinberger
- Micah: Cydney Offord
- Joseph: Wyatt Thompson
- Angel: Carlos Barinas
- Mary: Karmen Martin
- Shepherds: Donovan and AidenThompson
- Angels: Cydney Offord/Jacob Weinberger

Special thanks to Barbara Achstetter and Carole Roberts for assistance with this production.

Thank you, young people, and the adults who gave their time and effort to give us this heart - warming adaption of the story of our Savior’s birth.

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**JOY TO THE WORLD  
THE LORD IS COME  
LET EARTH RECEIVE HER KING!**



On Sunday, Dec 21, our youth group was joined by some members of the congregation (AND SANTA!) in singing Christmas Carols to our church’s shut-ins.

All reports coming say it was wonderful.

**No Youth Jan 4 and 11  
Youth will resume Jan 18**

**Adopt-a-Rocker!**

We have 15, yes, 15 youth and adults going to ROCK in Ocean City from February 6-8, 2015.

Would you consider sponsoring one of us as we head to ROCK? The cost of adopting one of us is only \$25. What do you get in return? The joy of

praying for us and an OC post card of thanks. Stay tuned for more details.

**Safe Sanctuary Reboot**

For the past seven years we have observed a Safe Sanctuary Policy. The purpose of this policy is to keep our children, youth, and the adults who work with them safe. Each adult who worked with youth or children has filled out a Sexual Lay Misconduct Form and submitted to a criminal background check. Maryellen Brown received new training this fall. Armed with new knowledge, the SPRC rewrote our Safe Sanctuary policy. Now, anyone who works with our children and youth, must sign a Sexual Lay Misconduct Form, complete a training workshop or an online training program, and submit to a criminal background check. A list will be posted of all adults who have completed all three successfully. Only people on this list will be allowed to work with children and/or youth. Copies of this policy will be made available after the first of the year.

**Safe Sanctuary Training:** Sunday, Jan 25 after the 10:00 am worship, brown bag lunch.

To take online training see Rev. Sue, Hisashi Yamagata, or Maryellen Brown.

**ASP 2015**

Please everyone, come out to the ASP fund raisers as moneys make it possible for our **three** teams to represent Salem UMC in helping people in Appalachia have a better life. They are our hands in this mission field!



Serving are: Carlos Barinas and Blake Roberts  
Being served are: Kulley Bancroft and Kenny Wahl

Our ASP teams started their fundraising effort with breakfast on December 7th. There was a very good turn-out for their first event, and no one went away hungry. There will be three teams going this year and I don’t know if it makes a difference or not, but for two teams \$11,000 was needed. These young people and adults, donating their time –

some their vacation time – to represent Salem in this missionary project NEED our support in all their fundraisers.

Won't you sponsor one of the crewmembers and also help them raise the needed funds for this week away helping someone in need?

**Sunday, Dec 14, Cookie Bake-off!**



Left to right: Rachel Bartley, Kenny Wahl, and Carole Roberts

What an array of cookies! Almost any kind you could hope for covered the table. The soup was hot and filling. And we have winners! Kenny Wahl was third place, Rachel Bartley took second place with her Snickerdoodles, and for the third year in a row Carole Roberts came through with first place with her own creation, Chocolate Salted Caramel Truffle.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

**Future fund- raisers are:**

**January 3, 2015 – 6:00 pm** – Epiphany Auction and Chili Cook-Off - any gifts you want to regift? Other “stuff” you want to get rid of – remember your trash is someone else’s treasure. Also bring a pot of your favorite chili; who knows, you might be the Chili King/Queen this year. ONLY \$1.00 a vote! Chili tasting and voting begins at 6:00 pm. All items for the auction should be in the hall by 5:30 pm. Silent auction starts at 6:00 pm with live auction at 7:00 pm.

**February 15<sup>th</sup> – 11:15 am** Valentines Breakfast

**March 8<sup>th</sup> – 11:15 am** ASP Breakfast

**April 18<sup>th</sup>** – Yard Sale (start picking out the items you would like to donate, but do not bring them to church until you are asked).

**ALL THESE EVENTS WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE COMMUNITY HALL!**

**A TIME FOR CHILDREN**

As publisher I picked December 21<sup>st</sup> as the Sunday for “A Time for Children.”



As the children gathered around Rev. Sue, she talked about Christmas and the upcoming play presented by our youth.

She asked the children if they would like to be sheep in the play; of course they were anxious to do so. See their picture under the Youth Group heading.

**FROM THE PARISH NURSE**

**Vaccine News**

If you haven't gotten it already, please think about getting your *flu vaccine*! Flu season has begun and it looks like there will be a lot of cases this year. You can get it at almost any pharmacy or walk-in clinic. You will *not* get the flu from getting the vaccine. I'm happy to talk with anyone who has any questions about the vaccine. Just ask!

If you are over 60, another vaccine that I strongly encourage everyone to get is the *shingles vaccine*. If you had the chickenpox (and most of us did as children), then you could get shingles. It can be a very painful illness with a good chance of complications. It's not worth taking a chance on this one. Talk to your doctor soon about getting this vaccine. If you have any questions, ask me!  
~Maryellen Brown

**MEMORY GARDEN**

If you are interested in placing an order for a brick to honor/remember someone, please see the order blank at the end of this newsletter. Cut off time to be included in the spring ceremony is January 31, 2015.

## FROM THE CONGREGATION



**“Sharing With You”**  
**...from Charlyne Lewis**  
*This brand new year of 2015 brings with it all kinds of unexpected “surprises” for all of us...we only have to be open in our minds and hearts to receive them when they come our way!!*

*The Epiphany is truly a wondrous thing, isn't it? Wouldn't it be neat if we could be 'little mice' and be at the stable when the Magi arrived on that eventful day, and saw the Babe for the first time? What a picture that must have been...they were truly in awe of Him! We are so blessed each year to celebrate His birth and a 'new beginning' ahead for each of us.*

*May all of you, dear ones, be loved and blessed in this New Year.*

*Charlyne*

*Matthew 2:7-12*



## THE LONGEST NIGHT



*Sunday, December 21, 2014,*

Not feeling merry this time of year? You are not alone. Many are experiencing a loss, suffering from depression, or have flash-backs of bad memories at this time when everyone seems to be happy and joyful.

Entering the sanctuary, the unlit candles were circled by a plain wreath; as we lit the advent candles, a prayer was offered after the lighting of each of the advent candles. The first candle (of inclusion) “God of the Lonely, with you all are invited and included. Give us your hope in the midst of our despair and loneliness. Amen” seemed to cover the purpose of the service. The

congregation was invited to light a candle around the wreath and place flowers in the wreath, which will be displayed in the sanctuary during the Christmas season. We joined each other in celebrating communion. The attendance was very low but God was with us and brought peace to the hearts present.

## THE YMCA YOUTH SNOWMEN



Thanks to all of you who have purchased a gift for a child who participates with the YMCA Youth Mentoring program (formally Bridges to Pals). All of the children were "adopted."

## IMAGINE NO MALARIA

We have met our \$2,500 commitment for Imagine No Malaria!

## CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to Bob Gainer's family, former Salem member, on his death from health issues on December 10th. You may send cards to Marti Gainer, Woodside Plantation, 339 Forest Pines Rd., Aiken, SC 29803.

Also to Sue Daley on the loss of her mother, Helen Hughes; and Eileen Poe-Yamagata on the loss of her uncle, Richard Stevens.

## REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS:

Rev. Jeanne Klauda, Anna Unglesbee, 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.

## CHRISTMAS BASKETS



Two of our four baskets.

Our Christmas Baskets list filled up quickly and once again Salem stepped up to provide for those less fortunate this holiday season.

We at Salem have a lot to be thankful for and the ability to step in and help others is one of our greatest blessings. Thank you one and all.

### CHURCH COUNCIL

#### Church Council Meeting Highlight December 11, 2014

- Council members discussed our ministry in carrying out our Mission and striving to achieve our Vision. The focus of this discussion was on what Salem does well. We'd love to hear from YOU about this!! What do YOU think Salem does very well?
- We heard about members recovering from surgery – Eddie Gregg and Dean Preville are both now home after back surgery. Joanne Keister is at home after breaking her ankle.
- We have celebrated 3 milestone birthdays – Anna Unglesbee is 94, Charlotte Bryant is 100 and Bob VanDruff is 95.
- Flo Johnston's funeral was December 1. Our condolences to her beloved sister Anna Unglesbee.
- Thank you to the Elementary Sunday School class teachers. All will be continuing in the spring semester. ☺
- Congratulations to the McKeever family on the baptism of baby Cole.
- The computer program "Sign up Genius" will once again be used to sign up for Sunday coffee hours.
- The Women's Bazaar was a great success! Thanks to everyone for your support.
- Thanks to Libby Wright for coordinating our Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets

and the YMCA Mentoring Holiday Gift Project.

- We have met our "No More Malaria" goal of \$2500!
- George Robinson is the new leader of the Men's Group.
- The Interfaith Thanksgiving Service held at B'nai Shalom was well attended. It was great to have so many Salem members and friends there.
- Apportionments are paid up through December and our Operating Budget has a positive balance, ☺
- Pledges for the coming year are down from last year. If you've forgotten, please submit yours as soon as possible. It helps the Finance Committee with preparing a workable budget. Thank you.
- The Trustees are working to resolve issues with the new furnace and looking to find a contractor to replace the older furnace that warms our sanctuary.
- Rev. Sue will be taking 2 weeks of leave after Christmas to finish the final paper for her degree program. We will have guest preachers on January 4 (Mark Derby) and January 11 (District Superintendent J.W. Park)

### SALEM UNITED METHODIST MEN

Men of Salem - come out on the first Saturday of each month to the Community Hall at 8:00 am and enjoy breakfast along with your meeting.

### OOPS!!! I MADEA MJSTAKE



Janet Howes and Charlotte Bryan

Although Joyce said it would be an honor being Charlotte Bryan's sister, but she must turn the honor over to Janet. I am sorry for my mistake.

## COFFEE HOUR HOSTESSES

### Hostesses for January

So far NO ONE has contacted Joyce Howes or Anne Ennes to host Social Hour in January. Please volunteer!

If you can provide snacks for coffee hour, it doesn't have to be fancy; please contact Anne Ennes @ [ALHENMD@aol.com](mailto:ALHENMD@aol.com) or Joyce Howes @ [cucinotta1@verizon.net](mailto:cucinotta1@verizon.net) with your date to serve.

Men, consider being host for a Sunday or two.

In the near future you will be able to go to: [www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4FA8AA2BA3F85-coffee](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4FA8AA2BA3F85-coffee) to sign up for the rest of the year.

### 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. Dedicate them to someone or in Memory of someone or an event. Please, let's not see plastic on the altar!

### HAPPENINGS

#### Lord's Table

January 24<sup>th</sup>, The Lord's Table is a soup kitchen located at St. Martin of Tours, 201 S. Frederick Ave., Gaithersburg. We begin cooking at 1 pm and serve at 3:30 pm. We welcome everyone to come and help serve.

### A SUCCESSFUL BAZAAR



Brynn McKeever with Santa

All I can say is WOW! Despite the wet weather (thank goodness it was not snow), we pulled off a great bazaar. What a talented group of people we have here at Salem UMC and you should be so proud of yourselves!

The food was fabulous as it always is. Perfect comfort food and some were ready to eat lunch at

10:00am when they came in the door. Thank you ladies!

The bake table had such yummys for the tummy. Such clever ideas at the craft table. The kids enjoyed making gifts for their loved ones. What a variety of unique treasures.

There were a total of 82 theme baskets and when I left after 3:00 pm this afternoon, only 15 remained not sold. We keep learning year after year what people are looking for and willing to buy. We hope to have a post-bazaar meeting to reflect and begin getting prepared for the 2015 event.

The numbers are still being crunched as we wait for the expense numbers and we still have a few outstanding IOU's due, so please pay Kulley.

Thank you, thank you and thank you once again! We did well despite it all.

~Connie Somerville

### JUST A REMINDER

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

### A GREAT BIG THANK YOU

From: Maria Hauge  
Sent: Monday, December 01, 2014 9:16 PM  
To: Libby Wright  
Subject: RE: Holiday Giving Basket

Hello Libby –

Thank you so much for all your help and beautiful Thanksgiving baskets. With your help we were able to provide food baskets for 201 families this Thanksgiving. For the December holiday our numbers will be around 225 families, in which we will provide food baskets and gifts to children under 18. We truly appreciate all your help and if you need anything else please do not hesitate to contact me.

Have a great night,  
Maria  
St Peters Catholic Church,  
Holiday Baskets Coordinator

Message from Rev. Sue

**I received this message from Rev. Mansfield "Kasey" Kaseman, Interfaith Community Liaison, and wanted to share it with you.**

Dear Executive Committee and Clergy Response Team,

I think you will appreciate the remarks offered last Sunday at the Rally by Assistant Police Chief, Luther Reynolds. Luther was part of our team of five addressing the COPS Annual Summit in August at the National Law Enforcement Training Center in New Brunswick, Georgia. I remind you that our Montgomery County Model is being promoted as an antidote to Ferguson, Cleveland and Staten Island. The key is forging trust between the police and community that our faith communities are best suited to facilitate.

The spirit as well as the content of his remarks should increase our confidence in working together. In addition to these printed words he spoke about his own life and the importance of reaching out and mentoring, particularly the youth. This was in response to several young people whose remarks together with our County Executive, Ike Leggett, pointed to the need for addressing the issue of discrimination and being present for them.

Rev. Mansfield "Kasey" Kaseman  
Interfaith Community Liaison  
Office of Community Partnerships  
Montgomery County Government

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**Luther Reynolds' Remarks at Rally For Black Youth**

Greetings - My Brothers and Sisters

I am here to represent Chief Manger, our Patrol Services Bureau Chief Darryl McSwain (who are unable to attend) and the men and women of the Montgomery County Police Department.

There is great pain in this room and in many areas of our communities and we must confront and embrace this time of struggle and emerge better for it. God promises to make good of all things and I am confident He will indeed make good of this challenging season in our communities – that requires us to continue building relationships and working together!!

There is no room for hate or discrimination of any kind in our communities and as a police

department we must work hard to build and maintain public trust between the police and our community. When I heard our chief asked recently about whether Montgomery County is ready to respond to a Ferguson-type protest environment, he stated then and has almost daily reiterated to all of our department, we must work every day to build trust and legitimacy so we never face such distrust and disenfranchisement.

This means proper hiring, continuing to build our diversity in representing the communities we serve, training, policies, accountability, supervision, leadership and most of all, working with the communities we are a part of.

We are fortunate in Montgomery County to have a great deal of trust and a history of partnering and working through conflict with the community. Our department is imperfect and not without opportunities to constantly improve – we are focused daily on delivering excellence and constant improvement both internally and externally.

We have a model of problem solving and community policing where we cannot achieve success in keeping our communities safe without working closely with the people we serve.

Among the many challenges we face is that the communities who need us the most, often trust us the least. We need our communities to report crimes (many communities who need us the most have the largest amount of unreported crime), we need people to be witnesses so that when we are able to make a case we can reach the proper adjudication and we need our neighbors to be engaged in sharing information with the police, allowing us to properly and effectively address safety concerns in our neighborhoods.

Just over this past busy weekend, and in particular last night, our police officers were involved in a number of incidents where they partnered with community members who were engaged in reporting serious crimes in progress and who also, confronted perpetrators and prevented further victimization. In large part we have an engaged and supportive community and this is yet another example of that and I am thankful for a community that is united in many ways...conversely, an article on the front page of

the Post today reads; "Two Lives Collide, A Nation Divides."

I see deep-seated pain among our community and country as the deaths of Eric Gartner, Tamir Rice, Michael Brown and others are witnessed and mourned in close succession. I would like to share the following Bible verses I believe are appropriate: Colossians Chapter 3  
"Set your minds on things that are above and not on things that are on earth"  
"Put to death what is earthly in you"  
(12-14) "Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other, as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony."

I thank you for inviting our police community to bear in this together with you as we lead through these painful times. Difficult and challenging days lie ahead and we will only emerge a better and more powerful community, as we move forward together and with great compassion and love for each other. As police officers in this great community which I love, we must work hard to build on the traditions of excellence and as we travel the path of keeping our neighborhoods safe we can only do that one contact, one communication, one honest and ethical event or conversation at a time. Our actions must speak loudly in what we do, how we treat people with dignity and respect and how we work towards unity and strength with you.

### BOOK DISCUSSION SELECTIONS FALL 2014-SPRING 2015

**All meetings are held on Thursdays and are at 7:30 pm**

February 5: **The Silence Of Bonaventure Arrow**  
by Rita Leganski  
March 5: **Girl Meets God** by Lauren Winner  
May 7: **Someone** by Alice McDermott  
June 5: **Same Kind of Different As Me: A Modern-Day Slave, an International Art Dealer, and the Unlikely Woman Who Bound Them Together** by Ron Hall Denver Moore and Lynn Vincent

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### 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 January Birthdays are:

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|--------------------------|-------|
| Gundersen, Danielle      | 01/02 |
| VanHorn, Deb             | 01/02 |
| Bartley, Rachel          | 01/03 |
| Lange, Marilyn           | 01/06 |
| Stahley-Brown, Maryellen | 01/18 |
| Gregg, Kristen           | 01/20 |
| York, Marcia             | 01/20 |
| Ennes, Kathryn           | 01/22 |
| Robinson, Linda          | 01/24 |
| Poe-Yamagata, Emma       | 01/27 |

There is only one Anniversary listed for January.

Ennes, Mark and Anne 01/25

### IN OUR COMMUNITY

**Sandy Spring Lions Club:** Monday, January 26 at 7:00 pm, in Salem Community Hall.

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

**Our House:** needs Egg Cartons. Please save your empty egg cartons, place them on the coat rack in the hallway; someone will get them to Our House.

### "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 still 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 the box marked for Olney Help in the church hallway. No glass jars.

**Millian UMC Food Pantry:** Millian UMC, 13016 Parkland Dr., Rockville opens its food pantry on the second Saturday of the month. The Millian UMC 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/umcor.org](http://www/umcor.org).

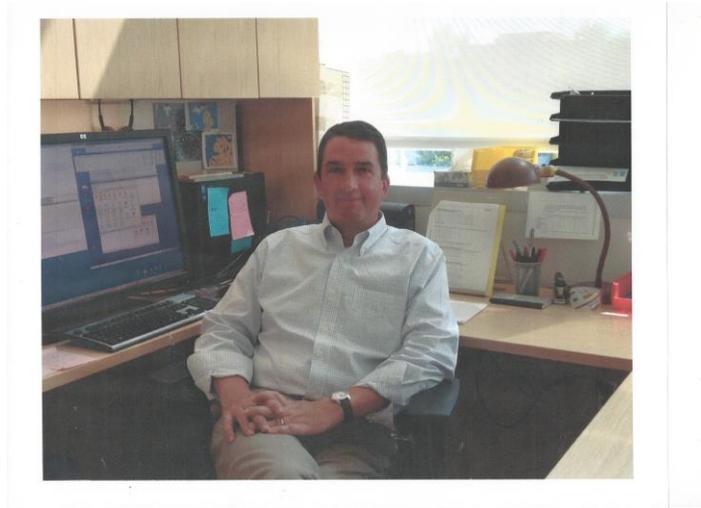
### SHAWLS

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 –**



If you guessed Rob Morell you were correct.



No comments were provided.

**OUR NEXT CHALLENGE ...**

**DO YOU KNOW WHO THIS IS?**



Can you guess who this beautiful baby girl is?

Call me 240-328-4810, email me [velma\\_durant@yahoo.com](mailto:velma_durant@yahoo.com) or stop me at church, I would love to publish your name as a person who knows.

Answer in February'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.

**SALEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
MEMORY GARDEN ENGRAVED BRICKS**



The Memory Garden was established in 2003-2004 and we have all enjoyed this beautiful project to date. The Memory Garden provides a special way to memorialize, honor and celebrate family and friends in a permanent and beautiful setting. Inasmuch as additional people have become a part of the Salem family, we are providing an opportunity to order additional bricks that will become a permanent addition to the Garden.

Additional brick orders can be placed up to January 31, 2015, with installation planned for late spring. Proceeds from this sale will go into the church general fund.

Brick size 4" x 8" engraved is \$125

Brick size 8" x 8" engraved is \$200

Brick ordering information forms are on the table in the Sanctuary or you may contact Joyce Howes at 301-774-5851 or [cucinotta1@verizon.net](mailto:cucinotta1@verizon.net).

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**MEMORY GARDEN BRICK ORDER FORM**

Brick Purchased by: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone or email: \_\_\_\_\_

Check Size :

Brick Size 4" x 8"

Brick Size 8" x 8"

Message for engraving:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to Salem United Methodist Church with Memory Garden on the memo line and give to Joyce Howes by January 31, 2015.