

# Salem United Methodist Church

## October 2015 Newsletter

«181 Years and Still Loving, Serving and Celebrating»



SALEM Methodist Protestant Church 1833



SALEM United Methodist Church 2015

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



Rev. Dr. Sue Shorb-Sterling.

To the Salem UM Church Community,

Autumn with its cool temperatures and low humidity has arrived. In the church with the arrival of autumn comes Charge Conference. For those who may be unfamiliar with this term, Charge Conference is an annual meeting of the church with our District Superintendent. This person is appointed by our Bishop to oversee the churches in our area which is called the Central Maryland District. This annual meeting is both a report of the past year as well as visioning for our future.

This year our District Superintendent, Rev. Jongwoo (JW) Park, has asked each of the churches he supervises to consider two questions:

- † "What does the future of your church look like?"
- † "What do you believe that God is going to do with you?"

For the last two Church Council meetings, Deb Ambrose, the Church Council Chair has been asking the Council to be thinking and praying about the answers to these questions. Velma Durant, our newsletter editor, was the first one to respond in writing. She wrote that the first time she walked into Salem she felt that she "had come home. The love was overflowing...and I KNEW God was there. My disappointment came when I found out there was ONLY ONE SERVICE A WEEK. My thought was: can these people get enough of hearing God's word that He gives to the speaker that they don't need to come back? ...I can't imagine! So, as I have been praying about the dark sanctuary 7 nights a week, the thought came to me – Why not open the doors about 7 pm on Wednesday, no formal service but just a bunch of believers joined together in spirit and love, offering songs of praise, prayers and edification from members of the congregation, not necessarily assigned to speak but what's on your heart at that

moment - no gripes and complaints but glorifying God.”

Deb read Velma’s response to the September Church Council meeting. We discussed the fact that the number of those who are active in the church remains a much higher number than our average weekly attendance. Many have other obligations on Sunday mornings and cannot attend worship at that time. Would the congregation benefit from another worship time? So by the end of our discussion, we decided to have a separate time of informal worship on **Wednesday evenings for just 30 minutes, 7:00-7:30 pm**. There will be no set order of worship, no prescribed songs or prayers, but a time to praise God, pray, and be encouraged. We are calling this time “**Prayer and Share**.” Our first one will begin on **Wednesday, October 7**. So stop in after work, or after your dinner hour to praise and give thanks to our Lord and Savior, offer up prayers, and be encouraged for the rest of the week.

With Grace and Peace,

Rev. Sue

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### Your Thoughts and Prayers

As stated in the pastor’s letter, we are addressing these two questions. How would you answer them?

- 1) “What does the future of your church look like?”
- 2) "What do you believe that God is going to do with you?"

We would love to hear from you. Send your responses to Deb Ambrose, Church Council Chair, djcambrose@gmail.com or Rev. Sue at pastor@salemunitedmethodist.org

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Prayer and Share Worship  
Wednesdays 7:00-7:30 pm  
Begins Wednesday, October 7  
Come to Praise, Pray, and Be Encouraged**

### Worship Schedule

Sun. Oct 4 World Communion Sunday with OURI Korean Church at 10:00 am  
Ethnic Pot Luck Dinner after 10:00

worship. Bring your favorite ethnic dish.

### Stewardship Sermon Series: Earn, Save, Give

Sun. Oct 11 “Save” Erin Wheeler,  
seminary intern, preaching  
Sun. Oct 18 “Give” Commitment Sunday  
Sun. Oct 25 Celebrating our Gifts

### YOUTH GROUP

**Youth Group 6:30-8:00 pm  
in the Community Hall**

Oct 4: Grace: Part 3  
Oct 11: Grace: Part 4  
Oct 18: What is the church?  
Oct 25: Halloween Party

### ROCK in Ocean City, MD Feb 5-7

Youth and Adults are invited to attend.  
**Yes, there is an Adult Only room** (The music isn’t as loud!)  
Tickets are \$65 to cover entrance fee and group expenses  
See Rev. Sue by Oct 15 if you are planning to attend.

### STEWARDSHIP

Autumn means many things, and for Salem, it also means the start of our annual stewardship campaign. This fall drive is aimed at helping us plan the budget for the coming year - but also about helping us plan the ministry of Salem.

It's easy to think of the stewardship campaign as simply a fundraising push for the church, but it's much more than that. Salem relies on each member to contribute their "prayer, presence, gifts, service and witness" to the ministries we participate in.

Salem is a part of many different ministries. From the Lord's Table to our outreach to the community, from community events in our hall and the youth group and Appalachia Service Project, Salem is a church on the move. Each ministry takes resources, and that's part of why we do the stewardship series!

The theme of this stewardship series is "earn all you can, save all you can, give all you can." The stewardship committee would like to ask each member of Salem to prayerfully consider their pledge for 2015, and consider "giving all they can" to the ministries of the Salem church.

**SYMPATHY**

Our sympathy to the family of Jarrett Harman, a student at Sherwood High School and a member of our community, who lost his life in a motorcycle accident.

Our sympathy goes out to the family of Mike Smith who died of Cancer on Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>.

Mike was the former husband of Patti Rhinehart and the father of Michael and Kelly Smith.

We send Condolence to the Fletcher family and all the friends of Harry Fletcher, the founder of Fletcher's Gas Station.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

**There was an omission in the September newsletter. Brandon and Debbie Savage came home from the Montgomery County fair with lots of ribbons. This was copied from Debbie's Facebook page:**

"Brandon's first place and grand champion caramels, first place chocolate covered caramels, second place peanut brittle and second place chocolate covered toffee. My sixth place knit scarf and fourth knit place hat [#mocoFair](#) — at [Montgomery County Ag Fair, MD.](#)"

Congratulations to Janet Howes on her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. So very sorry you broke your hip and couldn't attend your Birthday Party; all the reports said it was a wonderful party.

If you would like to send Janet a card, she can be found at Lorien Assisted Living, 705 Midway Ave., Mount Airy, MD 21771; Telephone: 301-829-6050, ext. 159

We also want to congratulate Rachel Bartley on receiving her driver's license on August 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Another of our new college students that I missed last month:**

Sandali Chandradasa, the daughter of our Nursery Teacher, Wathsala Harischandra, is attending the College Park campus of The University of Maryland.

**ASP 2016**

Please note the date in the heading. ASP 2015 is HISTORY and will be so noted in The History of Salem UMC. However, ASP 2016 fund - raisers are about to get underway. Bob is desperately looking for SOMEONE who will pick up the "Event Planning Hat" and RUN with it. Can you (or maybe a committee) organize the Cookie bake-off, the Chili cook-off and auction and the annual yard sale? Do you (or the committee) have NEW fun ideas to raise money for our next ASP Missionary Opportunity? Please let Bob Brown hear from you soon!

**A TIME FOR CHILDREN**



Since September 20<sup>th</sup> was ASP Sunday, Erin's message was about helping others. Yes, even the very youngest child can help by picking up their toys and helping older people by holding doors and picking up dropped items.

**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.

Proverbs 3:5-6

**5** Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;

**6** in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

## FROM THE CONGREGATION

The following was found on Facebook from NEWSLINQ.COM. I hope you enjoy them.

### **20 Incredible Quotes By Dr. Seuss We Can All Learn From**

1. "Today you are YOU, that is truer than true. There is no one alive who is Youer than YOU."

*(Happy Birthday To You)*

2. You oughta be thankful a whole heaping lot, for the people and places you're lucky you're **not**.

*(Did I Ever Tell You How Lucky You Are?)*

3. "You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose."

*(Oh The Places You'll Go!)*

4. You do not like them. So you say. Try them! Try them! And you may. Try them and you may, I say.

*(Green Eggs and Ham)*

5. "Unless someone like you cares a whole lot, NOTHING is going to get better. It's not."

*(The Lorax)*

6. We've GOT to make noises in greater amounts! So, open your mouth, lad! For every voice counts!

*(Horton Hears A Who)*

7. And will you succeed? Yes! You will, indeed! (98 and  $\frac{3}{4}$  percent guaranteed.)

*(Oh The Places You'll Go!)*

8. So be sure when you step. Step with care and great tact and remember that Life's A Great Balancing Act.

*(Oh The Places You'll Go!)*

9. "Maybe Christmas," he thought, "doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas... perhaps... means a little bit more!"

*(How The Grinch Stole Christmas)*

10. If we didn't have birthdays, you wouldn't be you. If you'd never been born, well then what would you do?

*(Happy Birthday To You!)*

11. The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.

*(I Can Read With My Eyes Shut)*

12. Shout loud, "I am lucky to be what I am! Thank goodness I'm not just a clam or a ham or a dusty old jar of sour gooseberry jam!"

*(Happy Birthday To You!)*

13. *Don't give up! I believe in you all.* A person's a person, no matter how small!

*(Horton Hears A Who)*

14. And the turtles of course... all the turtles are free. As turtles, and maybe ALL creatures, should be.

*(Yertle The Turtle)*

15. There are so many things you can learn about, but you'll miss the best things if you keep your eyes shut.

*(I Can Read With My Eyes Shut)*

16. Today is gone. Today was fun. Tomorrow is another one!

*(One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish)*

17. Think left and think right and think low and think high. Oh, the thinks you can think up if only you try!

*(Oh, The Thinks You Can Think)*

18. I know up on top you are seeing great sights, But down here on the bottom, We too should have rights.

*(Yertle The Turtle)*

19. So, on beyond Z! It's high time you were shown. That you really don't know. All there is to be known.

*(On Beyond Zebra!)*

20. Sometimes the questions are complicated and the answers are simple

## Church Council Meeting Highlights

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September 24, 2015

As we move into fall, Church Council met to hear about the various ministries of Salem and to begin to prepare for our upcoming Charge Conference. This will be held on Sunday,

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November 1, at 12:00 noon. Our Coffee Hour that day will be a potluck luncheon. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend and then to stay for Charge Conference. (12:00-1:30)

Rev. Sue began the meeting with our devotion, focused on our charge to be disciples of Jesus Christ and to make disciples of all nations.

Concerns were shared for Janet Howes, Betty Bittner, the Van Druuffs, Caroline Herndon's great-granddaughter, Brindley, Doug Whalen, and Sharon Lyons' parents.

Fall classes are filling up (Covenant taught by Rev. Sue, and Not a Fan, led by Erin Wheeler).

Youth Group has begun and has several new members ☺.

The average Year-to-Date attendance for Sunday morning is 60.

Upcoming Calendar events were shared. The calendar on our website is not accurate. Suzanne Friis is working to fix the problem

We spent time considering two important questions that we have been asked to consider in preparation for Charge Conference. They are: What does the future of our church look like? and What do we believe God is going to do with us? We had a rich and honest discussion, and left charged to continue to pray for guidance in seeking answers to these questions. Members of the congregation are encouraged to share their thoughts with a Council Member or email your ideas to Debbie Ambrose ([djcamprose@gmail.com](mailto:djcamprose@gmail.com)).

Kulley Bancroft shared the first draft of our church budget for 2016 and entertained comments and proposals for changes. This process will continue through the first half of October. The final budget will be presented to Council for approval at the October meeting.

Hasashi Yamagata shared minutes from the last SPRP meeting. Included in the minutes was a proposal to reimburse Erin Wheeler for mileage from Wesley Seminary to Salem 2 days a week. This was approved and added to the budget.

Connie Somerville shared minutes from the last Trustees meeting. She presented a very thorough report about the work that is ongoing by

the Trustees to improve, repair and maintain our buildings and grounds. Included in this report were budget requests for funds to support this ongoing work. These requests are increases in budgeted areas including maintenance, and permits and licenses. These increases will be reflected in the final budget.

Carole Roberts reported on the current status of our membership. Salem currently has 176 members. No one will be recommended for removal from our rolls at Charge Conference.

Rev. Sue is organizing a new members' class to begin soon.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted Debbie Ambrose

**SALEM UNITED METHODIST MEN**

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

### **COFFEE HOUR HOSTESSES**

**October 4<sup>th</sup> International Potluck for Coffee Hour. Bring an ethnic dish to share during Social Hour.**

Have you signed up to 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.

Please go to:

[www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4FA8AA2BA3F85-coffee](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4FA8AA2BA3F85-coffee) to sign up during the year.

### **SIGN-UP FOR:**

#### **ALTAR FLOWER'S:**

If you would like to provide flowers you may either place your name on the list on the church bulletin board or go to Sign-Up Genius at: [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0948AAAD2AA5F94-altar](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0948AAAD2AA5F94-altar).

When signing up, please indicate if the flowers are a tribute (for example: from the Jones family in honor of John's 10th birthday). Tributes will be listed in the Sunday announcements.

Purchase your flowers at the vendor of your choice and bring by Saturday afternoon. Call Rev. Dr. Sue before you head out so she can open the church for you.

Contact Suzanne Friis with questions.

**Sharing My Korean Story by Ginny Wahl**

As most of you now, I was adopted from South Korea when I was 10 years old. This past summer, I went back to Korea for the first time since I was adopted. It was like going through a full circle. It was an amazing trip! Not only did I get to see my homeland with other adoptees like myself, I also got to revisit my childhood places where I grew up. I would like to share my trip to Korea with you. **I invite you to join me in Salem's Community Room on Saturday, Oct 24 at 7:00 pm.**

**HELP NEEDED**

**Salem, How Does Your Garden Grow**

Fall is upon us and it will soon be time to prepare the garden site for winter. Anne will need lots of help in doing this. No dates have been given for this project, but just stop Anne and let her know you will be ready to help when she starts the winter preparation.

Remember the many families the Salem garden has helped this year through Manna. Thank you in advance for your help.

**Children's Craft Projects**

Barbara Achstetter needs small tuna or chicken cans to be used as a project for the Sunday School: there is a need for the "clip" clothespins to go along with this project. Please either give them to Barbara or leave them on the table in the Choir room and she will pick them up. Thank you.

**1HAPPENINGS**

**Welcome Spirit Club!** Spirit Club, a fitness group for those with disabilities, will meet in the Community Hall from 6-7 pm beginning Sept. 16. Our own Philip Weinberger is an avid participant.

**Seniors on the Move – Exercise Class:** Fridays, 9:00-10:00 am in the Community Hall. Drop in – registration not required! Participate and pay by the session or for the full fall program. For more

information contact the leader, Mary-Jo Cosgrove, at [mjcosgrove58@gmail.com](mailto:mjcosgrove58@gmail.com)

**World Communion Sunday:** Sunday October 4. Following the 10:00 am worship, we are having an ethnic pot-luck social hour. The congregation is invited to bring an ethnic dish to share.

**“What Pastors Should Know about Science”:** Sat. Oct. 17, 10am – 2 pm in the Community Hall. Hosted by WesleyNexus Inc. and Salem United Methodist Church, this project is spearheaded by the AAAS Dialogue on Science, Ethics, and Religion (DoSER), and is part of the program's efforts to advance science and serve society by encouraging productive dialogue between scientific and religious communities. Registration is open to clergy and laypersons. Limited to 40 participants. Free, but registration required. Donations to cover the cost of the lunch are welcomed. To register, send an email to [wesleynexus@aol.com](mailto:wesleynexus@aol.com). Additional information will be posted on the website: [www.wesnex.org](http://www.wesnex.org).

**BloodDrive:** Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am - 6:00pm in the Community Hall. For more information please contact Joyce Howes.

**Olney Community Night:** Monday, October 12, Salem will have a table. If you can help staff Salem's table for an hour between 4:40 and 8:00 pm please contact Deb Ambrose.

**Church Council:** Meeting October 22<sup>nd</sup> in Choir room. At 7:15 pm.

**Lord's Table Needs Volunteers:** Salem will once again serve dinner to the homeless at the Lord's Table at St. Martin's in Gaithersburg on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month through June. Help is needed for set-up, food preparation and particularly for serving between 3:30-4:40 pm. In you can help in any way, please sign up on the bulletin board. The next Lord's Table is Saturday, October 24. For information contact Barbara Achstetter at 240-388-8490.

**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).

## BOOK DISCUSSION SELECTIONS FALL 2015

Fall Book Club dates:

Thursday Oct. 1: 7:30 pm

The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis  
(meeting at Suzanne Friis')

Thursday, November 5: 7:30 pm

(book and location tbd)

Thursday, December 3: 7:30 pm

(book and location tbd)

## 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 October Birthdays are:

|                   |       |
|-------------------|-------|
| Lowe, Eric        | 10/03 |
| Lowe, Ruthie      | 10/03 |
| Frazier, Nick     | 10/06 |
| Brown, Robert     | 10/07 |
| Meisner, Joe      | 10/09 |
| O'Brien, Cecelia  | 10/20 |
| Weinberger, Emily | 10/24 |
| Ambrose, Fred     | 10/25 |
| Kaisler, Chryl    | 10/25 |
| Ambrose, Debbie   | 10/29 |

The Anniversaries listed for October:

|                           |       |
|---------------------------|-------|
| Rider, Don and Joanne     | 10/10 |
| Preville, Dean and Doreen | 10/20 |

## IN OUR COMMUNITY

**Sandy Spring Lions Club:** Monday, October 26 at 7:00 pm, in Salem Community Hall. **There is a standing request for help in preparing the dinner and setting up the room for the meeting. If you can help Mondays please contact Maryellen Eaton.**

**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; we will see that Our House gets them.

## "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.

**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!

## A NOTE OF THANKS

Thank you, Salem, for answering our call for help in providing Desserts for the Lewenski Funeral last month. It is greatly appreciated; JoAnn Keister and Barbara Achstetter

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

## FALL ADULT STUDY SERIES



### **NOT A FAN**

By Kyle Idleman and City on a Hill Productions

Leader: Erin Wheeler, Seminary Intern

Class Dates: Thursdays, Oct 1, 8, 15, 22, Nov 5 and 12.

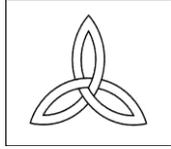
Meeting Time: 7:30-9:00pm

Location: Choir Room

What is *Not a Fan*? On the most basic level, it's a 6-episode, video-driven small group bible study, centered around the calling of every Christian to truly follow Jesus Christ. Beyond that...it's an opportunity, a time where you can be open to what Christ would have to say about your thoughts, feelings, and the motivations of your heart. It's a challenge, a call to look at your relationship with Jesus with fresh eyes, and see whether it's really everything that it could be.

Join me on a journey that will deepen our relationships with Jesus while deepening our relationships with one another as we examine what it means to be a Christian.

There are no materials or outside reading assignments required for this class. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway or email Erin at [wheeleref1@gmail.com](mailto:wheeleref1@gmail.com)



## **COVENANT BIBLE STUDY**

Leader: Rev. Dr. Sue Shorb-Sterling, Pastor

Class Times: Wednesdays 10:00-11:30 am or 7:30-9:00 pm

Beginning Date: Sept. 30 for 24 weeks

Location: Choir Room

Covenant is an in-depth group Bible study in which participants read and discuss the Bible together, learning how to love God - and each other - better.

Three 8-episode segments explore a different aspect of Covenant life. Each will examine what Covenant means and the progression of a Covenant relationship with God. There are weekly readings from the Hebrew texts and the New Testament as well as a video by a biblical scholar to invoke discussion. Each segment has a book.

**CREATING:** Examines how the Covenant community is created and established.

**LIVING:** Focuses on how the community lives out their Covenant in faithful love—how it is applied to actual relationships in everyday life.

**TRUSTING:** Looks at the crises that sometimes call Covenant life into question, and how we are restored to trust in God when troubling things happen.

Please register on the bulletin board in the hallway or email Rev. Sue at [pastor@salemunitedmethodist.org](mailto:pastor@salemunitedmethodist.org).

Learn more at: [CovenantBibleStudy.com](http://CovenantBibleStudy.com).

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 with Joyce Howes, 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.