

Salem United Methodist Church

November 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,

As I look out my window I see the beauty of God's handiwork. The leaves are a mixture of golds, reds, and yellows. What a beautiful sight! Autumn is well in hand as we enter November. Liturgically, November reflects the diversity of colors in autumn. We begin the month remembering those who went before us with our All Saints worship. Then we move into remembering Jesus is our King as we prepare for Giving Thanks both as a people of faith and as an American holiday. And finally the last Sunday in November becomes our new beginning as we enter the season of Advent. Wow! What a full month to reflect on God's great goodness in our lives!

My prayer is that we can take the time to worship Christ our King and we reflect on God's great grace in our everyday lives.

With God's blessings,
Rev. Sue

Your Thoughts and Prayers

At Church Council we continued to reflect and pray about these important questions and asked us to think about our Church's future.

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

Please take a moment to read and study these questions. We welcome your comments and 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.

Thank you for all your prayers, cards, flowers, and food during my recent illness. They all nurtured me back to health...Rev. Sue

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

Did you know that Salem UMC is open for you each Wednesday from 7 pm until 7:30 pm for a time of prayer and praise? There is no formal structure, no offerings, everyone has a chance to offer praise to our God and Saviour for what He has done in your life. Or a song you want to sing? That's great, let's sing!

During our first 4 gatherings (in October) we wondered whether the word was out about this special time of prayer and praise. So, a key prayer we offered was to ensure that ALL OF US know and are encouraged to join us on Wednesday evenings

It's only 30 minutes that we gather together in the middle of the week to say "Thank you" **TOGETHER**. Again the time is 7:00 pm to 7:30 pm.

Worship Schedule

Sunday, Nov 1 "Our Hope" All Saints Sunday
Isaiah 25:6-9; John 11:32-44;
Revelation 21:1-6, 23-24; 22:5, 12, 20
Sunday, Nov. 8 "By God's Grace"
Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17; Hebrews 9:24-28;
Mark 10:46-52
Sunday, Nov 15 Erin Wheeler, Seminary Intern,
preaching
Sunday, Nov 22 Christ the King and
Thanksgiving Sunday
Sunday, Nov 29 First Sunday of Advent

YOUTH GROUP

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

Sunday, Nov 1 An Evening with Erin
Sunday, Nov 8 Italian Dinner Youth Fundraiser
Sunday, Nov 15 "What is Church?"
Sunday, Nov 22 Preparing for Thanksgiving
Sunday, Nov 29 "What is Advent?"

**Youth Group Italian Dinner
Sunday, Nov. 8, 6:30-8:00 pm in the
Community Hall**

Join the youth for a Italian dinner and participate (or not) in the utensil-free "Sloppy Eater" contest.

Donations support youth group activities and their Compassion Child.

**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 if you have any questions.

ANOTHER SPECIAL SUNDAY



On October 11th, Erin Wheeler, our Seminary Intern, brought her first message. She "kicked off" our Stewardship campaign with her message 'Save.' It was a very good sermon reminding us of the important things in our lives.

BETHLEHEM UMC SENDS FORTH ERIN



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On October 25, 2015 a special charge conference was held at Bethlehem United Methodist Church in Dallastown, Pennsylvania to address the candidacy of Erin Wheeler. The conference resulted in a unanimous vote of approval to recommend Erin as a suitable candidate for certification by the York District Committee on Ordained Ministry. Erin's interview with the district committee is scheduled for November 4.

STEWARDSHIP

With the closing of our annual Stewardship campaign, we are thrilled to announce final pledge total is \$123,930. This is a \$2,800 increase over last year, and we have a total of 30 pledges so far. Thank you Salem for opening your hearts and pocketbooks to help maintain Salem for the 2016 year budget.

WORLD COMMUNION DAY

October 4th was World Communion Day and Salem welcomed OURI Korean Congregation to join us in worship. This congregation worships in our sanctuary on Sunday afternoons.



Rev. Yoo Jong, pastor of OURI Korean Church opened the service in prayer and during communion served each of us. The service was wonderful, the love of God flowed freely and food afterwards was really great. Each family brought a dish from the country they originated from. It was a very enjoyable day and new friendships were formed in spite of the language difference.

Hopefully in the future there will be chances for other joint worship services.

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy to the Poe-Yamagata family on the death of Eileen's Mother, Rosemary Poe.

Our sympathy goes out to the Matthew family on the sudden death of Thomas. He is the father of Mary Kay Abramson.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to these two families and may God grant them His comfort.

CONGRATULATIONS



Ian Brown at Salem

On October 10, 2015 Jillian Buschauer of Huntington Beach CA married Ian Brown. Ian grew up at Salem, attending Sunday School, Youth Group, serving as an acolyte and acting in Christmas plays. He relocated to California in 2008. The ceremony and reception took place at the home of the bride's Grandfather in Yucaipa CA. Steve Stahley, Ian's Uncle and Maryellen Brown's brother, officiated at the ceremony. On Oct 19 the couple left for a 2 week honeymoon in Japan. They reside in Los Angeles



From left to right: Bob, Adrienne, Jillian, Ian and Maryellen Brown

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

As we assemble the Newsletter Joyce Wedler is in Seattle, Washington for the marriage of her son, Rob to Katie Silva. We send our congratulations to the Bride and Groom and safe travels to Joyce and her daughter Carolyn.

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 fundraisers are about to get underway. Bob Brown 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



A time for children was led by Ginny Day Wahl during World Communion Sunday, since OURI Korean Church had joined us for service. Ginny was born in Korea and shared moments of her trip with the children, showing them different things of everyday life in Korea.

Another newsworthy item concerning our children –



Our own Mary Morell helped Rev. Sue open service on October 11 and 18. We are proud of our youth and are pleased when they participate in service – pray for and encourage them as they are our Church of TOMORROW! Good job Mary!!

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.

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Jeremiah 29:11

“Surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.”

### FROM THE CONGREGATION



“Sharing my thoughts with you....”  
from Charlyne Lewis

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

On the 26<sup>th</sup> we will all give our thanks to our Master, for once again providing us with so much bounty, tables overflowing with delicious food, family and friends to share it with, special customs being observed. He is the One who is our special Guest at our tables. Let us praise Him and be thankful.

Enjoy and God Bless!!  
Charlyne  
Psalm 50:14  
Hymn #97



### Church Council Meeting Highlights

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October 29, 2015

Erin Wheeler began the meeting with our devotion, focused on Proverbs 14:4 - “Where there are no oxen, the manger is empty, but from the strength of an ox come abundant harvests.” In

this verse we are reminded that Jesus is the bread of life. We are the oxen, working with all of our talents and energies to keep the manger full of grain. Often our work is messy, and we make mistakes. But our call is to ministry of Christ in the world. And through Jesus, we must keep the manger full.

- † Concerns were shared for Rev. Halsey Smith, Buck Bartley's nephew, Bobby Odle, Jean Karl's daughter, Lois Erisman's friend Tim Wise, Buck's friend Paul Booz, Janet Howes, Betty Bittner, the Van Drufts, Caroline Herndon's great-granddaughter, Doug Whalen, and Sharon Lyons' parents.
- † Celebrations included many October birthdays (thank you to Velma Durant for treating Church Council to a delicious cake to celebrate Debbie Ambrose's birthday), Joyce Wedler's son is getting married, Maryellen and Bob Brown attended son Ian's wedding in California, and Erin Wheeler was accepted by her home church as a candidate for ministry.
- † Council voted to apply for another PMM student from Wesley Seminary for next year.
- Upcoming Calendar events were shared. The calendar on our website is now working!!! Charge Conference has been rescheduled for November 15 at 3:45.
- We continued spending 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? One idea that has come out of these discussions is our new Wednesday evening service. We also brainstormed ways to reach out to our members and friends and to invite them "Home for Christmas."
- The results of our October Stewardship Campaign were shared. Thanks to Brandon Savage for his hard work and to

our generous congregation for supporting our ministries and missions.

- Our 2016 Budget was shared by Kulley Bancroft. It was tentatively approved by Council pending some final additions based on Stewardship information and the addition of projected expenses by the Trustees.
- Kulley also shared a first draft of an official Financial Policy for Salem Church. Council members were asked to review the draft and send comments and suggested changes to Kulley.
- Hasashi Yamagata shared progress by SPRC on Salem's Sex Offender Policy. SPRC members are asked to review the policy and vote for its approval online.
- Carole Roberts reported on the current status of our membership. Salem currently has 179 members. Letters have been sent to members who have not been attending asking about their intentions. No one will be recommended for removal from our roles at Charge Conference.
- The Legacy Fund balance is currently \$47,887.00
- Joyce Howes reported on the work of the Memorials Committee. They are currently looking for needs of the church that can be supported by funds in the Memorials Account.
- Erin Wheeler closed the meeting 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**

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 @ [cucinottal@verizon.net](mailto:cucinottal@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 Hall on a date and time to be announced.**

**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 Ennis 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.

**HAPPENINGS**

**Welcome Spirit Club!** Spirit Club, a fitness group for those with disabilities, will meet in the Community Hall on Wednesdays from 6-7 pm. 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)

**"All God's Children Give Thanks"**

Greater Olney Interfaith Ministerium

Thanksgiving Service

Tuesday, November 24; 7:30 pm

Shaare Tefilia Congregation

16620 Georgia Ave. Olney, MD

Donations of nonperishable food items will be collected for Olney Help

**Church Council:** Meeting December 10th in Choir room. At 7:15 pm.

**Lord's Table Needs Volunteers:** Salem will once again serve dinner to the less fortunate 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. If you can help in any way, please sign up on the bulletin board. The next Lord's Table is Saturday, November 27. For more information contact Barbara Achstetter or Libby Wright.

**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:

Tuesday, November 3 at 7:30 pm at Suzanne Friis;  
book discussed "Saint Mazie"

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 November Birthdays are:

|                   |       |
|-------------------|-------|
| Beach, Sally      | 11/03 |
| Bancroft, Kulley  | 11/04 |
| Ungelsbee, Anna   | 11/06 |
| Blaine, Connie    | 11/09 |
| Pustis, Joey      | 11/12 |
| Beach, Alex       | 11/15 |
| Bittner, Betty    | 11/17 |
| Smith, Curtis     | 11/17 |
| Miller, Savannah  | 11/19 |
| Brown, Adrienne   | 11/21 |
| Meisner, Thomas   | 11/21 |
| Paulk, Sandra     | 11/22 |
| Eide-Altman, Rose | 11/23 |
| Howes, Joyce      | 11/24 |
| Van Druff, Bob    | 11/30 |

**There are no Anniversaries listed for  
November.**

## IN OUR COMMUNITY

**Sandy Spring Lions Club:** Monday, November  
23 at 7:00 pm, in Salem Community Hall. **There  
is a desperate need for help in preparing the  
dinner and setting up the room for the meeting.  
If you can help Mondays please contact Joyce  
Howes.**

**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..."

**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.

## 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

Dear Prayer Shawl Ministry Team,

Thank you so much for your ministry! My  
Grandmother, Marian Vitkauskas, passed away  
peacefully, wearing her prayer shawl. I cannot  
express in words how much comfort the prayer  
shawl provided her over the past few months as  
her health declined.

What may be such a simple thing for you  
to do is such a profound and life-changing thing  
for others. Thank you again for your ministry.

Blessings  
Pam Mullay

BWC District Administrator  
(Pam added a scripture Galatians 5: 13 NIV  
"Serve one another in love.")

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Velma Durant, and edited by Curtis Smith and  
Rev. Dr. Sue Shorb-Sterling.

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7:30 pm**



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# HOLIDAY BAZAAR

**Saturday, December 5, 2015**

**10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Salem UMC**

**\*Theme Baskets\***

**\*Bake Table / Craft Table\***

**\*Unique Treasures / Book Nook\***

**\*Santa Shop for Children\***

**\*Lunch Menu for Children and Adults\***

**FEATURING**

**LUNCH WITH SAINT NICK**

**11:30 AM to 1:00 PM**

**\*Take Your Own Picture with Saint Nick\***

**You can contribute to the success of the bazaar:**

**Theme Baskets**...if you can donate items to create a Theme Basket, please bring your items to the Community Hall by November 15. Baskets and wrapping will be provided. A list of ideas is posted on the bulletin board. Baskets for adults are especially appreciated. Contact Kulley Bancroft at [kulley1145@hotmail.com](mailto:kulley1145@hotmail.com) or Deb McKeever at [debbiemck@verizon.net](mailto:debbiemck@verizon.net) or 301-370-0659 with questions.

**Bake Sale**...Bake your favorite goodie and bring it to the Community Hall on Friday, Dec. 4 or by 9 am Saturday, Dec. 5. Please list ingredients for those with dietary restrictions.

**Unique Treasures**...any books, CDs or collectible, decorative or useful household items small enough for table display can be brought to the church garage starting Nov. 21 or delivered to the Community Hall on Friday, Dec. 4. For questions, contact Sharon Lyon at [geosharon@comcast.net](mailto:geosharon@comcast.net) or 301-924-5625

Note: please keep large yard-sale items for our spring event.

**Volunteers Needed**...help is needed for set-up on Friday, Dec. 4, on the day of the bazaar December 5 and in the kitchen either day. If you can help in any capacity, please contact Connie Somerville at [gds6621@verizon.net](mailto:gds6621@verizon.net) or 301-252-3178.

**Cashier Needed:** Can you work as cashier Saturday? If so, please contact Connie Somerville at [gds6621@verizon.net](mailto:gds6621@verizon.net) or 301-252-3178.

All proceeds benefit the programs and ministries supported by Salem United Methodist Church.

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.