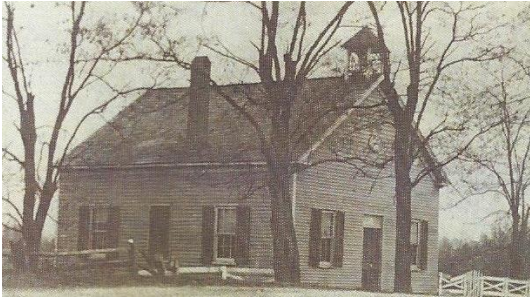


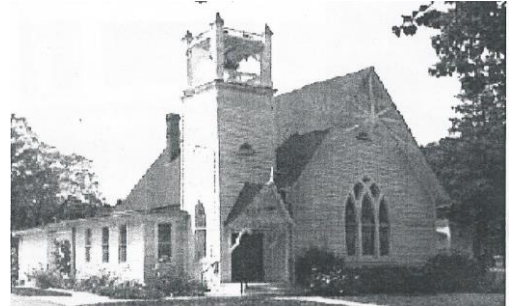
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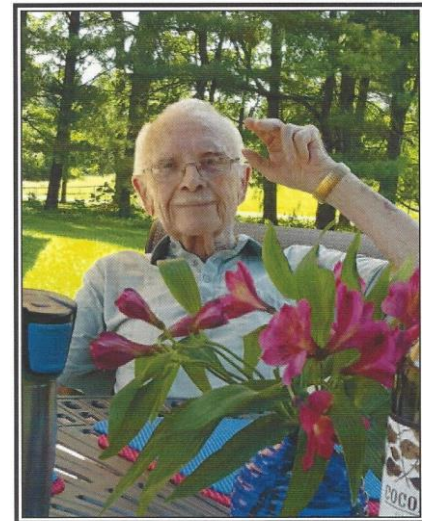
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Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.



In Memory of
Robert Van Druff

November 30, 1919 -
July 3, 2017



Robert H. Van Druff, 97, of Brookeville, MD passed away on July 3, 2017. He was the son of the late Lester and Bessie Baker Van Druff. Bob, or Van as many called him, is survived by his wife, Helen Weaver Van Druff, as well as his two children, Carmen Harding of Brookeville, MD and Lawrence R. Van Druff of Olney, MD. He is also survived by three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Van was a 21 year U.S. Navy Veteran who was posted at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.

In December 1958 Van and Helen bought their home here in Brookeville. They soon became active in the community. On May 29, 1960, they became members here at what was then called Salem Methodist Church. Van loved youth and taught the high school girls Sunday School class. The girls adored Mr. Van Druff. The picture on the left above is of Mr. Van Druff and his “girls” (circa late 1960s). Van served faithfully on

different committees and in various ways here at Salem. He and Helen worshipped with us every Sunday until their health prevented them from attending.

In addition to his service to Salem, Van was an active member of the Sandy Spring Lions Club. He served as the club's president in 1971-72. During his tenure as president, the club launched a new club, the Olney Lions. Van received several awards for his service to the community. They included Lion of the Year award (1965-1966), Life Member (2004), and Melvin Jones Fellow Award (2012).

On July 3, 2017 at his home Van received the highest award possible. On his and Helen's 75th wedding anniversary, which is called the diamond anniversary, Van received his "diamond" award, eternal life.

The following was written by Carmen Harding as a tribute to her Dad:

Our Dad, Robert Van Druff, better known as Bob, but to family he was always "Van," started life in Wagoner, Oklahoma. His family eventually moved back to their home state of Colorado. He told stories of his childhood - of riding his horse, Bullet, to school when he was quite young. At the tender age of 10 his mother died of the flu and at the same time lost the child she was carrying. His dad, unable to care for 3 children, sent them to live with other relatives. Bobby was sent to Oak Creek, a small mountain town where he lived with an uncle. He fetched water every morning and had to chop wood for cooking and the furnace. A few years later he went to live with Uncle Vernie in Colorado Springs where he loved it. He quit school at the end of ninth grade and was on his own after that. He joined the Navy a month after turning 18. A high school diploma was required but since he did so well on the test they gave, he was accepted anyway. He thrived in the military, survived Pearl Harbor and went on to have a full military career. His last tour of duty was in Virginia Beach at the Dam Neck Guided Missile School where he was the head instructor. After retirement and applying to Vitro Laboratories in Silver Spring, Maryland, during the process he was questioning why they didn't need more information on him and they replied, "Mr. Van Druff we know all about you." He retired from Vitro after 20 years of service where he worked on the Terrier guided missile system.

Note: Dad was teaching physics to ROTC students at the University of Pennsylvania years before he ever received his GED.

Dad was the best, always there for us, and always ready for **Fun**. The pool went in when Kim was around 5 or 6 and all the kids learned to swim at our parents' house. **Spontaneous**: One winter during a blizzard when Vitro closed for the day, Dad came home and said "Let's go to Pennsylvania," put the chains on the car and proceeded to take a trip up to Mom's hometown of Watsontown. **Talented** in many ways, he laid the patio around the pool, made a gazillion walking ducks for the church bazaar and he could do all things electrical (when the dryer went out recently and the new one arrived there was no place to plug it in... Dad had hard-wired the old dryer directly to the electrical box!). He was also **Meticulous**, a classic "Type A" personality. Everything had to be in its place, no dishes in the sink, nothing out of place, even up to the end! And, he was **Spiritual** in a very strong but quiet way. He was the MYF leader when we lived in Virginia, Sunday School teacher here at Salem UMC and never failed to ask the blessing at dinner even up to six days prior to his death. He was **Strong** and **Steadfast**. He was **Smart**, and he was **Love Personified**, totally devoted to his wife Helen of 75 years and his whole family. We will miss you Dad, but you have given your all to us and we will cherish that forever.



The Butterfly Poem written by Pat Gill

*The funeral dirge wailed mournful and loud; As the caterpillars gathered in a tearful crowd
Carrying the empty cocoon of their beloved friend; To its final resting place at life's end.*

While just above them in the sky; Flew a magnificent, beautiful butterfly.

And observing the mourners, he danced and said,

"Don't cry for me, I'm free... not dead!"

TO THE SALEM UM CHURCH COMMUNITY



Rev. Dr. Sue Shorb-Sterling.

What a summer it has been! We witnessed an eclipse of the sun. There was a confrontation in Charlottesville which rocked our nation. And we have witnessed some of the worst flooding in Texas in our nation's history. Two of these events pulled people together while one divided our nation. No matter what our religious or political affiliation, we can all stand in awe at the beauty of creation when the moon blocks out the sun. When a hurricane dumps rain on communities, everyone, no matter what their age, sex, race, or economic status is affected. People from around the world are reaching out to rescue the flood victims, provide shelter, and help them put their lives back together again.

Sometimes we need tragedies to help us focus on what is really important and to pull us back together. Jesus called us to love our neighbors as he restated the ancient Levitical law, "You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord" (Leviticus 19:18).

Salem affirms this call to love our neighbor in our mission statement: *The Mission of the People of Salem United Methodist Church is to grow in Christian faith and express God's love to all.* This fall we are offering some new ways to grow in our Christian faith and some new ways to express God's love to all. Please be praying how God is calling you to grow in your faith and express God's love through these ministries.

Growing in Christian Faith

-Disciple Bible Study, Part 3- a 32 week study on the Prophets and the Letters of Paul; Wednesdays at 7:15 pm, Begins on Wed., Sept 27

-Six week Discussion Group on Timothy Keller's *The Reason for God*; Tuesdays, October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, and Nov. 7 at 7:15 pm

-Faith on Tap Fridays, Friday, Sept 15 "Decision making: Ethics vs. Morals" at Waredaca Brewing Company, 4017 Damascus Road, Laytonsville, MD at 6 pm; Bring your own food.

-The formation of a Covenant Disciple Group on Sunday mornings

Expressing God's Love to All

-Putting together flood buckets for Hurricane Harvey victims or donating money to United Methodist Committee On Relief (UMCOR)

-Connecting with our neighbors in the Town of Brookeville at the town picnic on Sunday, September 17, 3:00-7:00 pm at the Academy. Bring a dish to share. Salem will host games for children in our front yard.

-Inviting a friend to our first Speaker Series: "In Search of Ghosts, Montgomery County, Maryland" by Karen Lottes of MC Historical Society Speakers Bureau, Friday, October 20 at 7:30 pm in our Community Room

In addition to participating in all these events, as your pastor, I will continue to strive to build interfaith relationships and express God's love to all through the Greater Olney Interfaith Ministerium. The Ministerium is planning our annual Thanksgiving service in November and an Interfaith/Interracial Dialogue on Racism in early 2018. So stay tuned for updates.

Continue to pray for peace for our nation and how Salem can be ambassadors of Christ's love to our neighbors.

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Sue

FROM REV. SUE'S FACEBOOK PAGE

On August 19, Rev. Sue posted this on her Facebook page in reaction to the events in Charlottesville.

"Since social media is our current street corner in which we herald our news, I feel called to be a herald for love, peace, and justice. As one who has been called to share the Good News of God, I can no longer remain quiet while so many vile words are being slung back and forth. I can no longer remain silent when there is so much hate in the world.

I am a follower of the Word of God and in so doing; I have chosen to follow Jesus and his teachings first over any national identity. My understanding of the Word of God is one of love. We are called to love God and love our neighbor. Challenging? Oh, yes! But called nevertheless, to love everyone. No one is excluded. Jesus called us to even love our enemies. So who is our enemy? Can we extend love to those we see as the enemy? And how can we do this? Can we pray for those we see as the enemy? Nowhere does God tell us to hate. Nowhere does God say that God hates. The Word of God is one of love and redemption for people of all ages, races, and nations.

My challenge for all on Facebook is this: Will you be a messenger of God's love? Will you stop sharing messages that promote hate? You can be a Republican. You can be a Democrat. You can be of any racial or ethnic identity. You can swing to the left or swing to the right. You can be of different faiths or not believe at all. But first, can you claim love for the other? Love supersedes any national law or constitutional right. Love seeks unity. Love seeks liberty and justice for all.

God loves each of us and we each need this love. If you have never experienced this love, ask God to show it to you. God will. Then share this love with one person, perhaps it is someone you thought you hated. Find a way to get to know them. Find a way to love them. And you will become messengers of peace. Love is stronger than evil and hate. Be strong and love!"

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, Sept 3 Labor Day Sunday

Sermon Title: "The Laboring of God"

Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105; Matthew 16:21-28

*10:00 worship on front lawn. Bring lawn chairs.

Sunday, Sept 10

Jo Schonewolf, seminary intern preaching

Sunday, Sept 17

Appalachia Service Project (ASP) Sunday

Our ASP teams lead worship

Sunday, Sept 24

Sermon Title: "Is God Unjust?"

Exodus 16:2-15; Matthew 20:1-16;

Philippians 1:21-30

DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY BEGINS

Several have requested a Bible study on the Hebrew Prophets while some others requested a Bible study on Paul's letters. Disciple Bible Study, Part 3 offers both. This 32 week study is called "Remember Who You Are." Common themes in this study include: calls to remember, calls to repent, calls for renewal, and calls for community. First class begins on Wednesday, Sept 27 at 7:15 pm. See Rev. Sue, if you are interested.

NEW DISCUSSION GROUP

Last spring Salem's Book Club read Timothy Keller's *The Reason for God: Belief in the Age of Skepticism* and decided they wanted to learn more. The book offers a DVD and guide for more in depth discussion. Keller addresses questions many are asking about God and faith with this apologetic. These discussions will help us know how to respond when people ask us similar questions.

The Discussion Group will meet on Tuesdays beginning Oct. 3 at 7:15 pm in the old choir room. Here are the discussion topics:

October 3 "Isn't the Bible a Myth?"

October 10 "What About Other Religions?"

October 17 "Why Are There So Many Rules?"

October 24 "Why Is There Evil and Suffering?"

October 31 "Why Are Christians Such Hypocrites?"

Nov. 7 "Is God Both Full of Love and Wrath?"

FAITH ON TAP FRIDAYS

In August interested folk gathered at the Brookeville Beer Farm on Friday evenings to discuss various faith topics. We will continue this in September by meeting on only one Friday evening, Sept. 17 at 6:00 P.M. at Waredaca Brewing Company, 4017 Damascus Road, Laytonsville, MD. Bring your own food. Discussion Topic: "Decision making: Ethics vs. Morals"

COVENANT DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

The Wednesday mornings Covenant Discipleship Group is well underway. This group has replaced the Upper Room group. They have completed their covenant and now are working on living it daily.

The second group would like to meet on Sunday morning before the 10 am worship service. Their start date has not been announced yet. If you are interested in either time, see Rev. Sue.

HELPING HURRICANE HARVEY'S FLOOD VICTIMS

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is one of the first agencies to respond to an emergency or crisis. And we are there helping with the victims of this huge flood. How can Salem help?

- 1) Donate money to UMCOR's Domestic Disaster Advance #901670. This can be done online (<http://www.umcor.org/>) or by check in the offering plate. Make check out to Salem and mark it Flood Relief. 100% of donations go directly to relief efforts.
- 2) Put together a flood bucket. These are being distributed to the flood victims. The list of items for the buckets can be found at the end of the newsletter. All items must be into the church by Sunday, Sept 17.

TOWN OF BROOKEVILLE PICNIC

Salem UM Church is part of the Town of Brookeville. Do you know your Brookeville neighbors? Come out and get to know them at their annual picnic on Sunday, Sept 17 from 3:00 -7:00 pm at the Academy. Bring a dish to share. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided by the town.

Salem will be providing games for the children in our front yard. If you can help with the games, or if you are willing to be a crossing guard to get our children safely across the street, please see Rev. Sue.

NEW: SALEM SPEAKER SERIES

Salem's first speaker in Salem's new Speaker Series: "In Search of Ghosts, Montgomery County, Maryland" by Karen Lottes of MC Historical Society Speakers Bureau, Friday, October 20 at 7:30 pm in our Community Room.

This story-telling lecture explores haunted places of Montgomery County and its surrounding area through ghostly tales. Learn about the many ghosts, apparitions, and supernatural occurrences that can't be explained logically, including: The Headless Horseman that continues to terrorize visitors to the old railroad bridge; the poltergeist that haunts the Madison House; the Tommyknocker at the Maryland Mine; and the farmer who keeps searching for his buried treasure. This will be a haunted journey back in time! This program is based on the authors' 2012 book of Montgomery County historically-based ghost stories which may be offered for sale and signing.

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group Meets Every Sunday Evening

6:30-8:00 PM

All middle and high-school students are welcome. You do not need to attend Salem.

Sunday, Sept 3 Labor Day Weekend, no youth

Sunday, Sept 10 Welcome Back!

Meet Jo, our new seminary intern
Sunday, Sept 17 ASP Sunday-sharing our experiences at both 8:15 and 10:00 worship services

Town of Brookeville picnic: 3:00-7:00 pm;

Youth will help with games

No youth group in evening!

Sunday, Sept 24 Youth bells begin at 6:30 pm

THANK YOU FOR THE SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Thank you to everyone who donated school supplies to the children of Olney Elementary School. We were able to deliver four full boxes of supplies. These will help children in our community be more equipped to succeed in their studies.



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A TIME FOR CHILDREN



Rev. Sue with Jackson and Jeremiah McConnell, Andrew Sterling and Mary Morell

For the Children's Time on Sunday, August 13, Rev. Sue was explaining how John Wesley explained God's grace as a house by taking the children onto the front porch of the church. God's prevenient grace is represented by the porch of the house. God's grace invites us into the house, but in order to accept this invitation, we need to step through the door. Then we can receive God's justifying grace which makes us right with God and God's sanctifying grace which helps us mature in faith and live holy lives.

SEMINARY INTERNS UPDATES

WELCOME TO OUR NEW SEMINARY INTERN



Jo Schonewolf

Salem warmly welcomes Jo as she begins this school year as an intern at Salem. She has already participated in a Church Council meeting, attended two Faith on Tap Fridays and led one of the discussions on Science and Religion. Her first Sunday in worship was Sunday, August 27 in which she shared what is important to her: family, faith, and her dislike for shoes! Jo will be preaching her first sermon at Salem on Sunday, Sept. 10 and is looking forward to helping with the youth group.

FROM OUR FORMER SEMINARY INTERNS



Rev. Dr. Sue Shorb-Sterling, Samantha Larson

The Larsons are settled in their Minnesota apartment and Alex was able to get a job right away. They thankful for the prayers during their transition. Sam promised that once she has established herself in her new ministry of chaplaincy she update us.



Erin Wheeler

We were pleased to have Erin back in Salem's pulpit as she filled in for Rev. Sue during her much deserved vacation. Her sermon series on the Book of Psalms: Praise and Lamentations was very enlightening. Thank you, Erin, for your service to Salem. We will be reporting from time to time on Erin's ministry also.

THANK YOU TO OUR SUMMER MUSICIANS



Nathaniel



Carlan

Our heartfelt thanks to Nathaniel and Carlan Cogan for "filling in" for our Music Director, Rose Eide-Altman while she took a much deserved summer break. Sharing your talents with us was very enjoyable and enhanced our worship services greatly. Please join us again sometime.

BAPTISM



Robert and Katie Sterling Walter, Rev. Sue with Amelia Ann
Amelia Ann Walter was born March 16, 2017 to Bobby and Katie Walter, weighing in at 6 pounds and 14 ounces. Rev. Sue has the pleasure of baptizing her into God's care on Sunday August 13. Amelia is the granddaughter of our own Darhlene and Steve Currier.



Rev. Sue and Amelia Ann

OUR SYMPATHIES TO...

Sharon Lyon and her family on the death of her father, Charles King.

Also, to the Howes family on the death of Paul Allen Howes who was the owner of Howes Plumbing located across the street from the church. Paul was predeceased by his brother, John Howes.

FROM THE CONGREGATION

From the September, October & November Newsletter 1998 Sharing My Thoughts With You..."

If you're like me, right about now you are asking 'just WHERE has summer gone?'...and I suppose most of us are caught up in this mad, mad whirl called LIFE. Well, every once and a while we all just need to kick back, chill out, and smell the roses; commune with God and nature; lend a loving

hand to someone less fortunate than ourselves; and in general just 'let go and let God!'

Now when I am feeling 'pooped,' I just go sit on my porch and commune with the Great Spirit...and boy, He has shown me so many wonderful things in nature that His hands have created. Why, just the other day when we drove up in our yard, lo and behold! – there were new baby rabbits, (this was exciting for us as we've had no rabbit population in over four years, since the foxes moved in). What a precious sight to see. And once again, I was praising the Lord for sending these dear creatures to us... along with our large herd of deer, and now their new babies, plus a multitude of birds to sing to us. Isn't He wonderful? When you stop and really think about it, each of us, be creature or mankind, I believe it is our duty to do the best we can to be givers, and not just takers of what God has so richly blessed us all with. And then when we finally reach the 'golden stairs' He can say to us "You have given your best to mankind and shown love for all my creatures. Well done, my good and faithful servant.

Bless all of you...enjoy the season!!

Charlyne

(See Hymn: O God, Your Creatures Fill the Earth – Genesis 1:26 - 1:28)

APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT (ASP)

Our Appalachia Service Project Teams will be leading us in worship on Sunday, Sept 17 at both worship services. Immediately following the second worship service there will be a meeting for all those interested in forming teams for the summer of 2018.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Church Council Meeting Highlights
August 10, 2017

- ✚ Rev Sue opened the meeting with devotion and prayer.
- ✚ Rev Sue updated us on joys, concerns and April – July attendance figures. Our year-to- date average is 50.
- ✚ Questions were raised about the following ministry areas:
 1. Education: - How do we provide an effective program for children when attendance is
 2. low and children do not attend regularly

3. Membership – What is our plan for reviewing our church roles this year?
4. Missions – Are there new/different mission projects that would energize the congregation?

These questions will be considered at upcoming meetings. If you have thoughts/ideas please share them with a Church Council member.

- ✚ Account balances were shared from Dec. 2016 till June 2017.
- ✚ We are looking for ideas for this year's Stewardship campaign.
- ✚ \$40,000 was spent from the Legacy Fund for the painting and other improvements to the outside of the church. Isn't it beautiful????!!
- ✚ Fred Ambrose summarized the major improvements completed throughout the church over the last 5-7 years. The next major project will be the replacement of the church building roofs.
- ✚ SPRC will be working to update our Safe Sanctuaries list.
- ✚ The Cemetery Committee has finalized the revisions of our Cemetery Policy. The policy and the new Cemetery Brochure will be sent to everyone who owns a plot. Updated addresses are being sought for plot owners. All but 16 have been found.
- ✚ Reports were shared about the 3 initiatives developed in response to our February 2017 Congregational Survey.
- ✚ A draft report of the group addressing Simplifying our Ministries and Work was shared. It will be shared with other members of the congregation who were in that work group at the February Retreat.
- ✚ Spiritual Development and Discipleship – One Covenant Disciple group has formed, has written their covenant and has begun to share their changes and challenges with each other.
- ✚ Reaching into our Community. – The brainstormed list of activities was shared. We have begun work on:
 - Children's activities to coincide with the annual Brookeville Town Picnic (Sept. 17)
 - Worship on the Lawn
 - Welcome bags for those new to the community

- Formation of a speaker forum
- Friday meeting at the Brookeville Beer Farm for discussions of questions of faith.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

Next Meeting – September 28, 2017. All are welcome!!

Debbie Ambrose, Church Council Chair

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Letter For The Congregation:

As the elected stewards of Salem United Methodist Church, I am pleased to share with you the results of the continuing efforts of the Trustees to repair, maintain, and improve the physical properties of our Church. Over the past decade we have identified, prioritized, and addressed the predictable needs of our buildings which are presently between 67 and 117 years old. During this period, we have replaced five air conditioning systems, four furnaces, fuel tanks, replaced the sidewalk in front of our property, and completed too many building repairs to go into detail here.

This past spring and summer we contracted for a major exterior project that is the most visible, an important effort overall for our church exterior maintenance. The project saw the stripping and, where necessary, the rebuilding of doorways, repair of structural aspects of the bell tower, breezeway, building facias, and roof substructures. The entire Church building, portions of the Community Hall, the garage/shed, and the parsonage were repaired, cleaned, primed, and painted. In addition, many less visible improvements and maintenances were also completed. I encourage all to pause, survey, and enjoy our church with a keen eye. As stewards of Salem the Trustees have worked hard to use wisely the resources that you, the congregation, have made available. In particular, I would like to acknowledge the very gracious bequeath of Mrs. Flo Johnston, whose gift was essential to this most recent effort.

Fred Ambrose, Chairman

SALEM UM MEN

The Salem UM Men meet the second Saturday of the month at 8:00 am for a breakfast meeting. All men are welcome to attend. Next meeting: Sept 9.

BOOK CLUB

Stay tuned for the fall schedule of Salem's Book Club. Enjoy your summer and summer reading.

MEMORY GARDEN

If you are interested in placing an order for a brick to honor/remember someone please see Joyce Howes for more information.

SIGN-UP FOR ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to provide flowers during the 2017 worship year, please sign up on the list posted on the bulletin board in the Hallway.

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. Sue before you head out so she can open the church for you. Contact Suzanne Friis with questions.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

If your name should be on one of these lists, please contact velma_durant@yahoo.com. We don't want to leave you out. Thank you.

Our September Birthdays are:

Lyon, Robert	09/01
Sterling, Ron	09/01
Whalen, Doug	09/04
Howes, John	09/06
Whalen, Barbara	09/06
Paulk, Sammy	09/06
Langley, Rori	09/08
Miller, Tim	09/11
Langley, Alexandra	09/14
Meisner Evelyn,	09/20
Luke, Piper	09/22
Sterling, Spencer	09/30

There are no September Anniversaries.

COFFEE HOUR

Have you signed up to provide snacks for coffee hour? Please volunteer to provide a coffee hour or two this year. You may sign up on the list posted on the bulletin board in the Hall or please go

to:<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090949a9aa2aa1fc1-coffee> or contact Joyce Howes.

OUR COMMUNITY

Sandy Spring Lions Club: The next dinner will be on Monday, September 25 at 7:00 pm. **There is a standing request for help in preparing the dinner, setting up, serving and cleaning up. If you can help, please contact Mary Ellen Eaton.**

Eye-glass Collection: Salem continues 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

To volunteer call 301-424-1130 or online at www.mannafood.org.

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.

PRAYER SHAWLS



Prayer Shawls are available in the Salem entry hall on top of the coat rack. There is no cost. If you know anyone you want to share a prayer with all the time, please help yourself to a shawl. The comfort they give is well worth the effort of delivering one to your friends, family, or co-workers. They do help. Just knowing someone cares is sometimes just the right medicine. They will thank you!

**MISSION CENTRAL UMCOR
CLEANING BUCKET INSTRUCTIONS**

These supplies enable people to begin the overwhelming job of cleaning up after a flood or hurricane. All items must be new except for the actual bucket and lid. The total cost is approximately \$65 per completed bucket. All cleaning agents must be liquid and in plastic containers. No powders please. If you cannot find the requested size of a liquid item, use a smaller size. Including larger sizes of any product will prevent the lid from sealing. If all of the items on the list are not included, please put a label on the bucket indicating what has been omitted.

-1 14" - 14 1/2" tall 5-gallon bucket with resealable lid. These can be purchased at Home Depot or Lowes. Buckets from fast food restaurants or bakeries can be used if washed and cleaned. Do not use buckets that have stored caustic chemicals. Advertisements on the outside are acceptable.

-liquid laundry detergent: two 25 oz. bottles OR one 50 oz. bottle only

-liquid household cleaner: 1 12-16 oz. liquid cleaner that can be mixed with water. no spray cleaners

-dish soap: 1 16-28 oz. bottle, any brand

-air freshener: 1 aerosol can or pump

-personal insect repellent spray: 1 6-14 oz. aerosol or spray pump with protective cover or packets of 20 insect repellent wipes

-Hand-held scrub brush: 1 plastic or wooden handle, no toilet, kitchen or dish brushes

- 18 Handi-wipes or reusable wipes; no rags or terry cleaning towels

-7 Dry foam sponges-NO cellulose sponges

-5 scouring pads 5- No Brillo, SOS or other metal pads due to rust issues; Nothing with soap built in

- 50 clothespins, not loose in the bucket; put in 1 gallon zip-lock bag

- clothesline: two 50 ft. OR one 100-ft. cotton, plastic or nylon

-24 heavy duty trash bags -at least 1.5-2 mil trash bags, 33-45 gallon size

- 5 dust masks Place in bag with clothespins

- 2 disposable kitchen gloves pair- rubber or latex (not light-weight hospital gloves)

- 1 pair of heavy duty work gloves cotton or leather

How to pack the bucket: Place all liquid items in the bucket first. Place remaining items in the bucket fitting them around and between the liquid items. Sponges and scouring pads can be separated in order to fit all of the items in the bucket. Ensure the lid is closed securely.

For more information and to see a video that shows how to pack a bucket, go to:

<http://www.umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies/Relief-Supply-Kits/Cleaning>

"Did You Know?" Bible Trivia Game

How many can you Bible Trivia questions can you answer?

1. Where was the Apostle Paul born, and where was the city located?
2. Where was Paul a legal citizen?
3. How does Paul say the Spirit intercedes for us when we are weak and don't know how to pray?
4. How does Paul say we will be transformed into what God wants us to be?
5. According to Paul, how are we to "make melody to God" in our hearts?
6. What does Paul describe as the belt in the armor of God?

Answers: 1. Tarsus, which was near the Mediterranean coast in what is now south central Turkey. (Acts 22:3) 2. Rome (Acts 22:25-28) 3. "With sighs too deep for words." (Romans 8:26) 4. By the renewing of our minds, so we will discern God's will. (Romans 12:2) 5. By being filled with the Spirit and singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. (Ephesians 5:18-20). 6. Truth. (Ephesians 6:14)

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