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# Brookeville Times



Wishing you a rainbow  
For sunlight after showers—  
Miles and miles of Irish smiles  
For golden happy hours—  
Shamrocks at your doorway  
For luck and laughter too,  
And a host of friends that never ends  
Each day your whole life through!

*Traditional Irish blessing*

## HAPPY SAINT PATRICKS DAY!

### Mark Your Calendars

#### **Commissioners Meeting**

April 7, 8:00 pm

#### **Planning Commission**

April 1, 7:30 pm

#### **History Symposium:**

“Brookeville and the Burning of  
Washington: A Tale of Two Capitals”  
March 29, 2014

#### **Brookeville Historic House Tour**

May 3, 2014

#### **May Election**

May 13, 2014

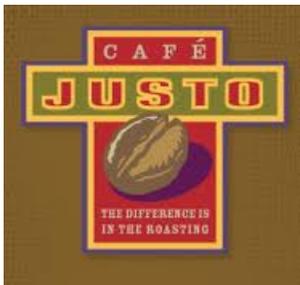
4 – 9 pm

Brookeville Academy

### Announcements

- ✚ **Open Commissioner seat:** The town is seeking qualified residents to run for the open seat that will be left by Michael Acierno when his term expires in May. Interested parties should send a letter of intent by April 14 to the Clerk at 5 High St. Brookeville MD 20833.
- ✚ **Grants Manager:** Thanks to Jeff Johnson for volunteering to be our new Grants Manager. Many thanks to Michael Yesenko for a job well done!
- ✚ **Election Supervisor:** Thanks to Debbie Wagner for volunteering to be our new Election Supervisor.
- ✚ **Docents Needed:**
  - ❖ **Brookeville House Tour:**  
The Bicentennial Commission is looking for docents to greet visitors in each house on the tour. See additional attachments with this email for details.
  - ❖ **School House:** A docent is needed to welcome visitors to the Brookeville School House during Heritage Days on Saturday June 28 from noon – 4:00 pm. Please contact the Clerk at [clerk@townofbrookevillemd.org](mailto:clerk@townofbrookevillemd.org)

- ✦ **Compost/Recycling Bins:** There are recycling bins and compost bins available in the Academy. *FYI: Putting table scraps including vegetable matter in open compost bins attracts rats and other vermin.*
- ✦ **Town Yard Sale:** Clean out your closets and attics! The town will host a yard sale at the Academy on Saturday April 19 from 8 am – 2 pm. Residents wishing to participate can set up in the Academy yard.
- ✦ **Light Hauling:** Debbie Wagner can do light hauling to transfer station. She will take metal items for no charge.
- ✦ **Fair Trade Coffee Source:** Salem UMC has partnered with Just Coffee, a "fair trade PLUS" coffee cooperative out of Chiapas, Mexico. We are currently ordering coffee every other month and would love to reach more people about this fantastic and truly fair coffee. Every bean is shade grown, each field is weeded by hand, and every pound (yes, 16oz instead of 12oz) comes with the name of the person who grew the coffee inside it. If you have any interest in placing an order or would just like to know more about Just Coffee, please contact Kathryn Ennes at [k\\_ennes@yahoo.com](mailto:k_ennes@yahoo.com)



“We are right to take alarm at the first experiment upon our liberties.”

*James Madison*

### **Two Hundred Years Ago**

The War of 1812 was fought in many theatres. There were four events in March of 1814 illustrate how far flung these were. The Battle of Long Woods was fought in Ontario on March 4. Andrew Jackson fought the battle of Horseshoe Bend in central Alabama on March 27. The British captured the USS Essex off the coast of Chile in the Battle of Valparaiso on March 28. General Wilkinson fought the battle of Lacolle Mills on March 30 in Quebec. The enemy was not just the British but Canadian militias and Native American followers of Tecumseh.

### **Speed Limit Signs on Water Street**

In response to safety concerns new 8 mph speed limit signs will be posted on Water St. as well as a Caution sign for children playing. We are fortunate to have many children and seniors in our town. Please help keep our town safe for them and everyone by keeping your speed to a minimum on all of our town streets.

## Gardening Tips for March

reprinted from 2013

Contributed by Suzanne Friis  
From The Garden Calendar for the Greater  
Washington Area Produced by Brookside Gardens



### Indoor Gardening

- Repot houseplants that are pot-bound, using a pot just one size larger. Do this before new growth starts.
- Begin fertilizing houseplants when new growth starts following package directions. Continue fertilizing monthly through October.



### Outdoors

- Apply pre-emergent crabgrass “killers” before the forsythia blossoms fade (typically before April 15). These products prevent the crabgrass seed from germinating. Non-chemical products are available. Do not apply these at the same time you plant grass seed as their germination will be prevented as well.
- Clean out flowerbeds, removing leaves, debris and winter weeds. Cut perennials and grasses back to the ground. Divide perennials if needed.
- Mulch after clean-up is completed to retain soil moisture throughout the season.
- Prune trees and shrubs before or just as new growth begins. Do not prune azaleas or other spring-flowering shrubs as you will remove the flower buds. Prune these after flowering.
- Do not prune maples, birches or dogwoods now as they “bleed” as the sap rises. Prune these in summer or fall.
- March begins the planting season. Plant when the soil is dry enough to work. To test, squeeze a small amount of soil in your hand. If the clump is sticky, it is too wet. To improve heavy clay soil, incorporate compost, rotted leaves, or sphagnum peat moss into the top 6-8” of soil.
- Plant asparagus, rhubarb, onions, cabbage, brussel sprouts, broccoli, peas, cauliflower, potatoes, strawberries, blueberries, grapes, and brambles mid-March through mid-April. Plant lettuce, spinach, radishes, chives and turnips at the end of March. To prevent the build-up of diseases, do not plant cabbage, broccoli and brussel sprouts in the same place each year or plant bramble berries where tomatoes, eggplant or potatoes previously grew.
- Most trees, shrubs and perennials can be planted beginning in March. Plant bare-root roses, trees, shrubs and berries now. Container-grown plants can be planted throughout spring.
- Protect pansies, tulips or other deer-favorite plants with netting.

## *Salem UMC Community Events*

*Free and Open to All*

*Pre-School Story Time has been cancelled until  
further notice*

### **Salem Book Club**

First Thursdays at 7:30 pm  
Community Hall

#### April 3 – Stalking the Divine

by Kristin Ohlson (non-fiction)

Wandering into a forgotten downtown Cleveland church for a Christmas mass, Kristin Ohlson discovered the Poor Clares -- a tiny, threadbare congregation of cloistered elderly nuns with one mission: to pray day and night (literally 24 hours a day, 7 days a week) for the sorrows of the world. Ohlson -- utterly enchanted by these devoted women -- started to attend church for the first time in many years. So began her three-year dialogue with the Poor Clares, a dialogue that afforded Ohlson a fascinating, unprecedented glimpse into the intensely private nuns and their life in the cloister. Why, she wonders, have these women retreated from the world to joyfully devote themselves to perpetual adoration? How do they sustain their faith? And what, ultimately, is faith? As Ohlson -- a long-time skeptic -- opens up to the Poor Clares, she opens herself to the possibility of the sacred. The result is an inspiring personal journey as well as a poignant reflection on the power of the church and faith, no matter what our religion may be.

#### May 1 – The Explanation for Everything

by Lauren Grodstein (fiction)

For college biology professor Andy Waite, Darwinian evolution is the explanation for everything. But the unpredictable force of a charismatic evangelical student—a young woman determined to prove the existence of intelligent design—threatens to undermine more than just his faith in science. As she did in the bestselling novel *A Friend of the Family*, author Lauren Grodstein has written a taut, provocative morality tale centered on one of the most polarizing issues of our time. By dissecting the permeable line between faith and doubt, Grodstein creates a fiercely intelligent story

about the lies we tell ourselves, the deceptions we sustain with others, and how violated boundaries—between students and teachers, believers and nonbelievers—can have devastating consequences.

Please note that the Olney Central Mom's Group meets at Salem as does Cub Scout Den 2 from pack 434 and the Wolf Den. Interested people can contact the church if they would like to reach these groups.  
Salem: 301-774-7772

## Salem United Methodist Church Jungle Safari Vacation Bible Camp



Where kids explore the nature of God through projects, games, stories and music.

**July 7-11, 2014**

**6:30-8:30 pm**

**ages pre-school – middle school**

\$15.00/child

\$30.00/family

Family Dinner included at 6:00 pm in the Salem Community Hall

Adult class 6:30-8:30 pm (no fee)

On-line PayPal Registration opens April 1 via

[www.salemunitiedmethodist.org](http://www.salemunitiedmethodist.org)

Or mail-in registration form below to:

Salem United Methodist Church

12 High St.

Brookeville, MD 20833

Attn: Vacation Bible Camp

For questions or more information call

301-774-7772

For registration form see additional attachment with this email.

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