



Salem United Methodist Church—Wolfsville

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CROP donations reach
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Salem to attend ROCK Youth Retreat in Ocean City, January 11, 12, and 13

In January, Salem youth and adults will be attending the ROCK Youth Retreat in Ocean City— Friday, January 11th through Sunday, January 13th.

The event is produced by the Conference Council on Youth Ministries, Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church, and held at the Roland E. Powell Ocean City Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway.

The purpose of the retreat is to “ROCK” the lives of our youth and help them into a new or deeper faith in, and personal relationship with, the ROCK of our Salvation, Jesus. The event is for youth in middle and high school.

The youth attending from Salem are Camilo Barkdoll, Valentina Barkdoll, Bailey Blickenstaff, Dottie Hager, Chris Leatherman, Rebecca Leatherman, Olivia Moser, Lily Mueller, Camden Raynor, and Owen Raynor.

Adult chaperones are Wanda Barkdoll, Denny Leatherman, Pastor Bob Snyder, Donna Snyder, Colleen Snyder, Laura Snyder, Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer, and Susie Stottlemeyer.

Salem’s youth will be helping serve Holy Communion on Sunday morning.

The theme for ROCK 2013 is “Transformed from the Inside Out.”

Romans 12:2 “Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is - his good, pleasing and perfect will.”

Reggie Dabbs, Guest Speaker at ROCK— Reggie talks to the kids in a humorous style about choices each of them has when faced with drugs, alcohol, suicide, etc. Reggie gets in kid’s faces and tells them that he never smoked a cigarette, never did drugs, never drank alcohol, because he chose not to. He assures them that they can make the same kinds of choices. Reggie talks to kids about family and how thankful they should be that they have families. He talks to them about dating relationships and emphasizes that virginity is the most honorable choice. Most of all, Reggie drives home the fact that “You can never change your past, but you can change your future!”



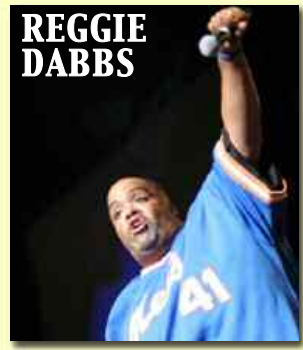
JEFF DEYO

Music by Jeff Deyo, known internationally as the original lead singer of Sonicflood and also as an extremely passionate and inspiring worship leader who travels the world helping people connect intimately with God.



URBAN STREET LEVEL

Music by Urban Street Level, a high energy, up-tempo contemporary music group who’s objective is to engage audiences wherever they perform.



REGGIE DABBS

The Mountain Shepherd

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SALEM MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

Current Membership: 231
Sunday School Enrollment: 92
2013 New Members: 0

SALEM PHYSICAL FACILITIES

Church built 1847
Educational Building built 1967
Parsonage built 1974-75

SALEM WEB SITE

www.SalemChurchWolfsville.org

SALEM MISSION STATEMENT

At Salem, with God's help, we pledge to INVITE others to Christ, HELP each other grow in faith, and SERVE those in need in our congregation, the community, and the world.

COLOPHON

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OUR PURPOSE

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide a means of communicating with our members, their families, and our many friends of the Wolfsville community and surrounding areas. We pray that this newsletter will inspire you, our readers, to regularly attend worship services, Sunday School, and all other activities of the church. For those who are unable to attend, this newsletter is a means of bringing part of the church to you.



2012 MISSION PROJECTS

		Monthly Minimum	Paid Jan-Nov	2012 Goal	% of Goal
1	Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer Retired Senegal Missionaries	\$204	\$2,244.00	\$2,448	92%
2	Operation Christmas Child Postage for Shoe Boxes - Samaritan's Purse - November	—	147.00	\$355	41%
3	Salem Mission & Outreach Supports human needs as determined by Salem	—	\$522.51	\$1,180	44%
4	Salem Food Pantry Open every Monday 6:00-7:00 p.m.	—	\$1,195.02	\$1,180	101%
5	Mary E. - Africa Inland Mission Working in Tanzania, Africa	\$85	\$949.00	\$1,020	93%
6	United Methodist Board of Child Care Care of Homeless or Abused Children	—	950.00	\$1,360	70%
7	Gideons International Frederick County - West Camp - Distributing Bibles	\$110	\$1,210.00	\$1,320	92%
8	Potato Project Society of St. Andrew, Big Island, Virginia	\$60	\$660.00	\$720	92%
9	Middletown High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes	\$47	\$517.00	\$564	92%
10	Mission Trip Destination to be determined	—	0	\$2,295	0%
11	Ronnie & Angi Hopkins The Mission Society - Mission Work in Nicaragua	\$64	\$740.00	\$768	96%
12	Care Net Pregnancy Center 707 N. Market Street, Frederick, MD	\$64	\$715.00	\$768	93%
13	Compassion International Sponsored children in Ecuador & India	\$76	\$896.00	\$972	92%
14	Local Mission Projects Supporting local repair or renovation needs	—	0	\$1,250	0%
★ 15	Hero's Club After School Ministry (Pre-K through grade 5)	NEW for 2013			

Total 2012 Mission Goal: **\$16,170**

Here's how you can give...

- 1 Make checks payable to Salem United Methodist Church, or place cash contributions in an envelope marked "Missions."
- 2 Tell us which mission project(s) you wish to support by making a note on your check or envelope.

- 3 Place your contributions in the offering plate at Sunday worship. If you do not designate a specific project, your contribution will be distributed to the project or projects needing funds to meet the monthly minimum payout goals listed above.



Salem Mission Project No. 3 SALEM MISSION & OUTREACH

On Friday evening, December 14, 2012, a group of church members gathered to prepare food boxes and fruit baskets to be distributed to members of our church and community. Through the generosity of our church, \$435.00 was received in donations; with these donations and additional funds from our local missions projects, we provided food boxes for seven local families, fifteen fruit baskets, and fifteen poinsettias. Phyllis Green donated a refrigerator magnet containing a scripture or prayer that was included with the fruit baskets. We also delivered thirty one Christmas stockings to the Frederick Salvation Army Christmas Stockings Program. They are being distributed to families in Frederick County. The folks at the Salvation Army Office were very thankful for our generosity to their program. I want to thank everyone that participated in any way to our Outreach Programs.

—Barbie Stottlemeyer, Outreach Chairperson

CONGRATULATIONS!
SUNDAY SCHOOL News

■ By Bobby Fogle
 Sunday School Superintendent

Six Recognized for Sunday School Attendance

Congratulations to six members of Salem's Sunday School during the 2012 church year. The following individuals had exemplary attendance:

Bill Burrier	52 Sundays
Darlene Burrier	52 Sundays
Doris Fogle	51 Sundays
Dick Kline	51 Sundays
Fonda Gormer	50 Sundays
George Harne	50 Sundays

Sunday School "Move Up" Sunday was December 2

Children moving up to the next higher class were:

- Joey Hawkins - Primary to Juniors
- Sarah Burrier - Primary to Juniors
- Maria Barkdoll - Primary to Juniors
- Emily Burrier - Kindergarten to Primary

Salem gives Bibles to Sunday School Youth



Several youth recently received Bibles given by Salem's Sunday School. Those receiving Bibles were:

- Maria Barkdoll Kenslie Buhrman
- Kaitlin Laky Noah Taveras
- Kate Young Leah Young

Bibles are given to children in third grade, or to a child that may be a little older but has become a new class member during the year. Older youth who will be receiving Bibles are Camilo Barkdoll, Chris Leatherman, and Valentina Barkdoll.

Christmas Candy and Oranges given December 23

Sunday School attendees received from the church our traditional candy treat bag and oranges on December 23rd wishing everyone a blessed Christmas.

Holy Communion Instruction



CONGRATULATIONS to the following children for completing Holy Communion instruction:

- Maria Barkdoll Noah Taveras
- Kenslie Buhrman Kate Young
- Kaitlin Laky Leah Young

The class was taught by Pastor Bob Snyder and was held for 3 weeks during the Sunday School hour.

Adult Choir Notes



■ By Sandy Lewis, Choir Director

Salem Adult Choir will be taking a brief break during January. We will start up practices again for our spring practice session on Tuesday, February 5, 2013, at 7:30 pm in the sanctuary. We will be preparing songs for worship, Holy Week and Easter, which is early this year—coming on March 31, 2013.

Many thanks to all our choir members for their support of the adult choir and for sharing their talents. May God richly bless you all in the coming year.

Wolfsville/Myersville CROP Hunger Walk

CROP Donations Reach \$100,000

■ By Fonda Gormer
 Wolfsville/Myersville CROP Coordinator

When I reported our preliminary statistics for the 2012 Wolfsville/Myersville CROP Hunger Walk to Patrick Walker at Church World Service, I received the following response: "According to our records, this was the 21st CROP Hunger Walk for Wolfsville/Myersville – and if you raise at least \$4,454.37 – you will cross the \$100,000 mark!"

Well, the final pledges have been collected and counted. We made the \$100,000 mark! Praise God!

This was actually at least the 25th CROP Walk in our area, but for the first several years our funds were included with the Frederick walk.

This year, 57 walkers and 4 dogs, representing four congregations walked on September 23. Three other walkers walked later and gathered pledges. Another congregation sent a donation. Together we collected \$4,707 for local and international hunger programs. The



funds are sent to Church World Service in Elkhart, Indiana; in turn, 25% will be distributed locally, divided equally among three organizations: the Religious Coalition for Emergency Human Needs in Frederick, the Middletown Food Bank, and Salem's Food Bank.

We had great weather for the walk. New participants as well as regulars joined to make the walk successful. And given the recent disasters worldwide, the funds raised are much needed for hunger and emergency relief programs.

A sincere thank-you is extended to everyone who made this walk successful. May God bless each of you.



2012 CROP Walk — Photo by Jim Laky



Participating churches, the number of walkers from each congregation and the amount raised are as follows:

Pleasant Walk United Methodist	\$100
Grossnickle Church of the Brethren (21 walkers)	\$2,035
Harmony Church of the Brethren (7 walkers)	\$967
Salem United Methodist (30 walkers)	\$1,260
St. Mark's Lutheran (2 walkers)	\$345
Total 60 walkers:	\$4,707

Next year's CROP Hunger Walk is scheduled for September 22, 2013.



Attendance Offerings

NOVEMBER 2012

	Worship*		Sunday School	
Nov 4 -	81	\$1,974.75	49	\$275.50
Nov 11 -	109	1,797.66	67	264.50
Nov 18 -	94	1,868.55	58	196.75
Nov 25 -	83	1,468.50	53	133.00

*Worship attendance & offerings include both worship services.

- **Missions:** \$1,407.56
- **Building & Imp. Fund:** \$236.67
- **Pavilion Fund:** \$80.00
- **Cemetery Endowment:** \$10.00

(Missions, Building Fund offerings, etc. are not included in Worship & Sunday School offerings above.)

	Average Attendance	
	Worship	Sunday School
Nov	92	57
Oct	84	51
Sept	90	61
Aug	84	53
Jul	80	58
Jun	100	55

Average Attendance Jan-Nov 2012
 Sunday Worship: 91
 Sunday School: 56

FINANCIAL News & Notes



Offering Envelopes Available for 2013

Members are encouraged to use offering envelopes for your weekly monetary offerings. Using envelopes helps all of us keep on track with our giving.

Those who use envelopes receive a statement of giving at the end of the year.

If you are currently using envelopes, you will automatically get new ones for 2013. Your offering envelopes for the new year are now available in the hallway just outside the sanctuary.

If you would like to request envelopes for the first time, contact Lora McGraw, Salem's Financial Secretary, at 301-824-3322, or by email at kre8ive4u@yahoo.com.

MY REGULAR CHURCH OFFERING

For Church Expenses..... \$ _____

For Missions \$ _____

For Building Fund \$ _____

Name _____

Offering Envelope

Give generously to Him and do so without a grudging heart; then, because of this, the Lord your God will bless you in all your work, and in everything you put your hand to.

—Deuteronomy 15:10

Salem Develops 2013 Ministry Budget

Salem's Administrative Council recently approved a new budget for 2013. The budget has six categories:

- 1. Conference Apportionments** paid to the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church (\$15,151).
- 2. Pastoral Ministry** which includes Pastor Bob's salary, travel allowance, medical premiums, pension and death/disability benefits, continuing education, guest pastors/speakers, annual conference expenses, pastor appreciation and Christmas gifts, and worker's compensation (\$69,222).
- 3. Ministry Programs** which includes Sunday School literature, newsletter, supplies, music, adult choir director's salary and employment taxes, promotion and advertising, flowers, youth and young adult activities, worship bulletins, and evangelism (\$15,300).
- 4. Church Building Utilities, Equipment, Maintenance, and Grounds Upkeep** which includes heat and electricity, propane, fire/storm/liability insurance, telephones, custodian's salary and employment taxes, copier lease and maintenance, and lawn care (\$24,800).
- 5. Parsonage Utilities** which includes heat and electricity, telephone, fire/storm/liability insurance, trash collection, and Internet service (\$5,200).



6. Mission Projects (\$16,200).

All current mission projects will be continued in 2013.

One additional project has been added—the Hero's Club After School Ministry. Hero's Club is currently funded by a one-time grant from the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church, student tuition, and scholarships from the Wolfsville Ruritan Club. (Currently, Hero's Club is budgeted separately, however, mission offerings may be used for Hero's Club if the other sources of funding are not sufficient to cover costs.)

Mission projects for 2013 and their goals are:

1. Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer (Retired) New Tribes Mission (\$2,448)
2. Operation Christmas Child (\$350)
3. Salem Mission & Outreach (\$1,180)
4. Food Pantry (\$1,180)
5. Mary E. - Tanzania (\$1,020)
6. Board of Child Care (\$1,360)
7. Gideons Fred'k West Camp (\$1,320)
8. Potato Project (\$720)
9. MHS FCA (\$564)
10. Mission Trip (TBD) (\$2,000)
11. Hopkins - Nicaragua (\$768)
12. Care Net Pregnancy Center (\$768)
13. Compassion International (\$972)
14. Local Mission Project (\$1,250)
15. Hero's Club (\$300) [NEW for 2013]



January

Calendar of Events

- Wed 2 Ladies Christian Book Club** - 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Joy Young's home
- Thu 3 UMW Bee-lievers** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
Board of Trustees - 7:30 p.m. at Salem
- Sun 6 Installation of Officers** - 9:00 & 11:15 a.m. at Salem
- Thu 10 Administrative Council** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Fri-Sun 11-13 ROCK Youth Retreat** - Ocean City, MD
- Sun 13 WildFire Youth Group** - 5:30-6:30 p.m.

NOTES: Food Pantry is open every Tuesday 6:00-7:00 p.m. at Salem
Walking Group meets every Saturday morning at Doub's Park at 8 a.m.
Praise Band practices every Wednesday evening at Salem at 7:00 p.m.
Ladies Exercise Group meets every Wednesday evening at Salem at 5:30 p.m.
Hero's Club meets every Monday 3:30-6:00 p.m. when school is open
Faith Builders Youth Group meets every Thursday evening 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Salem



Newsletter Distribution

- E-Mail** — We are currently sending this newsletter to 178 of our readers via e-mail. Our desire is to obtain as many e-mail addresses as possible.
- Pick Up Paper Copy at Church** — We are printing 85 copies for members who do not have e-mail and can pick up their copies at church.
- First Class Mail** — We are mailing about 30 copies, using the 45 cents First Class postage rate.

LOOKING AHEAD



Sunday, February 17, 2013
4:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Cosmic Skate & Play

11870 Buchanan Trail East
Waynesboro, PA
717-762-7177

FREE ADMISSION • FREE SKATES

Invite your friends.

For more information contact:
Joe Hawkins
240-818-0006
jch1973@comcast.net

NEWS & NOTES

Bee-lievers' News

■ By Fonda Gormer

A soup and sandwich sale has tentatively been scheduled for March 2-3, 2013. Look for more information in the next newsletter and in the weekly bulletin.

The next Bee-lievers meeting will be on January 3, 2013, at 7 p.m. in the church social area.

Works In Progress Community Praise Band

On December 17th, the Works In Progress Community Praise Band sang at the Wolfsville Ruritan Club's annual Christmas Banquet at the Cozy Restaurant in Thurmont. The band thanks the Ruritan Club for the invitation to share in their special evening.

Care Net Pregnancy Center



Dear Salem:

I want to thank each of you for supporting the Care Net Pregnancy Center in Frederick with your financial seed. Because of your generosity we continue to share God's salvation with the lost, His healing for the brokenhearted, and His message of hope for those facing unplanned pregnancies.

Be assured that God is multiplying the seeds sown. He will reap the harvest and we will see lives changed as they encounter our Mighty God.

In the love of Jesus, *Linda King*

Leadership Day

Leadership Day for the Western Region will be held Saturday, January 26, 2013, 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., at the Otterbein United Methodist Church, 108 East Franklin Street, Hagerstown.

Leadership Day is open to all leaders, future leaders and potential leaders in the church who are and can have an impact in the local congregations, communities and around the world.

Participants will receive opportunities for training in many areas of leaderships, that will help in obtaining vital information around committee responsibilities, and to gain a deeper insight into the life of the church, your congregation and the communities in which you serve.

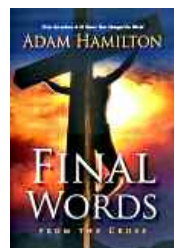
It is expected that spiritual leaders will experience God in a new way, and participants will be able to go out feeling empowered and encouraged to lead transformational ministries.

Participants must register and pay the registration fee prior to the event.

Contact Pastor Bob for details, and the list of workshops being offered, or view them online at www.bwcumc.org.

Looking Ahead

Lent begins in February, with Ash Wednesday on February 13th. The following six Sundays, Pastor Bob will present a series by Adam Hamilton titled "Final Words: From the Cross."



Who's Doing What, When?

JANUARY

9:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Lay Reader

- 6 - Randy Freysz
- 13 - Phil Koons
- 20 - Steve Leatherman
- 27 - Fonda Gormer

Ushers

- 6 - Dick Kline & Steve Leatherman
- 13 - Vernon Stottlemeyer & Robin Haupt
- 20 - Donald Stottlemeyer & Meredith Harshman
- 27 - Philip Koons & Brandon Leatherman

Organist

- 6 - Susan Koons
- 13 - Susan Koons
- 20 - Joann Leatherman
- 27 - Susan Koons

Greeters

- 6 - Robin & Theresa Haupt
- 13 - Steve & Joann Leatherman
- 20 - George, Barbie, & Matt Stottlemeyer
- 27 - Bob & Petie Stup

Acolytes

- 6 - Paul McCormick
- 13 - Jadie Buhrman
- 20 - Kenslie Buhrman
- 27 - Joshua Koons

11:15 A.M. CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

An informal **FAMILY FRIENDLY** service with contemporary Christian music, pastor's sermon, children's time, sharing of joys and concerns, prayer, and multimedia to enhance the worship experience.

It's Your Day!

January Anniversaries

- 2 - Kyle and Leann Crutchley
- 16 - Charles & Christi Beall
- 21 - Charles and Dawn Brown

January Birthdays

- 3 - Donna Horn
- 6 - Patty Weagley
- 6 - Phoebe Sparks
- 7 - Dwayne Ledford
- 19 - Bill Buhrman
- 19 - Elizabeth Beall
- 19 - Della Hager
- 20 - Bradley Flook Jr.
- 21 - Joann Leatherman
- 22 - Lora McGraw
- 25 - Dennis Tolland
- 27 - Carley Weagley
- 31 - Chase Tyler Woods

NOTE: To have your anniversary or birthday added, contact Bill Burrier.



CHILDREN are welcome to stay with their parents during the worship services. Children activity bags are available in the hallway just outside the sanctuary. The small tote bags contain Bible story books, small games, activity books, crayons, activity cards, etc. Please return it to its place at the end of the service.



November 30, 2012

Pastor Bob is on his knees — not praying this time... but unwrapping ornaments for the sanctuary Christmas tree. The white and gold ornaments, placed on the tree each year, were made by members of the congregation and are labeled with family names.

Holy Communion

Epiphany Sunday
January 6, 2013

9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. Worship



NEW CEMETERY Now Open



To purchase a burial lot, contact
George Stottlemeyer at 301-293-2372

BULLETIN BOARD
with a message

**HE WHO KNEELS
BEFORE GOD
CAN STAND
BEFORE ANYONE.**



Read the **OUR DAILY BREAD**
Daily Devotional
at www.SalemChurchWolfsville.org

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman



INSPIRATIONAL Reading

Yesterday and Tomorrow

By Tom Kolb, Frederick, MD

We spend our life regretting
The things from yesterday,
And it seems we're always fretting
About what people say.

We worry about tomorrow
And all that lies ahead,
Or dwell upon some sorrow
Or memory that is dead.

We fill our nights with worry
Instead of gentle sleep,
And lay there counting troubles
Instead of counting sheep.

We fill our hearts with shadows
That make us live in fear,
Instead of love's sweet promise
Or some memory sweet and dear.

We should never live in darkness
When the world is full of light,
For our life is meant for dreaming
If we're to make it full and bright.

So forget about tomorrow,
Or yesterday's mistakes,
And fill today with sunshine
Or whatever else it takes.

Submitted by Olive Kline



Threshold Thoughts

By Esther Baldwin York

We are at the threshold of another year,
and such an occasion brings on thoughts.
There are thoughts of the past year, both
happy and sad. And there are thoughts of
the future, perhaps wondering, perhaps
full of plans for the days ahead. If there
are fearful thoughts, let us try trust; if
there are gloomy thoughts, let us look to
the sunrise of new hope. May we cross the
threshold with purpose, and faith in One
who goes with us and knows the way, for
here is a brand new year!

Love the Lord

There is a time for all things,
but one thing for all times:
Love the Lord and one another.

—Edward A. Gloeggler



RECIPE



BROWN SUGAR FROSTED PECAN SANDIES

Cookies:

1 cup butter, softened	2 cups flour
1/2 cup brown sugar, packed	1/2 tsp baking soda
1/2 cup sugar	1/4 tsp salt
1 egg	1/2 cup pecans (finely chopped)
1 tsp vanilla	

Frosting:

1 cup brown sugar, packed	1 Tbsp butter
1/2 cup half-and-half	1 1/2 to 1 2/3 cups powdered sugar, sifted

pecan halves for garnish

Preheat oven to 350. Cream butter and sugars in large bowl with mixer until well blended. Beat in egg and vanilla. Combine flour, soda, and salt in a small bowl and gradually add to creamed mixture. Mix well after each addition. Stir in chopped pecans and chill dough 30 minutes. Shape dough into 1-inch balls and place on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake 10-12 minutes. Cool on wire racks. When completely cool, spread cookies with Brown Sugar Frosting and top with a pecan half.

Brown Sugar Frosting: Combine brown sugar and half-and-half in a small saucepan. Cook over moderate heat, stirring constantly, until mixture comes to a boil. Continue to boil 4 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in butter. Add 1 1/2 cups powdered sugar and beat with mixer until smooth. Add remaining powdered sugar to desired spreading consistency. Yield: 5 dozen

Petie Stup made these cookies for the Bee-lievers cookie exchange and provided the recipe.



New Year's Prayer

By Lolita Pinney

A whole new year is mine today . . .
May I be wiser, Lord, I pray!

I'd strengthen friendships, old and true,
And learn to cherish new ones, too;
To keep on learning and to grow
A little better as I go.

To cast aside each grudge and grief,
And hold fast to a firm belief
That life is joyous, gracious, good,
When lived in terms of brotherhood!

To welcome fun, and play a while,
To lighten work with happy smile!
To thank the Lord and every day
Remember Him, and kneel to pray
In gratitude for strength and health
And blessings which are
all my wealth!

This year's a gift from God to me
To spend, or use, or set me free . . .

A whole new year is mine today . . .
May I be wiser, Lord, I pray!



Winter Gifts

By Louise Pugh Corder

I love the woods when limbs are bare.
Deciduous trees their beauty share.
Outlined against a cold, clear sky,
With geese and songbirds winging by.
Lithe branches lift in God's design—
Simplicity of form and line.

Concealed by summer foliage green,
Now neighbors' cozy homes are seen.
The dormant earth draws people near,
Grants time for sharing, peace, and cheer,
To treasure beauty God imparts—
Fine winter gifts that warm our hearts.

*From the
Pastor*



Pastor's Notes — ...Worship in January

By PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER

I really hope you experienced our Lord and each other in a meaningful way during the 2012 Advent and Christmas seasons. And I wish you a Happy 2013!

I don't know about you, but for me, 2012 just flew by. More and more, I yearn to slow things down and simplify things. I hear others say this too.

Time flying by may be a sign that we're leading a complete and satisfying life and that's a good thing. But the rapid passage of time could also signal that we're just very busy, not necessarily leading to completeness and satisfaction. Perhaps all we can do is work with the Lord and each other to make each day count, so that the sum of all our days will hopefully be a life well lived and a life pleasing to God.

My dad sent me a quote when I was a young man just starting out. It's been meaningful to me over the years; some years I've followed it better than others. As we begin 2013, I hope to recommit to its wisdom and I offer it to you.

"This is the beginning of a new day. God has given me this day to use as I will. I can waste it or use it for good. What I do today is important, because I'm exchanging a day of my life for it. When tomorrow comes, this day will be gone forever, leaving in its place something that I have traded for it. I want it to be a gain, not a loss; good, not evil; success, not failure; in order that I shall not regret the price I paid for it." — *Author: Unknown*

**January 6 – Epiphany of the Lord
Holy Communion
"Giving Oneself"
Matthew 2:1-12**

The Wise Men travelled a long distance to worship baby Jesus. When they reached the stable where he was born "they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh" (2:11b).

Perhaps the greatest gifts they brought Jesus were not found in their treasure chests. Perhaps their greatest gift



was the giving of themselves. They made the trip to find Jesus and worship him. They felt it was important; something they should do.

Wise men and women still feel that the giving of oneself is important, and look to Jesus as their example.

On January 6th, we'll install our church leaders for 2013. I thank all our leaders for your great service and wish you a meaningful year of servant leadership in our congregation and community.

**January 13 -
Bill Burrier, Worship Leader
"Turning Over a New Leaf"
Ephesians 5:15-17**

On January 13th, Pastor Bob will be with our youth at the ROCK Youth Retreat in Ocean City. In his absence, Bill Burrier will be leading worship at both services. The theme on this day will be "Turning Over a New Leaf."

The new year brings a sense of hope and newness. Many of us take this time to look at ourselves and make commitments or resolutions for what we consider a better life. We want to get rid of the old and put on the new.

Paul's message to the Ephesians in

chapter 5, verses 15 through 17, gives some good advice for us to emulate in the new year: (1) We are to live wisely; (2) We are to live making the most of every opportunity; and (3) We are to live in God's will.

**January 20 - Youth Sunday
"Transformed from the Inside Out"
Romans 12:1-21**

In Romans 12:2, the apostle Paul makes this appeal, "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is — his good, pleasing and perfect will."

On January 11-13, our middle and high school youth will attend the annual ROCK Youth Retreat held at the convention center in Ocean City, MD.

On January 20, the children and youth of Salem will lead our worship services. Our theme on January 20 will be the same as the theme for ROCK—"Transformed from the Inside Out."

**January 27
"Rejected"
Luke 4:14-28**

Ever been rejected? Jesus was. Early in his ministry Jesus returned to his hometown of Nazareth to lead worship in the local synagogue. Luke 4:28 tells us, "All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. They got up, drove him out of town, and took him to the brow of a hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him down the cliff. But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way."

Nearly all of us are going to get rejected by others at one time or another. How we handle rejection determines the next chapter in our life.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Bob Stup for building us a beautiful and functional wooden storage box for receiving donated items. Removable partitions allow us to receive donations for up to three different projects at the same time. Thanks for your great work Bob!

All scripture is given by inspiration of God... that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. —2 Timothy 3:16-17

Serving the Lord in Wolfsville

2013

SALEM CHURCH LEADERS FOR 2013

EACH YEAR, church leaders are nominated by Salem's Committee on Nominations & Personnel, and then elected at the Charge Conference, which was held on October 21, 2012.

Administrative Council

Chair – Vernon Stottlemeyer
 Pastor – Bob Snyder
 Lay Leader – Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer
 Assistant Chair – Meredith Harshman
 Chair of Board of Trustees – TBD
 Evangelism Team Leader – Joy Young
 Chair of Finance Committee – Bill Burrier
 Chair of Outreach Committee – Barbie Stottlemeyer
 Chair of Staff Parish Relations Committee – Robin Haupt
 Chair of Worship Committee – Mary Alice Shankle
 Church Communications Coordinator – Bill Burrier
 Church Historian – Bill Burrier
 Church Treasurer – Bill Burrier
 Family Ministry Co-Leaders – Joe Hawkins & Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer
 Financial Secretary – Lora McGraw
 Lay Member to Annual Conference – Michael Burrier
 UMW/Bee-lievers President – Fonda Gormer
 Secretary of Church Council – Theresa Haupt
 Sunday School Superintendent – Bobby Fogle
 Sunday School Treasurer – Mary Fogle
 Youth Group Co-Leaders – Jessie Leatherman (WildFire Grades 3-5) and Pastor Bob Snyder (Faith Builders Grades 6-9)
 Youth Member – Camden Raynor
 Young Adult Leader – TBD
 Young Adult Member - Richard Freysz
 Members-at-large – Howard Brandenburg, George Harne, Joe Hawkins, George Stottlemeyer, Matthew Stottlemeyer

Board of Trustees

Robin Haupt (2015), Todd Raynor (2015), George Stottlemeyer (2015), Bobby Fogle (2013), George Harne (2013), Donald Stottlemeyer (2013), Gary Barkdoll (2014), Richard Harshman (2014), Brandon Leatherman (2014)

Children's Coordinators - Caroline Buhman and Doris Fogle

Choirs

Adult Choir Director – Sandra Lewis
 Children's Choir Leader – Melanie Raynor

Church Organist – Susan Koons & Joann Leatherman

Church Historian Assistants - Linda Hessong and Joy Sentz

Finance Committee

Bill Burrier (Chair), Bob Snyder (Pastor), Michael Burrier (Lay Member to Annual Conference), Vernon Stottlemeyer (Administrative Council Chairperson), Robin Haupt (Chairperson of SPR Committee), TBD (Chairperson of Trustees), Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer (Lay Leader), Lora McGraw (Financial Secretary), Bill Burrier (Treasurer), Bobby Fogle (Sunday School Superintendent), Barbie Stottlemeyer (Chairperson of Outreach), Mary Alice Shankle (Chairperson of Worship Committee), Meredith Harshman (Audit)

Local Lay Speakers

Michael Burrier and Amanda Hawkins

Serve the Lord with enthusiasm. *Romans 12:11b*

**Nominations & Leadership Development Committee**

Pastor - Bob Snyder (Chair), Lay Leader – Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer, Howard Brandenburg (2015), Joe Hawkins (2015), Lora McGraw (2015), Jennifer Burrier (2013), Ruth Draper (2013), Theresa Haupt (2013), Gary Barkdoll (2014), Susie Stottlemeyer (2014), Joy Young (2014)

Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC)

Lay Leader – Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer, Lay Member to Annual Conference – Michael Burrier, Pastor – Bob Snyder, Phyllis Beall (2015), Cathie Elsbach (2015), Phil Koons (2015), Michael Burrier (2013), Della Hager (2013), Roger Jackson (2013), Brenda Freysz (2014), Robin Haupt (2014) (Chair), Dawn Nelson (2014)

Sunday School

Superintendent – Bobby Fogle
 Treasurer – Mary Fogle
 Secretary – Lora McGraw
 Assistant Secretary – Bobby Fogle
 Librarian – Brandon Leatherman
 Nursery Class Teachers – Caroline Buhman & Anna Kate Draper
 Kindergarten Class Teachers – Michael & Jennifer Burrier
 Primary Class Teachers – Robin and Theresa Haupt
 Junior Class Teacher – Susie Stottlemeyer
 Junior/Senior High Class Teacher – Fonda Gormer
 Young Adult Class Teacher – TBD
 Adult Discussion Group Teacher – Bill Burrier
 Men's Class Teachers – Bobby Fogle, George Harne, Meredith Harshman, & Dennis Leatherman
 Women's Class Teachers – Mary Cline, Darlene Burrier

Worship Committee

Mary Alice Shankle (Chair); Richard & Anita Harshman (Communion Steward - Prepare), Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer & Susie Stottlemeyer (Communion Stewards - Serve), Darlene Burrier (Communion Steward Assistant - Serve); Michael Burrier (Computer System Coordinator); Michael Burrier, Joe Hawkins, Jim Laky & Donna Snyder (Computer System Operators); Michael Burrier (Contemporary Service Representative), Olive Kline and Barbie Stottlemeyer (Flower Coordinators); Bill Burrier, Theresa Haupt, Amanda Hawkins, & Delores Myers (members)

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations.

—Matthew 28:19



CELEBRATING JESUS' BIRTH

CHRISTMAS *at* SALEM

Photos by Michael Burrier & Bill Burrier

Bee-lievers contributed 240 items for Christmas store

■ By Fonda Gormer

The Bee-lievers crafted about 240 items for the Wolfsville Elementary School Christmas store.

Mice with candy cane tails, beaded canes, felt snowmen and wreaths of jigsaw puzzle pieces were assembled during workshops and at home.

The store was held on December 12th and 13th at the school, and several of the ladies assisted with the shopping and wrapping.

During the December meeting, the Bee-lievers held their annual cookie exchange. Cookies were sampled and the recipes shared. (Look for the recipes in this and future issues of *The Mountain Shepherd*.) Cookies were also donated for the Hero's Club Christmas party.

SCENES from SANCTUARY DECORATING and CHRISTMAS PARTY



Wanda Barkdoll and Joe Hawkins climb the ladder to trim the 12-foot Christmas tree.



The nativity is assembled and placed in two sanctuary windows.



Camilo Barkdoll and Chris Leatherman try to guess the number of candies in the jars.



Madison Elsbach looks festive for the party.



The kids arrange themselves in a circle... getting ready to play the package game.



Santa reads the Christmas story from the Bible.



A blind-folded Kenslie Buhrman plays "Pin the Nose on the Reindeer."



The adults are seated and ready ... waiting for the package game to begin.



Board of Trustees

FACILITY MANAGEMENT

Salem's 2013 Board of Trustees

George Stottlemeyer
Robin Haupt
Todd Raynor
Bobby Fogle
Donald Stottlemeyer

George Harne
Gary Barkdoll
Brandon Leatherman
Richard Harshman

Maintaining Salem's Buildings and Grounds

Photos by George Harne & Elvin Stottlemeyer



In mid October, JEMCO Inc. of Ijamsville, brought their equipment to Salem's cemetery (the new section) to drill test holes to determine whether there is rock beneath the surface. This testing was necessary because substantial rock had been discovered while digging a grave, and the church needed to know the extent of it. The drilling identified substantial rock in parts of the cemetery. The rock will be removed with heavy equipment in the spring.

By George Stottlemeyer Chair, Board of Trustees (2012)

PARSONAGE DRAINAGE

During the peak of "Hurricane Sandy" we experienced several inches of water accumulated in the basement of the parsonage. We discovered the basement drain pipe and drain pipe around the foundation had either collapsed or became clogged, not allowing the water to drain.

Todd Harne was contracted to correct the problem. Todd dug a ditch from the parsonage down to below the parking lot and placed new drain pipe and crushed stone in the ditch to correct the problem.

EQUIPMENT PURCHASES

We also recently purchased a new dehumidifier for the basement of the parsonage, and a new microwave for the parsonage; the microwave has not yet been installed.

CEMETERY ROCKS

With advice from Todd Harne, the Trustees decided to wait until spring 2013 for further excavation work to remove the rocks from the new cemetery area. Once the ground dries in the spring, Todd will begin removing the rocks and filling in the areas with dirt so that we can replant grass seed.

FOOD PANTRY GUIDELINES

Revised December 13, 2012

Guidelines

- Salem's Food Pantry is open every Tuesday evening from 6:00-7:00 p.m. for individuals and families with a Myersville, Smithsburg and Sabillasville address. We also serve people in need in our own congregation.
- Families may use the Food Pantry once a month. However, if you're having a crisis, please let the staff know and accommodations may be made.
- You will need to provide your name and keep the staff current on your physical address, phone number, and number of family members that reside in your household.
- Residents will receive plastic or paper bags to fill according to family size. One bag to a single person, two bags to a couple or family of three, and three bags to a family of four or more.
- Bakery items and fresh produce will be provided when available, with no limitations.
- To ensure that all households are treated fairly, some items may be quantity limited per household.
- Salem UMC will also provide delivery to those who are disabled or elderly upon request.
- Please note that we have the right to refuse services to anyone who uses obscenities, is under the influence of a controlled substance, or makes us feel in danger.
- The pantry is not responsible for food after it has left the pantry. Food product "dating" sheets are available for reference.
- If you experience a true emergency or crisis situation outside of our regular pantry hours, you may call the church office at 301-293-1616.

Additional Information

- Brochures are available at the Food Pantry for such things as food recipes, healthy eating, educational resources, social services and more.
- Our staff members are available to pray with you at any time. Also, a box is available for any prayer requests you may have.
- Pastor Bob Snyder is available to provide pastoral care. He may be reached at 301-293-1616.
- The food is mostly purchased through Maryland Food Bank of Western Maryland which is a member of Feeding America.
- The Food Pantry is sponsored by donations from churches, individuals and organizations.
- Donations are appreciated.
- Salem point of contact for the food pantry is Dawn Nelson, 301-293-9988.



Salem Church in 1959 — This photo, recently given to the church by Olive Kline, was taken in July 1959. Salem's pastor, Rev. John Schildt is in the pulpit, and the beautiful array of flowers were grown by Olive in her garden. Rev. Schildt was pastor from 1956 to 1961.

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The Lord's Clinic...



I went to the Lord's Clinic to have my routine check-up and He confirmed I was ill. When Jesus took my blood pressure, He saw that I was low in tenderness. When He read my temperature, the thermometer registered 40% of anxiety. He ran an electrocardiogram and found that I needed several "love bypasses" since my arteries were blocked with loneliness and could not provide for an empty heart. I went to Orthopedics because I could not walk by my brother's side and I could not hug my friends, since I had fractured myself when tripping with envy. He also found I was short-sighted since I could not see beyond the shortcomings of my brothers and sisters. When I complained about deafness, the diagnosis was that I had stopped listening to Jesus' voice talking to me on a daily basis.

For all of this, Jesus gave me a free consultation, thanks to His mercifulness; so my pledge is to, once I leave this clinic, only take the natural remedies He prescribed through His words of truth. Each morning take a full glass of gratitude. When getting to work, take one spoon full of peace. Each hour take one pill of patience, one cup of brotherhood, and one glass of humility.

—Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

Some thoughts to ponder . . .

The key to getting along with others is having the mind of Christ.

The Bible contains the nutrients we need for a healthy soul.

A debt is never too old for an honest person to pay.

Humility toward God makes us gentle toward others.

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TWO WORSHIP SERVICES

— Every Sunday —
9:00 a.m. Traditional
10:15 a.m. Sunday School
11:15 a.m. Contemporary

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