



Salem United Methodist Church—Wolfsville

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Worship, Fellowship, & Prayer Opportunities at Salem during Lent

THEME FOR LENT: "A Journey to Hope"



DISCOVER the HOPE to HANDLE EVERYTHING

Although the series began Feb 22, you may join us at any time. Each message can make a difference in our lives right now.

JOIN US on THE JOURNEY.

Follow Christ to the cross this Lenten season. Learn from Pastor Bob's teachings on...

- Wed Feb 22 *Risk* (Ash Wednesday)
- Sun Feb 26 *Choosing our Traveling Companions*
- Sun Mar 4 *Self-Esteem*
- Sun Mar 11 *Work*
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- Sun Apr 1 *Suffering* (Palm Sunday)

OPEN A NEW DOOR

See REAL LIFE SITUATIONS with fresh eyes... no matter your mile marker in life.

Commit to attend each week. Invite a friend. Encounter Christ.

The Mountain Shepherd

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SALEM MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

Current Membership: 223
Sunday School Enrollment: 77
2012 New Members: 0

SALEM PHYSICAL FACILITIES

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

SALEM WEB SITE

www.SalemChurchWolfsville.org

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	2012 Goal	% of Goal
1	Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer Retired Senegal Missionaries	\$204	\$204.00	\$2,448	8%
2	Operation Christmas Child Postage for Shoe Boxes - Samaritan's Purse - November	—	0	\$355	0%
3	Salem Mission & Outreach Supports human needs as determined by Salem	—	0	\$1,180	0%
4	Salem Food Pantry Open every Monday 6:00-7:00 p.m.	—	\$50.06	\$1,180	4%
5	Mary Elmore - Africa Inland Mission Working in Tanzania, Africa	\$85	\$85.00	\$1,020	8%
6	United Methodist Board of Child Care Care of Homeless or Abused Children	—	0	\$1,360	0%
7	Gideons International Frederick County - West Camp - Distributing Bibles	\$110	\$110.00	\$1,320	8%
8	Potato Project Society of St. Andrew, Big Island, Virginia	\$60	\$60.00	\$720	8%
9	Middletown High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes	\$47	\$47.00	\$564	8%
10	Mission Trip Destination to be determined	—	0	\$2,295	0%
11	Ronnie & Angi Hopkins The Mission Society - Mission Work in Nicaragua	\$64	\$64.00	\$768	8%
12	Care Net Pregnancy Center 707 N. Market Street, Frederick, MD	\$64	\$64.00	\$768	8%
13	Compassion International Sponsored children in Ecuador & India	\$76	\$76.00	\$942	8%
14	Local Mission Projects Supporting local repair or renovation needs	—	0	\$1,250	0%

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.



Santanu Sing
East India



Natali Vargas
Ecuador

COMPASSION - Sponsored Children

Salem Support: \$76 monthly

Dear Salem Church:

How are you? I and my family members are all fine. My school's annual examination is going to be over. After that I will be going to a new class. During vacation, I will go to my relative's house. I celebrated Christmas with my family and friends. I participated in cultural programs and action songs. I am thankful for the Christmas gift. Please keep praying for all of us.

— Santanu Sing

Dear Salem Church:

I am fine and happy. Please pray for my studies and for my 6 siblings. I want to thank you for the support you give me, because where I live there is no work and we live by hunting and fishing. Let me tell you that we had a Christmas program and a huge meal, and missionaries taught us the Bible. I received a gift from you. Thank you very much. God bless you.

— Natali Vargas



Salem United Methodist Women "Bee-lievers"

BUSY SPRING AHEAD



Bee-lievers plan Food Sales; other activities

■ By Fonda Gormer

The food, like that served at the Lord's Acre Festival, is back! The Bee-lievers are planning two food sales in March.

A soup and sandwich sale is planned for pick-ups on March 10 and 11. Those order forms were due February 26; you may call me at 301-293-2436, if you need to place an order.

Orders are being taken for a pie sale with pick-ups on March 24 and 25. An order form appears at right, and is due March 11. If you can't deliver a form in person, call me as above.

BUSY SPRING AHEAD FOR BEE-LIEVERS

In addition to the March food sales, the Bee-lievers will have a food sale at the upcoming plant and yard sale on May 12.

Another project of the Bee-lievers and women of the church is providing meals for the Wolfsville Ruritan Club's monthly meeting. When the Ruritan Club was formed 55 years ago, Salem and St. Mark's Lutheran Church were offered the opportunity to provide meals for the meetings, in return for a donation from the club. Salem provides the supper on the third Monday in February, April, June and October. We can always use help with preparation, serving and clean-up, if anyone has some time to donate. This has been a steady source of income for the women through the years.

A new project for the Bee-lievers is the prayer shawl ministry. At our next meeting on March 1, we will be making fleece prayer shawls for distribution to those in need of comfort and solace. Patterns are also available for anyone who would like to knit or crochet a shawl.

The Bee-lievers is a group of women who usually meet on the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in the church social area. There is no business meeting in May due to Ladies Night Out (more about that in the April newsletter!).

The group works to support the missions of the church, with a lot of effort being put into fund-raising and crafting for the Lord's Acre project. Any woman is invited to just show up at a meeting. We have a brief devotion, a business meeting, sometimes a work session, and a time for fellowship and refreshments.

BEE-LIEVERS "PIE SALE" ORDER FORM

Please give orders to Delores Myers or Barbie Stottlemeyer, or place in basket on hallway table by **March 11**.

NAME _____

PHONE _____

PIES		How many	Amount
Apple	\$9.00	_____	\$ _____
Sugar-Free Apple	\$9.00	_____	\$ _____
Black Raspberry	\$11.00	_____	\$ _____
Cherry	\$9.00	_____	\$ _____
Blueberry	\$9.00	_____	\$ _____
Pumpkin	\$9.00	_____	\$ _____
Pecan	\$9.00	_____	\$ _____
Raisin	\$9.00	_____	\$ _____
Coconut Cream	\$9.00	_____	\$ _____
Chocolate Cream	\$9.00	_____	\$ _____
Lemon Meringue	\$9.00	_____	\$ _____
Peach	\$9.00	_____	\$ _____
Total Amount Due at Pickup			\$ _____

PICKUP at church (check one)

Sat. March 24, 4-6 p.m. _____

Sun. March 25, after a.m. services _____

If you would like more information on any of these projects, or about the Bee-lievers, contact me at 301-293-2436 or at fonda.gormer@comcast.net.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: New at Salem

■ By Dawn Nelson

Salem's Bee-lievers has started a prayer shawl ministry. Prayer shawls have been made for centuries, going back to Biblical times, and are symbolic of an inclusive, unconditionally loving God. These shawls are to be wrapped around a person giving them the feeling of God's loving arms embracing them. They wrap, enfold, comfort, cover, give solace, hug, shelter and beautify.

This ministry will be for those in celebration of a birth of a child, wedding, renewal of vows, accomplishment, or an ill child, adult or someone going into surgery or dying. We also have beautiful crosses that can be held in hand or hung as a reminder of God's love. Those who have received these shawls or crosses have been uplifted and affirmed, as if given wings to fly above their troubles.

If you would like to help by using your talents in knitting, crocheting or sewing of these garments, we would greatly appreciate your participation. Please contact Anita Harshman at 301-293-2080, who currently has yarn and some other materials that can be used in making these. If you know of someone who is in need of a prayer shawl, please contact me at 301-293-9988 or e-mail nelsondawn@comcast.net.



Pictured above are members of the Bee-lievers praying over the materials that will be used to make the prayer shawls and the beautiful crosses that will be given.



Attendance & Offerings

JANUARY 2012

		Worship*		Sunday School	
Jan	1	82	\$1,917.77	57	\$280.02
Jan	8	102	1,870.75	68	174.25
Jan	15	94	1,920.50	63	150.55
Jan	22	93	1,291.25	51	141.25
Jan	29	101	2,753.75	55	165.25

Average Attendance		
	Worship	Sunday School
Jan	94	59
Dec	105	57
Nov	94	61
Oct	92	53
Sept	108	57
Aug	91	54

*Worship attendance & offerings include both worship services.

- Missions: \$1,025.00
- Pavilion Fund: \$225.00
- Building & Imp. Fund: \$173.00
- Cemetery Endowment: \$50.00

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

Average Attendance Jan 2012
 Sunday Worship: 94
 Sunday School: 59

Sticky Buns to be sold at Salem \$12 per dozen

As a fund-raiser for Salem's United Methodist Women Bee-lievers, Anita Harshman is making Pecan Cinnamon Sticky Buns. The buns can be purchased directly from Anita for \$12 per dozen. To place your order, call Anita at 301-293-2080. Orders can be picked up after services on Sunday mornings. Orders can be placed at any time. Anita's goal is to make and sell 100 dozen buns and give the profits to the Bee-lievers. As of this writing, just by word of mouth (without advertising), she is one-third of the way toward reaching her goal.

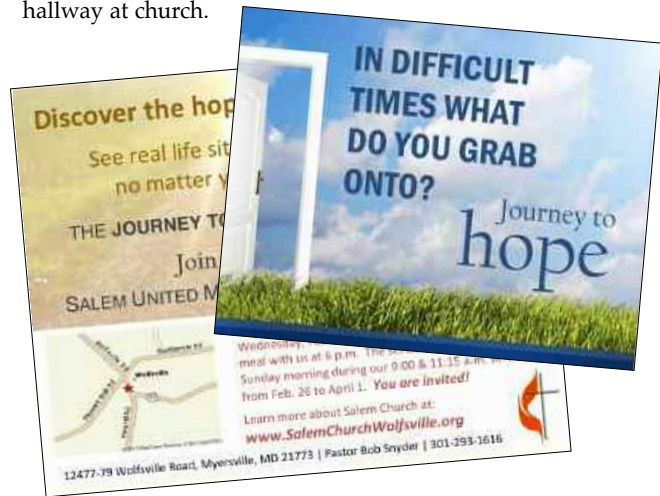
Photo by Dawn Nelson



ADULT CHOIR — Calling all those who would like to sing for the Lord! We are looking for more choir members for our Easter Celebration Series! We meet every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Sandy Lewis is the choir director. —Submitted by Dawn Nelson

Invitations sent to Wolfsville community

As a effort in evangelism for Salem, invitation cards were mailed to over 130 households in the immediate Wolfsville area. Extra copies of the invitation are available on the table in the hallway at church.



Look for these cards at church and give them to a friend or neighbor as our invitation to the series of messages called "A Journey to Hope."

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

34th ANNUAL
CREATION 2012

NORTHEAST
 AGAPE FARM - MT. UNION, PA
 JUNE 27TH - 30TH
 A TRIBUTE TO OUR CREATOR



March

Calendar of Events

- Thu 1 UMW Bee-lievers** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
Board of Trustees - 7:30 p.m. at Salem
- Sun 4 Bible Study** - 5:30-7:00 p.m. at Salem (8-week study on Sunday evenings)
- Tue 6 Adult Choir Practice** - 7:30 p.m. at Salem (Every Tuesday evening)
- Thu 8 Administrative Council** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Sat 10 Pick Up Orders - Bee-lievers Food Sale** - 4:00-6:00 p.m. at Salem
- Sun 11 Pick Up Orders - Bee-lievers Food Sale** - After Sunday morning services
- Sun 11 Second Sunday Youth Meeting** - (Grades 3-9)
 5:00-5:30 dinner; 5:45-7:00 p.m. meeting at Salem
- Wed 21 Third Wednesday Lenten Worship** - 6:00 p.m. fellowship meal, 7:00 p.m. worship
- Sat 24 Pick Up Orders - Bee-lievers Pie Sale** - 4:00-6:00 p.m. at Salem
Minute To Win It Night - WildFire Youth Group (Grades 3-5)
- Sun 25 Pick Up Orders - Bee-lievers Pie Sale** - After Sunday morning services
- Sat 31 Assemble Food Boxes & Fruit Baskets** - 9:00 a.m. at Salem

NOTES: Hero's Club meets every Monday 3:30-6:00 p.m. when school is open.
 Food Pantry is open every Monday 6:00-7:00 p.m.
 Prayer in Sanctuary on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.



Newsletter Distribution

1. E-Mail — We are currently sending this newsletter to 167 of our readers via e-mail. Our desire is to obtain as many e-mail addresses as possible.

2. 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.

3. First Class Mail — We are mailing about 30 copies, using the 45 cents First Class postage rate.

View our website
 on your
 mobile devices,
 e.g., iPad, iPhone,
 iPod Touch
 at

www.SalemChurchWolfsville.org



Lord's Acre Festival

Saturday, Sept. 8, 2012

Wolfsville Ruritan Park

Always the Second Saturday in September



These old photos of Salem's sanctuary were recently given to the church from the Marvin Blickenstaff estate. Unfortunately, the black and white 3.5 x 6 inch photos do not have a date. To help determine the date, notice there is no painting of Christ behind the altar. Salem purchased the painting in 1948, so it is assumed that the photo was taken prior to that time. Our thanks to the Doug Blickenstaff family for their thoughtfulness.

Who's Doing What, When?

MARCH

9:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Lay Reader

4 - Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer
11 - Randy Freysz
18 - Phil Koons
25 - Steve Leatherman

Ushers

4 - Dick Kline & Steve Leatherman
11 - Vernon Stottlemeyer & Robin Haupt
18 - Donald Stottlemeyer & Meredith Harshman
25 - Philip Koons & Brandon Leatherman

Organist

4 - Krista Bussard
11 - Susan Koons
18 - Krista Bussard
25 - Susan Koons

Greeters

4 - Dennis Leatherman
11 - Cindy Draper
18 - George, Barbie, & Matt Stottlemeyer
25 - Andrea Palmer

Acolytes

4 - Ali Robinson
11 - Jadie Buhrman
18 - Ali Robinson
25 - 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!

March Anniversaries

8 - Monty & Phyllis Beall
17 - Jerry & Cindy Draper
18 - Sam & Jane Zimmerman

March Birthdays

5 - Sarah Haddock
5 - Richard Harshman
6 - Jane Zimmerman
7 - Joshua Koons
12 - Jennifer Harne
12 - Kenna Raynor
13 - Joshua Gormer
14 - Donna Snyder
15 - Vicki Robinson
16 - Ken Poling
17 - Audrey Tolland
17 - Pat Wisner
18 - Joe Reed
19 - Bobby Doyle
23 - Owen Raynor
24 - Allison Adams
24 - Pastor Bob Snyder

TO ADD YOUR NAME to the anniversary and birthday lists, contact Bill Burrier at BillBurrier@verizon.net or call 301-293-2665.



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.



Photo by Sandy Miller

Every Sunday in church, Dick Kline has a friendly word for everyone, sometimes saying things that just make us laugh. On the Sunday after the Women's Valentine Prayer Breakfast, when folks were leaving the sanctuary after the 9:00 a.m. worship service, one of the women shared with Dick the crown they received at the breakfast, and he gracefully went along with the joke, as Sandy Miller quickly snapped this photo.

Holy Communion

MARCH 4, 2012

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

**THE BEST VITAMIN
FOR A CHRISTIAN
IS B1**

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman



**INSPIRATIONAL
Reading**

Springtime Again

By Cornelia M. Stillings

I feel the springtime in the air,
I sense God's presence everywhere.
The whole world stirs from winter's rest,
Awakening fair, renewed, refreshed.



The budding twigs on branches high
Are etched against the cloudless sky
To reassure me, once again.
Life is God's greatest gift to men!

Give me new purpose, vision, worth,
As springtime comes to this dear earth.
Eternal goodness, may I be
Alive, alert, aware of Thee.

May failures of the past and doubt
By faith and hope be crowded out,
And in my heart a melody
Sing of a happy destiny.

Unseen Blessings

By Nettie Ramsey

Life's dearest and most precious gifts
Are those we cannot see,
They span the universe and link
Time and eternity;

For love is never seen of men,
And yet it rules the world,
Wherever Christ is honored
And the Christian flag unfurled.

Kindness and goodness are unseen,
And yet how vast a part
They play in God's eternal plan
To soothe the troubled heart!

The thoughtfulness and helpfulness
Of friends both new and old
Are valued more, far more, than gifts
Of gems and shining gold!



March Winds

By Essie L. Mariner

March winds are blowing a welcome to spring,
Birds flying northward merrily sing,
"Winter is ended; the sun and the rain
Are bringing the grass and the flowers again."

You are light in the Lord.
Walk as children of light. —Ephesians 5:8



RECIPE



BREAKFAST CASSEROLE

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 6 bread slices (torn up) | 2 cups milk |
| 1 pound bulk sausage (cooked/drained) | 1 teaspoon salt |
| 1 cup shredded sharp cheese | 1/2 teaspoon pepper |
| 6 eggs | |

Preheat oven at 350 degrees. Grease a 9x13 dish. Place bread on the bottom of the dish. Sprinkle with crumbled sausage and cheese. Beat eggs, milk, salt, and pepper, and pour over the bread mixture. Bake for 40-45 minutes.

*Submitted by Cathie Elsbach
On Christmas Day, Cathie made this casserole for the
Adult Discussion Group Sunday School Class.*



Spread the Beauty

By Tom Kolb, Frederick, MD

Spread the beauty that you see
From the windows of the soul,
And let them paint each memory
To draw upon when you are old.

Let the sunsets that you've seen
Trim your heart in gold and red,
And let the glory of some scene
Light the darkened days ahead.

Let the sunlight on the earth
Fill you with its golden light,
And let the stars give new rebirth
To your dreams within the night.

Let the blossoms of each spring
Decorate your lonely heart,
And let the promise that they bring
Become a living work of art.

Always search for lovely things
For you can find them everywhere,
And then your soul can then take wing
And soar high into the air.

Submitted by Olive Kline

When you buy a container of cake frosting from the store, whip it with your mixer for a few minutes. You can double it in size. You can frost more cake/cupcakes with the same amount and you also eat less sugar and calories per serving.



Submitted by Dennis Draper

What Matters in a Day

By Margaret Peterson

By the power of God, a day is born
With endless potential in it.
We have "free wills" so each may choose
What to do with each minute.

Vast may be the day's work done,
Huge the goals that are striven.
But greatest of all in the eyes of God
Is the amount of love that was given.

*And now these three remain: faith, hope
and love. But the greatest of these is love.*

—1 Corinthians 13:13



An Irish Blessing

May the road rise up to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face
And the rains fall soft upon your fields,
And, until we meet again,
May God hold you in the hollow of His hand.



By PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER

WORSHIP *in* MARCH



As we journey together, the topics we address each week are things most of us wrestle with: **RELATIONSHIPS, SELF-ESTEEM, WORK, TEMPTATION, MONEY, and SUFFERING.**

—Pastor Bob Snyder

Lent is a time of self-examination, recommitment, and renewal. We ask ourselves the questions: Where am I falling short? Where do I want to be? How do I get there? The 40 days of Lent are a great opportunity to work with God to answer those questions.

During Lent this year, our sermon series is “A Journey to Hope.” On Ash Wednesday, we started the journey. We saw that any journey worth taking involves some risk. If we can risk going outside of our comfort zones we’ll continue to grow in faith, but if we’re not willing to risk at all, we’ll remain right where we are.

On Ash Wednesday and again this past Sunday, we were challenged to take the risk of asking a person in our congregation to be our traveling partners on our journey to hope. I really encourage you to do that now, if you haven’t done so already.

As we journey together, the topics we address each week are things most of us wrestle with: relationships, self-esteem, work, temptation, money, and suffering. Maybe you are experiencing a problem in one or more of those areas right now? Maybe you could use a sounding board? Maybe you need support holding yourself accountable? Maybe you could use some care as you heal physically or emotionally? We could all use the encouragement and support a traveling partner can offer. A thriving, healthy community of faith extends that kind of love and support to one another. Asking someone to be our traveling partner, saying “yes” to be a partner, and staying closer to God than we ever have before — those three things are going to set us up for a great “journey to hope” this Lent. Have a great Lenten season! God Bless, *Pastor Bob*

**March 4th – “A Journey to Hope”
Lenten Sermon Series
Week 3 – “Self-Esteem”
Mark 11:1-11**

Jesus was welcomed with great joy on Palm Sunday and crucified with great hatred on Good Friday. It all happened in less than a week. Our Lord didn’t allow

his self-esteem to be dictated by those who wished him harm. Identity and self-esteem can make or break our journey. Is our identity based on who people say we are? Or is our identity based upon who we know God created us to be? Having a firm foundation of who we are, helps us overcome the obstacles of life.

**March 11th – “A Journey to Hope”
Lenten Sermon Series
Week 4 – “Work”
Mark 10:35-44**

James and John asked Jesus if they could have the highest places of honor with Jesus, one on his right and one on his left. They felt they had worked for this and deserved it. What do we work for? We need to meet our financial needs along our journey. How can work be realized as joyful? The disciples gave up all their things to live out their passion for Christ. Many of us give up all our passions to have our possessions. How can we find the right balance that is pleasing to God?

**March 18th – “A Journey of Hope”
Lenten Sermon Series
Week 5 – “Temptation”
Mark 14:32-40**

The thought of what awaited him exhausted Jesus — ridicule, suffering, painful execution. When we get tired along the way, it is tempting to stop or turn away from the journey. To go the distance, we must learn to refuel. Prayer (personal and as a community) is a way to build strength. Christ is our model for this; he frequently turned to prayer.

**March 25th – “A Journey to Hope”
Lenten Sermon Series
Week 6 – “Money”
Mark 12:41-44**

The Bible says that the poor widow in this story “put more into the treasury than all the others” (vs. 43). She figured out the significance of Christ in her life and gave accordingly. Money is a means of exchange for something we need or want. Any journey requires purchases along the way. Do we have a healthy relationship with money? Do we have money or does money have us?

**Wednesdays during Lent
Individual Prayer and Meditation
Stations of the Cross**

The sanctuary will be available each Wednesday evening from 7-8 p.m. during Lent for individual prayer and meditation. Prayer and meditation is available in the pews, and at the Stations of the Cross which will be set up in the windows of the sanctuary. During this hour, Pastor Bob or a lay member of the church will be available for prayer.

**PRAYER
FOR LENT**



Gracious and merciful God, I thank you for a special time of year that reminds me of how much I need you and how available you are for my need.

Help me, dear Lord, to make the days until Easter a time of turning to you, opening my heart to you, confessing my sin to you, and relying on your grace.

Help me not to get caught up in the details of what I give up and what I take on. Rather, may these be signposts that point me to you and a deeper relationship with you.

How true it is, Lord, that I have a great need for you. And how much truer it is that you are a great God for my need! All praise be to you! In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen!



WORSHIP, FELLOWSHIP, & PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

LENT & EASTER at Salem

Worship, Fellowship and Prayer Opportunities during Lent & Easter

■ By Pastor Bob Snyder

March

4 Sunday Worship. "A Journey of Hope" Lenten Sermon Series. Week 3 – "Self-Esteem"

7 Wednesday Prayer - Sanctuary open for private prayer, 7-8 p.m.

11 Sunday Worship. "A Journey of Hope" Lenten Sermon Series. Week 4 – "Work"

14 Wednesday Prayer - Sanctuary open for private prayer, 7-8 p.m.

18 Sunday Worship. "A Journey of Hope" Lenten Sermon Series. Week 5 – "Temptation"

21 Wednesday Lenten Worship. Congregational Meal (6-7 p.m.), Worship (7-8 p.m.) Child care provided.

25 Sunday Worship. "A Journey of Hope" Lenten Sermon Series. Week 6 – "Money"

April

1 Palm Sunday. "A Journey of Hope" Lenten Sermon Series. Week 7 – "Suffering"

Lenten Sermon Series continues

"A Journey to Hope"

Mar 4 Self-Esteem

Mar 11 Work and Time

Mar 18 Temptation and Sabbath

Mar 25 Money

Apr 1 Suffering (Palm Sunday)

4 Wednesday Prayer - Sanctuary open for private prayer, 7-8 p.m.

5 Holy/Maundy Thursday. 7:30 p.m.

"The Last Supper" dramatic presentation.

6 Good Friday Worship. 7:30 p.m.

Dramatic presentation.

7 Holy Saturday. Prayer Vigil, 12 noon – 12 midnight.

7 Holy Saturday Easter Egg Hunt – 2 p.m.

8 Easter Sunday Sunrise Service 6:30 a.m. at Grossnickle Church of the Brethren

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

Sunday School – 10:15 a.m.

8 Community Easter Cantata, Garfield United Methodist Church, 7:00 p.m.



TURN AWAY FROM SIN AND BE FAITHFUL TO THE GOSPEL.

—Mark 1:15

Lent, and the verse from Mark which says "Turn away from sin, and be faithful to the Gospel," is a reminder that we belong to God, and this Holy season of Lent allows us time to know Him better, love Him more, and to follow Him more closely.

This Lent: May We Die to Ourselves and Put on the Mind and Heart of Jesus

Women's Valentine Prayer Breakfast

■ By Dawn Nelson

February 18, 2012 — The 4th Annual Women's Valentine Prayer Breakfast was enjoyed by all who attended.

We heard amazing testimonies from Joy Young, Susie Stottlemeyer and April Showalter on how God has worked in their lives. We were inspired by their love for their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We were asked to bring our favorite Bible verse to put inside of a Blessing Basket that will be given to the moms of Hero's Club children.

We also worked on finding our spiritual gift and how that will bless us and others we touch.

We want to thank Donna Snyder for blessing our day and giving us our own crowns to wear home. We truly felt like a queen for the day!

Photos submitted by Wanda Barkdoll



The group enjoys a presentation.



Mary Alice Shankle



Salem Youth and Family Activities

SNOW TUBING *and* SKATING PARTY



Our thanks to Jessie Leatherman for organizing the snow tubing and Joe Hawkins for organizing the skating party.

■ By Jessie Leatherman

The WildFire youth group (grades 3-5) has had a great couple months! Our second Sunday meetings have been full of good food, fellowship, and interesting conversations. WildFire has been spending the year unpacking the greatest commandment – to love God and to love your neighbor as yourself!

While we are learning how scripture connects with our lives, we are also busy having fun! Snow tubing at Roundtop in Lewisberry, PA, was great, and we have worked to get some pictures up to show you the fun we had! Most recently, we had a great turn-out at the skating party in Waynesboro!

We are excited to be presenting the first Minute to Win It Night, and a team building day in May. Team building day will be a very unique opportunity for our WildFire youth to bond as a group, and will be an unforgettable good time! This is an exclusive event just for the youth members, and we are excited to offer them this opportunity!

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

March

- 11 Second Sunday Meeting (5-5:30 dinner; 5:45-7pm meeting)
- 24 Minute To Win It Night

April

- 7 Salem Easter Egg Hunt (Church wide event)
- 15 Second Sunday Meeting (5-5:30 dinner; 5:45-7pm meeting)
- 29 Senior Appreciation Lunch

May

- 20 Second Sunday Meeting (5-5:30 dinner; 5:45-7pm meeting)
- 12 Team Building Day (exclusively for WildFire youth members)

June

- 10 Youth Sunday & End of Year Picnic (All ages)
- 23 River Tubing
- 27-30 Creation Music Festival

July

- 22 Ice Cream Social/Balloon Launch (Church Wide Event)

SKATING PARTY

February 19, 2012



SNOW TUBING

January 15, 2012

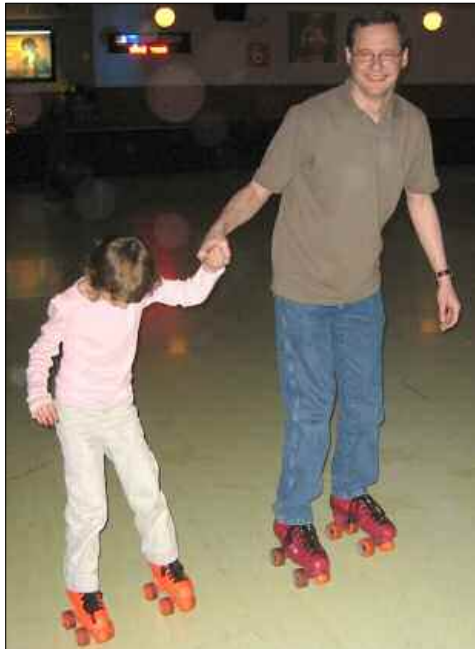


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EASTER FLOWERS ORDER FORM

Easter 2012



ORDERS DUE: Sunday March 11

It is time to order Easter flowers to be placed in Salem's sanctuary.

Give order form to **MARY ALICE SHANKLE** 301-293-2890 wms Shankle@msn.com

1 LILIES 4-6 blooms 6" Pot How many? ___ @ \$9.00 ea. \$ _____

To the Glory of God and in loving memory or honor of _____

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2 DAFFODILS 6" Pot How many? ___ @ \$9.00 ea. \$ _____

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3 TULIPS 6" Pot How many? ___ @ \$9.00 ea. \$ _____

Select Color: Red Yellow Pink

To the Glory of God and in loving memory or honor of _____

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4 HYACINTHS 6" Pot How many? ___ @ \$9.00 ea. \$ _____

Select Color: Purple White Pink

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5 AZALEAS 10-12" Pot How many? ___ @ \$13.00 ea. \$ _____

Select Color: Red Purple

To the Glory of God and in loving memory or honor of _____

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Name of Person Placing Order

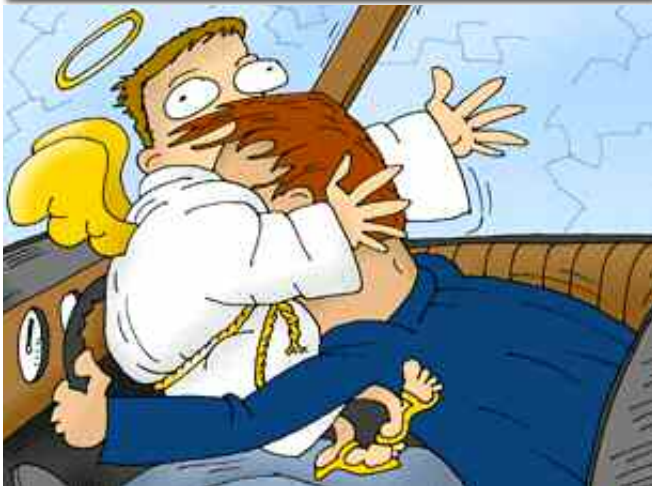
Total Amount (Cash or Check)

Make checks payable to SALEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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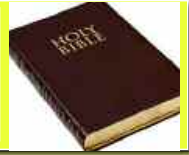


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Things eased up on guardian angels after air bags were invented.

Submitted by Vicki Robinson

Amazing BIBLE FACTS



- Q. What is the shortest book in the Bible?
- A. Psalms 117
- Q. What is the longest book in the Bible?
- A. Psalms 119
- Q. Which chapter is in the center of the Bible?
- A. Psalms 118

FACTS: There are 594 chapters before Psalms 118. There are 594 chapters after Psalms 118. Add these numbers together and you get 1188.

- Q. What is the center verse in the Bible?
- A. Psalms 118:8

The next time someone says they would like to find God's perfect will for their lives, just send them to the center of the Bible. Psalms 118:8 (NKJV) "It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man."

Now isn't that odd how this worked out ... or was God in the center of it?

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

Some thoughts to ponder . . .

Good works are not the means of salvation but the result.

When God gives us an impossible task—it becomes possible.

Yesterday is gone; tomorrow is uncertain; today is here. Use it wisely.

A life filled with love for the Lord and for others is a fulfilling life.

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