



Salem United Methodist Church—Wolfsville

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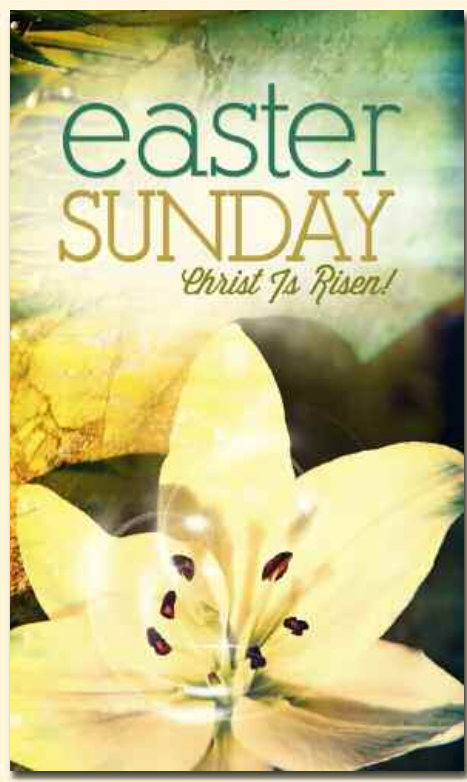
Join us at Salem for inspiring worship topics during Lent, Holy Week and Easter Sunday

LENT

- Sunday, March 3**
9:00 & 11:15 a.m. Worship
Final Words from the Cross
Behold Your Son, Behold Your Mother
- Sunday, March 10**
9:00 & 11:15 a.m. Worship
Final Words from the Cross
My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?
6:00-7:15 p.m. Bible Study
- Sunday, March 17**
9:00 & 11:15 a.m. Worship
Final Words from the Cross
I Thirst
6:00-7:15 p.m. Bible Study

HOLY WEEK

- Palm Sunday, March 24**
9:00 & 11:15 a.m. Worship
Final Words from the Cross
It is Finished...
Into Your Hands I Commit My Spirit
6:00-7:15 p.m. Bible Study
- Holy Thursday, March 28**
7:00 p.m.
The Last Supper portrayed
by Salem members
- Good Friday, March 29**
7:00 p.m.
Good Friday Service
- Holy Saturday, March 30**
Prayer Vigil
12 Noon to 12 Midnight
- Community Easter Egg Hunt**
Saturday, March 30
2:00 p.m. at Salem



EASTER SUNDAY

- Community Easter Sunrise Service**
6:30 a.m.
at Pleasant Walk United Methodist Church
Refreshments by Wolfsville Ruritan Club
- Worship & Sunday School at Salem**
9:00 & 11:15 a.m. Worship
On the Road to Emmaus
10:15 a.m. Sunday School
Youth Musical "Happy Day"
Children's Recitations



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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.



2013 MISSION PROJECTS

		Monthly Minimum	Paid Jan	2013 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	\$350	0%
3	Salem Mission & Outreach Supports needs as determined by Salem	—	\$60.00	\$1,180	5%
4	Salem Food Pantry Open every Tuesday 6:00-7:00 p.m.	—	\$264.32	\$1,180	22%
5	Mary E. - Africa Inland Mission Working in Tanzania, Africa	\$85	\$100.00	\$1,020	10%
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	\$2,000	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	\$75.00	\$768	10%
13	Compassion International Sponsored children in Ecuador & India	\$76	\$76.00	\$972	8%
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)	—	124.97	\$300	42%

Total 2012 Mission Goal: **\$16,200**

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.



Natali Vargas (2011)
Ecuador

COMPASSION - Sponsored Children

Salem Support: \$76 monthly for 2 Children

Dear Salem Church:

It is a pleasure to greet you, hoping, in the name of Lord Jesus, that you are in good health. I am Bolivar, Natali's tutor and I'm writing this letter because she left the community to visit some relatives in another community. Her little sister told me this. Thank you so much for the support you give her. It is very helpful for her life. Thank you for the present you sent: blouse, shorts, underwear and candy; this was delivered to her sister. She also thanks you and asks you: do your parents travel? Do they leave you with your uncles? Paola, her sister, asks you to please pray for Natali so that she comes back soon. I'm sure you understand. Bye-bye.

Paola, her sister, and Bolivar, Natali's tutor



JANUARY 20, 2013

SCENES *from* YOUTH SUNDAY

THEME:
BEING TRANSFORMED
FROM THE INSIDE OUT

On Salem's Youth Sunday, the youth told of their experiences at the ROCK Youth Retreat.

Photos by Jim Laky
taken at the 11:15 service



Diana Laky serves as acolyte.



Camden Raynor gives message to all.



Joey Hawkins— piano solo.



Lily Mueller



Owen Raynor



Camden Raynor



Dottie Hager



Rebecca Leatherman



Chris Leatherman



Camilo Barkdoll



From left, Joey Hawkins, Madison Elsbach, Camilo Barkdoll, Owen Raynor, Lily Mueller, Chris Leatherman, Rebecca Leatherman, Bailey Blickenstaff, Dottie Hager, & Camden Raynor.



Madison Elsbach



Valentina Barkdoll

WildFire Youth Group
3rd-5th Grade
 Leader: Jessie Leatherman
 Meetings: Monthly on the second Sunday from 5:30-6:30 p.m.
 Activities & Events: In addition to monthly meetings, an event for the children is scheduled almost every month.

Faith Builders Youth Group
Middle & High School
 Leader: Pastor Bob Snyder
 Assistant Leaders: Wanda Barkdoll, Donna Snyder, & Laura Snyder
 Meetings: Weekly on Thursdays from 6:30-8:00 p.m.
 Activities & Events: In addition to weekly meetings, an event for the youth is scheduled almost every month.



Attendance & Offerings

JANUARY 2013

		Worship*		Sunday School	
Jan	6	85	\$1,785.00	60	\$304.50
Jan	13	77	1,264.26	47	108.50
Jan	20	121	1,894.20	65	151.75
Jan	27	81	1,339.42	55	118.00

*Worship attendance & offerings include both worship services.

- Missions: \$1,237.66
- Pavilion Fund: \$80.00
- Building & Imp. Fund: \$216.67
- Cemetery Endowment: \$35.00

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

	Average Attendance	
	Worship	Sunday School
Jan	91	57
Dec	96	59
Nov	92	57
Oct	84	51
Sept	90	61
Aug	84	53

Average Attendance Jan 2013
 Sunday Worship: 91
 Sunday School: 57

Special Offering for Lillard Family Fire (as of February 17): \$1,510.00



Board of Trustees

FACILITY MANAGEMENT

Salem's 2013 Board of Trustees

Donald Stottlemeyer, Chair
 Robin Haupt
 Todd Raynor
 Bobby Fogle
 George Stottlemeyer

George Harne
 Gary Barkdoll
 Brandon Leatherman
 Richard Harshman

Maintaining Salem's Buildings and Grounds

■ By Donald Stottlemeyer Chair, Board of Trustees

The trustees have been doing normal repairs and assisting wherever we can.

Parsonage

Bobby Fogle recently replaced the microwave in the parsonage and Brandon Leatherman is working on installing a sump-pump in the parsonage as a backup in case we have another bad storm come through. The tile floor in the parsonage kitchen is breaking and coming loose. Samples have been received and once selection is made, Mark Draper will complete the work of replacing them.

We are also thinking of ways to help save the church money, and so we had John Barr from Ellsworth Electric come out, do an evaluation, and give us an estimate on improving the insulation in the parsonage. This was done to the church last year and we understand the savings on heat and air conditioning has been significant. Before we decide whether to move forward with insulation, we are also obtaining at least three estimates for possibly installing a heat pump (for heat



Salem Parsonage
Built 1974-75

and air conditioning) in the parsonage. The electric heat we now have is very costly, so we thought we should explore other options.

Cemetery

We recently met with Dick Kline and asked him to assist with trying to put the records of the "old cemetery," as well as the new cemetery, in some type of computer program; in hopes that family members or others will be able to see who is buried on any specific lot.



Leonardo da Vinci (Italian, 1452-1519)
Last Supper (1495-98)

Salem men to portray the "Last Supper"

On Holy Thursday, March 28, at 7:00 p.m., Salem will celebrate the Last Supper of Jesus. The men of the church will portray the famous painting of Leonardo da Vinci, the "Last Supper."

The event will be re-enacted by members of the congregation portraying the disciples, in gowns of the color in the picture. Each disciple will give a resumé of his life as a disciple of Jesus.

Holy Communion will be served, first to the disciples, then to the congregation. This is a very moving service and we invite everyone to attend.

Bee-lievers Soup and Sandwich Sale



Those who ordered Lord's Acre style soup and sandwiches are reminded to pick up their orders either Saturday, March 2, 4-6 p.m. or Sunday, March 3, after morning services.



March

Calendar of Events

- Thu 7 **UMW Bee-lievers** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Thu 7 **Board of Trustees** - 7:30 p.m. at Salem
- Sun 10 **WildFire Youth Group** - 5:30-6:30 p.m. (details to be announced)
- Thu 14 **Administrative Council** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Sun 24 **Palm Sunday** - 9:00 & 11:15 a.m. at Salem
- Thu 28 **Holy Thursday "Last Supper" Drama** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Fri 29 **Good Friday Service** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Sat 30 **Prayer Vigil** - 12 noon to 12 midnight at Salem
- Sat 30 **Egg Hunt** - 2:00 p.m. at Salem
- Sun 31 **Easter Sunrise Service** - 6:30 a.m. at Pleasant Walk UMC
- Sun 31 **Holy Communion** - 9:00 & 11:15 a.m. at Salem
- Sun 31 **Sunday School Children's Program** - 10:15 a.m. at Salem

NOTES: Lenten Bible Study March 10, 17, & 24, 6:00-7:15 p.m. at Salem
 Adult Choir Practice every Tuesday 7:30 p.m. at Salem
 Food Pantry is open every Tuesday 6:00-7:00 p.m. at Salem
 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

1. **E-Mail** — We are currently sending this newsletter to 182 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 46 cents First Class postage rate.

Community Easter Egg Hunt



By Caroline Buhrman
 Salem's Community Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, March 30, at 2:00 p.m. at the church.

Please bring the young ones out to enjoy searching for many brightly colored plastic eggs filled with treats; and stay for refreshments and a time of fellowship after the hunt.

For more information, contact Caroline Buhrman or Doris Fogle. As always, we look forward to seeing you there!

An Irish Blessing

May joy and peace surround you, contentment latch your door, and happiness be with you now and bless you evermore!



NEWS & NOTES

Adult Choir News

By Sandy Lewis



Just a reminder that Adult Choir practices for our Spring session have started and are held on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. We will be preparing songs for worship, Holy Week and Easter.

I encourage everyone planning to sing to come out to as many practices as possible during March since Easter is on March 31, and it will be here before we know it.

Community Easter Sunrise Service at Pleasant Walk U. M. Church



This year, the Community Easter Sunrise Service will be held at the Pleasant Walk United Methodist Church, 11240 Pleasant Walk Road. The Wolfsville Ruritan Club serves refreshments following the service. This service is rotated among 6 area churches:

- 2013 - Pleasant Walk United Methodist
- 2014 - Garfield United Methodist
- 2015 - St. John's Lutheran
- 2016 - Salem United Methodist
- 2017 - St. Mark's Lutheran
- 2018 - Grossnickle Church of the Brethren

HE IS RISEN!

Holy Saturday Prayer Vigil March 30, 2013

12 Noon to 12 Midnight

By Pastor Bob Snyder

For over 25 years, starting during the pastorate of Rev. Ron Ellis, Salem has conducted a prayer vigil on Holy Saturday, the day before Easter.

Holy Saturday stands between Jesus' crucifixion on Good Friday and his resurrection on Easter Day. For Jesus' followers, it had to be a time of grieving, fear, and uncertainty. Jesus had not yet risen. Jesus had not yet appeared to them to provide the hope they desperately needed. We know something now on the night before Easter that those who were witnesses to Jesus' death did not know on their night before Easter – Jesus is resurrected from the dead!

Our annual prayer vigil gives us an opportunity to pause in our busy lives and dedicate time to praise God for the gifts of Christ's life, death, resurrection, and the coming of the Holy Spirit and the church. Through Christ's life, we come to know who God is, what God is like, and how we are to live. Through Christ's death our sins are forgiven and we are saved. Through Christ's resurrection we are offered eternal life. And through the coming of the Holy Spirit and the church, Christ continues to live with us to help us make our journey through life. These are extraordinary gifts! Our prayer vigil on Easter Eve is sacred time to pause in our busy lives and give thanks and praise to God for all of this.

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Who's Doing What, When?

MARCH

9:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Lay Reader

3 - Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer
10 - Randy Freysz
17 - Phil Koons
24 - Fonda Gormer
31 - Mary Cline

Ushers

3 - Dick Kline & Steve Leatherman
10 - Vernon Stottlemeyer & Robin Haupt
17 - Donald Stottlemeyer & Meredith Harshman
24 - Philip Koons & Brandon Leatherman
31 - Robin Haupt & Donald Stottlemeyer

Organist

3 - Susan Koons
10 - Susan Koons
17 - Joann Leatherman
24 - Susan Koons
31 - Susan Koons

Greeters

3 - Gary & Wanda Barkdoll & Family
10 - Curtis & Dawn Nelson
17 - George, Barbie, & Matt Stottlemeyer
24 - Andrea Palmer
31 - Bill & Darlene Burrier

Acolytes

3 - Paul McCormick
10 - Jadie Buhrman
17 - Kenslie Buhrman
24 - Joshua Koons
31 - 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
11 - Dawn Nelson
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

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.



NEW FEATURE

20 YEARS AGO...

MARCH 1993 — South Carolina Evangelist Rev. James Hord conducted the **Wolfsville United Methodist Evangelistic Crusade**, March 14-19, 1993. The six-day crusade, Sunday through Friday evenings, was hosted by Garfield Church (Sunday & Monday), Pleasant Walk (Tuesday & Wednesday), and Salem (Thursday & Friday). A Crusade Choir was assembled from all three churches.

Rev. Hord traveled to Wolfsville in his motor home, parked it on the Salem parking lot, and connected to parsonage water and electricity. Unfortunately, a massive March snowstorm forced a power outage and the cancellation of Sunday morning and evening services, and contributed to the smaller than normal attendance during the weeknight services. Nevertheless, "Rev. Hord's messages were appreciated by those in attendance." Rev. Hayden Sparks was pastor of the Wolfsville United Methodist Charge.

— From *The Mountain Shepherd* March 1993

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

Holy Communion
Sunday, March 10 &
Easter Sunday, March 31
9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. Worship



LOOKING AHEAD



Lord's Acre 2012

LORD'S ACRE FESTIVAL
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2013
WOLFVILLE RURITAN PARK
ALWAYS THE SECOND SATURDAY IN SEPTEMBER

BULLETIN BOARD
with a message

TIME HEALS ALMOST EVERYTHING.
GIVE TIME, TIME.

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman



**INSPIRATIONAL
Reading**

Easter Grace

By Harold F. Mohn



Almighty God, we offer thanks
To You upon this day
For all the blessings You have brought
In Your most gracious way.

We thank You for the flowers and trees
In all their colors bright;
The birds that sing upon the wing,
An always welcome sight.

We thank You for the wondrous work
Created by Your hand
That makes this land in which we live
So beautiful and grand.

Dear God, we thank You for the rain
And, too, the sunshine bright,
The dawning of each newborn day,
The solitude of night.

We thank You God with humble hearts
For all You give and do.
Each thing of beauty on this earth
Reflects a part of You.

The Glorious Dawn

By Ella E. Doxsee

Gone is the fear that has held us in bondage
As we think of that first Easter Day,
The glorious dawn after earth's darkest night,
And the tomb with the stone rolled away.

Angels came down from heaven that day
To roll the great stone from the tomb,
To tell to man that Christ lived once again,
And to rob the grave of its fear and its gloom.

The promise of life eternal is ours . . .
For this we rejoice on this glad Easter Day,
For the Lord of all hath conquered the grave
And the stone has been rolled forever away.

Faith

By Ona Jane Meens

The seeds stirred by the warmth of sun
Will break their bonds when spring has come,
So slender faith that yearns for light
Can push aside the hampering night
And open up an avenue
That lets the love of God shine through.



RECIPE



MAPLE WALNUT COOKIES

Cookies:

- | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 cup butter | 1 1/2 to 2 cups self-rising flour |
| 1 cup granulated sugar | 2 cups walnuts, coarsely chopped |
| 1 cup brown sugar | 1 teaspoon maple flavoring |
| 2 large eggs | 1 teaspoon salt |
| 1 cup whole-wheat flour | |

Icing:

- | | |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| 4 tablespoons butter | 1 teaspoon maple flavoring |
| 2 cups powdered sugar | 3 to 4 tablespoons milk |

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. Combine butter, sugars, eggs, flavoring, and salt and beat until just combined. Add flours, 1 cup at a time. If dough is sticky to the touch, add more self-rising flour in 1/4 cup increments until smooth. Stir in walnuts.
3. Shape into 1 1/2-inch balls and place on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake in center of oven 9-12 minutes, until cookies are puffy and beginning to turn tan. Remove from oven and let cool.
4. Meanwhile, mix icing ingredients until texture is smooth and thick. Add more milk or sugar to achieve a creamy texture. Ice cookies.

Makes 4 dozen.

Note: Original recipe says to scoop onto baking sheet, making 2 dozen cookies. Bake large cookies 10 to 13 minutes. I felt these were too large.

Fonda Gormer made these cookies for the Bee-lievers cookie exchange and provided the recipe.



Resurrection

By Emily May Young

The promise of resurrection
Is not only told in the Book;
It is heralded in the springtime
By every happy brook.

It is announced by violets
And by the dogwood trees.
It is chanted by the mockingbird
And the buzz of myriad bees.

It is echoed every Easter
By the lily's perfumed breath,
When every sleeping plant awakes,
Triumphant over death.

Lovely are the lily blossoms
Sweet the music of the choir:
Sacred are the Holy Scriptures
And the thoughts that they inspire.

Hopeful is the Easter message
Precious is the faith we share:
May these blessings make you happy
At this time of praise and prayer.

—Author Unknown



Presence

By Laurie Dawson

When growing plants rise from the sod
You will see the hand of God;
When sunshine warms the heart by day
Or moonbeams softly come to play.

You'll see Him in the petals white,
In all the tender buds so bright,
In woods so deep no man has trod
When silence is the voice of God.

Where earth and sky meet face-to-face
You're very close to God in space;
In brotherhood of men who care,
You surely always find Him there.

*From the
Pastor*



Pastor's Notes — ...Worship in March

By PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER

Lent and Easter provide wonderful opportunities – to confront once and for all a sin in our lives, to seek a deeper relationship with Christ, to grow in our service to others, to praise the Lord in a heartfelt way for the gifts of salvation and eternal life given through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

I encourage us to take advantage of these opportunities. Several activities and events have been planned to help us: The *Final Words from the Cross* Sunday morning sermon series and Sunday evening Bible study, worship services on Holy Thursday and Good Friday, the Holy Saturday Prayer Vigil, the Community Easter Sunrise Service, and two Easter worship services at Salem with a special Easter Program between services during the Sunday school hour.

I pray this Lent and Easter will be a very meaningful one for you.

God Bless, *Pastor Bob*

March 3 – Third Sunday in Lent

Final Words from the Cross

“Behold Your Son... Behold Your Mother”

Rev. Adam Hamilton summarizes the significance of these final words of Jesus this way, “In this scene and in these final words, we see the courage of the women who were a part of Jesus’ life and ministry.

We are reminded once more of the profound role that Mary played in God’s redemptive work through Jesus Christ.

We recall Jesus’ witness and call to care for our parents. We see a picture of what it means to be the church—Christians caring for those who are younger and those who are older, as though those in need were our children or our parents.

And we see in Mary, though favored by God, walked through this dark valley but—as Jesus himself expected her to do—carried on Jesus’ mission after he was gone.

Jesus’ words to ‘Behold your son’ and ‘Behold your mother’ remind us that this mission is ours as well—caring for those Jesus cares for as if they are our own family.”



March 10 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

Final Words from the Cross

“My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me”

Mark 15:29-36a

It was not enough to crucify Jesus. Those who thought themselves the most religious in Jesus’ day wanted to crush his spirit. Those who prayed the night before during the traditional Passover meal for the coming of the Messiah were now mocking and spitting on the Messiah.

On the cross, Jesus abandoned and prayed, “My God, why have you forsaken me?” God had not abandoned him, but in that moment Jesus certainly felt abandoned. Jesus’ words hold a mirror to us and we must ask, “Have I been the cause of another feeling abandoned?” Jesus’ words also bring us hope. Jesus can help us because he knows what it is like to feel abandoned.

March 17 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

Final Words from the Cross

“I Thirst”

John 19:28-29

In the morning, when we rise, that first cold drink of water or juice feels great. When we’ve had surgery, the feel of an ice cube on our parched lips and in our mouth is very soothing. In dying, many people will still ask for a sip of water.

To thirst is a very human experience. When Jesus said from the cross, “I thirst,” we are reminded that he was completely human just like us. Imagine his thirst dying on the cross, the mid-day sun glaring down on him. No matter how desperately we thirst, no matter how we suffer, Jesus can identify with us and help us because he thirst and suffered too.

One day at noon Jesus met a woman at a well. Jesus said to her, “If you knew who you were talking to, you would ask me and I would give you living water and you would never thirst again” (John 4:10). Jesus is the one who can quench our spiritual thirst.

March 24 – Palm Sunday

Final Words from the Cross

“It Is Finished”...

“Into Your Hands I Commit My Spirit”

John 19:30a, Luke 23:43-47

On Palm Sunday, the people had welcomed Jesus into the city with a hero’s welcome. By Friday, they had put him to death.

The religious leaders who were threatened by him had eliminated the threat. The Romans who feared social disorder had brought things back to order. And many a person, who had only days before prayed for the coming of the Messiah during the Passover meal, now joined with the crowd to kill the Messiah, screaming in rage, “crucify him!”

They were sure they had done away with the trouble-maker Jesus for good. But what they didn’t realize is that on the cross they had actually crowned him King. When Jesus spoke the words, “Into your hands I commit my spirit,” he was returning to God his Father to rule at his right hand over all the universe.

Where do we find ourselves in the crowd? Do we fully consider Christ to be the Lord of our lives?

March 31 – Easter Sunday

Final Words from the Cross

“On the Road to Emmaus”

Luke 24:13-35

The two traveling companions journeying from Jerusalem to Emmaus were discouraged. Jesus, their spiritual leader, had been put to death and now they were returning home.

A man appeared on the road beside them coming from almost nowhere. He asked them how they were doing and shared stories from the Bible with them to lift their spirits. When they arrived to their hometown of Emmaus, they asked the stranger to have a meal with them.

During the meal the man broke bread and gave it to them and in that instant they recognized that their travelling companion had been Jesus, now raised from the dead. They rushed back to Jerusalem to tell the other disciples who had been in hiding, fearing for their lives.

Then the risen Jesus stood among all of them and said, “Peace be with you.” They must have celebrated with one another, “Jesus has risen; Jesus has risen indeed!”

With Jesus’ resurrection, we no longer need to live in fear. We can now live with hope. By believing, our sins are forgiven and we have eternal life. That truly is something to celebrate.

Salem Mission Project No. 1**A LETTER FROM FRANK & NANCY STOTTLEMYER**
Retired "New Tribes Mission" Missionaries

Dear Folks at

Salem United Methodist Church:

We want to again thank you sincerely for your financial support and prayer support for us. And a very special thank you also for the extra money you sent in January.

We trust that you are doing well in this winter weather. We have both been in good health overall.

We're still doing pretty much the same things we've been doing for the past several years. Nancy continues to volunteer at the Hagerstown Rescue Mission three days a week, she also visits shut-ins, helps at church, does some sewing for friends, and other things. Frank continues to do some repair projects for friends, serves on the board of our home church, teaches an adult Sunday school class, helps with visitation, and now serves as treasurer of our home church. He also serves on the mission committee for a group of Bible Churches.

As far as our family, our son-in-law, Lynn Harney, continues to minister at the Hagerstown Rescue Mission and help at a local church as well as working at FedEx a few hours at night. Wanda does home-schooling of their youngest son. Their



daughter, Keshia, is a senior this year. Their oldest son is married and has two children. They are living in California. Their next son is 22 and still lives with his parents while he takes some college courses and works at a job locally.

Eric, Wendy, & two of their children are in Senegal. The end of January, Eric began a series of evangelistic teaching, but the teaching has been stopped. The great majority of the people want to hear the teaching. Please be praying much for teaching to be resumed soon. One of the young men who already trusted Christ as Savior has been taking a stand against doing the usual animistic practices when building a house. Please pray for him also.

Eric & Wendy's son, Shawn, continues to live with us while he attends college nearby. Their daughter, Jessica, is working as a waitress, doing some volunteer work, and taking some college courses on-line.

Rebecca is also in Senegal and has been preparing more materials for the lit-



erary program, and she is working to get another series of literacy classes started again. The main goal of the literacy program is so that people can read the word of God in their own language, but learning to read obviously has other benefits also.

Gary, Lisa & family are serving in Florida at the New Tribes Mission center for retired missionaries. Gary is mostly involved in grounds work and Lisa is involved in meal preparation and office work. Their children have adjusted well to the change in schools this year.

Thank you again for the vital part you have in our lives, the lives of our family, and those to whom we minister.

Joyfully in Christ,

Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer

Holy Saturday PRAYER VIGIL • March 30, 2013 • 12 Noon to 12 Midnight

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The prayer vigil is also an opportunity to pray in all the different ways we talk with God, including:

- To praise God for all that God is and means to us
- To confess a sin and ask for God's forgiveness
- To commit our lives to Christ or make a recommitment of our lives
- To surrender some remaining part of our lives to Christ that we've been holding back
- To give thanks for a specific way the Lord has helped us
- To pray for others that are in need
- To pray for our leaders and all those who serve us
- To pray for our congregation and community
- To pray for something specific for ourselves

I believe with all my heart that God hears our prayers and acts in our lives. I believe with all my heart that our prayers for others open a channel for God to work

PRAYER VIGIL

in their lives. I believe with all my heart that God is pleased when we dedicate time to spend with him and talk with him.

Countless are the times I've failed to pray and have remained restless and confused. Countless are the times I have prayed and come away with peace and new insight. Prayer is a priority we choose to make or allow to slip by – it's a choice.

Our annual prayer vigil holds all of these opportunities listed above for you and me. I encourage you to participate in the prayer vigil on the day before Easter this year. Here's how it works:

Goal: Our goal is twelve hours of continuous prayer, from 12 noon to 12 midnight, having someone signed up for every slot.

- A sign-up sheet with half hour slots is posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway at church.

- Sign-up for one or more slots.
- It is fine if more than one individual or a family prays during the same time slot.
- On March 30, pray during the time slot you signed up for.
- You are encouraged to pray at the church, but you certainly may pray elsewhere, if that works better for you.
- Devotional materials will be made available for you to use during prayer in the sanctuary.

Jesus understood the importance and value of prayer and practiced it frequently.

During this Lenten season, we have been studying the prayers Jesus made while hanging on the cross: "Father forgive them for they do not know what they are doing." "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" "It is finished" "Into your hands I commit my spirit." Prayer got Jesus home. Prayer can do that for us too.

Please join me in participating in this important opportunity. Do it for yourself, do it for our congregation, and do it for our community. Most importantly, do it to honor the One who saved you.



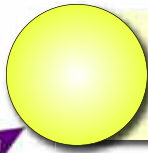
Scenes from the SKATING PARTY Sunday, February 17th

Photos by Wanda Barkdoll and Bill Burrier

■ By Joe Hawkins

The Salem Family Skate Night at Cosmic Skate and Play was another great event of our family ministries. 75 attendees laced up their skates, while others enjoyed watching and socializing. Fun was had by all ages. The youngest skater was Lily Hill age 2, and the oldest was Dennis Draper. This is always a popular event with the Salem family. Many of the younger kids as well as the teenagers enjoyed the moon bounce. If you missed it this year, have no fear, because we have already booked the rink for February 16, 2014.





Hero's Club Salem's After School Ministry

SPRING SEMESTER
2013

By Amanda Hawkins
Hero's Club Ministry Leader

During the past few months, we have been having a great time at Hero's Club! Our Christmas Party was a fun success with games and crafts and special treats— thank you, Bee-lievers!

We also started our new 5-G lesson unit, focusing on Grace, spiritual Growth, learning from each other as a Group, and using our Gifts and Good Stewardship to honor God and help people.

In addition, we had a special Valentine's Day party with crafts and sweets.

We are looking forward to a possible field trip in April, and our family dinner and variety show in May. Thank you for your support and prayers!

Photos by Amanda Hawkins



Pastor Bob helps the kids make necklaces for Christmas presents.



Kids played with the Nativity Scene at the Christmas party.



Joey and Cherokee work on their valentines.



Caroline Buhrman and Dawn Nelson served Christmas cookies and goodies at the Hero's Club Christmas party.

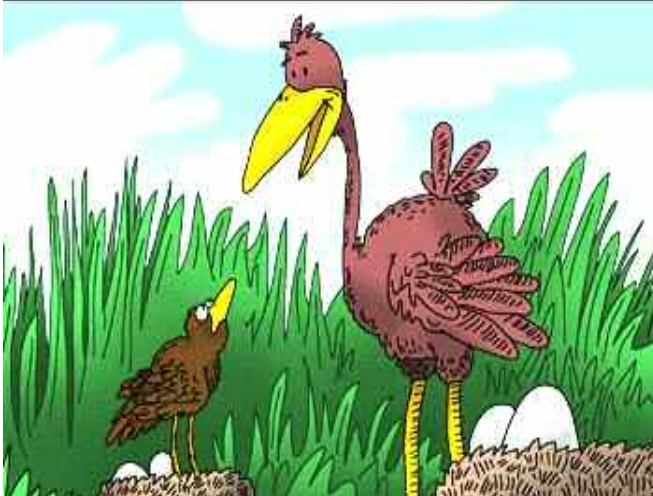


The kids played "Pin the Treasure on the Treasure Map," a game which is built on the lesson, that God's Word is both a treasure map and a treasure for our lives.

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IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH OUR YOLKS BEING UNEQUAL... I SIMPLY HAVE NO INTEREST IN DATING YOU.

Live a life that matters...



Live a life that matters. Ready or not, someday it will all come to an end. There will be no more sunrises, no minutes, hours or days. All the things you collected, whether treasures or baubles, will pass on to someone else. Your wealth, fame and temporal power will shrivel to irrelevance. It will not matter what you owned or what you were owed.

Your grudges, resentments, frustrations, and jealousies will finally disappear. So, too, your hopes, ambitions, plans and to-do lists will expire. The wins and losses that once seemed so important will fade away. It won't matter where you came from, or on what side of the tracks you lived, at the end. It won't matter if you were beautiful or brilliant, even your gender and skin color will be irrelevant.

So what will matter? How will the value of your days be measured? What will matter is not what you bought, but what you built; not what you got but what you gave. What will matter is not your success, but your significance. What will matter is not what you learned, but what you taught. What will matter is every act of integrity, compassion or significance that enriched, empowered, or encouraged others to emulate your example. What will matter is not how many people you knew, but how many people will feel a lasting loss when you're gone. What will matter is not your memories, but the memories that live in those who loved you. What will matter is how long you will be remembered by whom and for what. Living a life that matters doesn't just happen by accident; it's not a matter of circumstances, but of choice.

—Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

Some thoughts to ponder . . .

A Christian is a living sermon whether or not they preach a word.

Let your life, as well as your lips, speak for Christ.

When God gives an assignment, it comes with His enablement.

The thought of God staggers the mind, but to know Him satisfies the heart.

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