



Salem United Methodist Church—Wolfsville

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Celebrate Easter at Salem



HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday, April 1
 9:00 & 11:15 a.m. Worship
 Journey to Hope “Suffering”

Wednesday Prayer, April 4
 7:00-8:00 p.m.
 Sanctuary open for private prayer

Holy Thursday, April 5
 7:00 p.m.
 The Last Supper portrayed by Salem men
 Special music by Joann Leatherman

Good Friday, April 6
 7:00 p.m.
 “Born to Die” presentation
 Special music by Salem Adult Choir

Holy Saturday Prayer Vigil, April 7
 12 Noon to 12 Midnight

Community Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 7
 2:00 p.m. at Salem



EASTER SUNDAY

Community Easter Sunrise Service
Sunday, April 8, 6:30 a.m.
 at Grossnickle Church of the Brethren
 Refreshments by Wolfsville Ruritan Club

Worship & Sunday School at Salem
Sunday, April 8
 9:00 & 11:15 a.m. Worship
 10:15 a.m. Sunday School

CORRECTION: There will be no Community Easter Cantata this year as was erroneously reported in last month’s newsletter. Lois Kuhn, cantata director, advises they are held every other year.

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SALEM MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

Current Membership: 223
Sunday School Enrollment: 92
2012 New Members: 0

SALEM PHYSICAL FACILITIES

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

SALEM WEB SITE

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OUR PURPOSE

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide
a means of communicating with our mem-
bers, their families, and our many friends of
the Wolfsville community and surrounding
areas. We pray that this newsletter will in-
spire 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-Feb	2012 Goal	% of Goal
1	Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer Retired Senegal Missionaries	\$204	\$408.00	\$2,448	17%
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.	—	\$168.30	\$1,180	14%
5	Mary Elmore - Africa Inland Mission Working in Tanzania, Africa	\$85	\$170.00	\$1,020	17%
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	\$220.00	\$1,320	17%
8	Potato Project Society of St. Andrew, Big Island, Virginia	\$60	\$120.00	\$720	17%
9	Middletown High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes	\$47	\$94.00	\$564	17%
10	Mission Trip Destination to be determined	—	0	\$2,295	0%
11	Ronnie & Angi Hopkins The Mission Society - Mission Work in Nicaragua	\$64	\$128.00	\$768	17%
12	Care Net Pregnancy Center 707 N. Market Street, Frederick, MD	\$64	\$128.00	\$768	17%
13	Compassion International Sponsored children in Ecuador & India	\$76	\$167.00	\$972	17%
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.



GIDEONS INTERNATIONAL

Frederick County - West Camp

Long before cable television, spa treatments and eco-friendly soaps and shampoos became staples in hotel rooms, there was the Bible - the Gideon Bible. And the book with the familiar two-handled pitcher and torch on its cover that most guests find inside hotel nightstands doesn't appear to be going anywhere anytime soon. Close to 1.5 billion Scriptures have been distributed since 1908, when the Gideons first began to place Bibles in hotel rooms. Since then, the nondenominational evangelical group, run by businessmen, has spread its tremendous reach. Because the Gideons were founded by Christian traveling salesmen who spent a lot of time away from home, the group sought to put Bibles in hotel bedrooms to spiritually nurture themselves and others.

Around 1916, the group started distributing Bibles within hospitals, followed by the military, public schools, prisons, and colleges and universities. The Gideons have about 176,000 members.

[Salem sends a minimum of \$110 monthly to the Gideons.]



Salem United Methodist Women "Bee-lievers"

LADIES NIGHT OUT and Thank You



■ By Fonda Gormer

LADIES NIGHT OUT — MAY 2

The annual Ladies Night Out will be held on May 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the Mountain Gate Family Restaurant, 133 Frederick Road, in Thurmont. This is an opportunity for all the women of Salem, along with their female family members and friends, to get together for an evening of food and fellowship. (Sorry, guys! But a few Salem men have been spotted in the adjoining rooms while we're there — you just have to make your own plans.) This meal is also an opportunity to meet those who attend a different worship service. We enjoy a buffet meal, a few activities and a lot of catching up!

The price of the meal, which includes beverage, tax and gratuity, is as follows: Adults - \$11.90; ages 5-12 - \$6.25; ages 3-4 - \$1.81; ages 2 and under - no charge for the meal, but if a beverage is ordered, there is a \$1.39 cup charge.

Car-pooling may be arranged, if needed. Reservations must be made by April 22, either by signing up on the hallway bulletin board at Salem, or by calling Fonda Gormer at 301-293-2436. Please join us!

THANK YOU FROM THE BEE-LIEVERS

The Bee-lievers would like to thank everyone who helped with their recent fund-raisers, who donated items to be used, and who purchased the soup, sandwiches and pies. The Bee-lievers will have a business meeting on Thursday, March 29 at 7 p.m. in the church social area. There will be no business meeting on April 5, due to the Maudy Thursday service. There also will be no business meeting on May 3, due to Ladies Night Out.

LADIES NIGHT OUT

Wednesday, May 2, 2012
Mountain Gate Family Restaurant
133 Frederick Road
Thurmont, MD

Adults	\$11.90
Ages 5-12	6.25
Ages 3-4	1.81
Ages 2 and under	No charge for meal
	(If beverage is ordered, \$1.39 cup charge)

Price of buffet meal includes dessert, beverage, tax and gratuity.

Salem Mission Project No. 1

A LETTER FROM FRANK & NANCY STOTTLEMYER

Retired "New Tribes Mission" Missionaries

Dear Folks at
Salem United Methodist Church:

MARCH 6, 2012 — First of all we want to thank you for your continuing financial support and prayer support for us. We appreciate it very much.

We trust that you are doing well. Nancy and I are both doing well. Nancy recently had minor surgery removing a cyst that had become infected in the weeks previously. Frank got a case of shingles in December & still has some "pricking" from that. Overall we have been in good health.

We're still doing pretty much the same things we've been doing for some time. 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, etc.

Frank continues to do some repair projects, visitation, and serves the board of our home church. He occasionally fills in as speaker in churches. There are soon to be some maintenance projects at Camp Tohiglo with which he plans to help. He also serves on a mission's committee that is organizing a mission trip to a Navajo



reservation in New Mexico — September 21-28, 2012.

As far as our family, our son-in-law, Lynn Harney, continues to minister at the Hagerstown Rescue Mission and helps at a local church. Wanda does home-schooling of their youngest son.

Eric, Wendy, & family are ministering to the Badyaranké people in Senegal. Eric is preparing Bible lessons to begin evangelistic teaching at the end of the rainy season this year. The young man who helps Eric express truths clearly in the Badyaranké language seems to be understanding the gospel message. Please pray for Nalin's salvation. Wendy is home-schooling two of their children. Their son, Jason, finishes his senior year in May. Pray for direction for him following his graduation.

Rebecca is also with the Badyaranké people. She is overseeing two literacy classes, helping with the preparation of the teaching lessons, and helping with Bible translation. She needs to have the



roof of her house replaced in the next few months.

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 mostly involved in meal preparation and office work.

We would appreciate prayer for the political situation in the country of Senegal. There is a hotly contested presidential election underway threatening peace and safety in the country. The runoff election between the two leading candidates is now scheduled for March 25th.

Thank you again for your important part in our lives and the lives of our family.

Joyfully in Christ,
Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer

[Salem sends a minimum of \$204 monthly to New Tribes Mission for support of Frank & Nancy.]



Attendance & Offerings

FEBRUARY 2012

		Worship*		Sunday School	
Feb	5	100	\$2,253.50	57	\$317.50
Feb	12	62	1,601.10	68	116.00
Feb	19	127	2,033.50	63	181.00
Feb	26	83	1,398.50	51	136.25

*Worship attendance & offerings include both worship services.

- **Missions:** \$1,191.00
- **Building & Imp. Fund:** \$213.50
- **Pavilion Fund:** \$155.00
- **Cemetery Endowment:** \$20.00

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

Average Attendance		
	Worship	Sunday School
Feb	93	58
Jan	94	59
Dec	105	57
Nov	94	61
Oct	92	53
Sept	108	57

Average Attendance Jan-Feb 2012
 Sunday Worship: 94
 Sunday School: 58

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, Anita is well on the way toward reaching her goal.

Community Easter Sunrise Service at Grossnickle Church of the Brethren

This year, the Community Easter Sunrise Service will be held in the Memorial Garden at the Grossnickle Church of the Brethren. This service is rotated among 6 area churches:

- 2012 - Grossnickle Church of the Brethren
- 2013 - Pleasant Walk United Methodist
- 2014 - Garfield United Methodist
- 2015 - St. John's Lutheran
- 2016 - Salem United Methodist
- 2017 - St. Mark's Lutheran

The Wolfsville Ruritan Club serves refreshments following the service.



Salem Food Pantry

■ **By Fonda Gormer**
 Salem's Food Pantry is being used regularly. The Wolfsville Ruritan Club is generously donating money each month to help stock the shelves.

The items collected by the Myersville Cub Scout Pack 1051 have been a big help in stocking the shelves. There is currently a good supply of canned vegetables, such as green beans and corn.

Nevertheless, certain items are in high demand and the food pantry could use your help. The following is a suggested list of items to contribute: canned tuna, chicken, ham, or Spam; peanut butter, canned fruit, cereal, noodles, spaghetti, canned tomatoes, fruit juices, spaghetti sauce, canned spaghetti, ravioli, etc., and canned soups. Also needed are hygiene items: soap, toilet tissue, paper towels, laundry detergent, and dish detergent.

While some of these items are not food, they are items that cannot be purchased with food stamps or WIC vouchers, but are still needed in the home and are often the first things to leave the food pantry shelves.

Thank you for your support of the food pantry!

[The Food Pantry is Salem Mission Project No. 4]





April

Calendar of Events

- Sun 1 Palm Sunday** - 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. worship
- Tue 3 Adult Choir Practice** - 7:30 p.m. at Salem
- Wed 4 Prayer in Sanctuary** - 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Salem Ladies Christian Book Club - 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Joy Young's home
- Thu 5 Holy Thursday "Last Supper" Drama** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Fri 6 Good Friday Service "Born to Die"** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Sat 7 Prayer Vigil** - 12 Noon to 12 Midnight
Community Easter Egg Hunt - 2:00 p.m. at Salem
- Sun 8 Easter Sunrise Service** - 6:30 a.m. at Grossnickle Church of the Brethren
 (Refreshments by Wolfsville Ruritan Club)
- Sun 8 Easter Sunday Worship - Holy Communion** - 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. at Salem
- Thu 12 Administrative Council** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Fri 13 Faith Builders Progressive Dinner & Lock-In** - 5 p.m. through Saturday 7 a.m.
- Sun 15 Youth Groups meet** - 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Mon 16 Wolfsville Ruritan Club Dinner** - 2:00 p.m. prepare, 7:00 p.m. serve at Salem
- Wed 18 Third Wednesday Worship** - 6:00 p.m. fellowship meal, 7:00 p.m. worship
- Thu 26 Worship Committee Meeting** - 7:00 p.m. at the Shankle home
- Sun 29 Seniors Appreciation Lunch** - 1:00-3:00 p.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.



Newsletter Distribution

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

www.SalemChurchWolfsville.org



Salem men to portray the "Last Supper"

On Holy Thursday, April 5, 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."



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

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.

In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. —John 1:4

Who's Doing What, When?

APRIL

9:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Lay Reader

- 1 - Fonda Gormer
- 8 - Adam Robinson
- 15 - Mary Cline
- 22 - Robin Haupt
- 29 - Brenda Freysz

Ushers

- 1 - Dick Kline & Steve Leatherman
- 8 - Vernon Stottlemeyer & Robin Haupt
- 15 - Donald Stottlemeyer & Meredith Harshman
- 22 - Philip Koons & Brandon Leatherman
- 29 - Vernon Stottlemeyer & Robin Haupt

Organist

- 1 - Krista Bussard
- 8 - Susan Koons
- 15 - Krista Bussard
- 22 - Susan Koons
- 29 - Krista Bussard

Greeters

- 1 - Joy Sentz & Lorraine Barkdoll
- 8 - Brandon & Jessie Leatherman
- 15 - George, Barbie, & Matt Stottlemeyer
- 22 - Bill & Caroline Buhrman
- 29 - Bob & Petie Stup

Acolytes

- 1 - Ali Robinson
- 8 - Jadie Buhrman
- 15 - Ali Robinson
- 22 - Joshua Koons
- 29 - Ali Robinson

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!

April Anniversaries

- 2 - Jennifer and Clay Waite
- 2 - William and Darlene Burrier
- 10 - Michael and Jennifer Burrier
- 23 - George and Judith Harne
- 25 - Robert and Mary Cline

April Birthdays

- 1 - Travis Keller
- 4 - Paula Main
- 4 - Joey Hawkins
- 8 - Connie Crunkleton
- 9 - Melanie Adams
- 9 - Sophie Wagaman
- 10 - Emily Stottlemeyer
- 11 - Annabelle Martin
- 11 - Philip Koons
- 11 - Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer
- 12 - Charlotte Wisner
- 16 - Adam Stottlemeyer
- 16 - Tim Rhea
- 17 - Judy Hamilton
- 17 - Delphine Zimmerman
- 19 - Joyce Harne
- 19 - Camden Raynor
- 20 - Alauria Robinson
- 21 - Amy Ellis
- 22 - Richard Kline
- 23 - Craig Brown
- 23 - Stanley Kline
- 24 - Jennifer Waite
- 24 - Barbara Stottlemeyer
- 24 - Vernon Stottlemeyer
- 26 - Danielle Rhea
- 29 - Karen DeLauter
- 30 - Payton Robinson



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.

Name Brands

DUZ you just DREFT along with the TIDE? Well, brother, if you want JOY, the TREND is to BREEZE along to church Sunday. Too many WOODBURY their heads in a pillow, or work to make their lawns SPARKLE. They forget that the Lord's day was made LESTOIL. The way the world LUX today, you should WHISK yourself out of bed next Sunday, dress up SPIC AND SPAN, and DASH like a COMET to church. Sing PRAISE to him, get a CLEANSER for your soul, the DOVE of peace in your heart and more CHEER in your life. This is not silly BAB-O, for you will find it will ADD to your LIFEBOUY, just DIAL Heaven in your prayer, send an S.O.S. for God's help and connect with the IVORY palaces,

—Submitted by Mary Alice Shankle
From a local church bulletin

Holy Communion

Easter Sunday
APRIL 8, 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

**TRY JESUS.
IF YOU DON'T LIKE HIM,
THE DEVIL WILL ALWAYS
TAKE YOU BACK.**

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman



**INSPIRATIONAL
Reading**

Rejoice

By Lida Shivers Leech



Many hearts were sad that day
When our Lord was laid away;
Many eyes with tears were dim
As the darkness shut Him in.

But what is this at break of day?
Lo, the stone is rolled away!
Cease your tears, dispel your gloom,
Christ is risen from the tomb!

Lilies, lift your petals white
To the golden sun so bright;
Children raise your voices sweet
While we worship at His feet.

Rejoice! The stone is rolled away...
Rejoice! For Jesus lives today.
Let men and angels join and sing
Glad praises to the risen King.

Easter is a Blessing

By Ruth Carrington



Easter is a reminding time . . .
Of colored eggs and pretty dresses,
Of yellow chicks and curly tresses.

Easter is a renewing time . . .
For baby bunnies, birds, and bees;
For sun and rain on budding trees.

Easter is a grateful time . . .
For all our blessings every day,
For health and friends along the way.

Easter is a believing time . . .
That Christ arose for us to see
The way to grow eternally.

Easter is a joyful time . . .
For thoughts, for growth, for songs to sing.
Yes, Easter is a constant spring.

Prayer

By Dolores M. Polidora

May you search your heart and find the peace
and understanding that comes from a quiet rap-
port when we share this harmony with God.
Peace is found in a garden when dew is fresh on
the grass and the lovely flowers turn their faces to
the heavens and the dawn of a new day. Once
more hope fills the hungry heart with love . . .
Love that we should share with all mankind. For
we know that God reigns over all.



RECIPE



COFFEE CAKE POUND CAKE

PECAN STREUSEL

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar | 1/4 cup butter |
| 1/2 cup all-purpose flour | 3/4 cup chopped pecans |
| 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon | |

POUND CAKE BATTER

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|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 cup finely chopped pecans | 1/4 teaspoon baking soda |
| 1 cup butter, softened | 1 (8-oz.) container sour cream |
| 2 1/2 cups granulated sugar | 2 teaspoons vanilla extract |
| 6 large eggs | 1/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar |
| 3 cups all-purpose flour | 1 1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon |

1. Prepare Pecan Streusel: Combine first 3 ingredients in a bowl. Cut in butter with a pastry blender or fork until mixture resembles small peas. Stir in 3/4 cup pecans.
2. Prepare Pound Cake Batter: Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Bake 1 cup pecans in a single layer in a shallow pan 5 to 7 minutes or until lightly toasted and fragrant, stirring half-way through. Cool 20 minutes. Reduce oven temperature to 325 degrees.
3. Beat butter at medium speed with a heavy-duty electric stand mixer until creamy. Gradually add granulated sugar, beating until light and fluffy. Add eggs, 1 at a time, beating just until blended after each addition.
4. Stir together flour and baking soda; add to butter mixture alternately with sour cream, beginning and ending with flour mixture. Beat at low speed just until blended after each addition. Stir in vanilla.
5. Pour half of batter into a greased and floured 10-inch (12-cup) tube pan. Stir together toasted pecans, brown sugar, and cinnamon sprinkle over batter. Spoon remaining batter over pecan mixture; then sprinkle with Pecan Streusel.
6. Bake at 325 degrees for 1 hour and 20 minutes to 1 hour and 30 minutes or until a long wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pan on a wire rack 10 to 15 minutes; remove from pan to wire rack, and cool completely (about 1 hour).
Makes 12 servings. Hands-on time: 30 minutes. Total time: 3 hr. 25 min.

*Submitted by Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer
Sue Ellen made this cake for the
Adult Discussion Group Sunday School Class*



Easter Message

By Roy Z. Kemp

The Easter bells peal out their chimes
Of glorious good cheer.
They bring good tidings, tell the world
The message of the year.

They tell of Jesus Christ, our Lord,
Who gave His life for us
And who was resurrected—news
So great and glorious.

The Easter message! Happy song!
All Christians must declare
Their praise of Christ the risen Lord,
And all His love must share.

**EASY
DEVILED
EGGS**

Put cooked egg yolks in a zip lock bag. Seal, mash until they are all broken up. Add remainder of ingredients, reseal, keep mashing it, up mixing thoroughly. Cut the corner of the bag, squeeze mixture into egg. When finished throw away the bag. Easy clean up.

Submitted by Dennis Draper

Blessed are those who have not
seen and yet have believed.

—John 20:29

Hints and Tips



By PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER

WORSHIP in APRIL



We are nearing the end of the 40 days of the Lenten Season. Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, when we follow Jesus through the final days of his journey – triumphal entry into Jerusalem, teaching in the Temple, final insights passed on to his disciples, confronting the religious establishment with their hypocrisy, the Last Supper, Gethsemane, Jesus’ arrest and trial, the suffering he had to endure, his crucifixion, the resurrection, and Jesus’ initial appearances after he was raised from the dead. What a week, culminating on Easter Sunday.

And then, beginning with Easter Sunday, the 50 days of the Easter Season leading up to Pentecost the day we celebrate Christ’s formation of the Church and sending of the Holy Spirit to dwell in the Church and to empower it. You may be finding this to be true for you this year – the more you surrender yourself to God, the more you live out your faith in these great seasons of the Church year, the deeper and richer your life becomes. Have a great Holy Week and Easter Season! God Bless. —Pastor Bob

April 1 – Palm Sunday “A Journey to Hope” Lenten Sermon Series “Suffering”

Mark 11:7-11, 15:9-15

On Palm Sunday, we end our Journey of Hope sermon series by taking on the subject of human suffering.

Suffering is a part of the human experience – we can’t avoid it. Sometimes our suffering gets bad enough that we’re left with but one word, “Why?!”

Human beings offer only incomplete answers to the plea, “Why?”

Fortunately Jesus provides a final answer, one that enables us to endure, and one that provides the hope we need.

Jesus suffered, understands our suffering, and can therefore provide for our needs when we suffer.

Jesus redeemed us from sin and death by dying on the cross and by being raised to life, offering us his gift of eternal

life. The peace and hope this brings, trumps all suffering. Because of Jesus, our journey really does lead us to hope.

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

April 8 – Easter Sunday Holy Communion, 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. The Empty Tomb John 20:1-18

On that first Easter Sunday, everything began to make sense – the coming of a Messiah foretold by the Old Testament prophets, his death and resurrection foretold by Jesus himself, the appearance of the resurrected Jesus to Mary at the tomb and the disciples later in the day on Easter.

They must have been saying things like, “Jesus really is our long awaited Messiah?” “Yes, he really is!” “His resurrection confirms it!” “Jesus is our Lord and Savior!”

Nothing would be the same again. Hope that had not existed before now covered all the earth. God had reconciled human beings to God’s-self once and for all time. No wonder this is the most sacred day in the whole year. How could it not be! The Lord has risen! The Lord has risen indeed! Alleluia!

April 15 Jesus Appears to His Disciples John 20:19-21

Sometimes when we read these verses, we don’t notice when it was that Jesus first appeared to his disciples as the resurrected Lord. It was in the evening on that first Easter, the very same day Jesus had been raised. He did not withhold himself; he did not keep the disciples guessing.

Jesus had the ability to reassure the disciples, so he did. He passed through the locked doors to the room where they had gathered, stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!”

He showed them the wounds that resulted from his crucifixion to build up their faith, and then he showered them with a gift – the Holy Spirit.

We sometimes lock ourselves behind the closed doors wanting to keep out our doubt and fear. But Jesus finds a way into our lives to reassure us, to bring us peace, to pour out the Holy Spirit into us so that we too are renewed and empowered.

April 18 – Third Wednesday Worship 6-7 p.m. – Fellowship Meal 7-8 p.m. – Worship and Bible Study. This month’s topic: “Thomas – The Pessimist”

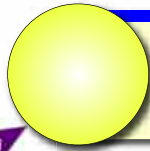
April 22 Jesus Appears to the Disciples Luke 24:36b-48

The Gospel of Luke provides the account of another appearance of the resurrected Jesus. “Jesus said to the disciples, ‘This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms.’ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures” (Luke 24:44-45). The Bible is God’s living word. The Bible is an ongoing conversation between God and humanity. When we study the Bible, God speaks to us. Christ sent the Holy Spirit to be with us when we study, and to help us understand what God has to tell us and teach us. God is still “opening their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.” When we open our Bibles, we can be assured that God is already with us to open our minds.

April 29 The Shepherd and His Flock John 10:11-18

In this passage from the Bible, Jesus draws a clear contrast between himself and others with whom we might put our trust. “When he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. The wolf attacks the flock and scatters it” (John 10:12b), contrasts with this about himself: “I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me – just as the Father knows me and I know the Father – and I lay down my life for the sheep.

I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd” (John 10:14-16). Jesus cares for us and protects us like no other. Through Jesus, God is made known to us. Through Jesus, our broken relationship with God has been restored for eternity. And these gifts offered to us, are also offered to everyone, everywhere. How do we respond in gratitude to such awesome gifts as these?



Hero's Club Salem's After School Ministry

Hero's Club Service Project
"Nothing But Nets"

By Amanda Hawkins

We've been having a great time at Hero's Club! Our recent lessons have focused on Valentine's Day and how God is the ultimate source of love; *I'd Choose You!* by John Trent; and the story of Jonah — we played a game where we threw army men into the whale's mouth.

We also had a kids' choice lesson day, where kids read a story in the Bible they received for Christmas, and then told the group about what they had read. (Great idea, Camden and Dawn!)

Our service project is rolling right along — the kids bring coins each week to

add to the jar for Nothing But Nets, and the jar is getting heavier every week!

Monday, April 30th at 6:00 p.m., the Hero's Club will put on a dinner and variety show — everyone is welcome, so please plan to attend!

A special thank you to our extra helpers who have been there for us — Dawn's friend Suzanne, and Richard and Anita Harshman — and our tried and true — Dawn, Marci, Camden, Laura, and Pastor Bob.

These kids are like sponges, thirsty for God's love. Even if you can donate an hour of your time, you will be blessed!



Jonah and the Whale game

Community Easter Egg Hunt

By Caroline Buhrman

Salem's Community Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 7, 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, call Caroline Buhrman at 301-293-2069 or Doris Fogle at 301-293-2736. As always, we look forward to seeing you there!



We have heard... there may be a visit from the Easter Bunny.

The Old Front Yard

By Tom Kolb, Frederick, MD

I recall that old front yard,
A memory I've set apart,
And as it woke from winter's sleep
Was like a garden in my heart.

I recall that mockorange bush
Beneath a towering cherry tree,
And that lonely snowball bush
Was such a treat for eyes to see.

I recall the daffodils,
Like little cups of yellow gold,
And the stately sycamores
Were tall and lovely to behold.

I recall the hummingbirds,
Feasting on the lilies white,
And the colored butterflies
Swift and graceful in their flight.



I recall the bleeding hearts,
Tender and fragile to the touch,
And the sweetness in the air
I enjoy very much.

I recall these memories
So long ago I left behind,
And they have been a source of peace
That lingers still upon my mind.

Submitted by Olive Kline

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who purchased soup, sandwiches, and pies at the recent Bee-lievers' Lord's Acre style food sale. Also, a special thank you to everyone who helped with food preparation and sales.

Looking Ahead

Saturday, May 12

Yard and Plant Sale at Salem parking lot. Bee-lievers are planning to have food for sale also.

Saturday, May 19

The Bee-lievers will have the food stand at the Historic Homes Trades Fair to be held at Schifferstadt Architectural Museum in Frederick.

Wednesday, May 30-Friday, June 1

The 228th session of the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church, Baltimore, MD.

Wednesday, June 27-Saturday, June 30

34th Annual Creation Music Festival, Mt. Union, PA.

Monday, July 9-Friday, July 13

Wolfsville Community Vacation Bible School at Salem.

Sunday, July 22

Ice Cream Social & Balloon Launch

Lord's Acre Festival

Saturday, Sept. 8, 2012

Wolfsville Ruritan Park

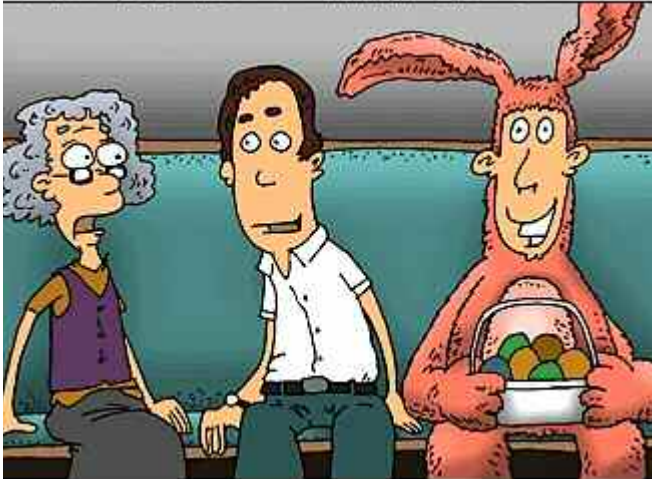
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In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. —John 1:4

Heavenly Humor

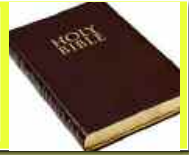
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YOU'LL HAVE TO FORGIVE HIM . . . HE'S NEW TO THE FAITH AND THIS IS HIS FIRST EASTER

Interesting THOUGHTS



We were made by God and for God, and until you figure that out, life isn't going to make sense.

Life is a series of problems: Either you are in one now, you're just coming out of one, or you're getting ready to go into another one.

We can be reasonably happy here on earth, but that's not the goal of life. The goal is to grow in character, in Christ likeness.

We need to ask ourselves: Am I going to live for possessions? Popularity? Am I going to be driven by pressures? Guilt? Bitterness? Materialism? Or am I going to be driven by God's purposes (for my life)?

God is only interested in your character.

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

Some thoughts to ponder . . .

The cross of Christ reveals God's love at its best and man's sin at its worst.

Natural life came by God's breath; eternal life comes by Christ's death.

After all that Christ has done for us, how can we do less than give Him our best!

Jesus died to save us, and He lives to keep us.

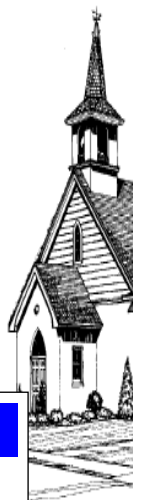
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