



Salem United Methodist Church—Wolfsville

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Faith Builders Youth Group planning trip to Hershey Park, April 27th

By Wanda Barkdoll

Salem's Faith Builders Youth Group (Middle and High School) is planning a trip to Hershey Park on Saturday, April 27, 2013. This is a group activity that we are planning in conjunction with the youth of Mt. Zion United Methodist, Myersville, and Garfield United Methodist.

Why this day? Because Griffith Energy Services, Inc., is sponsoring a Customer Appreciation Day for their customers; and is giving a special offer of \$29 a ticket, which includes free parking. The regular price is \$59.80 plus a parking fee of \$12.00.

To get this special price, I will be collecting the money, which must be given to me no later than Sunday, April 7, 2013. After that date, it will be very difficult to get any additional tickets from Griffith. Tickets cannot be obtained at the park. They must be ordered on line or by mail.

The park opens at 10:00 a.m., and will remain open until 7:00 p.m. All rides are open except for the water park—more than 65 amusement rides, 11 roller coasters, ZooAmerica (over 200 animals), and a variety of entertainment and shows. It will be a lot of fun.

Customer Appreciation Day

 Courtesy of Griffith Energy Services, Inc. April 27, 2013

Deadline to buy tickets: April 7

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If for any reason the parents do not want to go, but they would like their children to participate, please let us know and we can make arrangements to provide transportation.

We are planning to meet at Salem's parking lot on Saturday morning, April 27th, at 8:00 a.m., and we will leave no later than 8:30 a.m.

You can contact me at 301-416-0882, or by e-mail at jansack@earthlink.net for additional details and to pay for the tickets.




Faith Builders Youth Group
(Middle School and High School)

Weekly Get-togethers:
Every Thursday, 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Salem

Upcoming Activities:

April 21	Seniors' Appreciation Luncheon
April 27	Trip to Hershey Park
May 17-18	Progressive Dinner and Lock In
June 2	End of School Year Celebration
June 14	Hagerstown Suns Faith Night
June 26-29	Creation Christian Music Festival
July 21	Ice Cream Social and Balloon Launch
August 3	Pool Party



Leaders: Pastor Bob Snyder, Wanda Barkdoll, Donna Snyder, Laura Snyder

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SALEM MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

Current Membership: 230
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-Feb	2013 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	\$350	0%
3	Salem Mission & Outreach Supports needs as determined by Salem	—	\$1,570.00	\$1,180	133%
4	Salem Food Pantry Open every Tuesday 6:00-7:00 p.m.	—	\$554.68	\$1,180	47%
5	Mary E. - Africa Inland Mission Working in Tanzania, Africa	\$85	\$200.00	\$1,020	20%
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	\$2,000	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	\$150.00	\$768	20%
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%
15	Hero's Club After School Ministry (Pre-K through grade 5) at Salem	—	\$343.81	\$300	115%

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.



NICARAGUA — Kristen was our beloved intern who served with us through the Mission Society 2 1/2 years ago. She came back for a visit to renew the many friendships she had made. Here she is with Maria Elena, who still cooks for all our teams. —Ronnie & Angi

Salem Mission Project No. 11

[Salem provides a minimum of \$64 monthly for this project.]

Ronnie & Angi Hopkins

The Mission Society
Mission Work in Nicaragua

January 2013 — This marks the beginning of our 7th year living and working in Nicaragua. It's been a time of trials and challenges, but most of all a time of joy... being in a country we love amongst a people we love. It is an honor for us to be where we are, doing what we do and we thank all of you for helping to make it possible.

—Ronnie & Angi



Salem Mission Projects No. 9 & No. 5

MISSIONS is the MISSION of the CHURCH

Salem Mission Project No. 9

Middletown High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Photo by Tim Leber

■ By Tim Leber

Middletown High School

The Middletown High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) huddle is thankful to God for the support from Salem United Methodist Church! We really appreciate your eagerness to share the love of Christ with our teenagers at Middletown High.

Our FCA huddle meets on Tuesday mornings before school from 6:45-7:15 a.m. A typical huddle meeting includes prayer, devotion, study of scripture, fellowship, food, and fun. Everyone is invited to attend whenever they can, and there are usually around 15-20 students at each meeting. FCA also meets on Club Day once a month during the school day.

With the generous contributions from Salem United Methodist Church, our FCA huddle is able to do things like participate in the Adopt-A-Family program during the Christmas season; distribute candy canes with the message of Christ's



FCA members pray in the stadium during "See You At The Pole" in the fall

love to students and staff the day before the Christmas break; provide scholarships for students to attend Leadership Training Camps; purchase materials for small group Bible studies; put together free lunches for distribution at the Soup Kitchen in Frederick; and provide care packages during the Easter season for local families who have lost loved ones.

We can't thank you enough for your support of our FCA huddle. With your help, we have had an active Fellowship of Christian Athletes group for the last 19 years at MHS. May the love of Christ fill your hearts to overflowing, as you serve Him each and every day!

With great appreciation,
—Middletown High School's FCA huddle

Salem Mission Project No. 5

Mary with Africa Inland Mission in Tanzania



We were out in the field by 7 a.m., before the sun had started to beat down too strongly. Water bottle in one hand and a hoe in the other, I waited for my friend to show my teammate Leah and I where we were supposed to hoe. We were breaking the ground; clearing away the grass and old corn stalks that would eventually choke the new seeds if they weren't removed. Dust flew, and my clothes and skin took on a slightly different hue. It was worth it though, to join with our friends and help them hoe their fields. It wasn't glamorous work; we couldn't see immediate results, apart from cleared brown dirt. In fact, because I leave this area in June, I won't even see the harvest.

I've come to better understand the many comparisons God made between reaching the lost and farming. It's been a bit over 9 years since I first came to Tanzania. I was 22 years old and wondering what in the world I had gotten myself into, but convinced that this is where God wanted me. My team and I have been breaking ground. We've had the joy of seeing fruit, and the sorrow of having believers struggle or turn away. We cur-

rently have two D-go men who are involved in outreach, and three regular weekly meetings in different villages. Some are believers, many are afraid, and others are still asking questions. Yet in the midst of this, there are many who do not want to hear these words of life and who make life difficult for those who do.

I have been praying for God to show me when it was time to leave, and He has. As June looms before me, God has been stirring some prayers in my heart; prayers that God would raise up other workers for this part of the harvest field, and that God would establish His church. A rather selfish prayer that I have also been praying is that God would allow me to see fruit over these next three months. And God has been so gracious in answering these prayers with two new believers, Joyce and Nate.

After I leave the village, I will be focusing for the next 5 months on ethnomusicology workshops – encouraging and equipping local churches and outreach teams to use ethnic music and language to create new songs to worship God and to communicate Truth. Then I

start traveling with Wendy. She is a trained ethnomusicologist. We plan to be in 6 different countries together, leading these workshops either in a local church setting or for outreach teams in unreached areas.

Wendy and I will part ways at the end of October, and in November, I will travel to another central African country as a combined vision trip for my next assignment, as well as to lead an ethnomusicology workshop for an outreach team there. I plan to be back in the States December 2, 2013.

Maybe God brought me here mainly to break up the ground and plant the seed. But how sweet it has been, to share in some of the harvest! And yet, my prayer is that this is only a taste of what is to come. Let me do the breaking and planting, I don't care... just as long as the harvest gets brought in— even if by someone else. For that remains my heart's desire— for the lost to be found.



—Mary E.



Attendance & Offerings

FEBRUARY 2013

		Worship*		Sunday School	
Feb	3	90	\$2,871.00	62	\$290.50
Feb	10	99	1,643.50	65	159.75
Feb	17	103	1,967.65	66	178.75
Feb	24	77	1,320.41	49	86.87

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

*Worship attendance & offerings include both worship services.

- **Missions:** \$2,700.83
- **Building & Imp. Fund:** \$210.83
- **Pavilion Fund:** \$70.00
- **Cemetery Endowment:** \$40.00

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

Average Attendance Jan-Feb 2013
 Sunday Worship: 92
 Sunday School: 59



Salem Bee-lievers

Soup & Sandwich Sale Successful



Photos by Amanda Hawkins and Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer

■ By Fonda Gormer

BEE-LIEVERS FOOD SALE A SUCCESS

The Bee-lievers would like to thank everyone who supported their recent soup and sandwich sale.

Over \$1500 was taken in, with some bills remaining to be paid.

The volunteers made 176 quarts of soup and 283 sandwiches. A big thank you to anyone who helped in any way!



Petie Stup & Barbie Stottlemeyer



Vegetable soup in jars and stacked



Delores Myers



Amanda Hawkins & Caroline Buhman



Richard Harshman



April

Calendar of Events

Thu	4	UMW Bee-lievers - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
Thu	4	Board of Trustees - 7:30 p.m. at Salem
Thu	11	Administrative Council - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
Sun	14	WildFire Youth Group - 5:30-6:30 p.m. (details to be announced)
Mon	22	Reservations Due for Ladies Night Out - (to be held May 1)
Sat	27	Faith Builders Hershey Park Trip
Sun	28	Seniors' Appreciation Luncheon - 1:00 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 Tuesday 6:00-7:00 p.m. at Salem
 Ladies Exercise Group meets every Wednesday evening at Salem at 5:30 p.m.
 Praise Band practices every Wednesday evening at Salem at 7:00 p.m.
 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 183 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.

Ladies Night Out scheduled for May 1

■ By Fonda Gormer

The annual Ladies Night Out will be held Wednesday, May 1, at 6:30 p.m. at Mountain Gate Family Restaurant in Thurmont.

Reservations must be made by April 22, by signing up on the hallway bulletin board at Salem, or by calling me at 301-293-2436.

We will enjoy a buffet meal and a short program. Female friends and family members are welcome!

Prices for the meal, including beverage, tax and tip are as follows:

Adults \$12.18

Ages 5-12 6.05

Ages 3 & 4 1.81

Age 2 and under free— though there is a small fee if a beverage is ordered.

Payment will be made that evening. Please plan to join us for this evening of fellowship!

**LADIES NIGHT OUT
 RESERVATIONS DUE
 APRIL 22**



Photo by Donna Snyder

On February 9th, a Women's Valentine's Prayer Breakfast was held at Salem, organized by Donna Snyder. Much effort was put into what has now become an annual event, with great food, a special speaker and visitation from the Holy Spirit. We all shared, laughed, cried, and wrote a love letter to Jesus. Much thanks to Donna, everyone who attended, and the special speaker Peg Arnold. I think we all really enjoyed ourselves and had a wonderful time. In Christ's love, *Phyllis Beall*

Fruit baskets, flowers, and food boxes assembled

■ By Barbie Stottlemyer

I want to thank everyone who donated to the Lenten Offering to help purchase items for fruit baskets, flowers, and food boxes.

Thank you also to everyone who gathered on Saturday morning, March 23, 2013, to assemble 12 fruit baskets, 2 food boxes, and label 13 flowers; and to those who helped distribute the various items to people in our church and community.



Photo by Sue Ellen Stottlemyer

Matt Stottlemyer and Richard Harshman

Who's Doing What, When?

APRIL

9:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

<p>Lay Reader</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 - Robin Haupt 14 - Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer 21 - Philip Koons 28 - Randy Freysz 	<p>Ushers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 - Dick Kline & Steve Leatherman 14 - Vernon Stottlemeyer & Robin Haupt 21 - Donald Stottlemeyer & Meredith Harshman 28 - Philip Koons & Brandon Leatherman 	<p>Organist</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 - Susan Koons 14 - Susan Koons 21 - Joann Leatherman 28 - Susan Koons
<p>Greeters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 - Steve & Joann Leatherman 14 - Richard & Anita Harshman 21 - George, Barbie, & Matt Stottlemeyer 28 - Dennis & Ruth Draper 	<p>Acolytes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 - Paul McCormick 14 - Jadie Buhrman 21 - Kenslie Buhrman 28 - 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!

April Anniversaries

- 2 - Jennifer and Clay Waite
- 2 - Bill 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
- 18 - Dennis Leatherman
- 19 - Joyce Harne
- 19 - Camden Raynor
- 20 - Alauria Robinson
- 21 - Amy Ellis
- 22 - Richard Kline
- 23 - Craig Brown
- 23 - Stanley Kline
- 24 - Jennifer Gormer Waite
- 24 - Barbara Stottlemeyer
- 24 - Vernon Stottlemeyer
- 29 - Karen DeLauter
- 30 - Payton Robinson

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.

PLANNING UNDER WAY FOR SPRING BEE-LIEVERS ACTIVITIES

■ By Fonda Gormer

The Bee-lievers will meet on April 4 for their regular business meeting.

Plans will be made for the April Ruritan meal and the food table for the annual Plant and Yard Sale on May 11.

Annual Plant and Yard Sale

Anyone interested in having a table at the yard sale on May 11 in Salem's parking lot should contact Fonda Gormer or Barbie Stottlemeyer. There will be no cost to set up a table, but a donation would be appreciated.

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A new updated **Directory of Addresses** has been printed. You may pick up a copy at church. The directory is updated once a year.

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

Holy Communion

None in April
since just observed on
Easter Sunday March 31



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

**IF A RELATIONSHIP
HAS TO BE SECRET,
YOU SHOULDN'T BE IN IT.**

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman



INSPIRATIONAL Reading

April Song

By Brian F. King

We give Thee thanks, O Lord, for these:
Soft April rains, green budding trees,
The hush of dawn, gold daffodils,
The songs of birds from sun-kissed hills,
For star-strewn skies whose glory glows
To light the sleeping world below,
For smiling brooks that seek the sea—
We humbly give our thanks to Thee.

We give Thee thanks, O Lord, for these:
The things of life that daily please,
For comfort that is ever there
In hearts that seek Your peace through prayer,
For gardens rich with flowers gay,
For shouts of children lost in play,
The hush of dawn, lakes blue and still,
For daisies strewn on wind-kissed hills.

We give Thee thanks, O Lord, for care
Thy love has lavished everywhere,
For faith and hope, for sacred bliss
That lies in every toddler's kiss,
For bounties shared, for all Thy grace
That blesses every dwelling place,
For dreams unshackled, spirits free—
We give Thee thanks, O Lord, for these.



Faith

By Marian L. Moore

I did not follow Jesus up the hill
Or see three crosses standing side by side.
I only read . . . the crowd stood strangely still
To watch the Savior being crucified.

I did not walk with Mary to the tomb
Upon that glorious morn so long ago,
I did not see the angel in the gloom
Or meet the Gardener whom they did not know.

Although I did not see the wonders wrought,
Spring has returned throughout these many years.
I see salvation which He dearly bought
In every leaf and flower which appears

Just as I know that spring shall always be . . .
I know Christ walked on earth and died for me.

Old Tools

Old tools are like old friends . . . they wear so well, fit comfortably, and never tell how much time passes by before we seek their always-ready help, day, month, or week. Old friends, like well-worn tools on dusty shelves, are interwoven with our lives . . . part of ourselves.

—Dan A. Hoover



RECIPE



SOFT SUGAR COOKIES

2/3 cup shortening	1 teaspoon or more lemon zest
2/3 cup butter	1/3 cup sour cream
1 1/2 cups white sugar	3 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
2 eggs	2 teaspoons baking powder
2 teaspoons vanilla extract	1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon almond extract	1/3 cup granulated sugar for decoration

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. In a medium bowl, cream together the butter, shortening, sour cream, and sugar. Stir in the eggs, vanilla extract, almond extract, and lemon zest. Combine the flour, baking powder and salt, stir into the creamed mixture until dough comes together. Roll dough into walnut sized balls and roll the balls in sugar. Place them on an unprepared cookie sheet about 2 inches apart.
3. Bake cookies 10 to 12 minutes in the preheated oven, until bottom is light brown. Remove from baking sheets to cool on wire racks.

Servings: 24

Barbie Stottlemeyer made these cookies for the Bee-lievers cookie exchange and provided the recipe.



Take Time

By Clara Smith Reber

Take time for all things . . .
The day is too long
Without joy and laughter,
Without a song.

Take time for all things . . .
Share the gift of work and play,
Weave the golden thread of love
Into the fabric of each day.

Take time for all things . . .
Give thanks to Him who sends
The benediction of His love
And the fellowship of friends.

To Walk With Spring

Today I answered the call of spring
and went out for a walk. And I discovered that the sky was incredibly blue, the hills and gardens were gorgeously green, the distant mountains were more impressive than I had remembered them. Trees had burst into pink and white bloom, and the butterflies and bees were in busy attendance. It was a beautiful world, and worth much more attention than I had been giving it.

—Esther York Burkholder

Our Christian Sympathy to...

Susie Stottlemeyer and Family upon the death of her mother, **Ivy E. Warner**, 85, Hagerstown, on March 25, 2013.

A Lovely Day

By Elsie Claxon Reynolds

Good morning, Lord. It's a lovely day.
You ask me how I know?
I can tell by the wind on the crest
of the hill
And the morning lights that glow.

I can hear the song of an early bird,
And see the dew on the grass,
And touch the tip of a butterfly wing,
And catch a dream drifting past.

I can breathe the fragrance
of the lilac bush,
I can open my lips and sing
And feel the touch of the silent hour,
That only You can bring.

My heart can tell by the feathered clouds,
And the buds on the apple tree.
That's how I know it's a lovely day,
That You have given me.

Thank you, Lord, for a lovely day.



Pastor's Notes — ...Worship in April

■ By PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER

Easter Sunday is the beginning of the 50-day Easter Season ending on Pentecost Sunday, May 19th this year. For five weeks during the month of April and the first week in May we will embark on a new sermon series titled, "Responding to the Resurrection."

The Book of Acts in the Bible describes how Christians in the early church responded to Jesus' resurrection. Studying and reflecting upon Christ's call to the early church, and their response, challenges us to reflect on the ways Christ is calling upon us, in our time and place, to respond to our Lord's resurrection.

As winter fades and is replaced by all that is created in springtime, may your heart be open to the ways God is continuing to create you. May God bless and keep you today and always. —*Pastor Bob*

April 7 – Second Sunday of Easter Responding to the Resurrection Sermon Series

"Faith with Integrity"

Acts 5:27-32

In these verses, the apostles find their faith being questioned by the ruling council. As we strive to live a life of faith, sometimes we find ourselves "standing before the council" (5:27), our actions called into question by others.

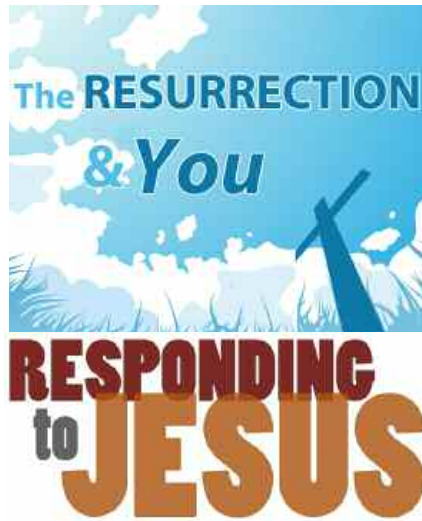
How do we know that our actions are in keeping with God's will? How do we listen for God's voice and know that what we're hearing is of God? How do we continue to do what is in keeping with God's will in the face of criticism by others? How do we respond to our critics in a way that is pleasing to God? These verses provide wisdom and encouragement as we strive to live out our faith with integrity.

April 14 – Third Sunday of Easter Responding to the Resurrection Sermon Series

"Surrendering to God's Will"

Acts 9:1-20

Saul was a very good Pharisee. I don't believe it would be going too far to say that he was a Pharisee's Pharisee. But he hadn't yet understood that he was not



directing the wonderful talents God had given him in ways that were pleasing to God. He was doing harm, not good with his God-given gifts.

One day God changed his heart, even gave him a new name, Paul, and from that day forward he used all his energy and talent to please God.

Isn't this the opportunity that is before all of us – to discover our gifts and how the Lord has chosen us to direct them in service to others?

Before we can do this, we must first surrender to God's will.

April 21 – Fourth Sunday of Easter Responding to the Resurrection Sermon Series

"Living in the Present"

Acts 9:36-43

Peter, one of Jesus' closest friends and the leader of the twelve, ended up denying that he ever knew Jesus. This happened on the night Jesus was arrested when he most needed Peter's support.

Peter's betrayal of Jesus must have haunted him, especially when Jesus was crucified. But the risen Christ helped Peter move beyond that place in his life. He forgave Peter and encouraged him and Peter responded with faith.

In today's reading we see Peter say-

ing "yes" to go and serve in the name of the risen Christ. We learn that, because of his faithful service, a woman is brought back to life and "many believed" (9:42).

As with Peter, Christ knows our sin too. And as Christ did for Peter, our Savior forgives us and encourages us to step out in faith also. What amazing things happen when we do.

April 28 – Fifth Sunday of Easter Responding to the Resurrection Sermon Series

"Learning from Each Other"

Acts 11:1-18

In the early church, people were divided over the question of church membership. The first Christians were Jews that remained Jews as they came to believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Some of them believed that any Gentile (non-Jew) wanting to be a Christian had to become a Jew first. Peter was one of the leaders of the church who struggled with this question.

One day, God visited Peter in a vision, showing Peter that God desires and invites all people into his family, and that anyone who excludes people is going against the will of God and the work of the Holy Spirit.

We learn and grow from the new people who join our churches, and they learn and grow from us, and that pleases God and is good for us.



Mark Your Calendars for Vacation Bible School

■ By Fonda Gormer

The annual Wolfsville Community Vacation Bible School will be held on July 8-12 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. each day.

The theme this year will be "Kingdom Rock: Where Kids Stand Strong for God."

All children of the Wolfsville area, from age three through 6th grade are invited to take part. PLEASE SAVE THE DATES! More information will be available in a later newsletter.



A Tribute to ANNA KATE DRAPER

July 11, 1927
February 22, 2013

■ By Bill Burrier

The members and friends of Salem Church were saddened to learn of Anna Kate Draper's death at age 85. We knew that lately she had been in and out of the hospital and undergoing rehab at various facilities, but had returned to her home on Foxville Road. It was there that her earthly journey ended on February 22, 2013.

Her husband Tom, of 53 years, passed in 2000. Kate continued to live at their home high on the mountain. She drove herself to church every Sunday, weather permitting. In the winter, her yard would remain filled with snow long after it had melted in the surrounding lower elevations. She would often give us a report of conditions there as she entered the church.

One of her favorite things to do was fancy needlework. She would pass evenings in her favorite chair working on wall hangings and other special pieces, many of which would be on display and could be purchased at Salem's annual Lord's Acre Festival, held the second Saturday in September. In her final days she continued to work on a square for this year's featured quilt, which will be offered at auction at the Lord's Acre Festival on September 14th. The subject square was an embroidered pheasant. She had nearly completed it several weeks before, but wasn't totally satisfied with it—she felt it needed more color.

On the Sunday after Kate's death, her daughter Fonda told the congregation during worship that the colors of a pheasant were fresh in her mother's mind because she had been watching one in her yard for several days and sought to duplicate the bird's bright colors on her quilt square. She added the additional colors and completed the square to her satisfaction the day before her death—a final task completed in service to the Lord.

Kate was an active member at Salem. She regularly attended worship and Sunday School as long as her health permitted. For a time after she stopped driving, Fonda brought her to church. Kate, along with Caroline Buhrman, were teachers of the nursery Sunday School class. In fact, Kate held that position for more than 40 years.

Pastor Bob Snyder officiated at the memorial service, assisted by Pastor



This flower arrangement was present at Kate's memorial service. It included items which were part of Kate's life. The flowers were arranged in a sewing basket; and among the flowers were a crossword puzzle book, a bingo stamp, a thread spool, and an embroidery hoop.

Randy Reid, which was held in Salem's sanctuary on Thursday afternoon, February 28th. While describing Kate's legacy and service to the Lord as a Sunday School teacher, Pastor Bob said, "One Sunday Kate walked into the Sunday school room where the Nursery Class was held. She stayed that Sunday and came back the next and then the next, and came back nearly every Sunday since then for over 40 years to teach the Nursery Class with co-teacher Caroline Buhrman. Numerous children over that 40 plus years started learning about Jesus and the Bible from Kate and Caroline. That's a wonderful legacy. To all of us, it's a great example of serving the Lord and all the lives you can impact doing so."

During those many years, Kate and Caroline taught students who grew up, married, and had children of their own; and their children were also taught by Kate and Caroline.

Pastor Bob continued, "We mourn the loss of Kate and miss her already. But we also celebrate Kate's resurrection life, and what that teaches us. Kate believed in Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior, and



This pheasant quilt square embroidered by Kate demonstrates her skill as an embroiderer. Kate finished this piece the evening before her death and gave it additional color, inspired by a real pheasant that lingered in her yard a few days prior. This square will be a part of the featured quilt at this year's Lord's Acre Festival on September 14th.

over the past 40 plus years she answered God's call to share her faith with the preschool children of Salem church. In Matthew 19:14, Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me..." Kate did, and helped each one of those little children get off to a real good start on their journey of faith. Kate believed, and tried to live out her faith every day."

Pastor Randy Reid, Salem's pastor for 12 years, remembered a time when the nursery class had dwindled to just one student. A sign went on the door saying, "Grant needs a buddy."

Someone added the words "a lot of" to the sign. Pastor Randy told those at the memorial service that he had added the additional words. Well, the sign worked, and just 4 years later, another sign went on the door saying, "Help! We need more room. We are bursting at the seams."

The Salem congregation expresses its deepest sympathy to the Draper family. Kate will be sorely missed at Salem Church. Burial was in the Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church Cemetery, Foxville. Memorial contributions may be made to Salem.





Salem youth & adults going to

CREATION 2013 at Agape Farm, Mt. Union, PA

■ By Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer

Sillet, Newsboys, Switchfoot, Chris Tomlin, just to name a few of the bands that will be at Creation 2013. There are even a few bands from earlier years of Creation that will be performing this year; Audio Adrenaline and Petra.

Creation 2013 is just around the corner; so now is the time to make your plans to attend. Creation, a Christian music festival held at the Agape Farm, Mt. Union, Pennsylvania, starts on Wednesday, June 26, and runs through Saturday evening, June 29, 2013.

Last year we had 15 people experience Creation throughout the four days we were there, and we hope to have even a bigger group attend this year.

Everyone that has attended in the past has had a great time. Creation 2013 promises to be everything as in the past; good fellowship, excellent worship services, good food, and most of all, good Christian music, so don't miss out on a good time to praise and worship our Creator.

Plans are being made to attend the entire event with arrangements being



made for staggering departures based on the schedule needs of the group. I will be leading the group for the duration, and I'm in need of a few adult chaperones to go along to help.

Although this is primarily a "youth" group activity, our youth, as well as adults, are highly encouraged to attend, if even for just one day. We have had as many adults as youth attend in past years.

This is a wonderful opportunity to gather with our Christian friends and listen to some great *loud* Christian music. If *loud* Christian music is not something you particularly care for, there are many excellent speakers and seminars available each day. The younger youth always find great activities at the Kid's Stage; the Donut

Man being one of my personal favorites!

There is something for everybody to enjoy, all while worshipping and praising our wonderful Lord and Savior.

It is not a necessity (tickets can be purchased the day of arrival), but we do pre-order as many tickets as we can at the reduced rate, so if you know for sure you will be attending, please let me know as soon as possible.

Additional details will be provided very soon. Please mark your calendar now. Information and the program for the festival can be found on-line at: www.creationfest.com/ne/.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 301-293-1470.

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 again this year.

The buns can be purchased directly from Anita for \$12 per dozen. To place an order, call Anita at 301-293-2080.

Orders can be placed at any time; and can be picked up after services on Sunday mornings. Anita plans to make the buns during the months of April and May.

Looking Ahead...

Wednesday, May 1

Ladies Night Out at Mountain Gate Family Restaurant, Thurmont.

Saturday, May 11

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

Wednesday-Friday, May 29-31

The 229th session of the Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference, at the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel.



The Last Supper — Salem's Maundy Thursday Service contained a living dramatization of Leonardo da Vinci's "The Last Supper." Those who portrayed Jesus and his disciples were (from left) Dennis Leatherman (James the Lesser), Richard Harshman (Nathaniel), Vernon Stottlemeyer (Andrew), Patrick Boyton (Judas), Bill Buhrman (Peter), George Harne (John), Michael Burrier (Jesus), George Stottlemeyer (Thomas), Gary Barkdoll (James), Donald Stottlemeyer (Thaddeus), Bobby Fogle (Philip), Jim Laky (Matthew), and Brandon Leatherman (Simon the Zealot).

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Looking Back . . .

20 YEARS Ago at Salem

APRIL 1993 —**Pews Upholstered**

Salem's pews were upholstered by Church Interiors Inc. of High Point, North Carolina. The upholstery, a new commercial grade fabric manufactured by Chatham, carried a 15-year warranty against defects in workmanship and manufacturing. The cost to upholster 25 pews was \$3,876. Jake and Pat Wolfe donated the funds for the project.

Parsonage Painted

William D. Shankle Painting, Myersville, was engaged to paint the outside trim work on the parsonage at an estimated cost of \$1,500.

Heritage Sunday

Salem celebrated its heritage on Heritage Sunday, April 25, 1993. A two-page article in *The Mountain Shepherd* reminded the congregation to retrace the footsteps of the early circuit riders through Frederick and Washington counties. Remembering Salem's birthplace, the article concluded, "When you look at the Hoover Barn, think of the rich heritage of Salem Church and its humble beginnings in Wolfsville. Those who appreciate history are thankful the Hoover Barn still exists for us to visually link the past to the present."

New Floor Covering

New floor covering in the Sunday School social area and hallway was being discussed by the Trustees. The tile floor, which was installed when the building was constructed in 1967, had become brittle and loose. Mark Draper was contacted to provide floor samples to consider.

Parking Lot & Parsonage Roof

Improvements and enlargement of the church parking lot were being discussed by the Trustees; and bids were

Rev. Hayden L. Sparks
Pastor, Wolfsville Charge, 1989-96
Salem, Garfield, & Pleasant Walk

being solicited to replace the parsonage roof shingles.

Mission Projects

In 1993, Salem had two mission projects: Frank and Nancy Stottlemeyer, New Tribes Mission, Senegal, West Africa; and Bernie and Linda Beall, Campus Crusade for Christ, Washington, DC area.

Outreach

Caroline Buhrman, Outreach Chairperson, coordinated the Lenten "Fish Banks" offering, food and fruit boxes, and the collection of Campbell's labels. Caroline reported, "In an emergency situation, Salem Church was able to loan over 300 labels, which along with Garfield Church labels, enabled the Wolfsville Elementary School to obtain a hockey set for the students before the deadline."

Youth Fellowship

Salem's Youth Fellowship, led by Fonda Gormer, sponsored the annual Easter Egg Hunt. Hard-boiled colored eggs and plastic candy-filled eggs were used.

Holy Week Services

Holy Week services were held on the Wolfsville Charge (Salem, Garfield, and Pleasant Walk churches). The Maundy Thursday service was held at Pleasant Walk and the Good Friday service at Salem, titled "The Dark Hours," coordinated by Mary Alice Shankle.

Easter Sunrise Service

The Community Easter Sunrise Service was held at St. Mark's Lutheran with the Wolfsville Ruritan Club serving refreshments.

—From *The Mountain Shepherd*
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Susie Stottlemeyer (left) and Wanda Barkdoll enjoy the Women's Valentine Prayer Breakfast held on February 9, 2013. (Photo by Donna Snyder)

Spiritual Potpourri**Jesus**

Jesus died over 2,000 years ago. Nobody has ever referred to him as the late Jesus. Nowhere in history has He ever been referred to in the past tense! He is the living God!

David's Comment

A nurse on the pediatric ward, before listening to the little one's chests, would plug the stethoscope into their ears and let them listen to their own heart. Their eyes would always light up with awe, but she never got a response equal to four-year-old David's comment. Gently she tucked the stethoscope into his ears and placed the disk over his heart. "Listen," she said... "What do you suppose that is?" He drew his eyebrows together in a puzzled line and looked up as if lost in the mystery of the strange tap, tap, tapping deep in his chest. Then his face broke out in a wondrous grin and he asked, "Is that God knocking?"

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

Little Things

By Tom Kolb, Frederick, MD

The rich may have their silver and gold
And live in mansions so fine,
But give to me the little things
In life to hold as mine.

I don't ask for expensive things,
Nor things made by man,
'Cause all I want is the little things
Made by nature's hand.

Give to me some mountains high,
A lovely valley green,
All covered by a wide blue sky
Enchanted by a dream.

Give to me a sunset fair,
A sky all trimmed in gold,
With angel music in the air,
As dreams of night unfold.

It's these and a thousand other things
That make life sweet each day,
And each is just a little thing
No one can take away.

Submitted by Olive Kline

Live as if Christ
died yesterday and is
coming back today.

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I HAVEN'T EVEN TURNED ON MY COMPUTER SINCE OUR NEW CHRISTIAN BOSS TOLD US THAT WE WILL BE JUDGED BY OUR FAITH AND NOT BY OUR WORKS.

Why go to church?



A church-goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this... They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

When you are DOWN to nothing... God is UP to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible! Thank God for our physical AND our spiritual nourishment!

—Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

Some thoughts to ponder . . .

God never gives up on making something beautiful out of our lives.

Honesty means never having to look over your shoulder.

Live as if Christ died yesterday and is coming back today.

You are a success in God's kingdom if you are faithful where He has placed you.

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