



Salem United Methodist Church—Wolfsville

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Community Yard Sale, Plant Sale, and Bake Sale at Salem - Sat. May 11th



8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

By Fonda Gormer

The Salem Bee-lievers are planning a community yard sale for Saturday, May 11, from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. in Salem's parking lot. Along with the yard sale, there will be a plant sale offering a variety of items for Mother's Day and spring planting.

Spaces for the yard sale will be offered free of charge, but donations would be appreciated. Each seller will be responsible for moving their tables from the social hall on the morning of the sale.

Donations of items for a "church" table will be accepted from anyone who does not want to have their own table. Please have these items at the church by Sunday, May 5, and put them in the downstairs "Middlers" classroom, marked for the yard sale. It is preferred that you price your items, but it is not required.

The food menu includes sausage sand-

* **FOOD MENU** *

Sausage Sandwiches
 Hot Dogs
 Steamers
 Ham Sandwiches
 Baked Goods
 Beverages

wiches, hot dogs, steamers, ham sandwiches and beverages. There will also be a bake sale. Donations of bake sale items are needed. These items need to be at the church by 7 a.m. the morning of the event.

There is no rain date. For more information, or to reserve a space, contact Fonda Gormer (301-293-2436) or Barbie Stottlemeyer (301-293-2372) by May 7.



In honor of MEMORIAL DAY, Salem Church recognizes our nation's veterans who are buried at Salem's Cemetery. The church will place flags at these grave sites.

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| Lloyd Bear | Alvey G. Kline |
| Robert Bear | Ary M. Kline |
| Aaron Craver | Carroll M. Kline |
| Rodger Lee Eccard | Gaither W. Kline |
| Joseph R. Farsht | Lawrence S. Kline |
| Elmer R. Finneyfrock | Raymond W. Kline |
| James Richard Frey | Merhle K. Martin |
| Harold G. Harne | Ronald L. McLucas |
| Francis C. Harshman | Joseph M. Nusbaum |
| Robert Woodrow Heefner | William H. Shuff |
| William H. Horn | Gaither E. Stotelmeyer |
| Agnes Kemerer | Paul Weiss |
| Verne F. Kemerer | |

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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-Mar	2013 Goal	% of Goal
1	Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer Retired Senegal Missionaries	\$204	\$612.00	\$2,448	25%
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	—	\$1,901.65	\$1,180	161%
4	Salem Food Pantry Open every Tuesday 6:00-7:00 p.m.	—	\$704.90	\$1,180	60%
5	Mary E. - Africa Inland Mission Working in Tanzania, Africa	\$85	\$300.00	\$1,020	29%
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	\$330.00	\$1,320	25%
8	Potato Project Society of St. Andrew, Big Island, Virginia	\$60	\$180.00	\$720	25%
9	Middletown High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes	\$47	\$141.00	\$564	25%
10	Mission Trip Destination to be determined	—	0	\$2,000	0%
11	Ronnie & Angi Hopkins The Mission Society - Mission Work in Nicaragua	\$64	\$192.00	\$768	25%
12	Care Net Pregnancy Center 707 N. Market Street, Frederick, MD	\$64	\$214.00	\$768	28%
13	Compassion International Sponsored children in Ecuador & India	\$76	\$243.00	\$972	25%
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	—	\$430.25	\$300	143%

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.



Society of St. Andrew The Potato Project Big Island, Virginia Salem Mission Project No. 8

The Society of St. Andrew salvages tractor-trailer loads of potatoes and other produce that are rejected by commercial markets or potato chip factories due to slight imperfections in size, shape, sugar content, or surface blemishes. Usually, these rejected loads end up at local landfills. Through the Potato Project, the Society of St.

Andrew is able to redirect these 43,000-pound loads of fresh, nutritious produce to food banks, soup kitchens, food pantries, low income housing areas, local churches, and other hunger agencies for distribution to the poor. The Society of St. Andrew pays only for the transportation and packaging of the food—an amazingly low 6 cents per pound! That means they can provide food to the nation's hungry for about 2.4 cents per serving! [Salem provides a minimum of \$60 each month for this project.]



at Salem

Some Things We've Done Recently

April 14, 2013

WildFire Youth Group (Grades 3-5)

Photos by Dawn Nelson



(Left) Jessie Leatherman, Youth Leader, talks with the WildFire youth about their spiritual gifts and how they can use their gifts to the glory of God. (Right) Youth write on the back of each other what they thought their spiritual gift is. It was so enlightening to see what their peers thought of each other. Youth members attending this meeting at the Barkdoll home are Joey Hawkins, Sarah Burrier, Maria Barkdoll, and Josh Koons.

April 21, 2013

Seniors' Appreciation Luncheon

Photos by Sue Ellen Stottlemyer



Salem's 4th Annual Seniors' Appreciation Luncheon was a lot of fun! There were 12 of Salem's youth serving 12 of Salem's seniors. The youth honored our seniors with a poem that expresses the love and respect we all have. —Donna Snyder

Poem for Senior Citizens

By John Clark

You are great folks of such faith and renown.
 You all deserve a nice night on the town.
 You've been around for a very long time,
 But there are mountains for you still to climb.

Your body is weary, your hair may be turned gray,
 But there is much wisdom in all that you say.
 You've worked very hard for all of your life.
 You've been through despair, through sickness
 and strife.

Many of you all, have stories to tell.
 And not only that, you tell them so well.
 You've done many jobs, have raised families.
 You've been through hard times, and prayed on
 your knees.

When you are speaking we need to give ear.
 Your wealth of knowledge we all need to hear.
 Thank you for being the people you are.



You've been through so much and you've travelled so far.

Thank you for laughter, for hope and good cheer..
 Thanks for the things that you all hold so dear.
 Thanks for the memories of good times and bad.
 Thanks for the lessons of life you've all had.

You've helped us learn how to play and have fun.
 You've helped us to think and to walk and run.
 So all you dear Seniors; go and have fun.
 You've been our example; your work is done.

Seniors attending were:

1. Polly Doyle, Olive Kline, & Lorraine Barkdoll
2. Caroline & Bill Buhrman, Marilyn Leatherman
3. Petie & Bob Stup, Delphine Zimmerman
4. Meredith & Joan Harshman
5. Donald Stottlemyer





Attendance & Offerings

MARCH 2013

	Worship*		Sunday School	
Mar 3 -	87	\$1,856.00	58	\$364.55
Mar 10 -	99	2,173.35	59	187.50
Mar 17 -	92	1,304.00	56	106.00
Mar 24 -	96	1,818.00	63	163.50
Mar 31 -	130	1,916.50	72	140.95

*Worship attendance & offerings include both worship services.

- **Missions:** \$1,450.00
- **Building & Imp. Fund:** \$315.00
- **Pavilion Fund:** \$80.00
- **Cemetery Endowment:** \$15.00

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

	Average Attendance	
	Worship	Sunday School
Mar	101	62
Feb	92	61
Jan	91	57
Dec	96	59
Nov	92	57
Oct	84	51

Average Attendance Jan-Mar 2013
 Sunday Worship: 95
 Sunday School: 60



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

As was mentioned in a previous newsletter, the Trustees have been looking into having a heat pump system installed in the parsonage for central air conditioning and heating in a way to be more efficient and economical.

We received three bids from different companies which were all relatively close. After much discussion and input from members of the board, we made the decision to have the system installed by G & M Heating and Air Conditioning Service, a local company out of Washington County. As of this writing, the company is working on installation of the new system.

Once the system is installed, we will proceed with the insulation enhance-



Salem Parsonage
Built 1974-75

ments recommended by Ellsworth Electric, Inc., and hopefully we will see a decrease in our heating and air conditioning expenses, like we experienced after the upgrades were made to the sanctuary.

We are doing everything we can in an effort to decrease our annual expenses and welcome any input and suggestions from members of the congregation.



Creation 2013 June 26-29, 2013

■ By Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer

Now is the time to make your plans to attend Creation 2013. It is not a necessity, 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 any, or all of the days, please let me know no later than May 30.

Tickets can also be purchased the day of arrival, but are considerably higher in price than preordering.

As in years past, Salem will be contributing a portion towards the cost of each ticket. Please contact me regarding the cost of each ticket.

I am looking forward to another wonderful time and fellowship at Creation 2013. Please mark your calendar now.

Information and the program for the festival can be found at www.creationfest.com/ne/.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 301-293-1470 or by email at ses1313@comcast.net.

A Salem Heritage Fact: Salem's congregation began meeting in 1819 at the Hoover House and Barn, at the corner of Wolfsville and Harp Hill roads.



May

Calendar of Events

- Wed 1 Ladies Night Out** - 6:30 p.m. at Mountain Gate Family Restaurant, Thurmont
Thu 2 Board of Trustees - 7:30 p.m. at Salem
Thu 9 Administrative Council - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
Sat 11 Yard, Plant, & Bake Sale - 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Salem
Sun 12 WildFire Youth Group - 5:30-6:30 p.m. (details to be announced)
Fri-Sat 17-18 Faith Builders Youth Progressive Dinner & Lock In
Sun 19 Confirmation/Penecost Sunday - 9:00 a.m. worship

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
 Walking Group every Saturday morning 8:00 a.m. at Doub's Park, Myersville



Newsletter Distribution

- 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.
- Pick Up Paper Copy at Church** — We are printing 85 copies for members who do not have e-mail and can pick up their copies at church.
- First Class Mail** — We are mailing about 30 copies, using the 46 cents First Class postage rate.



FOOD PANTRY at Salem— Our church is so blessed to be a member of the Maryland Food Bank. The above picture of paper supplies, which consists of toilet paper, paper towels, tissues and health and beauty aids, only cost our church \$7.00. If we had to pay for these items at a retail store, they would have cost us around \$75 or more.

So, the Salem Food Pantry is being a good steward by being a member of the Maryland Food Bank. Therefore, when you donate money to the mission of Food Pantry, we strive to get the best value for the money. —*Dawn Nelson*

If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. —*Romans 10:9*

1993

Looking Back . . .

20 YEARS Ago at Salem

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

MAY 1993 —

New Hymnals Dedicated

Salem dedicated new hymnals on May 9, 1993, to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dorothea Nusbaum, life-long active member of Salem Church. It was a fitting memorial to Dorothea since she enjoyed singing in the church nearly all her life. Salem purchased 160 copies of the hymnal, along with two spiral-bound copies for use at the organ and piano.



The Dedication Service included special music by the family. As a tribute to Dorothea's life, the bulletin included a printed essay entitled "My Life's Great Influence: Mrs. Dorothea Nusbaum," written by her granddaughter Vicki Ann Kline [now Robinson].

Graduates Honored

Salem honored its graduates on May 30, 1993.
 Jason Buhrman (Middletown High School)
 Holly Wisner (Middletown High School)
 Bea Homer (Frederick Community College Associate Degree Nursing Program)
 Michael Burrier (Frederick Community College - Associate in Arts Degree)

The Banner is Back

Outreach Chairperson Caroline Buhrman reported, "We brought the banner home once again. The Wolfsville United Methodist Charge had the most people in attendance at the recent Board of Child Care Auxiliary meeting."

—*From The Mountain Shepherd*



Jase Wesley Haddock Born April 24, 2013

Congratulations to Andrew and Sarah Haddock, 94 Leighton Drive, Martinsburg, WV 25404, on the birth of their second child, a boy, Jase Wesley Haddock. Born Wednesday, April 24, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. He weighed 7 pounds 14 ounces. Proud are his big brother, Jackson, age 2, and grandparents Meredith and Joan Harshman, Myersville.



Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference May 29-31, 2013

The 229th session of the Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference, will be held Wednesday through Friday, May 29-31, at the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel.

Pastor Bob and Michael Burrier, Salem's Lay Member, will be attending.

This year's theme is "Sowing the Seed/Be Light."

Who's Doing What, When?

MAY

9:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Lay Reader

- 5 - Fonda Gormer
- 12 - Steve Leatherman
- 19 - Mary Cline
- 26 - Robin Haupt

Ushers

- 5 - Dick Kline & Steve Leatherman
- 12 - Vernon Stottlemeyer & Robin Haupt
- 19 - Donald Stottlemeyer & Meredith Harshman
- 26 - Philip Koons & Brandon Leatherman

Organist

- 5 - Susan Koons
- 12 - Susan Koons
- 19 - Joann Leatherman
- 26 - Susan Koons

Greeters

- 5 - Phyllis Beall
- 12 - Robin & Theresa Haupt
- 19 - George, Barbie, & Matt Stottlemeyer
- 26 - Vernon & Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer

Acolytes

- 5 - Paul McCormick
- 12 - Jadie Buhrman
- 19 - Kenslie Buhrman
- 26 - 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!

May Anniversaries

- 19 - Joshua & Tracey Gormer
- 20 - Deane & Patty Weagley
- 21 - Robert & Mary Fogle
- 30 - James & Linda Reed

May Birthdays

- 2 - Leann Eccard-Crutchley
- 6 - Mark Burrier
- 7 - Austin Main
- 8 - Anita Harshman
- 11 - Steven Leatherman
- 16 - Eleanor Kline
- 17 - Deane Weagley
- 17 - Elijah Sowers
- 18 - Howard Brandenburg
- 18 - Cindy Draper
- 19 - Brandon Leatherman
- 20 - Abigail Weagley
- 24 - Nelson Hipkins
- 25 - Sam Zimmerman
- 25 - Kathleen Bullock
- 26 - Sharon Hipkins
- 27 - Lillian Hill
- 30 - Bobby Fogle Jr.
- 31 - Hallie Burrier

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.

Salem Adult Choir Notes

■ By Sandy Lewis

The Adult Choir's last practice for this spring was April 30. We will be taking a break over the summer months and start back up in the fall.

Thanks to everyone who participated, and keep those voices in tune for when we start practicing again. Have a wonderful summer! "Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord." —*Ephesians 5:19*



Sticky Buns — \$12 per dozen

As a fund-raiser for Salem's Believers, Anita Harshman is making Pecan Cinnamon Sticky Buns again this year. The buns can be purchased directly from Anita for \$12 per dozen.

You may call Anita at 301-293-2080 to place your order.

Anita plans to continue to make the buns during the month of May.

Holy Communion

Sunday, May 5
9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.
worship



Photo from last year's Lord's Acre

LOOKING AHEAD...



LORD'S ACRE FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2013

WOLFVILLE RURITAN PARK

ALWAYS THE SECOND SATURDAY IN SEPTEMBER

BULLETIN BOARD
with a message

NO ONE IS IN CHARGE
OF YOUR HAPPINESS
BUT YOU

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman



INSPIRATIONAL Reading

Heritage

By Lois J. Martinec



Bequeathed: To me . . . the finest heritage
From generations that have come before,
Who with their keys of courage
Bravely opened Freedom's door.

Choosing to walk their lives
On liberated ground,
They fought and sought through sacrifice
Dignity for all, most profound.

They found their greatest happiness
In new free choice of prayer;
Now my chosen place of worship
Rests soul-wise in my care.

They left Old Glory in my hands
To raise . . . keep flying high;
They instilled within my heart
Just where my duties lie.

They left a record of their time
On the logs of history,
Then entrusted with love and faith,
America to me!

On Your Special Day

Author Unknown

God bless you, Mother, on this special day
For always being lovable and dear,
For thoughtful things you find to do and say
That mean so much to others all the year.

For patience and for willingness to share
Whatever comes, in joy and sorrow too,
For thoughtfulness and tender, loving care.
God bless you, Mother, all your lifetime through.

Invitation

By Evalyn Torrant

Oh, come to my little green garden,
Where daisies bloom bright by the door,
Where pansies peek shyly from baskets,
And day lilies bloom by the score.

Where roses as fragrant as jasmine
Perfume both the day and the night,
Where goldfinches gather at feeders,
Then leave in a twittering flight.

In my garden your troubles, though many
And dark as the shadows at dawn,
Will vanish as quickly as dewdrops
Disperse in the light of the sun.



RECIPE



CHOCOLATE CHIP TREASURE COOKIES

1-1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs	1/2 cup margarine or butter, softened
1/2 cup unsifted flour	1-1/3 cups flaked coconut
2 teaspoons baking powder	1 (12 ounce) package semi-sweet chocolate chips
1 (14 ounce) can sweetened condensed milk (not evaporated milk)	1 cup chopped walnuts

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. In a small bowl, mix graham cracker crumbs, flour and baking powder. In a large mixer bowl, beat sweetened condensed milk and margarine until smooth. Add graham cracker crumb mixture; mix well. Stir in coconut, chocolate chips and walnuts. Drop by rounded tablespoons onto ungreased cookie sheets. Bake 9 to 10 minutes or until lightly browned. Store loosely covered at room temperature. Makes about 3 dozen.

Caroline Buhrman made these cookies for the Bee-lievers cookie exchange and provided the recipe.



Thought for Mother's Day

By Nadine Brothers Lybarger

We all remember Mother
on her special day.
We send her gifts and flowers
and lovely cards that say
How very much we thank her
for the things that mothers do,
The sacrifices that they make;
But when this day is through
We're prone to take for granted
her precious love and care,
The fact that when we need her,
Mother's always there.
She will never mention it,
nor ask for any praise.
The joy of doing things for us
is her reward always.
But just the same, it would be nice,
if we'd find time to say
Just one small word of heartfelt thanks
to Mother— every day!

. . . to know the love of Christ which
passes knowledge; that you may be
filled with all the fullness of God.

—Ephesians 3:19

Spring Garden

By Vera Laurel Hoffman

I have an hour I must keep
Close to the brown and fragrant earth,
To spade and hoe and dig and plant,
And know again this bright rebirth.

When sun is warm and spring is new,
And robins fill the day
With patches of their bright, red breasts
And songs along the way.

I have an hour I must spend
In pulling weeds and such,
In planting bulbs and tiny seeds
To feel the stirring touch

Of life upon the living soil:
The sun, the warmth, the sod.
Here in bright tranquility
I labor close to God.

Our Prayer

By Marjorie Lindsey Brewer

May all the nations everywhere
throughout
The earth be blessed with peace from
God above.
May all the people have such precious
freedom
As we Americans hold most dear.

Help us to be good neighbors every day
To every land and race of all mankind
And live the godly life that honors Thee,
Almighty God, we humbly ask these
things.



Pastor's Notes — ...Worship in May

By PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER

For many families, May and June are a time to celebrate reaching our goals: graduation from high school and college, completion of certification programs, successfully completing another school year, sports teams and organizations finishing their seasons, and more.

This time of the year is also when many congregations celebrate confirmation and receive new members. Being confirmed – usually at the completion of the sixth grade or later – and making the commitment to become a member of a congregation are important achievements in our faith journeys.

It is fitting that confirmation will be held on May 19, Pentecost Sunday, the day we celebrate the birth of the worldwide church. Our youth being confirmed join those through the ages who have confessed their belief in Jesus Christ and commit to growing in faith and service as active members of a local congregation.

Two weeks later, on June 2, we will receive new members and after worship we'll recognize those confirmed and new members at a luncheon following worship. The luncheon is also a time to celebrate the wonderful church family we have at Salem and how much our church family means to us. For all who have reached personal goals this year, whatever they may be – Congratulations! May God bless and keep you today and always. —Pastor Bob

May 5 – Sixth Sunday of Easter Responding to the Resurrection Sermon Series "Discerning God" Acts 16:9-15

Discernment is a term used to communicate the process of seeing and hearing God, understanding how God is at work, then stepping out in faith. We respond to the resurrection by being discerning people, bending our will to God's will.

The apostle Paul and his companions sought to step out in faith this way. They discerned where God wanted them to go and serve next. Sometimes that meant changing the direction of their ministry in



order to follow God's will. This way of discipleship produced good results.

Verses 14-15 tell us that Lydia and all the members of her family were baptized and became Christ's disciples. Verse 15 tells us that by bringing others to faith, Paul's own faith was increased. So it is, when we discern God's will and step out in faith.

May 12 – Seventh Sunday of Easter and Ascension Day Responding to the Resurrection Sermon Series "Sometimes We Must Go So We Can Grow" Luke 24:44-53

In verse 49, Jesus promises that after he is gone he will send the Holy Spirit to empower all believers in Christ. Then, in verse 51, "While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven." We call this act "the Ascension," when Jesus ascended into heaven to take his place at the right hand of God the Father to rule over all.

After his death, the resurrected Jesus had stayed with his disciples for forty days. I'm sure they wished he would stay longer. But Jesus had to go so the Holy Spirit could come – it was part of God's salvation plan.

Sometimes we have to go for something else to come – to leave behind and change an old way of doing things so our discipleship can grow. Jesus understood this. In his ascension, Jesus modeled such discipleship for us so we might see its benefit. Sometimes we must go in order to grow.

May 19 – Pentecost

Responding to the Resurrection Sermon Series

"Let Us Embrace the Holy Spirit" John 14:25-27, Acts 2:1-21

After the resurrected Jesus ascended, God sent the Holy Spirit. The Spirit empowers the church – all believers of Christ.

In Confirmation Class this year, students are learning about the Holy Spirit: the breath of life (Genesis 2:7), teacher and advocate (John 14:25-27), prays for us (Romans 8:26-27), blesses us with spiritual gifts (1 Corinthians 12:1-11), and fills our hearts with love (Romans 5:1-5).

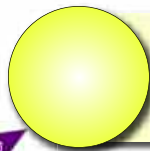
John 14:26-27 says, "But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

When we embrace the Holy Spirit, we are empowered by God himself to resist temptation, to grow personally in our faith, and to grow in service to others. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we can be disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

May 26 – Trinity Sunday One God in Three Persons John 16:5-16

The Trinity is a basic belief of the Christian Church— we believe in One God in three persons. The ancient creeds of the church attest to this. The first major section of the Apostles Creed begins, "I believe in God the Father Almighty...;" the second section, "I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord...;" and the third and final section, "I believe in the Holy Spirit..." These are the three persons of the One and only true God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Some have compared the Trinity to the three states of water: solid, liquid, and gas. Some have compared it to a dance between three persons. As hard as we try (even our greatest scholars) all explanations of the Trinity are doomed to fall short. Human language is just incapable of finding the words to fully explain the greatness of God. But isn't that the point – aren't we so blessed and so thankful that the One who chooses us, the One who provides and cares for us, is so powerful and so loving as to be beyond all human comprehension. The Trinity points to God's greatness and God's unsurpassed greatness gives us great hope.



Hero's Club Salem's After School Ministry



■ **By Amanda Hawkins**
Hero's Club Ministry Leader

Behind the Scenes at Hero's Club

One little boy's mother recently passed away. Every week during prayer time, he thanks God his mother is in Heaven. How many of us could be that grateful at such a young age?

Overheard at homework time: "My dad is 61, so he's almost a hundred." Out of the mouths of babes...!

Overheard at lesson time: "Our Bible lesson will be held in the Men's Room...I mean, Men's Sunday School Room!"

Dawn is instrumental in obtaining fresh fruit and snack food donations, slashing our snack expenditures and stretching our budget further!

After hearing that a Hero's student had experienced a death in the family, Alexa and Bailey made cupcakes and a beautiful card, and delivered them to the family that evening, after going to school all day AND helping out at Hero's Club all afternoon. What love and selflessness!

One in six children on our roster has experienced the death of a parent or sibling already in their young life.

Upcoming Events at Hero's Club

Monday May 6 - Christian skate night at Turner's Skate Palace, 6-8:30 p.m.

Monday June 3 - End of the school year celebration dinner, 6 p.m.

Monday June 17 - Last day of school/water play (unless last day of school is moved to Friday 6/14)

Photos by Amanda Hawkins



Hero's Club snack time at the pavilion



Hero's Club Bible Study



Hero's Club flower pen craft



Hero's Club homework time

Community Easter Egg Hunt

■ **By Caroline Buhrman**

Saturday, March 30, was a beautiful day for Salem's annual community Easter Egg Hunt. The weather was not too cold and not so hot as to melt our chocolate candies as in some previous years.

Thank you to the helpers who hid the eggs so well. The young people were turned loose into two groups and looked for eggs until no more could be found.

After the eggs and money were counted, prizes were given, and then a fun time of refreshments and fellowship followed. Thank you to all who donated and/or helped in any way with this event. Our faithful helpers just seem to fall into place and get everything done.

Thanks so much to the refreshment servers and kitchen clean up crew.

A special thank you to the Easter bunny for arriving and making the day special for the young people.

Note: After getting home, I noticed seven yellow prize eggs with crosses on them. I know I had fixed six eggs to have three in each group. This one egg was so dirty I knew it was the one that was widely searched for last year, but not found.

It's a mystery where that one yellow egg remained for a year before it was found. Now we will wait and see if any little yellow eggs, which seem to be missing this year, are found in the future. Good hunting!

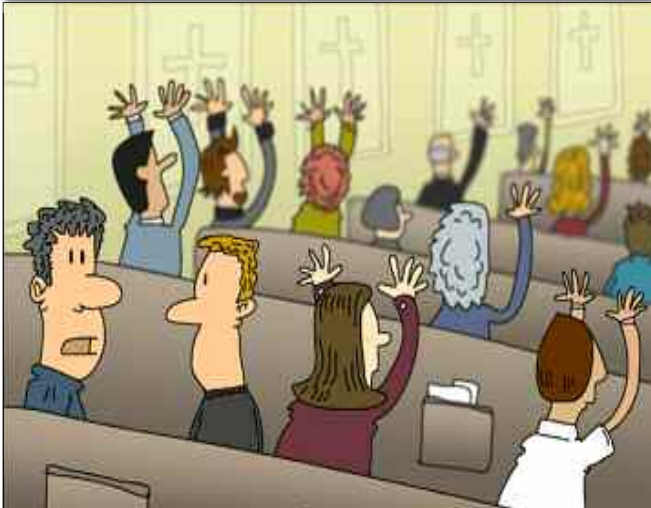


Emma shows off her eggs and prize.

Heavenly Humor

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How to stay safe in the world today!



Where is the safest place?

1. Avoid riding in automobiles because they are responsible for 20% of all fatal accidents.
2. Do not stay home because 17% of all accidents occur in the home.
3. Avoid walking on streets and sidewalks because 14% of all accidents occur to pedestrians.
4. Avoid traveling by air, rail, or water because 16% of all accidents involve these forms of transportation.
5. Of the remaining 33%, 32% of all deaths occur in hospitals. So, above all else, avoid hospitals.

But . . .

You will be pleased to learn that only .001% of all deaths occur in worship services in church, and these are usually related to previous physical disorders. Therefore, logic tells us that the safest place for you to be at any given point in time is in CHURCH!

Also . . . Bible study is safe too! The percentage of deaths during Bible study is even less.

So, attend church, and read your Bible. It will save your life!

—Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

Some thoughts to ponder . . .

Precious memories of yesterday can strengthen our faith today and tomorrow.

Confession of sin is the soil in which forgiveness flourishes.

With God's strength behind you and His arms beneath you, you can face whatever lies ahead of you.

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