



Salem United Methodist Church—Wolfsville

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Salem is planning to attend Creation 2013

in Mt. Union, PA

4 days — June 26-29, 2013



THE NATION'S LARGEST CHRISTIAN MUSIC FESTIVAL

When the gates open, suddenly people come from far and near to form a huge community with the purpose to "Give Tribute To Our Creator!" Just to be with this crowd is inspiring and faith building. Regardless of your church background there is only one central focus at Creation and that is Jesus! Our prayer and purpose for Creation 2013 is that many will come and follow Jesus as their Lord and Savior and be used of God in this world. Plan now on attending to be part of Creation 2013— it could be the "highlight of your summer... maybe your life." —Harry Thomas

As of this writing, 15 youth and adults are planning to attend Creation 2013.

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Welcome New Members

On Sunday, May 19, 2013, Hannah Truitt was confirmed, and Lily Mueller was baptized and confirmed as new members of Salem Church.

Hannah is the daughter of Tom and Anne Truitt, the granddaughter of Richard and Anita Harshman, and the niece of Vernon and Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer.

Lily is the daughter of Klaus and Tonia Mueller, the granddaughter of Pat Wolfe, and the niece of Dennis and Kim Tolland.

Congratulations to Hannah and Lily on completing confirmation classes and making the decision to become members of Salem Church.



Hannah Truitt and Lily Mueller

The Mountain Shepherd

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Sunday School Treasurer: *Mary Fogle*
Chair, Staff-Parish Relations: *Robin Haupt*

SALEM MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

Current Membership: 231
Sunday School Enrollment: 92
2013 New Members: 2

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-Apr	2013 Goal	% of Goal
1	Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer Retired Senegal Missionaries	\$204	\$816.00	\$2,448	33%
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	—	\$1,961.65	\$1,180	166%
4	Salem Food Pantry Open every Tuesday 6:00-7:00 p.m.	—	\$823.50	\$1,180	70%
5	Mary E. - Africa Inland Mission Working in Tanzania, Africa	\$85	\$425.00	\$1,020	42%
6	United Methodist Board of Child Care Care of Homeless or Abused Children	—	\$200.00	\$1,360	15%
7	Gideons International Frederick County/West Camp - Distributing Bibles	\$110	\$440.00	\$1,320	33%
8	Potato Project Society of St. Andrew, Big Island, Virginia	\$60	\$240.00	\$720	33%
9	Middletown High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes	\$47	\$188.00	\$564	33%
10	Mission Trip Destination to be determined	—	0	\$2,000	0%
11	Ronnie & Angi Hopkins The Mission Society - Mission Work in Nicaragua	\$64	\$267.00	\$768	35%
12	Care Net Pregnancy Center 707 N. Market Street, Frederick, MD	\$64	\$278.00	\$768	36%
13	Compassion International Sponsored children in Ecuador & India	\$76	\$281.00	\$972	29%
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	—	\$608.60	\$300	203%

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.



Salem Food Pantry

Salem Mission Project No. 4

To all the workers and contributors of the Food Pantry, I wish to express my sincere thanks for making this resource available to those of us who need a little help with making ends meet. It has been so refreshing to be greeted lovingly and then to be allowed to make my own selections without loads of paperwork, and being made to feel like a burden. The folks who work at your food pantry are wonderful, warm, down to earth people who are living embodiments of God's love. I just saw your sign while driving by and was hesitant to come in the first time. I was warmly greeted by your pastor who made me feel very welcome. He has since prayed for me multiple times and rejoiced with me when God answered those prayers. What a wonderful outreach this is! After a very ugly, very long drawn-out divorce, and many court battles over child support and such, I was left struggling and wondering how to make ends meet. I was left with my ex-husband's debt and quite a mess to clean up. The food pantry at your church helped me to have a little less to worry about, but the more lasting gift is that you all made me feel loved at a time when my emotions had taken a very hard hit. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for giving! God bless you all. Sincerely, D.W.



SPONSORED CHILDREN through COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL • Salem Mission Project No. 13

MISSIONS is the MISSION of the CHURCH

Sponsored Child

Natali leaves Compassion program— we watched her grow up!

Salem was recently advised by Compassion International that one of our sponsored children, Natali Vargas (in Ecuador), now age 15, has married and is out of the program.

Salem had sponsored Natali for 9 years, since 2004. We watched her grow up through photos sent to us every year or so. And now, a young woman, at age 15, she is married, and sponsorship ceased at that point. We pray that our support of Natali made a difference in her life and she will carry the Christian love and teaching that she received into her adult life. To replace Natali's sponsorship, Salem's youth will select another child at this year's Creation Music Festival, to be held June 26-29.

Salem began supporting children through Compassion International in 2002. Salem's youth group, while attending Creation, decided to sponsor a child.

To date, Salem has supported 5 children. The first child selected by the youth was Maria Rodriguez (Ecuador). A year



Natali 2004



Natali 2005



Natali 2006



Natali 2008



Natali 2010



Natali 2011

and a half later, Maria moved to another area where there was no Compassion support. Natali was then selected to replace her.

Next was Gupesh Sonwani (India). After 6 months of Salem sponsorship, the center closed where Gupesh was receiving support. Gupesh was then replaced by Santanu Sing (India). Salem continues to sponsor Santanu in India.

Each month, Salem sends \$38 to Compassion for each child, plus a \$15 birthday gift and \$15 Christmas gift for each. Our annual support is \$972 for two children.



Maria 2002 to 2004



Gupesh 2004 (6 months)



Santanu 2004 to present

Salem's youth group will select a new child (to replace Natali) at the Creation Music Festival, June 26-29.

A Prayer Shawl is God's Residence

By Dawn Nelson

It has been over a year now that the Bee-lievers started the prayer shawl ministry. We were not sure if we would find enough women to make the shawls and we were blessed to receive an abundance of them. We do appreciate those ladies that take the time and dedication to weave those beautiful shawls. It means so much to those who receive one.

Our first recipient was our dear friend Donna Horn who recently went home to the Lord. We would never know how much it would mean to someone in receiving one until recently. We presented one to my mother-in-law Doris Nelson prior to her lung biopsy in February. She was so thrilled in receiving such a beautiful shawl. I explained to her the importance of this shawl. It represents God and what He means to believers. The prayer shawl reveals the name of God, the Word of God, the residence of God and His double portion of power for miracles. I found a veritable list of who's who that wore a prayer shawl in the Bible. Moses wore it to his funeral. David wore one on the day he fought Goliath, and Daniel wore one as he went into the Lion's den.

Jesus wore His prayer shawl as He went into the darkness of Gethsemane, and He will wear it again when He returns. The prayer shawl was part of the resurrection of Jesus (John 20:6-7). It was gently folded in the corner of the empty tomb. The manner in which the prayer shawl was folded was the ultimate testimony of Jesus' resurrection. A prayer shawl is God's residence. My mother-in-law knew what this symbol of God meant, that she wanted to take it with her during her surgery. She wanted it wrapped around her the whole time. When a caregiver would come in to help her dress she immediately requested it back on her. She has worn it for over two months. She knew that this journey to death was going to be hard. She felt this piece of material was actually God wrapping his arms around her. This was so comforting to her and to me!

This is only a small portion of the mystery held in the prayer shawl. When we begin to grasp all that our precious Father has in store for us, we will begin to know how much He truly loves us. So, we do make a difference in one's life, presenting a prayer shawl from our church! We all are instruments of God's love!



**A Letter from our Sponsored Child
Santanu Sing
East India — May 2013**

Dear Salem Church:

How are you? I am fine. I am attending school and Sunday school regularly. I like hearing Bible stories. I like the story of David. Which story do you like?

Next year, I will take my high school exam. Please pray that I will understand my subject well. I also participate in sports competitions in our center. I have learned to make paper flowers and candle items. It is very hot here.

I am thankful to you for your love and support. Please keep praying for all of us.

Thank you.

—Santanu Sing



Attendance & Offerings

APRIL 2013

		Worship*		Sunday School	
Apr	7	88	\$1,968.53	60	\$324.45
Apr	14	102	2,270.67	69	149.50
Apr	21	82	1,199.00	59	94.60
Apr	28	88	1,989.25	58	167.00

*Worship attendance & offerings include both worship services.

- Missions: \$1,398.15
- Pavilion Fund: \$150.00
- Building & Imp. Fund: \$246.66
- Cemetery Endowment: \$45.00

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

	Average Attendance	
	Worship	Sunday School
Apr	90	62
Mar	101	62
Feb	92	61
Jan	91	57
Dec	96	59
Nov	92	57

Average Attendance Jan-Apr 2013
 Sunday Worship: 94
 Sunday School: 60



Salem establishes new Memorials and Endowment Programs

Approved May 9, 2013

By Bill Burrier
 Chair, Finance Committee

Memorials and endowments are a wonderful way to remember loved ones; and also for you to designate, at death, a portion of your estate for the work of your church. Many of us have deep roots in our community and feel a deep sense of dedication toward our church and its ministry in the Wolfsville area. As we think of the future, beyond our lifetime, it is comforting to imagine our church continuing to be a robust ministry, active in leading people to Christ, changing lives, and reaching out and supporting the local community during our lifetime and beyond.

1. MEMORIALS

Purpose: To remember or honor a loved one or church member with a contribution to the church.

- You may make a memorial gift at any time in memory or honor of a loved one.
- Memorial gifts to the church may be designated at time of death, often included in an obituary.
- You can designate a memorial gift to a specific project or need in the church, e.g., Building and Improvement Fund. If you do not wish to designate a specific project or need, Salem's Administrative Council retains discretion and authority to use these funds in the best interest of the church.
- You may wish to include a memorial gift

as a bequest in your Last Will and Testament.

2. ENDOWMENTS

Purpose: To build a permanent fund which will remain unspent. Only interest or dividend income will be used to support the endowment's purpose.

A. Cemetery Perpetual Endowment Fund

Many years ago, Salem established a perpetual endowment fund for the upkeep of our cemetery. The contributions to this endowment fund will never be spent, but the interest earned from the investment of this money pays for mowing, trimming, and other upkeep. This fund originally contained contributions from congregation members and family members of people who are buried at the cemetery. In subsequent years, the endowment fund received contributions from two estates, the Catherine Powell Estate and the Earl and Evelyn Grossnickle Estate. These endowment funds will remain unspent to ensure the maintenance of Salem's cemetery for generations to come. Another way to assure the future upkeep of your grave site is to include, in your will or trust, a bequest for the Salem Cemetery Perpetual Endowment Fund.

B. Endowment for Ministry (NEW)

The purpose of the Endowment for Ministry fund is to enable Salem Church to support its mission, and ensure its

financial stability for future generations. All gifts and bequests to the Endowment for Ministry will be held in perpetuity (unspent), and only the income generated will be used to support God's work, as directed by Salem's ministry in Wolfsville. Funds generated from the endowment may be used for pastoral ministry and ministry programs; church building utilities, equipment, maintenance, expansion, and grounds upkeep; and outreach, mission projects, and benevolences.

Management of the Endowment for Ministry: Salem's Administrative Council will manage and approve all investment decisions. In addition, when funds are generated from the endowment, the Administrative Council will designate the specific ministry for which the funds are to be used.

Outright Gifts: Outright gifts may be given at any time. Gifts may be given in memory or honor of loved ones.

Planned (Deferred) Gifts: As you do your estate planning, have you considered including your church in your plans? Many like the idea that their bequest will be permanent, perpetual, never spent, but remains there for the future good of the church. A gift to Salem through your Last Will and Testament, Trusts, Life Insurance, Retirement Assets, etc., allows you to make a meaningful contribution in support of Salem's ministry for future generations; and it gives you an opportunity to leave a permanent legacy at Salem Church.

All gifts are tax deductible. Names of those memorialized will be displayed on plaques in the church building.



June

Calendar of Events

- Sun 2 New Member Sunday** - 9:00 a.m. combined worship services, Sunday School to follow, Luncheon at noon
- Thu 6 UMW Bee-lievers** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Thu 6 Board of Trustees** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Thu 13 Administrative Council** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Fri 14 Hagerstown Suns "Faith Night"**
- Mon 17 Wolfsville Ruritan Dinner** - 2:00 p.m. prepare, 7:00 p.m. serve at Ruritan Park
- Wed-Sat 26-29 Creation Music Festival** - at Mt. Union, PA

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 181 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.

Hagerstown Suns "Faith Night" set for June 14



Salem's youth will join with Mt. Zion and Garfield churches for a combined youth activity, the Hagerstown Suns "Faith Night" on Friday, June 14.

Come join us for a picnic at the ball-park, and then watch the Hagerstown Sun's battle the Lakewood Blue Claws!

This is Faith Night, and there will be pre- and post-game activities, including time with the players and coaches as they share their testimonies of faith.

The picnic includes hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken sandwiches, chips, corn, baked beans, lemonade, water and ice tea, and will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The game will begin at 7:05 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person and includes picnic and general admission ticket to the game.

Money is due to Marie Ebersole at Mt. Zion, by June 1, 2013. We can add tickets after that, if needed.

At Salem, Wanda Barkdoll is collecting the money for the tickets. Please contact her at 301-416-0882.



ALTAR FLOWERS at Salem—

As I walked into the church this morning, I was greeted by a beautiful altar. It was as beautiful as Christ's love for us. The Apostle Paul tells us, "For the invisible things of Him, from the creation of the world, are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made." (Romans 1:20). Flowers then must tell us something of the beauty of Heaven with their delicate petals, pleasing colors, intriguing fragrances, and natural beauty.

I want to thank Barbie Stottlemeyer and all the ladies that share their beautiful flowers out of their gardens.

I understand that the flowers in this picture were from Olive Kline's garden. What a great ministry it is for all of us to enjoy each week! —Dawn Nelson

THANK YOU

Stanley Kline wishes to thank the Salem congregation for their kindness in sending to him fruit baskets at Christmas and Easter, flowers, and so many birthday cards. Stanley celebrated his 92nd birthday on April 23rd.

Bible School July 9-13



Kingdom Rock:
Where Kids Stand Strong for God

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.

Salem is seeking additional lay readers for 9 a.m. worship

We are pleased to report that we have three new lay readers for 9 a.m. worship: Dennis Leatherman, Gary Barkdoll, and Wanda Barkdoll. If you would like to volunteer, contact Mary Alice Shankle.

Who's Doing What, When?

JUNE

9:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Lay Reader

2 - Brenda Freysz
9 - Mary Alice Shankle
16 - Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer
23 - Robin Haupt
30 - Dennis Leatherman

Ushers

2 - Dick Kline & Steve Leatherman
9 - Vernon Stottlemeyer & Robin Haupt
16 - Donald Stottlemeyer & Meredith Harshman
23 - Philip Koons & Brandon Leatherman
30 - Robin Haupt & Donald Stottlemeyer

Organist

2 - Susan Koons
9 - Susan Koons
16 - Joann Leatherman
23 - Susan Koons
30 - Susan Koons

Greeters

2 - Meredith & Joan Harshman
9 - Gary & Wanda Barkdoll & Family
16 - George, Barbie, & Matt Stottlemeyer
23 - Bill, Caroline, Jadie & Kenslie Buhrman
30 - Donald & Susie Stottlemeyer

Acolytes

2 - Paul McCormick
9 - Jadie Buhrman
16 - Kenslie Buhrman
23 - Joshua Koons
30 - Jadie Buhrman

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!

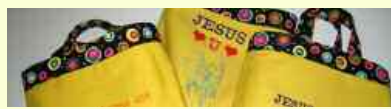
June Anniversaries

- 4 - Jamie & Amber Breneman
- 7 - Tim & Mary Brown
- 8 - Todd & Melanie Raynor
- 8 - Ken & Dianna Poling
- 17 - Maynard & Betty Gaver
- 19 - Brandon & Jessie Leatherman
- 22 - Jim & Kim Bullock
- 25 - Vernon & Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer
- 26 - Brent & Patty Blickenstaff

June Birthdays

- 1 - Emily Burrier
- 2 - Doris Fogle
- 2 - Richard Freysz
- 2 - Bob Stup
- 3 - Barbara Palmer
- 3 - Andrea Palmer
- 6 - Jonathan Gormer
- 12 - Petie Stup
- 13 - Cheyenne Leatherman
- 19 - George Harne
- 22 - Hunter Hebeisen
- 23 - Seth Hipkins
- 23 - Jeremiah Sowers
- 24 - Casey Weddle
- 25 - Brent Blickenstaff
- 26 - Justin Brown
- 26 - Christi Beall
- 27 - George Stottlemeyer

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 takes a break for the summer

We were so thankful for Sandy Lewis providing the choir with an end-of-the-year pizza party. The choir had a joyous time under the leadership of Sandy, and presented her with a prayer shawl in thanks for all her time and dedication to bringing our church beautiful music.

From left are Bobby Fogle, Sandy Lewis (Adult Choir Director), Lora McGraw, Caroline Buhrman, Susie Stottlemeyer, Jim Laky, Theresa Haupt, Phil Koons, and Dennis Leatherman. Dawn Nelson, also a choir member, took the photo.

Holy Communion

Sunday, June 2
9:00 a.m. combined worship
Sunday, June 30
9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.



Photo from last year's Lord's Acre

LOOKING AHEAD...



LORD'S ACRE FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2013
WOLFSVILLE RURITAN PARK
ALWAYS THE SECOND SATURDAY IN SEPTEMBER

BULLETIN BOARD
with a message

ALWAYS KEEP YOUR
WORDS SOFT AND SWEET
JUST IN CASE YOU HAVE
TO EAT THEM

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman



INSPIRATIONAL Reading

A Father's Prayer

By Reginald Holmes

I do not ask for wealth untold,
For glory, and for fame.
I ask to live a life that's free
From envy and from shame.

I do not ask that skies above
Are always clear and bright,
But for a little star to shine
And guide me through the night.

I do not ask that men bestow
Their flattery and praise,
But for a loyal friend or two
Who will be true always.

Please let me live an honest life
Without pretense or sham;
And let me be the kind of man
My children think I am.



What is Happiness

By June R. Collins

Happiness doesn't carry a tag
That shows the price or the size;
It isn't something you can't afford
Or something that's just for the wise.

It may be in the face of a child
As he whispers a secret to you
Of the wonderful world that's his to explore
And the new things he's learning to do.

Or it may be in the wagging tail
Of a puppy so frisky and free
Whose only request is that he be allowed
To love you—and happy he'll be.

Or stop to consider the flowers that grow
With a beauty that's calm and serene
Or the setting of the evening sun
And the moon with its golden beam.

It may be some magic no one sees but you,
Or the tune and the lilt of a song,
A cheerful smile from one who is dear
And ties of true friendship held strong.

There is no need to search if you will observe
What is so often taken for granted—
Those little things we sometimes pass by
Are the things that for ages have lasted.

A truly happy person is one who can enjoy
the scenery on a detour.



RECIPE



CINNAMON-HONEY OAT DROP COOKIES

1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter room temperature	2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
1 cup packed brown sugar	1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 cup honey	1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon vanilla extract	1 1/2 teaspoons cinnamon, divided
4 eggs	2 1/2 cups old-fashioned oats
	1/4 cup granulated sugar

Heat the oven to 350 degrees. Line two baking sheets with parchment paper. In a medium bowl, use an electric mixer to beat together the butter, brown sugar, honey and vanilla. With the mixer running, add the eggs, one at a time, scraping the bowl in between additions. Stir in the flour, baking soda, salt and 1 teaspoon of the cinnamon. Stir in the oats. Scoop by the tablespoonful onto the prepared baking sheets, leaving 2 inches between each cookie. Using a slightly moistened hand, flatten the cookies until 1/2-inch thick. In a small bowl, stir together the granulated sugar and remaining 1/2 teaspoon of cinnamon. Sprinkle lightly over the top of each cookie.

Bake for 8 to 10 minutes, or until no longer glossy and just starting to turn golden brown at the edges. Let cool on the pan for 10 minutes, then transfer to a rack to cool completely. Store in an airtight container at room temperature for up to a week.

Makes 36 chewy, soft cookies.

Sue Ellen Stottlemyer made these cookies for the Bee-lievers cookie exchange and provided the recipe.



The Rose

By Patience Strong



If you doubt there is a God,
look deep into a rose;
See the velvet petals
from the folded bud unclose;
Note the tint and texture
and the lovely coloring . . .
Could nature of itself evolve
so fair a thing?

Feel the softness of the petal,
breathe the fragrant scent;
Need you waste another thought
on further argument?
Here is proof of a Creator . . .
God made manifest,
In this little rose
we see divinity expressed.

Friendship

God knew we needed something more
Than budding earth and sky,
And so He sent us friends to love
To lift our hearts and spirits high;
God chose to teach love's wondrous art
Of comfort, cheer that never ends
By giving to the thankful heart
The dear, good gift of faithful friends.

IN SYMPATHY

Donna M. Horn

January 3, 1921 - May 14, 2013

Donna Mae Horn, 92, of Pleasant Walk Road, died Tuesday, May 14, 2013, at Meritus Medical Center, after experiencing a fall earlier in the day at Broadmore Senior Living, where she recently resided.

She was a member of Salem United Methodist Church, Wolfsville, since 1993, when she transferred her membership from Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, Foxville.

She is survived by a son, Bill Buhrman, and two daughters, Andrea Palmer and Charlotte Wisner; eight grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was held Friday, May 17, 2013, with Pastor Bob Snyder officiating. Burial was in Salem United Methodist Church Cemetery, Wolfsville. Memorial donations may be made in Donna's name, to Salem United Methodist Church.

The Salem congregation expresses sincere sympathy to the family.

*From the
Pastor*



Pastor's Notes — ...Worship in June

By PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER

On June 2, only one worship service is planned. The contemporary and traditional worship services will combine that morning, blending worship styles from both services. We'll worship at 9:00 a.m., Sunday school will follow as usual, and then at noon we'll enjoy a congregational luncheon at the pavilion to welcome new members and to celebrate our congregation. This event will also serve as the end of year celebration for our Wildfire (3rd-5th grade) and Faith Builders (6th-12th grade) youth groups.

I really encourage you to make a special effort to participate in this day of worship and celebration. It is also a great opportunity to invite a friend.

Congratulations to our children and youth who have completed their school year and to all those, whatever their age, who have reached personal goals. As the summer begins, I hope you will be able to get some well deserved rest and relaxation from time to time over the next few months. May God bless and keep you today and always —*Pastor Bob*

June 2 – Holy Communion Exploring the Trinity Sermon Series “God's Unity, Our Unity”

Perhaps the strongest case for the unity of a congregation is made in the unity of God. God is The One God in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. We refer to God's three-in-oneness as the Trinity. It is one of our basic Christian beliefs. We confess our belief in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit each time we recite the Apostles or Nicene Creeds. If unity is so essential and important to God, shouldn't unity also be very important to us?

The Apostle Paul frequently addressed the importance of unity in the early church. Our own “Covenant of Christian Conduct” at Salem testifies to the importance we place on unity of purpose. We are all individuals, we sometimes view things differently, and we sometimes disagree with one another, but we remain united in our strong commitment to God and one another.

THE TRINITY



June 9 Exploring the Trinity Sermon Series “God the Father - Creator”

The Bible begins, “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth” (Genesis 1:1). God didn't stop there. In fact, God is still creating us. God our Father is continually at work transforming us into the people our Lord always intended us to be.

We were created in God's very own image (Genesis 1:27) and God desires that we be transformed into that image. God wants this for us because God knows it is good for us – it will bring to us peace and joy in life.

God the Father sent Jesus to set the example of how we are to live. Jesus died and was raised from the dead by the Father to set us free from sin and death so we can live with hope.

The Father and the Son sent the Holy Spirit to empower us to live more and more like Christ and return to the very image of God - impossible? “Jesus looked at them and said, ‘With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible’” (Matthew 20:26).

June 16 Exploring the Trinity Sermon Series “God the Son - Redeemer”

Most often it seems that we first think of Jesus as the One who redeemed us from sin and death. That reality of God the Son is certainly true and essential. But God the

Son as Redeemer also includes Jesus revealing to humankind who God is and what God is like. In Jesus, God lived among us providing the example of how we are to live. God the Son as Redeemer also includes Jesus' experience as a human being including all of the joys and sorrows that we experience and enabling God to truly walk with us and be a reliable help to us in our times of need no matter how bad they get. Psalm 23:4 says, “Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.”

God the Son as Redeemer has sent the Holy Spirit to enable us to be his disciples and has promised to return a final time to fully restore all of creation. “He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away. He who was seated on the throne said, ‘I am making everything new!’” (Revelation 21:4-5a). All of these are encompassed in “God the Son – Redeemer.”

June 23 Exploring the Trinity Sermon Series “God the Holy Spirit - Sustainer”

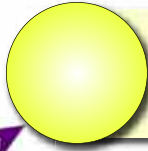
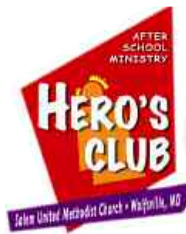
Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would be sent to sustain us in life. Many funeral services include these words of comfort by Jesus: “All this I have spoken while I am still with you. But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind 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” (John 14:25-27).

Acts 2 reports the coming of the Holy Spirit into the church gathered together in prayer. Comforter, counselor, advocate are all names given to the Holy Spirit, God's living presence in and among us to help us.

I believe we fail, including me, to trust in the power of the Holy Spirit to enable us to overcome sin and transform our lives. I wonder why? I wonder if it's because we haven't yet come to the point where we are ready to give up the sin, still thinking we know better than God.

When the Holy Spirit first came into the church, thousands confessed their belief (Acts 2:41). They were ready. They were “cut to the heart” and asked, “What should we do?” (Acts 2:37). What if we were truly ready to trust in the power of the Holy Spirit?

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Hero's Club Salem's After School Ministry

SPRING SEMESTER
2013

■ By Amanda Hawkins
Hero's Club Ministry Leader

Hero's Club goes all out for the end of the 2012-2013 school year!

It's been a great year at Hero's Club. Favorite activities have included outdoor and indoor play, a flower pen craft, and our field trip.

We caravanned to Turner's Skate Palace on May 6 for Christian Skate Night. Twelve students and their siblings, 4 parents, as well as leader-helpers Dawn, Alexa, and Bailey enjoyed helping the children skate, as well as good conversation and uplifting music. (Christian Skate Night occurs at Turner's the first Monday of every month, if you ever want to go! Admission is free! Get details at www.turnersskatepalace.com).

Prior to roller skating, we enjoyed a pizza dinner at the church.

We are gearing up for our end-of-the-year dinner and celebration on Monday, June 3rd at 6 p.m.

Hero's students and their families are invited for a spaghetti dinner and a short presentation of various activities we've completed throughout the year, such as a song, memory verses, a craft demo and a slide show.

Be on the lookout in the August newsletter for registration forms for Hero's students as well as high-school aged helpers for the Fall 2013 Semester!

Photos by Amanda Hawkins



Hero's Club participates in Christian Skate Night at Turner's Skate Palace, Hagerstown.



Helping young skaters learn the skill.



The pizza tastes so good.

Book Club to Meet

In order to keep the momentum going over the summer, as well as meet a need we've seen, a 6-week book club will meet on Monday nights with childcare provided. We will be discussing the book *Where Is God When It Hurts?* by Philip Yancey.

This study/discussion group will be geared specifically toward Hero's parents who have experienced pain or loss. (Several Hero's students have experienced the death of a parent or sibling over the past few years.) The group is also open to anyone in Salem or in the community who would like to attend. Attendance at all sessions is not required; come when you can. We will meet Monday evenings 7:00-8:15. Childcare will be provided, which will also provide an opportunity for the Hero's students to see each other and fellowship over the summer. We will meet June 17, 24, July 1, 8, 15, & 22. Please call Amanda at 301-271-7341, so the appropriate amount of books can be ordered. (If this interests you, but you hate to read, come anyway!)



Before going skating, Hero's students enjoyed pizza at the church.

LOOKING AHEAD...

Ice Cream Social Picnic & Balloon Launch

Sunday evening, July 21, 2013 at Salem's Pavilion

5:30 p.m. Picnic

7:00 p.m. Balloon Launch

7:15 p.m. Ice Cream donated by South Mountain Creamery

Music by: "Works in Progress" Community Praise Band



A vibrant music ministry

"Works in Progress" Community Praise Band

The "Works in Progress" Community Praise Band recently presented their music at the United Methodist Board of Child Care campus chapel near Martinsburg, West Virginia. The band and Pastor Randy Reid ministered in music and message to the kids, ages 14 through 19. This was the band's second opportunity to present music at the chapel service, pictured above.

The band practices every Wednesday evening at Salem. In February, they were invited to be a part of the Family Sweetheart Banquet at the Bush Creek Church of the Brethren in Monrovia. They present their music ministry at local churches' worship services, and other community events.

Upcoming commitments include June 2 (Salem 9:00 a.m.), June 9 (Salem 11:15 a.m.), June 23 (Salem 11:15 a.m.), July 21 (Grossnickle Church of the Brethren 10:30 a.m.), July 21 (Salem's Ice Cream Social & Balloon Launch 5:30 p.m.), July 28 (Salem 11:15 a.m.), August 3 (Garfield Picnic 11:00 a.m.), August 11 (Salem 9:00 & 11:15 a.m.), August 25 (Salem 11:15 a.m.), and September 14 (Lord's Acre Festival 4:00 p.m.).

From left are Donna Snyder (vocals/guitar), Lori Williamson (vocals), Michael Burrier (percussion/vocals), Susie Stottlemeyer (piano/keyboard/vocals), Amanda Hawkins (vocals), Jim Laky (synth/flute/clarinet/sax/vocals), and Dawn Nelson (vocals).

The band just recently welcomed a new member, Jessie Leatherman, who brings her gifts of guitar, vocals, and piano to the group.

Mother's Honored at Salem

Salem's honored mothers in attendance at worship on Mother's Day. Each mother received a metal push pin shaped like an angel. For presentation purposes, it was attached to a book mark which contained the following poem:

Mothers Are Angels

There are angels among us,
Though sometimes they wear a disguise.
They brighten our lives with their presence,
They're patient, gentle and wise.
They're behind all the joys that delight us,
And the blessings that we receive.
With an angel like you for a mother,
How could we not believe?

In addition, every mother's name was written on a piece of paper and placed in a container. Two names were drawn for gifts in each worship service.

The lucky mothers to receive gifts at the 9:00 a.m. service were Doris Fogle and Susie Stottlemeyer. At the 11:15 contemporary service, winners were Jennifer Burrier and Lori Williamson.

The names were drawn by the children at children's time.

From the Pastor

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**June 30 – Holy Communion
"One Nation, Under God"**

On the Sunday near the Fourth of July, we love to sing the hymns this holiday invokes. Our red pew hymnal supplies a medley of classics: "My Country, 'Tis of Thee," "America the Beautiful," and "God of Our Fathers."

Prior to singing the medley the Worship Leader says: "Righteousness exalts a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people," and the Congregation responds: "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord."

Our currency states it – "In God We Trust." When we are at our best, we strive to be "One Nation under God" but in reality, all too often, we fall short.

One thing is within our control – our own individual thoughts, words, and actions. If, with God's help, we can seek to do right as God sees right, then maybe we can influence others to do the same.

"One Nation, Under God" starts with "One Person, Under God," then another and another, building up one family and one community at a time - let us be that person, that family, that community.



A PROJECT by the UNITED METHODIST WOMEN "BEE-LIEVERS"

PLANT and BAKE SALE a Success

Photos by Bill Burrier — May 11, 2013



Della Hager (left) and Cathie Elsbach arrived at 8 a.m. and enjoyed the large selection of beautiful plants displayed on the church parking lot.



Sue Ellen and Vernon Stottlemeyer were making fried sausage sandwiches, a popular sandwich at the food stand.



Barbie Stottlemeyer works to arrange and price the flowers at the plant sale. There were so many beautiful choices.

■ **By Barbie Stottlemeyer**

I want to thank everyone who helped with the flower/plant sale, along with the food stand and baked goods. This fund-raising project proved to be an outstanding success, raising over \$1,300.00 profit for the Bee-lievers, which ultimately will go toward our donation to the Lord's Acre Festival in September. This project required a lot of hard work, but was certainly worthy of our efforts.

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I REALLY LIKE YOUR BIBLE, DAD . . .
HOW DO YOU TURN IT ON?

Angels explained by children!



I only know the names of two angels, Hark and Harold.
-Gregory, 5
My guardian angel helps me with math, but he's not much good for science.
-Henry, 8
Angels live in cloud houses made by God and his son, who's a very good carpenter.
-Jared, 8
What I don't get about angels is why, when someone is in love, they shoot arrows at them.
-Sarah, 7
All angels are girls because they gotta wear dresses and boys didn't go for it.
-Antonio, 9
Angels don't eat, but they drink milk from Holy Cows!
-Jack, 6
Angels work for God and watch over kids when God has to go do something else.
-Mitchell, 7

—Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

Some thoughts to ponder . . .

The nicest place to be is in someone's thoughts,
the safest place to be is in someone's prayers
and the best place to be is in God's hands.

Never put both feet in your mouth
at the same time, because then you
won't have a leg to stand on.

Life isn't tied with
a bow, but it's still
a gift.

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