



Salem United Methodist Church—Wolfsville

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Denny Leatherman



Rev. Ron Ellis

**While Pastor Bob is on vacation, July 7 & 14, we are pleased to have Denny Leatherman and Rev. Ron Ellis as guest speakers.**

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## Ice Cream Social Picnic & Balloon Launch



Sunday Evening, July 21, 2013 at Salem's pavilion

### Schedule of Events

- 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

*Chicken and hot dogs will be provided. Bring a side dish and a drink to share.*

Bring your lawn chairs.

### Balloon Launch . . .

A yellow card, like the one at right, will be available to everyone at church and Sunday School. Or get a card at the balloon launch. Write your name on it. Your card will be attached to a helium-filled balloon for you to launch.

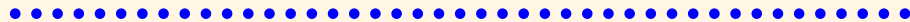
This balloon was launched July 21, 2013, by:

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
at the Salem United Methodist Church, in the village of Wolfsville, in Frederick County, Maryland.

*Note to Finder:*  
Please place this card in an envelope and mail to:  
Salem United Methodist Church Balloon Launch  
P. O. Box 94, Myersville, MD 21773  
(Please remember to include your name & address so we can calculate the distance the balloon traveled.)



If you are unable to join us for the picnic, please come at 7:00 p.m. for the balloon launch and the ice cream at 7:15 p.m.



## Welcome New Members



Katy Hornbecker



Jeff & LeeAnn Lenhart

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### SALEM MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

Current Membership: 234  
Sunday School Enrollment: 92  
2013 New Members: 5

### 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-May	2013 Goal	% of Goal
<b>1</b>	<b>Frank &amp; Nancy Stottlemeyer</b> Retired Senegal Missionaries	\$204	\$1,020.00	\$2,448	42%
<b>2</b>	<b>Operation Christmas Child</b> Postage for Shoe Boxes - Samaritan's Purse - November	—	0	\$350	0%
<b>3</b>	<b>Salem Mission &amp; Outreach</b> Supports needs as determined by Salem	—	\$2,486.04	\$1,180	211%
<b>4</b>	<b>Salem Food Pantry</b> Open every Tuesday 6:00-7:00 p.m.	—	\$936.12	\$1,180	79%
<b>5</b>	<b>Mary E. - Africa Inland Mission</b> Working in Tanzania, Africa	\$85	\$525.00	\$1,020	51%
<b>6</b>	<b>United Methodist Board of Child Care</b> Care of Homeless or Abused Children	—	\$200.00	\$1,360	15%
<b>7</b>	<b>Gideons International</b> Frederick County/West Camp - Distributing Bibles	\$110	\$550.00	\$1,320	42%
<b>8</b>	<b>Potato Project</b> Society of St. Andrew, Big Island, Virginia	\$60	\$300.00	\$720	42%
<b>9</b>	<b>Middletown High School</b> Fellowship of Christian Athletes	\$47	\$235.00	\$564	42%
<b>10</b>	<b>Mission Trip</b> Destination to be determined	—	0	\$2,000	0%
<b>11</b>	<b>Ronnie &amp; Angi Hopkins</b> The Mission Society - Mission Work in Nicaragua	\$64	\$331.00	\$768	43%
<b>12</b>	<b>Care Net Pregnancy Center</b> 707 N. Market Street, Frederick, MD	\$64	\$342.00	\$768	45%
<b>13</b>	<b>Compassion International</b> Sponsored children in Ecuador & India	\$76	\$319.00	\$972	33%
<b>14</b>	<b>Local Mission Projects</b> Supporting local repair or renovation needs	—	0	\$1,250	0%
<b>15</b>	<b>Hero's Club After School Ministry</b> (Pre-K through grade 5) at Salem	—	\$880.90	\$300	294%

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.



### Care Net Pregnancy Center

707 N Market St., Frederick, MD 21701  
Salem Mission Project No. 12

I would like to share a story with you that confirms the importance of having Care Net available to share truth with our clients. We recently had a young girl come to us thinking she could get an abortion here. After sharing with her the services that we offer and explaining that we do not do abortions, we had a lengthy discussion regarding her situation and why she felt that abortion was the best option for her. She would not make an appointment but did agree to take our "Before You Decide" brochure which covers fetal development, procedures and risks.

A few days later, after reading the brochure, she called to say that she could not go through with her abortion and made an appointment for an ultrasound. She was 12 weeks pregnant. I want to thank you for sowing into this ministry and helping to keep our doors open. Imagine if we were not here and she went somewhere else that would have encouraged her to abort! Your financial gifts are very important and greatly appreciated.

Blessings, *Linda*



VBS

JULY 8-12, 2013

## Wolfsville Community Vacation Bible School

Monday-Friday 6:30-8:30 p.m. at St. Mark's Lutheran

### Get Rockin' at Vacation Bible School

By Fonda Gormer

"KINGDOM ROCK — Where Kids Stand Strong for God" is the theme for this year's Vacation Bible School (VBS), to be held at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Wolfsville on July 8 - 12.

Meeting from 6:30 until 8:30 each evening, the Vacation Bible School is a joint event sponsored by St. Mark's, Salem and the Wolfsville Ruritan Club.

Castles, knights and all things royal will be the setting for VBS. Each evening there will be music, Bible study, crafts, recreation and snacks.

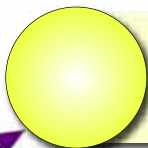
The children will develop tools for building rock-solid faith as they discover how to stand strong for God in every part of their lives.

They will learn about David, Esther, Nehemiah, and King Josiah, as well as the resurrection story of Jesus.

Children from age 3 to those completing 6th grade are invited to attend. An offering will be taken each evening for a mission project to be announced.

For more information or to volunteer to help, contact Fonda Gormer at 301-293-2436.

Join us for this rockin' adventure into God's kingdom!



### Hero's Club Salem's After School Ministry

SPRING SEMESTER  
2013

Hero's Club celebrated its last day of the spring semester on June 10th. After school, students are walked from the Wolfsville Elementary School to the church. The photo at right was taken at the school where students wait for their escorts on the last day of the Hero's Club spring semester. The far right photo is a group photo of students taken at the church. On June 3rd, Hero's Club parents enjoyed a dinner and program presented by the students.



Dawn Nelson (left) and high school helpers meet students at the school.

Last day of the Spring Semester





## Attendance & Offerings

MAY 2013

	Worship*		Sunday School	
May 5 -	88	\$1,946.50	67	\$272.50
May 12 -	93	1,419.75	57	212.25
May 19 -	96	1,864.34	59	108.50
May 26 -	71	1,180.00	48	102.75

\*Worship attendance & offerings include both worship services.

- **Missions:** \$1,551.40
- **Building & Imp. Fund:** \$300.83
- **Pavilion Fund:** \$80.00
- **Cemetery Endowment:** \$40.00

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

	Average Attendance	
	Worship	Sunday School
May	87	58
Apr	90	62
Mar	101	62
Feb	92	61
Jan	91	57
Dec	96	59

**Average Attendance Jan-May 2013**  
 Sunday Worship: 93  
 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

#### Parking Lot

Salem's Board of Trustees is looking into having the parking lot parking spaces repainted. The Trustees also discussed having the parking lot seal coated prior to the painting, but after receiving three estimates, the group decided it was cost prohibitive. Interestingly, Toni from L.W. Wolfe told us they do not recommend it.

#### Shrubbery

The Trustees accepted a bid from Vernon Stottlemeyer of Mountain Valley Lawn Service, Loy Wolfe Road, to trim the shrubbery around the church. Vernon completed the job on Saturday, June 22.

Salem's Board of Trustees meets the first Thursday of each month.



### Remember our Memorials and Endowments Programs

**Outright Gifts:** Financial gifts may be given to Salem at any time in memory or honor of a loved one.

#### Planned (Deferred) Gifts:

As you do your estate planning, you may consider including your church in your plans?

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.

One way to assure a fruitful future is to continue your financial support of your church after your death, through a memorial or endowment. It also 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 a plaque in the church building.

For more information contact:  
 Pastor Bob Snyder or Bill Burrier,  
 Chair, Finance Committee

### Salem will host Charge Conference in October

The fall schedule of charge conferences was recently released by the Cumberland-Hagerstown District of the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church. Unlike recent years, charge conferences for our district (Cumberland-Hagerstown District) will be held in more than 14 different locations.

On October 23, Salem will be the host church where five churches will gather to submit annual conference-required paperwork and celebrate the ministry of each church. The churches meeting at Salem will be Garfield & Salem/Keedysville Cooperative Parish, Mt. Zion/Myersville, Pleasant Walk, and Salem/Wolfsville.

The District Superintendent, Rev. Conrad Link, will call the meeting to order, offer devotions, prayer, and introductions. Then each church will be offered an opportunity to present 3-6 minutes of ministry that is taking place for all to hear. Following the ministry presentations, Rev. Link will conduct a time of sharing, dialogue, and commentary about the special needs of the churches, community and ministry we might be doing together. More details later.





July

# Calendar of Events

- Mon-Fri 8-12 Vacation Bible School** - 6:30-8:30 p.m. at St. Mark's Lutheran Church  
**Thu 11 Administrative Council** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem  
**Sun 21 Ice Cream Social & Balloon Launch** - 5:30 p.m. at Salem's pavilion  
**Thu 25 Worship Committee Meeting** - 7:00 p.m. at the Shankle home

NOTES: Food Pantry is open every Tuesday 6:00-7:00 p.m. at Salem  
 Praise Band practices every Wednesday evening at Salem at 7:00 p.m.  
 Walking Group every Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m. and  
 Saturday morning at 8 a.m. at Doub's Park, Myersville  
 Book Club meets on Monday at 7 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.

## No Bee-lievers Meeting in July

■ By Fonda Gormer

Due to the July 4th holiday, Salem's United Methodist Women "Bee-lievers" will not meet in July.

The next meeting will be on August 1st, at 7 p.m. in the church social room. Lord's Acre planning will begin at this meeting.



## Annual Financial Audit Completed

Our thanks to Meredith Harshman, CPA, for conducting the audit of Salem's financial records. Meredith reports no irregularities and found the church's financial records in complete order. The audit report has been forwarded to the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church.



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

If you would like to volunteer to be a lay reader, contact Mary Alice Shankle, Chair, Salem's Worship Committee.

Serve the Lord with enthusiasm.  
*Romans 12:11b*

## Fathers Honored at Salem

Salem's honored fathers in attendance at worship on Father's Day. Each father received a metal push pin shaped like an anchor. For presentation purposes, it was attached to a book mark which contained the following poem titled "Fathers are the Anchors."

Fathers are the anchors,  
 That make our life complete.  
 For without their strength we,  
 Surely will head for defeat.  
 Keeping us moored during  
 wavy times,  
 And safe during calm.  
 Their love is the anchor that,  
 Will keep us from running aground.

In addition, every father'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 fathers who received gifts at the 9:00 a.m. traditional service were Meredith Harshman and Bill Burrier. At the 11:15 contemporary service, winners were Michael Burrier and Jim Laky.

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

## Hero's Club Scholarships Awarded to Three High School Student Assistants

Three high school students who served as Hero's Club Student Assistants were recently awarded scholarships.

The scholarships, which were based upon their attendance and participation, were largely funded by a grant from the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Congratulations to Camden Raynor, Alexa Kehlbeck, and Bailey Blickenstaff. Each received \$450 for 90% attendance at Hero's Club during the 2012-2013 school year.

## Salem Mission Project No. 5



I'm currently in Nairobi, Kenya for some vacation time – time to rest and just "be" with the Lord, preparing myself for the 5 months of travel ahead of me.

Wendy and I will be in 5 (maybe 6?) different countries, including northern Kenya, Ethiopia, South Sudan, Uganda and the Democratic Republic of Congo, meeting with teams and local churches to encourage and equip them in the use of ethnic music to worship the Lord. We start our travels on July 15. In November I plan to visit a 7th country in central Africa to lead a music workshop for a team there as well as to explore the possibility of a future assignment.

I will be back in the States on Dec 2. My plans are to take a study leave in the States and come back to Africa. Where? I'm praying that God will make that clear over these next few months. God knows what I need well before I need it. He knows the struggles I have, even before I realize I am muddling my way through them. The best part of all is that He meets me there. For the past few months I have been encouraged by Psalm 139. There is no place I could go where God cannot reach me.

I don't know what the future holds, but He is already there. His love is constant, and I can trust Him as I leave what is familiar (my village) and step into the unknown. Thank you for joining me in this journey. I appreciate your prayers and words of encouragement. May the Lord bless you and keep you and make His face to shine upon you.

With joy, —Mary E.

# Who's Doing What, When?

## JULY

### 9:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

#### Lay Reader

7 - Randy Freysz  
14 - Dawn Nelson  
21 - Steve Leatherman  
28 - Phil Koons

#### Ushers

7 - Dick Kline & Steve Leatherman  
14 - Vernon Stottlemeyer & Robin Haupt  
21 - Donald Stottlemeyer & Meredith Harshman  
28 - Philip Koons & Brandon Leatherman

#### Organist

7 - Susan Koons  
14 - Susan Koons  
21 - Joann Leatherman  
28 - Susan Koons

#### Greeters

7 - Phyllis Beall  
14 - Mary Cline  
21 - George, Barbie, & Matt Stottlemeyer  
28 - Dennis & Chris Leatherman

#### Acolytes

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!

### July Anniversaries

2 - Nelson and Sharon Hipkins  
2 - Tim and Barb Rhea  
10 - Robin and Theresa Haupt  
18 - Pastor Bob & Donna Snyder  
20 - Randy & Karen Sowers  
29 - Gary & Wanda Barkdoll

### July Birthdays

2 - Phyllis Beall  
4 - Marlene Young  
5 - Brett Haupt  
7 - Todd Raynor  
10 - Randy Sowers  
11 - Alyssa Fogle  
13 - Patty Blickenstaff  
14 - Tyler Zimmerman  
18 - Amanda Hawkins  
21 - Donald Stottlemeyer  
24 - Pat Eccard  
27 - Cyndy Weddle  
28 - Jennifer Burrier  
28 - Kim Tolland  
28 - Austin Hebeisen  
29 - Matthew 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.

Coming up...

### 54th annual Lord's Acre Festival

Saturday, Sept. 14, 2013  
4-9 p.m.

Wolfsville Ruritan Park

Food • Crafts • Produce  
Silent Auction • Flea Tables  
Plants • Auction at 8 p.m.  
Children's Activities  
*Music by*  
*Works In Progress*  
*Community Praise Band*  
*and Randy Sowers*  
Rain or Shine

Free Admission • Free Parking

Always the Second Saturday in September  
Benefit: Salem Building & Imp. Fund

### Holy Communion

Due to the pastor's vacation schedule, the July Communion Sunday was moved up to Sunday, June 30.



### Photo from last year's Lord's Acre Festival



**BULLETIN BOARD**  
with a message

**WHEN EVERYTHING'S  
COMING YOUR WAY,  
YOU'RE IN THE  
WRONG LANE.**

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman



**INSPIRATIONAL  
Reading**

**Fourth of July**

*By Peggy L. Brady*

We gather to join in sweet freedom's song,  
Free still to express our view;  
It's another Fourth of July,  
Our country's birthday, yet so new.



The marching band is warming up;  
There's very little shade;  
The street is lined with people  
Awaiting the big parade.

This country that we call home  
Is the best beyond compare;  
On this, its birthday,  
We join hands and hearts and share.

In past battles that love has fought,  
We remember the many brave we've lost.  
Though sad, we vow to keep home safe,  
No matter what the cost.

See there, in our American sky,  
Majesty that taught us to pray.  
Old Glory still proudly waves on high—  
Happy Birthday, USA!

**Nature's Garden**

*By Avis H. Baxter*

There's a garden by the roadside  
With flowers free for all,  
Unfettered by white pickets  
Or by a garden wall.



A garden where God's blossoms  
Nod to each passerby  
A friendly, happy greeting  
Beneath summer's sunny sky.

Black-eyed Susans sway like fairies,  
Nearby is meadowsweet,  
While massed in soft confusion  
Are daisies at my feet.

There are gardens rare and lovely  
By manse or cottage wall,  
But God's garden by the roadside  
Is, I think, the best of all.

**Blessed Indeed**

*By Fern Margaret Impola*

He who loves is blessed indeed;  
He sows this tender seed  
That grows, matures, and then behold —  
Returns to him a thousandfold.



**RECIPE**



**HONEY-ORANGE GINGER COOKIES**

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Beat 2/3 cup sugar and 1/2 cup butter, softened, at medium speed with a heavy-duty electric stand mixer until creamy. Add 1/2 cup honey, 1 teaspoon orange extract, and 1 large egg, beating until blended. Stir together 2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour, 1 tablespoon orange zest, 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger, 1/2 teaspoon baking soda, and 1/2 teaspoon baking powder; gradually add to sugar mixture, beating until blended.

Cover and chill 30 minutes to 1 hour. Shape dough into 1-inch balls; roll in sugar. Place 2 inches apart on ungreased baking sheet, and slightly flatten each with bottom of glass, if desired.

Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool completely on wire racks (about 20 minutes).

Makes about 4 dozen.

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



**Men of Courage**

*By Virginia Katherine Oliver*

Men of courage throughout the years  
Have laid the sure foundation  
Upon which was proudly built  
Our great and mighty nation.

Men of courage crossed the seas  
To search for a better land,  
And it took such men as these  
For a nation that would stand.

Men of courage bore the burdens  
And the problems of their day,  
Ever seeking for the wisdom  
To work and serve a finer way.

Men of courage still are needed  
To lend the best they have to give,  
That all our forefathers founded  
May nobly and staunchly live.

**The Greatest Thing**

*By Oliver Wendell Holmes*

I find the greatest thing in this world,  
not so much where we stand, as in  
what direction we are moving. To  
reach the port of heaven, we must sail  
sometimes with the wind, and some-  
times against it, but we sail, and not  
drift, nor live at anchor.

**Our Christian Sympathy to...**

Curtis and Dawn Nelson, upon  
the death of Curtis's stepmother,  
**Doris L. Nelson**, 85, of Frederick,  
on May 25, 2013.

**Vacation Time**

*By Alfred Grant Walton*

Sing me a song of the out-of-doors,  
Of the mountains, field and sea,  
Where the skies are clear and the  
breezes cheer,  
And the heart of man is free.

Give me a glimpse of the meadows  
green,  
Give me space where I can see;  
I will roam at will and enjoy the thrill  
Of creation's ecstasy.

Let me dream awhile as I hear the song  
Of the robin, thrush, and wren,  
I shall find release in an inward  
peace,  
And return, refreshed again.

**The House . . .**

The crown of the house is godliness.  
The beauty of the house is order.  
The glory of the house is hospitality.  
The blessing of the house is  
contentment.

*Author Unknown*





By PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER

## Pastor's Notes — ...Worship in July

Pastor Bob will be on vacation July 7 and 14. Guest speakers will be Denny Leatherman and Rev. Ron Ellis.

“**T**here is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven” (Ecclesiastes 3:1). There is a time to rest. Just as the body and spirit needs rest each day, so does the body and spirit need a season of rest. For many, summer is that season - kids out of school, family vacations, hopefully a bit less stressful, less hectic pace.

Rest! Tell that to the farmer who has just been out milking or cutting hay. Our community is rooted in farming. Maybe for the farmer, fall after the harvest is the better time to catch some rest.

Whatever time works for you, it is important that we have a season of rest to help restore the body and spirit.

The school year begins early this year – August 19th. That’s a little over seven weeks from now – it’s going to go fast. I encourage you, as much as you are able, to find times of rest in your life.

“By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work” (Genesis 2:2). God knows the importance of rest. It’s important that we also find time to rest, relax, and restore our body and spirit. May God bless and keep you this summer and always.

—Pastor Bob

### July 7

Today we welcome Denny Leatherman to bring the word of God to the people of God.

### July 14

Genesis 15:15-21

“Responding to Trouble”

Today we welcome Rev. Ron Ellis to bring the word of God to the people of God. Rev. Ellis served as pastor of Salem here in Wolfsville from 1979-1989.

### July 21

Luke 10:38-42

“At the Home of Mary and Martha”

These verses can be examined many different ways. It appears that Martha might be the older sister — it was she who opened her home to Jesus. There is the dynamic of older versus younger sister



Denny Leatherman  
Salem Member  
Guest Speaker July 7



Rev. H. Ronald Ellis  
Salem Pastor 1979-89  
Guest Speaker July 14

going on in this passage.

We’re told that Mary sat at the Lord’s feet. That took some courage. It went against all social norms at the time for a woman to sit among the men and be taught by the Rabbi/teacher.

Then there is the resentment — the resentment that Martha holds toward Mary for not helping her prepare. Martha even inquires of Jesus, “Don’t you care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself?”

There is also Jesus’ response to Martha, encouraging her to rise above life’s distractions and see what is really important.

Today is our Ice Cream Social where we’ll eat a great meal and afterward, great ice cream. We’ll hear great music, and have a great time launching our balloons. But like Martha we could get so caught up in all

this that we miss the greatest opportunity the Ice Cream Social and Balloon Launch holds out for us every year — the simple opportunity to fellowship together and to invite someone from our community to fellowship with us — to laugh, to share stories, to encourage each other, and to welcome new friends to join together with us.

Jesus encourages Martha, “Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.” Through this story, Jesus speaks those words of encouragement to us also.

### July 28

Luke 11:1-13

“Jesus Teaching on Prayer”

At our annual Baltimore-Washington Conference in May, our new Bishop, Reverend Marcus Matthews, challenged each congregation to do three things this year: pray, adopt a school, and bring a person to Christ.

I like these goals. They keep us grounded in Christ, while we go forth to serve others and help others who need Christ in their lives.

Wolfsville Elementary School is on our doorstep. It seems such an obvious mission field for us. We can impact the future of our community by being positive influences on the children who attend Wolfsville School, and their families.

The Wolfsville Volunteer Fire Company is physically even closer to us. Is there an opportunity for us to serve our firefighters who risk their well-being to protect the lives and property of our community? I’m sure there is.

Discerning what God is calling us to do next, to grow in our own personal faith and to grow in our service to others, all starts with the Bishop’s first goal for us — a life of prayer.

In today’s scripture reading, the disciples approached Jesus sensing that Jesus benefitted by prayer and that they might also. “One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, ‘Lord, teach us to pray...’” (11:1a).

Let’s take up our Bishop’s challenge about prayer — it’s a modern day restatement of the challenge Jesus gave his followers: “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; and he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened” (11:9-10).

Are we asking? Are we seeking? Are we knocking? Jesus wants us too. There are benefits in us doing so.



May 29-31, 2013 ... in Baltimore

## ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**Salem was represented at Annual Conference in Baltimore**

Pastor Bob and Michael Burrier represented Salem, along with more than 1,700 United Methodists from 646 area churches, who gathered May 29-31 to sow seeds of worship, learning, mission, stewardship and holy conferencing in their continuing efforts to grow disciples for the transformation of the world.

The 229th Session of the Baltimore-Washington Conference was held at the Marriott Waterfront Hotel in Baltimore. It was led by Bishop Marcus Matthews, who once served as a pastor, district superintendent and Council of Ministries director in the conference and returned last September as our episcopal leader.

**Bishop's Request of Local Churches** — The bishop asked churches to do three things in the coming year: (1) become prayer stations, (2) bring at least one person to Christ, and (3) adopt a public school in its zip code.

**New Faith Communities** — Conference members learned about seven new faith communities being created. The leadership teams who are starting these new churches were consecrated.

The new faith communities represent the diversity of the conference. Five are multi-cultural in vision and mission, two seek to serve the growing Korean population, two grow out of largely African-American congregations, two spring from Anglo congregations and one is multicultural from the outset.

**Apportionment Percentage Factor Remains Steady** — During a plenary session May 30, the members, in an unprecedented unanimous vote, adopted a \$16.8 million budget for 2014. The approved budget represents a 1.6 percent decrease in spending from 2013 and a 7 percent decrease from the 2012 budget.

The benevolence factor for local churches' apportionments will remain steady at 17.75 percent. (Salem currently pays \$15,151 in annual apportionments to the Baltimore-Washington Conference.)

**Ordination Service** — At an ordination service, Bishops Matthews, West Virginia Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball and retired Bishops Joseph H. Yeakel and Violet Fisher commissioned 17 Provisional

Elders and ordained 8 Elders in Full Connection.

**Memorial Service** — During the Memorial Service on Thursday evening, 16 pastors who died during the previous year were honored; and 22 clergy spouses, 2 Bishops, and 5 Bishops' spouses were remembered.

Next year's Baltimore-Washington Conference is scheduled to convene Thursday, May 29 through Saturday, May 31, 2014, at the Waterfront Marriott Hotel in Baltimore.

**Pastor Appointments July 1, 2013**

Appointments for 117 pastors were announced and 19 retiring pastors were honored. Appointments of local interest, effective July 1, 2013, are:

Robert G. Brennan, Jr. will serve Garfield and Salem at Keedysville, as a Cooperative Parish.

Terri Rae Chattin (former Frederick District Superintendent), will serve the Sykesville Parish.

Edgardo Rivera will serve as the Frederick District Superintendent.

Curtis C. Ehrhoff will serve at Grace in Hagerstown.

Michael W. Bennett will serve at Rehoboth in Williamsport.

Alice Ford will serve at the Calvary/Centennial Cooperative Parish in Frederick.

Albert Deal will serve at Mt. Zion in Sabillasville.



Eliezer Valentin-Castanon will serve at Trinity in Frederick.

Robert Kells will serve at Weller in Thurmont.

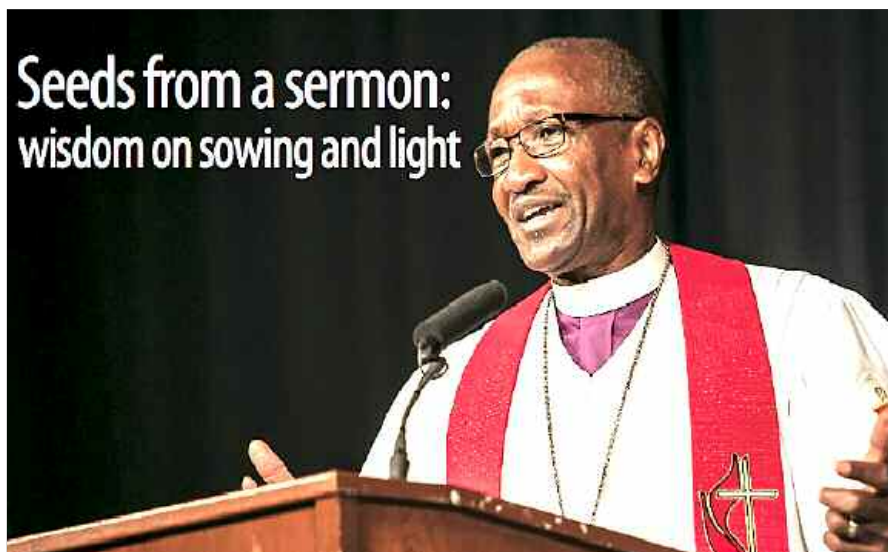
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Rev. Terri Rae Chattin lights candles at the memorial service.



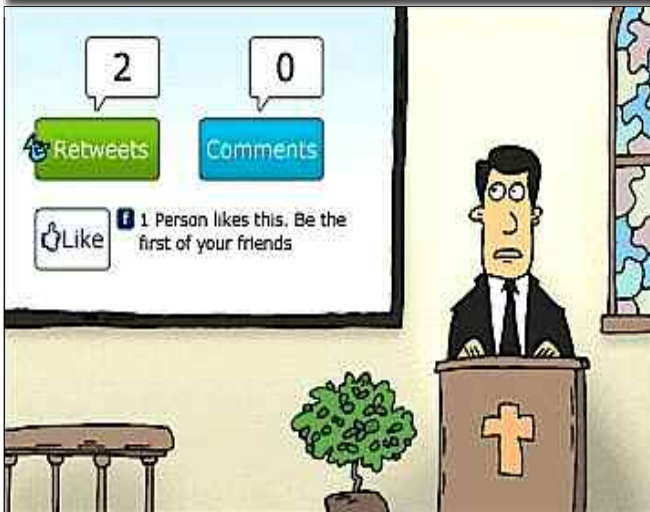
Bishops Matthews, Yeakel, Ball, and Lunt lay hands on an ordinand.



Bishop Matthews preaches at the Annual Conference in Baltimore.

## Heavenly Humor

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IT WAS OBVIOUS HE WAS GOING TO HAVE TO STEP IT UP.

## Whispers . . .



The man whispered, "God, speak to me" and a meadowlark sang. But the man did not hear.

So the man yelled, "God, speak to me" and the thunder rolled across the sky. But the man did not listen.

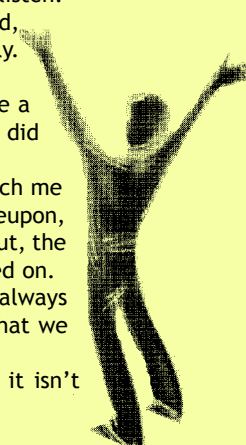
The man looked around and said, "God, let me see you." And a star shined brightly. But the man did not see.

And, the man shouted, "God, show me a miracle." And, a life was born. But the man did not notice.

So, the man cried out in despair, "Touch me God, and let me know you are here." Whereupon, God reached down and touched the man. But, the man brushed the butterfly away and walked on.

This is a great reminder that God is always around us in the little and simple things that we take for granted.

Don't miss out on a blessing because it isn't packaged the way that you expect.



—Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

### Some thoughts to ponder . . .

One day your life will flash before your eyes. Make sure it's worth watching.

Instead of living in the shadows of yesterday, walk in the light of today and the hope of tomorrow.

Great occasions for serving God come seldom, but little ones surround us daily.

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