



Salem United Methodist Church – Wolfsville

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Salem women to attend "Women of Faith"

Washington, DC • August 17-18 • Verizon Center

By Donna Snyder

Women at Salem are planning to attend the *Women of Faith* conference, to be held Friday and Saturday, August 17 & 18, 2012, at the Verizon Center in Washington, DC. This year's theme is "Celebrate What Matters".

This is our 3rd annual trip to the *Women of Faith* conference. It is a pleasure to serve as a Group Leader; and one of the perks is to get a glimpse of this year's convention. The ladies have never seen *Women of Faith* like this before!

We all experience good times and bad days, triumphs and tragedies. But no matter what life throws at us, this is what matters: God loves YOU. What is Women of Faith? Compelling stories, Bible-based teaching, world-class music and unstoppable inspiration! God loves you which means there is always a reason to celebrate.

The incredible line up includes Andy Andrews, Christine Caine, Patsy Clairmont, Marilyn Meberg, Sandi Patty, Brenda Warner, and Ballet Magnificat. And, there will be concerts by Mandisa and Amy Grant.

We will leave Friday the 17th in the afternoon and return Saturday evening. Please join me in praying that the Lord, once again, will meet our ladies where they



are in their walk, and that we will all be blessed by the words we hear, the songs we sing and being together worshipping our Father in Heaven! AMEN!

200 Balloons Launched at Salem's Ice Cream Social

LOOKING FORWARD TO GETTING THOSE YELLOW CARDS BACK

July 22, 2012 — On the count of 3, the balloons headed skyward, and then immediately headed north until they were high and out of sight. Each balloon had a yellow card attached with the name of the person who launched it. The card also included our address so it can be returned when found.

Now we wait, wondering where the balloons will land; and, if found, will they be returned to us.

On the back of the card is a message

THE RETURNED BALLOON CARDS will be announced in Sunday morning worship, and reported in future issues of *The Mountain Shepherd*.

to the finder, saying ... Whatever your circumstances, please know that God loves you and is with you today and always. "With God, all things are possible." —Matthew 19:26

>> See photos on page 11



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SALEM MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

Current Membership: 232
Sunday School Enrollment: 92
2012 New Members: 11

SALEM PHYSICAL FACILITIES

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

SALEM WEB SITE

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COLOPHON

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OUR PURPOSE

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide
a means of communicating with our mem-
bers, their families, and our many friends of
the Wolfsville community and surrounding
areas. We pray that this newsletter will in-
spire you, our readers, to regularly attend
worship services, Sunday School, and all
other activities of the church. For those who
are unable to attend, this newsletter is a
means of bringing part of the church to you.



2012 MISSION PROJECTS

		Monthly Minimum	Paid Jan-June	2012 Goal	% of Goal
1	Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer Retired Senegal Missionaries	\$204	\$1,224.00	\$2,448	50%
2	Operation Christmas Child Postage for Shoe Boxes - Samaritan's Purse - November	—	0	\$355	0%
3	Salem Mission & Outreach Supports human needs as determined by Salem	—	\$308.11	\$1,180	26%
4	Salem Food Pantry Open every Monday 6:00-7:00 p.m.	—	\$750.40	\$1,180	64%
5	Mary Elmore - Africa Inland Mission Working in Tanzania, Africa	\$85	\$524.00	\$1,020	51%
6	United Methodist Board of Child Care Care of Homeless or Abused Children	—	600.00	\$1,360	44%
7	Gideons International Frederick County - West Camp - Distributing Bibles	\$110	\$660.00	\$1,320	50%
8	Potato Project Society of St. Andrew, Big Island, Virginia	\$60	\$360.00	\$720	50%
9	Middletown High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes	\$47	\$235.00	\$564	42%
10	Mission Trip Destination to be determined	—	0	\$2,295	0%
11	Ronnie & Angi Hopkins The Mission Society - Mission Work in Nicaragua	\$64	\$384.00	\$768	50%
12	Care Net Pregnancy Center 707 N. Market Street, Frederick, MD	\$64	\$395.00	\$768	51%
13	Compassion International Sponsored children in Ecuador & India	\$76	\$471.00	\$972	48%
14	Local Mission Projects Supporting local repair or renovation needs	—	0	\$1,250	0%

Total 2012 Mission Goal: **\$16,170**

Here's how you can give...

- 1 Make checks payable to Salem United Methodist Church, or place cash contributions in an envelope marked "Missions."
- 2 Tell us which mission project(s) you wish to support by making a note on your check or envelope.

- 3 Place your contributions in the offering plate at Sunday worship. If you do not designate a specific project, your contribution will be distributed to the project or projects needing funds to meet the monthly minimum payout goals listed above.



FRANK & NANCY STOTTEMYER

Retired Senegal Missionaries
Salem Mission Project No. 1

Dear Folks at Salem United Methodist Church:

Thank you for your continuing financial support and prayer support for us. We appreciate it very much. We trust that you are doing well. Nancy and I have both been in good health overall.

We're still doing pretty much the same things we've been doing for some time. Nancy continues to volunteer at the Hagerstown Rescue Mission three days a week, she also visits shut-ins, helps at church, does some sewing for friends, and other things. Frank continues to do some repair projects for friends, visitation, and serves the board of our home church and on a mission committee. He occasionally fills in as speaker in churches. This week he is to help with the children's program of the Hagerstown Rescue Mission by taking the kids on "hay" rides with a tractor & wagon.

As far as our family, our son-in-law Lynn Harney, continues to minister at the

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VBS

A BIG SUCCESS

Wolfsville Community Vacation Bible School

Amazing Desert Journey completed

■ By Fonda Gormer

Twenty-seven different students attended the annual community Vacation Bible School at Salem July 9 – 13.

The sanctuary, transformed into a desert to represent life without God, was the setting for the opening program each evening. The students then journeyed to the social area, which was transformed into an oasis, complete with a tent, palm trees and a well. The oasis represented life with God, when we celebrate the beauty and riches of His kingdom.

Take-home points studied included: God promises to save us from sin; God provides all we need; God gives us strength to resist temptation; God's Son rescues us; and God's Son leads us home to heaven. There were Bible stories, and related songs, activities, crafts and food. Everyone appeared to enjoy the week's events.

The offerings taken each evening, totaling \$145.39, were donated to Middletown Valley People Helping People.

I would like to thank everyone who helped with VBS, donated food, or lent items for the oasis. I would also like to thank the Wolfsville Ruritan Club for their continuing support.



Noah Taveras & Korey Crow



Shelby Rippeon & Hannah Kline



Fonda teaches a craft.



Lois works with a group in the tent.



FRANK & NANCY STOTTMAYER

Retired Senegal Missionaries

Salem Mission Project No. 1



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Hagerstown Rescue Mission and helps at a local church. Wanda does home-schooling of their youngest son. Their daughter, Keshia, who will be a senior this year, has a busy summer. She already went on a mission trip to South Carolina for a week and was a junior counselor for a week at a Christian Camp. The end of this month she is to leave on a mission trip to South Korea for about 10 days.

Eric, Wendy, & two of their children just returned to Senegal yesterday after spending two months in the U.S. to be with their two older children. Their son, Shawn, plans to begin his second year of college in August. Their daughter, Jessica, is working but she is considering further education.

She completed two years of Bible training. Eric & Wendy are ministering to the Badyaranké people and they plan to begin systematic evangelistic teaching in October in the Badyaranké language. Please be praying much for this outreach. We are praying there will be a great turning to the Lord among the Badyaranké people.

Rebecca is also with the Badyaranké people. She oversaw two literacy classes before the rainy season began. She helps with the preparation of the teaching lessons, and helps with Bible translation. Recently the first portions of Scripture in the Badyaranké language were printed and Rebecca wrote that those booklets are being read over and over by the students

of the literacy classes! Praise the Lord!

Gary, Lisa & family are serving in Florida at the New Tribes Mission center for retired missionaries. Gary is mostly involved in grounds work and Lisa is mostly involved in meal preparation and office work. Gary recently had some minor surgery and he is having problems with an elbow. He needs to have that checked out soon.

A few months ago we asked you to pray about the political situation in the country of Senegal. We thank the Lord that the elections ended well and things appear to be settling down politically. However there are some serious problems in two of the bordering countries with the potential of those problems spreading into Senegal as well. Please pray for safety for our family there and for peace that the ministries may continue.

Thank you again for your important part in our lives and the lives of our family.
Joyfully in Christ,
Frank & Nancy Stottmeyer



Attendance & Offerings

JUNE 2012

	Worship*		Sunday School	
June 3 -	102	\$2,293.00	48	\$242.50
June 10 -	121	2,469.14	66	217.50
June 17 -	88	1,382.25	52	135.75
June 24 -	87	1,307.40	55	137.85

	Average Attendance	
	Worship	Sunday School
Jun	100	55
May	92	48
Apr	98	56
Mar	100	57
Feb	93	58
Jan	94	59

*Worship attendance & offerings include both worship services.

- Missions: \$1,119.00
- Pavilion Fund: \$165.00
- Building & Imp. Fund: \$110.00
- Cemetery Endowment: \$40.00

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

Average Attendance Jan-Jun 2012
 Sunday Worship: 96
 Sunday School: 56

Saturday, September 8, 2012

Some Lord's Acre Previews



THE FEATURED QUILT at this year's Lord's Acre Festival (pictured at right) is a traditional pieced basket design, created by Salem member Judith Harne. The queen-size quilt has baskets in three sizes among a burgundy and gold star design. The baskets have embroidered handles and are filled with embroidered bouquets of violets, roses, and forget-me-nots. The quilting is beautifully done.

It will be sold at Salem's Lord's Acre Festival on September 8, 2012, at the 8:00 p.m. auction.

THE FEATURED MUSIC at this year's festival will be *Randy Sowers*, singing southern gospel, and the *Wolfsville Community Praise Band Works in Progress*, singing contemporary praise. Randy will present a 20-minute set beginning at 4:30 p.m. *Works in Progress* will present three 20-minute sets throughout the evening, with their first set beginning at 5:00 p.m.



FEATURED QUILT: Traditional Pieced Basket Design (This preview photo was taken after the quilting was completed, but before the quilt was hemmed.)



Randy Sowers, Southern Gospel



Works in Progress, Contemporary Praise



Aug

Calendar of Events

- Wed 1 Ladies Christian Book Club** - 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Joy Young's home
- Thu 2 UMW Bee-lievers** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
Board of Trustees - 7:30 p.m. at Salem
- Sun 5 Holy Communion** - 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. worship
- Thu 9 Administrative Council** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Fri-Sat 17-18 Women of Faith Conference** - Verizon Center, Washington, DC
- Thu 30 UMW Bee-lievers** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem (Preparing for Lord's Acre Festival)

NOTE: Food Pantry is open every Monday 6:00-7:00 p.m.



Newsletter Distribution

- E-Mail** — We are currently sending this newsletter to 176 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 45 cents First Class postage rate.

Thank You for joining the Board of Child Care Auxiliary

■ By Betty Brandenburg

Our recent Board of Child Care Auxiliary membership drive was completed. We now have 37 members, with dues of \$74.00 paid, and gifts of \$75.00, making a grand total of \$149.00 for the auxiliary. All of the dues and the contributions are used to benefit the children at the Board of Child Care.



Salem's Pavilion is completed

The construction of Salem's Linda M. Kline Memorial Pavilion, which began March 26, 2012, is now complete. This beautiful facility was first used for our recent Ice Cream Social. Photos of the pavilion, in use, are on page 11. Pastor Bob is working with the family to secure a date for the dedication service.



Mark your calendar for the CROP Hunger Walk — September 23, 2012

■ By Fonda Gormer

The CROP Hunger Walk is scheduled for September 23, 2012. More details will appear in a later newsletter.

It was recently announced that Ted Farrar, the regional director at the Gaithersburg office, is retiring at the end of June 2012. Ted and his wife joined us on the CROP Walk in 2011. He has been with Church World Service for nine years. His support for and assistance with our walk has been greatly appreciated.

The person who tries to be good, loving and kind, finds life, righteousness and honor.

—Proverbs 21:21 TLB

United Methodist Women

Bee-lievers to meet twice in August

■ By Fonda Gormer

Salem's United Methodist Women Bee-lievers will meet for their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, August 2, at 7 p.m. in the church social area.

We will also meet on Thursday, August 30, rather than our regular date in September, due to preparations for the Lord's Acre Festival. At this meeting, craft items will be priced and final plans for the festival will be made. All women are invited to attend these meetings.

Salem Ladies Christian Book Club

■ By Joy Young

We are hosting a book club that focuses on Christian authors and various topics. We plan to meet every 1st Wednesday of each month, unless otherwise announced, from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at my home. ALL Salem ladies and friends of Salem ladies are invited. God Bless to all and hope to see you there!

Please contact me for more information at 301-293-1317.

Salem Trustees' Notes

George Stottlemeyer, Chair of Salem's Board of Trustees, reported about the following projects at our recent council meeting.

Two new window air conditioners were recently purchased to replace old ones which were not working properly. One was placed in the social room and the other in the nursery classroom.

Hav-A-Lawn of Myersville, has been engaged to spray the leyland cypress trees at the new cemetery. Pests have invaded and four trees have died as a result of the infestation.

Ice Cream coordinator needed for Lord's Acre Festival

We are in need of a person to coordinate the Ice Cream at this year's Lord's Acre Festival. The coordinator schedules volunteers to serve ice cream and is present at Lord's Acre to ensure everything is going okay at the ice cream stand. Contact Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer

Who's Doing What, When?

AUGUST

9:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Lay Reader

5 - Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer
12 - Dawn Nelson
19 - Randy Freysz
26 - Phil Koons

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 - Krista Bussard
19 - Krista Bussard
26 - Krista Bussard

Greeters

5 - Denny Leatherman
12 - Phyllis Beall
19 - George, Barbie, & Matt Stottlemeyer
26 - Vernon & Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer

Acolytes

5 - Ali Robinson
12 - Jadie Buhrman
19 - Ali Robinson
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!

August Anniversaries

22 - Lee and Lora McGraw
29 - Andrew & Sarah Haddock
29 - Kent and Polly Miller
29 - Richard & Anita Harshman

August Birthdays

3 - Susan Koons
6 - Jeff Harshman
9 - Sara Elaine Burwell
12 - Matt Tolland
13 - Joey Lynch Jr.
15 - Danny Zimmerman
17 - Timothy Doyle
17 - Colleen Snyder
18 - Amy Burwell
18 - Jerry Draper
19 - Meagan Wagaman
24 - Rhea Poling
26 - Kenslie Buhrman

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.

DID YOU KNOW . . .

Maryland has a hotline to obtain emergency health and human services? Dial 211 and be connected to local resources. www.211md.org



Holy Communion

AUGUST 5, 2012

9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. Worship



NEW CEMETERY Now Open



To purchase a burial lot, contact
George Stottlemeyer at 301-293-2372

BULLETIN BOARD
with a message

THERE ARE SOME
QUESTIONS THAT
CAN'T BE ANSWERED
BY GOOGLE



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

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman



INSPIRATIONAL Reading

On Friendship

By Judith Nelson

To know that should I choose to speak,
In patience you will hear,
Or, if in sorrow I must weep,
You're there to share my tear.

When laughter fills my heart and soul,
My joy belongs to you;
And should I wish to reminisce,
You'll walk that pathway too.

If fear surrounds as deepest night,
Your hand assurance gives.
And though I err or miss a step,
Your faith in me still lives.

My one desire above all else
Is very much a cherished wish:
To know and then to try to be
The kind of friend you are to me.

Valued Deeds

By Roy Z. Kemp

A little, cheerful, friendly smile
That eases painful heart
May be remembered many times,
Long after you depart.

A small act of decency,
A deed to show respect,
May be the greatest ever done,
For great is its effect.

A little word of friendliness
By which a heart is fed
May be the most important word
That you have ever said.

A Sunny Day

By Virginia Covey Boswell

Today was made of joy and peace
with bright green fields to see,
and amber sun to wash the road
and robins singing free.

Today I shared the hours
with that azure sweep of sky,
and watched the daisies on the hill
and heard the wind run by.

I'll keep this lovely golden day
a treasured time apart,
like long warm days of childhood
saved softly in the heart.



RECIPE



Butterscotch Banana Squares

1 1/2 cups flour	1 cup brown sugar, packed
1/4 teaspoon cinnamon	2 eggs, beaten
1/2 teaspoon baking powder	1/2 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 teaspoon baking soda	2 ripe bananas, mashed
1/2 teaspoon salt	1 cup butterscotch chips
1/2 cup butter, softened	

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a medium bowl, sift together flour, cinnamon, baking powder, baking soda, and salt. Set aside. In a large bowl, cream butter with brown sugar. Add eggs, vanilla, and banana; mix well. Add dry ingredients to butter mixture, mixing thoroughly. Spread evenly in a greased, 9-by-9-inch pan. Sprinkle with butterscotch chips. Bake 30 minutes. Makes 9 servings.



The Day is Done

By Susan G. Wier

A golden flame from the setting sun
Makes me aware that the day is done.
I review the blessings that were mine
to share
And my heart feels hushed with this
grateful prayer:

"Thank Thee, Father, for thy love today.
It served as a shield and patterned
my way.
With each step, I sensed thy presence
there
Making my burdens light to bear.
Forgive any thought that strayed afar
Casting a shadow between me and
my star.

"If it be thy will and tomorrow is mine,
May I use every moment, taking time
To show love for my neighbor
(as it is written).
To enjoy a child or a soft cuddly kitten.
To watch a butterfly light on a flower,
To comfort a friend through some
troubled hour.
Keep my faith strong, may I cheerful be,
And when the day is done, be
grateful for Thee."

BROKEN GLASS

Use a wet
cotton ball
or Q-tip to
pick up the small shards of glass you
can't see easily.

Submitted by Dennis Draper

Hints and Tips

Simple Things

By Tom Kolb, Frederick, MD

Give to me the simple things in life
That doesn't cost so much,
Things that're really here to stay
That have a lasting touch.

Give me mountains that touch the sky,
The dogwood trees in bloom,
And a flock of wild geese flying by
Against the autumn moon.

Give me sunsets, red and gold,
In the twilight evening hour,
And a memory I can hold
Like a lovely flower.

Give me the stars to show the way
Through the gentle night,
And give me the dawn of another day
And the spell of morning light

Give me a God that I can love
And a heaven for me to find,
With showers of blessings
from above
And a perfect peace of mind.

Submitted by Olive Kline



By PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER

WORSHIP *in* AUGUST



I give thanks for those who helped with Vacation Bible School this year; for those who led worship while I was on vacation; and for those who helped with the recent Ice Cream Social and Balloon Launch. I also give thanks to everyone who has helped over the years with our pavilion building project. Isn't it beautiful! The Ice Cream Social was the first time we used the pavilion.

Wasn't the Ice Cream Social a great event this year — fellowship, food, the launching of the balloons, delicious ice cream, and music by the *Works in Progress* community praise band.

It was wonderful to see so many of the congregation, their extended families, and our friends and neighbors from the surrounding community.

As we begin August, I hope you will have an opportunity to enjoy some rest and relaxation. Our schedules vary. Our ways of resting vary. Whatever way works best for you, I hope you'll make it a priority. After creating all that is, God rested. God desires that we take time to rest also.

As August progresses, it is natural for us to begin thinking about our schedules for the fall and our priorities. I ask that you please make involvement in your church family a priority for yourselves and your children — to be generous in the giving of your time and talents.

Asking yourself these questions will help: What are my talents? What ministry at Salem will I be actively involved in and what small group will I regularly attend? What events will I help make happen? Is this a time when I feel God's leading to serve in a different area? Is this a time when I need to step back and take some rest?

Please make your support of your church family a conscious, deliberate decision. It's been my experience that when I show up and participate and serve, God has blessed me greatly. May God Bless you!

During August, we continue our *Fruit of the Spirit* Summer Sermon Series.

August 5 – Holy Communion
Fruit of the Spirit Sermon Series
"Goodness"

3 John 11b reads, "Anyone who does what is good is from God." The following rule has guided many. It was the benediction used after each of our Confirmation Classes at Salem this year: "Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can" (John Wesley's Rule). It continues to be a helpful rule for those who seek to do good.

August 12
Fruit of the Spirit Sermon Series
"Faithfulness"

The foundation of our faith is God's faithfulness to us. The moving hymn goes "Great is Thy Faithfulness, O God my Father, there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be. Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!" God asks us to accept his faith in us and make it our own for God and for the world.

August 19
Fruit of the Spirit Sermon Series
"Gentleness"

Gentle doesn't mean weak. My father was gentle and one of the most courageous men I've known. At Salem, we have a "Covenant of Christian Conduct" that serves as a framework to model healthy, appropriate, Christ-like relationships. The

fifth clause of the covenant reads, "We will gently challenge each other with the truth." In Galatians 6:1, the Apostle Paul instructs, "My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourself are not tempted." We can do both — strive to live righteously and treat each other gently.

August 26
Fruit of the Spirit Sermon Series
"Self-Control"

God asks us to be in control of the way we treat others. We can learn to stop and think and consider the consequences before we speak and act. God gave us human emotions, including anger. Our emotions are legitimate and need to be expressed, but in such a way that is not harmful to others. Jesus was angry when he overturned tables and began driving out those who were buying and selling in the temple — then just days later, he gave his life for all human beings, including the merchants and moneychangers who had been the subject of his anger. God loves us and does not harm us. God calls us to love and do no harm one another.

An appeal to help the children of our community

I want to take a moment to appeal for your help. Our Monday Hero's Club ministry is doing great work to support the children and families of our community. We have an opportunity to expand that ministry by supplying volunteers to assist the Extended Learning Opportunities (ELO) program, held 3:30-4:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday at Wolfsville Elementary School (WES).

The ELO program is led by the WES teachers and staff and provides extra academic help to WES students. By volunteering for the ELO program, we have the opportunity on Tuesday through Friday to continue to help some of the same children that attend Hero's Club on Monday.

Please consider volunteering one or more days at Hero's Club and the ELO program. Let's take this opportunity to help the children of our community.

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





Hero's Club Salem's After School Ministry

The fall semester begins
September 10, 2012

GEARING UP FOR HERO'S CLUB 2012-2013

■ By Amanda Hawkins

The first day of Hero's Club for the 2012-2013 school year is MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10! We are looking forward to a fun and exciting year, with music, Bible lessons, crafts, homework help, service projects, and more!

Meeting on Mondays

Hero's Club meets on Mondays from 3:30-6:00 p.m. when school is in session, and is open to students pre-K through 5th grade. Students attending Wolfsville Elementary are walked over to Salem Church, and parents of students attending neighboring schools may drop off students at Salem at 3:45 p.m.

APPLICATIONS for student enrollment and student helpers are available online at www.SalemChurchWolfsville.org

Middle and High School Students May Apply to be Helpers

We are looking for middle and high school age helpers. Transportation for helpers may be available from Middletown Middle and High Schools, or from Myersville— let us know if this would help you help us!

To obtain a copy of the student enrollment form, or the application for student helpers, visit the Salem Church website at:

www.SalemChurchWolfsville.org. Click on the Hero's Club icon on the front page.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Pastor Bob.

Please pray:

That many children, who need it most, will come to Hero's Club.

That God will strengthen the leadership of Hero's Club and sustain our adult and student assistants, helping us to be the hands and feet of Jesus to the children and their families.

That God will raise up additional help to assist with transportation, crafts, and special activities.

That our grant request (due soon!) to the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church, is approved for 2013.

Thank you and God bless!

Bishop Schol reassigned to Greater New Jersey Area: Bishop Matthews comes to Baltimore- Washington Conference

July 20, 2012

Dear Sisters and Brothers of the Baltimore-Washington Conference,

I give thanks to God daily for you and your ministry. I learned today that my new assignment will be the bishop of the Greater New Jersey Area starting September 1, 2012.

Your new bishop on September 1 will be Bishop Marcus Matthews. Bishop Matthews is known to many in the Baltimore-Washington Conference where he served as a pastor, Council Director and District Superintendent. He will lead you well during this next quadrennium.

As Beverly and I anticipate serving in the Greater New Jersey Area, it is not without the recognition of all that we will miss in the Baltimore-Washington Conference.

We have enjoyed the opportunity to serve the Baltimore-Washington Conference. God is doing a great work through you and we have been blessed to work with you. Beverly and I will always remember our time with you with deep gratitude and fondness. You have nur-



Bishop
John Schol



Bishop
Marcus Matthews

tered our faith, shared with us gracious hospitality and faithfully supported us during our ministry. Your words and kindness have sustained us in our ministry and we love each of you.

Through God's strength and providence, we have accomplished a great deal together. The Baltimore-Washington Conference and its people are a blessing. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you and may God bless you and the Baltimore-Washington Conference in your future ministry.

I invite you to pray for Bishop Marcus and Barbara Matthews as they complete their ministry in Upper New York and begin their ministry with you on September 1, 2012. Keep the faith!

John and Beverly Schol

Senior Citizens Group forming at Salem

■ By Dawn Nelson



Come join the Salem United Methodist Church *Young at Heart Friends* Senior Citizens group. We are a Christian-based group that welcomes people from our community, ranging from age 50 (Junior Senior) to as old as a person can grow! We will support each other in prayer, surround each other with Christian love, and assist each other in growing forward in our Christian faith.

There will be a fellowship luncheon that gathers the group together on the second Wednesday of each month for food, fun and fellowship. A small fee of \$3 is requested to offset our costs.

Additionally, the group will occasionally visit a site or location that is of common interest. In addition to the monthly fellowship, we will sponsor an annual Christmas party. All are welcome to share in the fellowship of this fun and exciting group where age is no barrier to enjoying oneself.

Mark your calendar for September 12th for our first gathering. For more information, contact Mary Alice Shankle 301-293-2890 or Dawn Nelson 301-293-9988.



The CREATION experience • The CREATION experience • The CREATION experience

■ By Christopher Leatherman

My first time experience at Creation in 2012 was fantastic. It was a time of fellowship and worship. I really liked the bands that were playing at Creation a lot. I'd like to thank Salem United Methodist Church for paying most of the money for my ticket. I had fun at the Redemption Tournament that I entered. Although I lost, I had a good time. The most fun thing I did at Creation was the tarp run. A tarp run is where you bring your tarp to the main stage at about 5:00 in the morning. Then when the horn blows you walk out in the middle to get the best spot at the main stage. When Owen and I did it on the first and last day, we got good spots.

■ By Camden Raynor

Friends at Salem,

The Creation Music Festival was a wonderful time of fellowship and fun for every member who attended, and made sure we had fun activities for all ages, from seasoned veterans to newcomers. What really struck me as an exciting and interesting part of creation was the diversity of how each individual expresses their own faith. Some are more private, but others love to just drop down and pray right in the grass! I think this is just a great testimony from God showing how all people of every personality and differences find something just for them at Creation. That was a blessing to see and hear from our own members and from the thousands of others who came to worship Christ with us. Overall, the Creation experience was a fantastic time to grow in faith and cultivate friendships with friends who came as well. I look forward to spending many more Creations with Salem!



■ By Dawn Nelson

My sincere thanks to Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer for making my experience at Creation a blessed time! Thanks also to the church for helping to offset our cost.

Sue Ellen made sure our stay was a comfortable one. She provided an outdoor shower with water heated by the sun. She made sure the kids got their baths, which after a hot day they needed it! She shopped and prepared our food each night. She put up a tent for the boys/men and blew up their mattress to ensure their comfort. She made sure one of us was up bright and early (5:30 a.m.) to make the run to the field to lay down our tarp for where we would sit that day. She knew how to start up that generator to get the air conditioner going in the trailer. She made sure we had plenty of cold water to drink. She had so much energy that she would even walk 10 steps ahead of us walking to worship. She amazed me and others! But through this tough and courageous person, I found one weakness—lightning and thunder! We had two bad storms come through our camp and I have never seen a person jump so high! All were safe and protected by the true dedication of Sue Ellen's leadership.

Pastor Bob, thank you too for going out of your comfort zone. He went down in front of the stage with Owen for a concert of screaming, jumping young people. It will be a moment that will last with Owen, knowing his Pastor experienced that with him! It was nice to see Pastor Bob mentor and connect with the youth on this trip. That will leave a lasting impression on those young lives.

It had been a while since I attended Creation—it was when my daughter was at the age of her children now. I forgot what the purpose of this event was... it was to present the Gospel through music, teaching and any other creative means so that those attending will be drawn to salvation and discipleship in Christ.

We came together by the thousands (70,000) to "Give Tribute to Our Creator". What an awesome event to see our young people accept Christ one night. We walked with them to a prayer tent where thousands descended to show their newly love for Christ. I just wish that, next year, more young and old will take advantage of this experience. Thank you for this truly blessed memory!





Scenes from the **ICE CREAM SOCIAL & BALLOON LAUNCH**

Sunday, July 22, 2012

Photos by Marilyn Leatherman, Michael Burrier, Wanda Barkdoll, Lacy Hill & Bill Burrier



Gary Barkdoll and Phyllis Beall helped to serve the fried chicken.



A long line forms to fill our plates with delicious food.



Polly Doyle & Doris Fogle found a good seat to enjoy the delicious food.



Caroline Buhrman holds her balloon— waiting for the big launch.



Vernon Stottlmyer & Joe Hawkins used a large tank of helium to fill the balloons.



Sue Ellen Stottlmyer collects last minute balloon cards.



Vicki & Ali Robinson hold their balloons while volunteers distribute them to everyone.



The crowd assembles on the parking lot to receive instructions about the launch.



After a count of 1-2-3, 200 balloons with their cards headed skyward.



Marilyn Leatherman enjoys the ice cream donated by South Mountain Creamery.



Music was provided by *Works in Progress* Community Praise Band.



Bob & Petie Stup served fresh popcorn from their popper as Sarah Burrier watches.

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How to get to Heaven?



I was testing the children in my Sunday School class to see if they understood the concept of getting to heaven.

I asked them, "If I sold my house and my car, had a big garage sale and gave all my money to the church, would that get me into Heaven?"

"No!" the children answered.

"If I cleaned the church every day, mowed the yard, and kept everything neat and tidy, would that get me into Heaven?"

Again, the answer was, "No!"

By now I was starting to smile. Hey, this was fun!

"Well, then, if I was kind to animals and gave candy to all the children, and loved my husband, would that get me into Heaven?"

Again, they all answered, "No!"

I was just bursting with pride for them... Well, I continued, "Then how can I get into Heaven?"

A five-year-old boy shouted out, "You gotta be dead."

—Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

Some thoughts to ponder . . .

Trusting in and listening to God brings peace and hope which help us to feel the love of our Lord.

Although disagreement is inevitable and forgiveness is hard, forgiveness brings inner healing and peace.

Often we feel anxious. Yet, God gives comfort as we live with an attitude of praying without ceasing.

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