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Gary and Wanda Barkdoll dipped ice cream at the recent **Ice Cream Social**. More photos on page 9

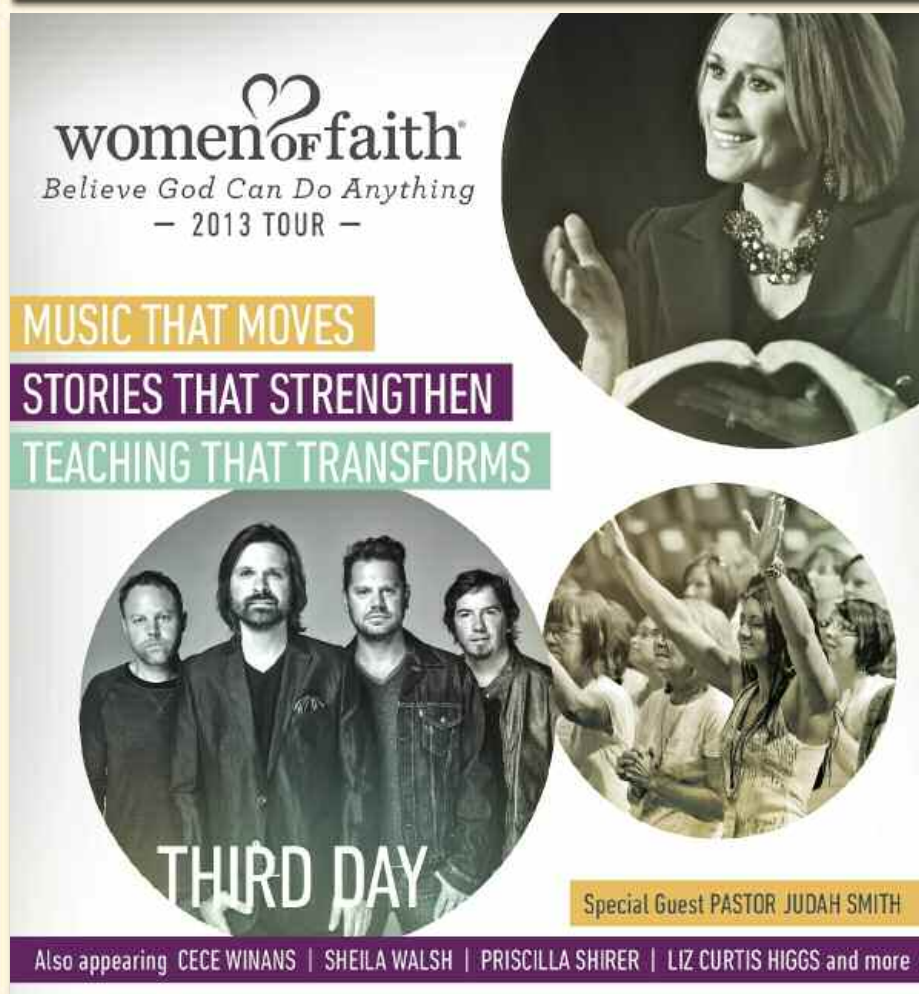
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Salem is planning to attend Women of Faith



Contact: Donna Snyder

Friday & Saturday, August 16-17 — at Verizon Center, Washington, DC



women²of faith
Believe God Can Do Anything
— 2013 TOUR —

MUSIC THAT MOVES
STORIES THAT STRENGTHEN
TEACHING THAT TRANSFORMS

THIRD DAY

Special Guest PASTOR JUDAH SMITH

Also appearing CECE WINANS | SHEILA WALSH | PRISCILLA SHIRER | LIZ CURTIS HIGGS and more

Coming up . . .  Saturday, Sept. 14, 2013 4:00-9:00 p.m.
Wolfsville Ruritan Park
 Music by: Works In Progress Community Praise Band and Randy Sowers
 Rain or Shine
 Always the Second Saturday in September
 Benefit: Salem Building & Improvement Fund

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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-June | 2013 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 | \$350 | 0% |
| 3 | Salem Mission & Outreach Supports needs as determined by Salem | — | \$2,486.04 | \$1,180 | 211% |
| 4 | Salem Food Pantry Open every Tuesday 6:00-7:00 p.m. | — | \$1,150.06 | \$1,180 | 97% |
| 5 | Mary E. - Africa Inland Mission Working in Tanzania, Africa | \$85 | \$625.00 | \$1,020 | 61% |
| 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 | \$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 | \$2,000 | 0% |
| 11 | Ronnie & Angi Hopkins The Mission Society - Mission Work in Nicaragua | \$64 | \$395.00 | \$768 | 51% |
| 12 | Care Net Pregnancy Center 707 N. Market Street, Frederick, MD | \$64 | \$452.00 | \$768 | 59% |
| 13 | Compassion International Sponsored child in India | \$38 | \$357.00 | \$972 | 37% |
| 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 | — | \$2,477.66 | \$300 | 826% |

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 Mission & Outreach

Wolfe Trailer Fire on Ridenour Road
Salem Mission Project No. 3

We are very grateful to have people who are willing to go out of their way to help someone in need. You all don't even know us and you still helped us out in our time of need; and we hope you don't, but if it should come to pass that one of you should need help in any way, we would be more than willing to help you in any way we can. We thank everyone for all the donations (mixing bowls, cutting boards, cookie tins, serving bowls, large spaghetti pot, paring knives, silverware, the box of dishes, the cleaning supplies, the storage bowls, dish cloths, oven mitts and pot holders, lights and microwave) they were all needed— if we missed anything we are sorry. We have a friend who recently moved and didn't need the stove and refrigerator that was in their old place, so they sold them to us at a cheaper price than what it would have been new, so we no longer need those items. The check from Salem for \$385.00 went toward those items and some of the small items that we needed to rebuild our kitchen. We can't thank you enough for all your help.

God Bless, *Chris, Kasandra, Logan and Alex*



SALEM MISSION PROJECTS

MISSIONS is the MISSION of the CHURCH*Salem Mission Project No. 1***A Letter from Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer • Retired Senegal Missionaries**

July 2, 2013 —

Dear Folks at Salem
United Methodist Church:

We want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your financial support and prayer support for us.

We trust that you are doing well and that God is blessing in the ministries of the church.

Nancy and I remain in good health overall. We're still doing pretty much the same things we've been doing since "retirement".

Nancy usually does volunteer work three days a week at the Hagerstown Rescue Mission; she also visits several shut-ins, helps at church, does some sewing for friends, and other things.

Frank continues to do some repair and other projects for friends, does mowing in several places, serves on the board of our home church, teaches an adult Sunday school class, helps with visitation, serves on the board of elders & deacons of our home church and as treasurer, and serves on the FBC mission committee.

As far as our family, our son-in-law, Lynn Harney, continues to minister at the Hagerstown Rescue Mission as well as working at FedEx a few hours at night. Wanda does home-schooling of their youngest son. Their daughter, Keshia, graduated from high school and is enrolled to attend Messiah College this

fall. Their oldest son is married and has two children. They are living in California. Their next son is 23 and lives with his parents while he takes some college courses and works at a security job locally.

Eric, Wendy are on a short leave from Senegal. The village elders told them they must stop the evangelistic teaching to the Badyaranké people that Eric had begun. It was a very stressful and difficult time for all of that missionary team. The team decided to go on a short leave in their home countries. They plan to return to Senegal in early October and just inform the village that they plan to re-start the teaching. The village elders are under much pressure from Muslim leaders to not give permission for the teaching, but they are unlikely to tell them again that they cannot teach since most of the people of the village want to hear the teaching. Please make this a special matter of prayer.

Eric & Wendy's daughter, Jessica, was married June 22nd. Their son, Jason, is looking to the Lord as to whether he should get a job and remain in the U.S. or return to Senegal for another year to help in the work there. Their youngest daughter, Tara, will be a senior this school year.

Rebecca also is part of the team ministering to the Badyaranké people. She is living with us while on leave; planning to return to that work in early October.



Please pray for her as she takes meetings in supporting churches, helps at our home church, helps at camp, etc.

Gary, Lisa & family serve at the New Tribes Mission center for retired missionaries in Florida. Gary is mostly involved in grounds work and Lisa is involved in meal preparation and office work. Another important part of their ministries is seeking to be a blessing to the "retirees"; most of whom are still much involved in ministries locally. Gary, Lisa & family have been living with us since mid-June taking some meetings in supporting churches, visiting friends, etc. They plan to return to their ministries by mid-July. We are enjoying having most of our family here or nearby these weeks.

Thank you again for the vital part you have in our lives, the lives of our family, and those to whom we all minister.

Joyfully in Christ,
Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer

*Salem Mission Project No. 4***Salem Food Pantry "Update"**

■ By Dawn Nelson

Frederick County is one of the wealthiest counties in Maryland with a median family income over \$80,000 a year. Unfortunately, 23,958 people or 10% of the population in Frederick County live in poverty or on the edge of poverty. The majority of these people are families with children.

[Statistics provided by City-County Data.]

Our church should be proud of our Food Pantry Ministry. This last quarter (April-June) we served 170 people through giving out 980 pounds of food in zip code areas 21783, 21773 and 21740.

We recently compiled this information for the Maryland Food Bank, as it is a

requirement for us to purchase discounted food there. The Maryland Food Bank needs to know the people we are serving so they are able to obtain grant money/donations to stay in business.

Running our Food Pantry at Salem took 33 volunteer hours to serve families this past quarter. I could not have done it without the continued help from Anna Mae Buhrman and Nancy Ferguson. Our families know us now and they feel comfortable sitting around and visiting prior to leaving.

Recently the U. S. House of Representatives approved a stripped-down Farm Bill that included Federal nutrition assistance programs. These cuts



will give less to those families that require food stamps. The Frederick County Religious Coalition believes that we will see an increase to our food banks and food pantries due to these cuts, so please keep our families and our ministry in your prayers!



Attendance & Offerings

JUNE 2013

| | Worship* | | Sunday School | |
|-----------|----------|------------|---------------|----------|
| June 2 - | 80 | \$2,134.34 | 57 | \$381.00 |
| June 9 - | 98 | 1,912.00 | 69 | 153.00 |
| June 16 - | 94 | 1,638.00 | 68 | 156.50 |
| June 23 - | 91 | 1,632.00 | 61 | 151.60 |
| June 30 - | 68 | 1,443.00 | 50 | 102.75 |

*Worship attendance & offerings include both worship services.

- **Missions:** \$1,128.33
- **Building & Imp. Fund:** \$228.33
- **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 |
| June | 86 | 61 |
| May | 87 | 58 |
| Apr | 90 | 62 |
| Mar | 101 | 62 |
| Feb | 92 | 61 |
| Jan | 91 | 57 |

Average Attendance Jan-June 2013
 Sunday Worship: 91
 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

Ronald Lucas, of Hedgesville, West Virginia, who works full time at the Hagerstown Community College, recently restriped the church parking lot and the pavilion parking lot. He did the work for a discounted price of \$400. His price normally would have been over \$700 but he wanted to give the church the discounted price as a donation. The only other price I received was for \$1,125, so even his normal price would have been



considerably less. I think Mr. Lucas deserves a great amount of credit for his generosity towards our church.

Wolfsville/Myersville CROP Hunger Walk planned for September 22

■ By Fonda Gormer

The time for the CROP Hunger Walk is fast approaching! The 5-mile walk along area roads is scheduled for September 22nd at 1:30 p.m., with registration beginning at Salem at 1 p.m.

Look for more details in next month's newsletter.



Photo from last year's CROP Walk



Remember our Memorial and Endowment 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

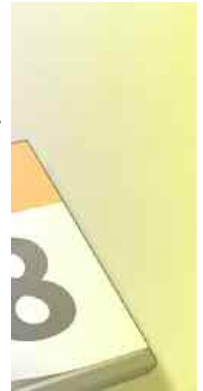


Aug

Calendar of Events

- Thu 1 UMW Bee-lievers meeting** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
Board of Trustees meeting - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
Thu 8 Administrative Council - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
Sat 10 Faith Builders Pool Party - 4:00 p.m. at the Raynor's home
Fri-Sat 16-17 Women of Faith - at the Verizon Center, Washington, DC

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



Newsletter Distribution

- E-Mail** — We are currently sending this newsletter to 184 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.

Bee-lievers to meet August 1st



By Fonda Gormer

After a month's break, the Bee-lievers will meet for their regular business meeting on Thursday, August 1, at 7 p.m. in the church social area.

Food item prices for the Lord's Acre Festival will be discussed, along with other plans for the festival. Please join us for an evening of planning and fellowship.

It's time to join the Board of Child Care Auxiliary



By Betty Brandenburg

It's time for our annual Cumberland-Hagerstown District Board of Child Care Auxiliary membership drive. The membership dues are only \$2.00 per year, and will be collected at Salem the first two Sundays in August.

All of the dues and any contributions beyond the \$2.00 will be used to benefit the children at the Board of Child Care campuses, which are operated by the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Campuses are located in Baltimore, Falling Waters, West Virginia, and the Eastern Shore of Maryland, where they care for homeless or abused children.

Salem Youth Group selects child from Colombia

For many years, Salem has been supporting two children through Compassion International. One of our sponsored children recently left the program, leaving a vacancy to be filled. Salem's youth, while attending Creation in June, selected a new child through World Vision. Her name is Yurley Paola, age 10, living in Colombia.



Yurley Paola
Colombia

Yurley lives with her grandmother, 2 brothers, and 1 sister. Her grandmother struggles to provide for the family.

She is growing up in a poor community in Colombia. Rice, beans and banana

are typical of the local diet. World Vision recently expanded its efforts in Colombia to help families in some communities recover from a devastating earthquake. Homes here are made of wood, cement and scrap material. The soil is volcanic and the temperatures are mild.

She is in primary school and she enjoys mathematics. She helps at home by making the beds. She likes to play with dolls. She is in satisfactory health.

Our sponsorship commitment will help provide Yurley and her community with school fees, scholarships, health care, special-needs care and improved nutrition. Through Christian witness, these precious families will have a chance to know the love and grace of God.

Kids learn tools to stand strong for God at VBS

By Fonda Gormer

During the week of July 8 through 12, a group of community children ages 3-12 met for "Kingdom Rocks" Vacation Bible School. While the number of participants was smaller than in years past, the group enjoyed the music, Bible stories, crafts, bountiful refreshments and the always popular kickball games.

Through the story of David and Psalm 23, they learned that God's love helps them stand strong. Esther and Mordecai taught them that family and friends help them stand strong. The example of Nehemiah persevering to rebuild the wall around Jerusalem showed the children how prayer helps them stand strong. From the story of Jesus' death and resurrection, they discovered how trusting God can help them stand strong. On the last day, the story of King Josiah's discovery of God's Word brought home the point that the Bible helps them stand strong for God.

Thirteen children and 11 adults were

involved in this year's VBS. The enthusiasm of those attending made up for the small size. The children are already planning to attend next year, and for the future when they can "help" with VBS. The offerings for the week will be donated to Middletown Valley People Helping People. Thank you to everyone who helped with VBS in any way.

The VBS tradition has existed in Wolfsville since the mid-1950's, initially as a function of Salem under the pastorate of Rev. John Schildt, then later as a project of Salem, St. Mark's Lutheran Church and the Wolfsville Ruritan Club.

Pray for this program, that more children might be involved next year. It is a ministry that reaches children and families that may not be involved in a local church community. I welcome any suggestions that you may have to help the program grow. Feel free to contact me at 301-293-2436.

[See VBS photo on page 6.]

Who's Doing What, When?

AUGUST

9:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Lay Reader

4 - Fonda Gormer
11 - Wanda Barkdoll
18 - Mary Cline
25 - Robin Haupt

Ushers

4 - Dick Kline & Steve Leatherman
11 - Vernon Stottlemeyer & Robin Haupt
18 - Donald Stottlemeyer & Meredith Harshman
25 - Philip Koons & Brandon Leatherman

Organist

4 - Susan Koons
11 - Susan Koons
18 - Joann Leatherman
25 - Susan Koons

Greeters

4 - Bill & Darlene Burrier
11 - Dennis & Ruth Draper
18 - Steve & Joann Leatherman
25 - George, Barbie & Matt Stottlemeyer

Acolytes

4 - Paul McCormick
11 - Jadie Buhrman
18 - Kenslie Buhrman
25 - 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

6 - Adam & Rachel Stottlemeyer
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
21 - Valentina Barkdoll
24 - Rhea Poling
26 - Kenslie Buhrman
28 - Curtis Nelson
30 - Camilo Barkdoll

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.

Photo by Tracey Gormer



An enthusiastic group attended this year's Wolfsville Community Vacation Bible School at St. Mark's Lutheran. In the photo above, the three designated "music leaders" in the front row, led the group in music during opening devotions. Front row from left are Payton Robinson, Josie Rippeon, and Darcy Gormer. Second row, Shelby Rippeon, and back row, Noah Tavares. The kids really enjoyed the music— following it from a projected video.

Holy Communion

August 4, 2013

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



Photo from last year's Lord's Acre Festival



September 8, 2012

BULLETIN BOARD
with a message

**LIFE ISN'T TIED
WITH A BOW,
BUT IT'S STILL A GIFT**

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman



INSPIRATIONAL Reading

Beauty

Author Unknown

Make your world beautiful!

Begin with just the simplest things:
A word to speak, a song to sing,
A room to clean, a note to write,
A heart to heal, a lamp to light.



To guide some footsteps through the night.
Be kind to one you thought unkind.
Give selflessly and you will find
A rainbow at the journey's end.

Make your world beautiful!
Awake to beauty. Become aware
Of all the good in which you share,
The love that around you lies . . .
And you will see with glad surprise

How close you live to paradise!

Summertime Peace

By Arthur Thatcher

The peace of summer rests upon the field . . .
It is apparent with the day's first light
And lingers on through all the sunny hours,
Until replaced by gentleness of night.

The peace of summer brings a robe of green
To growing corn, and for the fields of wheat,
A golden garment covering the land
To where one sees the earth and skyline meet.

The peace of summer brings a perfect calm . . .
The mighty trees in woodlands seem to sleep
With branches waiting for a stirring breeze,
Until some zephyrs o'er the landscape creep.

The peace of summer has a restful touch . . .
No matter if some fear or worry chides,
For nature speaks a language of her own
To tell mankind of One who still abides.

EVERY YEAR of my life I grow more convinced
that it is wisest and best to fix our attention on the
beautiful and the good, and dwell as little as possible
on the evil and the false. —Cecil

NATURE is man's teacher. She unfolds her treasures
to his search, unseals his eye, illumines his mind,
and purifies his heart; an influence breathes from
all the sights and sounds of her existence. —Street

THERE IS however a true music of nature—the
song of the birds, the whisper of leaves, the ripple
of waters upon a sandy shore, the wail of wind or
sea. —John Lubbock



RECIPE



PEACH COBBLER

- | | |
|--|----------------------------|
| 1/2 cup sugar | 1 cup all-purpose flour |
| 1 tablespoon cornstarch | 1 tablespoon sugar |
| 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon | 1/2 teaspoon baking powder |
| 4 cups sliced peaches (about 6 medium) | 1/2 teaspoon salt |
| 1 teaspoon lemon juice | 1/2 cup milk |
| 3 tablespoons shortening | |

Heat oven to 400 degrees. Mix 1/2 cup sugar, the cornstarch and cinnamon in 2-quart saucepan. Stir in peaches and lemon juice. Cook, stirring constantly, until mixture thickens and boils. Boil and stir 1 minute. Pour into ungreased 2-quart casserole; keep peach mixture hot in oven.

Cut shortening into flour, 1 tablespoon sugar, the baking powder and salt until mixture resembles fine crumbs. Stir in milk. Drop dough by 6 spoonfuls onto hot peach mixture.

Bake until topping is golden brown, 25 to 30 minutes. Serve warm. Makes 6 servings.

Note: If using self-rising flour, omit baking powder and salt.

Submitted by Mary Alice Shankle



Delphiniums

By Barbara Waitt Mueck

Shooting skyward with brilliant hue,
They dare me to turn away . . .
I watch entranced their regal grace,
As with the breeze they gently sway.

In shades of purple, white or blue
Their colors are not rare.
They have no fragrance harsh or sweet,
But still I linger there.

What draws me to these lofty spires
Of beauty in the sun?
They have the strength to stand apart
Above the common ones.

Let heaven and earth praise Him,
the seas and everything
that moves in them.

—Psalm 69:34

Our Christian Sympathy to...

Kathy & Jim Laky & Family,
upon the death of Kathy's father,
Robert E. Long, 82, of
McDonough, Georgia; leaving
behind a legacy of laughter and
love, went to be with our
Heavenly Father on June 22, 2013.

The Long-Laky Family would
like to thank everyone for their
prayers and cards. Your love and
caring was truly felt by all of us.

Jim, Kathy, Diana and Kaitlyn Laky

Our Christian Sympathy to...

Brenda & Randy Freysz &
Family, upon the death of
Brenda's mother, **Doris M.
McDonnell**, 76, of Myersville, on
July 1, 2013.

Nature

By Richard Jefferies

If you wish your children to think
deep thoughts, to know the holiest
emotions, take them to the woods
and hills, and give them the freedom
of the meadows; the hills purify
those who walk upon them.

Spending quiet time with God
can bring quiet rest from God.



By PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER

Pastor's Notes — ...Worship in August

“As you make decisions and commitments, please keep church at the top of your list. Make attendance at worship, and active participation with your church family a high priority.”

.....
a rich relationship with God.

August 11 Luke 12:32-40 “Watchfulness”

Verse 35 begins, “Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning...” Last week we looked at the importance of building a rich relationship with God over time. A key part of that relationship-building is keeping alert and ready to serve when the Lord’s call comes.

There is the story of the pastor who is annoyed when a knock comes at his door. The preacher had gone into his study hoping for uninterrupted time to prepare for tonight’s meeting. Reluctantly he answers, listens to the person’s story, and for the rest of the morning and in the coming days provides the needed care.

We have our schedule, but it is not always the Lord’s schedule. God calls upon us to be flexible enough to watch and respond to his call to serve.

August 18 – Blessing of the Backpacks Luke 12:49-56 “Not Peace but Division”

Jesus exclaimed, “I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! (Luke 12:49).

God came to live among us to bring about radical change. God wants the world returned to the way it was originally given to us – overflowing with peace, hope, and joy.

Jesus was sent to usher in this Kingdom of God, a kingdom which is completely fulfilled when Jesus comes

again at the end of time.

But we are not to miss this important reality – the Kingdom of God on earth has already begun and we are its current subjects. Our Lord expects that we will be his arms and legs helping him build the kingdom in our time and place – it is an expectation held out to all Christians past, present, and future.

We are the Lord’s kingdom-builders. Jesus invites us to be able to say at the end of our lives, “Lord, I was your helper.”

August 25 Luke 13:10-17 “A Crippled Woman Healed on the Sabbath”

The NIV translation of the Bible gives this passage the title, “A Crippled Woman Healed on the Sabbath.”

Why not just “A Crippled Woman Healed” – wouldn’t a miraculous healing done by Jesus be significant in itself? Why name the day?

Perhaps “on the Sabbath” is included to point to the lesson Jesus teaches in this story. The religious leaders of Jesus’ time “were indignant because Jesus healed on the Sabbath,” a day no work was to be done (Luke 13:14a).

They asserted, “There are six days for work. So come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath” (Luke 13:14b).

It wasn’t that Jesus didn’t respect the Sabbath and cease to work on the Sabbath. Jesus healed the woman because she was in need, she was in his presence, and he had the ability to heal her.

In doing so, Jesus sets the example for us. We find ways not to withhold care but to stay alert to opportunities to love and care for others as Jesus loves and cares for us.

Medicine Chest

- For the blues, read Psalm 27.
- For an empty purse, read Psalm 37.
- If discouraged about work, read Psalm 128.
- If people seem unkind to you, read John 15.
- If you cannot have your own way, read James 3
- If you are all out of sorts, read Hebrews 12
- For a traveling companion, read Psalm 121
- If you are losing confidence in people, read 1 Corinthians 13.

This year, Frederick County Public Schools start earlier, on Monday, August 19th. For many, the beginning of the school year is the time we are establishing priorities and schedules that will be kept largely in place for the remainder of the school year.

As you make decisions and commitments, please keep church at the top of your list. Make attendance at worship, and active participation with your church family a high priority.

The example you set for your children and grandchildren will greatly influence their own future commitment to Christ and the church.

Salem offers both traditional and contemporary-style worship. We offer many opportunities to grow in faith and service, and we are a loving, caring church family. Please take advantage of these opportunities; commit to helping with them and with helping our church family discern new ways Christ might be calling upon us to invite others, help each other grow, and serve the needs of others.

Have a great rest of the summer and a great start to the new school year.

God Bless, *Pastor Bob*

August 4 – Holy Communion Luke 12:13-21

“The Parable of the Rich Fool”

Jesus tells this parable to one who seems to have his priorities mixed up. Jesus looks into his heart and sees his greed and how it rules his life.

The man in Jesus’ parable says to himself, “You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take it easy; eat, drink, and be merry” (12:19).

His outlook causes him to store up treasure on earth. He tries to depend on his earthly riches instead of building a rich relationship with God. That night the man dies unprepared, still depending upon his earthly possessions.

Jesus ends the parable with these words, “This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God” (12:23).

Now is the time for us to be building



Scenes from the
ICE CREAM SOCIAL & BALLOON LAUNCH

Sunday, July 21, 2013

200 Balloons Launched at Salem's Ice Cream Social

Photos by Marilyn Leatherman, George Harne & Bill Burrier

LOOKING FORWARD TO GETTING THOSE YELLOW CARDS BACK

On the count of 3, the balloons headed skyward, and then immediately headed north, and when almost out of sight they seemed to be drifting westward. 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.

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

On the back of the card is a message 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*



Chris Leatherman & Camilo Barkdoll hang out together waiting for time to eat.



The kids enjoyed an oldtime sack race, a rope tug o' war, and more great games.



Jack Haddock and his grandfather Meredith Harshman wait for the balloon launch.



Cheyenne Leatherman holds Marilyn's cane.



Bill Buhrman helps distribute balloons.



George Stottlemeyer, Anita Harshman and Richard Harshman helped bring the already prepared balloons from the church social room to give to those whose names were on the yellow card.



Bob Stup served fresh delicious popcorn from his large popcorn popper.



The crowd enjoyed two sets of music by the "Works In Progress" Community Praise Band.



The crowd is ready to launch their balloons. Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer laminated the cards and Vernon Stottlemeyer got the large tank of helium to fill them.



Salem folks who attended Creation in June, some for the first time, told us about their experiences, their impressions, and the ministry.

■ Denny Leatherman

As I was driving up to Mt. Union on June 28, I was taken in by the beauty of the Pennsylvania mountains. This, I thought, is a perfect example of God's magnificent creation. Creation... how appropriate.

When I arrived, I found that the location for the Creation Festival was nestled right in the mountains, a perfect setting.

The weekend was awe-inspiring. There were many contemporary Christian bands performing that obviously touched the hearts of the thousands of Christians who attended the event.

The last band of the weekend, Skillet, put on a fantastic show and the lead singer gave a testimony of how his band always lets the audience know (whether it's a Christian or secular event) that their mission is to proclaim the gospel of Christ. On Friday night, at the end, there were candles given out to everyone and the whole hillside was awash in light. On Saturday night we were treated to a fireworks display. All in all, a fantastic weekend! —Denny

■ Wanda Barkdoll

Creation... what it means... sleep deprivation, mud, rain, hot and sweaty weather... what a better way to give tribute to God. It's all inclusive and if you have never been there, you have to try at least one time. The speakers, the bands, the messages given by the main speaker at the main stage were incredible. Thousands of people united for one main goal and it was to give tribute to GOD. There was plenty to eat, plenty to see, plenty of souvenirs to buy, and plenty of time to get closer to God due to the inspiration of the people there and the people surrounding you. And, of course, being in the company of the great members of our church and the youth and children made it more like a family getting together and enjoying this great time to get closer to God and to know each other better. Thank you Sue Ellen for dragging me there (she twisted my arm). I enjoyed it and am ready for next year. We are leaving on Tuesday night! —Wanda

■ Lily Mueller

Creation 2013 was fantastic! It was so much fun! Even with all the rain. While we were there, it probably wasn't dry for more than 6 hours. Every night when we came back from the main stage after all the bands had played, everyone was covered in mud and their shoes were completely ruined. But even if we got a little dirty, watching the bands play and the speakers talk was worth all the mud and rain.

I can't pick just one favorite part. There are too many to just pick one! One of my favorite parts of the creation experience was riding the bull. Between our tent and the main stage was a field with games, a water slide, and another stage, only smaller. Next to the water slide was an inflatable bull. Well, Chris and I had a bet on who could stay on the longest. I forget the exact seconds we were on, but I had to ask to get off. The plastic bull wasn't exactly comfortable. Also, I almost rammed my face into the head of the bull, twice! Chris ended up just falling off though. So technically I won because I didn't fall off.

Watching the bands play was also really fun. The mosh pit was so big! If you hadn't been to a concert before, like me, you probably would want to go to another because the sound and the music will blow your socks off at Creation! I found I liked most of the bands that played.

As a first timer at Creation, my impression was overwhelmingly positive. It's a great place for young people and older people to go and worship the Lord without having to listen to someone speaking—they can do it through music.

—Lily

■ Camilo Barkdoll

I had fun and I want to go back. —Camilo

■ Maria Barkdoll

It was so much fun. —Maria

■ Valentina Barkdoll

I liked it a lot. —Valentina



■ Lydia Chance

My first experience at Creation was something that I won't ever be able to forget. Not only was it a great way to get to know your fellow campers, but throughout the daily sermons and devotions, I found myself coming closer to God than I had ever been before.

I witnessed my very first concert on Wednesday afternoon, and I will always remember how amazing it felt to share those moments with the members of the Salem United Methodist Church.

I'd like to thank Sue Ellen and everyone else who helped keep us out of trouble, prepare food, and guide us in many different ways.

One of the events I enjoyed was the tarp run. I, running mostly on sheer adrenaline (due to the fact that it was at five a.m.) only went one of the days. Lily, Chris, and I, did, however, find a perfect spot. I'd also like to thank the church for being gracious enough to allow me to come along and help pay for my ticket as well. Over all, my time at Creation was an unforgettable, life changing, faith-renewing, friendship-building experience that I would love to relive again by returning next summer. —Lydia

Beautiful Creation Sky





Scenes from the **CREATION FESTIVAL • Mt. Union, PA**

Wednesday-Saturday, June 26-29, 2013

The Nation's Largest Christian Music Festival

Photos by Sue Ellen Stottleyer



Early Wednesday morning in Wolfsville... loaded up and ready to go to Creation. Others joined this group later in the week.



The group has arrived at Creation and set up camp for the 4-day event.



Relaxing at the Creation camp site... enjoying fellowship.



Time to eat! Members of the group took turns preparing meals.



The group's portable solar shower.



Enjoying ice pops to stay cool in the summer heat on the tarp at the main stage.



Hanging out in camp during a day of rain.



Part of the Creation experience is camping there for four days.

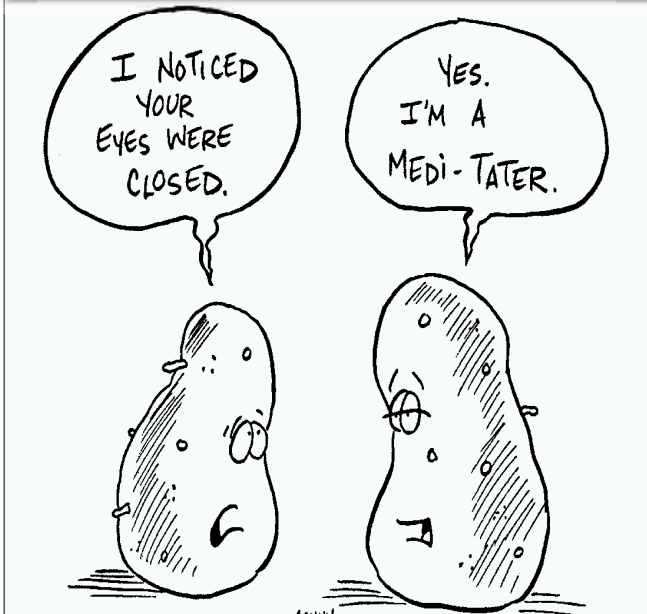


Salem's youth enjoying the music and ministry on the main stage.



Getting ready for the evening service and music.

Heavenly Humor



The Story of Moses

...as told by children after Sunday School

Moses is from a long time ago, after Adam & Eve, but before Christmas. You know, he started out as a little baby. He was born on a river and was rescued by a lady who was rushing around with some bulls. When he grew up, he freed his people who were slaves, and because they were slaves they were real skinny, and so they were called Israelites— you know, fat-free.



They all ran into the desert for 40 years and 40 nights and the sea came apart and drowned all the bad guys chasing them. Then a talking bush on fire told him to go up on the mountain to get the Ten Commandments which said stuff like: Don't eat grapes in the supermarket, or kill your brother, or bother your neighbor's wife. And all the people got so excited they stopped dancing around, and they cleaned up their act and put on some decent clothes for a change... and that's the story of Moses. Sometimes Sunday School is even better than TV.

—Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

Some thoughts to ponder . . .

When you open your Bible, ask the Author to open your heart.

The first step to receiving God's forgiveness is to admit that we need it.

God's purpose for today's events may not be seen until tomorrow.

Spiritual pride is the most arrogant of all kinds of pride.

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