



Salem United Methodist Church—Wolfsville

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set for
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53rd ANNUAL  **FREE ADMISSION
FREE PARKING
RAIN OR SHINE**

LORD'S ACRE Festival

**Saturday
Sept. 8
at 4:00 p.m.**



Wolfsville Ruritan Community Park
12708 BRANDENBURG HOLLOW ROAD

Schedule

4:00 p.m. All items go on sale

- **FOOD**
Homemade soups, sandwiches, french fries, baked goods, hand-dipped ice cream, soft drinks, coffee, iced tea, and water
- **PRODUCE**
Fresh produce donated by members and friends
- **CRAFTS & FANCY NEEDLEWORK**
Craft items & handmade fancy needlework
- **CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES**
Grab bags, cake walk
- **FLEA TABLES & PLANTS**
Used household items, books, plants, more
- **SILENT AUCTION** 4:00-7:00 p.m.
Unique & useful items
- **LIVE AUCTION** 8:00 p.m.
Featured quilt & numerous other items
Bob Grable, Auctioneer



Randy Sowers
Southern Gospel



Works In Progress
Contemporary Praise

- **MUSIC SCHEDULE**
- 4:30 Randy Sowers
- 5:00 Works In Progress
Community Praise Band
- 6:00 Works In Progress
Community Praise Band
- 7:00 Works In Progress
Community Praise Band



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 The **FEATURED QUILT**, to be sold at the 8 p.m. auction, is a traditional pieced basket design. The queen-size quilt has baskets in three sizes among a burgundy and gold star design. The baskets have embroidered handles and bouquets.

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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

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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-July	2012 Goal	% of Goal
1	Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer Retired Senegal Missionaries	\$204	\$1,428.00	\$2,448	58%
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.	—	\$809.75	\$1,180	69%
5	Mary Elmore - Africa Inland Mission Working in Tanzania, Africa	\$85	\$609.00	\$1,020	60%
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	\$770.00	\$1,320	58%
8	Potato Project Society of St. Andrew, Big Island, Virginia	\$60	\$420.00	\$720	58%
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	\$448.00	\$768	58%
12	Care Net Pregnancy Center 707 N. Market Street, Frederick, MD	\$64	\$459.00	\$768	60%
13	Compassion International Sponsored children in Ecuador & India	\$76	\$547.00	\$972	56%
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.



COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL

Sponsored Children
Salem Mission Project No. 13

Dear Salem Church:

Praise the Lord. How are you? I and all my family members are fine.

I am attending a new class and learning new things. I like English. But I can't speak fluently. What was your favorite subject? But understanding math is difficult. Please pray that I will understand math very well. Here it is very hot. Next month I will attend summer camp. I like to attend summer camp.

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

Thank you.

— Santanu Sing

New PAVILION to be DEDICATED – Sunday, September 30

■ By Bill Burrier

A Dedication Service for Salem’s new Linda M. Kline Memorial Pavilion will be held on Sunday afternoon, September 30, 2012, at 2:00 p.m.

The service will begin in Salem’s sanctuary. Along with the dedication, there will be special music and a video of the ground breaking and construction. Following the service in the sanctuary, the congregation will proceed to the pavilion for a short ceremony, followed by light refreshments and fellowship.

Linda, wife of Richard G. Kline, died December 15, 2002, at the age of 54. She was a life member of Salem Church and an active leader in the church’s ministry. She served as financial secretary for many years, a member of the choir, and treasurer of the “Bee-lievers” Women’s Group. Over the years she served on many church committees and, for several years, was coordinator of many aspects of the church’s Lord’s Acre Festival.

Nearly 10 years ago, at the time of Linda’s death, the family requested that memorial donations be made to Salem’s Building Fund, later redirected to a newly established Pavilion Fund for the future construction of a pavilion on the church grounds.

After many years of engineering work on a site plan, and striving to meet the onerous requirements of the Frederick County Government, a building permit was finally issued and a ground breaking service for the pavilion was held on March 25, 2012.

George C. Harné was the architect on the project and created the pavilion’s design; Triad Engineering Inc. of Hagerstown, did the site plan engineering work; and Brandon Leatherman was Project Manager of construction.

The day following the groundbreaking, construction began on March 26, 2012. Within a couple weeks the building was under roof. Soon the concrete floor was poured. A fireplace was added and was beautifully encased with local stone. Electrical was connected underground and trim and ceiling work completed. Picnic tables were built and painted. A mantle was donated by the Kline family for the fireplace, and above the mantle a plaque reads, “Linda M. Kline Memorial Pavilion — Dedicated 2012.”

Construction was completed in July 2012, just 4 months after it began.

Everyone is invited to the dedication.



Linda M. Kline Memorial Pavilion



Picnic tables perfectly placed in the pavilion. Stone fireplace at the end.



The memorial plaque is located above the fireplace mantle.



Attendance & Offerings

JULY 2012

		Worship*		Sunday School	
July	1	- 64	\$1,648.25	54	\$300.26
July	8	- 81	1,447.50	53	108.51
July	15	- 83	1,589.00	53	167.51
July	22	- 91	1,896.50	70	172.26
July	29	- 79	1,743.50	59	108.76

	Average Attendance	
	Worship	Sunday School
Jul	80	58
Jun	100	55
May	92	48
Apr	98	56
Mar	100	57
Feb	93	58

*Worship attendance & offerings include both worship services.

- **Missions:** \$1,138.00
- **Pavilion Fund:** \$160.00
- **Building & Imp. Fund:** \$280.00
- **Cemetery Endowment:** \$30.00

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

Average Attendance Jan-Jul 2012
 Sunday Worship: 93
 Sunday School: 56

CROP Hunger Walk set for September 23

By Fonda Gormer

Looking to make a difference in these difficult economic times, the Wolfsville/Myersville CROP Hunger Walk has set a goal of 50 walkers and \$5,000 to help stop hunger and poverty here in our community and around the world.

The CROP Hunger Walk will be held on September 23, at 1:30 p.m., with registration beginning at 1 p.m. at Salem United Methodist Church in Wolfsville.

The walk will go approximately 5 miles on Pleasant Walk Road to Dog Road to Loy Wolfe Road to Black Rock Road to Wolfsville Road back to Salem, with a checkpoint at the Ellis driveway on Loy Wolfe Road. It is a great way to enjoy a brisk fall walk in the country, as well as show concern for neighbors in need near and far.

Each walker obtains sponsors for the event, collecting money either before the walk or after. All sponsor records need to be returned to me by October 21.

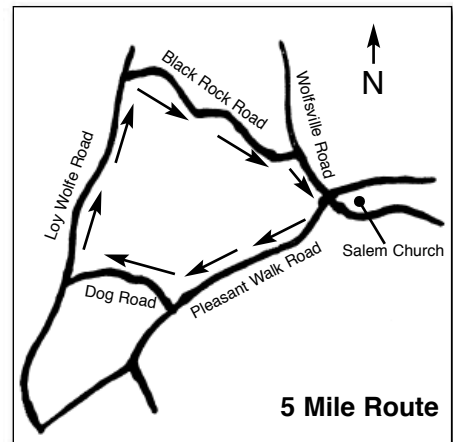
The web can also be used to raise funds; visit cropwalkonline.org to find out more.

Twenty-five percent of the funds raised by the walk will be distributed equally to the Religious Coalition for Emergency Human Needs in Frederick, the Middletown Food Bank and the Salem Food Bank.

The remainder is used by Church World Service to change the world in real and measurable ways—digging wells that will bring clean water to villages; providing seeds and tools so that people can



Wolfsville/Myersville 2012 Goals
 50 walkers • \$5,000 raised



grow their own food; helping communities and families rebuild after disasters such as floods, tornados and earthquakes; and assisting war victims as they struggle to survive in refugee camps.

Please come CROP Hunger Walk with us. Volunteer to help with registration, sponsor a walker or work those muscles with your family or friends.

For more information, to volunteer or to obtain a sponsor record, contact me at 301-293-2435, or at fonda.gormer@comcast.net.

Photos from last year's CROP Walk



Joe Hawkins with sons George & Joey



George Stottlemeyer, Petie Stup, Matt Stottlemeyer and Pastor Bob Snyder



Denny Leatherman and Camilo Barkdoll



Sept

Calendar of Events

- Wed 5 Ladies Christian Book Club** - 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Joy Young's home
- Thu 6 Board of Trustees** - 7:30 p.m. at Salem
- Sat 8 Lord's Acre Festival** - 4-9 p.m. at Wolfsville Ruritan Park
- Wed 12 Senior Citizens Luncheon** - 12 noon at Salem
- Thu 13 Administrative Council** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Sun 23 CROP Walk** - 1:00 p.m. registration at Salem, 1:30 p.m. walk begins
- Sat 29 District Ruritan Meeting & Meal** - at Salem
- Sun 30 Dedication of Pavilion** - 2:00 p.m. at Salem

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.

United Methodist Women

No Bee-lievers meeting in September

■ By Fonda Gormer

Due to the Lord's Acre Festival, the Bee-lievers will meet on August 30, at 7 p.m. in the church social area. This will be in place of the regular September meeting.

At the August 30 meeting, we will be finalizing plans for the Lord's Acre Festival, and pricing craft items for the event. If you have items to be priced, please bring them; this saves time on the day of the festival.

A hearty **THANK YOU** to everyone at Salem United Methodist Church for your generous donation [of Bible School offering] to *Middletown Valley People Helping People*. Your gift will help us continue programs for seniors and families in need. Our recent school supply drive provided materials to almost 50 students with additional materials donated to all schools in the Middletown feeder area. School counselors will distribute those materials when the need arises. —*Mary Atraits, Secretary Middletown Valley People Helping People*

Senior Citizens Luncheon

September 12, 2012

12:00 noon
at

Salem United Methodist Church

Cost: \$3.00

Come join us
for some great fellowship and fun.

The theme for our luncheon is
"Made in America"



We are encouraging those who are participating to wear clothes that were made in America. Also to bring a few items from your home that are made in America.

Please RSVP by September 9th to:

Mary Alice Shankle 301-293-2890 or
Dawn Nelson 301-293-9988.

There will also be a sign up sheet in the hallway of the church.

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 support each other in prayer, surround each other with Christian love, and assist each other in growing forward in our Christian faith.

Lord's Acre Notes



The featured quilt, a traditional pieced basket design, will be sold at the 8 p.m. auction.



A knotted comforter, pictured here, has been donated by the estate of Rosa Kline, and will be sold at the 8 p.m. auction.

Lord's Acre Silent Auction

Brenda Freysz will be in charge of the Lord's Acre silent auction again this year. If you have items to donate, please contact Brenda.

Flea Tables & Garden Corner to be combined this year

Polly Doyle and Ruth Draper will be in charge of the flea tables and plant sales. Donations of used household items (in good condition), books (with no bad language), and all types of plants are welcome.

Live Auction at 8:00 p.m.

Bob Grable will be the auctioneer at this year's auction. Bob has donated his time and auctioneer services to the Lord's Acre for many years.

Who's Doing What, When?

SEPTEMBER

9:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Lay Reader

2 - Fonda Gormer
9 - Steve Leatherman
16 - Adam Robinson
23 - Robin Haupt
30 - Mary Cline

Ushers

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

Organist

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

Greeters

2 - Richard & Anita Harshman
9 - Robin & Theresa Haupt
16 - George, Barbie, & Matt Stottlemeyer
23 - Brandon & Jessie Leatherman
30 - Bob & Petie Stup

Acolytes

2 - Ali Robinson
9 - Jadie Buhrman
16 - Jadie Buhrman
23 - Joshua Koons
30 - Ali Robinson

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!

September Anniversaries

6 - Howard & Betty Brandenburg
8 - David & Sharon Harshman
11 - H. Ronald & Judy Ellis
16 - Charles & Yvonne Reeder
17 - Steven & Joann Leatherman
20 - Mark & Hallie Burrier
26 - Bill & Caroline Buhrman
29 - Meredith & Joan Harshman
30 - Adam & Vicki Robinson

September Birthdays

2 - Dawn Brown
3 - Delores Myers
6 - Marilyn Leatherman
7 - Sarah Burrier
8 - David Harshman
8 - James Ellis
8 - Kim Bullock
9 - David Brandenburg
14 - Meredith Harshman
14 - Mary Cline
22 - Karyn Snyder
26 - Bobby Fogle
27 - Terri 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

SEPTEMBER 2, 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

READ THE BIBLE.
IT'S USER FRIENDLY, PLUS
WE OFFER TECH SUPPORT
HERE ON SUNDAYS.



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

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman



**INSPIRATIONAL
Reading**

September

By Emilee Hines



September is a rich, full-bodied month.
It's fields of new-cut hay drying fragrant
in the sun,
Trees hanging heavy with amber-colored pears,
Cicada calls at night and dewdrop-
spangled spider webs at dawn.

September is a royal month,
Moving by at leisurely, majestic pace,
Clad in deep purple ironweed and stately
goldenrod,
With brown-eyed Susans freckled on its face.

September is a time for looking back to summer,
Somehow gone without a trace,
To past Septembers when we were young,
Our schoolbooks new and our dreams
as yet uncompromised.

September is a slightly sleepy afternoon
Spent talking, shelling peas, sitting in the swing,
Being glad it's not so hot today
And maybe the grass won't have to
be cut again this year.

September is summer's last burst of harvest
And a hint of winter's coming sleep.

Recipe for Living

By Alfred Grant Walton

Some things a man must surely know
If he is going to live and grow . . .
He needs to know that life is more
Than what a man lays by in store;
That more than all he may obtain,
Contentment offers greater gain.

He needs to feel the thrill of earth,
The strength of rest, the joy of mirth;
To know the pleasure kindness brings
And all the worth of little things.

He needs to have an open mind,
A friendly heart for all mankind,
A trust in self without conceit,
And strength to rise above defeat.

He needs to have a zeal to share,
A mind to dream, a soul to dare;
A purpose firm, a will to plod,
A faith in man, a trust in God.

Do not let frustrations
take control of your emotions.



RECIPE



Apple-Black Walnut Cake

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 4 cups coarsely chopped apples | 2 cups flour |
| 2 cups sugar | 1 teaspoon salt |
| 2 eggs | 2 teaspoons baking soda |
| 1/2 cup vegetable oil | 2 teaspoons cinnamon |
| 2 teaspoons vanilla | 1 cup chopped black walnuts |

Combine chopped apples and sugar. Let stand while preparing rest of ingredients. Beat eggs slightly. Beat in oil and vanilla. Mix and sift flour, soda, cinnamon and salt. Add to liquid mixture alternately with apple-sugar mixture. Stir in walnuts. Mix well. Pour into greased and floured 9 x 13 inch pan. Bake in 350 degree oven for 1 hour.

Add frosting if desired.

Frosting:

- | | |
|--|---------------------------------|
| 1 1/2 pkg. (3 oz.) cream cheese | 3 cups sifted |
| 1 1/2 Tbsp. softened butter or margarine | confectioners' sugar |
| 1 1/2 tsp. vanilla | 1/2 cup chopped nuts (optional) |

Combine cheese, butter, vanilla. Beat with mixer at low speed until light and fluffy. Gradually add sugar, beat until fluffy. Add a little milk if too stiff.



Chrysanthemums

By Peggy Micuch

It blooms in splendor, bursting forth
Along the garden row . . .
I've even seen this stalwart soul
Outlive an early snow.

It lifts its heavy flowered head
With bold and haughty sweep,
Unmindful that the other plants
Are going off to sleep.

The bouquets of mums I gather
Stay fresh and bright for days;
They bring a sparkle to the house
That nothing else conveys.

When summer days have ended and
A chill does nip the air,
I love the bright chrysanthemum
With all its beauty rare.

I'm sure God sends chrysanthemums
To cheer us in the fall,
To help us gather strength and hope
Ere winter comes to call.



**GOODBYE
FRUIT
FLIES**

To get rid of pesky fruit flies, take a small glass, fill it 1/2" with Apple Cider Vinegar and 2 drops of dish washing liquid; mix well. You will find those flies drawn to the cup and gone forever.

Submitted by Dennis Draper

Summer Slips Away

By Edith M. Helstern

Summer is slipping away
In the beautiful days of September.
We see and smell and hear the signs
That lead us to December.

The sky seems bluer in September
And the cumulus clouds are white;
A soft purple haze shimmers
over the land
And covers the hillsides with light.

The Master's plan is evidence
Of the mystery of life today
Which man can only accept
with faith
As summertime slips away.

Kind words encourage us.



By PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER

WORSHIP in September



On August 26th, children brought their school backpacks to be blessed during worship. We pray that all children will have a great year at school. We also pray for the teachers and staff who have dedicated themselves to educating our children, and all the parents and volunteers who support them.

As the new school year begins, there are many activities and events happening here at Salem: our 53rd Annual Lord's Acre Festival, the Hero's Club after school program, our new Seniors Group, the Community CROP Walk, and the dedication of our new pavilion.

As families work together to begin a new school year, we'll launch a new sermon series focusing on healthy families. Whether you are a member or friend of Salem, come to the Lord's Acre Festival on September 8th and then come and join us for the start of this new sermon series on Sunday, September 9th. May God bless you and your families!

September 2 – Holy Communion Labor Day Sunday Clean and Unclean

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

In Jesus' day, many religious leaders measured faith in God solely by how well a person upheld the rules and regulations their leaders had put into law. Some of these rules were necessary to order daily life, but others were so impractical that few could live by them.

The people were led to believe that they were disobeying God if they could not follow each and every regulation to the letter of the law.

Jesus teaches that one's faith in God is ultimately measured by what is in a person's heart and that our thoughts, words, and actions, good or bad, come from within us. Jesus also teaches that God knows what is in our heart.

As we kneel and stand at the altar rail for communion on this Sunday, it is a good time for us to stop and ask ourselves, "What is in my heart?" No matter what the answer, Jesus will be there to help us.

September 9

Healthy Families: Loving God Psalm 18:1-3, John 4:1-26, 39-42

Today we begin a new sermon series called *Healthy Families*. We start the series looking for a model family, one we can live by. The Bible tells us in story after story that healthy families are modeled after God's love for us.

Out of pure love, God created the human family. Out of love, God promises to always provide for us despite what we do in return. Out of love, God sent his only Son to die for us. Out of love, God sent the Holy Spirit to walk with us and care for us through life and to lead us into heaven. Out of love, God enables us to love God back and to love our neighbor. God's loving relationship with us teaches us the way we are to love God and neighbor.

In the Old Testament, David, a sinner, understood this and began to live by it. In the New Testament, the sinful woman Jesus encountered at a well understood this and began to live by it.

We can understand and live by God's love too, and in doing so we can build healthy families.

September 16

Healthy Families: It Starts with Me Philippians 1:3-11, Ephesians 2:1-10

The health of a family begins with the health of each family member. Philippians 1:6 reads, "I am confident of this, he [God] who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." Ephesians 2:10 says, "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God pre-

pared in advance for us to do."

I am God's very own creation. God has chosen me and wants me to help him. God loves me as though I were God's only precious child. If God loves us this much why do we sometimes not love and respect ourselves? A healthy family starts with me knowing myself, valuing the talents God has given me and being honest about ways I might be working against God. We need to learn to love and respect ourselves in order to fully love and respect our families.

September 23

Healthy Families: Loving My Wife, Loving My Husband Genesis 2:18-25, 2 Corinthians 13

God created Adam and Eve for a purpose – to be partners, and to love and care for one another in the journey through life. Ask what it has taken for their marriage to remain intact over many years, an experienced couple will mention things like: love, respect, commitment, compromise, and more.

At their weddings, couples sometimes light a unity candle. Often couples make the choice to keep their individual candles lit along with the unity candle, signifying they are one in marriage and will love and respect each other's individuality. As individuals, we all have strengths; God has given them to us. Married couples work together as a team to combine each other's strengths and to support and help one another when things are difficult.

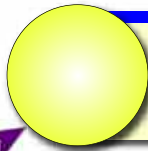
September 30

Healthy Families: Loving My Children Mark 10:13-16, 1 Thessalonians 2:11

In Mark 10:14, Jesus told his disciples, "Let the little children come to me ..." Let that always be our guide; let us never be too busy or too ambitious or too discouraged or too whatever, that our children are prevented from coming to us.

1 Thessalonians 2:11 says that a father urges and encourages his children and gives his all to help his children lead a life worthy of God. From her acceptance that she was to bear the Son of God, to her loving gaze upon Jesus on the cross, Mary is a model of motherly love.

Parenting is not easy. A popular expression for the challenge parents are up against goes, "raising PG kids in an X rated world." Parenting can also be one of the greatest callings and most rewarding experiences of life. As a church family, let us support and help one another raise our children in a manner pleasing to God.



Hero's Club Salem's After School Ministry

Fall semester begins
September 10, 2012

Reprinted from August 2012 issue

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.

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!

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

What is a Lord's Acre Festival?

In 1930, the Lord's Acre idea began in western North Carolina as a means of raising funds for small country churches. A portion or "acre" of a church member's land was set aside to raise crops to be sold to benefit the church. Even livestock was dedicated. Those without land could set aside a portion of their needlework, craft items, or any other saleable talent they possessed. The Lord's Acre Festival is a sale of those donations.

Salem's Lord's Acre Festival, which began in 1960, was first held in the old Wolfsville School where Salem's parsonage now stands. In 1970, the festival was moved to the Wolfsville Ruritan Park where it has grown to what it is today.



Look for these yard signs at intersections around the Wolfsville/Myersville area.

Would you help us advertise the Lord's Acre?

Someone once said the best advertising is "word of mouth." A personal invitation to a friend or neighbor is best. This eliminates the chance that they might not see our ads and articles in the newspapers; or hear our public service announcements on the radio; or see our posters in store-front windows; or see our postings on Salem's website and Facebook page; or see our road signs at local intersections.

Invitation cards and posters are available at church. You may wish to place a poster on the bulletin board where you work, or simply give one of our cards to a friend or neighbor. Thanks for your help.

Due to rigorous postal service bulk mail procedures, we are not mailing post cards to all postal customers with Myersville addresses and Smithsburg Route 1, as we did in previous years. Instead, Salem's youth are hand-delivering flyers to homes in the local area, and all other available media is being used to get the word out.

Some of our faithful patrons will likely remember that the Lord's Acre is always on the second Saturday in September, which is September 8th this year. But in case they forget, be their reminder.

—Bill Burrier



ICE CREAM SOCIAL

200 Balloons were launched on July 22, 2012

Balloons Found and Returned So Far

Name on Card	Where Found	Miles Traveled
1. Rick & Barbie Harshman	8139 Ritchie Highway, Pasadena, MD	74
2. Jennifer Burrier	5204 Talbots Landing, Ellicott City, MD	57
3. Beverly Stottlemeyer	3085 Ballesteras Court, Mt. Airy, MD	37
4. Karen DeLauter	11425 Woodsboro Pike, Keymar, MD	20



MARY ELMORE

Africa Inland Mission, Tanzania, East Africa

Salem Mission Project No. 5



■ By Mary Elmore

AUGUST 2012 — There's a sweet openness and sincerity about my friend Z that tugs at my heart. I met her 8 years ago when I first moved to Tanzania. Her grandfather was (and still is) a powerful witchdoctor who lived across from my house, and every once in a while she would stop by our house to say hello.

Then one day she moved away. Fast forward 7 years, and you find me moving to "the new area" about an hour or so from the original group of villages.

Funerals are community events, so when I heard of a funeral in the village a kilometer away, it was natural that I go. What I didn't expect, was to see Z there! A few years earlier she had gotten married and moved to this village. When Ashley and Leslie came to Tanzania, God provided a house for them, right next door to Z and her family. Over the last 7 months our friendship has deepened.

One afternoon as I sat visiting with her, she started telling me how she was sick, but it was because of evil spirits. That one comment opened the door to share with her the news of the One who can set her free and bring healing to her life. She listened eagerly to the Good News, and got her husband's approval to start storying with me. Her husband even joined us for the first story, and they both were quick to answer the questions I asked. We went through a couple more stories just her and I, and then Friday night I was invited to "break the fast" with them at their house.

Ashley and I went to their house close to dusk, chatting with her as she finished preparing the evening meal. We sat on the porch, eating together and relaxing. The stars shone brightly, preparing the way for the story of Abraham and God's amazing promises. Her husband sat on the far side of the porch, while I sat next to Z, telling the story and asking questions. I closed the story with Sarah laughing when she heard that she would bear a child in her old age, and then being reminded that nothing is impossible for God.

"That's the end of the story!?" she exclaimed. "That's the end of it for tonight. Another night I will come and tell you what happened next." She laughed and said I do that to her every time – I start the story and then tell her I will come back with the next part later... but I have to do that, because the story is too big and too



A Tanzania village.

amazing to sufficiently tell it in one sitting!

Last night Ashley ate at their house again, and they asked when I was going to come back and tell the next story. My heart is full now – full of prayers for their eyes to be opened; full of thanksgiving for the friendship that began so many years ago and is coming to fruition; and full of renewed encouragement, for, really, "is there anything too difficult for God?"



Men bike loads of wood, charcoal and produce 30km into town to sell. Oftentimes the loads of wood are taller than they are!

Village Happenings

Team Changes: In January we welcomed Ashley and Leslie to our team. God's provision in placing them right next door to Z has played a significant role in my relationship with her, and with her interest in storying. Leslie recently had to return to the States for health reasons, but we are thankful for the time she had here with us. Ashley will continue to live in their house, homeschooling Jeremy and Leah's kids, and strengthening her relationships with Z and her language helper (both from my original village).

Month of Fasting: For the last 23 days, my friends have been fasting. This is their holy month, where they are supposed to live without sin and be more devoted to prayer. It's a month that disrupts whatever shadow of a routine I thought I had, as people are tired and hungry. They break their fast at dusk, so by 2 p.m., women are already starting supper preparations. I've enjoyed sitting with my friends, peeling potatoes and sorting beans – sometimes chatting, sometimes enjoying the silence. I am thankful for the conversations I've been able to have with people as they ask if I am fasting, and we talk about their reasons for fasting.



Mary celebrates her 31st birthday with her team.

Please pray for them as they finish their fast next week. Pray that they would encounter Jesus as the only one who lived a sinless life, and the only one who can make us clean.

Amani School: On June 30, we celebrated the official opening of Amani School. Parents, teachers, church leaders and guests joined together to celebrate our school. This year we have a 4th grade class, and in Tanzania this means they have a nation-wide exam. Please pray that the students do well on their exams... but even more, that they would draw near to Christ as they continue learning about Him.

Music and the Arts

Sometimes life takes a bit of a turn, and you stand amazed at the doors God opens! This term has an interesting twist to it, as God has opened so many doors for me to be involved with music and the arts outside of my village context.

While I have been dabbling in ethnomusicology for the past several years (using ethnic music to communicate truth and worship God), there is still so much I need to learn about how to use music more effectively myself.

My great passion in life is telling people about Jesus. My favorite ways of doing so are through stories, and through song. Most of us have the privilege of worshipping God in our heart language. Should it be any different for a remote people in Africa?

Our desire is to enable them to use music and the arts in a culturally appropriate way to worship the Lord and communicate truth to the people they live among.

Thank You

Thank you again for all of your encouragement, prayers and support. "Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to HIM be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen."

—Ephesians. 3:20-21



HUNGER FACTS • FEEDING AMERICA BACKPACK PROGRAM

Salem FOOD PANTRY Update

■ By Dawn Nelson

Thank you to all who contribute and volunteer for our Food Pantry! In the last three weeks, we helped feed 37 people from our Food Pantry. Thank you to those who also brought fresh vegetables from their garden. We also had a nice donation from Mount Bethel United Methodist Church in Foxville, Wegmans in Frederick, and Tabatha's Table in Smithsburg. What a blessing our church has been to those hungry people.

Hunger Facts

Here are some "hunger facts" from *Feeding America* and how you can help local children in our area.

In many ways, America is the land of plenty. But for 1 in 6 people in the United States, hunger is a reality. Many people believe that the problems associated with hunger are confined to small pockets of society, certain areas of the country, or certain neighborhoods, but the reality is much different.

Right now, millions of Americans are struggling with hunger. These are often hard-working adults, children and seniors who simply cannot make ends meet and are forced to go without food for several meals, or even days.

Child hunger affects many aspects of children's lives, from physical and mental development to emotional well-being. Children from many poor families receive less than 70 percent of the recommended daily intake of major nutrients. This deficiency translates into increased risk for



serious and costly health problems, including anemia, impaired cognitive development, and stunted growth.

Children suffering from hunger or near hunger are also less likely to have access to sufficient medical care. Food insufficiency also hinders children's social development. Studies show that child hunger may be linked to behavioral problems, delayed social development, anxiety, and other emotional problems.

For emotional, cognitive, and physical reasons, a hungry or undernourished child faces significant educational challenges. School attendance and academic performance both suffer due to student undernourishment. Food insufficiency, often caused by missed breakfast, diminishes a child's ability to retain knowledge, concentrate, and develop language and math skills.

How can a child focus on solving a math problem or memorizing a new word when she or he is trying to ignore the persistent pangs of hunger?

Across the country, teachers and school nurses have found that in some instances, Monday morning comes and they are forced to compete against hunger



for the attention of their students.

More than 18 million children qualify for free or reduced price meals through the National School Lunch Program, the fuel that they need to get them through the week. What happens to these children when they go home over the weekend?

Feeding America BackPack Program

For more than 15 years, the *Feeding America BackPack Program* has been helping children get the nutritious and easy-to-prepare food they need over the course of the weekend.

Today, bags of food assembled at more than 150 local food banks are distributed at the end of the week to nearly 230,000 children every year. With your help, we can provide more.

Middletown Food Bank

The Middletown Food Bank is seeking volunteers to assemble teams to do the work of shopping, packing the backpacks and delivering them to, and retrieving them from the Wolfsville Elementary School. If you would like to volunteer, please call me at 301-293-9988.

Lord's Acre profits go to Salem's Building & Improvement Fund

Since its debut in 1960, the profits from Salem's Lord's Acre Festival have made possible many major building projects, such as the educational building (1967), parsonage (1974-75), and parking lot.

The Lord's Acre is an important fund-raiser for the church. In recent years, profits have enabled numerous improvements and maintenance projects:

2007 - Sanctuary interior was painted with new colors (shades of beige), and the parking lot was enlarged, adding 26 more parking spaces.

2008 - Repaired sanctuary floor under-

structure; repaired and waterproofed classroom walls; removed three trees from the parsonage front yard; replaced carpet in three rooms in educational building; and renovated the parsonage.

2009 - Repaired parsonage septic pipe; removed a tree and its stump from the parsonage back yard; purchased a phone messaging system (PhoneTree); parsonage termite treatment; purchased new refrigerator and freezer for church kitchen; replaced stucco on outside front walls of church sanctuary; and constructed a new concrete floor under the church sanctuary.

2010 - All windows were replaced in

the educational building and parsonage. Also, some exterior aluminum fascia was added to the parsonage as well as new spouting and down spouts.

2011 - Stucco was replaced on the north and east sides of the exterior church walls. Painted window frames on the exterior of church buildings and other exterior wood surfaces, painted utility buildings, and replaced the wooden cross on the front of the main building.

2012 - Shelving was installed in parsonage basement; tankless water heater installed in educational building; replaced kitchen sink and faucet in church kitchen; and replaced two window air conditioners. —Bill Burrier

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BEING AN OVERACHEIVER, HE FIGURED HE COULD MAKE IT THROUGH THE WILDERNESS IN THIRTY YEARS FLAT

The Cactus and the Caterpillar



Once there was a man who asked God for a flower and a butterfly. But instead God gave him a cactus and a caterpillar. The man was sad. He didn't understand why his request was mistaken. Then he thought: Oh well, God has too many people to care for... and decided not to question. After some time, the man went to check on his request that he had left forgotten. To his surprise, from the thorny and ugly cactus a beautiful flower had grown. And the unsightly caterpillar had been transformed into the most beautiful butterfly. God always does things right! His way is always the best way, even if, to us, it seems wrong. If you ask God for one thing and received another— TRUST. You can be sure that He will always give you what you need at the appropriate time. What you want... is not always what you need!

God never fails to grant your petitions, so keep on going to Him without doubting or murmuring. Today's THORN... is tomorrow's FLOWER! God gives the very best to those who leave the choices up to Him!

—Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

Some thoughts to ponder . . .

Someone's kind words encourage us. Let's be careful to speak words of encouragement to others.

Giving to others, whether it's through fellowship or financial, can brighten your day.

Instead of telling the Lord our plans, we need to ask Him to guide our paths in His right way.

The Mountain Shepherd

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