



Salem United Methodist Church—Wolfsville

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54th annual Lord's Acre Festival successful at Ruritan Park



Photo by Marilyn Leatherman

POT-BELLIED PIGS make an appearance at the Lord's Acre — Traditionally, church members and friends donate fresh produce from their farms or gardens to sell at the Wolfsville Lord's Acre Festival. For the first time in many years, livestock appeared again at this year's festival— three young pot-bellied pigs were sold at the 8 p.m. auction. A sign on their pen read "Three Little Pigs Lookin' for a Home". And with a bid of \$30, they found a home at the farm of Steve and Joann Leatherman, Harp Hill Road.

■ By Bill Burrier

The Lord's Acre Festival is an event that has been blessed by God for 54 years. Our sincere thanks to the Wolfsville community for once again supporting our annual event. Thank you!

The weather was perfect, perhaps contributing to one of the largest crowds in recent memory. The Lord's Acre has become one of Wolfsville's community events, where folks come to eat, talk, and buy something to take home.

Use of Lord's Acre Profits at Salem

Over the years, profits from the Lord's Acre have made possible the educational building (1967), the parsonage (1974-75), the parking lot and its many improvements and additions (1968, 1993, 1998, and 2007), and many smaller maintenance and improvement projects to our existing buildings and grounds.

During the last 12 years, air conditioning was installed in the sanctuary; an eleva-

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Photo by Marilyn Leatherman

The FEATURED QUILT was designed by Judith Harne and contained 8 squares of wildlife, hand-embroidered by Salem members. The quilting was done by the Zion Quilters of the Zion Lutheran Church in Middletown. The quilt sold at the 8 p.m. auction for \$1,250.00.

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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-Aug	2013 Goal	% of Goal
1	Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer Retired Senegal Missionaries	\$204	\$1,632.00	\$2,448	67%
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	—	\$2,767.24	\$1,180	235%
4	Salem Food Pantry Open every Tuesday 6:00-7:00 p.m.	—	\$1,365.69	\$1,180	116%
5	Mary E. - Africa Inland Mission Working in Tanzania, Africa	\$85	\$850.00	\$1,020	83%
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	\$880.00	\$1,320	67%
8	Potato Project Society of St. Andrew, Big Island, Virginia	\$60	\$480.00	\$720	67%
9	Middletown High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes	\$47	\$376.00	\$564	67%
10	Mission Trip Destination to be determined	—	0	\$2,000	0%
11	Ronnie & Angi Hopkins The Mission Society - Mission Work in Nicaragua	\$64	\$523.00	\$768	68%
12	Care Net Pregnancy Center 707 N. Market Street, Frederick, MD	\$64	\$580.00	\$768	76%
13	Compassion International Sponsored child in India	\$38	\$433.00	\$762	57%
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	—	\$2,528.16	\$300	843%
16	World Vision Sponsored child in Colombia	NEW \$35	\$70.00	\$210	33%

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.



Brent Blickenstaff Fund

Salem Mission Project No. 3

Salem member Brent Blickenstaff had a tragic accident September 7th at Ocean City, Md. While just out enjoying the ocean, he was knocked down by a wave, hit his head on the ocean floor, and was severely injured. Brent was airlifted to the hospital in Salisbury, then airlifted again to Shock Trauma in Baltimore. Brent has a broken neck, his spinal cord is almost completely severed with no function, he is paralyzed from the neck down, and he is breathing on life support. Doctors have informed the family that short of a miracle, Brent's condition will not change. He is very mentally alert but only able to communicate by blinking his eyes.

On September 15th, Salem began accepting a free-will offering for the family. As of this writing, \$2,120.58 has been received and given to the family. Also, the community may participate by sending donations to Salem or to an account at First United Bank and Trust in Myersville. Checks may be made to Salem United Methodist Church for donations to the community account, and please write Blickenstaff Fund on the memo line.



ALWAYS THE SECOND SATURDAY IN SEPTEMBER

2013 LORD'S ACRE FESTIVAL roundup



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tor, handicap restroom, storage rooms, and new flooring were installed; the church steeple was restored; interior and exterior painting was completed; repaired sanctuary floor understructure; repaired and waterproofed classroom walls; renovated the parsonage; purchased new refrigerator and freezer for the kitchen; replaced stucco on sanctuary exterior walls; constructed new concrete floor under the sanctuary; replaced windows in educational building and parsonage; replaced spouting on parsonage; repaired parsonage drainage; and installed central air in the parsonage.

As of this writing, this year's income totaled \$19,030.15. With some expenses yet to be paid, a full report, indicating the amount of profit, will be published in next month's newsletter. Profits will be placed in Salem's Building and Improvement Fund.

The success of this event is a testament to the ties between this church and the Wolfsville community. It's a time of praise to our Lord and a time when we experience warm fellowship among friends and neighbors.

Our thanks to Bob Savitt for donating proceeds from the sales of his book "Images of America • Middletown Valley" at this year's Lord's Acre, to Salem's Building and Improvement Fund.

Photo by Marilyn Leatherman



Henry Wright, 11-months-old, along with his parents Josh and Trista Wright of Roanoke, VA, were visiting family and friends in Wolfsville, and while there, enjoyed this year's Lord's Acre Festival.

2013 LORD'S ACRE INCOME

Produce: \$769.55
 Needlework/Crafts: \$1,882.50
 Flea Tables & Plants: \$190.55
 Youth Sales/Games/Activities: \$82.40
 Silent Auction: \$1,204.50
 Live Auction: \$3,333.20
 Soup/Sandwiches/Drinks: \$4,044.00
 Baked Goods: \$1,117.25
 Ice Cream: \$360.70
 Contribution from Bee-lievers: \$5,000.00
 Contributions from Individuals: \$1,045.50

Total Income: \$19,030.15

As of 09/25/13

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS*List submitted by Brenda Freysz*

Toiletry Basket \$40
 Fabric Backpack Handbag \$85
 Wooden Bark Bench / Throw \$20
 Cosmetic Basket \$56
 Nautical Jewelry \$15
 Middletown Sweatshirt \$25
 Fall Wall Hanging \$60.00
 Salem Plate \$25
 Native American Jewelry \$20
 Friendship Bouquet/Vase \$20
 Scenes of Wolfsville \$65
 McCutcheons Sauce Basket \$20
 Cross Pendant w/scarf \$12
 Women's Bike \$52
 Lenox Christmas Dish \$20
 Advent Wall Hanging \$75
 Garden Bag & Access \$15

Rooster & Mum \$35
 Honora Black Pearl Necklace
 w/Cosmetic Case \$20
 Leather Purse \$20
 Cast Cars \$5
 Plant Stand \$27.50
 Glass Pumpkins w/Candles \$25
 Cupcake Carrier w/Cookbook
 and Apron \$26
 McCutcheons Cider Basket \$25
 Crystal Bow Box & Candle \$20
 Crock Pot w/Cookbook \$31
 Fire Pit & Smores \$40.00
 Tool Set \$10
 Camo Seat & Waist Pack \$25
 .50 cal Muzzle Loading Gun \$150
 Copper Washed Bird Feeder \$50
 Oak Rocking Horse \$60
 Glass Vase \$10

MAJOR ITEMS SOLD AT THE 8:00 P.M. AUCTION*Bob Grable & Robert Wilson, Auctioneers*

Featured Quilt \$1,250
 3 Pot-Bellied Pigs \$30
 Magazine Rack \$22.50
 Walnut Stool \$21
 Wooden Cross \$21
 Oak Stand \$25
 Walnut Stand 1/2 round \$95
 Oak Stand w/drawer \$120
 Walnut Bench \$290
 Pictures \$20
 Oak Stand \$210

Photo by Bill Burrier



From left, Jennifer Gormer, Delores Myers, and Olive Kline staffed the crafts and fancy needlework area at this year's Lord's Acre Festival at the Wolfsville Ruritan Park. Jennifer, who lives in Georgetown, Delaware, helped in this area in memory of her grandmother Anna Kate Draper who passed away earlier this year.



Attendance & Offerings

AUGUST 2013

	Worship*		Sunday School	
Aug 4 -	87	\$2,622.00	56	\$323.50
Aug 11 -	97	1,432.00	52	109.75
Aug 18 -	87	1,646.00	61	175.00
Aug 25 -	82	1,280.00	46	83.88

*Worship attendance & offerings include both worship services.

- **Missions:** \$1,085.00
- **Pavilion Fund:** \$80.00
- **Love Offering for Brent Blickenstaff family:** \$2,120.58 as of 9/22/13
- **Building & Imp. Fund:** \$255.00
- **Cemetery Endowment:** \$10.00

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

	Average Attendance	
	Worship	Sunday School
Aug	88	54
July	74	50
June	86	61
May	87	58
Apr	90	62
Mar	101	62

Average Attendance Jan-Aug 2013

Sunday Worship: 89
Sunday School: 58

Great day! Great walk!



By Fonda Gormer, Coordinator Wolfsville/Myersville CROP Walk

The weather was perfect for a walk in the country on September 22nd for the annual Wolfsville/Myersville CROP Hunger Walk.

Forty-two people and one dog took part. At this time, \$3,483.94 has been pledged to fight hunger locally and worldwide, with more funds expected when all sponsor records have been returned.

Some interesting highlights of the walk:

- Patrick Walker, regional director for Church World Service/CROP, joined us for the walk.
- The first walker/runner completed the 5-mile route in about 50 minutes.

- Among the coins collected at the Harmony Church of the Brethren, by their children, were a \$5 coin from Jamaica, a 10 cent coin from the Cayman Islands, and a 1943 U.S. penny of a steel alloy, as it was minted during World War II. (Our walk treasurer, Michael Burrier, will try to determine the value of these coins.)

- One of our walkers was participating in his third walk this year, and plans to walk with the Frederick walk in a few weeks. He is trying to reach a lifetime goal of \$43,000 for CROP.

Thank you to everyone who walked, sponsored a walker, prayed for us or helped in any other way. A final report on this year's walk will appear in a later newsletter.



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



Calendar of Events

Oct

- Tue 1** Adult Choir practices begin for fall- 7:30 p.m. at Salem
- Thu 3** UMW Bee-lievers meeting - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
Board of Trustees meeting - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Thu 10** Administrative Council - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Sun 13** Hike to Black Rock - 1:00 p.m.
- Mon 21** Ruritan Club Dinner - 2:00 p.m. prepare, 7:00 p.m. serve at Salem
- Wed 23** Charge Conference - 7:00 p.m. at Salem

NOTES: Faith Builders Youth Group meets every Thursday evening at Salem at 6:30 p.m.
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.
Hero's Club After School Ministry meets every Monday when school is open 3:30-6:00 p.m.
Adult Choir meets every Tuesday evening 7:30 p.m. at Salem



Newsletter Distribution

1. E-Mail — We are currently sending this newsletter to 188 of our readers via e-mail. Our desire is to obtain as many e-mail addresses as possible.

2. Pick Up Paper Copy at Church — We are printing 85 copies for members who do not have e-mail and can pick up their copies at church.

3. First Class Mail — We are mailing about 30 copies, using the 46 cents First Class postage rate.

Salem Adult Choir Notes

By Sandy Lewis



Salem's Adult Choir will begin the Fall-Winter practice season on Tuesday, October 1, 2013, at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. We will be working on special music for Sunday morning worship services and music for Salem's Christmas Eve service. Everyone is welcome to come and join us as we prepare to praise and worship God in song. "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord" Psalm 150:6.

Youth Group prepares for Lord's Acre

By Wanda Barkdoll

The Faith Builders Youth Group spent Thursday evening preparing cakes and grab bags for sale at the Lord's Acre. They had fun doing that and worked hard during the Lord's Acre at various stations— serving food and sodas, baked goods, ice cream, and they had a booth in which they sold grab bags and did face painting. Also they ran the cake walk where winners won a cake.



Dottie & Grace



Camden

Hero's Club



From left Christy Kehlbeck, Roni Remaley and Alexa Kehlbeck staffed a booth at "Back to School Night" at Wolfsville Elementary to promote Salem's Hero's Club After School Ministry.



Jerod & Madison



Lily

Photo by Dawn Nelson

Who's Doing What, When?

OCTOBER

9:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Lay Reader

6 - Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer
13 - Dennis Draper
20 - Randy Freysz
27 - Phil Koons

Ushers

6 - Dick Kline & Steve Leatherman
13 - Vernon Stottlemeyer & Robin Haupt
20 - Donald Stottlemeyer & Meredith Harshman
27 - Philip Koons & Brandon Leatherman

Organist

6 - Susan Koons
13 - Susan Koons
20 - Joann Leatherman
27 - Susan Koons

Greeters

6 - Brandon, Jessie & Cheyenne Leatherman
13 - Bob & Petie Stup
20 - George, Barbie & Matt Stottlemeyer
27 - Richard & Anita Harshman

Acolytes

6 - Paul McCormick
13 - Jadie Buhrman
20 - Kenslie Buhrman
27 - 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!

October Anniversaries

8 - Bill & Mary Alice Shankle
9 - Joshua & Trista Wright
9 - Erick & Meagan Wagaman
11 - Keith & Joy Young
14 - George & Barbie Stottlemeyer
30 - Donald & Charlotte Wisner

October Birthdays

1 - Mary Brown
3 - Henry Wright
4 - Justin Fogle
4 - Charlie Beall
5 - Tim Brown
6 - Ron Ellis Jr.
9 - Brandon Ferris
13 - George Hawkins
18 - Adam Robinson
18 - Tyler Ferris
19 - Tracy Huffman
22 - Olvey Myers
25 - Laura Snyder
26 - Bailey Blickenstaff
31 - Jason Buhrman

NOTE: To have your anniversary or birthday added, contact Bill Burrier.

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



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.

CROP Walk Photos



Brandon, Jessie, & Cheyenne

World Communion Sunday

October 6, 2013

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



CROP Walk photos by Ron Ellis

CROP Walk Photos



Camilo, Maria, & Chris

BULLETIN BOARD
with a message

**PEOPLE ARE OFTEN
UNREASONABLE.
FORGIVE THEM ANYWAY.**

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman



INSPIRATIONAL Reading

Autumn Splendor

By William Arnette Wofford

Who looks upon an autumn tree,
Aflame in scarlet or in gold,
Will stand in breathless wonderment
And feed his soul a thousandfold.



Who looks upon an autumn hill
Will there behold the Artist's hand
That wrought in splendor overnight
A glowing jeweled wonderland.

Who feasts on autumn's loveliness
Retains the memory of it long;
And it will lift his spirit up,
And warm him like a treasured song.

Who looks upon a world ablaze
With color, starred with goldenrod,
Will know that he is privileged
To see the masterpiece of God.

Heartfelt Words of Praise

By Catherine Janssen Irwin

How often we call out His name
When we are in distress,
And seek sweet consolation
In His divine caress.

How many times we turn to Him
To lead us on our way
To goals and aspirations
That sometimes go astray.

He shows His tender mercy
When there seems no end in sight
To trials and tribulations —
He becomes our guiding light.

He smiles when we remember
To show we truly care
By saying a fervent "Thank You"
When we speak to Him in prayer.



October Days

By Laura Hope Wood

Now with the chill of crisp October days
I hear the sound of wild geese flying low.
Their honking voices fill the evening air
As etched across the sky I see them go.



RECIPE



APPLE BROWNIES

1 stick margarine	1 cup sifted flour
1 cup sugar	1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1 egg, lightly beaten	1/2 teaspoon soda
2 medium apples, pared, cored, chopped fine	1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup chopped nuts	1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
	1 cup chocolate bits

Cream margarine with sugar. Add egg. Mix in apples and nuts. Blend dry ingredients and stir lightly into apple mixture. Add chocolate bits. Turn into well greased pan, 7 x 11 inches. Bake in 350 degree oven about 40 minutes. Place on rack to cool. Cut into squares.



Autumn Song

By Lola Sneyd

Sing a song of autumn,
Apples sparkling bright,
Robins in the treetops
Singing with delight.

Sing a song of chipmunks,
And songs of meadowlarks,
Sing of squirrels a-chattering,
Their tails all question marks.

Sing a song of schooltimes,
With books to read again,
Games and sports and skipping,
And cleansing autumn rain.

Sing of homes and families,
Of relatives and friends,
Sing of autumn's beauty
And all the love God sends.

Bring the glory of autumn into our souls,
The peace of God to our hearts.
We bow our heads in reverent grace
For the blessings this season imparts.

— Vera Stahlly

There is Time

By Michael Dubina

There's always time in every life
To live a better way,
To be more giving of ourselves
And take more time to pray;
There's always time to try anew
What we have failed to do
That would do honor to the Lord
And win His blessings, too.

But we get tired and worn by time
And hurts and trials of life —
And shattered dreams of love and hope
Add heartaches to our strife.
Yet, there is still the room and time
To live a better way
If we will only love and care —
Like in our yesterdays.

Trust

By Anna Lee Edwards McAlpin

I do believe Your promises;
I've found them always true.
I know the gladness of my heart
Does ever come from You.
I know my prayers are answered,
Yet, sometimes, I know delay,
Wherein You teach me patience and
Desire to trust Your way.

Forgive the moments of despair
That grow as I protest
The things that do not go my way,
Forgetting You know best.
Help me resolve to just accept
Your sovereign will for me
To keep, in perfect peace, my heart,
My mind steadfast on Thee.

*From the
Pastor*



Pastor's Notes... and Worship in October

By PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER

Weren't we greatly blessed by the Lord's Acre Festival again this year? And haven't we also been blessed by such beautiful weather in our area for a good long stretch now, including a beautiful day for the annual Wolfsville/Myersville CROP Hunger Walk. We give thanks for all the ways God blessed both of these events.

Check out the Calendar of Events in this issue of the newsletter. This month the Adult Choir begins another season. The choir invites you to join them this year, adding your voice to praise God through music.

If you're a walker, please join us on the Hike to Black Rock. You'll enjoy the changing of the leaves, the fabulous view from the rocks, and the fellowship along the way.

We'll be serving dinner at the Ruritan meeting during October and your help is always appreciated preparing and serving the meal.

Two days after the Ruritan meets, Salem will be hosting Annual Charge Conference for five congregations: Garfield, Salem (Keedysville), Pleasant Walk, and Mt. Zion (Myersville), and Salem (Wolfsville).

Take a few minutes to check out our church website and when you see Bill Burrier around, let him know what a great job he did. Bill has been hard at work over the last several weeks re-hosting and redesigning the site.

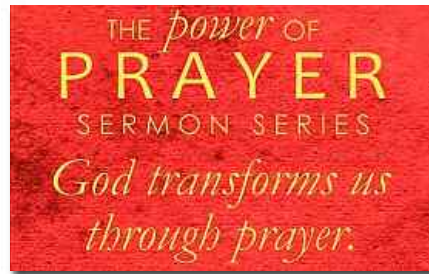
We're settling into our fall routines. I hope part of your routine includes Sunday worship and Sunday school each week. Our weeks go better when we start them on Sunday with worship and Sunday school.

If you're not in this pattern, give it a try. I believe it will make a positive difference in your lives.

During October, we're continuing the Sermon Series, "The Power of Prayer." Come and learn about the power prayer has for your life.

Here are a few thoughts on each week's topics. May God Bless each of you!

—Pastor Bob



October 6 – Holy Communion The Power of Prayer "When and Where to Pray"

The one seeking a closer relationship with God asked, "When should I pray? Where should I pray?" The one mature in faith answered, "Any time, any place."

A person shared with me once, "I'm in and out of prayer all the time, throughout the day." I imagine that pleases God, the One who desires us to be in close relationship. Along with prayer scattered throughout the day, I believe God also calls us to focused prayer, at a specific time and place each day— free from distractions.

I have a friend who keeps his devotional materials beside a chair in the room of his home which is quiet and free from distractions first thing in the morning — that time and place for focused prayer works well for him. God desires our time and attention to help us and teach us. What time and place will work for you and me?

October 13 The Power of Prayer "How to Pray"

Three weeks ago, we thought more deeply about God as both the Almighty One and as our heavenly dad. We also recognized that all three persons of our One God — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit — are present and actively involved as we pray.

So it is that we pray to God who we deeply respect and who is also very approachable. When we're engaged in more focused prayer, perhaps during our daily devotional time, we might use a pattern of prayer: praising God, confessing our sins, giving thanks, praying for others, and praying for our own needs.

When we're in and out of prayer dur-

ing the day, perhaps our prayers are more conversational, praying, "God I'm about to enter into a meeting where conflict is likely to arise – help me think, speak, and act in ways that are pleasing to you."

Because God deeply loves us, I imagine that our commitment to prayer, and our honesty and sincerity during prayer, are much more important than how well the words come out during prayer.

October 20 The Power of Prayer "Unceasing Prayer"

Unceasing prayer is more than frequently praying throughout the day. Frequent conversation with God during the day is a start, but unceasing prayer is more. It has been said that God is so close to us that it is as though only the sheerest fabric separates us from God.

In unceasing prayer, with God's help, it's as though we touch our side of that fabric and remain there, with God just on the other side. In this closeness, we experience life with God.

When we take in a beautiful sunrise, praise to God flows from us effortlessly. When we see someone in need, our prayer for their need is already happening. When we ourselves need help, we instinctively turn to God. As prayer becomes more and more unceasing, our salvation lives, here on earth, are more and more enriched.

October 27 The Power of Prayer "The Power of Prayer"

Prayer has real power. Prayer links us to God's unsurpassed power. The Bible proclaims that God provides "the peace of God that transcends all understanding" (Philippians 4:7). It is through God's power, not our own power, that we are able to experience such peace.

Prayer is a primary, maybe the most primary, way we tap into the power of God. Ever had a scary task ahead of you that caused you great anxiety, even real fear? And you prayed to God about this task and through prayer calm came over you that allowed you to take the steps forward to complete that scary task.

And looking back afterwards, you knew that calm came from beyond you. When you prayed, God supplied the calm — it is the power of prayer.

When we trust, we pray. When we pray more, and see more often the ways God has answered our prayers, we trust even more, and God is pleased, and our lives are so much better — it is the power of prayer and it is available to you.



Scenes from the
LORD'S ACRE FESTIVAL



September 14, 2013

Photos by Marilyn Leatherman and Wanda Barkdoll





Wolfsville area

FOOD PANTRY News

OPEN EVERY TUESDAY
6:00-7:00 p.m.
at SALEM

A Food Pantry Success Story

■ By Dawn Nelson

We are so proud to report a success story from one of our Food Pantry families. Last year, Ronald Wolfe shared with Pastor Bob and those who volunteer at the Food Pantry his desire to do better for his family. Ron is 42 years old and father of 6 children and soon to be a grandfather.

Ron always wanted to become a truck driver. "I wanted this since I was 8 years old and my Pappy Northrup gave me a handheld CB radio." He recently found out that his Pappy was a truck driver.

Ron reached out to Sister Salvatore at the Seton Center in hopes of being eligible for financial assistance in paying his electric bill. Upon speaking with Sister Salvatore, she saw hope for him and handed his information over to Denise Sauvageau. Denise began working with Ron to come up with goals he needed to complete to help him reach his dream of being able to secure a stable career and to provide a better life for his family.

In order to get his CDL (Commercial Driver's License), he would have to complete his GED. We are proud to say on August 16th he passed his test. Ron's fiancé Rebecca is now obtaining her GED too.

Ron is now currently enrolled at Hagerstown Community College to



Ronald Wolfe recently obtained his GED and proudly holds his certificate. From left, Wade Garrett, Cody Wolfe, Ronald Wolfe Jr, Kimberly Lingebaugh (Step daughter) and Dalton Edward.

obtain his CDL license. He tells me it's not easy, as you must remember 180 items about a trailer, take a road course and pass a hazmat test. He hopes to graduate on October 17th and has already been offered a job at Bowman Trucking Company. There are actually 29 trucking companies that are trying to recruit the graduates from this class. Ron is also the first in the Wolfe family to obtain his GED. We are so proud of him being one step closer to making his dreams come true!

Food Pantry Volunteer Orientation Set

■ By Dawn Nelson

If you have ever wanted to get involved with the Food Pantry but were not sure of the commitment to your opportunity, come and hear what is required to be a volunteer.

Join us on Tuesday, October 8th at 7:00 p.m. in Salem's social hall. If you have any questions regarding this orientation, please call me at 301-606-1389.

Congress cuts Assistance Program

On September 19th, the House of Representatives voted on the Farm Bill H.R.3102. (217 yes to 210 no). Passing this bill will cut nearly \$40 billion from the SNAP, formerly food stamps program. This could mean that over 3 million individuals will lose food assistance along with school meals for kids.

As a result, it is thought that churches and charities will have to nearly double their current food assistance over the next 10 years to handle the increase in need.

Please pray for our economy to get better so those in need will have the means to provide for their family. Please pray for our Food Pantry to continue to provide for those in need in the local Wolfsville area.

CROP Walk photos by Ron Ellis

Ending Hunger
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www.cropwalk.org



Salem's Website has been Redesigned

■ By Bill Burrier

For the past 11 years, the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries (GBGM) has graciously provided free space on their servers for Salem's website. The free space is no longer being provided by GBGM as of September 30, 2013.

As a result, Salem began searching for another hosting service. At its August meeting, Salem's Administrative Council voted to use a company called Bluehost for its hosting service at about \$5 per month. Bluehost, located in Provo, Utah, has 24/7 customer service and has a good reputation for reliability. They have been very responsive to us while the new site was under development.

Our readers who have an interest in computers may be interested to know that the software used for the redesign was WordPress, free open source software, now widely used by website developers. Salem's domain name remains the same at SalemChurchWolfsville.org.

Although the new 27-page site looks completely different, the content is similar to the old one. The selections on the menu bar at the top are nearly the same.

As in the past, you can find *The*

Mountain Shepherd by selecting NEWSLETTER from the menu and then selecting the month/year issue of choice.

To be more helpful, you can find our contact information at the bottom of every page, including phone numbers to reach the pastor at his office or via his mobile phone or via his email address.

Also, for folks who may be looking for a church, there is a button for a map and directions to the church; and an easy sign up to receive *The Mountain Shepherd* via email, for those who are not already on our mailing list.

Keep in mind, if you previously

accessed our website using the address www.gb-gm-umc.org/salem-wolfsville, it will not be available after September 30th. Please use SalemChurchWolfsville.org.

Also, Google searches will still give results for the old address even though it is discontinued. Choose the search results that contain SalemChurchWolfsville.org.

We have tested the new site on both Mac and Windows with a variety of web browsers and mobile devices such as iPad and iPhone; however, the possibility still exists for issues to surface. If you encounter any access or display problems, we will strive to address them promptly.

Community Praise Band Ministering beyond Wolfsville

On September 29th, the Works In Progress Community Praise Band presented music at a fundraiser at The Cider Mill to benefit Tabitha's Table Food Pantry in Smithsburg.

On Sunday morning, October 20th, the band will provide music at the Mt. Lena United Methodist Church in celebration of their anniversary service.

The band also continues to provide



music at Salem on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month.

Our thanks to the band for providing music at our recent Lord's Acre Festival.

Heavenly Humor

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The potluck dinner at the church was very well organized, right down to the signage. Spell-check might have helped.

IF GOD ... should go on strike



How good it is that God above has never gone on strike,
 Because he was not treated fair in things he didn't like,
 If only once he had given up and said, "That's it, I'm through!"
 "I've had enough of those on earth, so This is what I'll do."
 "I'll give my orders to the sun--cut off the heat supply!"
 "And to the moon give no more light, and run the oceans dry."
 "Then just to make things really tough, and put the pressure on,"
 "Turn off the vital oxygen 'til every breath is gone!"
 You know he would be justified, if fairness was the game,
 For no one has been more abused,
 met with more disdain than God,
 And yet he carries on, supplying you and me.
 With all the favors of His grace, and everything for free.
 Men say they want a better deal, and so on strike they go.
 But what a deal we've given God to whom all things we owe.
 We don't care whom we hurt, to gain the things we like,
 But what a mess we'd all be in, if God should go on strike.

—Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

Some thoughts to ponder . . .

No matter what is in front of us, God is always behind us.

Even when we don't sense God's presence, His loving care is all around us.

Kindness is simply love flowing out in little gentlenesses.

The contents in your heart are more important than the outer packaging.

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