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Operation Christmas Child

A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

Turning "shoe boxes" into Christmas gifts for children.

■ By Barbie Stottlemeyer

We will once again be participating in **Operation Christmas Child** in which we fill shoe boxes to be distributed to needy children around the world. This is a project of Samaritan's Purse, a Franklin Graham ministry in Boone, North Carolina.

We are asking anyone wishing to participate in this program to fill their shoe boxes at home and bring them to the church on or before Sunday, November 17.

Your shoe boxes should be packed for children ranging in ages from 2-4 years old, 5-9 years old or 10-14 years old.

Numerous shoe boxes have already been wrapped and are available outside the sanctuary, or you can wrap your own shoe box. Labels are available at church to place in the box, identifying if the items inside are for a boy or girl and the appropriate age group.



Boxes are due
at Salem
by Sunday,
November 17, 2013

There is a \$7.00 postage charge for each box. Place the postage amount in the donation envelope and place the envelope on top of the gift items inside the box so it is clearly visible. Checks should be made payable to Samaritan's Purse, with a note on the memo line that the gift is for Operation Christmas Child. If you are unable to pay the postage, Salem will pick up this cost from our Mission Project No. 2.

Once we have filled our boxes, we will take them to a local distribution center where they will then be sent to another distribution center in North Carolina, and then will be sent out to the children.



School Supplies

Pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

Toys

Small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky, etc.

Hygiene Items

Toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.

How to Pack a SHOE BOX — GIFT IDEAS



Other

Hard candy and lollipops (double bag all candy), mints, gum, T-shirts, socks, ball caps, sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries)

Do Not Include:

Used or damaged items, war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food, out-of-date candy; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

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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-Sep | 2013 Goal | % of Goal |
|-----------|---|-----------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|
| 1 | Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer Retired Senegal Missionaries | \$204 | \$1,836.00 | \$2,448 | 75% |
| 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 | — | \$4,957.82 | \$1,180 | 420% |
| 4 | Salem Food Pantry Open every Tuesday 6:00-7:00 p.m. | — | \$1,527.18 | \$1,180 | 129% |
| 5 | Mary E. - Africa Inland Mission Working in Tanzania, Africa | \$85 | \$975.00 | \$1,020 | 96% |
| 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 | \$990.00 | \$1,320 | 75% |
| 8 | Potato Project Society of St. Andrew, Big Island, Virginia | \$60 | \$540.00 | \$720 | 75% |
| 9 | Middletown High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes | \$47 | \$423.00 | \$564 | 75% |
| 10 | Mission Trip Destination to be determined | — | 0 | \$2,000 | 0% |
| 11 | Ronnie & Angi Hopkins The Mission Society - Mission Work in Nicaragua | \$64 | \$587.00 | \$768 | 76% |
| 12 | Care Net Pregnancy Center 707 N. Market Street, Frederick, MD | \$64 | \$644.00 | \$768 | 84% |
| 13 | Compassion International Sponsored child in India | \$38 | \$471.00 | \$762 | 62% |
| 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 | \$35 | \$105.00 | \$210 | 50% |

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 Update

Salem Mission Project No. 3

Salem member Brent Blickenstaff had a tragic accident September 7th at Ocean City, Md, where he was knocked down by a wave, hit his head on the ocean floor, and was severely injured. 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. As of this writing, Brent remains at Shock Trauma in Baltimore. His wife Patty and daughter Bailey have taken an apartment in Baltimore to be near Brent. The community has come together to help the Blickenstaff family in many ways, and has been generous with monetary contributions. As of this writing, the love offering at Salem has totaled \$2,245.58. Also, the community at large has been gracious by sending donations to Salem or to an account at First United Bank and Trust in Myersville. So far, the community account at the bank has received \$20,259.70. Checks may be made payable to Salem United Methodist Church for donations to the community account (write Blickenstaff Fund on the memo line); or you can just go to the bank and make the donation. Your contributions are given to Patty on a weekly basis. Community-wide fundraisers are also being planned.



OUTREACH *and* MISSIONS

■ By Barbie Stottlemeyer

Salvation Army Christmas Stockings

The Salvation Army Christmas Stockings are available at church again this year.

As in the past, the stockings will be available for boys or girls of various age groups. Each stocking contains a list of suggested items to purchase.

Please return your filled stockings by December 1.

The stockings will be taken to the Salvation Army for distribution to less fortunate children within Frederick County.



SALVATION ARMY STOCKINGS

are due to be returned to the church
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1



Fruit Baskets and Flowers

A basket will be placed in the back of the sanctuary for donations toward fruit baskets and flowers to be given during Christmas. Your donations will be applied to **Salem's Mission Project No. 3** to purchase fruit and flowers for Salem's shut-ins and seniors.

Barbie Stottlemeyer is the contact.



Salem Mission Project No. 5

Mary with Africa Inland Mission

OCTOBER 2013 —

Democratic Republic of the Congo

Pastor Gungbale, Wendy, Maaiké and I were in a village in northeast Democratic Republic of the Congo leading a workshop on marriage and music. One of the lessons I was given to teach was on the use of instruments in Scripture. Anzoro are traditional instruments of the Zande people. They would be played at drinking parties, and at funerals to distract from grief. No one in this area had ever used anzoro to give praise to God. As they began to play the anzoro to a song of praise, people from the surrounding area heard the sound of the anzoro and left their homes and the market to come see what was happening, and even joined in the singing and dancing, giving thanks to God.

Ethiopia & Kenya— Wendy, Bethany and I started our "ethnomusicology extravaganza" in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. After Ethiopia we took a 6-seater plane from Nairobi to northern Kenya, where we met with a group of believers for a follow-up workshop. Wendy had led a workshop there 3 years ago, and she described it as "touching a match to a pile of kindling." This tribe is very musical, and they soaked up that teaching, and composed several songs.

After Wendy left in 2009 they continued composing songs and shared these songs, as well as Scripture recordings with another village several hours away. People have since come to faith in that village, and we were excited to see the fruit of that first workshop.

Uganda and South Sudan

Wendy and I passed through Uganda where we were joined by a Congolese couple, Pastor Gungbale and his wife. The four of us continued on to the southwest corner of South Sudan where we spent 9 days leading a marriage and music workshop. All those attending had in some way had their lives disrupted by civil war or by rebel activity over the past years. I couldn't understand most of the words being sung, but their songs and expressions stirred my heart.

Congo— What's next? As usual, that's the question that's in the back of my mind, especially when I realize that October is already here, and that means I only have 3 weeks left in Congo! These next three weeks I will be involved in helping a radio drama group start on their first drama, as well as editing audio files of new song compositions so that we can get those files back to the believers.

Coming Home to the United States

After Congo I will be heading back to Uganda and then on to Kenya before going to another central African country for another music workshop as well as to see the work going on up there. When I



Pastor playing the anzoro



Mary in Congo

get back to Kenya after that trip I will only have 5 days before boarding a plane for the USA.

I am scheduled to fly back to the States on December 1, arriving in NYC December 2, and then taking a train up to Albany, NY on the 3rd. I currently plan to be in the States until February 2015, taking a study leave in order to take classes on ethnomusicology. I'm looking forward to having a slightly less hectic travel schedule than previous home assignments... so hopefully that means I will get to see many, if not all, of you during that time. And, ideally within a few months I will have some direction as to which country and ministry God is leading me to next!

With each country that Wendy and I have traveled to, we have prayed for those of you who have contributed to making this possible through donations and through prayer. You are an important part of this team, and I appreciate all that you do! Please continue to pray for safety during the rest of my travels and good health as I'm currently not feeling too well. Pray for the people of these countries I have been to, that God would strengthen their faith and work through them to reach out to their communities with the Good News of new life in Jesus. May we, also, be strengthened in our faith and our commitment to follow Jesus each step of the way. I look forward to seeing many of you face to face in just a couple months! —Mary E.





Attendance & Offerings

SEPTEMBER 2013

| | Worship* | | Sunday School | |
|-----------|----------|------------|---------------|----------|
| Sept 1 - | 84 | \$2,340.00 | 62 | \$323.50 |
| Sept 8 - | 87 | 1,693.00 | 53 | 178.25 |
| Sept 15 - | 93 | 1,602.01 | 65 | 160.25 |
| Sept 22 - | 95 | 1,621.00 | 51 | 175.21 |
| Sept 29 - | 77 | 1,611.00 | 57 | 137.75 |

*Worship attendance & offerings include both worship services.

- **Missions:** \$4,262.49
- **Pavilion Fund:** \$100.00
- **Love Offering for Brent Blickenstaff family:** \$2,245.58 as of 10/20/13
- **Building & Imp. Fund:** \$310.00
- **Cemetery Endowment:** \$0.00

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

| | Average Attendance | |
|------|--------------------|---------------|
| | Worship | Sunday School |
| Sept | 89 | 58 |
| Aug | 88 | 54 |
| July | 74 | 50 |
| June | 86 | 61 |
| May | 87 | 58 |
| Apr | 90 | 62 |

Average Attendance Jan-Sep 2013

Sunday Worship: 89
Sunday School: 58

Final Report

2013 Lord's Acre Festival

held September 14, 2013

----- Financial Report -----

Sales:

| | |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| Produce | 769.55 |
| Needlework & Crafts | 1,882.50 |
| Flea Table & Plants | 190.55 |
| Youth Sales/Activities/Games .. | 82.40 |
| Silent Auction | 1,204.50 |
| Auction | 3,333.20 |
| Soup, Sandwiches, etc..... | 4,044.00 |
| Baked Goods | 1,117.25 |
| Ice Cream | 360.70 |
| Total Sales | 12,984.65 |

Contributions:

| | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| UMW "Bee-lievers" | 5,000.00 |
| Individuals | 1,095.50 |
| Total Contributions | 6,095.50 |

Total Income 19,080.15

Total Expenses 2,242.86

Net Profit 16,837.29

Net Profit placed in Salem's Building and Improvement Fund, to be used for maintenance of our buildings and grounds; equipment purchases, repairs, and maintenance.

Our sincere thanks to the Wolfsville community for once again supporting this annual event.

Salem youth and adults are planning to attend the ROCK Youth Retreat in Ocean City, Jan 31-Feb 2.

Get your paddles ready!



The
2013

"SALEM SLAM" Ping-Pong Tournament

Friday, Nov. 15, 2013

6:00 p.m.

Salem Social Room

Light meal & snacks
All ages are invited

- Bring the whole family •

Contacts:

Joe Hawkins

Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer

Join us for our annual
"Salem Slam" Ping-Pong Tournament
Friday, November 15, 2013, at 6:00 p.m.

Friday evening starts the weekend, so come and join us for a light meal and an evening of fun and fellowship for all ages. In addition to the meal, snacks will be offered throughout the evening. All ages are invited from the youngest of youth to adults... and we do have some very competitive adults at Salem. So no excuses not to come. Invite your friends for a meal, great fun and just some time to enjoy each other's company and have a little fun while doing so. Hope to see you there! —Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer



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:
Bill Burrier, Chair, Finance Committee
or Pastor Bob Snyder



Nov

Calendar of Events

| | | |
|------------|-----------|--|
| Sun | 3 | Eastern Standard Time begins |
| Mon | 4 | Staff/Parish Relations Committee - 7:30 p.m. at Salem |
| Thu | 7 | UMW Bee-lievers meeting - 7:00 p.m. at Salem |
| | | Board of Trustees meeting - 7:00 p.m. at Salem |
| Thu | 14 | Administrative Council - 7:00 p.m. at Salem |
| Fri | 15 | "Salem Slam" Ping Pong Tournament - 6:00 p.m. at Salem |
| Wed | 27 | Community Thanksgiving Service - 7:30 p.m. at Pleasant Walk UMC |

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



Newsletter Distribution

1. E-Mail — We are currently sending this newsletter to 190 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.

Community Thanksgiving Service at Pleasant Walk



This year's Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at the Pleasant Walk United Methodist Church, on the Wednesday evening before Thanksgiving, November 27, at 7:30 p.m.

This service is hosted by five area churches on a rotating basis. The schedule is as follows:

- 2013 – Pleasant Walk United Methodist
- 2014 – Garfield United Methodist
- 2015 – St. Mark's Lutheran
- 2016 – Salem United Methodist
- 2017 – Grossnickle Church of the Brethren



Hero's Club student is proud of his craft.

Sunday School News



YOU'RE INVITED

Topics

1. Angels are For Real
2. Angels Visible or Invisible?
3. Angels – How They Differ from Humans
4. Angelic Organization
5. Lucifer and the Angelic Rebellion
6. The Personal Ministry of Angels
7. Angels Protect and Deliver Us
8. Angels – God's Agents in Judgment
9. Angels and the Gospel
10. Angel Ministries in the Life of Jesus
11. Angels in Prophecy
12. The Angels and Death
13. Angel Spectators
14. Angels in Our Lives Today

■ By Bill Burrier

Beginning on Sunday, November 17, Salem's "Adult Discussion Group" Sunday School Class will begin A Study of Angels, based on the book *Angels – God's Secret Agents* by Billy Graham.

Angels are mentioned in the Bible 300 times. The study contains 14 topics listed above, generally covering one topic each Sunday.

The class currently includes both couples and singles who sit at tables using Bibles and other study handouts. You may bring your own Bible or Study Bible, if you wish, or you may use the class Bibles which are *The New Living Translation* (NLT). This Bible is very easy to read and understand and is a modern verse-by-verse translation without paraphrases.

The class meets on the second floor

A Study of

Angels

Based on the book
Angels – God's Secret Agents
By Billy Graham

Begins
Nov 17, 2013

Adult Discussion Group Sunday School Class
Salem United Methodist Church • Wolfsville
Bill Burrier, Study Leader
Sundays 10:15-11:00 a.m.

of the educational building every Sunday morning from 10:15 to 11:00 a.m.

The class goal is to interest more people with the new study topics and increase the class size. Current class members are very enthusiastic about the new study, and may invite friends to come and enjoy the fellowship of our faithful group.

We understand that different people have different personalities. While some people are very outgoing and can easily discuss their feelings and views, others are more quiet and reserved and prefer to learn by listening to the discussion rather than participate in it. If you prefer to be a quiet listener, we will respect your wishes. Coffee and a snack is available each Sunday.

If you have not been attending an adult Sunday School class, you are invited to join us for this new study beginning November 17th.

Who's Doing What, When?

NOVEMBER

9:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Lay Reader

3 - Fonda Gormer
10 - Steve Leatherman
17 - Melissa Thornton
24 - Wanda Barkdoll

Ushers

3 - Dick Kline & Steve Leatherman
10 - Vernon Stottlemeyer & Robin Haupt
17 - Donald Stottlemeyer & Meredith Harshman
24 - Philip Koons & Brandon Leatherman

Organist

3 - Susan Koons
10 - Susan Koons
17 - Joann Leatherman
24 - Susan Koons

Greeters

3 - Donald & Susie Stottlemeyer
10 - Mary Cline
17 - George, Barbie & Matt Stottlemeyer
24 - Phyllis Beall

Acolytes

3 - Paul McCormick
10 - Jadie Buhrman
17 - Kenslie Buhrman
24 - 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!

November Anniversaries

2 - Philip and Susan Koons
10 - Harry & Karen DeLauter
24 - Ronnie and Sue Kinna

November Birthdays

3 - Caroline Buhrman
4 - Darcy Gormer
7 - Lorraine Barkdoll
9 - Bill Shankle
13 - Betty Brandenburg
13 - Fonda Gormer
13 - Leah Tolland
14 - Karen Sowers
16 - Polly Doyle
16 - Joan Harshman
17 - Darlene Burrier
17 - Beth Snead
18 - Ben Swope
18 - Lin Reed
23 - Mary Alice Shankle
25 - Jadie Buhrman
26 - Olive Kline
26 - Mary Fogle
28 - Susie Stottlemeyer

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

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

Another balloon card returned



Ten weeks after our Ice Cream Social and Balloon Launch on July 21, we were surprised to receive another balloon card.

This one, launched by **Curtis Nelson**, was returned from **Wilmington, Delaware**, 141 miles from Wolfsville.

Of the more than 200 balloons launched, eight balloon cards have been returned.

The balloon traveling the longest distance was launched by Karen DeLauter and was returned from Amagansett, New York, 354 miles away.

Other balloons were found in Taneytown, MD, Manchester, MD, Freeland, MD, White Hall, MD, Street, MD, Rising Sun, MD, and Amagansett, New York.

Holy Communion

November 3, 2013

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



Sticky Buns For Sale

As a fund-raiser for Salem's United Methodist Women "Bee-lievers", Anita Harshman is making Pecan Cinnamon Sticky Buns.

The buns can be purchased directly from Anita for \$12 per dozen. To place an order, call Anita at 301-293-2080.

Orders can be placed at any time; and can be picked up after services on Sunday mornings.

**Sometimes
your only available transportation
is a leap of faith.**

**BULLETIN BOARD
with a message**

**YESTERDAY IS HISTORY.
TOMORROW A MYSTERY.
TODAY IS A GIFT.
IT'S CALLED THE PRESENT.**

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman



**INSPIRATIONAL
Reading**

Thanksgiving on the Farm

By Leah Spade, Wolfsville, MD

You can hear the roosters crowing
And all the cattle lowing
Long before the brilliant sunrise greets the dawn
And the air, so crisp and hazy,
Makes your cheeks glow like a daisy
When you step across the glistening, frosty lawn.

What a joy to be advancing
Why, we almost feel like dancing
To our church that holds a very special charm
We'd rather listen to the preacher
Than be cheering on a bleacher
When we celebrate Thanksgiving on the farm.

Wolfsville ladies' Thanksgiving dinners
Always are blue ribbon winners
'Cause they grow the fixin's for them on the place
You won't hear the children whining
When at the table we are dining
Happiness just beams from every face!

Amid all the festive glories
They will share some funny stories
That will give the meal a fascinating charm
We will have a real Thanksgiving
We will know the joy of living
When we celebrate Thanksgiving on the farm.

When the crimson sun is setting
Surely you will be regretting
That Thanksgiving Day comes only once a year
You will feel like thanking Heaven
For all the bounties God has given
That have helped to make the day a day of cheer.

We have the greatest reasons for rejoicing
And our President, too, is voicing
Peace for all the world, without alarm
So forget all cares and troubles
For your hearts will fairly bubble
With Thanksgiving, here in Wolfsville, on the farm.

Father, We Thank Thee

By Rebecca J. Weston

Father, we thank Thee for the night,
And for the pleasant morning light,
For rest and food and loving care,
And all that makes the world so fair.

Help us to do the things we should,
To be to others kind and good,
In all we do in work and play
To love Thee better day by day.

The most precious name is Jesus!



RECIPE



CREAM PUFFS

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1/2 cup water | 2 eggs |
| 1/4 cup margarine or butter | Cream Filling (below) |
| 1/2 cup all-purpose flour* | Powdered sugar |

Heat oven to 400 degrees. Heat water and margarine to rolling boil in saucepan. Stir in flour. Stir vigorously over low heat until mixture forms a ball, about 1 minute; remove from heat. Beat in eggs, all at once; continue beating until smooth. Drop dough by scant 1/4 cupfuls about 3 inches apart onto ungreased cookie sheet.

Bake until puffed and golden, 35 to 40 minutes. Cool away from draft. Cut off tops; pull out any filaments of soft dough. Fill puffs with Cream Filling. Replace tops; dust with powdered sugar. Refrigerate until serving time. Makes 6 cream puffs.

*Self-rising flour can be used in this recipe.

CREAM FILLING

- | | |
|--------------------------|---|
| 1/3 cup sugar | 2 egg yolks, slightly beaten |
| 2 tablespoons cornstarch | 2 tablespoons margarine or butter, softened |
| 1/8 teaspoon salt | 2 teaspoons vanilla |
| 2 cups milk | |

Mix sugar, cornstarch and salt in 2-quart saucepan. Stir in milk gradually. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture thickens and boils. Boil and stir 1 minute. Stir at least half of the hot mixture gradually into egg yolks. Blend into hot mixture. Boil and stir 1 minute. Remove from heat; stir in margarine and vanilla; cool.

Submitted by Barbie Stottlemeyer



Thanksgiving Harvest

By Craig E. Sathoff

Not only am I thankful for
The fields of ripened grain
And cellars that are filled with food
For wintertime again.

But also I am filled with thanks
For friends who've come my way
To add their special touch of peace
And beauty to the day.

The harvest of kind words and deeds,
The strength that comes from friends,
The chance to give and to receive:
All bring joy without end.

Thanksgiving calls me to assess
The value of a smile,
The ripening fellowships I share,
The friends across the miles.

**WEDDING
Congratulations**



Congratulations to Brett Haupt and Kendra Fox on the occasion of their wedding on October 6, 2013. The outdoor wedding, officiated by Pastor Bob Snyder, was held at Ostertag Vistas. The couple resides at 4920B Meridian Way, Apt. 17, Frederick, MD 21703. Brett is the son of Robin and Theresa Haupt, Wolfsville, and the grandson of Bill and Mary Alice Shankle, Myersville.

When Skies are Gray

By Catherine Janssen Irwin

When storm clouds obscure the sun
And hope is looking dim,
Place all your loving trust in God
And ride the storm with Him.
He never will forsake your trust,
He's with you for all time,
He'll light the way to rainbowed skies
And hopes and dreams sublime.



Pastor's Notes... and Worship in November

By PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER

In the last few days, we've been experiencing some frost. The western part of the state has already had some snowfall. On November 3rd, Daylight Saving Time will end.

In Maryland, we are still able to experience each of the seasons in a distinct way – spring, summer, fall and winter.

For many in these parts, the seasons provide a rhythm of life that becomes part of who we are. The seasons are also a way that God is revealed to us.

God is powerful, holding all of creation in perfect balance. God is also loving, providing a natural world that is both very beautiful and very interesting. Praise God for His goodness!

During September and October we studied the Power of Prayer together. My prayer life is better as a result, and I hope our series on prayer has also been beneficial to you.

The first Sunday in November is "All Saints Sunday." On that Sunday and the remaining Sundays in November we'll have an opportunity to look at some of the qualities saints display: humility, resolve, and wisdom. Please see the descriptions below for more information.

Please come and support Denny Leatherman as he preaches and leads worship on November 10 while I am away Saturday and Sunday that week for a wedding in New Jersey.

Please come to our Annual "Salem Slam" Ping-Pong Tournament on November 15th — it's always a very relaxing and enjoyable evening and a great event to invite a friend.

Also, the annual Community Thanksgiving Service will be on Wednesday evening, November 27th, at Pleasant Walk United Methodist Church. It's a great way to give thanks to the Lord at the start of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Last, if you haven't had an opportunity, check out Salem's revised website. I think you'll find it very appealing and easy to use. May you experience God's grace and peace as another year in our church calendar comes to an end.



Community Thanksgiving Service
Wednesday, November 27, 7:30 p.m.
Pleasant Walk United Methodist Church

November 3
All Saints Sunday, Holy Communion
"An Unlikely Saint"
Luke 19:1-10

This is a story about a man named Zacchaeus. What do we know about him? He was a wealthy man and not liked by others (verse 2). He was searching for something more in his life (verse 3). He sought out Jesus (verse 4) and then obeyed Jesus (verses 6-7).

Zacchaeus allowed Jesus to save him and make him a better person. Verse 10, ends "For the Son of Man [Jesus] came to seek and to save what was lost.

These ten verses describe Jesus' mission, and how our lives can be changed when we decide to follow him on his mission. On this All Saints Sunday, we celebrate those who have followed Jesus and we recommit ourselves to follow Jesus too.

November 10
Guest Speaker:
Denny Leatherman

Pastor Bob will be away. Thanks to Denny Leatherman who will be preaching and leading worship at both services.



Denny Leatherman

November 17
"Standing Firm"
Luke 21:5-19

Over the centuries people have been interested, sometimes fixated, on trying to figure out when the end of time will occur. These verses provide signs that people have pointed to in their predictions. I suppose almost every generation could point to the "goings on" of their time and declare, "The end must be near."

Maybe the more useful thing is to point to the sin in our own life, confess it to God, receive God's forgiveness, and then strive to follow Jesus and become more and more like Him.

In other words, make yourself ready for the end time, whenever it might come. These verses tell us that when we stand firm in our faith, God provides for our needs and uses us to inspire others to stand firm.

November 24
Christ the King Sunday
"This is the King"
Luke 23:33-43

Perhaps there is no more compelling example of choice in the Bible than the one made in these verses. A repeated theme of the Bible is choice — choosing to turn to God or choosing to turn away.

The very first Psalm takes up this theme. We see it in Jonah's decision to travel away from Nineveh instead of going there as the Lord had instructed; and here in Luke 23 we see the theme of choice again.

Two criminals are being crucified on either side of Jesus. Jesus offers both men salvation. One man accepts the invitation and the other does not.

In each day, we are faced with the choice to remain true to our faith or to stray from it.

On this final Sunday in the church calendar, let us commit to help one another choose the Godly way. Christ the King invites us to receive his help in making good choices.

GIVE THANKS!



Scenes from the *HIKE to BLACK ROCK*



October 20, 2013

Photos by Sue Ellen & Vernon Stottlemeyer

■ **By Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer**

On Sunday, October 20, 13 members and friends, and 2 dogs hiked the Black Rock trail to the overlook. It turned out to be a beautiful sunny day and once we reached the overlook, you could see for miles. Several people that hiked this year had never hiked the trail or had been to the overlook and was amazed at the breathtaking view.

The youth had a great time crawling through some of the nooks and crannies of the rock and even assured me there was enough room if I wanted to try it. I did not take the chance of getting stuck even with their reassurance. Everybody had a great time.

Following the hike, everybody enjoyed more fellowship and some refreshments. This has been an annual event for many years now, and is planned again for next October. So start making your plans to join us next year!



LOOKING WESTWARD INTO WASHINGTON COUNTY





Wolfsville area

FOOD PANTRY News

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

Salem Food Pantry represented at Hunger Action Symposium

By Dawn Nelson

On September 27th, I had the honor of attending the Maryland Food Bank's Third Annual "Be a Voice, Hunger Action Symposium" in Baltimore, where there were keynote speakers: Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley, Former Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman, Bob Aiken, President and CEO of Feeding America, and President and CEO of the Maryland Food Bank.

The Maryland Food Bank, which is where we purchase our food, is an affiliate of Feeding America, and was founded in 1979 to coordinate the procurement and distribution of food donations from manufacturers, wholesalers, retailers and government agencies to organizations providing free food to the state's hungry.

Governor O'Malley pledged to put another million dollars towards Maryland Food Bank which will give them 2 million total in helping us to obtain discounted food. The government sees that the need is great and wants to be the first state to end hunger. At the event in Baltimore, I heard about the Farm to Food Bank program which engages a network of farms across the state in a partnership to provide hungry Marylanders with fresh local produce.



Governor Martin O'Malley commends audience members for their commitment to the issue of hunger and reiterates his goal of ending childhood hunger by 2015

Through a combination of field-gleaning, donations and contract growing, these farms help us supply fresh, nutritious food to food insecure communities like our own.

I also heard about the Summer Club Program for students. With generous support from Giant Food, the Maryland Food Bank launched MFB Kids to help children and teens struggling against hunger.

Alongside the School Pantry and Supper Club Programs, Summer Clubs ensure that a steady stream of good nutritious food reaches children in need in the summer when school is not in session.

I heard that nearly 1 in 7 individuals in the Maryland Food Bank service area are food insecure. That's more than 457,000 people. Thirty-eight percent of the food insecure individuals within the Maryland Food Bank's service area, do not qualify for any federal or state food assistance. In 2012, 16.2 percent of Maryland households reported food insecurity.

In the last seven years, the Maryland Food Bank's food distribution has more than tripled. More than 79,000 meals are sent out by the Maryland Food Bank every day. Last year, the Maryland Food Bank distributed more than 28.8 million meals to hungry Marylanders.

Even though we are a small Food Pantry in Wolfsville, we should be proud of doing our part to end food insecurity in our own community. As of this writing we are now up to 42 families that we have helped in our area. The need is growing and we are always looking for monetary donations in keeping our shelves and door open to those in need.

Community Praise Band Ministering beyond Wolfsville

On Sunday morning, October 20th, the "Works in Progress" Community Praise Band provided music at the Mt. Lena United Methodist Church, 21234 Mt. Lena Road, near Boonsboro, for their annual anniversary service.

The band was the main part of the program, as Mt. Lena celebrated their congregation's founding in 1879 — 134 years ago. Their worship is usually at 8:45 a.m., but they move it to 11:00 a.m. on this special Sunday so it can be followed by a luncheon. The band was invited to stay and eat as well.

The congregation was very welcoming and really seemed to enjoy the music. The service was an hour long. The band played for the first 30 minutes. Their set list was:

Here I Am to Worship
Time in Between
Great is Thy Faithfulness



From left are Jim Laky, Lori Williamson, Michael Burrier, Jessie Leatherman, Donna Snyder (Susie Stottlemeyer is at the piano.)

Breaking Through
Word of God Speak
Our Great God
Joyful, Joyful

Rev. Kurtz did joys/concerns, then the band came back at the end with one more song, New Hallelujah!, during their offertory, to end the service.



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Maintaining Salem's Buildings, Grounds and Cemetery

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■ **By Donald Stottlemeyer**
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Cemetery Rock Removal Project

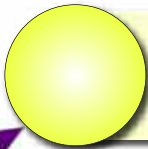
As most of you probably know, when we attempted to dig the first grave in the new cemetery we hit a large rock, and as a result the grave site had to be moved.

As a result of this, and to prevent another such incident, we decided to have a company drill over the cemetery in an attempt to find out whether this was an isolated incident or whether we in fact had a large problem. Unfortunately, we found that we had a very large problem. We contracted with local contractor, Todd Harne to complete the job of removing the rock. It required, among other small pieces of equipment, two large trackhoes. One with a breaker and one with a large bucket. Our thanks to our neighboring land owner Rodney Wolfe for allowing Todd to load and unload the equipment on his property. Todd worked very quickly once he was able to get started and a large amount of rocks were removed and



Cemetery rock removal project completed and disturbed area has been seeded.

subsequently buried beneath where a road will be constructed in the future. Once they were removed and buried, he backfilled and seeded the disturbed area. Hopefully by early spring we will have new grass growing. This was an expensive project; however, without this being completed we would definitely have had serious issues with many other grave sites. We should now be able to use any grave lot without having a problem.



Hero's Club
Salem's After School Ministry

FALL SEMESTER
2013

Photos by Dawn Nelson



Youth volunteers for Hero's Club. From left are Tori Isleib, Camden Raynor, Alexa Kehlbek, & Olivia Moser.



Roni Remaley talks with the Hero's Club children about journaling and how the Holy Spirit can bring out the artist in them. They will use these journals throughout the school year to reflect on what they have learned at Hero's Club.



At craft time, Hero's Club children were asked to make an image of John the Baptist or Jesus Christ, who they learned had helped to spread the good news.

Heavenly Humor

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Father to son, "Once you get your permit, learn to ride, and prove yourself responsible we can discuss moving up to a camel ... Happy Sixteenth, Bud"

I've learned . . .

written by Andy Rooney



- I've learned... that having a child fall asleep in your arms is one of the most peaceful feelings in the world.
- I've learned... that you should never say no to a gift from a child.
- I've learned... that sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart to understand.
- I've learned... that simple walks with my father around the block on summer nights when I was a child did wonders for me as an adult.
- I've learned... that the best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person.
- I've learned... that we should be glad God doesn't give us everything we ask for.
- I've learned... that under everyone's hard shell is someone who wants to be appreciated and loved.
- I've learned... that one should keep his words both soft and tender because tomorrow he may have to eat them.
- I've learned... that when you're in love, it shows.

—Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

Some thoughts to ponder . . .

God's whisper of comfort quiets the noise of our trials.

Our desire to please God is our highest motive for obeying Him.

To stand up to any challenge, spend time on your knees.

Jesus alone can supply the grace we need for each trial we face.

The Mountain Shepherd

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— Every Sunday —
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