



Salem United Methodist Church – Wolfsville

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Create in me  
a clean heart, O God,  
and renew  
a steadfast spirit  
within me.  
—Psalm 51:10

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## Salem to attend ROCK Youth Retreat in Ocean City, Jan 31, Feb 1 & 2

**Theme: Got Love?**  
"We love because  
he first loved us"  
—1 John 4:19



ROCK is an exciting Christian week-end retreat in which youth in grades 6-12 from the Baltimore Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church will gather at the Roland E. Powell Ocean City Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway.

The purpose of the retreat is to "ROCK" the lives of our youth and help them into a new or deeper faith, and personal relationship with the ROCK of our salvation, Jesus.

Thirteen Salem youth and nine adults will be attending the retreat, along with 6,500 others. Salem youth attending are Sara, Rebecca, Camden, Camilo, Chris, Dottie, Lily, Madison, Owen, Joshua, Grace, Michael, and Valentina. Adults attending are Pastor Bob, Donna, Colleen, Denny, Laura, Sue Ellen, Cathie, Susan, and Wanda.

Guest speaker is Preston Centuolo, a youth pastor who has served churches in Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

He says, "Today's youth are bombarded by messages of what it takes to be cool. For some, cool is being in a gang, for others, it's drugs, alcohol, or sex."

Preston believes that teenagers need to find out who they are before they can make sound choices for their future.

They need to know what they believe in, what they are good at doing and what their goals and dreams are.

Preston's message is aimed at helping young people figure out what their dreams are; inspiring them to achieve their goals; and encouraging them to be true to themselves instead of sacrificing their goals to peer pressure, violence or victimization.

Preston's sincere desire is to help youth overcome adversity. He excels in helping troubled kids, because he shows them acceptance, love, and respect.

Music will be provided by Mandisa and Unsearchable Riches.



Guest Speaker: Preston Centuolo



Music by: Mandisa



Music by: Unsearchable Riches

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**SALEM MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS**  
Current Membership: 234  
Sunday School Enrollment: 92  
2014 New Members: 0

**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.

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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-Nov
<b>1</b>	<b>Frank &amp; Nancy Stottlemeyer</b> Retired Senegal Missionaries	\$204	\$2,244.00
<b>2</b>	<b>Operation Christmas Child</b> Postage for Shoe Boxes - Paid in November	—	70.00
<b>3</b>	<b>Salem Mission &amp; Outreach</b> Supports local needs as determined by Salem.	—	\$5,339.97
<b>4</b>	<b>Salem Food Pantry</b> Open every Tuesday 6:00-7:00 p.m. Items purchased for food pantry.	—	\$2,246.64
<b>5</b>	<b>Mary E. - Africa Inland Mission</b> Mission Work in Africa	\$85	\$1,175.00
<b>6</b>	<b>United Methodist Bd of Child Care</b> Care of Homeless or Abused Children (Auxiliary and direct support)	—	\$200.00
<b>7</b>	<b>Gideons International</b> Frederick County/West Camp - Distributing Bibles	\$110	\$1,210.00
<b>8</b>	<b>Potato Project</b> Society of St. Andrew, Big Island, Virginia	\$60	\$660.00
<b>9</b>	<b>Middletown High School</b> Fellowship of Christian Athletes	\$47	\$517.00
<b>10</b>	<b>Mission Trip</b> Destination to be determined	—	0
<b>11</b>	<b>Ronnie &amp; Angi Hopkins</b> The Mission Society - Mission Work in Nicaragua	\$64	\$715.00
<b>12</b>	<b>Care Net Pregnancy Center</b> 707 N. Market Street, Frederick, MD	\$64	\$838.00
<b>13</b>	<b>Compassion International</b> Sponsored child in India	\$38	\$562.00
<b>14</b>	<b>Local Mission Projects</b> Supporting local repair or renovation needs as they may arise	—	0
<b>15</b>	<b>Hero's Club After School Ministry</b> Pre-K through grade 5 at Salem. Expenses include snacks, craft supplies, etc.	—	\$2,600.78
<b>16</b>	<b>World Vision</b> Sponsored child in Colombia	\$35	\$175.00

**Total 2013 Mission Goal: \$16,200 | Total 2013 Mission Offering: \$19,512.05 | % of Goal: 120%**

Here's how you can give...

- 1 Make checks payable to Salem United Methodist Church, or place cash contributions in an envelope marked "Missions."
- 2 Tell us which mission project(s) you wish to support by making a note on your check or envelope.
- 3 Place your contributions in the offering plate at Sunday worship. If you do not designate a specific project, your contribution will be distributed to the project or projects needing funds to meet the monthly minimum payout goals listed above.



Salem Mission Project No. 13

### COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL

A LETTER FROM OUR SPONSORED CHILD IN INDIA

Dear Salem Youth Group:  
How are you? I am fine. All my family members are also fine. I am studying very well. My half yearly exam is over. Also I attend Sunday school. I like to sing songs and sometimes I read the Bible. Also, I memorized a few Bible verses. Do you memorize Bible verses? I am learning how to make flowers, bags, etc. I also attend computer class. Please pray for my study and for my computer class that I may understand very well. Next month I will be attending autumn camp. I will learn many new things. Please pray for all of us. I do remember you in my prayers.

Thank you.  
Santanu Sing



## SALEM MISSION PROJECTS

**MISSIONS** *is the MISSION of the CHURCH*

Salem Mission Project No. 4

**Food Pantry Blessings**

■ By Dawn Nelson

This year we have seen a large increase in families coming to our Food Pantry. Over a month ago I attended two meetings, one with the Hagerstown Religious Council and the other with the Frederick County Religious Coalition. At both meetings they warned the food pantries and food banks that we will probably see a large increase starting the first of the year due to the SNAP (Food Stamps) program being cut by the government.

After hearing this I became concerned about how we will be able to accommodate the increase. God taught me something during this whole process. He taught me to trust in Him and let Him be in control and not to worry as He will take care of us.

Just when I doubted the whole situation, a large donation from one donor came in. I wish I could give that person a big hug! It brought tears to my eyes when Salem Treasurer Bill Burrier told me of the donation. Weeks later the Grossnickle Church of Brethren did a food drive for our Food Pantry. We were able to receive items that we were unable to get at the Maryland Food Bank due to their donations being down. What a blessing!

Then the blessings just kept coming! Our choir sang at the Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church Hymn Sing and they announced that a free-will offering was for Salem's Food Pantry. What a nice surprise! Mt. Bethel missions also contributed \$70 towards our Christmas stockings for our families. Once again God surprises me!

Well it still gets better. When I shared the news with Pastor Bob, he told me that the Community Thanksgiving Eve Service at Pleasant Walk United Methodist received a free-will offering for our Food Pantry. Thank you Lord!

When I told Bill that there will be money coming in from both of these churches, he told me that more donations totaling over \$700 had been received. I was just in awe of how God took care of us!

I know that these are all God things! Through these last few years of working with the Food Pantry, He has shown me so much in what the Holy Spirit can do when He has his hands on the whole situation!

I saw a single mom ask for prayers



Our shelves were stocked for Christmas due to many donations in December.



Anna Mae Buhrman (Mrs. Santa) dressed up for our families at our Food Pantry.

for a job and then she came in and told me she got a job. I saw a father of 6 who wanted better for his family and he completed his GED, CDL certification and just the other day was on his first truck-driving route making a better living for his family. I saw where two spouses lost their jobs but with their faith they were able to find more work.

I saw this year where one of our Food Pantry families had a trailer fire and how the community and our church came to the rescue. They were so appreciative! I saw a family that was affected by the gov-

ernment furlough and needed our help. They were so appreciative that they want to pay it back somehow to us. They now have their children coming to Hero's Club, Salem's after school ministry.

I saw a new neighbor that works with Care Net bring us a donation of baby food and then saw two of our moms with babies come in and think it was Christmas to receive all that baby food.

Our church and community should be proud of how we are making a difference in these families lives— showing them God's endless love!

Salem Mission Project No. 12

**Care Net Pregnancy Center of Frederick**

Dear Salem:

We are deeply grateful to you and the members of your church for your generous support of Care Net in recent years.

Your gifts have made it possible for hundreds of women (and the men in their lives) to choose life for their unborn children. Your support not only saves lives, but also helps us to share the gospel and meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of the many women and men who walk through our doors.

With gratitude in Christ,  
Nancy Landrum

Salem Mission Project No. 11

**NICARAGUA — December 2013**

Dear Friends:

As the year is ending, we want to thank all of you for the many different ways in which you have supported us. The ministries that we have the privilege of being a part of here in Nicaragua are made possible by the generous and faithful support of so many of you.

We know that for many of you it is a sacrifice on your part and we are mindful of that. We commit to continue to do that which we believe God has called us to do and are grateful for the opportunity He has given us to do so.

We wish each of you joy and peace,  
Ronnie and Angi Hopkins





# Attendance & Offerings

NOVEMBER 2013

	Worship*		Sunday School	
Nov 3 -	77	\$1,434.25	50	\$262.50
Nov 10 -	92	1,533.75	60	168.50
Nov 17 -	86	1,958.00	51	122.00
Nov 24 -	85	1,734.25	48	92.50

	Average Attendance	
	Worship	Sunday School
Nov	85	52
Oct	86	51
Sept	89	58
Aug	88	54
July	74	50
June	86	61

\*Worship attendance & offerings include both worship services.

- Missions: \$2,010.00
- Pavilion Fund: \$80.00
- Love Offering for Brent Blickenstaff family: \$2,383.58 as of 12/20/13
- Building & Imp. Fund: \$160.00
- Cemetery Endowment: \$0.00

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

**Average Attendance Jan-Nov 2013**  
 Sunday Worship: 88  
 Sunday School: 57

## FINANCIAL News & Notes



### Offering Envelopes Available for 2014

Members are encouraged to use offering envelopes for your weekly monetary offerings. Using envelopes helps all of us keep on track with our giving.

Those who use envelopes receive a statement of giving at the end of the year.

If you are currently using envelopes, you will automatically get new ones for 2014. Your offering envelopes for the new year are now available in the hallway just outside the sanctuary.

If you would like to request envelopes for the first time, contact Lora McGraw, Salem's Financial Secretary, at 301-824-3322, or by email at kre8ive4u@yahoo.com.

**MY REGULAR CHURCH OFFERING**

For Church Expenses..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

For Missions ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

For Building Fund ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Offering Envelope

**Give generously** to Him and do so without a grudging heart; then, because of this, the Lord your God will bless you in all your work, and in everything you put your hand to.

—Deuteronomy 15:10

### Salem Develops 2014 Ministry Budget

The members of Salem's Finance Committee and Administrative Council wish to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your continuing faithful support in time, talent, and finances. In the spirit of Christ, we have worked together to carry out God's work in this church and in this community, in which we are privileged to live.

We met in December to prepare a new budget for 2014. In that meeting, every line item was carefully examined to determine its importance and necessity to continue an effective ministry here.

The budget has six categories:

1. Conference Apportionments
2. Pastoral Ministry
3. Ministry Programs
4. Church Building Utilities, Equipment, Maintenance, and Grounds Upkeep
5. Parsonage Utilities
6. Mission Projects (16)

You will be blessed by your giving ministry and God will be pleased. Giving tithes and offerings is a part of our spiritual worship. We don't give in order to get. We give to make an impact; we give to make a difference in people's lives; we give to further the ministry of Christ.

—Bill Burrier, Chair, Finance Committee



### 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*



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# Calendar of Events

- Thu 2 **UMW Bee-lievers meeting** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem  
**Board of Trustees meeting** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem  
 Thu 9 **Administrative Council** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem  
 Sun 12 **Installation of 2014 Church Leaders** - 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. worship  
 Sat 25 **Leadership Days**  
 Fri 31 **Leave for ROCK Youth Retreat in Ocean City**

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  
 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 195 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.

## LOOKING AHEAD



Sunday, February 16, 2014  
 4:30 - 7:00 p.m.

### Cosmic Skate & Play

11870 Buchanan Trail East  
 Waynesboro, PA  
 717-762-7177

FREE ADMISSION • FREE SKATES

Invite your friends.

For more information contact:  
 Joe Hawkins  
 240-818-0006  
 jch1973@comcast.net

Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus.  
 —Colossians 3:17



## Board of Trustees

# FACILITY MANAGEMENT

### Salem's 2014 Board of Trustees

Donald Stottlemeyer	George Harne
Robin Haupt	Gary Barkdoll
Todd Raynor	Brandon Leatherman
Bobby Fogle	Richard Harshman
George Stottlemeyer	

Maintaining  
 Salem's Buildings  
 and Grounds

### ■ By Donald Stottlemeyer Chair, Board of Trustees

#### PARSONAGE HOT WATER HEATER

The hot water heater in the parsonage recently started to leak. Fortunately, the replacement heater was covered under warranty so we did not have any expense in purchasing it; and thanks to a good friend of the church and community, Harold Stotelmeyer, did the replacement work without charging. Harold is always very prompt and willing to donate his time to the church, and we should be very thankful for all he does.

#### OTHER ACTIVITIES

In addition to replacing the hot water heater in the parsonage, the lock on the basement door had to be replaced which didn't involve any labor cost to the church.

Bobby Fogle repaired the lights in Fonda's classroom. The "Nativity" was set up in the parsonage yard. There were several other small projects completed around the church and parsonage.

We are very fortunate to have some very talented members who are willing to donate their time and skills to our church.



The Works in Progress Community Praise Band entertained the Wolfsville Ruritan Club at the club's Christmas party held at the Cozy Inn, Thurmont.

### Salem Adult Choir Notes

#### ■ By Sandy Lewis

The choir will be taking a short break from practices during the Christmas and New Year's holidays and through January 2014.

We will start practicing again on Tuesday, February 4, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone for faithfully supporting our choir with your time and talent this fall.

"Let us come before Him with thanksgiving and extol Him with music and song" Psalm 95:2 (NIV)



# Who's Doing What, When?

## JANUARY

### 9:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

#### Lay Reader

5 - Mary Alice Shankle  
12 - Gary Barkdoll  
19 - Patrick Boyton  
26 - Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer

#### Ushers

5 - Dick Kline & Steve Leatherman  
12 - Vernon Stottlemeyer & Robin Haupt  
19 - Donald Stottlemeyer & Meredith Harshman  
26 - Philip Koons & Brandon Leatherman

#### Organist

5 - Susan Koons  
12 - Susan Koons  
19 - Joann Leatherman  
26 - Susan Koons

#### Greeters

5 - Andrea Palmer  
12 - Randy & Brenda Freysz  
19 - George, Barbie, & Matthew Stottlemeyer  
26 - Gary & Wanda Barkdoll & Family

#### Acolytes

5 - Paul McCormick  
12 - Jadie Buhrman  
19 - Kenslie Buhrman  
26 - Joshua Koons

### 11:15 A.M. CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

An informal **FAMILY FRIENDLY** service with contemporary Christian music, pastor's sermon, children's time, sharing of joys and concerns, prayer, and multimedia to enhance the worship experience.

## It's Your Day!

### January Anniversaries

- 1 - Donald & Susie Stottlemeyer
- 2 - Kyle and Leann Crutchley
- 16 - Charles & Christi Beall
- 21 - Charles and Dawn Brown

### January Birthdays

- 6 - Patty Weagley
- 7 - Dwayne Ledford
- 19 - Bill Buhrman
- 19 - Elizabeth Beall
- 19 - Della Hager
- 20 - Bradley Flook Jr.
- 21 - Joann Leatherman
- 22 - Lora McGraw
- 25 - Dennis Tolland
- 27 - Carley Weagley
- 31 - Chase Tyler Woods

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

Read the **OUR DAILY BREAD**  
Daily Devotional online  
at [www.SalemChurchWolfville.org](http://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.

### NEWS & NOTES

#### Communion Instruction

Pastor Bob has been conducting a communion instruction class with Emily Burrier and Maria Barkdoll. They will be recognized at Sunday worship on January 5th.

#### Installation of 2014 Church Leaders

On Sunday, January 12, at both worship services, Pastor Bob will install Salem's 2014 church leaders.

#### Bible Presented

Each year, Salem's Sunday School presents a Bible to children in third grade. This year, Emily Burrier was presented a Bible in the 11:15 a.m. contemporary worship service.

#### Marlene Young Christmas CD

As of this writing, 20 copies of the CD were sold to Salem members and friends. 100% of sales will benefit Salem.

### Holy Communion

January 5, 2014

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



### Sticky Buns For Sale

As a fundraiser 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.

**Waiting for God  
is never a waste of time.**

**BULLETIN BOARD  
with a message**

**THE BEST WAY TO GET  
THE LAST WORD IS TO  
APOLOGIZE**

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman





## INSPIRATIONAL Reading

### Throughout the Coming Year

By P. F. Freeman

Let us make three resolutions  
That are simple ones to write,  
Let us try our best to mend our ways,  
And start the New Year right.

First, let us speak but kindly words,  
And send forth a thought of cheer,  
Be ever pleasant and never grumble  
Throughout the coming year.

There is another we should make,  
And practice it all the while,  
Be ever cheerful and forget to frown,  
And always wear a smile.

Whenever you meet the friends you know,  
Never greet them with a sneer,  
But clasp their hand and wish them well  
Throughout the coming year.

The last one is best of all,  
For in principle it is great and grand,  
Resolve to do some kindly deed  
And to lend a helping hand.

Remember well your resolutions  
To speak comforting words of cheer,  
To do kind deeds in time of need  
Throughout the coming year.



### Winter Nighttime Wonder

By Shirley Hile Powell

Oh, Winter nighttime wonder  
When the earth is calm and still.  
I watch in peaceful moments  
Snowflakes landing on windowsill.

The darkened night is soon made bright  
As the moon through clouds appears,  
And makes ghostlike shadows  
In the wintertime of the year.

The earth is white and glistens  
With the fresh, white fallen snow.  
Icicles found on the roof's edge  
Appear like prisms hanging below.

Thank You, Lord, for the wintertime  
That allows us to slow down  
And take in all of its splendor  
With the beauty that abounds.

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation;  
old things have passed away.

—2 Corinthians 5:17



## RECIPE



### BROWNIE BATTER COOKIES

2 sticks butter, softened	2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1 1/4 cups granulated sugar	1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
3/4 cup dark brown sugar	1 1/4 teaspoons baking powder
1 ounce unsweetened baking chocolate, melted	1 1/4 teaspoons salt
3 large eggs, at room temperature	1 tablespoon vanilla extract
	1 1/2 cups semisweet chocolate chips

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Line a large baking sheet with parchment paper.

In a stand mixer with the beater blade attachment, beat the butter, granulated sugar, brown sugar and chocolate until smooth. Add the eggs and mix until fully combined. Sift together the flour, cocoa powder, baking powder and salt in a bowl and add slowly to the batter until mixed. Add the vanilla and fold in the chocolate chips.

Drop by generous spoonfuls onto the prepared baking sheet, about 2 inches apart. Bake for 15 minutes. Transfer to a wire rack to cool.

*Petie Stup made these cookies for the Bee-lievers cookie exchange. Petie selected this recipe which was contributed by Trisha Yearwood to the Television Food Network.*



### Star of the East

By Mrs. W. Baggott

Star of the East,  
Beautiful star  
Guiding the wise men  
From lands afar.  
Lighting the pathway  
Which they trod,  
Guiding them ever  
Nearer to God.

Star of the East,  
In the manger old  
They found the Messiah,  
Long foretold.  
At the manger they kneel,  
Their offering bring,  
And worship, adore  
Their Savior and King.

Star of the East,  
The shepherds heard  
The song in the night  
And the angel's word,  
"Peace, good will, be to all men,  
For the Savior is born in Bethlehem.

Star of the East,  
Oh, let thy light  
Shine on the world  
This Christmas night.  
Over us all let peace, good will reign,  
Born in the manger at Bethlehem.

### IN SYMPATHY

#### Rev. David Andrews

Apr 14, 1928 -  
Nov 25, 2013

Rev. David Andrews, 85, of Foxville Road, died Nov. 25, 2013. He was ordained in the Evangelical United Brethren Church in 1954. He served many local congregations in Pennsylvania and Maryland, and was known to us at Salem in the 1970s as our District Superintendent, and in that role he appointed our pastors and followed our ministry.

He retired to our local area and attended local church events including our Lord's Acre Festival.

According to former Salem pastor, Rev. H. Ronald Ellis, David and his wife Grace were members of a retired group that meets 4 times a year. Rev. Ellis commented, "David and Grace seldom missed a meeting. David and I were computer buddies, exchanging emails at least weekly."

A celebration of life service was conducted by Rev. Ronald Kurtz of Mount Bethel United Methodist Church, Foxville.

The Salem congregation expresses sincere sympathy to the family.





## Pastor's Notes... Worship in January

By PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER

As the Christmas Season draws to a close, may the peace and joy of Christmas continue to be held in our hearts throughout the New Year. Thanks to all who helped with Salem's Advent and Christmas activities this year. Your great service is much appreciated!

We'll begin 2014 on January 5th by recognizing students who completed Communion Instruction, and on January 12th by installing our 2014 Church Leaders.

We also have two events near the end of the month. On January 25th, the Western Regional Leadership Days offers training to church leaders, and on January 31st, our Faith Builders Youth Group travels to Ocean City, Md. for the ROCK Youth Retreat.

Churches throughout the conference are also submitting their annual Statistical Reports on January 24th, a major administrative undertaking that falls at this time each year.

As the year begins, Pastor Bob and church leaders are writing goals for the year for each of their areas.

In worship during January, we'll complete our "We Were There" Sermon Series, and turn to the subject of Baptism and what it means to be members of the family of Christ. Below are some highlights for each week's topic.

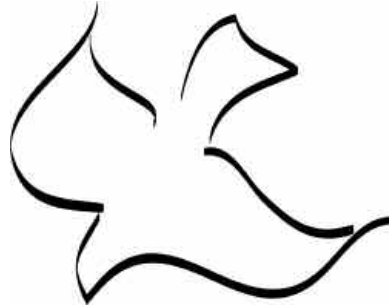
God's peace and joy in 2014!

—Pastor Bob

### January 5 – Second Sunday of Christmas, Holy Communion "We Were There" Sermon Series Conclusion - "Simeon and Anna" Luke 2:21-40

Shortly after his birth, Jesus was taken to the temple by Joseph and Mary to be presented to God. Simeon, a devout man of faith, was also at the temple that day. He had been led there by God, the Holy Spirit.

Simeon, an old man, had been assured by God that he would not die before seeing Jesus, his Savior. Indeed, on that day, Mary the mother of Jesus invited Simeon to hold Jesus in his arms.



## Celebrating *Jesus' baptism* naturally leads to reflecting on our own *baptism*.



Afterward, Simeon praised God in a beautiful prayer.

Anna was also at the temple that same day. Like Simeon, she was old and a woman of great faith. And like him, she also told the others around her about God's saving purpose through Jesus.

When we act in faith, God blesses us; when we share with others how we see God working in our lives and in the world, we point others to God and God's saving grace.

### January 12 – Baptism of the Lord "We Are Members of the Family of Christ" Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus not only died for us, he also modeled right living so we would have an example to follow as we live out our own lives.

In our life situations, we turn to the Bible to see how Jesus handled similar situations in his life.

Jesus wanted to be baptized; he knew it was important and felt it was the right thing to do. Jesus wants us to follow his

example and be baptized also.

This week, we'll explore what happened to Jesus when he was baptized and what happens to us that makes baptism something so special and worth doing.

### January 19 "Building the Vertical Relationship" John 1:29-42

Christ died on the cross to save us from sin and death. When we view the cross, we see that it has both a vertical beam and a horizontal beam. Both are necessary to make a cross.

There is a vertical part and a horizontal part to living faithful lives as well. The vertical is our love for God and the relationship we build with God. Without that relationship between ourselves and God, our faith doesn't work, just like a wooden cross wouldn't work without its vertical beam.

This week, we'll explore how to build and maintain a close relationship with God in everyday living.

### January 26 "Building Horizontal Relationships" Matthew 4:12-23

Last week we explored our relationship with God, the "vertical part" of a life of faith. Just as a cross needs both vertical and horizontal beams, so our lives of faith require both the vertical and the horizontal.

If the vertical looks up to God then the horizontal looks out to other people. Without that relationship between ourselves and others, our faith doesn't work, just like a wooden cross wouldn't work without its horizontal beam.

This week, we'll explore how to build and maintain a close relationship with others in everyday living.

## Gratitude

By Rev. Thomas Foy

I thank You, Lord, for all the gifts  
You've given me today.  
For all the friends that smile at me  
And the kindly things they say.  
I thank You for the helping hand  
My friends have given me.  
I thank You for the kind pretense  
That my faults they did not see.  
I thank You for the blessings  
That you give our happy land;  
I know that all that comes our way  
Is brought here by Your hand.

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman





## SALEM MISSION PROJECTS

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Salem Mission Project No. 3

## Update on Brent Blickenstaff

■ Posted by Patty Blickenstaff  
on [Caringbridge.org](http://Caringbridge.org) Dec. 10, 2013

Hello Family and Friends,

Life here in Colorado has not been any easier than it was in Baltimore. Brent continues to battle debilitating blood pressure. His schedule here is quite busy however he misses several therapies during the day due to low blood pressure or high blood pressure. His body temperature also keeps him in bed too often.

Although he still has these issues he has also had some significant positives. He is receiving speech and swallow therapy and during those sessions he is able to voice his opinions again. His sound is not himself however the therapists have said that will improve and he will sound less gravely soon. The goal for swallowing is for him to be able to taste mashed potatoes and gravy by Christmas - what a wonderful gift that would be for him. Right now the therapist gives him a few spoonfuls of slushy juice in order to exercise his throat muscles. She is optimistic that he will be able to enjoy regular food down the road.

Each day is so full here - it is hard to explain what a hectic pace it is. There is a parade of staff in and out of his room both day and night. Patients here get very little sleep. It is hard to believe they

expect so much from them with such little rest. I'm exhausted and I'm not the one doing the work.

Brent has good days and bad days on the emotional level. Sometimes he acts like okay let's get through this, and other days he is pretty severely discouraged. There are some fun people here and he rallies and has some fun with them. The doctors here are very compassionate as well as the nurses.

Bailey and I have a lovely apartment thanks to the love and generosity of Phil Catron, Natural Lawn of America (Brent's old boss). I went to go rent an apartment and forgot that I did not have an income anymore and the lessee was a little confused by that. So thank you Phil for stepping in and solving that huge problem for us.

We are just getting settled and able to start accomplishing things like updating Caring Bridge. We would love to host any guests who would love to visit Colorado for the holidays - we can offer a queen size bed and couch.

Thank you all so much for the cards, prayers, monies and support. We continue to be abundantly blessed by you. I, Brent and Bailey hope we can repay you all someday. Love and gratitude,

—Patty

Salem Mission Project No. 11

## Ronnie Hopkins has heart catherization

**NICARAGUA**— We ended a very busy month of November with an unexpected turn of events. Three days before Ronnie was scheduled to leave for another river trip, he was hospitalized with chest pain and underwent a cardiac catherization. They found a couple blockages and placed two stents.

The procedure went well and his heart is good to go. The femoral artery in his leg where they inserted the catheter, however, is taking a little longer to heal. The artery did not seal properly afterwards and there was some leakage of blood into the surrounding tissue.

So, for now, he is still not back to business as usual. The doctor told us it would take another three weeks to resolve. In the meantime, he is resting at

home and we are just thankful that the problem was found before he went down the river.

Our Nicaraguan friends have been very supportive and we are very grateful for the thoughts and prayers of our families and friends back home.

—Angi Hopkins



Ronnie Hopkins (left) with his good friend Ricardo in Los Playones.

## Outreach Projects at Salem

■ By Barbie Stottlemeyer

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Christmas Outreach Programs this year; those who contributed through their donations and assistance with these annual events.

Salem Mission Project No. 2

### Operation Christmas Child

We delivered 23 beautifully wrapped shoeboxes to the Trinity United Methodist Church in Frederick; each box was filled with gifts to be sent to poor and underprivileged children worldwide through Operation Christmas Child.

Salem Mission Project No. 3

### Salvation Army Stockings

We delivered 15 Christmas Stockings to the Salvation Army in Frederick; like the shoeboxes each of the stockings were filled with gifts for distribution to children locally. Through your thoughtfulness and generosity, children that may not have received a gift will enjoy the experience of opening a Christmas gift on Christmas morning.

Salem Mission Project No. 3

### Food Boxes, Fruit Baskets, & Flowers

On Friday evening, December 13, 2013, a group of church members gathered and prepared 2 food boxes, 12 fruit baskets, and 13 poinsettias that were distributed to families and individuals in our church and community; included with each gift was a special gift donated by Phyllis Green.

Salem Mission Project No. 15

### Hero's Club



Photo by Dawn Neilson

Santa visited the children at the Christmas party for Salem's "Hero's Club" After School Ministry.



CELEBRATING JESUS' BIRTH

# CHRISTMAS *at* SALEM

## SCENES *from the* CHRISTMAS PARTY

Photos by Wanda Barkdoll &amp; Bill Burrier



Madison & Gloria wore their festive head bands to the party.



Amy and Mabel enjoy watching the children have a good time.



Chris and Becky try to guess the number of candies in the jars.



Santa had a large sack of gifts that he gave to the children.



Olive and Anita enjoy good conversation at the party.



Santa entertains the children with a story about the real meaning of Christmas from the scriptures.



The children are seated and ready ... waiting for the package swap game to begin.



The package game is always a good time for the older youth and adults. Everyone was requested to bring a wrapped package valued at less than \$5.





CELEBRATING JESUS' BIRTH

CHRISTMAS at SALEM

SCENES from the CHRISTMAS EVE PROGRAM

Photos by Bill Burrier

Salem's Christmas Eve Program included music, recitations, and readings of the birth of Christ from the scriptures.

At the beginning of the program, the children, dressed in Biblical attire, formed a nativity scene at the front of the church.

The children and youth presented a program titled *Candles of Christmas*, directed by Melanie Raynor.

Children presenting recitations and readings were Emily Burrier, Kenslie Buhrman, Sophie Wagaman, Sarah Burrier, Paul McCormick, Maria Barkdoll, Loralli Cortijo, Joshua Koons, Joey Hawkins, George Hawkins, and Madison Elsbach, directed by Caroline Buhrman and Doris Fogle.

The Adult Choir presented *The Greatest Story of All*, directed by Sandy Lewis. The service ended with candlelight.

The offering was given to the United Methodist Board of Child Care, for the care of homeless or abused children.



The Christmas Eve program began with the children forming a live nativity.



The children present a musical program titled *Candles of Christmas*, directed by Melanie Raynor.



The adult choir presented *The Greatest Story of All*, directed by Sandy Lewis.



Melanie Raynor directed the children's musical presentation and Michael Burrier (far left) was sound director.



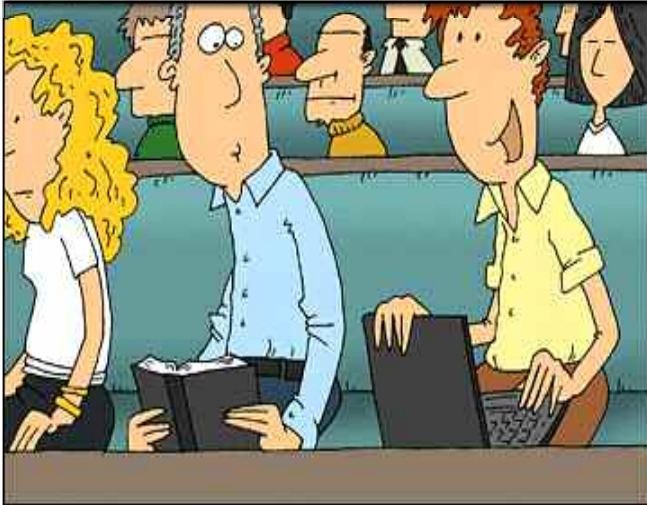
Sandy Lewis (left) read a poem prior to the adult choir's presentation that she directed.



## Heavenly Humor

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"Bring Friends to Church Day" is super easy for me . . . all I need is my laptop.

## Three things ...



Three things in life that, once gone, never come back:

1. Time, 2. Words, 3. Opportunity

Three things in life that can destroy a person:

1. Anger, 2. Pride, 3. Un-forgiveness

Three things in life that you should never lose:

1. Hope, 2. Peace, 3. Honesty

Three things in life that are most valuable:

1. Love, 2. Family & Friends, 3. Kindness

Three things in life that are never certain:

1. Fortune, 2. Success, 3. Dreams

Three things in life that make a person:

1. Commitment, 2. Sincerity, 3. Hard Work

Three things that are truly constant:

1. Father, 2. Son, 3. Holy Spirit

—Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

### Some thoughts to ponder . . .

The way to accomplish much for Christ is to serve Him in any way we can.

Salvation is the miracle of a moment; growth is the labor of a lifetime.

The way we view eternity will affect the way we live in time.

Christ's cross provides the only safe crossing into eternity.

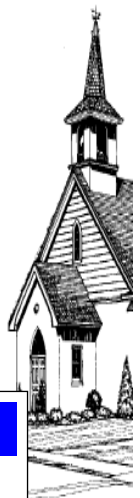
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