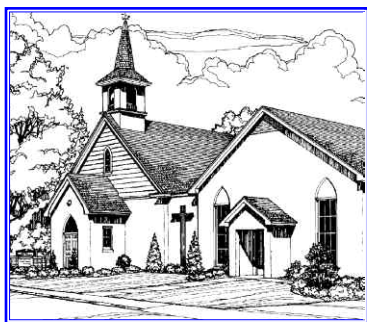


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Order your Lord's Acre style soup and sandwiches now. Orders due by Feb. 16. Sponsored by the Bee-lievers

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Family Skating Party set for Sunday, February 16th in Waynesboro



File photos from last year's skating party



Sunday, February 16, 2014

4:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Cosmic Skate & Play

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

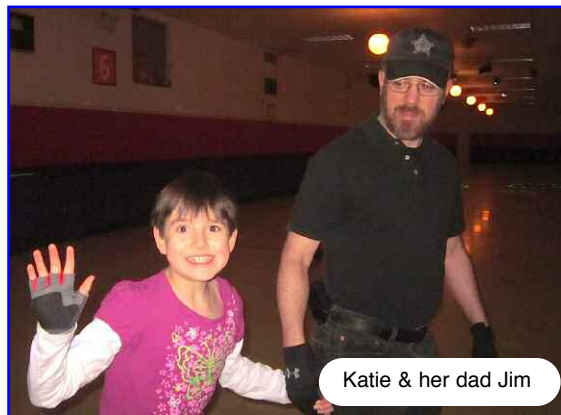
FREE ADMISSION
FREE SKATES

Invite your friends.

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LET'S DO IT AGAIN!



Katie & her dad Jim



Madison & Gloria

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SALEM MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

Current Membership: 233
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.

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

FINAL REPORT
for 2013

		Monthly Minimum	Paid Jan-Dec
1	Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer Retired Senegal Missionaries	\$204	\$2,448.00
2	Operation Christmas Child Postage for Shoe Boxes - Paid in November	—	70.00
3	Salem Mission & Outreach Supports local needs as determined by Salem.	—	\$5,608.41
4	Salem Food Pantry Open every Tuesday 6:00-7:00 p.m. Items purchased for food pantry.	—	\$2,246.64
5	Mary E. - Africa Inland Mission Mission Work in Africa	\$85	\$1,300.00
6	United Methodist Bd of Child Care Care of Homeless or Abused Children (Auxiliary and direct support)	—	\$1,179.00
7	Gideons International Frederick County/West Camp - Distributing Bibles	\$110	\$1,320.00
8	Potato Project Society of St. Andrew, Big Island, Virginia	\$60	\$720.00
9	Middletown High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes	\$47	\$564.00
10	Mission Trip Destination to be determined	—	0
11	Ronnie & Angi Hopkins The Mission Society - Mission Work in Nicaragua	\$64	\$779.00
12	Care Net Pregnancy Center 707 N. Market Street, Frederick, MD	\$64	\$902.00
13	Compassion International Sponsored child in India	\$38	\$600.00
14	Local Mission Projects Supporting local repair or renovation needs as they may arise	—	0
15	Hero's Club After School Ministry Pre-K through grade 5 at Salem. Expenses include snacks, craft supplies, etc.	—	\$2,600.78
16	World Vision Sponsored child in Colombia	\$35	\$210.00

Total 2013 Mission Goal: \$16,200 | Total 2013 Mission Offering: \$22,623.88 | % of Goal: 140%

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.

2013 MISSION GOALS "EXCEEDED"



"MISSIONS" IS THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

Once again, the Salem congregation is to be commended for its emphasis on giving to missions and outreach projects. For many years, outreach has been a priority at Salem. In addition to Salem's 16 mission projects (listed on this page), to which you gave on a monthly basis, numerous other intermittent projects and local needs were met right in the Wolfsville community, either with financial assistance or food.

In 2013, our overall goals were exceeded. We give God praise! In fact, your mission and outreach giving went beyond the tithe (10%). The Bible commands each of us as individuals to give at least 10% of our income to the Lord's work. Likewise, Salem strives to do the same with its mission projects, and in 2013 we again succeeded.

Mission offerings for our 16 mission projects totaled \$22,623.88, exceeding our goal by 40%. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity.



SALEM MISSION PROJECTS

MISSIONS is the MISSION of the CHURCH

Food Pantry News

Salem Mission Project No. 4

Photos by Dawn Nelson



Dennis Draper, our newest volunteer at our Food Pantry, helping us to unload a truck load of food from the Maryland Food Bank.



A recent pick up of food from the Maryland Food Bank. Danny is always a big help in packing our truck.



Thanks to Donald Stottlemyer, member of Salem's Board of Trustees, for putting down a new floor for our Food Pantry!



Jan Price made hats for the food pantry families for the winter. They were a big hit.

Salem Mission Project No. 3



Sales of Marlene Young's Christmas CD benefit Salem's Mission & Outreach

Leading up to the Christmas holidays, Marlene Young provided Salem with copies of her new Christmas CD.

Salem members and friends purchased 20 copies of the CD which sold for \$13 each.

The total proceeds of \$260 were forwarded to Marlene who very graciously returned 100% of the proceeds to Salem.

At Marlene's request, the \$260 was applied to Salem Mission Project No. 3, Salem Mission and Outreach.

This mission project supports emergency financial needs of families in the local Wolfsville area, as well as food, fruit and flowers for seniors and shut-ins during the Easter and Christmas seasons.

SALEM MISSION PROJECTS FOR 2014

	2014 Goal
1. Frank & Nancy Stottlemyer (Retired Senegal Missionaries)	2,448.00
2. Operation Christmas Child (Postage/Shipping for Shoe Boxes)	350.00
3. Salem Mission and Outreach (Local outreach needs)	1,180.00
4. Food Pantry at Salem	1,180.00
5. Mary E. (Africa Inland Missions)	1,020.00
6. Board of Child Care (Auxiliary and Christmas Offering)	1,360.00
7. Gideons (Frederick County West Camp - Distributing Bibles)	1,320.00
8. Potato Project (Society of St. Andrew, Big Island, VA)	720.00
9. Middletown High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes	564.00
10. Mission Trip (Destination to be determined)	2,000.00
11. Ronnie & Angi Hopkins (Mission work in Nicaragua)	768.00
12. Care Net Pregnancy Center (Frederick, MD)	768.00
13. Compassion International (Sponsored child in India)	486.00
14. Local Mission Projects	1250.00
15. Hero's Club After School Ministry at Salem	300.00
16. World Vision (Sponsored child in Colombia)	450.00
Total	16,164.00



Attendance & Offerings

DECEMBER 2013

		Worship*		Sunday School	
Dec	1	91	\$2,121.50	56	\$316.00
Dec	8	79	1,932.25	51	162.51
Dec	15	85	1,445.50	45	135.00
Dec	22	109	2,054.50	64	209.05
Dec	29	63	2,021.00	45	126.00

*Worship attendance & offerings include both worship services.

- **Missions:** \$3,111.83
- **Building & Imp. Fund:** \$260.00
- **Pavilion Fund:** \$5,100.00
- **Cemetery Endowment:** \$580.00

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

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

Average Attendance Jan-Dec 2013

Sunday Worship: 88
Sunday School: 56

FINANCIAL News & Notes

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN PEOPLE'S LIVES



Making a Difference in People's Lives

■ By Bill Burrier

Chair, Finance Committee

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.

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.

At Salem, your support of time, talent, and finances are **making a difference in people's lives**. We are working with our youth who are very involved in activities to strengthen their faith. Our faithful teachers in Bible study and Sunday School classes are making a difference in the lives of adults and children. There is also an

emphasis on family activities, music ministry, and worship opportunities.

In 2013, we received five new members, two of which were confirmations. We also welcomed three new families who are worshipping with us regularly.

Our emphasis on missions is commendable. We are making a difference in people's lives through our 16 mission projects and outreach efforts in our local community, nationally, and internationally.

Our trustees have been diligent in maintaining our buildings and grounds, which provide a place for us to worship, study, and fellowship with one another. We also provide a home for our full-time pastor and his family.

We are fortunate to have the finances to support being a "single station church" which enables our pastor to focus all of his time on the ministry of our congregation and this community. Having a full-time pastor has allowed us to accomplish things that would not be possible otherwise. A large part of our budget is pastoral ministry (55%) and parsonage (6%). It is only through your faithfulness that we can continue to have the means to make a difference in this way.

You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. For God loves a person who gives cheerfully.

—2 Corinthians 9:7



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



Feb

Calendar of Events

Sat-Sun 1-2	ROCK Youth Retreat in Ocean City
Thu 6	UMW Bee-lievers meeting - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
Thu 6	Board of Trustees meeting - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
Sat 8	Women's Valentine Prayer Breakfast - 9:00 a.m. at Salem
Sun 9	Youth Sunday
Thu 13	Administrative Council - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
Sun 16	Food Sale orders due
Sun 16	Family Skating Party - 4:30-7:00 p.m. at Cosmic Skate & Play, Waynesboro, PA
Mon 17	Wolfsville Ruritan Club Dinner - 2:00 p.m. prepare, 7:00 p.m. serve

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 49 cents First Class postage rate.

Salem Adult Choir Notes

■ By Sandy Lewis

The adult choir will begin practicing again on Tuesday, February 4, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. We will be preparing songs for Sunday morning worship services as well as Holy Week and Easter. We hope to see all our regular singers back with us and we welcome any new folks who would like to join us.

"Let everything that lives sing praises to the Lord." *Psalm 150:6 NLT*



Salem Mission Project No. 11



Grant Nichols is serving as a GreenLight Intern with The Mission Society in Nicaragua with **Ronnie and Angi Hopkins**. He serves primarily in the community of Mira Luz, developing a children's and youth program, serving with the youth ministry leadership team, assessing community needs, and teaching English classes.

Connecting again with former pastor, Rev. Stewart Crank

■ By Bill Burrier

It is always a pleasure to hear from Salem's previous pastors, but sometimes it can be a surprise, albeit a pleasant one.

Here's what happened. Salem's new website has an option to allow a viewer to electronically request to receive our newsletter *The Mountain Shepherd*. All someone has to do is enter their name and email address on our site's home page, hit send, and we automatically receive an email with their request, and we put them on our newsletter email address list.

Well, on January 1, we received such a request from Stewart Crank. The name was immediately familiar to me. Could it be the same Stewart Crank who served as pastor at Salem and Garfield for a short time back in 1974-75? I could tell he was not from the local area, because his email address was from the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church.

So, I sent a return email to him asking if he was, in fact, the same Stewart Crank who was our pastor back in the 1970s. He kindly replied, and yes it was him. He told me he has been serving in the North Carolina Annual Conference since 1994. He said, "I have had many twists and turns in my life but am finishing where I should have been all along, doing the

Lord's work. I will retire in June of 2015."

Apparently he had some time to view our website and commented, "It looks like Salem Church has been working hard at being and becoming relevant in this 'new' church world."

He fondly remembers his time as minister of the Wolfsville Charge. He said "My time at Salem and Garfield Churches was really short, so my memories (subject also to my age and many years and relationships) are not real clear. What I do remember is that I was treated well and kindly by everyone at both churches and even though I knew it was temporary when I started, I hated to leave—Wolfsville was a piece of heaven."

Finally he said, "Please say 'hello' to anyone who may remember me. I look forward to the newsletter and catching up."

It was a pleasure to hear from a former pastor, and it is interesting to learn where God takes them and their ministry. I had not seen or heard from him in nearly 40 years. What a pleasure it was to correspond with him again. And with the Internet and today's technology, he can easily keep in touch with our ministry in Wolfsville.

Rev. Crank is now serving as pastor of the Burlington Circuit and lives in Burlington, North Carolina.

NICARAGUA — The people in the community of Mira Luz are impoverished and struggling just to have enough food to survive. The Hopkins and I hope to start a feeding program for the children in this community. One of the Hopkins' supporters came to Nicaragua to help out. He bought 200 pounds of rice and beans to give to the people of Mira Luz.

Havier (a resident of Mira Luz) and I were filling plastic bags with rice and beans.

We didn't have enough rice to fill the last bag. While I was trying to figure out how to redistribute some of the rice, Havier got his own bag of rice and filled up the bag. It was just enough rice. I was so humbled.

Havier has what most North Americans would consider nothing. He is very poor, yet he gave the rice for his own family to help others in need. My bike ride home was not without tears.

—Grant Nichols

Who's Doing What, When?

FEBRUARY

9:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Lay Reader

2 - Dawn Nelson
9 - Dennis Draper
16 - Philip Koons
23 - Randy Freysz

Ushers

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

Organist

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

Greeters

2 - Donald & Susie Stottlemeyer
9 - Bill & Caroline, Jadie & Kenslie Buhrman
16 - George, Barbie, & Matthew Stottlemeyer
23 - Robin & Theresa Haupt

Acolytes

2 - Paul McCormick
9 - Jadie Buhrman
16 - Kenslie Buhrman
23 - 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!

February Anniversaries

16 - Olvey & Delores Myers
28 - Curtis & Dawn Nelson

February Birthdays

2 - Maria Barkdoll
3 - Michael Burrier
3 - Ruth Draper
6 - David Woods Jr.
9 - Robin Haupt
9 - Robert Keller Jr.
9 - Patrick Waite
9 - Jim Bullock
10 - Trista Wright
10 - Linda Hessong
13 - Emma Waite
16 - Polly Miller
19 - Samuel Sowers
21 - Dianna Poling
23 - Rev. H. Ronald Ellis
24 - Scott Wisner
24 - Grace Adams
24 - Gary Barkdoll
26 - Wesley Beall

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.

NEWS & NOTES

Blickenstaff Fund (Community Account)

Shortly after Brent's accident in September, the community was eager to contribute toward the family's expenses. In response to this need, Salem opened a bank account at First United in Myersville for the convenience of the community; contributors could make contributions directly into this account when visiting the bank. In addition, Salem volunteered to be a central point where contributions could be mailed to the church's address and then deposited into the community account.

As of this writing (January 23, 2014), the total amount of contributions deposited into the account is \$29,667.29. The amount provided to the Blickenstaff family to date is \$29,300.00.

The account will remain open for the community to continue to contribute as they wish.

Holy Communion

February 2, 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.

Daily we have opportunities to plant spiritual seeds. Are you looking for ways to sow good seeds?

BULLETIN BOARD
with a message

**THE GOOD YOU DO TODAY
MAY BE FORGOTTEN
TOMORROW—
DO GOOD ANYWAY.**

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman



INSPIRATIONAL Reading

February

By Esther York Burkholder

February . . . still a winter month, but in the midst of cold weather it is warm with secret promise. There is the promise of spring beauty from underground stirrings of seed and bulb. There is the promise of love in the exchange of valentine cards and gifts. And there is the promise of renewed health for our nation if we will but share and use as guidelines the ideals of the great Americans whose birthdays we celebrate this month. Hope rises as days begin to grow longer and brighter. It is the morning of another year.



God Must Have Known

By Kay Hoffman

God must have known our hearts would need
A reassuring touch

When He made the friendly handclasp
That warms our hearts so much.

He must have known that skies of blue
Would oftentimes turn to gray,
He put the sunshine in a smile
To brighten up our day.

God knew, I'm sure, that you and I
Would need a helping hand
Or kindly word to let us know
That others understand.

God must have known our hearts would need
A special kind of cheer;
I'm sure that's why He sent dear friends
To journey with us here.

God's Wonderful Grace

By Olive B. Elvin

Just as sure as the stars in Heaven
Shine forth in the darkness of night,
We can rely on the love of God
To carry us through our plight.

Just as sure as the sun each morning
Gives of its light through the day,
We can know that we have God's presence
No matter what comes our way.

We may not have all the answers
To the many trials we face,
But on one thing we can always rely—
We are kept by God's wonderful grace.



RECIPE



NUTS-FOR-CHOCOLATE BARS

2 cups flour	1 cup Karo Light or Dark Corn Syrup
1 cup sugar, divided	3 eggs
3/4 cup (1 1/2 sticks) margarine or butter, divided	1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla
1 package (4 ounces) Baker's German's Sweet Chocolate	1 1/2 cups chopped Diamond Walnuts

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Mix flour and 1/2 cup of the sugar in a small bowl. Cut in 1/2 cup of the margarine until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Press firmly into bottom of a greased, foil-lined 13x9-inch baking pan. Bake 20 minutes or until edges are lightly browned.

Microwave chocolate and remaining 1/4 cup margarine in a large microwavable bowl on high for 1 1/2 minutes or until margarine is melted. Stir until chocolate is completely melted. Stir in corn syrup, remaining 1/2 cup sugar, eggs and vanilla until well blended. Pour over crust. Sprinkle with walnuts.

Bake 30 minutes or until filling is set. Cool in pan. Cut into bars. Makes about 3 dozen.

Caroline Buhrman made these cookies for the Bee-lievers cookie exchange. Caroline selected this recipe from an ad promoting Baker's, Diamond and Karo products.



Winter Wonderland

By Patricia Ann Emme

This winter wonderland is mine,
To see and share with you.
Another gift of perfect love,
Another dream come true.

This winter wonderland is formed,
With jewels that shine so bright.
Each snow star has its own design,
Each crystal has its light.

This winter wonderland is filled
With trees that wear a gown,
Made out of dainty webs of snow,
With diamonds on each crown.

This winter wonderland is blessed,
With love that never dies,
Handcrafted by the King of Kings,
Who made the earth and skies.

IN SYMPATHY

Betty E. Gaver

March 31, 1931 - January 14, 2014

Betty E. (Harshman) Gaver, 82, of Wolfsville Road, died January 14, 2014, at her home. She was the wife of Maynard E. Gaver for 63 years.

She was a life-long member of Salem United Methodist Church, Wolfsville.

A private funeral ceremony was held Friday, January 17, 2014, at the Davis Funeral Home, Smithsburg.

Friends and extended family will be invited to join the family in a more formal celebration of her life at Salem United Methodist Church, Wolfsville, at a future date to be announced.

The congregation of Salem Church extends sincere sympathy to the Gaver family.

Let this valentine be a reminder that the special love which radiates so strongly at this particular time of year is a universal message of the everlasting love that each of us has to share each and every day. Love, universal love, so essential to nurture our highest good today and forever.

—Byron P. Tousignant





Pastor's Notes... Worship in February

By PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER

Our Middle and High School youth are travelling to Ocean City, Maryland, at the beginning of the month for the ROCK Youth Retreat. The following Sunday will be Youth Sunday and they'll lead us in worship.

During the middle of the month, we have our annual church-wide roller skating party at Cosmic Skate and Play in Waynesboro, Pa. Admission is free, and this is a great event to invite a friend. Even if you do not skate, please come and join in a relaxing time of fellowship.

Ladies, you're all invited to attend the Women's Valentine Prayer Breakfast starting at 9 a.m. on February 8th. This year's prayer breakfast will be very relaxed and low-key. Ladies will share a meal together and prepare Valentine gift baskets for the 20 residents of San Mar Children's Home in Boonsboro, Md.

Also, on February 17, Salem will be preparing and serving the meal for the Wolfsville Ruritan meeting. Your help in preparing food and serving the meal is appreciated.

This year Lent starts on Ash Wednesday, March 5. On the Sundays leading up to Lent, we'll look at some of Christ's teachings found in the Gospel of Matthew. Below are some initial thoughts on the themes for each Sunday.

I hope 2014 has started well for you. Each day lived in the Lord is a good day. God Bless. —Pastor Bob

February 2 – Holy Communion "Rejoice! Really?" Matthew 5:1-12

Matthew 5:1-12 are named "The Beatitudes." These verses are beloved by many. But do we feel blessed when we're feeling down, when we mourn a loss, when we feel used by others, when our good deed ends up feeling like punishment, when we repeatedly forgive but little seems to change, when we go up against society's deteriorating standards, when in trying to keep the peace we're attacked, when we're persecuted? During these times do we feel blessed? Really?



YOUTH SUNDAY Feb. 9 Theme: Got Love? Our youth will lead both worship services: 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

In Matthew 5:12 Jesus says, "rejoice and be glad." How do we maintain a positive, healthy attitude amidst the struggles and sometimes downright unfairness of life? Jesus offers an answer.

February 9 – Youth Sunday "Got Love?" 1 John 4:19

Our "Faith Builders" Middle and High School Youth Group will lead us in worship today. They are just returning from the ROCK Youth Retreat that was held in Ocean City, Maryland, January 31 through February 2.

Our thirteen youth and nine adults joined about 6,500 others to explore the theme "Got Love?"

1 John 4:19 says, "We love because he first loved us." Youth and adults were challenged to wrestle with the question, "Do I love as God loves me?"

As they lead worship today, our youth will help all of us wrestle with that same question.

February 16 "Withholding" Matthew 5:13-20

The Gospel of Matthew especially emphasizes that Jesus is the Messiah promised in the Old Testament. Matthew also shows Christ as a great teacher.

One thing Christ teaches is that we should share the talents God has given us with others. Our savior has something to say about us when we keep our talents to ourselves.

Matthew 5:15 says, "Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house."

What if Jesus had withheld salvation from us? We would be doomed.

Sometimes it's good for us to stop and ask ourselves, "What am I withholding that would be a blessing to someone else? Verse 16 says, "Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and praise your father in heaven."

February 23 "But I Tell You..." Matthew 5:21-37

The Gospel of Matthew shows Christ as the fulfillment of the Old Testament.

In Matthew 5:17 Jesus says, "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them."

In fulfilling the Old Testament, Jesus calls us to a higher standard. Jesus says, "You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not murder (Exodus 20:13), and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment" (Matthew 5:21-22).

Jesus' higher standard is simply stated: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And a second like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." (Matthew 22:37-40).

GOD IS . . .

At my lowest: God is my hope.

At my darkest: God is my light.

At my weakest: God is my strength.

At my saddest: God is my comforter.



SALEM MISSION PROJECTS

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Salem Mission Project No. 3

A New Years Update on Brent Blickenstaff

■ By Rea Berg, Patty's sister
January 8, 2014

Dear Family and Friends,

Russ, Katie and I had the blessing of spending Christmas week with Brent, Patty and Bailey at Craig Hospital in Denver, where Brent is currently undergoing rehab to regain as much function in speech, eating, and mobility as possible.

The good news is that when we arrived, Brent was dressed and sitting in his very high tech wheelchair and in good spirits. It was thrilling to see him out of the hospital gown and sitting up speaking!

The new trach which the hospital staff have outfitted him with allows breath to travel into his mouth, and Brent has adapted well to learning the new skill of speaking only upon inhaling.

His voice is clear and his usual humor is evident throughout the day. His days are comprised of speech therapy, physical therapy, and occupational therapy. Because of the Christmas holiday, we had more free time with Brent than usual, so that afforded us the opportunity to chat (Russ and Brent can talk sports endlessly!) and even share together in some games.

While we were there, Brent had his first wheelchair driving lesson— this is a wheelchair especially equipped with a breath tube which senses breath fluctuations. This is a very difficult skill as it requires minute fluctuations in breath to direct the wheelchair forward, right, left, back, etc. You can imagine how challenging this would be for those of us who

have the natural ability to control our own breath! Imagine the challenge when a machine is controlling one's breath!

As far as swallowing, the therapists are encouraged with Brent's progress. While we were there, Brent was promoted to swallowing a little mashed potatoes and gravy as well as jello. Just today, he was given pureed calzone (of all things!) and pureed honeydew melon. He was able to tolerate those fine, but drew the line at pureed cauliflower. The FES (functional electrical stimulation) he is given is helping to regain the function of the neck and swallow muscles, for which we are very grateful!

Patty is the faithful "Florence Nightingale," forever by Brent's side, and she has learned a number of skilled nursing techniques (and is being certified for more) which are essential for keeping Brent's lungs clear, monitoring his temperature, blood pressure and heart rate. As Patty is certified for more procedures, Brent is given more freedom to move around the hospital and eventually outside.

Please continue to pray for stable blood pressure. As far as nagging problems, this is the most persistent and discouraging currently. On a positive note in that regard, the day we left, Brent was put on a bicycle machine which works his legs, much like a stationary bike at the gym. This therapy is important for leveling the blood pressure (which SCIs cannot do on their own) as well as circulation, heart rate and general well being. Today he was able to bike 3 miles! Please

pray this therapy will be effective in helping to level out his blood pressure.

Patty is currently working with a Wolfsville architect to begin ADA adaptations to the house. We are also in contact with Habitat for Humanity, in hopes that some of the work in that direction may be donated by businesses and volunteers in the community. If you or someone you know works with HFH in the Frederick county area, please send them our way! The most daunting expense will probably be installing an elevator or lift, as access to the house needs to be protected from Maryland winters! Today, Patty is visiting with those who handle handicapped transportation— looking at vans that are equipped with lifts for wheelchairs, etc.

Bailey started school today at Heritage High School in Littleton, Colorado. She was understandably nervous, but yesterday a group of girls from Heritage (including some sophomores) that are with YoungLife, met her at Panera and extended Christian love and friendship to her. This has eased her anxiety and we are anticipating that Bailey will make some wonderful new friends there.

Finally, Patty and Brent want to extend their deep gratitude to all those who have given so sacrificially of their time, treasure and talent, in your love and concern for the Blickenstaff family. There are no words to describe how deeply humbled and inspired they feel by your love, kindness and care for them.

Much love to all of you,
Rea, Russ and Katie

Salem Mission Project No. 11

Ronnie Hopkins doing well after heart catherization

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Dear Friends:

We ended the year with a quiet Christmas at home, after an eventful month. Ronnie is doing well and back to work. Many thanks again for your calls, notes and prayers... it meant a great deal to us during this time.

Photo at right shows Ronnie with the children of Mira Luz at Christmas.

—Ronnie & Angi Hopkins





Salem United Methodist Women "Bee-lievers"

FOOD SALE



Bee-lievers plan "Food Sale" — Lord's Acre style

■ By Fonda Gormer

It's that time again! The great soups and sandwiches offered at the Lord's Acre Festival will be available in March, to help you get through the winter.

Soups offered will include Beef Vegetable, Bean with Rivals, Turkey Noodle and Turkey Corn soup. Country Ham and Turkey Salad sandwiches will also be available.

Soup is \$4.50 per quart, country ham sandwiches are \$4.00, and turkey salad sandwiches are \$2.00.

Advanced orders will be taken until Sunday, February 16.

Pick up will be on Saturday, March 22, from 4 – 6 p.m., and Sunday, March 23, after morning services.

Order forms are available in the church hallway, or you may contact Fonda Gormer at 301-293-2436 or by email at fonda.gormer@comcast.net.

MENU

SOUPS

BEEF VEGETABLE	\$4.50 per quart
BEAN WITH RIVELS	\$4.50 per quart
TURKEY NOODLE	\$4.50 per quart
TURKEY CORN	\$4.50 per quart

SANDWICHES

COUNTRY HAM	\$4.00 each
TURKEY SALAD	\$2.00 each

Advanced orders due by Sunday, February 16.

Community Praise Band makes music for the "Glory of God"

■ By Lori Williamson

The "Works in Progress" Community Praise Band will provide music at Salem on the second and fourth Sundays in February. On the second Sunday (the 9th), the band will present music in both services, the 9:00 a.m. traditional and will lead worship at the 11:15 a.m. contemporary. On the fourth Sunday (the 23rd), the band will lead worship at the 11:15 a.m. contemporary service.

The band has also been invited by Pastor Randy Reid to play for a chapel service in March at the Board of Child Care campus in Martinsburg. The exact date will be announced later.

After such a busy summer and fall, gratefully winter is our quiet time and our opportunity to learn new music. Currently we are learning two new songs—"10,000 Reasons," written and recorded by Matt Redman; and "Whom Shall I Fear," written and recorded by Chris Tomlin. We always have a back log of new music to learn— so many songs, so little time. We often pick songs by what moves us, knowing there will be an opportunity to use them in the future. Everyone in the band contributes, and we like to think that God guides the band in our music choices and everything else for that matter.

We all agree that this project is for the "Glory of God"— that keeps us grounded and helps calm the stage fright



Jim, Michael, Dawn, Lori, Susie, Donna, and Jessie

and nerves. None of us are professional musicians. Jim has the most education and knowledge of music theory and can play multiple instruments. The rest of us have had a few lessons here and there but mostly a lot of enthusiastic self-learning. We try to remember that God is always with us and if we try our best to touch others with his word using our talents, it will be good enough and hopefully He will be proud.

We practice every Wednesday evening in the Salem sanctuary. Practices are very loosely run, luckily we all have a desire to play music or nothing would ever get done. We usually warm up with something we know and enjoy playing. Then we work on the music for the upcoming performance. If there is time, we work on new music. After two and a half years of working together, we have a large collection of songs with which we are very familiar. It usually doesn't take us very long to get to the new music.

When we learn a new song, we usually agree on a popular version to listen to as

a jumping off point... we run through it a couple of times to get the feel of how the song sounds with "Works in Progress" playing it. Then the creative ideas start flying. Meaning, ideas on how we can make the song more interesting with layering voices and instruments, lyric structure and "How are we going to end this song?"... it's tons of fun. Again, everyone makes contributions and we have become very resourceful. We always end our practices with prayer to thank God for this opportunity to use our talents to serve Him and share His word.

I would like to thank Pastor Bob and all the folks at Salem for allowing us the opportunity and freedom to plant this seed and watch it grow. None of us had any idea, two and a half years ago, as to whether this praise band idea would work, but God is good and "Works in Progress" is in His hands.

So far, this project has been an incredible journey of faith, sometimes quite the adventure of faith, but it's all good. I can not wait to see what happens next.

Serving the Lord in Wolfsville

2014

SALEM CHURCH LEADERS for 2014

EACH YEAR, church leaders are nominated by Salem's Nominations & Leadership Development Committee, and then elected at the Charge Conference on October 23, 2013.

Administrative Council

Chair – Vernon Stottlemeyer
 Pastor – Bob Snyder
 Lay Leader – Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer
 Assistant Chair – Meredith Harshman
 Chair of Board of Trustees – Donald Stottlemeyer
 Evangelism Team Leader – Joy Young
 Chair of Finance Committee – Bill Burrier
 Chair of Outreach Committee – Barbie Stottlemeyer
 Chair of Staff Parish Relations Committee – Robin Haupt
 Chair of Worship Committee – Mary Alice Shankle
 Church Communications Coordinator – Bill Burrier
 Church Historian – Bill Burrier
 Church Treasurer – Bill Burrier
 Family Ministry Co-Leaders – Joe Hawkins & Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer
 Financial Secretary – Lora McGraw
 Food Pantry Team Leader – Dawn Nelson
 Lay Member to Annual Conference – Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer
 UMW/Bee-lievers President – Fonda Gormer
 Secretary of Church Council – Theresa Haupt
 Sunday School Superintendent – Bobby Fogle
 Sunday School Treasurer – Mary Fogle
 Youth Group Leaders – Wanda Barkdoll, Laura Snyder, and Pastor Bob Snyder
 Youth Members – Camilo Barkdoll & Dottie Hager
 Young Adult Member – TBD
 Members-at-large – Howard Brandenburg, George Harne, Joe Hawkins, George Stottlemeyer, & Matthew Stottlemeyer

Board of Trustees

Gary Barkdoll (2014), Richard Harshman (2014), Brandon Leatherman (2014), Robin Haupt (2015), Todd Raynor (2015), George Stottlemeyer (2015), Bobby Fogle (2016), George Harne (2016), and Donald Stottlemeyer (2016)

Children's Coordinators – Caroline Buhrman and Doris Fogle

Choirs

Adult Choir Director – Sandra Lewis
 Children's Choir Leader – Melanie Raynor

Church Organist – Susan Koons, Joann Leatherman, Krista Peake

Finance Committee

Bill Burrier (Chair), Bob Snyder (Pastor), Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer (Lay Leader & Lay Member to Annual Conference), Vernon Stottlemeyer

(Administrative Council Chairperson), Robin Haupt (Chairperson of SPRC Committee), Donald Stottlemeyer (Chairperson of Trustees), Lora McGraw (Financial Secretary), Bill Burrier (Treasurer), Bobby Fogle (Sunday School Superintendent), Barbie Stottlemeyer (Chairperson of Outreach), Mary Alice Shankle (Chairperson of Worship Committee), and Meredith Harshman (Audit)

Nominations & Leadership Development Committee

Pastor - Bob Snyder (Chair), Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer (Lay Leader), Gary Barkdoll (2014), Susie Stottlemeyer (2014), Joy Young (2014), Howard Brandenburg (2015), Joe Hawkins (2015), Lora McGraw (2015), Michael Burrier (2016), Dennis Draper (2016), and Della Hager (2016)

Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC)

Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer (Lay Leader & Lay Member to Annual Conference) Bob Snyder (Pastor), Brenda Freysz (2014), Robin Haupt (2014) (Chair), Dawn Nelson (2014), Phyllis Beall (2015), Cathie Elsbach (2015), Phil Koons (2015), Wanda Barkdoll (2016), Dennis Leatherman (2016), and Fonda Gormer (2016)

Sunday School

Superintendent – Bobby Fogle
 Treasurer – Mary Fogle
 Secretary – Lora McGraw
 Assistant Secretary – Bobby Fogle
 Librarian – Brandon Leatherman
 Pre-K Teacher – Caroline Buhrman
 Kindergarten through Second Grade Teachers – Jennifer Burrier, Michael Burrier
 Third Grade through Fifth Grade Teachers – TBD
 Middle & High School Teacher – Fonda Gormer
 Adult Discussion Group Teacher – Bill Burrier
 Men's Class Teachers – Bobby Fogle, George Harne, Meredith Harshman, & Dennis Leatherman
 Women's Class Teachers – Mary Cline and Darlene Burrier

Worship Committee

Chairperson – Mary Alice Shankle
 Communion Stewards (Prepare) – Richard & Anita Harshman
 Communion Stewards (Serve) – Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer & Susie Stottlemeyer
 Communion Steward Assistant - (Serve) – Darlene Burrier
 Computer System Coordinator – Michael Burrier
 Computer System Operators – Sarah Burrier, Laura Snyder
 Contemporary Service Representatives – Michael Burrier & Jim Laky
 Flower Coordinators – Olive Kline and Barbie Stottlemeyer
 Members – Bill Burrier, Theresa Haupt, Delores Myers, and Dennis Leatherman



Photo taken January 19, 2014

Altar Flowers

Our thanks to Barbie Stottlemeyer for providing beautiful altar flowers each Sunday.

During the cold winter months it is so nice to see such beautiful flowers on the altar on Sunday morning.

Barbie selects the flowers, buys them loose, and then uses her skills to arrange them beautifully in the church altar vases. If anyone is interested in buying altar flowers in memory or honor of a loved one, contact Barbie.

**Women's Valentine Prayer Breakfast**

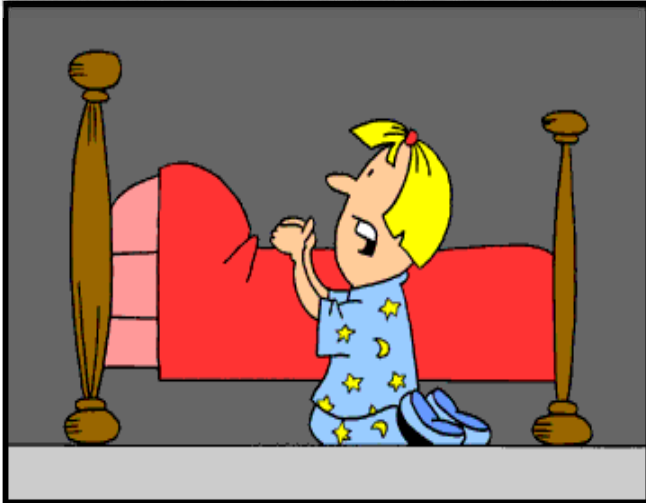
Saturday, February 8, 2014

9:00 a.m. at Salem

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"Will you be my valentine?"

Top Ten Predictions for 2014 ...



With all the problems the world is facing, it can be unsettling to the mind. Here are ten predictions that are true!

1. The Bible will still have all the answers.
2. Prayer will still be the most powerful thing on Earth.
3. The Holy Spirit will still move.
4. God will still honor the praises of His people.
5. There will still be God-anointed preaching.
6. There will still be singing of praise to God.
7. God will still pour out blessings upon His people.
8. There will still be room at the Cross.
9. Jesus will still love you.
10. Jesus will still save the lost when they come to Him.

Isn't it great to remember who is really in control, and that; "the Word of the Lord endures forever." (1 Peter 1:25)

—Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

Some thoughts to ponder . . .

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

Daily choose to lift up a grateful heart and praise the Lord for his goodness.

We all need to seek instruction; but the source must be based on Biblical principles.

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— Every Sunday —
9:00 a.m. Traditional
10:15 a.m. Sunday School
11:15 a.m. Contemporary

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