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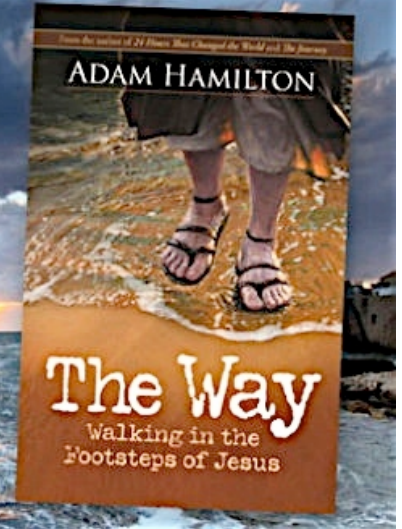


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Worship at Salem: Follow the footsteps of Jesus with video of the Holy Land

Series begins Sunday, March 9th



The Way
Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus

FOR SIX SUNDAYS DURING LENT, we'll reflect on the life and ministry of Jesus. Each week, we'll explore part of Jesus' ministry and its meaning for our lives. When we walk in the footsteps of Jesus, our lives are transformed.

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- Sunday Mar 9** *"Baptism & Temptation"* **Video:** The Jordan River & The Wilderness
Music by "Works in Progress" Community Praise Band (9 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.)
- Sunday Mar 16** *"The Healing Ministry"* **Video:** Capernaum
Music by Salem Adult Choir (9 a.m.)
- Sunday Mar 23** *"Proclaiming the Kingdom"* **Video:** The Mountains
Music by "Works in Progress" Community Praise Band (11:15 a.m.)
- Sunday Mar 30** *"Calming the Storm"* **Video:** The Sea of Galilee
- Sunday April 6** *"Sinners, Outcasts, and the Poor"* **Video:** Samaria
Holy Communion (9 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.)
- Sunday April 13** *"The Final Week"* **Video:** Jerusalem
Music by "Works in Progress" Community Praise Band (9 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.)



Filming the video on the Sea of Galilee.



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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 Website:

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Colophon:

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Purpose of Newsletter:

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.

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.

Salem Vision Statement:

We will direct our efforts out into the community to serve people's needs and bring them to Christ.

Go 		MONTHLY MINIMUM	PAID Jan
1	Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer (Retired New Tribes Mission)	\$204	\$204.00
2	Operation Christmas Child (Postage paid in November)	-----	\$0.00
3	Salem Mission & Outreach (Local needs)	-----	\$239.00
4	Salem Food Pantry (Open Tuesdays 6:00-7:00 p.m.)	-----	\$264.94
5	Mary E. (Africa Inland Mission)	\$85	\$100.00
6	United Methodist Board of Child Care (Auxiliary & Direct Support)	-----	\$0.00
7	Gideons (Frederick West Camp - Distributing Bibles)	\$110	\$110.00
8	Potato Project (Society of St. Andrew, Big Island, VA)	\$60	\$60.00
9	Middletown High School (Fellowship of Christian Athletes)	\$47	\$47.00
10	Mission Trip (Destination to be determined)	-----	\$0.00
11	Ronnie & Angi Hopkins (Nicaragua)	\$64	\$64.00
12	Care Net Pregnancy Center (Frederick, MD)	\$64	\$64.00
13	Compassion International (Sponsored child in India)	\$38	\$38.00
14	Local Mission Projects (Local repair or renovation needs)	-----	\$0.00
15	Hero's Club After School Ministry (Pre-K through Grade 5)	-----	\$56.23
16	World Vision (Sponsored child in Colombia)	\$35	\$35.00

2014 Mission Goal: **\$16,164** • 2014 Mission Offering To Date: **\$1,035.50** • % of Goal: **6%**

Here's how you can give . . .

1. Make checks payable to Salem United Methodist Church, or place cash 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 or mail to Salem.

If you do not designate a project, your contribution will be distributed to the project or projects needing funds to meet the monthly minimum payout goals.

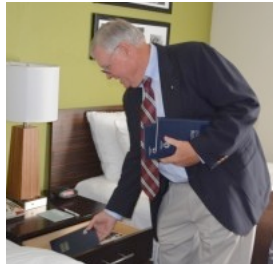
SALEM MISSION PROJECT NO. 7

GIDEONS INTERNATIONAL
Frederick West Camp

How Do the Bibles Get into Hotels?

Each year more than a million scriptures are placed in hotels through The Gideons International. A single copy of God's Word in a hotel or motel room has the potential to touch up to 2,300 lives during its six-year life span. The Gideons has received many testimonies from individuals who checked into a hotel and, as a result of reading a Bible placed there by the Gideons, came to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Hotels may contact their local Gideons to request Scriptures for their guest rooms, or in some cases, Gideons may first contact the hotels. There is no charge to the hotels, as the Scriptures are funded through donations to The Gideons International. Gideons personally deliver the Scriptures to the hotel for placement in each of the rooms. Gideons also check hotels for worn Scriptures that need to be replaced.

[Salem sends a minimum of \$110 each month to the Gideons (Frederick West Camp).]



SALEM YOUTH

Photos by Wanda Barkdoll, Dawn Nelson & Baltimore-Washington Conference



ROCK Youth Retreat • Ocean City, MD • Jan 31-Feb 2, 2014



Youth Sunday at Salem • Feb 9, 2014 • Theme: "Got Love"



"Works in Progress" Community Praise Band making music for the Lord!

■ **By Dawn Nelson**

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing Psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God."

—Colossians 3:16

What a blessing it has been to be a part of Works in Progress! I was also blessed to be brought up in a spiritual home with my mother being an organist and choir director for our church in my early years. Spiritual music was played in our home on a daily basis.

I believe music is important in one's spiritual journey. Worship is a time to lift our voices toward God and draw near to Him through song of praise, adoration and intimacy in order to touch Him and to be touched by Him. This is a very scriptural concept as set forth in the Psalms. Deep inside I desire and need to

meet with God. I have a hunger for more of God and want to experience an intimate relationship of love with Him. So through my weekly Community Bible Study group I keep grounded in His word. This is so important in one's spiritual life!

So when I was invited to sing with "Works in Progress" 2 ½ years ago, this allowed me to lift my voice toward God and draw even nearer to Him in my spiritual journey.

It has also been a blessing to come closer to our praise band members. We have all grown closer to God and have united as one for the glory of God.

My prayer for you is to start listening to music, spiritual music— not only on Sunday when you are worshiping God, but on a daily basis. My favorite Christian radio stations are WZXH 91.7, WGTS 91.9 or WCRH 90.5. God invites you to have a



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

relationship with Him, so open your heart to Him and you will see all His glory.

[Ed. note: The Works in Progress Praise Band presents music at Salem on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. On the second Sunday at both services 9:00 & 11:15 a.m., and on the fourth Sunday at 11:15 a.m.]

Note: Works in Progress has been invited by Pastor Randy Reid to present music at the Board of Child Care chapel service in Martinsburg on March 2nd at 6:00 p.m.

Attendance Offerings

January 2014

		Worship*		Sunday School	
Jan	5	83	\$1,794.00	43	\$171.58
Jan	12	91	1,762.75	63	261.50
Jan	19	82	1,646.00	48	105.00
Jan	26	90	1,674.15	50	148.00

*Worship attendance & offerings include both worship services.

- Missions: \$1,035.50
 - Building Fund: \$165.00
 - Pavilion Fund: \$80.00
 - Cemetery Endowment Fund: \$25.00
- (Missions, Building Fund offerings, etc. are not included in Worship & Sunday School offerings above.)

Average Attendance		
	Worship	Sunday School
Jan	87	51
Dec	85	52
Nov	85	52
Oct	86	51
Sep	89	58

Average Attendance Jan 2014

Sunday Worship: 87
Sunday School: 51

Ward Family Gets Service Dog in Ohio

By Bill Burrier

Savannah Ward is 5 years old. At the age of 2 months, she was diagnosed with epilepsy. Savannah, her older brother Jake, and her dad and mom, J.D. and Stephanie worship at Salem, regularly attending the 11:15 a.m. contemporary service.

On Sunday morning, January 26, 2014, the Ward family left their home on Wolfsville Road for Xenia, Ohio (near Dayton) where they stayed for two weeks to meet their new service dog, Kiki, and participate in training. Kiki is trained to detect a seizure and alert a parent.

The training was conducted by "4 Paws for Ability", Xenia, Ohio, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to place quality service dogs with children with disabilities.

On their third day of training, the Wards posted this on their Facebook page: "At 10:17 this morning Kiki gave Mommy and Daddy what looked like an "alert". They marked the time in their notebook because they are keeping track of possible alerts and seizure activity. At 1:35 Savannah had a small partial seizure. The partial seizure was small and Mommy and Daddy were paying attention to the trainers so it was easy to miss it, but Kiki didn't! She's awesome."

The Wards are back home now, and Kiki, a yellow female lab, has become a member of the family to provide seizure assistance care for Savannah. Kiki is trained to alert Savannah's parents when



Savannah and her service dog Kiki



The Ward Family in Ohio.

a seizure occurs and can detect a seizure coming, up to three hours before.

On Sunday, February 9, the Wards attended worship at Salem and introduced Kiki to everyone. Kiki was wearing her red harness labeled "Service Dog" and was on duty during worship. Having Kiki in the Ward home is a real blessing, knowing she will alert them day or night when Savannah has a seizure.

You may view their Facebook page at facebook.com/savannassunshinekiki.



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



March

Calendar of Events



- Sun 2 Holy Communion** - 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. worship services
Tue 4 Adult Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m. at Salem (continues each Tuesday)
Wed 5 Ash Wednesday Service - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
Thu 6 UMW "Bee-lievers" Meeting - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
Thu 6 Board of Trustees Meeting - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
Sun 9 "The Way" Series begins - 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. worship services
Thu 13 Administrative Council - 7:00 p.m. at Salem

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

Newsletter Distribution

- 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.
- Pick Up Paper Copy at Church** — We are printing 85 copies for members who do not have e-mail and can pick up their copies at church.
- First Class Mail** — We are mailing about 30 copies, using the 49 cents First Class postage rate.

Salem Address Directory to be Updated

During the month of March, we will be updating the Salem Directory of Addresses. The directory also includes birthdays and wedding anniversaries.

If your mailing address or phone number has changed since our current directory was published last March, please let us know. Or, if you would like to have your birthday or wedding anniversary added, please let us know. The directory is updated only once each year.

Due to requests from Salem members, new this year will be the addition of your "primary" email address. However, email addresses will only be added with your permission.

To protect privacy, the directory will be printed and copies will be available at church for pick up. (The directory will not be placed on the Internet.)

Bill Burrier and Jim Laky will be working on the updated edition.

Photos by Dawn Nelson



(Left) Morgan a Hero's Club member and her Mom are faithful donors to our Food Pantry.
 (Upper right) Pastor Bob teaching a Bible lesson to the children at Hero's Club.
 (Lower right) Making Valentines at Hero's Club.

Salem Mission Project No. 12

Care Net Pregnancy Center

Dear Salem United Methodist Church:

We have been very busy here at the Center as we began our STI testing program; offered pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, and Earn While You Learn classes for women and men. Thank you for your gifts and generous heart towards the Center as we continue to share God's love and truth with our clients. We are excited about all that God is doing. —Linda

Update on Brent Blickenstaff

Brent, Patty, and Bailey are scheduled to return home from Colorado on or about March 1st. Brent will initially be staying at a local rehabilitation facility before moving back into their home on Wolfsville road.

Modifications to the Blickenstaff home will need to be made; planning for those renovations has been underway for several weeks.

Who's Doing What, When?

MARCH

9:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Lay Readers

2 - Fonda Gormer
9 - Dawn Nelson
16 - Steve Leatherman
23 - Melissa Thornton
30 - Wanda Barkdoll

Ushers

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

Organist

2 - Krista Peake
9 - Krista Peake
16 - Krista Peake
23 - Susan Koons
30 - Krista Peake

Greeters

2 - Brandon & Jessie Leatherman
9 - Denny Leatherman & Family
16 - George, Barbie, & Matt Stottlemeyer
23 - Richard & Anita Harshman
30 - Phyllis Beall

Acolytes

2 - Paul McCormick
9 - Jadie Buhrman
16 - Kenslie Buhrman
23 - Joshua Koons
30 - Jerod Lenhart

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!

March Anniversaries

8 - Monty & Phyllis Beall
17 - Jerry & Cindy Draper
18 - Sam & Jane Zimmerman

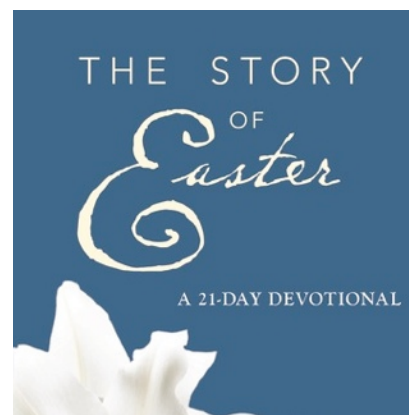
March Birthdays

5 - Sarah Haddock
5 - Richard Harshman
6 - Jane Zimmerman
7 - Joshua Koons
11 - Dawn Nelson
12 - Jennifer Harne
12 - Kenna Raynor
13 - Joshua Gormer
14 - Donna Snyder
15 - Vicki Robinson
16 - Ken Poling
17 - Audrey Tolland
17 - Donald "Pat" Wisner
19 - Bobby Doyle
23 - Owen Raynor
24 - Allison Adams
24 - Pastor Bob Snyder

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



CHILDREN are welcome to stay with their parents during the worship services. Children activity bags are available in the hallway just outside the sanctuary. The small tote bags contain Bible story books, small games, activity books, crayons, activity cards, etc. Please return the activity bags to their place in the hallway at the end of the service.



Pick up a copy of this devotional at church for your use during the Lenten season leading up to Easter.

Holy Communion

Sunday, March 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.

*God loves us because of who God is,
not because of anything we did
or didn't do.*

BULLETIN BOARD
with a message

FEAR SAYS WE
CAN'T. FAITH SAYS
WE CAN.

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

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



I Went in Search of Spring

By William Arnette Wofford

I went in search of spring today,
So tired was I of winter's cold;
Eager was I to see again
A blossomed daffodil's bright gold.



And then upon a wind-swept hill,
Beneath March trees still bare, I found
A field of blowing daffodils
That seemed to stretch for miles around.

A hillside turned to glimmering gold . . .
Oh, loveliness too great to bear!
Then suddenly I heard the first
Red robin's song upon the air.

Along the road a wild plum tree
Had blossomed white as drifted snow;
And on the pussy willow bush
I saw the silky catkins glow.

When I turned homeward I was glad,
For I had heard the first red robin sing,
And had my fill of daffodils . . .
The first bright harbingers of spring.

The Perfect Three

By Florence Smythe Peterson

Faith will bring into our life
A sweet blessing, free from strife,
If we will live, from day to day,
Trusting God each step of the way.

However, when we're sad and blue
Hope will always see us through;
Our loving Father will e'er impart
Perfect peace into our heart.

Each one of us, should always try
Charity towards each passer-by . . .
Helping hands will lighten their load,
An added blessing along life's road.

Real joy will always be
In faith, hope and charity . . .
To all who are along the way
Yearning for a brighter day.

Angels rejoice when we repent.



RECIPE



GUM DROP COOKIES

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| 1 cup sifted flour | 1/2 cup shortening |
| 1/2 teaspoon baking powder | 1/2 cup granulated sugar |
| 1/2 teaspoon baking soda | 1/2 cup brown sugar |
| 1/2 teaspoon salt | 1 1/2 cups oatmeal |
| 1 egg | 1/2 cup gum drops cut fine |
| 1 teaspoon vanilla | Grated coconut |

Cream egg, vanilla, shortening and sugars; add dry ingredients and gum drops. Make into small balls and roll in coconut. Bake on greased cookie sheet at 350 degrees.

Judith Harné made these cookies for the Bee-lievers' cookie exchange.

Sing Your Song

By James Dillet Freeman

The boughs hang bare
When the winter winds blow,
But the little birds sing
in spite of snow.
I like to believe that I, a (wo)man,
Can do as well as a little bird can.
But you have to have faith in the
rightness of things
To fling yourself out
on feathers and wings,
And sing when there seems to be
nothing there
But icy winds and empty air.
Little bird, fly up to the top
of the tree of my mind,
And sing your song in me.

*Submitted by Pamela Subock
First United Bank & Trust
Myersville Office*

Just Think

By Roy Lessin, DaySpring co-founder

You're here not by chance,
but by God's choosing.
His hand formed you and made you
the person you are.
He compares you to no one else —
you are one of a kind.
You lack nothing
That His grace can't give you.
He has allowed you to be here
at this time in history
to fulfill His special purpose.

Birth Announcements

Congratulations to Meagan and Erick Wagaman, Cavetown, on the birth of their second child, a son, Blake Joseph Wagaman. Blake was born January 29, 2014, at 4:24 a.m. at Meritus Medical Center, Hagerstown. He weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces.

Proud big sister is Sophie, age 3; maternal grandmother Cyndy Weddle of Wolfsville; and maternal great grandparents Bill and Caroline Buhrman of Wolfsville.



Congratulations to Steven and Lauren Young, Germantown, on the birth of their first child, a son, Jack Hunter Young. Jack was born January 28, 2014, at 6:43 p.m. at Meritus Medical Center, Hagerstown. He weighed 8 pounds and was 21.75 inches long.

Proud paternal grandparents are Mike and Marlene Young, Smithsburg.

The Faith of Others Encourages

Lord, thank You for the people in my life who influence me toward following You. Help me not to depend on them primarily— but to depend on Your Holy Spirit to guide me.

Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

—Galatians 5:16



■ By **PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER**

AS A CONGREGATION, we will begin our Lenten journey this year as we come together to worship on March 5th, Ash Wednesday. For those of you who attend this service each year, I know you're looking forward to it once again as I am. For those who haven't come, please join us this year. Christ established the church as a community of believers who would support one another in their faith journey. Please do your best to attend Ash Wednesday service this year. Our theme for lent is "Following in the Footsteps of Jesus." Each Sunday during Lent we'll be using Rev. Adam Hamilton's book *The Way*. The way Jesus carried out his life and ministry provides the model for our own discipleship. Each week we'll explore a different part of Jesus' ministry and its meaning for our lives. A series of videos will take us to the places Jesus walked and ministered. Rev. Hamilton states, "When we walk in the footsteps of Jesus, our lives are transformed."

March 2 – Holy Communion

"Listen to Him!"

Matthew 17:1-13

During the Transfiguration of Jesus, God said to those assembled, "Listen to him!" I wonder why God the Father felt the need to say this. It wasn't the start of Jesus' ministry. At the start, God the Father said of Jesus, "This is my son, whom I love, with him I am well pleased" (Matthew 4:17). But now, at this point in Jesus' ministry, God the Father was feeling the need to shout out "Listen to him!"

It strikes me as something God felt a need to do because people weren't listening. And we're still guilty sometimes of not listening to Jesus today, aren't we? When we're tempted; when we're trying to think, speak, and act in keeping with God's will; God continues to try to get our attention by shouting to you and me, "Listen to Jesus!"

Pastor's Notes... Worship in March



Start of Lent, March 5 Ash Wednesday Service, 7 p.m.

When the people of Israel were set free from slavery in Egypt, they embarked on a journey to the land God had promised them. They journeyed together, as a community of faith, supporting one another. Our Lenten journey as a congregation begins on Ash Wednesday. God offers each of us the promise of a meaningful Lenten journey this year – a time set aside: to repent, to be restored, even to be transformed.

March 9 Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus Lenten Sermon Series "Baptism and Temptation" Mark 1:9-13

Jesus' baptism was a defining act. Jesus identified with sinners, heard affirmation that he was the Son of God, and received the power of the Holy Spirit. It was the beginning of Jesus' ministry. God promises to forgive our sins, we become part of God's covenant people, and the Holy Spirit comes upon us empowering us for ministry. Rev. Hamilton's video takes us to the Jordan River where Jesus was baptized.

After his baptism, Jesus was tempted. Sinless himself, he fully experienced temptation so that he might be able to help us when we are tempted. Hebrews 4:15-16, "We do not have a high priest [Jesus] who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace in time of need."

We strive to resist sin, but sometimes we fail. When we do, God's mercy and grace are made available by Christ who was tempted himself and understands. Rev. Hamilton's video takes us to the wilderness where Jesus was tempted.

March 16 Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus Lenten Sermon Series "The Healing Ministry" Matthew 4:12-13, Mark 1:21-25, Mark 1:29-32

In his book *The Way*, Rev. Adam Hamilton states, "This book is about walking in the footsteps of Jesus, not just in the Holy Land but in our daily lives. If Christ set the oppressed free, delivered people from their demons, and brought healing to the sick and wounded, what does that mean for us as his followers?" We can all be instruments for God's healing. We are being Christ to another each time we pray for someone; listen to and encourage another who is struggling; make a call, send a card, pay a visit, give a prayer shawl; and support outreach and missions, financially and in person. Rev. Hamilton challenges us with this question, "Whose stretcher-bearer are you?" His video takes us to Capernaum, where Jesus' example of healing ministry began.

March 23 Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus Lenten Sermon Series "Proclaiming the Kingdom" Matthew 5:1-2a, Matthew 7:24-29

Rev. Hamilton reminds us that the Kingdom of God is "the central focus of Jesus' teaching." God asks us to obey a new law in the Kingdom of God: love God with all our being and love our neighbor as ourselves. This new law upholds the standards God set at creation where "Do not murder" actually meant "Don't even insult your neighbor," and where "Don't commit adultery" actually meant "Don't look with lust upon another." The new law expects us "to love and care for our spouse," "to do what we've said we'll do," "to turn the other cheek," and "to love our enemy." Jesus teaches us how to grow in our personal relationship with God; how we should handle money, possessions, and worry; and how we should relate to others. Rev. Hamilton's video takes us to the mountains where Jesus first taught people how to live in the Kingdom of God.

March 30 Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus Lenten Sermon Series "Calming the Storm" Mark 4:35-41

The storms of our life— death of a loved one, serious illness, a couple not able
—continued on pg. 9

SALEM'S FAMILY SKATE NIGHT

Skating Party • Waynesboro, PA • Feb 16, 2014



Photos by Bill Burrier



Family Skate Night organizer Joe Hawkins wishes to thank everyone for coming. Joe said, "I am pleased to see such a large turn out. I think everyone had a really good time." More than 85 youth and adults attended the event.

Photo by Joe Hawkins

WOMEN'S VALENTINE PRAYER BREAKFAST

Feb 8, 2014 • 9:00-10:30 a.m. at Salem



■ **By Donna Snyder**

We had 20 ladies this year! Our mission project was to create valentine bags for the 24 girls (ages 13 - 18 years old) who live at San Mar Children's Home in Boonsboro, MD.

Terry Siefert, Director of Development, met with us and did a presentation on the home and the girls. Fun was had by all and the ladies at Salem sent beautiful bags to share God's love!



February 13, 2014 — It was a very snowy day in Wolfsville. Joe Hawkins, who lives across from the church, walked around the area and took numerous photos of the wintery scenes around Wolfsville. Upon his return to the house, his eye caught this beautiful scene of the church and thus was captured in the above photo.

Joe sent the photo to the Frederick News-Post and they posted it on their website with the caption "Pray for Snow . . . to stop!"

Joe also sent the church photo and other Wolfsville scenes to Michael Burrier who posted them on Salem's Facebook page.

You may want to "knock on wood" but to date it has not been necessary to cancel any Sunday services due to inclement weather.

Pastor's Notes (continued from pg. 8)

to become pregnant, loss of a job, divorce, relocation, retirement, a child that is struggling, and all the other crises people can name in their lives— these are our storms. Over two thousand years ago a boat crossing the Sea of Galilee was being swamped by high winds and waves. The disciples with Jesus woke him and cried out to him, "Don't you care that we are perishing?" Jesus

responded by calming the wind. He said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Sometimes we find ourselves frustrated and pleading, "Don't you care?" During those times, we can still rely on Jesus to provide peace and calm in the storms of our lives. Rev. Hamilton's video takes us to the Sea of Galilee where Jesus demonstrated his ability to bring peace and calm into our lives.

God is our spiritual power source
in every storm of life.



HEAVENLY HUMOR

ALL MEN / ALL GIRLS

When a little girl named Kelli said her bedtime prayers, she would ask God to bless every family member, every friend, and every animal (current and past). For several weeks, after she had finished her nightly prayer, Kelli would say, "And all girls." This soon became part of her nightly routine, to include this closing. Her mother's curiosity got the best of her and she asked her, "Kelli, why do you always add the part about all girls?" Kelli's response was "Because everybody always finishes their prayers by saying 'All Men!'"

BIBLE IN THE MAIL

There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country. "Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk. "Only the Ten Commandments," answered the lady.

TWO KINDS OF PEOPLE

There are those who wake up and say, "Good morning, Lord," and those who wake up and say, "Good Lord, it's morning."



IRISH BLESSING

May the blessing of light be upon you,
Light on the outside, light on the inside.
May the light of the Lord shine from your eyes,
Like a candle in the window,
Welcoming the weary traveler.
May the blessing of God's soft rain be on you,
Falling gently on your head, refreshing your soul
With the sweetness of little flowers newly blooming.
May the strength of the winds of Heaven bless you,
Carrying the rain to wash your spirit clean
Sparkling after in the sunlight.
May the blessing of God's earth be on you,
And as you walk the roads,
May you always have a kind word for those you meet.
And may you come to realize that insignificant as you may
seem in this universe,
you are an important part of God's plan.
May He watch over you and keep you safe from harm.

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

Some thoughts to ponder . . .

Many books can inform,
but only the Bible
can transform.

Our tendency to wander
is matched by God's
willingness to pursue.

The more you feast
on God's Word, the
healthier you will become.

God has two dwellings, one
in heaven and the other in a
meek and thankful heart.

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11:15 a.m. Contemporary

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