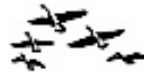


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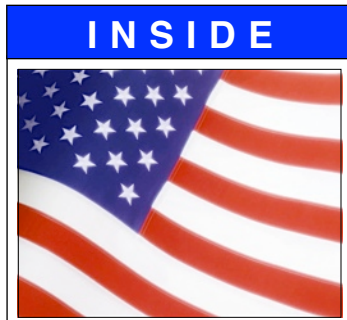
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Salem United Methodist Church — Wolfsville

## Community Yard Sale, Plant Sale, and Bake Sale at Salem — Sat. May 10

8 a.m.  
to  
2 p.m.



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Photo from last year's plant sale. Barbie Stottlemeyer works to arrange and price some of the beautiful flowers.

■ By Fonda Gormer

### COMMUNITY YARD SALE

The Salem Bee-lievers are planning a community yard sale for Saturday, May 10, from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. in Salem's parking lot.

Spaces for the yard sale will be offered free of charge, but donations would be appreciated. Each seller will be responsible for moving their tables from the social hall on the morning of the sale.

Donation of items for a "church" table will be accepted from anyone who does not want to have their own table. It is preferred that you price your items, but it is not required.

### PLANT SALE

Along with the yard sale, there will be a plant sale offering a variety of items for Mother's Day and spring planting.

### FOOD & BAKED GOODS

The food menu includes sausage

✧ **FOOD MENU** ✧

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Sausage Sandwiches  
Hot Dogs  
Steamers  
Ham Sandwiches  
Baked Goods  
Beverages

sandwiches, hot dogs, steamers, ham sandwiches and beverages. There will also be a bake sale. Donations of bake sale items are needed. These items need to be at the church by 7 a.m. the morning of the event.

### RESERVE A SPACE

There is no rain date. For more information, or to reserve a space, contact Fonda Gormer (301-293-2436) or Barbie Stottlemeyer (301-293-2372) by Sunday, May 4.



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**Salem Membership Statistics:**  
Current Membership: 233  
2014 New Members: 0

**Salem Physical Facilities:**  
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Educational Building built 1967  
Parsonage built 1974-75

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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 		2014 MISSION PROJECTS	
		MONTHLY MINIMUM	PAID Jan-Mar
1	Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer (Retired New Tribes Mission)	\$204	\$612.00
2	Operation Christmas Child (Postage paid in November)	-----	\$0.00
3	Salem Mission & Outreach (Local needs)	-----	\$554.74
4	Salem Food Pantry (Open Tuesdays 6:00-7:00 p.m.)	-----	\$646.58
5	Mary E. (Africa Inland Mission)	\$85	\$325.00
6	United Methodist Board of Child Care (Auxiliary & Direct Support)	-----	\$0.00
7	Gideons (Frederick West Camp - Distributing Bibles)	\$110	\$330.00
8	Potato Project (Society of St. Andrew, Big Island, VA)	\$60	\$180.00
9	Middletown High School (Fellowship of Christian Athletes)	\$47	\$141.00
10	Mission Trip (Destination to be determined)	-----	\$0.00
11	Ronnie & Angi Hopkins (Nicaragua)	\$64	\$192.00
12	Care Net Pregnancy Center (Frederick, MD)	\$64	\$218.00
13	Compassion International (Sponsored child in India)	\$38	\$114.00
14	Local Mission Projects (Local repair or renovation needs)	-----	\$0.00
15	Hero's Club After School Ministry (Pre-K through Grade 5)	-----	\$119.29
16	World Vision (Sponsored child in Colombia)	\$35	\$105.00

2014 Mission Goal: **\$16,164** • 2014 Mission Offering To Date: **\$3,609.09** • % of Goal: **22%**

**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. 12**

**CARE NET PREGNANCY CENTER**  
Frederick, MD



Thank you so much for your donations to us. March was a interesting month for us at Care Net. We were closed two days because of snow, our center was vandalized, video taping was happening on a regular basis at the center, and we were planning our largest fundraiser, our Celebration of Life Banquet. As we all know life can be crazy and the unexpected can and will happen. It is such a comfort to know that our Heavenly Father is the same yesterday, today, and forever. In Him there is no shadow and His faithfulness continues to each generation. Yesterday I met with a woman that is in a very difficult situation. Finding herself in an unintended pregnancy has really rocked her already unsteady world. I believe that deep down she really does not want to chose abortion but she is definitely considering it. Please pray that the truth that was shared with her will resound deeply in her. Please pray that she will come back for her ultrasound. And finally, please pray that she chooses life. Your partnership with us is vital as we serve the women and men in our community and help provide the opportunity to share the power of Jesus' death and resurrection and the impact that has on our lives. Blessings, —Linda

## LADIES NIGHT OUT planned for May 14

■ **By Fonda Gormer**

The annual Ladies Night Out has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 14, at 6:30 p.m. at Mountain Gate Family Restaurant in Thurmont.

This event is for all Salem ladies and their female family members and friends. Sorry guys! (In years past, some of the men have joined for their own meal at the restaurant, but the ladies do not plan that!) There will be a buffet meal and a short program, as well as lots of fellowship.

Reservations must be made by May 4 on the sign-up sheet on the hallway bulletin board at the church, or by calling

Prices include buffet meal, beverage, tax and tip:

Adults ..... \$12.99  
 Ages 5-12 ..... 6.59  
 Ages 3-4 ..... 1.81  
 Ages 2 & under ..... Free\*

\*A small cup fee may be charged if a beverage is purchased.

me at 301-293-2436.

Please join the ladies for this evening — it's a great opportunity for those who attend different services on Sunday morning to get to know one another!

## “Works in Progress” Community Praise Band making music for the Lord!



Donna Snyder



Works in Progress  
 Jim, Michael, Dawn, Lori, Susie, Donna, Jessie

■ **By Donna Snyder**

Music has always been at the center of my core. Whether I am happy or sad, music is the one thing that I will always turn on to find comfort.

I learned to know God through music. He will often speak to me through songs. So many times, when I am looking for direction, we will sing a song in church and His answer will jump off the pages!

When our praise band “Works in Progress” began, I was really excited to be part of the group. Little did I know that the Lord was not only calling me to sing, but was also calling me to “step out in faith” and learn how to play the guitar.

This was a childhood fantasy! I

never played an instrument when I was younger, but I have always been drawn to the guitar. At 50 years old, God gave me the nudge to take guitar lessons. “Works in Progress” was and is the perfect environment for me to play and bring the word of God, through music, to others.

It is an awesome privilege to serve with my bandmates. I experience such joy playing my guitar and I thank God every time I do it for his magnificent blessing on me.

My prayer is that through “Works in Progress,” we may be able to touch someone with our music that enables them to experience God in a new way.

Psalms 71:23 says “My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing unto thee; and my soul, which thou hast redeemed.”

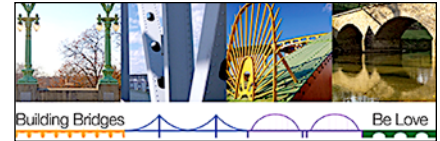
## “Works in Progress” Praise Band upcoming appearances

■ **By Lori Williamson**

Sun May 4 - Board of Child Care chapel service in Martinsburg, WV at 6:00 p.m.

Sun May 11 - Salem 9:00 a.m. traditional worship & 11:15 a.m. contemporary worship

Sun May 25 - Salem 11:15 a.m. contemporary worship



May 29-31, 2014

## Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference

The 230th session of the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church will be held Thursday through Saturday, May 29-31, at the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel.

Pastor Bob and Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer will be attending.

This year's theme is “Building Bridges - Be Love.”

Highlights of this year's conference will be:

❖ Mr. James H. Salley, Associate Vice-Chancellor for Institutional Advancement with the Africa University Development Office, will lead Bible Study.

❖ Bishop Kenneth Carter, Florida Conference, will be the preacher for the Memorial Service on the morning of Friday, May 30, and the Ordination on the afternoon of Saturday, May 31.

❖ Several area choirs, including the Africa University Choir, First United Methodist Church of Hyattsville, Eden/Korean Choir, and the “No Other Name” Latino Choirs.



Salem Mission Project No. 3

## SALEM MISSION & OUTREACH

Local Needs

■ **By Barbie Stottlemeyer**

Thank you to everyone who contributed toward the Lenten offering. Your generous contributions went toward the purchase of fruit baskets, a food box, and flowers that were distributed to persons in our church and community.

I also want to thank everyone who gathered and helped prepare the baskets and flowers for distribution. We distributed 13 fruit baskets, 8 flowers, and 1 food box.

This year's Lenten offering totaled \$210.00.

# Attendance Offerings

March 2014

	Worship*	Sunday School
Mar 2 -	85 \$2,286.25	48 \$283.50
Mar 9 -	102 2,144.25	55 130.00
Mar 16 -	91 2,039.25	51 223.50
Mar 23 -	87 1,810.25	49 169.25
Mar 30 -	82 1,928.25	53 160.50

\*Worship attendance & offerings include both worship services.

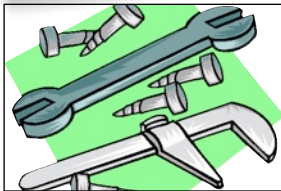
- Missions: \$1,264.00
- Building Fund: \$495.00
- Pavilion Fund: \$100.00
- Cemetery Endowment Fund: \$10.00
- Lenten Offering: \$210.00

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

Average Attendance	
Worship	Sunday School
Mar	51
Feb	52
Jan	51
Dec	52
Nov	52

### Average Attendance Jan-Mar 2014

Sunday Worship: 92  
Sunday School: 51



### Board of Trustees

## FACILITY MANAGEMENT

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



### 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.

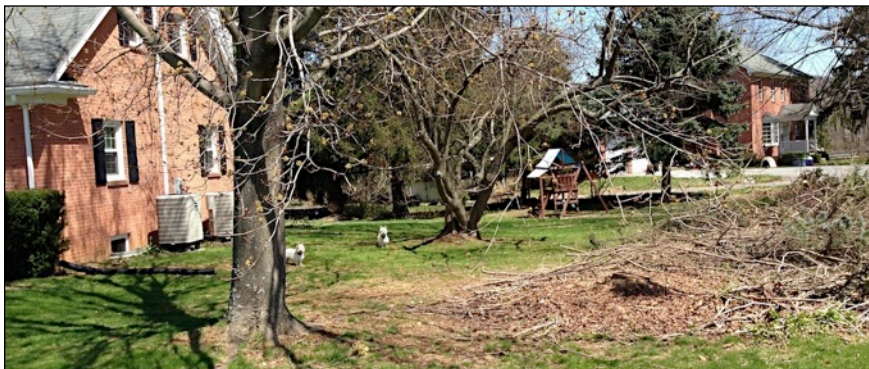
As we think of the future, beyond our lifetime, it is comforting to imagine our church continuing to be a robust ministry, active in leading people to Christ, changing lives, and reaching out and supporting the local community.

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

Photo by Bill Burrier



**TRUSTEES NOTES:** A declining pine tree is being removed from the parsonage yard (above photo shows work in progress). Bags of mulch were purchased from Boy Scout Troop 273 in Myersville. Cemetery cleanup was recently completed, and a church shed cleanup is scheduled in early May.

### “Battin’ for Brent” Community Fundraisers

■ By Dawn Nelson

“Battin’ for Brent” Coach Bingo will be held on Sunday, May 4th, at the Myersville Fire Hall— doors open at 3:30, dinner at 4:30, and bingo at 5:30 p.m. \$30 per ticket, includes dinner and 20 games. For tickets and more information contact me at 301-293-9988 or www.ppfinc.org.

On Saturday, June 14th, at 6:00 p.m., at Harry Grove Stadium, the Frederick Keys will be playing the Myrtle Beach Pelicans. We are selling tickets for \$10 each, with all proceeds going to “Battin’

for Brent.”

Our church currently has 25 tickets available for sale, but it would be nice to sell all those and even more for Brent. This would be a nice outing for our church and at the same time supporting the Blickenstaffs! The ticket is only good for one regular admission into the ballpark and for the date listed (June 14).

If you would like tickets, contact me at 301-293-9988 or e-mail at nelsondawn@comcast.net.





May

# Calendar of Events



- Thu 1 UMW "Bee-lievers" Meeting** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Thu 1 Board of Trustees Meeting** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Sun 4 Holy Communion** - 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. worship services
- Mon 5 Shed Cleanup** - 5:30 p.m. at Salem
- Thu 8 Administrative Council** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Fri-Sat 9-10 Youth Group Progressive Dinner & Sleep Over**
- Sat 10 Yard Sale, Plant Sale, & Food Sale** - 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Salem
- Sun 11 Mother's Day** - Mother's will be honored at worship
- Wed 14 Ladies Night Out** - 6:30 p.m. at Mountain Gate Family Restaurant, Thurmont

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  
 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

1. **E-Mail** — We are currently sending this newsletter to 196 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.

**FAITH BUILDERS**  
 YOUTH GROUP  
 (Middle School & High School Youth)

## "Faith Builders" Youth Group planning Progressive Dinner

■ **By Wanda Barkdoll**  
 On **FRIDAY-SATURDAY, MAY 9-10, 2014**, there will be a Progressive Dinner and sleep over for the Faith Builders. We will start with an appetizer at 6:00 p.m., then the dinner, movies, and the evening will end at the church to spend the night. Parents need to pick up their youth on Saturday morning no later than 9:00 a.m.



You may contact me at 301-416-0882 for accountability. Even if your youth has not been able to attend the Thursday youth group meetings, this is a great opportunity to get together and socialize. Hope to see you there.

Photos by Dawn Nelson

**HERO'S CLUB**  
 After School Ministry  
 Meets every Monday at Salem  
 3:30-6:00 p.m. when school is open

April 21, 2014 — (Left) Stephanie Ward made a special treat for Hero's Club. (Right) It was a beautiful day to do a Bible lesson at Salem's pavilion with the Hero's Club children.

Photo by Dawn Nelson



**ADULT CHOIR** (Clockwise) Lora McGraw, Bobby Fogle, Joe Hawkins, Bill Buhrman, Caroline Buhrman, Sandy Lewis, Jim Laky, Susie Stottlemeyer, Theresa Haupt, Robin Haupt, Denny Leatherman, Phil Koons, and Dawn Nelson (not shown because she took the photo).

■ **By Sandy Lewis**  
 Salem's Adult Choir will be taking a break for the next few months, so to close out our spring season, we had a pizza party after our last practice. One of the best things about being a part of our choir is the friendship and fellowship that we share together. We also have a lot of fun even when we are hard at practice. A big "thank you" to everyone who participated in choir this spring. Your singing was a blessing to everyone! I encourage anyone who loves to sing and have fun to come to practice when we start up again in the fall.  
 "Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord." — Ephesians 5:19

# Who's Doing What, When?

9:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP		MAY	
<b>Lay Readers</b> 4 - Donald Stottlemeyer 11 - Gary Barkdoll 18 - Patrick Boyton 25 - Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer	<b>Ushers</b> 4 - Dick Kline & Steve Leatherman 11 - Vernon Stottlemeyer & Robin Haupt 18 - Donald Stottlemeyer & Meredith Harshman 25 - Philip Koons & Brandon Leatherman	<b>Organist</b> 4 - Krista Peake 11 - Krista Peake 18 - Krista Peake 25 - Susan Koons	
<b>Greeters</b> 4 - Vernon & Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer 11 - Fonda Gormer 18 - George, Barbie, & Matt Stottlemeyer 25 - Bill & Darlene Burrier	<b>Acolytes</b> 4 - Paul McCormick 11 - Jadie Buhrman 18 - Jerod Lenhart 25 - Joshua Koons		
<b>11:15 A.M. CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP</b> 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!

### May Anniversaries

- 19 - Joshua & Tracey Gormer
- 20 - Deane & Patty Weagley
- 21 - Bobby & Mary Fogle

### May Birthdays

- 2 - Leann Eccard-Crutchley
- 6 - Mark Burrier
- 7 - Austin Main
- 8 - Anita Harshman
- 11 - Steve Leatherman
- 16 - Eleanor Kline
- 17 - Deane Weagley
- 17 - Elijah Sowers
- 18 - Cindy Draper
- 18 - Howard Brandenburg
- 19 - Brandon Leatherman
- 20 - Abigail Weagley
- 24 - Nelson Hipkins
- 25 - Sam Zimmerman
- 25 - Kathleen Bullock
- 26 - Sharon Hipkins
- 27 - Tammy Hebeisen
- 27 - Lillian Hill
- 30 - Bobby Fogle Jr.

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.

Looking ahead...

Salem's  
**LORD'S ACRE FESTIVAL**  
 Saturday, September 13, 2014  
 Wolfsville Ruritan Park  
 4:00-9:00 p.m.



**June 25-28 — Mt. Union, PA**  
 Salem is going again this year!

## Holy Communion

Sunday, May 4, 2014  
 9:00 & 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.

Only God can turn a mess  
 into a message,  
 a test into a testimony.  
 —Joyce Meyer



Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman



## Favorite Things

*Author Unknown*

The things that make a mother smile  
are things that make all life worthwhile:  
A home that's filled with warmth and love  
and treasures that she's fondest of;  
Little feet that make her day  
a busy world of work and play;

Friends who take the time to call,  
a door that opens wide to all;  
A room that holds the morning sun,  
and laughter when the day is done.  
The special joy that each day brings  
is made of Mother's favorite things.

## Our Flag

*By Bessie H. Hartling*

It speaks in steadfast color:  
The red, the white, the blue;  
It tells us what to honor:  
The brave, the pure, the true.

It graces its staff with beauty,  
Enlivens the languid air;  
It drapes our country's heroes  
And wafts a graveside prayer.

It guards our home of worship  
And crowns our courts and schools,  
Proclaiming the law of liberty,  
The heart of freedom's rules.

We stand at grave attention  
To salute our nation's pride,  
Our flag of cherished history  
For which dear sons have died.



## Hope

*Author Unknown*

'Tis better to hope, though clouds hang low,  
And keep the eyes uplifted,  
For the sweet blue sky will soon peep through,  
When the ominous clouds are rifted.

There was never a night without a day  
Or an evening without a morning,  
And the darkest hour, as the proverb goes  
Is the hour before the dawning.



# RECIPE



## GERMAN CHOCOLATE CAKE COOKIES

1 cup butter, softened	1 teaspoon baking soda
1 cup Domino™ Granulated Sugar	1/2 teaspoon salt
1 (3.9 oz.) box JELL-O Chocolate Instant Pudding Mix	1 cup chopped pecans
2 large eggs	1 1/2 cups sweetened flaked coconut, divided
2 teaspoons McCormick™ Pure Vanilla Extract	1 cup M&M's™ Brand Chocolate Candies
2 1/4 cups all purpose flour	Pam™ Baking Spray

- 1. Preheat** oven to 350 degrees. Beat butter and sugar with a mixer on medium-high speed 5 minutes or until fluffy. Blend in pudding mix; add eggs and vanilla, mixing until yellow disappears.
- 2. Whisk** together flour, baking soda, and salt; blend into butter mixture. Stir in pecans, 1 cup coconut, and candies. Portion dough with a 1/4 cup scoop and place 8 pieces on lightly sprayed, foil-lined cookie sheets; press tops with remaining 1/2 cup coconut. Bake, in batches, 13 to 14 minutes or until puffed and set. Makes about 2 dozen.

**Note:** For a smaller cookie, use a heaping tablespoon of dough.

*Fonda Gormer made these cookies for the Bee-lievers' cookie exchange. (Recipe selected from Walmart ad in Southern Living.)*

## Flowers for Mother's Day

*By Elizabeth Searle Lamb*

Bluebells blowing in the shade  
Of an old mock orange bush,  
Masses of purple lilac,  
And clusters of field daisies.

The yellow roses and iris,  
All the peonies full-petalled—  
Give or take a flower or two  
Depending on the season's  
sun and rain —

This is the flowering time,  
The time of the fragile petal  
And the sweet and subtle fragrance  
Of the month of May

God is in every tomorrow,  
Therefore I live for today,  
Certain of finding at sunrise,  
Guidance and strength for the way;  
Power for each moment of weakness,  
Hope for each moment of pain,  
Comfort for every sorrow,  
Sunshine and joy after rain.

—Laura A. Barter Snow

## Happiness

*By Vera Skidmore*

A bit of ground to call your own,  
A house that you can make a home,  
Someone to share your every  
thought  
And praise the miracles you have  
wrought  
Mean happiness.

A child to guard, to guide, to love,  
A blessing from our God above,  
A bit of garden for his play,  
A pet to fill his every day  
Bring happiness.

A book to read and songs to sing  
In praise and service to our King,  
A cheery friend when gray  
days come,  
Companionship— these make  
the sum  
Of happiness.

A place to worship and to pray,  
To thank our Father day by day,  
A chance to help a friend in need  
And learn God's precepts—  
truly lead  
To happiness.



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

■ By PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER

**WE PRAISE GOD** for all the ways we were blessed during Lent, Holy Week, and Easter Sunday this year. Thank you to all who supported the worship services, activities, and events of this special time in the life our congregation.

Let us continue to support one another to walk in the footsteps of Jesus as the Easter Season continues and beyond. The Easter Season continues until Pentecost, which is on June 8 this year.

I am excited to announce two upcoming sermon series. "God's Care in Difficult Times" will be presented on the Sundays during May, and "Living in the Body of Christ" will be presented on the Sundays during June.

We will receive new members on June 1st and celebrate confirmation on June 8th. A congregational luncheon is scheduled after worship on June 8th to welcome all of our new members.

Please check out the many articles in this May issue of our *Mountain Shepherd* newsletter. They provide a great snapshot of the life and work of our congregation. Much useful information is also available at our church website, [www.salemchurchwolfsville.org](http://www.salemchurchwolfsville.org).

Here are the worship themes for May. God Bless. —Pastor Bob

**May 4 – Holy Communion  
Third Sunday of Easter  
God's Care in Difficult Times  
Sermon Series - "God Brings Healing"  
Matthew 8:5-13**

A Roman soldier came asking Jesus to heal his servant. Jesus offered to go to the servant. The soldier acknowledged Jesus' authority and believed Jesus had the power to heal by just commanding it.

Seeing his faith, Jesus healed the soldier's servant. He said to the soldier, "Go! It will be done just as you believed it would."

God asks us to believe that he will



heal us and do what is best for us.

Believing helps us to see the ways we are being healed.

**May 11 – Fourth Sunday of Easter  
and Mother's Day  
God's Care in Difficult Times  
Sermon Series - "The Care Giver"  
Luke 11:38-42**

God has given many mothers the gift to be excellent care givers. Care givers are present for those that need care, listen for ways others are hurting before acting, and offer love and encouragement. We give God thanks for mothers who do this so well.

On his journey to Jerusalem to face suffering and death, Jesus stopped at the home of Martha and Mary to rest. Mary saw his need, sat with him, and listened to his needs. At that moment Jesus needed a care giver and Mary met his need.

**May 18 – Fifth Sunday of Easter  
God's Care in Difficult Times  
Sermon Series - "The Care Receiver"  
Matthew 26:6-13**

One day shortly before his arrest, Jesus was in the home of Simon the leper. A woman came to Jesus and anointed his head with very expensive perfume. Others were greatly disturbed but Jesus received the care the woman gave him.

Jesus is a good role model for us. For some, it is easy to give care but we find it

very awkward to receive care. God calls upon us to do both— give and receive.

When we graciously receive care, the one providing the care receives God's love and support and grows in faith.

**May 25 – Sixth Sunday of Easter  
God's Care in Difficult Times  
Sermon Series  
"The Care Giving Congregation"  
Acts 2:42-47**

In the care giving congregation, excellent care is provided and no one in need is left behind. The pastor can't accomplish this alone. The pastor and a team of care givers can't accomplish this alone. It takes a deliberate effort on the part of the whole congregation working together to bring Christ to those in need.

Acts 2:42-47 describes a first century "fellowship of believers" formed to provide care for those in need. I'm sure this fellowship wasn't perfect, but their deliberate efforts produced excellent results.

### The Burden I Bear

By Rev. Dean Beaty

Strengthen me Lord for the burden I bear.  
Help me remember that Thou art still there.

Your will may be that the burden should stay.  
All that I ask is for strength for the way.

If in the old flesh, I looked at my plight.  
I would have asked that my burden be light.

Though Paul asked three times to remove his thorn,  
You promised your strength,  
that the burden be borne.

You carried the weight of the cross just for me.

You bore my sin as you hung on the tree.  
You were forsaken by all but a few.  
To the will of the Father, you were faithful and true.

Strengthen me Lord, for the burden I bear.  
Help me remember that you put it there.  
For you have a purpose that I may not see.  
Just show me the path that walks closest to Thee.

Bear one another's burdens,  
and thus fulfill the law of Christ.

—Galatians 6:2



Salem Mission Project No. 4

## FOOD PANTRY News

God works in mysterious ways!

■ **By Dawn Nelson**

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), more than 720,000 Marylanders are food insecure – uncertain of where their next meal is coming from. Of that, 460,000 of them live in the Maryland Food Bank’s service area and they miss 79 million meals each year because they do not have consistent access to sufficient amounts of food. This is the gap that the Maryland Food Bank and other food assistance providers must bridge (beyond what we are already doing) to end hunger in our region.

Recently the Maryland Food Bank asked us to survey the families that come to our Food Pantry, so that we can learn what their food insecurity situation is.

On the survey we asked what we could provide that would be helpful for them. Meats and fruits were the top items on their request list. As we all know these are high dollar items at the store.

The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) is run through the USDA. The USDA purchases foods, including processing and packaging, and makes it available to Maryland State Distributing Agencies. This is usually meats and cheese. Helene Ridenour, who runs Tabatha’s Table food pantry in Smithsburg, has been approved to distribute this government food. They also have the means to store this monthly distribution.



Photo by Dawn Nelson

What a blessed donation we received from the Grossnickle Church of the Brethren! From left, Dennis Draper, Food Pantry volunteer; Robert Delauter and Pastor Tim Richey-Martin, Grossnickle Church of the Brethren; and Nancy Ferguson, Food Pantry volunteer.

Through this program, households must meet the State eligibility criteria in order to receive this free food. If households already are eligible for other state assistance programs, they will be eligible for TEFAP program.

So starting in May, we will have our Food Pantry families, and any other families you may know that need assistance, come on the third Saturday of every month between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon to our church parking lot. A van will be in the parking lot for distribution.

It just amazes me when we need something God makes the provisions! What a blessing this will be for our families!

I would like to thank Dennis Draper in advance, who agreed to help pack and distribute this food. If we did not have the willingness of our volunteers to support this program, we would not be able to help those in need.

So please continue to keep our families in your prayers as they are struggling to provide just the basic needs.



In honor of MEMORIAL DAY, Salem Church recognizes our nation’s veterans who are buried at Salem’s Cemetery. The church will place flags at these grave sites.

Lloyd Bear  
Robert Bear  
Aaron Craver  
Rodger Lee Eccard  
Joseph R. Farsht  
Elmer R. Finneyfrock  
James Richard Frey  
Harold G. Harne  
Francis C. Harshman

Robert Woodrow Heefner  
William H. Horn  
Agnes Kemerer  
Verne F. Kemerer  
Alvey G. Kline  
Ary M. Kline  
Carroll M. Kline  
Gaither W. Kline  
Lawrence S. Kline

Raymond W. Kline  
Merhle K. Martin  
Ronald L. McLucas  
Joseph M. Nusbaum  
William H. Shuff  
Gaither E. Stotemyer  
Paul Weiss



Vacation Bible School  
**Weird Animals coming to VBS at Salem**

■ **By Fonda Gormer**  
**SAVE THE DATE!**

“Weird Animals – Where Jesus’ Love is 1-of-a Kind” Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be held at Salem July 14-18, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. each evening. Children ages 3-12 are invited to attend.

Your help is needed!

## Salem's MISSION Projects

*Salem Mission Project No. 1*

### A Letter from Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer Retired Missionaries • New Tribes Mission



Dear Folks at  
Salem United Methodist Church:

Thank you so very much for your faithfulness in sending financial support for us and your praying for us for many years.

Neither Nancy nor I have any major health problems as far as we know and we are so thankful for that blessing. We are still doing pretty much the same things we've been doing. Nancy still volunteers three days a week at the Hagerstown Rescue Mission, she visits several widows, serves in the church nursery, does some sewing for friends, and other things. Frank continues to do some work for shut-ins & others who need help, serves on the board of our home church, teaches an adult Sunday school class, is treasurer of our home church, and serves on the FBC mission's committee. Of course any outside work has been limited these past months because of a pretty cold winter.

As far as our family, our son-in-law, Lynn Harney, ministers at the Hagerstown Rescue Mission as well as working at FedEx a few hours at night. Our daughter Wanda is home-schooling their youngest son. Their daughter,

Keshia, is studying at Messiah College. They have a son and his family in California and another son who lives with his parents while he works at a security job and takes some college on-line courses.

Eric, Wendy, and their youngest daughter are ministering to Badyaranké people in Senegal. Eric taught through the Bible for evangelism to people who had never before been taught the Bible. He taught a series of chronological lessons six nights a week for several months. There was strong opposition from Muslim leaders who put pressure on many people; especially village leaders. Even so, many came, listened, and it seems clear that some have trusted Christ as Savior! There are no doubt others who are still reluctant to express themselves because of the pressures on them. After a break of a couple weeks, Eric began teaching again so people can better understand, and we trust more will believe. Their daughter, Tara, is a senior finishing home school courses. Jessica's husband completed courses to become a Christian counselor and is looking for an opportunity to minister in that area. Shawn is in his third year of college at

Penn State. Jason is still looking for a full-time job while taking what part-time work he can get now.

Rebecca is also part of the missionary team ministering to the Badyaranké people. She has several classes going to teach people to read in their own language. It is so encouraging to hear of some reading the portions of scripture that have been translated into the Badyaranké language. Rebecca also helps with things regarding the Bible teaching; especially talking with ladies and children to see how well they understood.

Gary, Lisa & family serve at the New Tribes Mission Homes, a center for retired missionaries in Florida. Gary is mostly involved in grounds work and Lisa is involved in meal preparation and office work. They always seek to be a blessing to the "retired" missionaries living there doing special things for them and talking to them as they have opportunity.

Thank you again for the vital part you have in our lives, the lives of our family, and those to whom we all minister.

Joyfully in Christ,  
Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer

*Salem Mission Project No. 5*

### Mary returns to the United States — Announces new assignment

Adventures never cease to abound! I'm a few months into my time here in the States. Usually by now I would be almost finished with my home assignment... but this year everything is a little different.

As you remember, I left Tanzania in June 2013, and traveled with Wendy to several different countries to lead music workshops. New Scripture-songs were composed in every location, and every people group we visited had a musical style and sound that was unique from any other music I had heard.

I wrote my last newsletter shortly before traveling to a country in north-central Africa, and the 8th on my list of countries visited since June. This letter is long over-due, but I wanted to have everything "official" before I shared my exciting news! My next ministry location



Africa Inland Mission

will be in North Central Africa.

I plan to continue serving there for as many terms as God allows. This picture was taken while I was visiting there last November. As you may guess, based on my previous ministry and the outfit I'm wearing in the picture, my next assignment will be primarily focused on working with unreached people, with time

scheduled for leading music workshops.

In order to more effectively lead music workshops I have enrolled in Liberty University's online Masters program in Ethnomusicology. I am currently on an extended study leave until August 2015, and I have already started my first semester of classes.

So when will I return to Africa? I will be going to a francophone country, with French as one of the national languages. I am aiming to leave for France in late August 2015 where I will study French for ten months before flying directly to Africa. In the meantime, I'm in NY for the next three months. In July I will start traveling to visit supporters.

Thank you for partnering with me! I appreciate your prayers and support more than I can express. —Mary

### A Blessed Easter Season at Salem

Photo by Bill Burrier

Photo by Dawn Nelson



**Palm Sunday** — Pastor Bob teaches the children about the palms in the contemporary service.



**THE LAST SUPPER**, Holy Thursday, APRIL 17, 2014 — From left, Denny Leatherman (James the Lesser), Richard Harshman (Bartholomew (Nathaniel)), Vernon Stottlemeyer (Andrew), Patrick Boyton (Judas), Bill Buhrman (Peter), Robin Haupt (John), Michael Burrier (Jesus), George Stottlemeyer (Thomas), Gary Barkdoll (James the Greater), Jim Laky (Matthew), Bobby Fogle (Philip), Donald Stottlemeyer (Thaddeus), and Brandon Leatherman (Simon the Zealot).

### Scenes from the Community Easter Egg Hunt

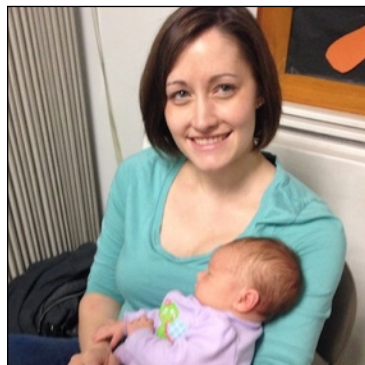
Photos by Bill Burrier

■ By Caroline Buhrman

The Lord blessed us with a beautiful sunny warm day for the 2014 Community Easter Egg Hunt.

Thank you so much to so many who helped in any way to make the egg hunt a fun afternoon event for the young ones and also for those of us who are not as young!

For all of the wonderful donations, Doris and I give our thanks; for those who hid the eggs; for kitchen and cleanup crew that just appear when needed; for Jadie and Kenslie who helped fill many eggs; and for that special Easter bunny who somehow has taken the time to make an appearance each year. Doris and I are truly thankful for each one's help.



### Sunday School Classes

Every Sunday 10:15 - 11:00 a.m.



**Children 0 to 3 years**

Teacher: Caroline Buhrman

**Children 4 years to Grade 2**

Teachers: Michael & Jennifer Burrier

**Children Grades 3 to 5**

Teachers: Joy Young, Melissa Thornton, Patrick Boyton, Kathy Laky

**Middle School & High School Youth**

Teacher: Fonda Gormer

**Adult Discussion Group - Couples & Singles**

Teacher: Bill Burrier

**Men's Class**

Teachers: George Harne, Bobby Fogle, Meredith Harshman, and Dennis Leatherman

**Women's Class**

Teachers: Mary Cline & Darlene Burrier

Jesus said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. —Mark 16:15 New International Version (NIV)



**WHY GOD MADE MOMS**

(Answers given by 2nd grade school children.)

**Why did God make mothers?**

- 1. She's the only one who knows where the scotch tape is.
- 2. Mostly to clean the house.
- 3. To help us out of there when we were getting born.

**If you could change one thing about your mom, what would it be?**

- 1. She has this weird thing about me keeping my room clean. I'd get rid of that.
- 2. I'd make my mom smarter. Then she would know it was my sister who did it, not me.
- 3. I would like for her to get rid of those invisible eyes on the back of her head.

**Who's the boss at your house?**

- 1. Mom. You can tell by room inspection. She sees the stuff under the bed.
- 2. I guess mom is, but only because she has a lot more to do than dad.

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

*Some thoughts to ponder . . .*

When we feel the stress of the storm we learn the strength of the anchor.

If God never does anything more than redeem us, He has already done far more than we deserve.

Look up from your failure, and you'll find God standing ready to receive you.

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

May 2014

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