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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-Apr
1	Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer (Retired New Tribes Mission)	\$204	\$816.00
2	Operation Christmas Child (Postage paid in November)	-----	\$0.00
3	Salem Mission & Outreach (Local needs)	-----	\$1,101.30
4	Salem Food Pantry (Open Tuesdays 6:00-7:00 p.m.)	-----	\$811.39
5	Mary E. (Africa Inland Mission)	\$85	\$425.00
6	United Methodist Board of Child Care (Auxiliary & Direct Support)	-----	\$200.00
7	Gideons (Frederick West Camp - Distributing Bibles)	\$110	\$440.00
8	Potato Project (Society of St. Andrew, Big Island, VA)	\$60	\$240.00
9	Middletown High School (Fellowship of Christian Athletes)	\$47	\$188.00
10	Mission Trip (Destination to be determined)	-----	\$0.00
11	Ronnie & Angi Hopkins (Nicaragua)	\$64	\$256.00
12	Care Net Pregnancy Center (Frederick, MD)	\$64	\$282.00
13	Compassion International (Sponsored child in India)	\$38	\$152.00
14	Local Mission Projects (Local repair or renovation needs)	-----	\$0.00
15	Hero's Club After School Ministry (Pre-K through Grade 5)	-----	\$379.21
16	World Vision (Sponsored child in Colombia)	\$35	\$140.00

Goal: **\$16,164** • Mission Offering To Date: **\$5,217.14** • % of Goal: **32%**

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. 11

RONNIE & ANGI HOPKINS
The Mission Society, Nicaragua

NICARAGUA — Youth Leaders, Yesmanth, Harry and Byron organized their own mission trip to the Rio Bocay where they distributed clothes and school supplies, much of which had been donated by the Youth Leadership Team. At right, Harry teaches a class in the school... it seems not everyone was on the official attendance sheet.



In April, the Carrollton First United Methodist Church Youth Team of Carrollton, GA, made their annual trip to Nicaragua. The Carrollton youth, together with the Nicaraguan Youth Leadership Team, presented programs in schools and churches, helped with the construction of children's beds and learned about life in rural Nicaragua.

It seems not everyone was on the official attendance sheet.

Salem Youth & Adults going to Creation 2014

■ By Sue Ellen Stottlemyer

June 25-28, 2014

Newsboys, Switchfoot, Chris Tomlin, TobyMac... just to name a few of the bands that will be at Creation this year.

Creation 2014 is just around the corner; so now is the time to make your plans to attend. Creation, a Christian music festival held at the Agape Farm, Mt. Union, Pennsylvania, starts on Wednesday, June 25, and runs through Saturday evening, June 28, 2014.

This year is shaping up to be one of our largest groups that will be attending to date. As in past years, everyone that attended last year had a great time and most are planning to attend this year.

Creation 2014 promises to be everything we enjoyed in past years; good fellowship, excellent worship, good food, and most of all, good Christian music. So don't miss out on a good time to praise and worship our Creator.

Plans are being made to attend the entire event, with arrangements being made for staggering departures based on the schedule needs of the group. I will be leading the group for the duration, and I am in need of a few adult chaperones to go along and help. Although this is primarily a "youth" group activity, both youth and adults are highly encouraged to attend, if even for just one day. We have had as many adults as youth attend in past years.

This is a wonderful opportunity to gather with our Christian friends and listen to some great "loud" Christian music. If loud Christian music is not something you particularly care for, there are many excellent speakers and seminars available each day. The younger youth always find great activities at the Kid's Stage; this year there will be a reptile



show and a comedian. I am looking forward to that. There is something for everybody to enjoy, all while worshipping and praising our wonderful Lord and Savior.

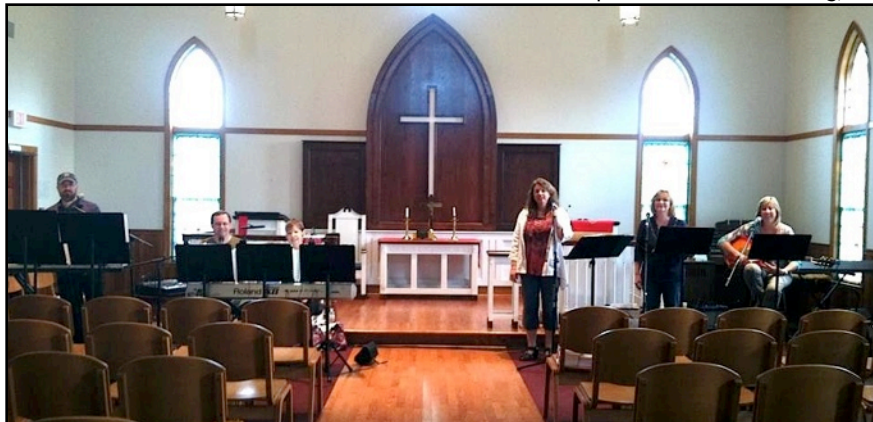
It is not a necessity, but we do pre-order as many tickets as we can at the reduced rate (tickets can be purchased the day of arrival), so if you know for sure you will be attending, please let me know as soon as possible.

Please mark your calendar now. Information and the program for the festival can be found on-line at <http://www.creationfest.com/ne/>.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 301-293-1470.

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

RECENT APPEARANCE at the Board of Child Care chapel service in Martinsburg, WV



Rehearsed and ready for the boys and girls to arrive.
From left, Jim, Michael, Susie, Lori, Dawn, and Donna

On Sunday evening, May 4, 2014, the Works in Progress Community Praise Band provided special music at a chapel service at the Board of Child Care in Martinsburg, WV. The group was invited by Pastor Randy Reid who conducted the service for the boys and girls who live at the campus. The Board of Child Care is an agency of the United Methodist Church that is dedicated to ministering to the needs of troubled children and their families. They take care of children by providing long term places to stay and schools they can attend while there, as well as sponsoring children for adoption and day care. It is a unique ministry dedicated to helping children and families in their greatest time of need.

Praise Band upcoming appearances

- Sun June 1 - Grossnickle Church of the Brethren at 10:30 a.m. worship
- Sun June 8 - Salem 9:00 a.m. traditional worship & 11:15 a.m. contemporary worship
- Sun June 22 - Salem 11:15 a.m. contemporary worship
- Sun July 20 - Salem's Ice Cream Social, 5:30 p.m. at the church pavilion

"Battin' for Brent" Fundraiser



■ By Dawn Nelson

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 of 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.

THANK YOU! Brent and I and the kids would like to say "Thank You!" We have been tremendously blessed by each of you... your prayers, your financial support and kindness through these tough days. We could not have made it this far without your love and support! Brent continues to defy all odds— his strength is truly amazing. He believes God has a plan for his future. We are glad all of you will be a part of it. —Brent, Patty, Jeremy, Amy, Matt, Cody & Bailey

Attendance Offerings

April 2014

		Worship*		Sunday School	
Apr	6	83	\$2,023.25	52	\$323.00
Apr	13	108	2,294.25	52	152.26
Apr	20	137	2,039.50	61	133.00
Apr	27	81	1,530.75	49	108.50

*Worship attendance & offerings include both worship services.

- Missions: \$1,608.05
 - Building Fund: \$265.00
 - 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
Apr	102	54
Mar	89	51
Feb	101	52
Jan	87	51
Dec	85	52

Average Attendance Jan-Apr 2014
 Sunday Worship: 94
 Sunday School: 52

Salem Mission Project No. 4

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

Photo by Dawn Nelson



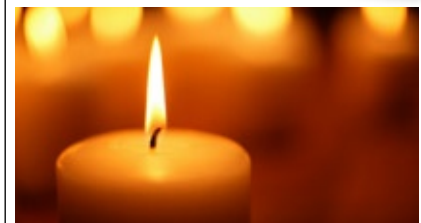
Pictured above are Mike Reece and Mike Fairall of The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), and Salem's Dennis Draper (far right) at our first scheduled TEFAP food distribution which is scheduled for the third Saturday of each month at Salem from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. This is a Federal program that helps supplement the diets of low-income Americans, including elderly people, by providing them with emergency food and nutrition assistance at no cost. We had 9 Food Pantry families come that day and they were given a choice of a whole turkey or chicken along with can goods. The distribution was based on how many were in their family. Thanks to Dennis Draper for his willingness to be there each month to help with the distribution! —Dawn Nelson



The Wolfsville Elementary 5th Grade Mentor Group announced they have a goal of collecting a ton of food for our Food Pantry.



A check was presented to the Salem Food Pantry from the Mid-Valley Homemakers Club, Middletown, MD.



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



June

Calendar of Events



- Sun 1 Holy Communion** - 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. worship services
Mon 2 Hero's Club End-of-Year Spaghetti Dinner - 6:00 p.m. at Salem
Thu 5 UMW "Bee-lievers" Meeting - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
Thu 5 Board of Trustees Meeting - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
Sat 7 Faith Builders Youth Group End-of-Year Pool Party - 1 p.m. at the Mueller's home
Sun 8 Confirmation - 9:00 a.m. worship at Salem
Sun 8 New Members Luncheon - 12:15 p.m. at Salem
Thu 12 Administrative Council - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
Sat 14 Keys Baseball - Battin' for Brent Fundraiser at 6 p.m. at Harry Grove Stadium
Sun 15 Father's Day - Fathers will be honored at 9:00 & 11:15 worship at Salem
Mon 16 Wolfsville Ruritan Dinner - 2 p.m. prepare, 7 p.m. serve at the Ruritan Park
Wed-Sat 25-28 Creation Music Festival at Mt. Union, PA
Sun 29 Holy Communion - 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. worship services

Recurring Events: 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

Photo by Dawn Nelson

Newsletter Distribution

- E-Mail** — We are currently sending this newsletter to 173 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.

Mothers Honored on Mother's Day

On Mother's Day, Salem honored each mother with a beautiful double begonia to take home and enjoy. In addition, each mother's name was written on a slip of paper and placed in a basket. During the children's message, Pastor Bob asked one of the children to draw two names from the basket.

At the 9 a.m. traditional service, the winners were Phyllis Beall and Debbie Bussard. At the 11:15 a.m. contemporary service, the winning mothers were Nicole Cackowski and Darlene Burrier.

Each was given a devotional titled *Jesus Calling — Enjoying Peace in His Presence, Devotions for Every Day of the Year*, by Sarah Young, published by Thomas Nelson Publishers.



Hero's Club is winding down for the year! End-of-Year Dinner & Program Planned for June 2

The first half of the school year we studied Jesus — the Ultimate SuperHero. During this spring semester we learned about other heroes in the Bible. For example, on April 28, we learned about Ruth and her strong and fearless loyalty towards her mother-in-law.

The end-of-year celebration dinner and program for Hero's Club students and their families will be held Monday, June 2, at 6 p.m. Contact: Dawn Nelson

Teen leaders are Bailey Blickenstaff, Camden Raynor, Alexa Kehlbeck, Tori Isleib, Olivia Moser, Jadie Buhrman, Sarah Stull and Hayden O'Connor. Adult leaders are Pastor Bob Snyder, Dawn Nelson, Roni Remaley and Christy Kehlbeck.

Who's Doing What, When?

9:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP		JUNE	
Lay Readers 1 - Dennis Draper 8 - Dawn Nelson 15 - Randy Freysz 22 - Steve Leatherman 29 - Phil Koons	Ushers 1 - Dick Kline & Steve Leatherman 8 - Vernon Stottlemeyer & Robin Haupt 15 - Donald Stottlemeyer & Meredith Harshman 22 - Philip Koons & Brandon Leatherman 29 - Robin Haupt & Donald Stottlemeyer	Organist 1 - Krista Peake 8 - Susan Koons 15 - Susan Koons 22 - Susan Koons 29 - Susan Koons	
Greeters 1 - Patrick Boyton & Melissa Thornton 8 - Robin & Theresa Haupt 15 - George, Barbie, & Matt Stottlemeyer 22 - Bill, Caroline, Jadie & Kenslie Buhrman 29 - Dennis & Ruth Draper	Acolytes 1 - Paul McCormick 8 - Jadie Buhrman 15 - Kenslie Buhrman 22 - Joshua Koons 29 - 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!

June Anniversaries

- 4 - Jamie & Amber Breneman
- 7 - Tim & Mary Brown
- 8 - Kenneth & Dianna Poling
- 8 - Todd & Melanie Raynor
- 19 - Brandon & Jessie Leatherman
- 22 - Jim & Kim Bullock
- 24 - Pastors Katie & Chris Bishop
- 25 - Vernon & Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer
- 26 - Brent & Patty Blickenstaff

June Birthdays

- 1 - Emily Burrier
- 2 - Doris Fogle
- 2 - Richard Freysz
- 2 - Bob Stup
- 3 - Andrea Palmer
- 3 - Barbara Palmer
- 6 - Jonathan Gormer
- 12 - Petie Stup
- 13 - Cheyenne Leatherman
- 19 - George Harne
- 22 - Hunter Hebeisen
- 23 - Seth Hipkins
- 23 - Jeremiah Sowers
- 24 - Casey Weddle
- 25 - Brent Blickenstaff
- 26 - Christi Beall
- 26 - Justin Brown
- 26 - Pastor Katie Bishop
- 27 - George Stottlemeyer



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...

LORD'S ACRE
Festival
Saturday
September 13, 2014
 Wolfsville Ruritan Park
New Starting Time: 2:00 p.m.
 New Auction Time: 6:00 p.m.

Holy Communion

Sunday, June 1, 2014 and
 Sunday, June 29, 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.

NOTE: This year's **Lord's Acre Festival** will begin **two hours earlier... at 2 p.m.** The **auction will start at 6 p.m.** The goal is to end the festival before it gets dark. New parking arrangements are being worked out since the ball field will not be available.



Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman



INSPIRATIONAL Reading

A Tribute to Fathers

By Iris W. Bray

Father labors for our needs,
Yet finds the time to spare
To build our hopes and share our dreams,
And still has time for prayer.

We marvel at his courage, which
Dissolves our doubts and fears.
Somehow, he gathers sunbeams
And he swaps them for our tears.

A father's love has patience
And understanding, too,
When we hurt or disappoint him
By the things we say or do.

His arms are always open
With a love that will not fail
And steadfast strength to lean upon
When the trials of life prevail.

For many years his presence
Is a blessing set apart;
Then, through cherished memories,
He lives on within the heart.



Summer Flowers

By Virginia Katherine Oliver

For only a brief time each year
They show their lovely faces
In all the most unusual
And unexpected places.

In valleys low, on highest hills,
They somehow find their way
To spread beauty near and far
In colorful display.

They offer a gift of fragrance
That only summer blooms
Could bring in a blend of sweetness,
The rarest of perfumes.

Some grow where none will ever see
The loveliness they share,
But the glory of earth is greater
For each one blooming there.



Be sure to give the glory to God.



RECIPE



EASY GINGER COOKIES

Heat oven to 375 degrees.

Stir Gingerbread mix (Betty Crocker Ginger Bread Cake & Cookie Mix)
Add 1/4 cup hot water
Add 2 tablespoons margarine, melted
Stir with spoon until dough forms.

Shape dough into 1 inch balls.
Place balls 2 inches apart on ungreased cookie sheet.
Flatten to 2 inches in diameter with greased bottom of glass
dipped in sugar.

Bake 8 to 10 minutes until edges are firm.
Makes about 2 1/2 dozen cookies.

Olive Kline made these cookies for the Bee-lievers' cookie exchange. It was her daughter Joann Warrenfeltz's recipe.



Around a Campfire

By Claire Puneky

To be around a campfire
When the talk is going good,
When glowing are the embers
Of the gaily-gathered wood,

Is one of life's adventures
To be treasured and retold
With all the mounting memory
A happy heart can hold.

A campfire kindles solace,
Contentment, hope and peace.
A campfire heals the heartache
That clamors for release.

A campfire flickers friendship
To all who sit around it . . .
Friendship that endures the span
Of those who sought and found it.

Life's Riches

By Virginia Blanck Moore

Some folks count their riches
In houses, land and gold . . .
Their wealth in fine possessions
That can be bought and sold.

To them I'd not be wealthy,
For things I own are few;
But I am rich beyond compare
If these folks only knew.

For I have those who love me,
A home to keep, my task,
And more than work worth doing
And love I would not ask.

For with them come contentment
And peace of heart and mind,
And he who's blessed with wealth
like this
Owns much . . . the rarest kind.

Friendship

God knew we needed something more
Than budding earth and sky,
And so He sent us friends to love
To lift our hearts and spirits high;
God chose to teach love's wondrous art
Of comfort, cheer that never ends
By giving to the thankful heart
The dear, good gift of faithful friends.



Pastor's Notes... Worship in June

■ By PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER

This month the Easter Season draws to a close, we remember the ascension of Christ to reign over the world, and we celebrate Christ's formation of the church and the sending of the Holy Spirit to empower it.

On June 8, several of our youth will be baptized and confirmed, and on June 22, we'll celebrate an infant baptism.

The coming together of all these events moves us to consider what it means to be a member of Christ's family and a member of a local congregation such as Salem.

The coming of summer and the transformation of nature into full bloom seems to underscore the thoughts and feelings we hold deep in our hearts – that we cherish our church family, and that it is a vital part of the fullness of our lives.

This month's sermon series, *Living in the Body of Christ*, gives us an opportunity to explore and celebrate being a member of the local church we know as Salem.

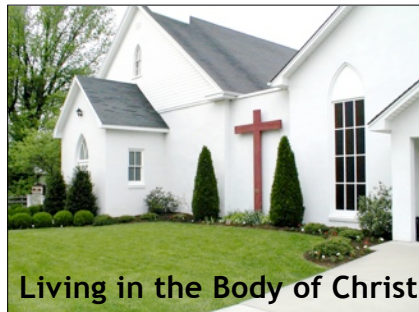
Please check out the many articles in this June issue of our *Mountain Shepherd* newsletter. They provide a great snapshot of the life and work of our congregation. Also, much useful information is also available at our church website, www.salemchurchwolvesville.org.

Here are the worship topics for our June sermon series, *Living in the Body of Christ*. God Bless, —Pastor Bob

June 1 – Ascension Sunday Holy Communion Living in the Body of Christ "I Will Uphold My Vows"

Acts 7:54-60

A man named Stephen was the first Christian martyr. He took a vow to live in the body of Christ – to pray, to be present, to share his talents, and to serve. He gave his life to uphold his vow. When we become members of a local church such as Salem, we take the same vow Stephen did



– to pray, allowing God to guide our way as we stay close to God; to be present, actively participating in worship, growing in faith, serving others, and inviting others to receive Christ; to share our God-given talents, building up the lives of others; and to serve those in need.

God vowed to save us and be our guide through life. God has always kept his promise. Help us Lord, to keep our vows, and help us to do so cheerfully and enthusiastically.

June 8 – Pentecost Baptism, Confirmation Living in the Body of Christ "I Will Pray"

Luke 18:1-8

Jesus tells us that we "should always pray and not give up" (Luke 18:1). Jesus tells us that "God will see that his people get justice" (Luke 18:8).

Then Jesus wants to know if we believe this. He asks, "Do you have faith?" Someone wanted to know - "Why pray," they asked. The short answer is, "Because it works."

Several of our youth are being baptized and confirmed this day. During confirmation classes, we have stressed the importance of prayer. When we pray, we allow God's grace (God's love acting in our lives) to enter into our lives and into the situations of our lives whatever they might be. Our frequent prayers keep us

grounded in the One who has saved us and will sustain us as we faithfully and cheerfully uphold the vows we took at our baptism, when we were confirmed, and when we became members of Salem. When we pray, we are connected to the very life-force of God; so connected, how can we fail?

June 15 – Father's Day Living in the Body of Christ "I Will Be Present"

Ruth 1:8-19

On Father's day, we are all reminded that one of the greatest gifts we can give to our children is our simple loving presence in their lives.

Ruth knew the power of presence. When her mother-in-law Naomi encouraged Ruth to return to her former life, Ruth responded with words that touch us deeply, "Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried" (Ruth 16b-17a).

Our vow to be present in the life and work of Salem acknowledges that we cherish our church family and will fully do our part to make and keep it a great church family, the body of Christ where Christ is the head and each of us is a vital and needed part.

June 22 – Baptism Living in the Body of Christ "I Will Share My Talents"

Deuteronomy 34

Shelby Lynn Leatherman was born March 28, 2014, at 3:05 p.m. Even before then God was present and at work in her brand new life, helping her experience his love and care.

At her baptism we will promise to God to "surround Shelby with a community of love and forgiveness so that she may grow in her trust of God, and be found faithful in her service to others."

As the years go by, we will see in Shelby the talents God has given her and encourage her to use them to build up the body of Christ. In doing so, we'll be helping God prepare Shelby for full membership in a local congregation like Salem. For each of us, discovering our talents and spiritual gifts for service, and using them to build up other's lives, is a vital part of membership in a local congregation.

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Pastor's Message

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June 29 – Holy Communion Living in the Body of Christ “I Will Serve”

Luke 10:25-37

My parents instilled in me the importance that service to others holds in living a full and meaningful life. I'm glad they instilled this in me. Service to others has indeed enriched my life in many ways. “I will serve” is a choice — God doesn't force us.

In the “Parable of the Good Samaritan” two religious leaders passed by a man who had been robbed, beaten, and left for dead on the side of a road. They chose not to help him. A third person made the choice to care for the man until he was restored – he served him.

Membership in a local church carries with it the opportunity and privilege to reach beyond ourselves to serve others. The mission of the greater church is to “Make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the World.”

This mission claims God's promise—through serving other people, the world is transformed. It is exciting and meaningful to be part of that transformation.



WEIRD ANIMALS COMING TO WOLFVILLE

■ By Fonda Gormer

They're coming. Axolotis. Leafy sea dragons. Star-nosed moles. Tenrecs. Frilled lizards. These weird animals are on their way to Wolfsville to be part of the community Vacation Bible School, to be held July 14- 18 at Salem UMC. We will meet each evening from 6:30-8:30 p.m. All children in the community, ages 3 through 12 are invited to attend.

Roses donated in memory of Brian Stottlemeyer

Recently four "Double Knock Out Roses" were planted along the side of the Sunday School Building. The roses were donated by Barbie, George, and Matt Stottlemeyer in memory of Brian Stottlemeyer.

Ladies Enjoy Night Out

■ By Fonda Gormer

“How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth.” Psalms 119:103 (NIV)

With this scripture as a theme, 45 women of all ages gathered on May 14 for the annual Ladies Night Out. After enjoying the buffet meal at Mountain Gate Family Restaurant, games were played and fellowship shared. It was commented that if we have to pass a test on Bible verses to get to heaven, we might not make it if the games were any indication of our scores!

It was good to share the evening with some of the newer women at Salem, as well as those who have been faithful in attendance over the years. One family even had five generations present. If you missed the event this year, we look forward to seeing you next May!



Photo by Bill Burrier

Five Generations attended “Ladies Night Out”

Front row, from left, Caroline Buhrman, Sophie Wagaman, Catherine Uzelac; back row, from left, Cyndy Weddle, Blake Wagaman, and Meagan Wagaman.

United Methodist Pastor Appointments of Local Interest

The Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church has begun making pastoral appointments for 2014. Appointments through May 19 are listed below:

- ❖ **Rev. Robert Hunter, III**, from Centre UMC in Forest Hill, to Thurmont UMC in Thurmont.
- ❖ **Rev. Ken Walker**, from Brook Hill UMC in Frederick, to Trinity UMC in Martinsburg, W.Va.
- ❖ **Rev. Wade Martin**, from Montgomery UMC in Damascus, to Brook Hill UMC in Frederick.
- ❖ **Rev. Sarah Schlieckert**, from Calvary/Centennial Memorial Cooperative Parish in Frederick, to Arden UMC in Martinsburg, W.Va.
- ❖ **Rev. Michael Beiber**, from Cheltenham UMC in Cheltenham, to Mt. Zion UMC in Myersville.
- ❖ **Rev. Robert Brennan**, from Garfield/Salem(Keedysville) Cooperative Parish, to Calvary UMC in Martinsburg, W.Va.
- ❖ **Rev. Paul Papp**, from the Jefferson(Jefferson-Doubs) Charge in Frederick, to Texas Charge in Timonium.
- ❖ **Rev. Tiffany Kromer**, from Emmitsburg UMC in Emmitsburg, to associate pastor at First Saints Community UMC in St. Mary's County.
- ❖ **Pastor Melissa Richardson** is appointed to Bethel UMC in Chewsville as assistant pastor for spiritual formation.

❖ **Rev. Colin A. Phillips**, retired clergy, is appointed to Trinity UMC in Emmitsburg and St. Paul UMC in New Windsor.

❖ **Pastor Elizabeth LeMaster**, a Wesley Theological Seminary student, is appointed as part-time local pastor at Salem UMC in Keedysville.

❖ **Pastor Arthe' Taysie Monroe Phillips**, from Bethesda UMC in Sykesville, to Lewistown UMC in Lewistown.

❖ **Rev. Mary Ricketts**, from St. Paul's UMC in Smithsburg, to the newly created Smithsburg Charge (Garfield UMC and St. Paul's UMC).

❖ **Rev. Heath Wilson**, from Trinity UMC in Prince Frederick, to Tom's Creek UMC in Emmitsburg.

❖ **Rev. James W. Ridout IV**, from the Darlington Charge in Darlington, to Jefferson/Doubs Charge in Frederick.

Clergy Retirements:

The Baltimore-Washington Conference has announced 32 clergy retirements. Of local interest, we congratulate **Pastor Mary K. Worrel** who is retiring June 30, 2014, with 19 years service. Mary's most recent appointment was at Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, Myersville.

All appointments are effective July 1, and are listed at the Baltimore-Washington Conference website: www.bwcmuc.org/content/2014_appointments

A Tribute to JOAN E. HARSHMAN

November 16, 1949 — May 3, 2014

Joan was “the glue that held the family together.”

■ By Bill Burrier

The members and friends of Salem Church were saddened to learn of Joan Harshman's death at the age of 64. We knew that she was struggling with complicated health issues which necessitated admission at Meritus Medical Center, Johns Hopkins, and Georgetown hospitals.

After spending many weeks in the hospital, Joan came home just before Easter. Her husband Meredith, of 40 years, brought her to church on Easter Sunday where she thanked everyone for their prayers, cards, and many acts of kindness. She told us she was being assisted at home by a home care nurse and had additional upcoming appointments at hospitals to assess further diagnosis and treatment.

However, her earthly journey suddenly ended with a heart attack on the evening of May 3, 2014.

A funeral service was held at Salem on Thursday, May 8, 2014, with Pastor Bob Snyder officiating. Following the service, burial was at Salem's cemetery.

In preparation for the service, Pastor Bob met with Meredith and their two children, Jeff and Sarah. Pastor Bob said, “The conversation turned to sharing remembrances of Joan. Meredith didn't hesitate. ‘She was the glue that held the family together.’ Jeff and Sarah added, ‘She was thoughtful, generous, giving; a helper to others.’ Meredith chimed in, ‘She took care of everything.’”

Joan, along with Meredith, were faithful regulars at Salem's Sunday worship and Sunday School, and active in the work of the church, always attending the 9 a.m. traditional service. Joan was an integral part of the Women's Sunday School Class.

Referring to Joan's two grandsons, Jack and Jase, Pastor Bob commented, “Every time Meredith and Joan brought them to church, you could just see the pride Joan had in them. It was written all over her.”

Pastor Bob continued, “Sarah remembers how much it has meant that her mother babysat Jack and Jase, especially when Sarah was working

more. She didn't have to worry so much — the kids were safe with mom. I observed a few years back how well Joan cared for Meredith's mom, when Catherine was in the final stages of her life. I remember Catherine saying how much she appreciated that. I'm told Joan also helped care for her mom and her mom's sister that way too. Meredith said, ‘Joan was the glue that held us together.’ Isn't that a wonderful thing to have your family say about you.”

Joan served on church committees and was Salem's Financial Secretary for five years, 2004-2005 and 2007-2009. She took this position very seriously. Every Sunday she counted the worship offerings, confidentially recorded each family's giving, deposited the funds, and provided a deposit ticket to Salem's treasurer. She was very dependable as evidenced by the fact that during those five years, she rarely asked an assistant to fill in for her. And finally, at the end of each year, she would prepare a financial statement for each family detailing their giving for the year.

For many years at Salem's annual Lord's Acre Festival, Joan, along with Meredith, served as cashiers, taking orders at the food stand for food and drinks.

Joan was also known at Salem for her homemade peanut brittle. She made it for the Lord's Acre and at various other times of the year with profits going to Salem's United Methodist Women Bee-keepers group. Peanut brittle was not the easiest thing to make, she would say... apparently the weather of the day played a role... humidity and other factors would affect the outcome. She would take advance orders and bring it to church along with some extra for those who did not get their advance orders in.

Joan also possessed outstanding skills at making cross-stitch pictures. Pastor Bob said, “Meredith took me down the steps to the lower level of their home to show me pictures Joan had cross-stitched of Civil War heroes. They are so detailed and well done, they look like photographs. Joan was patient in her work — some projects took months to



Joan was known for her talent in making cross-stitch pictures. Joan donated the above cross-stitch picture of Salem Church which hangs in the hallway just outside the sanctuary.

complete. She was meticulous, tearing out and redoing work until she was satisfied.”

Pastor Bob continued, “Joan was thoughtful and generous in doing cross-stitch work as gifts to others, especially on special and meaningful occasions. Items of her work adorn our church and some of your homes. I'm sure some of you right now are reflecting upon a time Joan came to you and said something like, ‘here, I made this for you,’ and how much it meant to you when she did.

“God says to us, ‘I've given you a gift to share with others, to build them up.’ Through her baking, through her cross-stitch work, Joan followed God's rule — she shared her gifts and built up other's lives and they remember.”

Joan was also fond of particular places where she would relax and rest. She enjoyed time spent by the river; trips to Ocean City, and Lancaster County, PA.

Pastor Bob said, “One day when I visited Joan in the hospital she shared, ‘When I get out of here one of the first things I want to do is go to Lancaster County.’”

“Aside from these brief times away, Joan was always very faithful in attending worship and Sunday school on Sundays, and she'd always make sure the coffee was ready for the Men's Sunday School Class — that was Joan.”

The Salem congregation expresses its deepest sympathy to the Harshman family. Joan will be sorely missed at Salem Church. Memorial contributions may be made to Salem.

The family wishes to thank Joann Leatherman, organist; Ginny Haddock, special music at the funeral; and Salem Outreach for the luncheon to honor Joan.

Plant, Food, & Yard Sale successful

■ **By Barbie Stottleyer**

The weather forecast called for rain and early in the morning the sky looked very threatening, but then the sun began to peak through the clouds and we had a beautiful day for our flower/plant, food and yard sale.

I want to thank everyone for all the hard work that went into making this a very profitable project. We made over \$1,500 from the flowers/plants, food, and yard sale.

We started preparing our day at 6:00 a.m., began selling at 8:00 a.m. and by noon had sold almost all the flowers and plants. The funds from this project go into our Bee-lievers Fund and eventual donation to the Lord's Acre.



PLANT SALE — From left, Barbie Stottleyer, Wanda Barkdoll, and Cathie Elsbach. The flowers were beautiful.



YARD SALE — From left, Joey, George, and Joe Hawkins offer used treasures and bargains at Salem's yard sale.

Photos by Bill Burrier

Scenes from the Youth Group trip to Hershey Park

■ **By Wanda Barkdoll**

A total of 15 youth attended the Hershey Park adventure on Saturday, April 26, and nine adults were there to enjoy or watch them getting crazy on the rides. We had a lot of fun, and for some of the youth, it was their first time ever riding the roller coaster... like Joshua Koons... it was his first time and he did real well.

Photos by Wanda Barkdoll & Sue Ellen Stottleyer



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)



A Conversation with Grandpa

A little girl was sitting on her grandfather's lap as he read her a bedtime story.

From time to time, she would take her eyes off the book and reach up to touch his wrinkled cheek.

She was alternately stroking her own cheek, then his again.

Finally she spoke up, "Grandpa, did God make you?"

"Yes, sweetheart," he answered. "God made me a long time ago."

"Oh," she paused. "Grandpa, did God make me too?"

"Yes, indeed, honey," he said. "God made you just a little while ago."

Feeling their respective faces again, she observed, "God's getting better at it, isn't he?"

My Father is a Pastor

A boy was watching his father, a pastor, write a sermon. "How do you know what to say?" he asked.

"Why, God tells me."

"Oh, then why do you keep crossing things out?"

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

Some thoughts to ponder . . .

It isn't easy living a Christian lifestyle. The "world" at times looks like a fun and easy road. But "joy" is found only in Jesus, our ever-present friend and guide.

Attending a church or Bible study group that teach God's truth provides the blessing of helping us grow in our walk with the Lord and understanding of His Word.

The Mountain Shepherd

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10:15 a.m. Sunday School

11:15 a.m. Contemporary

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