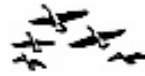


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Sunday, Sept. 28  
5-mile walk

Registration : 1:00 pm  
Walk begins: 1:30 pm

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## Salem's Lord's Acre Festival turns 55



FREE ADMISSION  
FREE PARKING  
RAIN OR SHINE

# LORD'S ACRE Festival

## Saturday, September 13

New Starting Time . . . **2:00 p.m.**

**Wolfsville Ruritan Park • 12708 Brandenburg Hollow Rd**

### Schedule

2:00 p.m. All items go on sale \_\_\_\_\_

#### FOOD

Homemade soups, sandwiches, french fries, baked goods, hand-dipped ice cream, soft drinks, coffee, iced tea, and water

#### PRODUCE

Fresh fruits and vegetables

#### CRAFTS & FANCY NEEDLEWORK

Craft items & handmade fancy needlework

#### FLEA TABLES & PLANTS

Used household items, books, plants, more

#### SILENT AUCTION 2:00-5:00 p.m.

Unique & useful items

#### LIVE AUCTION 6:00 p.m.

Featured quilt & comforter & numerous other items  
Bob Graybill, Auctioneer

#### MUSIC

Randy Sowers (Southern Gospel)  
3:20 p.m.

Works in Progress

Community Praise Band

2:30 p.m. • 4:30 p.m. • 5:30 p.m.

#### CAKE WALKS

Between music sets



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**Salem Membership Statistics:**

Current Membership: 239  
2014 New Members: 7

**Salem Physical Facilities:**

Church built 1847  
Educational Building built 1967  
Parsonage built 1974-75

**Salem Website:**

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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.

		MONTHLY MINIMUM	PAID Jan-July
1	Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer (Retired New Tribes Mission)	\$204	\$1,428.00
2	Operation Christmas Child (Postage paid in November)	-----	\$0.00
3	Salem Mission & Outreach (Local needs)	-----	\$1,570.12
4	Salem Food Pantry (Open Tuesdays 6:00-7:00 p.m.)	-----	\$884.74
5	Mary E. (Africa Inland Mission)	\$85	\$985.00
6	United Methodist Board of Child Care (Auxiliary & Direct Support)	-----	\$200.00
7	Gideons (Frederick West Camp - Distributing Bibles)	\$110	\$770.00
8	Potato Project (Society of St. Andrew, Big Island, VA)	\$60	\$420.00
9	Middletown High School (Fellowship of Christian Athletes)	\$47	\$235.00
10	Mission Trip (Destination to be determined)	-----	\$0.00
11	Ronnie & Angi Hopkins (Nicaragua)	\$64	\$448.00
12	Care Net Pregnancy Center (Frederick, MD)	\$64	\$621.00
13	Compassion International (Sponsored child in India)	\$38	\$266.00
14	Local Mission Projects (Local repair or renovation needs)	-----	\$0.00
15	Hero's Club After School Ministry (Pre-K through Grade 5)	-----	\$1,145.68
16	World Vision (Sponsored child in Colombia)	\$35	\$245.00
17	Imagine No Malaria in Africa (Pay December 2014) <b>NEW</b>	-----	\$0.00

2014 Goal: **\$16,812** • Mission Offering To Date: **\$8,589.14** • % of Goal: **51%**

**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. 6**

**United Methodist Board of Child Care**

The Auxiliary



Campus at Falling Waters, WV

The Auxiliary of the United Methodist Board of Child Care has two meetings each year, spring and fall, where interested church members participate and support the Auxiliary from their own district.

Salem Church is a part of the Cumberland-Hagerstown District of the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church.

The fall auxiliary meetings have been announced, and the fall auxiliary meeting for the Cumberland-Hagerstown District will be held Thursday, September 18, at 10:00 a.m. at the

Ellerslie United Methodist Church, 14307 Temple Street NW, Ellerslie, MD.

We at Salem support the Board of Child Care Auxiliary through our Mission Project No. 6. At the spring meeting, we contributed \$200 to the work of the auxiliary. At the upcoming fall meeting, we will be contributing an additional \$400.

## Finalizing Details for Salem’s Annual Community Event

### Lord’s Acre Music



**Randy Sowers - Southern Gospel  
3:20 p.m.**



**Works In Progress Community Praise Band - 2:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m., and 5:30 p.m.**  
(l-r) Jim Laky (synth/vocals), Michael Burrier (drums/vocals), Dawn Nelson (vocals), Lori Williamson (vocals/band leader), Susie Stottlemeyer (piano/vocals), Donna Snyder (guitar/vocals), and Jessie Leatherman (guitar/piano/vocals).

### Lord’s Acre Silent Auction

Brenda Freysz will be in charge of the silent auction again this year. If you have items to donate, please contact Brenda prior to Lord’s Acre day.

### Flea Tables & Garden Corner

Donations of used household items (in good condition), books (with no bad language), and all types of plants are welcome. Please price your items in advance.

### Live Auction at 6:00 p.m.

Bob Graybill will be the auctioneer at this year’s auction. Bob has donated his time and auctioneer services to the Lord’s Acre for many years. **NOTE THE NEW AUCTION TIME: 6:00 p.m.**

### What is a Lord’s Acre Festival?

In 1930, the Lord’s Acre idea began in western North Carolina as a means of raising funds for small country churches. A portion or “acre” of a church member’s land was set aside to raise crops to be sold to benefit the church. Even livestock was dedicated. Those without land could set aside a portion of their needlework, craft items, or any other saleable talent they possessed. The Lord’s Acre Festival is a sale of those donations.

Salem’s Lord’s Acre Festival, which began in 1960, was first held in the old Wolfsville School where Salem’s parsonage now stands. In 1970, the festival was moved to the Ruritan Park where it has grown to what it is today.



**Above:** The **FEATURED QUILT**, will be sold at the 6 p.m. auction. The full/queen-size quilt, called “Wreath of Flowers” has 12 squares, which were hand-embroidered by Salem members. The background is a blue fabric. The quilting was done by the Zion Quilters of the Zion Lutheran Church in Middletown.



**Right:** The **FEATURED COMFORTER** will also be sold at the 6 p.m. auction. It has colorful squares of birds, a white background, and was pieced, knotted, and finished by Salem members.

**Don’t forget . . .  
the auction is at 6:00 p.m. this year!**

# Attendance Offerings

July 2014

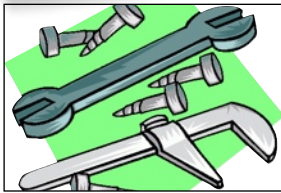
		Worship*		Sunday School	
July	6	65	\$1,202.25	34	\$214.50
July	13	83	1,968.50	47	138.00
July	20	95	1,807.25	50	191.50
July	27	89	1,764.25	52	119.50

\*Worship attendance & offerings include both worship services.

- Missions: \$925.00
  - Pavilion Fund: \$120.00
  - Building Fund: \$265.00
  - Cemetery Endowment Fund: \$15.00
- (Missions, Building Fund offerings, etc. are not included in Worship & Sunday School offerings above.)

Average Attendance		
	Worship	Sunday School
July	83	46
June	101	51
May	92	50
Apr	102	54
Mar	89	51

**Average Attendance Jan-July 2014**  
 Sunday Worship: 94  
 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 |

#### Sale of Weed Wacker

Our thanks to Salem Trustee Richard Harshman for handling the sale of the church's old weed wacker which has not been used for many years.

The weed wacker, a Stihl Bike Handle Model FS-80 was used years ago for trimming at the cemetery and church and parsonage yards prior to lawn services doing the work.

Since it was no longer being used, the Trustees decided to sell it. Prior to posting it for sale online, the carburetor was rebuilt and it was in good running order. The sale netted \$101 which was deposited into Salem's Building and Improvement Fund.

#### Sign Replaced

The small blue and white sign in the church front yard, which advertises the times of our worship services and Sunday School, was destroyed by a recent wind storm which did a lot of damage in the Wolfsville area. Express Signs in Frederick (who made the previous sign) was engaged to make another just like it. The new replacement sign has been received and placed in the front yard.

#### Monthly Trustee Meetings

After a summer break, Salem's Board of Trustees will resume their monthly meetings in September.



### 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

### Bee-lievers to make final Lord's Acre plans



By Fonda Gormer

The Bee-lievers will be making final plans for this year's Lord's Acre Festival at their meeting on September 4, at 7 p.m. in the church social area. If you have any craft items that you would like to be priced, please plan to bring them to this meeting. This helps speed up the set-up time the day of the event.

Help is needed for the following food preparations for the festival:

- **Thursday, Sept. 11** - The ladies will be meeting at the Ruritan Park at 8 a.m. to make soup and roast turkeys. (Anyone donating supplies for soup is asked to have them at the church or the park by 8 a.m.)
- **Friday, Sept. 12** - Pies will be made at the church and the park at 9 a.m. Cream pies will be filled at 5 p.m. at the park.
- **Saturday, Sept. 13** - Ham and turkey salad sandwiches will be made at 7 a.m. at the park.



Sept

# Calendar of Events



- Thu 4 UMW Bee-lievers** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem  
**Thu 4 Board of Trustees** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem  
**Sun 7 Holy Communion** - 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. worship at Salem  
**Thu 11 Soup Making for Lord's Acre** - 8:00 a.m. at Ruritan Park  
**Fri 12 Making Fruit Pies for Lord's Acre** - 9:00 a.m. at Ruritan Park & Salem  
**Fri 12 Making Cream Pies for Lord's Acre** - 5:00 p.m. at Ruritan Park  
**Sat 13 Sandwich Making for Lord's Acre** - 7:00 a.m. at Ruritan Park  
**Sat 13 Lord's Acre Festival** - 2:00-7:00 p.m. at Ruritan Park  
**Thu 18 Board of Child Care Auxiliary Fall Meeting** - 10:00 a.m., Ellerslie UMC, Ellerslie, MD  
**Thu 18 Administrative Council** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem  
**Sun 28 CROP Walk** - 1:00 p.m. registration, 1:30 p.m. walk begins at Salem

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  
 Youth Group meets every Thursday 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Salem  
 The church is cleaned Friday or Saturday every week

## Newsletter Distribution

- E-Mail** — We are currently sending this newsletter to 177 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.

## Blickenstaff Account Update

- By Bill Burrier

The Brent Blickenstaff community account is still open at the First United Bank & Trust in Myersville.

The total amount collected, since the account was opened last September, is \$31,083.69. As of this writing, \$31,080.69 has been given to the Blickenstaff family. A balance of \$3.00 remains in the account.

Contributions are still coming in, but have lessened. If you would like to contribute, you may visit the First United Bank and their staff will deposit your contribution into this account.

Our "Lord's Acre Project" turns

**55**

this year!

## Launched July 20th

### Salem Balloons Found and Returned

- By Bill Burrier

More than 150 helium-filled balloons were launched from Salem's pavilion on Sunday, July 20th, with the names of Salem members and friends attached. The cards contained our address so that finders could return them.

When launched, the balloons headed northwest. But, to our surprise, the balloons were found east northeast of Wolfsville. As of this writing, 7 balloons have been found and returned.

#### Delta, PA

Brenda Howe, who lives in Whiteford, MD, found Camilo and Valentina Barkdoll's balloons on Densmore Road in Delta, PA. (Camilo and Valentina's balloons were launched together.)

Judy Hammons, who lives on Stone Road in Delta, PA, found Delores Myers' balloon. She included a note saying, "Your balloon landed on my patio."

#### Hampstead, MD

George Hawkins' balloon was found by a four-year-old. A note returned with the balloon card said, "My name is Brooklyn Ellis. I am 4 years old. I live at Hogans Court, Hampstead, MD. I found your lucky balloon in my yard."



#### Pylesville, MD

Luke Gulczynski sent this note when returning his balloon card: "Dear George Callan, I found your balloon in our field at Eden Mill Road, Pylesville, MD. We are about 15 miles east of the Conawingo Dam."

#### Freeland, MD

Adam Robinson's balloon was found in Baltimore County. A note with the returned card said, "Found on Monday, July 21, 2014, a.m. by Holly Callahan and her dog Duncan, on Beckleysville Road, Freeland, Baltimore County, MD."

#### Nottingham, PA

Jerod Lenhart's balloon was found in Lancaster County, PA, by Marie Eller. She wrote, "This card and it's string was in my yard - no balloon was on it. It was at Little Britain Road in Little Britain Township in Lancaster County, PA. I see Myersville is near Route 70 - south of Hagerstown. I'm near the Maryland border - east of Wakefield and west of Nottingham."

# Who's Doing What, When?

## SEPTEMBER

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

#### Lay Readers

7 - Gary Barkdoll  
14 - Patrick Boyton  
21 - Randy Freysz  
28 - Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer

#### Ushers

7 - Dick Kline & Steve Leatherman  
14 - Vernon Stottlemeyer & Robin Haupt  
21 - Donald Stottlemeyer & Meredith Harshman  
28 - Philip Koons & Brandon Leatherman

#### Music

7 - Recorded Accompaniment  
14 - Works in Progress  
21 - Susan Koons  
28 - Susan Koons

#### Greeters

7 - Steve & Joann Leatherman  
14 - Patrick Boyton & Melissa Thornton  
21 - George, Barbie, & Matt Stottlemeyer  
28 - Denny Leatherman Family

#### Acolytes

7 - Jadie Buhrman  
14 - Kenslie Buhrman  
21 - Jerod Lenhart  
28 - Joshua Koons

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

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

## It's Your Day!

### September Anniversaries

6 - Howard & Betty Brandenburg  
8 - David & Sharon Harshman  
10 - Jiron & Beth Snead  
11 - H. Ronald & Judy Ellis  
16 - Charles & Yvonne Reeder  
17 - Steve & Joann Leatherman  
20 - Mark & Hallie Burrier  
26 - Bill & Caroline Buhrman  
30 - Adam & Vicki Robinson

### September Birthdays

2 - Dawn Brown  
3 - Delores Myers  
6 - Marilyn Leatherman  
7 - Sarah Burrier  
8 - David Harshman  
9 - David Brandenburg  
14 - Mary Cline  
14 - Meredith Harshman  
19 - Wanda Barkdoll  
22 - Karyn Snyder  
26 - Bobby Fogle  
27 - Terri Buhrman

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

### Faith Builders Youth Group (Middle School & High School)

Weekly get-togethers during the school year: Every Thursday, 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Salem

### Calendar of Activities

#### 2014

Sep 13 - Lord's Acre Festival  
Sep 28 - CROP Hunger Walk  
Oct 12 - Hike to Black Rock  
Oct 24 - "Salem Slam" Ping Pong  
Tournament

Dec 6 - Christmas Party  
Dec 24 - Christmas Eve - Dramatic  
Presentation

#### 2015

Feb 6-8 - ROCK Youth Retreat  
Feb 15 - Youth Sunday  
Feb 15 - Roller Skating Party  
Mar 15 - Seniors' Appreciation Luncheon  
Mar 29-Apr 5 - Holy Week and Easter  
Dramatic Presentations  
Apr 25 - Hershey Park Trip  
May 29-30 - Progressive Dinner & Lock-In  
Jun 6 - End-of-Year Pool Party (Mueller's)  
Jun 11 - End of Thursday weekly meetings  
June 23-28 - Creation Music Festival  
July 19 - Ice Cream Social & Balloon  
Launch

Co-Leaders:  
Wanda Barkdoll (301-416-0882)  
Laura Snyder (240-440-4884)

### Holy Communion

Sunday, September 7, 2014  
9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.



### Lord's Acre profits go to Salem's Building and Improvement Fund

Since its debut in 1960, the profits from Salem's Lord's Acre Festival have made possible many major building projects, such as the educational building (1967), parsonage (1974-75), and parking lot.

In recent years, profits have enabled numerous improvements and maintenance projects:

**2013** - Central air and insulation was installed in the parsonage; repaired parsonage drainage; and restriped the parking lot.

**2014** - Sound system was upgraded, the sanctuary piano was repaired, as well as numerous small maintenance projects.

BULLETIN BOARD  
with a message

EXERCISE DAILY.  
WALK WITH THE  
LORD.

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman



## Autumn

By Margaret Peterson

The golden leaves of Autumn  
Are rustling in the trees,  
Murmuring a melody  
Of Autumn memories.



Past glories of the springtime  
When leaves were fair and green,  
And birds intent on building nests  
Urged by God, unseen . . .

Are whispered in the rustling;  
A dreaming of the past  
When days could seem to never end,  
But it could never last.

Now the glory days are here.  
Each leaf does God imbue  
With power to become much more  
And to reflect Him, too.

Oh, may our lives resplendent be  
With golden deeds well done . . .  
Guided by the hand of God  
And blessed by His dear Son.

## For Little Things

By Gertrude Bryson Holman

We're thankful for all blessings small  
For beauty, faith, love and all,  
The things we take for granted here . . .  
For light and sunshine everywhere.

We're thankful for this life of ours,  
For eyes to see the trees and flowers,  
For ears to hear the harmony  
And heart to feel humanity.

We're thankful for the skies of blue  
For mornings fresh with sparkling dew;  
For home and friends and family,  
And birds that sing so happily.

We're thankful for the golden sun  
And little children full of fun;  
For strength to work and all the things  
Each lovely day to us He brings.

Christ came to seek and to save the lost.



# RECIPE



## BAVARIAN APPLE TARTS

1 cup flour  
1/3 cup sugar  
1/2 cup butter or margarine

8 oz. cream cheese, softened  
1/4 cup sugar  
1 egg  
1/2 teaspoon vanilla

4 cups, peeled and thinly sliced  
apples  
1/3 cup sugar  
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1/3 cup chopped nuts

Mix together until crumbly. Press  
on bottom and up 1/2 inch onto  
sides of an 8 x 12 bake dish.

Beat together and spread  
over pastry.

Combine and spread  
over mixture.

Sprinkle over apples.

Bake at 425 degrees for 10 minutes. Then reduce heat to 375 degrees  
and bake 25 minutes more. Cool 5 minutes, then cut around edge of pan  
with knife to loosen. Cut in squares. Serve warm or cold.

Selected from *Mennonite Country-Style Recipes*

## Take Time To See

By Ray F. Zaner

It seems so hard to understand  
As I look out across the land  
That all I view belongs to me.  
I ought to take more time to see  
The distant hills and mountains high,  
The rolling clouds and bright blue sky.

No one can take these views from me  
As long as I have eyes to see.  
A timid deer with haunting look  
Who stands refreshed by  
yonder brook  
Knows not that he belongs to me,  
Oh, what a thrilling sight to see!

The song of birds so gay and clear  
That fill the morning air with cheer,  
And fragrant flowers of every hue,  
That stand erect bedecked with dew.  
All these and more belong to me,  
If I but use my eyes to see.

When evening shadows gather nigh  
And twinkling stars light up the sky  
I hear My Master say to me  
"I made it all for you to see."  
My heart grows warm with faith  
and pride  
To know that He is by my side.

## Morning Prayer

By Clay Harrison

God, give me eyes that I may see  
The treasures You have given me,  
And give me ears that I may hear  
The words of faith that keep  
You near.

Lord, give me strength when  
I am weak,  
And may Thy goals be those I seek.  
Grant me courage when I'm alone  
And when I face the great unknown.  
Send me a friend when I'm in need,  
And let me do a noble deed  
That others, too, might somehow see  
The One who lives and works  
through me!

I love to see the autumn come  
And touch the wooded hill.  
With flaming torch she lights  
the trees;  
Above, the haze stands still.  
The world is caught in peace  
today;  
All time has stopped to greet  
This moment of bright splendor  
When fall and summer meet.

—Beulah Fenderson Smith



## Pastor's Notes... and Worship in September

■ By PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER

Hasn't it been a beautiful summer! Our Hero's Club elementary-age after school program which meets each Monday, and our Faith Builders middle and high school youth group which meets each Thursday, started up again. Both groups meet during the public school year.

Preparations are in full swing for our 55th annual Lord's Acre Festival on September 13; the start time this year is 2 p.m. Following right behind Lord's Acre will be the annual Wolfsville/Myersville CROP Hunger Walk on September 28.

We appreciate all the support the community gives to these events and look forward to spending a great time with you again this year.

During worship over the next year, we'll be reflecting on the Bible's five big stories: Creation and Fall; The people of God in Exodus, Covenant, and Exile; Jesus the Messiah; The People of God Gathered and Sent; and The Final Victory.

Lewis Parks writes about these stories in his book, *Preaching in the Small Membership Church*. Most of the Bible ties back to one of these big stories. Most of life circumstances also tie back to them. Knowing the stories and the parts of the Bible that speak to them, help us better know where to go in the Bible to thank and praise God, and to seek God's help in times of need.

Beginning this month, we'll look at the first story, "Creation and Fall." God created all that is, and God continues to create. This story shows us that God desires to shape and mold us from birth to death. As the name of our community praise band communicates, we are literally, "Works in Progress."

My hope is that all of us will go to our Bibles more often as a result of this sermon series because we will have learned that the Bible is easier to use than we might have thought; and I'm trusting that through greater use of our Bibles we



will come to love God and each other more. I encourage you to invite a friend or neighbor to experience this sermon series with you. Please ask the one who has been on your heart. Chances are they've been hoping you would invite them.

Part 1, "Creation and Fall," begins September 7th and continues through October 12th.

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

Enjoy the final days of summer and the beginning of fall. God Bless,

—Pastor Bob

### September 7 – Holy Communion Genesis 1-11

The Bible's Five Big Stories Sermon Series – Part 1: Creation and Fall  
Week 1 – Infants and Children

A new-born baby makes us smile, and sometimes even cry with joy – even big burly men have been spotted doing this. Sometimes the new mom, glancing down at her tummy is heard saying, "I can't believe she was in there." Other things are said to express the miracle of birth and new life. As a baby takes his first breath, we can hear God saying

again what he first spoke at the creation of the universe, "Let there be life!" Our babies soon become toddlers, and all too soon pre-school age and all the while we watch them learn to eat and walk and talk and learn their ABCs.

And all along the way, God's creative power has been at work helping this infant and this child experience God's presence and profound love.

### September 14

Genesis 1-11

The Bible's Five Big Stories Sermon Series – Part 1: Creation and Fall  
Week 2 – Youth

Which is harder – your child going off to kindergarten or your child leaving home? Donna and I found them both to be emotional times. The man in the TV section of the department store, observing me with one of the girls when they were young, said, "Take time to enjoy this; it will pass by with the blink of an eye." We think we know what "blink of an eye" means when we have young children; but we don't fully understand.

Even when we fall short, God is always taking time to be present and at work in the lives of our youth, continuing to create – through middle school and on into high school. God is helping our youth to know themselves, to learn about the world, to know the difference between right and wrong, and to know that there is something greater than them, and that is God, and God happens to adore them even when others do not.

### September 21

Genesis 1-11

The Bible's Five Big Stories Sermon Series – Part 1: Creation and Fall  
Week 3 – Young Adults

Young adulthood — a time of continuing to become a person differentiated from our parents, a natural process that has been underway throughout our teenage years. And sometimes during this time even the young adult, who was most involved in worship and Sunday school and youth group, is found to be much less active in church. But God is no less active in her life. When she fell in and out of love, God was there. When he was making career choices, God was there. When she was experiencing new things — some good and some bad — God was there all the

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# Hero's Club Fall Semester begins September 8th



Heather O'Connor named as Hero's Club Leader for Fall Semester

■ **By Heather O'Connor**

My name is Heather O'Connor and I am very excited to be directing Hero's Club this year.

Our family just recently began attending Salem United Methodist Church and have felt so welcomed by everyone here. My husband Ed and I have been married for 19 years and have three children.

Our daughter, Hayden is 16 and is a Junior at Middletown High School. She is also a helper for Hero's Club. Erin is 14 and a Freshman at Middletown High School. Owen is in Second Grade at Wolfsville Elementary School, and he also attends Hero's Club. We moved to Wolfsville in 2005 from Arizona.

I taught elementary school before having children, and am currently certified to teach in Maryland. I substitute teach occasionally here in Frederick County schools.

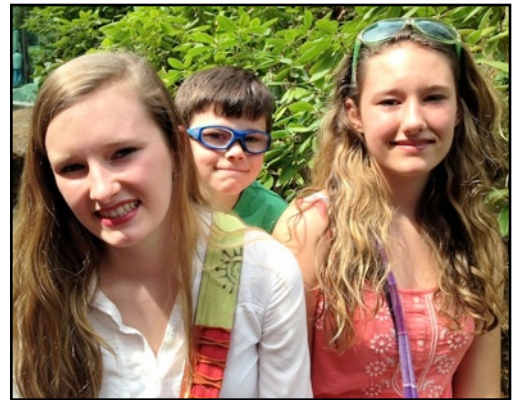
I enjoy watching my kids play their sports, photography, tennis, the outdoors, and being a part of this wonderful little community called Wolfsville.

**Hero's Club begins September 8th**

Hero's Club starts up again on Monday, September 8th. This year's theme for Hero's Club will be, "Getting to know THE HERO of all heroes". Our



Ed & Heather O'Connor



Hayden, Owen, & Erin O'Connor

• **THEME: "Getting to Know THE HERO of all Heroes"** •

primary focus will be on Jesus. We will also cover the Trinity and Fruits of the Spirit.

We have some wonderful helpers returning this year. Roni Remaley will be organizing the children's crafts again to go along with each lesson. Christie Kehlbeck will be volunteering her time to help in many different areas. The Middletown High School helpers Bailey Blickenstaff, Tori Isleib, Alex Kehlbeck,

Olivia Moser, Camden Raynor, Hayden O'Connor, and Erin O'Connor will be working with the children as well. If you or someone you know are interested in helping in any capacity, feel free to contact me at 240-344-8851. I know we can find a place for you!

I look forward to working here at Salem United Methodist Church, and I'm honored to teach the children of this community about God's love.

**Hero's Club Registration Forms are available at [www.SalemChurchWolfsville.org/heros-club](http://www.SalemChurchWolfsville.org/heros-club)**



**Salem children celebrate beginning of school year**

On Sunday, August 24th, Salem celebrated the beginning of the school year. Children were asked to bring their backpacks to church. During children's time at both services, Pastor Bob prayed for the children, teachers, and school administrators... looking forward to a productive, educational school year.

In the photo at left, 15 children assembled during Salem's 11:15 a.m. contemporary service. They brought their backpacks to church. Some were excited to start school the next day... Frederick County schools opened on Monday, August 25. A few of Salem's children, who live in Washington County, had already experienced their first few days of school which began the previous Wednesday, August 20th.

We pray for each one... that they may obtain a good education... and as they grow in knowledge, may they also grow in the knowledge of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Sunday, September 28, 2014

## Wolfsville/Myersville CROP Hunger Walk

### Walk with Us — You Can Help!

■ By Fonda Gormer

You've seen the pictures of the refugees in the Middle East and Africa. You've seen the pictures of the devastation caused by earthquakes, tornados, floods and hurricanes. You've seen the faces of hungry children on TV and heard about the families in our own community without enough food. You have probably felt you can't do anything to help. But if you want to make a difference, you can!

The Wolfsville/Myersville CROP Hunger Walk will take place on Sunday, September 28, starting at 1:30 p.m. at Salem United Methodist Church. Registration for the 5-mile walk begins at 1 p.m.

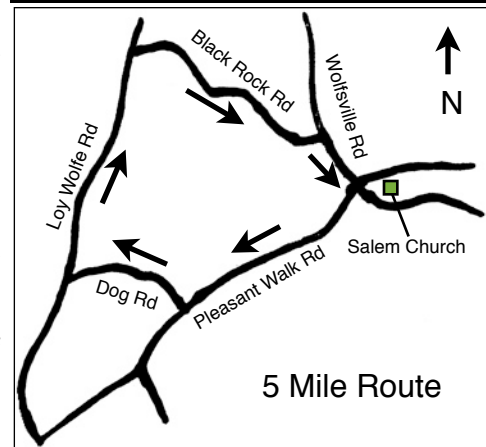
Proceeds from the CROP Walk help fight hunger locally, nationally and internationally. Local food programs—the Religious Coalition for Emergency

Human Needs, the Middletown Food Bank and Salem's own food pantry—receive 25% of all funds raised by our walk.

The remainder of the funds raised are distributed by Church World Service to support long-term development projects to provide education, income, clean water and food-growing opportunities. Funds are also used to help meet the special needs of refugees and provide emergency relief in times of natural disasters.

We need walkers. If you can't walk, consider sponsoring someone who will walk. If you don't know who is walking, contact me at 301-293-2436 and I can connect you to a walker.

For sponsor records or more information contact me as above, or at [fonda.gormer@comcast.net](mailto:fonda.gormer@comcast.net).



**Directions:** CROP Walk begins at Salem Church. Start walking on Pleasant Walk Road, turn right onto Dog Road, turn right onto Loy Wolfe Road, turn right onto Black Rock Road, turn right onto Wolfsville Road and end at Salem Church.



August 10, 2014 — The Salem congregation recently celebrated the baptism of Sophie Grace and Blake Joseph Wagaman, children of Erick & Meagan Wagaman, Cavetown. Many family members attended the 9 a.m. worship. From left are Pastor Bob Snyder, Erick holding Blake, Meagan, and Sophie.

### From the Pastor

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time continuing to create her. There with her when she graduated, on her wedding day, and when she first held her own child — God was there, creating.

#### September 28

Genesis 1-11

The Bible's Five Big Stories Sermon Series

Part 1: Creation and Fall

Week 4 — Middle Age

This is the hardest phase for me to describe because it's me, now. I have enough life experience to see how God has been creating me — continuing to shape and mold me. By now I have a whole list of examples which affirm my faith in God's ongoing creative work in the world and in my life. But just as in my youth and young adulthood I find myself knowing in my head that God is continuing to create me, but sometimes not experiencing this in my heart, not trusting in it as I should, not surrendering to it as I might to allow God full reign in my life to continue to create me. As I continue to be a husband, father, son, brother, uncle, pastor, and friend, I pray "Help me to trust in you, Lord, as you continue to create me." Perhaps that's always the prayer, whatever our age.

## Faith Builders Youth Group News Scenes *from the Kick-off Pool Party*

Photos by Wanda Barkdoll

■ By Wanda Barkdoll

We had a great time at the Mueller's home for our pool party. We thank them very much for their hospitality. The youth leaders are looking forward to a great year with plenty of activities. (See our activities calendar on page 6.)

We are also looking forward to seeing our middle school and high school youth every Thursday evening at the church from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

God bless you all.



### 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)



### BIBLE QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q. What do they call pastors in Germany?

A. German Shepherds

Q. Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?

A. Noah. He was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.

Q. Why didn't they play cards on the Ark?

A. Because Noah was standing on the deck.

Q. Which Bible character had no parents?

A. Joshua, son of Nun.

Q. Which area of the Middle East was especially wealthy?

A. The area around Jordan. The banks were always overflowing.

Q. Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?

A. Samson. He brought the house down.

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

### Some thoughts to ponder . . .

For hope today, remember the end of the story—eternity with God.

By God's grace, we can reflect His light in the dark times.

Let our days be filled with a longing, and the opportunities, to tell our story of Jesus.

The faith that continues to the end gives proof that it was genuine in the beginning.

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### TWO WORSHIP SERVICES

— Every Sunday —

9:00 a.m. Traditional

10:15 a.m. Sunday School

11:15 a.m. Contemporary

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