

# Mountain Shepherd

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Join us for our hike to Black Rock Sunday afternoon October 12 1:00 p.m. More details on page 5

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## 55th annual Lord's Acre Festival successful at Ruritan Park



**SILENT AUCTION** — Brenda Freysz works to set up the Lord's Acre's silent auction prior to the 2:00 p.m. start time. 41 items were donated. Bids were placed on each item until the 5:00 p.m. closing, totaling \$1,476. Photo by Marilyn Leatherman

### The Lord's Acre is 55!

■ By Bill Burrier

The Lord's Acre Festival is an event that has been blessed by God for 55 years. Our sincere thanks to the Wolfsville community for once again supporting our annual event. Thank you!

#### From where did the Lord's Acre idea come?

Fifty-five years ago, in 1960, Salem's young student pastor, Rev. John Schildt, proposed a fundraising idea to the Salem congregation called Lord's Acre.

A few small country churches in the south were already holding Lord's Acre events to raise money for their ministries.

Farmers set aside an "acre" of land to grow a vegetable crop that could be donated and then sold to benefit the church. Some farmers even raised livestock to donate. Those who did not have farm land made

fancy needlework or craft items to donate.

Salem's first Lord's Acre included fresh and canned produce and fruit, fancy needlework items, food, live music, and an auction of unsold items at the end. The youth fellowship made posters and signs to advertise the event and decorated the old Wolfsville School building with colored leaves, corn shocks, pumpkins, etc.

Forty-five years ago, in 1970, the event was moved to the Wolfsville Ruritan Park. Being smaller then, everything fit under the large pavilion.

The move to the park, being mostly outside, as opposed to being in the heated school house, caused the date to be moved to early September. The first few years at the



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**Salem Membership Statistics:**

Current Membership: 241  
2014 New Members: 9

**Salem Physical Facilities:**

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

**Salem Website:**

www.SalemChurchWolfsville.org

**Colophon:**

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**Purpose of Newsletter:**


The purpose of this newsletter is to provide a means of communicating with our members, their families, and our many friends of the Wolfsville community and surrounding areas. We pray that this newsletter will inspire you, our readers, to regularly attend worship services, Sunday School, and all other activities of the church. For those who are unable to attend, this newsletter is a means of bringing part of the church to you.

**Salem Mission Statement:**

At Salem, with God's help, we pledge to INVITE others to Christ, HELP each other grow in faith, and SERVE those in need in our congregation, the community, and the world.

**Salem Vision Statement:**

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

Go 		2014 MISSION PROJECTS	
		MONTHLY MINIMUM	PAID Jan-Aug
1	Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer (Retired New Tribes Mission)	\$204	\$1,632.00
2	Operation Christmas Child (Postage paid in November)	-----	\$0.00
3	Salem Mission & Outreach (Local needs)	-----	\$1,702.96
4	Salem Food Pantry (Open Tuesdays 6:00-7:00 p.m.)	-----	\$1,197.88
5	Mary E. (Africa Inland Mission)	\$85	\$1,085.00
6	United Methodist Board of Child Care (Auxiliary & Direct Support)	-----	\$600.00
7	Gideons (Frederick West Camp - Distributing Bibles)	\$110	\$880.00
8	Potato Project (Society of St. Andrew, Big Island, VA)	\$60	\$480.00
9	Middletown High School (Fellowship of Christian Athletes)	\$47	\$376.00
10	Mission Trip (Destination to be determined)	-----	\$0.00
11	Ronnie & Angi Hopkins (Nicaragua)	\$64	\$512.00
12	Care Net Pregnancy Center (Frederick, MD)	\$64	\$685.00
13	Compassion International (Sponsored child in India)	\$38	\$304.00
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	\$280.00
17	Imagine No Malaria in Africa (Pay December 2014) <b>NEW</b>	-----	\$0.00

2014 Goal: **\$16,812** • Mission Offering To Date: **\$9,449.14** • % of Goal: **56%**

**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. 8**



**Potato Project**

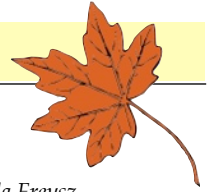
Society of St. Andrew, Big Island, VA

The Society of St. Andrew salvages tractor-trailer loads of potatoes and other produce that are rejected by commercial markets or potato chip factories due to slight imperfections in size, shape, sugar content, or surface blemishes.

Usually, these rejected loads end up at local landfills. Through the Potato Project, the Society of St. Andrew is able to redirect these 43,000-pound loads of fresh, nutritious produce to food banks, soup kitchens, food pantries, low income housing areas, local churches, and other hunger agencies for distribution to the poor.

Because this produce is donated to the Society of St. Andrew, they pay only for the transportation and packaging of the food—an amazingly low 6 cents per pound! That means they can provide food to the nation's hungry for about 2.4 cents per serving! [Salem provides \$60 each month to the Potato Project.]

## 2014 Lord's Acre Festival roundup



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park, the starting time was 5 p.m.; the same as it had been at the old school house. As the crowds increased though, and began arriving earlier, it was harder to hold people off from buying earlier, so the start time was moved up to 4 p.m. And with the larger crowds, more parking was provided on the ball field at the park. Prior to that, they parked in the small lot and along the road, and were lined up down the road on both sides.

### This Year's Changes and Challenges

This year was a year of new changes and challenges for Lord's Acre.

**Parking** — Earlier this spring, the Wolfsville Little League became active again, and they did an extensive renovation to the ball field at the park, which would limit parking for Lord's Acre on the grass areas only. So we worked to make alternative parking arrangements in addition to the ball field.

As it turned out, another challenge this year was wet weather earlier in the day. Although the rain ended before starting time, the decision was made not to park on the wet ball field at all, so as not to damage it.

But, with the wonderful help and cooperation of our neighbors, plenty of parking was still available. The parking lot nearest the pavilion was reserved for handicap visitors; Robert Walsh offered his large field across from the park; and Donald and Naomi Kuhn offered the field across from their home. Our sincere thanks to our neighbors for helping us solve the parking issues.

**New Start Time** — With some of the new parking areas not being lighted, the Lord's Acre start time and end time was moved up two hours, so the event could be over before dark.

### Use of Lord's Acre profits

We have accomplished a lot since that first Lord's Acre 55 years ago. The profits from this annual event have allowed us to enhance the ministry at Salem and support the Wolfsville community.

Over the years, profits from the Lord's Acre have made possible the educational building (1967), the parsonage (1974-75), the parking lot and its many improvements and additions

(1968, 1993, 1998, and 2007), and many smaller maintenance and improvement projects to our existing buildings and grounds.

During the last 13 years, air conditioning was installed in the sanctuary; an elevator, handicap restroom, storage rooms, and new flooring were installed; the church steeple was restored; interior and exterior painting was completed; repaired sanctuary floor understructure; repaired and waterproofed classroom walls; renovated the parsonage; purchased new refrigerator and freezer for the kitchen; replaced stucco on sanctuary exterior walls; constructed new concrete floor under the sanctuary; replaced windows in educational building and parsonage; replaced spouting on parsonage; repaired parsonage drainage; installed central air and additional insulation in the parsonage; and updated the sanctuary sound system.

### Successful Fundraiser

As of this writing, this year's income totaled \$19,983.55, topping last year's total. With some expenses yet to be paid, a full report, indicating the amount of profit, will be published in next month's newsletter. Profits will be placed in Salem's Building and Improvement Fund.

The success of this event is a testament to the ties between this church and the Wolfsville community. It's a time of praise to our Lord and a time when we experience warm fellowship among friends and neighbors.

### 2014 Lord's Acre Income

Produce: \$1,057.50  
 Needlework/Crafts: \$872.50  
 Flea Tables & Plants: \$208.20  
 Youth Sales/Activities: \$141.10  
 Silent Auction: \$1,476.00  
 Live Auction: \$3,302.00  
 Soup/Sandwiches/Drinks: \$4,041.75  
 Baked Goods: \$1,505.50  
 Ice Cream: \$311.00  
 Contribution from Bee-lievers: \$4,500.00  
 Contributions from Individuals: \$2,568.00  
 Total Income: \$19,983.55\*

As of 09/22/14

\*(\$903.40 more than last year.)

### Silent Auction Items

List submitted by Brenda Freysz

20 Gauge Shot Gun w/case \$250.00  
 MD flag tie \$20.00  
 Country Chair framed art \$30.00  
 Hand turbine radio w/headset \$35.00  
 Teal leather bracelet \$10.00  
 Tool kit and bag \$10.00  
 Flag art \$20.00  
 Advent hanging \$7.00  
 Pumpkins \$10.00  
 Mason jar bird feeder w/feed \$31.00  
 Orange leather bracelet \$12.00  
 Psalms bracelet \$12.00  
 Potted plants \$10.00  
 Digital photo frame \$18.00  
 Lady bug basket and turtles \$10.00  
 Scarecrow & mum \$25.00  
 Trail Camera & accessories \$176.00  
 Afghan \$18.00  
 Coffee basket \$25.00  
 Canning Jar caddy w/green jars \$35.00  
 McCutcheon's basket \$25.00  
 Angel pendant \$20.00  
 Gardening basket/pot \$10.00  
 Bird feeder basket \$50.00  
 XL Middletown sweatshirt \$30.00  
 L Middletown sweatshirt \$30.00  
 Coin bank \$15.00  
 Orioles hat and mug \$18.00  
 Popcorn basket \$21.00  
 Dog basket and rug \$28.00  
 Realtree cooler & accessories \$50.00  
 Yankee candle pumpkin/accessories \$20.00  
 Lord's Prayer Throw \$20.00  
 Cosmetic basket \$42.00  
 Spot light & Mineral block \$31.00  
 Case IH tractor \$25.00  
 Heavy duty tool belt \$20.00  
 Cross pendant & scarf \$41.00  
 Scenes of Wolfsville \$80.00  
 Kissing Crane knife \$25.00  
 Wolfsville matted print \$50.00

### Major Items Sold at the 6 p.m. Auction

Bob Graybill, Auctioneer  
 Wreath of Flowers Quilt \$620.00  
 Birds Comforter \$310.00  
 Pieced Comforter \$140.00  
 Bench \$260.00  
 Night Stand \$155.00  
 Porch Swing \$120.00  
 Oak Bench \$100.00  
 Child Bench \$85.00  
 Clothes Rack \$65.00  
 Stool \$37.50



# Attendance Offerings

August 2014

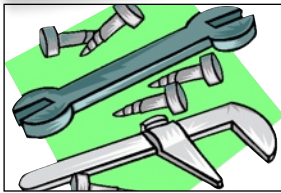
	Worship*		Sunday School	
Aug 3 -	83	\$2,142.00	53	\$360.90
Aug 10 -	108	1,365.50	55	119.25
Aug 17 -	82	1,288.00	44	193.50
Aug 24 -	106	2,552.00	53	105.00
Aug 31 -	93	1,769.92	62	166.00

\*Worship attendance & offerings include both worship services.

- Missions: \$860.00
  - Building Fund: \$165.00
  - Pavilion Fund: \$80.00
  - Cemetery Endowment Fund: \$20.00
- (Missions, Building Fund offerings, etc. are not included in Worship & Sunday School offerings above.)

Average Attendance		
	Worship	Sunday School
Aug	94	53
July	83	46
June	101	51
May	92	50
Apr	102	54

**Average Attendance Jan-Aug 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 |

#### By Donald Stottlemeyer Social Room

Now that summer has passed, we will soon be removing the air conditioner units from the social room. The "Bee-believers" women's group has requested/suggested repainting and carpeting of the social room. The Trustees are getting samples of flooring for their review/suggestions.

#### Parsonage

We are also having some cosmetic work done inside and outside the parsonage, as well as arranging with Harold Stotelmeyer

(who graciously donates a lot of time) to replace at least the cold water pipes in the parsonage. We have had some pipe leaks and he feels all the cold water pipes should be replaced to prevent further leaks and damage.

#### Other Projects

There have been several other projects completed around the church by members and trustees throughout the summer. My thanks to all who graciously gave of their time, material, and talents. Please let me or any of the trustees know of other work that needs to be done.



### 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

### Joan Harshman to be memorialized in Salem's new Endowment for Ministry

#### By Bill Burrier

We are pleased to announce that the family of Joan Harshman has decided to contribute the funds given to Salem in Joan's memory (\$2,165) to Salem's new Endowment for Ministry Fund. This will be the first contribution to this fund. As with all endowment funds, the principal will never be spent, but interest earned from this fund will be used for the enhancement of ministry at Salem.

Joan passed away on May 3, 2014. She was an active member at Salem, holding a number of important positions including Financial Secretary, and served on numerous committees. A plaque to memorialize Joan and her service to the Lord will be displayed in the church. Our sincere thanks to the Harshman family for their thoughtfulness. Joan's memory will live on in this endowment.





# October

# Calendar of Events



- Thu 2 UMW Bee-lievers** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem  
**Thu 2 Board of Trustees** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem  
**Sun 5 World Communion Sunday** - 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. worship at Salem  
**Tue 7 Adult Choir practices begin** - 7:30 p.m. at Salem  
**Thu 9 Administrative Council** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem  
**Sun 12 Hike to Black Rock** - 1:00 p.m.  
**Mon 20 Wolfsville Ruritan Club Dinner** - 2 p.m. prepare, 7 p.m. serve, at Salem  
**Wed 22 Charge Conference** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem  
**Thu 23 Worship Committee** - 7:00 p.m. at the Shankle home  
**Fri 24 "Salem Slam" Ping Pong Tournament** - 6:00 p.m. at Salem

Recurring Events: Hero's Club meets every Monday when school is open 3:30-6:00 p.m. at Salem  
 Food Pantry is open every Tuesday 6:00-7:00 p.m. at Salem  
 Adult Choir practices every Tuesday 7:30 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.

## Adult Choir Notes

■ By Sandy Lewis  
 Autumn is in the air and along with apples, pumpkins and fields of corn it is a time that reminds us to give thanks to God for the harvest and the many blessings he gives us so abundantly. One way to express our thanks to God is through singing. As the psalmist wrote: "Sing out your thanks to the Lord; sing praises to our God with a harp." (Psalm 148:7 NLT)

Salem's Adult Choir will begin Fall-Winter practice on Tuesday, October 7, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. We will be working on anthems for Sunday morning worship service as well as special music for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Everyone is welcome to join us. We always have a great time of fellowship. Come sing, be a blessing and be blessed!



## Salem's new sound system offers enhancements

■ By Michael Burrier

Our recent sound system upgrade includes the ability to record and make copies of the weekly worship services onto compact disc (CD). We have the ability to easily make multiple copies of the service. Please contact Mary Alice Shankle, Pastor Bob Snyder, or me, if you, or someone you know, would like to receive a copy of the service each week.

Do you sometimes have trouble hearing during the worship service? The church has purchased two wireless listening devices. These devices are small and very easy to use. There is a small ear piece and a personal volume control that can be used right at your seat. Please contact me or Pastor Bob if you would like to use one of these devices.

I am also offering training on how to use the sound system. Training includes how to turn on/off the system, play music on cassette or CD through the system, adjust the sound levels, and record a service onto compact disc. To arrange for a time to receive training, please contact me at 301-271-0207 or [msburrier@yahoo.com](mailto:msburrier@yahoo.com).



Salem Slam  
 Ping-Pong Tournament  
 Friday, October 24  
 6:00 p.m.  
 at Salem

## Family Activities: Hike to Black Rock and Ping-Pong

■ By Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12 —  
 Salem Hike to Black Rock, at 1:00 p.m.**

Please join together for an afternoon of fellowship and some physical activity as we hike to Black Rock. In the past, this hike has been completed by many Salem members, and is always a good time, and a chance to take in the breathtaking beauty of God's creation.

The leaves will be starting to show their fall colors and provide a picturesque backdrop at the overlook. We have some very fast walkers and some very slow walkers, so all are welcome and encouraged to take the hike. Dogs are also welcome. Parking is available on the Harshman lawn at the intersection of Black Rock and Loy Wolfe Roads.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24 —  
 Ping-Pong Tournament, at 6:00 p.m.**

Come and join us for a light meal and an evening of fun and fellowship for all ages. In addition to the meal, snacks will be offered throughout the evening. All ages are invited from the youngest of youth to adults... and we do have some very competitive adults at Salem. So no excuses not to come.

Invite your friends for a meal, great fun and just some time to enjoy each other's company and have a little fun while doing so. Hope to see you there!

# Who's Doing What, When?

## 9:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

<p><b>Lay Readers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5 - Dennis Draper</li> <li>12 - Phil Koons</li> <li>19 - Steve Leatherman</li> <li>26 - Fonda Gormer</li> </ul>	<p><b>Ushers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5 - Dick Kline &amp; Steve Leatherman</li> <li>12 - Vernon Stottlemeyer &amp; Robin Haupt</li> <li>19 - Donald Stottlemeyer &amp; Meredith Harshman</li> <li>26 - Philip Koons &amp; Brandon Leatherman</li> </ul>	<p><b>Music</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5 - Recorded Accompaniment</li> <li>12 - Works in Progress</li> <li>19 - Susan Koons</li> <li>26 - Susan Koons</li> </ul>
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<p><b>Greeters</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5 - Donald &amp; Susie Stottlemeyer</li> <li>12 - Fonda Gormer</li> <li>19 - George, Barbie &amp; Matt Stottlemeyer</li> <li>26 - Barkdoll Family</li> </ul>	<p><b>Acolytes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5 - Paul McCormick</li> <li>12 - Kenslie Buhrman</li> <li>19 - Jerod Lenhart</li> <li>26 - Joshua Koons</li> </ul>
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## 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!

### October Anniversaries

- 6 - Brett & Kendra Haupt
- 8 - Bill & Mary Alice Shankle
- 9 - Josh & Trista Wright
- 9 - Erick & Meagan Wagaman
- 11 - Keith & Joy Young
- 14 - George & Barbara Stottlemeyer
- 30 - Donald & Charlotte Wisner

### October Birthdays

- 1 - Mary Brown
- 4 - Charlie Beall
- 4 - Justin Fogle
- 5 - Tim Brown
- 6 - Ron Ellis Jr.
- 9 - Brandon Ferris
- 13 - George Hawkins
- 18 - Adam Robinson
- 18 - Tyler Ferris
- 22 - Olvey Myers
- 25 - Laura Snyder
- 26 - Bailey Blickenstaff
- 31 - Jason 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

- 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)

The task ahead of us  
is never as great  
as the Power behind us.

### World Communion

#### Sunday

Sunday, October 5, 2014  
9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.



The Faith Builders Youth Group decorated cakes for the Lord's Acre Cake Walks. Youth Group Leader, Wanda Barkdoll, commented, "The youth were very creative. I am so proud of them."



Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman



## What is Autumn?

*By Reginald Holmes*

Autumn is the lonesome sound  
Of wild geese flying high.  
Autumn is the sunset's gold  
That paints the western sky.



Autumn is the purple haze  
That tops a mountain crest,  
Autumn is a leafless tree  
That holds an empty nest.

Autumn is a sparkling frost,  
The yellow harvest moon;  
Autumn is a flock of ducks  
Upon the quiet lagoon.

Autumn is a field of corn  
With pheasants on parade;  
Autumn is the fallen leaves  
When summer glories fade.

Autumn is the time to let  
Our gratitude take wings . . .  
Autumn is the time to thank  
Our Maker for these things.

## God Loves a Thankful Heart

*By Loise Pinkerton Fritz*

Have you thanked God in the morning,  
When the sun lit up the blue,  
That He watched you all the nighttime  
And brought you safely through  
To see another day of life  
In which to live for Him,  
The One who lights our pathway here  
In this dark world of sin?

Have you thanked God in the evening  
For each opportunity  
To share the love of Jesus  
Who died for you and me?  
God loves a thankful heart, we know,  
And one that in Him rests;  
Oh, let us ever thankful be . . .  
Then you and me He'll bless.

Give thanks always. Such is God's  
will for you in Christ Jesus.  
*1 Thessalonians 5:18*



# RECIPE



## BUTTERFINGER COOKIES

1/2 cup butter, softened  
3/4 cup sugar  
2/3 cup packed brown sugar  
2 egg whites  
1-1/4 cups chunky peanut butter  
1-1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract

1 cup all-purpose flour  
1/2 teaspoon baking soda  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
5 Butterfinger candy bars  
(2.1 ounces each), chopped

In a mixing bowl, cream butter and sugars. Add egg whites; beat well. Blend in peanut butter and vanilla. Combine flour, baking soda and salt; add to creamed mixture and mix well. Stir in candy bars. Shape into 1-1/2-in. balls and place on greased baking sheets. Bake at 350 degrees for 10-12 minutes or until golden brown. Cool on wire racks.  
Yield: 4 dozen

Submitted by Fonda Gormer  
(Fonda selected this recipe from *Country Woman* magazine.)



## Autumntime

*By Shirley Hile Powell*

Oh, how I love the autumntime  
When God sets the earth aflame.  
Trees look like golden pillars  
Lining our little country lane.

Scarlet leaves have a fiery glow  
That makes me almost breathless.  
Frost scattered throughout the fields  
Tends to make me kind of restless.

I love to carve the pumpkin  
With a mighty scary face  
And taste the sweet, juicy apples  
Over by the old home place.

The creek bed is nearly dry  
And the barn is filled with hay.  
The air feels so cool and crisp  
On an Indian Summer's day.

When autumn gives way to winter,  
I'll feel sad to see her part.  
Her memories will remain forever  
In the deepest part of my heart.

Say good-bye to summer now;  
Leaves are turning on the bough.  
Grain has ripened in the field;  
Orchards offer up their yield.  
Gold and russet days are here  
For the harvest of the year.  
*—Edith Shaw Butler*

## The Gift of Friendship

*By Helen Steiner Rice*

Friendship is a priceless gift  
That cannot be bought or sold,  
But its value is far greater  
Than a mountain of gold —  
For gold is cold and lifeless,  
It can neither see nor hear,  
And in the time of trouble  
It is powerless to cheer,  
It has no ears to listen,  
No heart to understand,  
It cannot bring you comfort,  
Or reach out a helping hand,  
So when you ask God for a gift,  
Be thankful if He sends,  
Not diamonds, pearls or riches,  
But the love of real true friends.

## Autumn Pleasure

*By George L. Ehrman*

The autumn leaves are falling down  
Like snow on countryside and town;  
And little children laugh and shout  
In colored leaf-drifts all about,  
As reds and golds and greens and  
browns  
Invite the active little clowns  
To run and tumble to excess  
In Indian summer's loveliness!

Let's give Him praise!





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

■ By PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER

Thanks very much to the community for your great support again this year of the 55th annual Lord's Acre Festival. Check out the article in this month's newsletter and the video posted on Salem's website.

Our Family Services Team has scheduled two fun events in October. Please join us. Enjoy the beautiful fall colors on the Hike to Black Rock, October 12; and have a relaxing, fun time at the "Salem Slam" Ping-Pong Tournament on October 24. Hope to see you there!

Need God's help? Find God and God's help when you connect your life situation with one of the Bible's big stories. Learn how it works. The Bible's Five Big Stories Sermon Series continues during October.

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 beauty of fall. God Bless,  
—Pastor Bob

**October 5**  
**World Communion Sunday**  
**Genesis 1-11**  
**The Bible's Five Big Stories**  
**Sermon Series**  
**Story 1: Creation and Fall**  
**Week 5 – Seniors**

I'm so inspired by seniors in my life that appreciate how God is continuing to create them as they continue to grow in faith and service.

We are "clay in the hands of the potter" from birth to death. God continues to be at work shaping and molding us to be more like Christ even as we take our final breath.

We appreciate and learn from the wisdom of our seniors who have



experienced Proverbs 9:10 for themselves — "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." Our seniors respect and trust in God's ongoing creative work in their lives and the world.

**October 12**  
**Genesis 1-11**  
**The Bible's Five Big Stories**  
**Sermon Series**

**Story 1: Creation and Fall**  
**Week 6 – Grace: God's Love in Action**

John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, wrote and taught about the fullness of God's grace.

*The Scripture Way of Salvation* starts with God's prevenient grace, moves to God's justifying grace, and goes on to God's sanctifying grace.

God's love acts in our lives before we even know God. God's love also acts as we accept his gift of salvation and eternal life. God's love continues to act for the rest of our lives, inviting us and helping us become more and more holy,

more and more like Christ.

God is not indifferent to us. God has always desired a relationship with us. God is acting in our lives right now.

**October 19**  
**Genesis 12-Malachi**  
**The Bible's Five Big Stories**  
**Sermon Series**  
**Story 2: The People of God in Exodus, Covenant, and Exile**  
**Week 1 – Time and Place**

We are in relationship with God and each other in time and place. Hasn't it always been so?

The Holy Land, an area about the size of New Hampshire, is the place of the Bible. It was at the intersection of major trade routes and armies moving back and forth between Asia and Africa.

The Five Big Stories of the Bible occurred from about 2000 BC to 100 AD. Knowing the time and place of the Bible helps us understand better how God was at work in people's lives then, and how God is at work in our lives now, in our own time and place.

**October 26 – Reformation Sunday**  
**Genesis 12-Malachi**  
**The Bible's Five Big Stories**  
**Sermon Series**  
**Story 2: The People of God in Exodus, Covenant, and Exile**  
**Week 2 – Finding God's Help in the Old Testament**

God made a covenant with a man named Abraham and a woman named Sarah. Through their family for generations to come, God began to make himself known to all humankind.

Eventually Abraham and Sarah's descendants, the Israelites, were enslaved in Egypt. God worked through Moses to free the Israelites from slavery and led them to the Promised Land.

Once in the land the Israelites went through cycle after cycle of disobeying God, suffering consequences, confessing their sin, and being restored again by God.

In 722 BC and again in 586 BC, the Israelites were defeated by foreign powers and forced to live in exile. In 536 BC, a remnant were allowed to return home.

Genesis 12-Malachi tells this big story. How do we connect our own stories of exodus, covenant, and exile with these stories? How do we find God's help in the Old Testament?



# Hero's Club ...off to a great start!

Fall semester began September 8th

■ By Heather O'Connor

We had a wonderful Hero's Club the first two weeks (September 8th and 15th), and it has been a great beginning to our new year.

Over the next six meetings, we will continue learning about the, "I AM Statements of Jesus".

On September 15th, we read Bible verses from Exodus 3:1-17 when God first calls himself "I AM" in the Old Testament of the Bible.

He uses it to tell Moses how

He, God, is the only one who can help the Israelites get out of Egypt.

He promises to redeem them from their captivity and provide them a home, filled with everything they will ever need.

In the Gospel of John from the New Testament, Jesus surprises everybody by using the "I AM" name referring to Himself.

In our upcoming lessons, we will learn the other "I AM" names of Jesus:

**HERO'S CLUB** After School Ministry  
TOUCHING CHILDREN'S LIVES with the LOVE of CHRIST

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

- "I AM the Bread of Life"
- "I AM the Light of the World"
- "I AM the Gate for the Sheep"
- "I AM the Good Shepherd"
- "I AM the Resurrection and the Life"
- "I AM the Way, the Truth, and the Life", and
- "I AM the True Vine"



Heather O'Connor  
Hero's Club Leader

All of these names help us learn a little more about who Jesus is, and this can help us to be more like Him.

Pre-school through 5th grade children may join Hero's Club at any time.  
Hero's Club Registration Forms are available at [www.SalemChurchWolfsville.org/heros-club](http://www.SalemChurchWolfsville.org/heros-club)

September 13, 2014

## Scenes from the Lord's Acre Festival

Photos by Marilyn Leatherman & Bill Burrier





## Salem Mission Projects

Mission Project No. 1

### A Letter from Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer

Retired Senegal Missionaries

Dear Folks at  
Salem United Methodist Church:

AUGUST 28, 2014 — We want to take this occasion to thank you again for your faithfulness in praying for us and helping support us financially. We sincerely appreciate it.

Nancy and I are doing well health-wise for which we are thankful. We continue to do 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 serves on the board of our home church; teaches adult Sunday school; is treasurer of our home church; and serves on a mission's committee. In July and August he drove a tractor several days for hay rides for children of the youth camp of the Hagerstown Rescue Mission.

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. Their daughter, Keshia, is establishing residency in North Carolina with plans to

continue college there. Their oldest son and his family are in California and another son works at a security job and takes some on-line college courses.

Eric & Wendy brought their youngest daughter, Tara, to the U.S. following her finishing high school to get her settled. They are getting some medical & dental things done while they are here. In October they plan to return to Senegal to continue ministering to the Badyaranké people. Eric had taught a series of chronological lessons for evangelism through the Bible for about six months. We rejoice with them that some of the Badyaranké people trusted Christ as Savior! They face strong opposition from Muslim family and village leaders who put pressure on many people who become Christians. Jessica's husband is taking a break from college before resuming his training to become a Christian counselor. Shawn just started his senior year of college at Penn State. Jason has a job where he works at night, and in September he is to begin training to become a welder.

Rebecca is also part of the missionary team ministering in Senegal to

the Badyaranké people. During the dry season she oversaw several classes to teach people to read in their own language. She just completed converting some of the literacy primers into large print for some who cannot see well. She also helps with things regarding the Bible teaching; especially talking with ladies and children to see what they understood and getting recordings of the lessons to some who didn't attend the teaching.

Please pray that the outbreak of Ebola virus in West Africa will be stopped. Many have died already. So far there are no cases reported in Senegal, but Senegal borders with Guinea where the outbreak began.

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 came here for a 10-day visit in June.

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*

Mission Project No. 3

### The Blickenstaff Family says "Thank You"

A Brent Update

Although Patty Blickenstaff wrote this several weeks ago, we decided to share it here since it is an informative update on Brent's current status.

Patty writes:

SEPTEMBER 4, 2014 —

"We are a few days from the first anniversary of Brent's accident, so I wanted to bring everyone up to date and express the overwhelming feeling of gratitude for what we have received during this past year.

"Brent is currently residing at Citizens Care and Rehabilitation in Frederick, Maryland. His ability to move has not changed. He cannot move from the chin down. Brent can eat soft foods and talk while on the ventilator — he says it is hard and it tires him.

"Although his life is very difficult, he strives daily to see God's plan for his

future. Day in and day out I have seen how strong Brent is, but I also see how his blood pressure fluctuations and body temperature changes cause exhaustion.

"We all try and stay positive and upbeat, but it is hard. Myself, his kids, and a hired nurse try to be with him all of his waking hours.

"His needs are many and can range from changing the channel, suctioning his mouth or lungs, repositioning him, feeding or grooming him, and, of course, watching or discussing sports.

"He seems happiest when he has a visitor — even experiencing joy when that visitor can discuss sports!

"We are so grateful for the wonderful people God has put in our lives this past year. There have been so many caregivers that have made this journey easier and friends and family that have done so many selfless tasks that we are truly

amazed.

"I want to say Thank You to each of you for raising us up.

"Thank You to those of you who have been so generous and helped with our financial situation.

"Thank You to all you prayer warriors who continue to bless us by prayer for strength and comfort.

"Our Lord has led us through this new life and we know will pave the road ahead. We look forward to good things ahead and visits from all of you wonderful friends.

"God's Blessing to each of you."

—Patty

Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. *James 1:12*





## Salem Mission Projects

Mission Project No. 4

### Salem Food Pantry

■ By Dawn Nelson

On September 19th Christy Kehlbeck and I attended the 4th annual *Be A Voice Hunger Action Symposium*. They told us that 483,490 people in Maryland are food insecure, according to Feeding America's latest *Map the Meal Gap Report*.

This report was released in April and comprised of data from the U.S.D.A., U.S. Census Bureau, and Bureau of Labor Statistics. The report hints at an alarming trend. In 22 counties served by the Maryland Food Bank, 12.3% of people lack consistent access to sufficient amounts of nutritious food.

Looking back, the obvious answers are unemployment and underemployment. In analyzing the report, one region stood out, Western Maryland: Allegany, Frederick, Garrett and Washington counties reflected significant increases in food insecurity from 2011-2012.

In 2012, the Maryland Food Bank merged with Food Resources and officially launched the Western Branch of the Maryland Food Bank. This is where Salem purchases food for its food pantry.

The growth since then has been rapid with distribution going from 1.2 million pounds annually in FY'12 to more than 5 million in FY'14. This is why, when Salem purchases food from the Maryland Food Bank, we are not able to get everything that is needed for our pantry.

The Salem Food Pantry wishes to thank Brownie Troop 81105 of Wolfsville for raising \$200 during the cookie season to help families in our community.



Dawn Nelson & Christy Kehlbeck at the *Be A Voice Hunger Action Symposium* Windsor Mill, Maryland

There are plans to increase their infrastructure at the Western Branch, but until then we will be calling on our church family and community to help fill in the gaps.

Please join us in the fight to end hunger in Maryland and our community!

Being a voice for hunger means more than just passively supporting the cause — it means educating yourself and then taking action.

Here are some ways you can get involved. Volunteer an hour at our Food Pantry; help to stock shelves; greet our clients; bring in needed non-perishable food; make a financial donation to the Food Pantry, and be a faithful prayer warrior for our families. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 301-293-9988.

Mission Project No. 17

### Imagine No Malaria

■ By Fonda Gormer

Salem's Administrative Council recently approved a new mission project — "Imagine No Malaria".

Imagine No Malaria is an effort of the United Methodist church to raise \$75 million to eliminate death and suffering from malaria in Africa by 2015. This will be a comprehensive approach to beating malaria through prevention, education, communication and treatment.

Malaria is a parasite that is transmitted to humans through the bite of the female anopheles mosquito, which feeds at night. The parasite attacks red blood cells, causing fever, chills, headaches and nausea; if untreated malaria causes convulsions, coma, organ failure and death.

While malaria has largely been eradicated in the U.S., between 350 million and 500 million people are still infected each year, mostly in Africa. Today a child dies every 45 seconds from malaria; just a short time ago, it was every 30 seconds.

Malaria is both preventable and treatable. "Imagine No Malaria" funds will be used to provide insecticide-treated mosquito nets, support prevention efforts, improve education about the disease, and revitalize hospitals and clinics to improve treatment.

Salem has committed to donating \$1,620 by the end of 2015 to Imagine No Malaria. This goal can be met if each adult gives \$1 per month or \$17 by the end of 2015 to this mission project. Expect to hear more about this project in coming months. And watch for our mosquitos! Thank you in advance for your gifts to this mission project.

### New Members at Salem & Baptisms in Antietam Creek

Photo by Bill Burrier



Baptism photos by Donna Snyder



**Baptism and New Members** — The Ward Family, John, Stephanie, Jake, and Savanna, were baptized on Sunday, September 7th. Pastor Bob Snyder officiated at the baptism which was held in Antietam Creek near Sharpsburg. Then the following Sunday, September 14th, John and Stephanie were received into membership at Salem during the 11:15 a.m. service. We welcome the Ward family into our fellowship at Salem. Stephanie Ward said, "Thank you Salem United Methodist Church for welcoming our family as members! We are so blessed to have you all as a part of our lives and are looking forward to many years of friends, fellowship and growing in our faith. Many blessings to each of you!"



**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 kind of man was Boaz before he married Ruth?

A. Ruthless

Q. Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?

A. Pharaoh's daughter. She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.

Q. What kind of motor vehicles are in the Bible?

A. Jehovah drove Adam and Eve out of the Garden in a Fury. David's Triumph was heard throughout the land. Also, probably a Honda, because the apostles were all in one Accord.

Q. What excuse did Adam give to his children as to why he no longer lived in Eden?

A. Your mother ate us out of house and home.

Q. Who is the greatest babysitter mentioned in the Bible?

A. David. He rocked Goliath to a very deep sleep.

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

*Some thoughts to ponder . . .*

Counsel from those of faith in the Lord can help give us a more clear vision of the road ahead.

Calmness in face of difficulty shows forth the Lord to others. This can also encourage others to do likewise.

God has given each of us spiritual gifts to share with others to impact their lives.

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