



Salem United Methodist Church — Wolfsville



"All we can take with us to heaven is another person, but isn't that the very best thing we could possibly take?"

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Operation Christmas Child

A PROJECT OF SAMARITAN'S PURSE

Turning "shoe boxes" into Christmas gifts for children

By Barbie Stottlemeyer

We will once again be participating in OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD, in which we fill shoe boxes to be distributed to needy children around the world.

This is a project of Samaritan's Purse, a Franklin Graham ministry in Boone, North Carolina.

We are asking anyone wishing to participate in this program to fill their shoe boxes at home and bring them to the church on or before Sunday, November 16.

Your shoe boxes should be packed for children ranging in ages from 2-4 years old, 5-9 years old, or 10-14 years old.

Numerous shoes boxes have already been wrapped and are available outside the sanctuary, or you can wrap your own shoe box. Labels are available at church to place in the box, identifying if the items inside are for a boy or girl, and the appropriate age group.

Boxes are due by Sunday, November 16, 2014

There is a \$7.00 postage charge for each box. Place the postage amount in the donation envelope and place the envelope on top of the gift items inside the box so it is clearly visible.

Checks should be made payable to Samaritan's Purse, with a note on the memo line that the gift is for Operation Christmas Child.

If you are unable to pay the postage, Salem will pick up this cost from our Mission Project No. 2.

Once we have filled our boxes, we will take them to a local distribution center where they will then be sent to another distribution center in North Carolina, and then will be sent out to the children.

Community Thanksgiving Service set for Sunday, November 23 at Garfield United Methodist Church, at 4:00 p.m.

A departure from previous years, the community Thanksgiving Service will be held on the Sunday before Thanksgiving (rather than the Wednesday evening before Thanksgiving).

The service is set for Sunday, November 23, at 4:00 p.m. at Garfield United Methodist Church, 13628 Stottlemeyer Road.

A combined choir from area churches will present an anthem.

This is a Wolfsville community event which is hosted on a rotating basis among five local churches.



Rotating Schedule for the Wolfsville Community Thanksgiving Service
 2014 – Garfield United Methodist Church
 2015 – St. Mark's Lutheran Church
 2016 – Salem United Methodist Church
 2017 – Grossnickle Church of the Brethren
 2018 – Pleasant Walk United Methodist



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Salem Membership Statistics:
Current Membership: 241
2014 New Members: 9

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Educational Building built 1967
Parsonage built 1974-75

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

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

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

2014 MISSION PROJECTS

		MONTHLY MINIMUM	PAID Jan-Sep
1	Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer (Retired New Tribes Mission)	\$204	\$1,836.00
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.)	-----	\$1,448.69
5	Mary E. (Africa Inland Mission)	\$85	\$1,210.00
6	United Methodist Board of Child Care (Auxiliary & Direct Support)	-----	\$600.00
7	Gideons (Frederick West Camp - Distributing Bibles)	\$110	\$990.00
8	Potato Project (Society of St. Andrew, Big Island, VA)	\$60	\$540.00
9	Middletown High School (Fellowship of Christian Athletes)	\$47	\$423.00
10	Mission Trip (Destination to be determined)	-----	\$0.00
11	Ronnie & Angi Hopkins (Nicaragua)	\$64	\$576.00
12	Care Net Pregnancy Center (Frederick, MD)	\$64	\$749.00
13	Compassion International (Sponsored child in India)	\$38	\$342.00
14	Local Mission Projects (Local repair or renovation needs)	-----	\$0.00
15	Hero's Club After School Ministry (Pre-K through Grade 5)	-----	\$1,335.07
16	World Vision (Sponsored child in Colombia)	\$35	\$315.00
17	Imagine No Malaria in Africa (Pay December 2014) NEW	-----	\$0.00

2014 Goal: **\$16,812** • Mission Offering To Date: **\$11,026.98** • % of Goal: **66%**

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. 17

Imagine No Malaria

\$10 CAN SAVE A LIFE — What can you do with \$10? Maybe buy lunch, or two coffee drinks at Starbucks, or a movie ticket. Or save a life!

The Baltimore Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church has set a goal of raising \$2.1 million for *Imagine No Malaria*, putting faith into action to end death and suffering from malaria. Your donation of just \$10 can purchase two full rounds of treatment, a life-saving insecticidal bed net, or 5 critical rapid diagnostic test kits. It can save a life!

Salem has pledged to contribute a total of \$2,820 for this mission by the end of 2015. One family is donating \$1,200. If every person in the congregation contributes just \$17 by the end of next year, we will have the remaining \$1,620. Donations can be made in your offering envelopes or by check made payable to Salem UMC and noted for Imagine No Malaria.

Remember: Malaria is contracted every 10 seconds. Malaria kills every 60 seconds. 85% of the deaths are children. How many lives will you save?

—Submitted by Fonda Gormer



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, Chair, Trustees

Parsonage Maintenance

Some drywall repair and painting have been completed at the parsonage and the remainder will be completed in the near future. Thanks to Brandon Leatherman, the shutters have been replaced on the parsonage and the roof on the storage shed has been repaired.

Thanks also to Bobby Fogle for repairing the doorbell at the parsonage. Thanks to the trustees and others within the church who do so much

without asking or often receiving recognition for all they do.

Educational Building

We currently have received one estimate on repainting the social hall, kitchen, and classrooms. We would like to get at least one additional estimate.

Anyone knowing or needing additional work/repairs within the church, please contact me or any of the trustees. Thank you for all the support.

Salem Mission Project No. 4

Food Pantry — Open Tuesdays 6:00-7:00 p.m.



Dennis Draper (left) and Bill Buhrman helped to unload a large shipment of food from the Maryland Food Bank.



Polly Doyle (left) and Caroline Buhrman helped to stock shelves at our Food Pantry.

Photos by Dawn Nelson



■ By Bill Burrier, Church Treasurer

Several members of our congregation have inquired as to whether Salem has the ability to accept worship offerings electronically. Up to now, the answer has been no. However, as a result, Salem's Administrative Council, over the last two months, has been discussing the possibility of instituting such a procedure; and at the October council meeting, online giving was approved.

The council felt that it would be good for us to offer the opportunity to anyone who would like to use it. It's a personal choice. It's the wave of the future, and in many respects the future is here.

Members of our congregation have expressed how they prefer to pay all of their bills online, and their check for church offering is the only check they write. The staff at our local bank tells us that many of their customers, especially the younger generation, when opening new checking accounts, do not order checks because they prefer to handle their payments electronically.

Therefore, we have begun working with Vanco Services, a company recommended by the United Methodist Church. Vanco currently serves more than 15,000 churches, schools, and nonprofit organizations, including churches in our local area. Vanco will process your secure ACH transactions.

You will be able to go to Salem's website, select "GIVE", and initiate your electronic giving. You may set it up to give your offering either weekly or monthly, or even make a one time contribution. Your offering will be withdrawn electronically from your checking or savings account on the date you set, and then it will be electronically deposited into Salem's treasury account. We are not offering credit card transactions at this time.

You will be able to print your own giving statements at any time or at the end of the year for tax purposes.

We are offering this as a convenience for you, as well as a way for your offering to be given, even when you may not be able to attend worship.

Attendance Offerings

September 2014

	Worship*		Sunday School	
Aug 3 -	94	\$2,157.25	56	\$274.00
Aug 10 -	107	1,732.25	59	125.50
Aug 17 -	97	1,769.92	46	110.50
Aug 24 -	78	1,630.50	45	117.75

*Worship attendance & offerings include both worship services.

- Missions: \$1,577.84
 - Building Fund: \$371.67
 - Pavilion Fund: \$100.00
 - Cemetery Endowment Fund: \$30.00
- (Missions, Building Fund offerings, etc. are not included in Worship & Sunday School offerings above.)

	Average Attendance	
	Worship	Sunday School
Sept	94	52
Aug	94	53
July	83	46
June	101	51
May	92	50

Average Attendance Jan-Sep 2014
 Sunday Worship: 94
 Sunday School: 51

Final Report

2014
 Lord's Acre Festival
 September 13, 2014

Financial Report

Sales:

Produce	1,057.50
Needlework & Crafts	872.50
Flea Table & Plants	208.20
Youth Activities & Games	141.10
Silent Auction	1,476.00
Auction	3,302.00
Soup, Sandwiches, etc.	4,041.75
Baked Goods	1,505.50
Ice Cream	311.00
Total Sales	12,915.55

Contributions:

UMW Bee-lievers	4,500.00
Individuals	3,393.00
Total Contributions	7,893.00
Total Income	20,808.55
Total Expenses	2,154.42
Net Profit	18,654.13

Net profit placed in Salem's Building & Improvement Fund, to be used for maintenance of our buildings and grounds; equipment purchases, repairs, and maintenance.

Our sincere thanks to the Wolfsville community for once again supporting this annual event.



New Plaque for Endowment for Ministry

We are pleased that the family of Joan Harshman chose to direct the memorial contributions received in memory of Joan to Salem's new Endowment for Ministry Fund.

A new plaque, pictured here, has been engraved with Joan's name and will be displayed at Salem.

Many of us, like Joan, feel a deep sense of dedication toward our church and its ministry in the Wolfsville area.

The gifts in Joan's memory will leave a permanent legacy at Salem Church. Such gifts will assure a continuing ministry at Salem, leading people to Christ, changing lives, and reaching out and supporting the local community.

We should make plans— counting on God to direct us. — Proverbs 16:9



CROP Walk raises over \$3,300 to fight hunger

By Fonda Gormer

September 28 was a beautiful day for a CROP Walk! We had 36 walkers, 3 dogs, and over \$3,300 pledged so far. The final total should be a bit higher. We had donors who did not walk, walkers with no sponsors, first time walkers and long-time walkers. Some of our faithful walkers over the years have health issues and couldn't walk, and there were a lot of local activities going on, so every participant was appreciated. All donations are a blessing.

The funds collected will be sent to Church World Service to be used for hunger and emergency relief around the world. Twenty-five percent of the funds will be returned to local programs that provide food in our area: the Religious Coalition for Emergency Human Needs, the Middletown Food Bank and Salem's Food Pantry.

I would like to thank everyone who walked, their sponsors, the recruiters in area churches, the volunteers who helped on the day of the walk, and all who prayed for good weather and a successful walk. And a big thanks to Michael Burrier, the walk treasurer, who handles all the deposits and makes sure the money gets to Church World Service.

Next year's walk will be on September 27, 2015. I hope you will walk with us!

CROP Walk photos are on pages 9 & 10.



Nov

Calendar of Events



- Sun 2 Holy Communion** - 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. worship at Salem
- Thu 6 UMW Bee-lievers** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Thu 6 Board of Trustees** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Sun 16 Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes due**
- Sun 16 Salvation Army Christmas Stockings due**
- Sun 23 Community Thanksgiving Service** - 4:00 p.m. at Garfield UMC
- Fri 28 Decorate sanctuary for Christmas** - evening at Salem
- Sun 30 First Sunday of Advent**

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

NOTE: November Administrative Council meeting is canceled.

Newsletter Distribution

- 1. E-Mail** — We are currently sending this newsletter to 180 of our readers via e-mail. Our desire is to obtain as many e-mail addresses as possible.
- 2. Pick Up Paper Copy at Church** — We are printing 85 copies for members who do not have e-mail and can pick up their copies at church.
- 3. First Class Mail** — We are mailing about 30 copies, using the 49 cents First Class postage rate.

What is it like to be a Christian?

A woman was asked by a coworker, "What is it like to be a Christian?"



The coworker replied, "It is like being a pumpkin. God picks you from the patch, brings you in, and washes all the dirt off of you. Then He cuts off the top and scoops out all the yucky stuff.

"He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, and greed. Then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all the world to see."

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

Be joyful in hope,
patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.
Romans 12:12

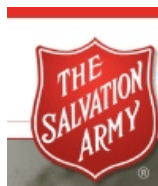
Salvation Army Christmas Stockings

By Barbie Stottlemeyer

The Salvation Army Christmas stockings are available at church again this year. As in the past, the stockings will be available for boys or girls of various age groups. Each stocking contains a list of suggested items to purchase.

The stockings will be taken to the Salvation Army for distribution to less fortunate children in Frederick County.

Please return your filled stocking by Sunday, November 16.



Works In Progress Community Praise Band

Schedule for November

- Nov 9 - Salem, 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.
- Nov 16 - Board of Child Care chapel, Martinsburg, WV, 6:00 p.m.
- Nov 23 - Salem, 11:15 a.m.

Do not forget to do good and share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased. *Hebrews 13:16*

Adult Choir Notes

By Sandy Lewis

Salem's Adult Choir practice has begun for the Fall-Winter session. Practices are held every Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. We will be working on anthems for Sunday morning worship services 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!

A combined choir of all area churches that participate in the Community Thanksgiving Service will present an anthem during that service. Please note that the day and time has changed for this service. This year it will be held on Sunday afternoon, November 23, 2014, at 4:00 p.m. Anyone interested in singing with the combined choir may contact me for further information. All are welcome to join us as we praise and thank God with our voices in song.

"Sing a new song to the Lord, for He has done wonderful deeds." Psalm 98:1.

Salem hosts Charge Conference

On Wednesday, October 22, Salem hosted the 2014 Charge Conference. Along with Salem, other churches attending were Mt. Zion-Myersville; Pleasant Walk; and Mt. Zion-Sabillasville. District Superintendent Rev. Conrad Link presided over the meeting.



Who's Doing What, When?

NOVEMBER

9:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Lay Readers	Ushers	Music
2 - Melissa Thornton	2 - Dick Kline & Steve Leatherman	2 - Recorded Accompaniment
9 - Wanda Barkdoll	9 - Vernon Stottlemeyer & Robin Haupt	9 - Works in Progress
16 - Mary Cline	16 - Donald Stottlemeyer & Meredith Harshman	16 - Susan Koons
23 - Robin Haupt	23 - Philip Koons & Brandon Leatherman	23 - Susan Koons
30 - Dennis Leatherman	30 - Robin Haupt & Donald Stottlemeyer	30 - Recorded Accompaniment

Greeters	Acolytes
2 - Richard & Anita Harshman	2 - Paul McCormick
9 - Steve & Joann Leatherman	9 - Jadie Buhrman
16 - George, Barbie & Matt Stottlemeyer	16 - Kenslie Buhrman
23 - Bill & Caroline Buhrman	23 - Joshua Koons
30 - Brandon & Jessie Leatherman & Family	30 - Jerod Lenhart

11:15 A.M. CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

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

It's Your Day!

November Anniversaries

- 2 - Phil & Susan Koons
- 10 - Harry & Karen DeLauter
- 24 - Ronnie & Sue Kinna

November Birthdays

- 3 - Caroline Buhrman
- 4 - Darcy Gormer
- 7 - Lorraine Barkdoll
- 9 - Bill Shankle
- 13 - Leah Tolland
- 13 - Fonda Gormer
- 13 - Betty Brandenburg
- 14 - Karen Sowers
- 16 - Polly Doyle
- 17 - Beth Snead
- 17 - Darlene Burrier
- 18 - Ben Swope
- 23 - Mary Alice Shankle
- 25 - Jadie Buhrman
- 26 - Olive Kline
- 26 - Mary Fogle
- 28 - Susie Stottlemeyer

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**
 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)

Every life we touch is a field; everything we do and all the words we speak are seed. What will the harvest be?
 —Rowland

Holy Communion
 Sunday, November 2, 2014
 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.



Kind words are like honey — enjoyable and healthful.
Proverbs 16:24





Rainbows of Fall

By Henry W. Gurley

In autumn when the leaves turn brown
And red and gold, they all fall down.
To paint a picture, oh so rare!
I know that God is always there. . .



To mastermind His ebb and flow;
To stage his wondrous autumn show,
To brush His skies with molten gold;
I watch His art unfold.

No grander sight could I behold:
These leaves of brown and red and gold.
But winter bodes its icy chills
Upon the snow-clad hills.

In time the land, a living scene,
Comes bursting forth in savage green;
And I confront the season's thieves
That took away my autumn leaves.

But soon the softness in the air!
God paints a picture, oh so rare!
Of autumn leaves that all turn brown
And red and gold as they fall down.

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

Veterans Day

Veterans Day, the eleventh of November, is observed as a legal holiday in the United States and Canada to honor all war veterans. From 1919 until 1954, the holiday was called Armistice Day in commemoration of the end of hostilities in 1918 and again in 1945, but the name of Veterans Day was officially adopted in 1954.

On Veterans Day, Americans everywhere pause to remember the many patriots throughout the years who served our country to preserve peace, especially those who gave their lives. Religious services, ceremonies, and parades are typical Veterans Day observances in the cities and small villages across the country. Multitudes of flags are flown at half-mast that day, from sunrise to sunset.

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.



RECIPE



PUMPKIN STREUSEL MUFFINS

3 cups sugar	3-1/3 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 cup applesauce	2 teaspoons baking soda
1/2 cup canola oil	1-1/2 teaspoons salt
4 eggs	1-1/2 teaspoons cinnamon
2 cups canned pumpkin	1 teaspoon nutmeg
2/3 cup water	1 cup chopped pecans

Combine sugar, applesauce, oil and eggs in a bowl. Beat with an electric mixer on low speed until blended; beat in pumpkin and water. In a separate bowl, whisk together flour, baking soda, salt and spices. Add flour mixture slowly to pumpkin mixture; beat on low speed just until moistened and smooth. Stir in nuts. Fill paper-lined muffin cups 2/3 full. Sprinkle with Streusel Topping. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 to 35 minutes, until a toothpick tests clean. Batter may also be divided between 2 greased 9" x 5" loaf pans; add topping and bake for about one hour. Makes 2 dozen muffins or 2 loaves.

Streusel Topping:

1/3 cup brown sugar, packed	1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
2 tablespoons butter, room temperature	1/4 cup finely chopped pecans

Combine all ingredients; mix with a fork until crumbly.

This recipe can also be used to make loaves of pumpkin bread, which freeze beautifully.



Thank You, God

By Marian L. Moore

Another year has come and gone;
On this Thanksgiving Day,
O God, our hearts are turned to Thee;
With grateful thanks we pray.

For all thy care which shelters us
Wherever we may go,
For wonders of thy bounteous love
Which ever make it so,

For all the beauties of the world
Created by thy hand
And given to your people here
Who dwell upon the land,

For harvest when the autumn flings
Her color to the sky,
For winter silence, soft and deep,
Protecting snow, piled high,

For all thy wondrous gifts to us,
Your children here below,
We offer grateful thanks to Thee;
Our love for You will grow.

November

By Joyce Suter Whitcomb

November is the twilight month;
Gone are the blue skies
And Indian summer days
of October.

The trees, so lately decked in
brilliant hues, are bare:
Their branches reach in supplication
To the gray and somber sky.

There is a chill in the air
And a promise of frost;
The songbirds have flown south,
And the air is strangely silent.
Little creatures of the field
and forest

Are scurrying to find shelter,
A warm and safe place to sleep
when winter comes.
The pale sun sets early in a leaden
sky;

Its rays seem lacking in warmth
and brightness.
All nature is readying for the long
days of winter.
November is the twilight month.

*From the
Pastor*



Pastor's Notes... and Worship in November

■ By **PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER**

Including October 26, we have nine Sundays left before Christmas. Hard to believe isn't it? Advent and our new church year begin November 30, only six Sundays from now.

I'd appreciate if you'd take a moment to read the article, "Coming Home for Christmas," found in this issue. The article outlines a deep hope I have for Advent/Christmas and continuing on throughout the upcoming year.

Between now and the start of Advent, we'll continue to explore one of the Bible's big stories – "The People of God in Exodus, Covenant, and Exile." In the exodus, covenant, and exile times in our lives, God's love never fails us.

In this month of Thanksgiving we give special thanks for all of God's blessings. God Bless, —*Pastor Bob*

**November 2 – Holy Communion
All Saints Sunday
The Bible's Five Big Stories
Sermon Series
Story 2: The People of God
in Exodus, Covenant, and Exile
Week 3 – "Exodus"
Exodus 12:31-42**

At one time the Israelites were welcomed to live in Egypt. In time, however, they became a threat to those who ruled Egypt. The Egyptians enslaved the Israelites and forced them into a lifetime of hard labor.

God chose Moses to free the Israelites from bondage in Egypt. God promised the Israelites their own homeland, and provided for them as they journeyed there and occupied the land.

We have exodus experiences in our lives too, and God provides for us as we travel through them.

**November 9
The Bible's Five Big Stories
Sermon Series**



**Story 2: The People of God
in Exodus, Covenant, and Exile
Week 4 – "Covenant"
Exodus 20:1-21**

God chose the Israelites and made a covenant (promise) with them to be their God. During the Exodus journey, God gave the Israelites the Ten Commandments and the law, to order their lives.

Earlier, God had made a covenant with Abraham and Sarah. Later, God made a new covenant with humankind through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The new law we live under commands that we love God with our whole being and love our neighbor as ourselves. God's covenant with us remains intact.

**November 16
The Bible's Five Big Stories
Sermon Series
Story 2: The People of God
in Exodus, Covenant, and Exile**

**Week 5 – "Exile"
2 Kings 25:1-12**

As the Exodus journey came to a close, God chose Joshua to lead the Israelites into the Promised Land. It didn't take long for the people to turn from God. Sin had consequences, suffering led people to repent, and repentance brought about God's forgiveness. The cycle repeated itself over and over, until finally the consequences were terrible. Jerusalem and the temple were destroyed and the Israelites were exiled to foreign lands. Still, God did not abandon them. After 50 years in exile the Israelites were allowed to return to their homeland and rebuild Jerusalem and the temple. When we disobey God there are consequences that we bring on ourselves. Yet, God never gives up on us. God remains close by to forgive us and restore us when we confess our sins.

**November 23 – Christ the King Sunday
"Far Above All Rule and Authority"
Psalm 100, Ephesians 1:15-23**

As one year in the life of the Church comes to a close and a new year is about to begin, we pause to shout out: "Christ is King!" That means everything to us. Those who believe in Christ are under the care and protection of "his incomparably great power" (Ephesians 1:19). Christ is "far above all rule and authority, power and dominion" (1:21) we can ever imagine. As we enter Advent, we do so trusting in Christ whose hope does not fail us.

**November 30 – First Sunday in Advent
Coming Home for Christmas
Sermon Series
Week 1 – "Hope"
Romans 5:1-11**

The world disappoints. Even those closest to us sometimes fail us. But, we have reason to trust in the hope Christ offers us.

"And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us" (Romans 5:5).

Christ died to save us from sin and death. People witnessed it and wrote about it. The resurrected Christ appeared. Again, people witnessed it and wrote about it. God the Holy Spirit is present in and with us now. We witness it and share our experiences with one another.

God does not disappoint; Christ gives real hope!

HERO'S CLUB

After School Ministry

TOUCHING CHILDREN'S LIVES *with the LOVE of CHRIST*



Heather O'Connor
Hero's Club Leader

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

If anyone is interested in helping with snack time or craft time, we are in need of help. The lesson on this day was Jesus' I AM statement, "I am the light of the world".



Photos by Heather O'Connor

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

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Scenes from the CROP Walk

Photos by Ron Ellis



Coming Home for Christmas

COME, AND BRING A FRIEND.
YOU ARE WELCOME HERE.

■ By Pastor Bob Snyder

Christmas is a time when many of us go home to be with family. In his famous song, "I'll be Home for Christmas," Irving Berlin captured our heart's longing to be at home with loved ones during the Christmas season.

Next to our immediate family, who can be more important in our lives than our church family; and as we come home to Salem this Advent and Christmas what could be more important than inviting others who need a church family to join us – members of Salem who haven't been with us for awhile, Christians in our community who do not belong to a church family, and people in our community who do not yet know Christ.

The Great Commission

Jesus' final words to his disciples were these: "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age" (Matthew 28:19-20).

These verses are known as "The Great Commission." Jesus commissions every Christian – you and me – to go out and to bring another person to Christ. Will we go? Let our answer be "Here I am, Lord, send me" (Isaiah 6:8) – send me out to invite another person.

Invite One

As our new church year begins on Sunday, November 30, let's each make it a priority to invite one new person or family into our church family.

The Advent and Christmas seasons are a great time to do this. During this time of the year, people are seeking greater meaning in their lives and are more open to receiving. As we come home to Salem this year, let's each ask ourselves the question, "Who can I invite – a family member, a friend, a neighbor, a co-worker, a stranger?" Don't hesitate—as you think of a name, invite them.

Advent/Christmas Sermon Series

On the first Sunday of Advent, November 30, we'll begin an Advent/Christmas Sermon Series called, "Coming Home for Christmas."

Each week leading up to Christmas we'll look at a different aspect of what it means to have Christ in our lives.

I believe these themes will be meaningful to regulars and visitors alike:

Week 1 – Sun Nov 30 "Hope"

Week 2 – Sun Dec 7 "Preparation"

Week 3 – Sun Dec 14 "Joy"

Week 4 – Sun Dec 21 "Love"

Then on Christmas Eve, we'll come together as a church family to remember Christ's birth. He'll be re-born again in our hearts and perhaps born anew or for

the first time in the hearts of those we have invited. And what a better Christmas gift could there be?



At the ROCK youth event, Wanda Barkdoll held up a tee shirt with these words on the front: "YOU CAN ONLY TAKE ONE THING TO HEAVEN."

Wanda said to me, "Pastor Bob, what's the answer?" I said the answer is "Nothing, you can't take anything along with you to heaven." But I was wrong. Wanda turned the shirt around to show me these words written on the back: "OTHER PEOPLE."

All we can take with us to heaven is another person, but isn't that the very best thing we could possibly take?

Yesterday, I invited someone to worship with our church family. I'm praying they will. Please make your own invitation today. I'm anxious to welcome those that come with you on November 30th, or any time before.

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Scenes from the Hike to Black Rock

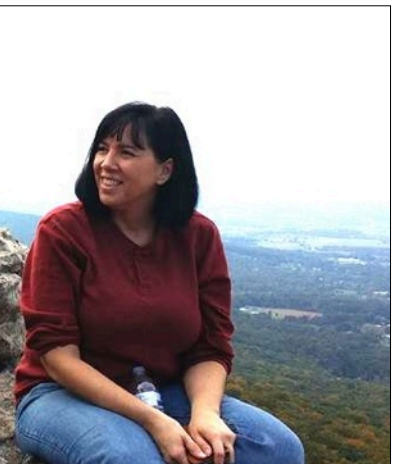


October 12, 2014

Photos by Wanda Barkdoll and Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer



27 people, 3 dogs and 1 cat (in a backpack) made the hike to the top.



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)



CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS
...with unintended meaning

The sermon this morning: "Jesus Walks on the Water."
The sermon tonight: "Searching for Jesus."

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Miss Charlene Mason sang "I Will Not Pass This Way Again," giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 p.m. Please use the back door.

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

Some thoughts to ponder . . .

When we forgive someone, we look more like Jesus than at any other moment in our life.

The anchor of God's faithfulness holds firm in the strongest storms.

Light up your world by reflecting the light of Jesus.

Of all God's creation, only humans can experience re-creation.

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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

November 2014

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