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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:

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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-Oct
1	Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer (Retired New Tribes Mission)	\$204	\$2,040.00
2	Operation Christmas Child (Postage paid in November)	-----	\$0.00
3	Salem Mission & Outreach (Local needs)	-----	\$1,762.96
4	Salem Food Pantry (Open Tuesdays 6:00-7:00 p.m.)	-----	\$1,448.69
5	Mary E. (Africa Inland Mission)	\$85	\$1,310.00
6	United Methodist Board of Child Care (Auxiliary & Direct Support)	-----	\$600.00
7	Gideons (Frederick West Camp - Distributing Bibles)	\$110	\$1,100.00
8	Potato Project (Society of St. Andrew, Big Island, VA)	\$60	\$600.00
9	Middletown High School (Fellowship of Christian Athletes)	\$47	\$470.00
10	Mission Trip (Destination to be determined)	-----	\$0.00
11	Ronnie & Angi Hopkins (Nicaragua)	\$64	\$640.00
12	Care Net Pregnancy Center (Frederick, MD)	\$64	\$813.00
13	Compassion International (Sponsored child in India)	\$38	\$380.00
14	Local Mission Projects (Local repair or renovation needs)	-----	\$0.00
15	Hero's Club After School Ministry (Pre-K through Grade 5)	-----	\$1,567.80
16	World Vision (Sponsored child in Colombia)	\$35	\$350.00
17	Imagine No Malaria in Africa (Pay December 2014) NEW	-----	\$0.00

2014 Goal: **\$16,812** • Mission Offering To Date: **\$13,686.98** • % of Goal: **81%**

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



Board of Child Care
BALTIMORE & FALLING WATERS
CAMPUSES

CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING —

The Board of Child Care (BOCC) is an agency within the United Methodist Church that is dedicated to ministering to the needs of troubled children and

their families.

The BOCC takes care of children by providing long term places to stay and schools they can attend while there, as well as sponsoring children for adoption and day care. It is a unique ministry, dedicated to helping children and families in their greatest time of need.

Each year, the entire offering received at Salem's Christmas Eve program is given to the Board of Child Care. Please pray and help with this offering as best you can. Every penny makes a difference to help a child.

Celebrating Jesus' Birth

Christmas *at* Salem



Photo by Bill Burrier

- By Barbie Stottlemeyer, Chair, Outreach

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD & SALVATION ARMY STOCKINGS —

Thank you to everyone who prepared Samaritan's Purse shoe boxes and Salvation Army stockings for Christmas this year. We delivered 33 shoeboxes to the Trinity United Methodist Church in Frederick, and 32 stockings to the Frederick Salvation Army. I am certain these gifts will bring joy to the lives of the children who receive them.

FRUIT BASKETS & FLOWERS — Beginning on Sunday, December 7, 2014, a collection plate will be placed in the back of the sanctuary for donations that will go toward fruit baskets and flowers for certain members of our church and community.

United Methodist Women

Bee-lievers to Celebrate Christmas

- By Fonda Gormer, President, UMW Bee-lievers

The Bee-lievers will have their annual Christmas celebration at their next meeting on December 4, at 7 p.m. in the church social area. All women of the congregation are invited to attend. Each person is asked to bring a Christmas poem, scripture or other reading to share for devotions. There will also be a cookie and recipe exchange. Bring a batch of cookies and the recipe to share. Copies of the recipes will be available to take home, along with a sample of each cookie.

The Bee-lievers will be making plans for 2015 activities at this meeting as well.



Salem Christmas Party set for Saturday, December 6, 5:30 p.m.

You are invited to the annual Salem Christmas Party to be held at the church on Saturday, December 6, at 5:30 p.m. Come together as a church family for an evening of fellowship and outreach to the community. A potluck dinner will be enjoyed by all. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Fun activities are being planned for the children. All ages will be playing the exchange game — bring a wrapped gift under \$5. There will also be a visit from Santa and caroling.



Santa at last year's party

Christmas Eve Program set for 7 p.m. at Salem

This year's Christmas Eve program will include children's recitations and singing, a play by the youth, an adult choir musical, and congregational singing.

YOUTH CHRISTMAS PLAY — This year's Christmas play by the youth is titled "The Message of the Christmas Angels." It starts with the promise of the Messiah, the angel appearing to Mary, Joseph and the wise men. Then going to Egypt and then Jesus' life. The play is being directed by Nicole Cackowski and Laura Snyder. Play practice will be held every Sunday afternoon. Watch your Sunday bulletin for practice times.

ADULT CHOIR MUSICAL — The Adult Choir will present the musical "Jesus, There's Something About That Name." This musical is a beautiful collection of traditional hymns, contemporary songs, and gospel songs including the beloved "There's Something About That Name" by William Gaither. Sandy Lewis is the adult choir director.

Sandy notes, "It's not too late to join us as we practice to prepare for this presentation. We will be practicing every Tuesday during December at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. If you are not able to participate with the choir at other times during the year but would like to sing at Christmas, you are most welcome to join us. "Sing a new song to the Lord! Let the whole earth sing to the Lord!" -Psalm 96:1

Advent Devotional

An Advent devotional titled "25 Days of Advent" will be available at Salem for you to read during the Christmas season.

It's a small booklet with a daily Christmastime devotional beginning on December 1, and going through the entire Advent season with scripture readings and meditations on the person, work, and sacrifice of Jesus.



Attendance Offerings

October 2014

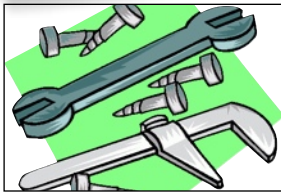
		Worship*		Sunday School	
Oct	5	96	\$1,424.50	42	\$270.00
Oct	12	79	2,445.00	58	175.75
Oct	19	77	1,678.50	52	129.50
Oct	26	96	1,648.50	57	155.50

*Worship attendance & offerings include both worship services.

- Missions: \$2,660.00
 - Pavilion Fund: \$80.00
 - Building Fund: \$115.00
 - Cemetery Endowment Fund: \$15.00
- (Missions, Building Fund offerings, etc. are not included in Worship & Sunday School offerings above.)

Average Attendance		
	Worship	Sunday School
Oct	87	52
Sept	94	52
Aug	94	53
July	83	46
June	101	51

Average Attendance Jan-Oct 2014
 Sunday Worship: 93
 Sunday School: 51



Board of Trustees

FACILITY MANAGEMENT

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

■ By Donald Stottlemeyer, Trustee Chair
Parsonage

The plumbing work has been completed at the parsonage.

Social Room, Church Kitchen, and Classroom

Work has been started on the social room, kitchen, and classroom. We hope to have it completed by the first week in December.

Sorry for any inconvenience caused by this work, but it should be worth it once completed. Thank you to fellow trustees and other church members for your faithfulness and hard work in helping to get this and other projects completed.

Our congregation is truly blessed to have such talented and willing members that always "step up" and help.

From myself and the other trustees, we wish each and everyone a **Merry Christmas** and blessed New Year.



Nov 20, 2014 — Salem Trustee, Brandon Leatherman helps install new ceiling tiles in the hallway of the educational building.



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



■ By Bill Burrier, Church Treasurer

At the end of October, Salem began offering the convenience of online giving. As of this writing, five families have signed up to have their worship and Sunday School offerings automatically withdrawn from their checking or savings account.

It's easy to sign up and your information is secure, thanks to our partnership with Vanco Services, a United Methodist endorsed service. Go to our church website and select GIVE.



Dec

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
Sat 6 Salem Christmas Party - 5:30 p.m. at Salem
Sun 7 Holy Communion - 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. worship at Salem
Thu 11 Administrative Council meeting - 7:00 p.m. at Salem (Prepare 2015 budget)
Wed 24 Christmas Eve Program - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
Wed 24 Parsonage Open House - Immediately following the Christmas Eve program

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
 Youth practices every Sunday for the Christmas Eve Program
 Take Readiness 360 survey - available through December 21

Newsletter Distribution

- E-Mail** — We are currently sending this newsletter to 183 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.

Ping-Pong Tournament Winners



From left are George Stottlemyer, Meredith Harshman, Loralli Cortigo, George Hawkins, Maggie Williamson, and Josh Koons.

By Joe Hawkins

The annual Salem Slam Ping-Pong Tournament was held Friday, October 24.

In the Adult Division, George Stottlemyer was crowned our new champion, defeating last year's champ Meredith Harshman.

In the Youth Division, Josh Koons defeated Maggie Williamson.

In the Elementary Division, Loralli Cortigo defeated George Hawkins.



WORKS IN PROGRESS

November 16, 2014 — From left are Michael Burrier, Susie Stottlemyer, Donna Snyder, Jim Laky, Jessie Leatherman, Lori Williamson, and Dawn Nelson.

The **Works in Progress Community Praise Band** recently led the music at a chapel service at the Board of Child Care campus near Martinsburg, WV.

The band's Facebook page included the comment, "It was a great evening! Our set list was Fires, Steady My Heart, Cornerstone, Word of God Speak, Whom Shall I Fear, Join the Song, and Home. Thanks to Pastor Randy Reid for the invitation."

Schedule for December:

- Sun Dec 14 - Salem, 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.
 Mon Dec 15 - Wolfsville Ruritan Club Christmas Banquet at Keystone Family Restaurant, Waynesboro, PA, 6:00 p.m.
 Sun Dec 28 - Salem, 11:15 a.m.

Sara Weitzel selected to fill part-time pianist position

For some time, Salem has been seeking candidates to fill a part-time organist/pianist position. Recently, two candidates submitted resumés for evaluation. We are pleased to announce that Sara Weitzel has been selected for the position.

Sara will be joining Susan Koons and Works in Progress who also provide accompaniment for Salem's 9:00 a.m. traditional worship service. The schedule will be as follows:

- 1st Sunday - Sara Weitzel
 2nd Sunday - Works in Progress
 3rd Sunday - Susan Koons
 4th Sunday - Susan Koons
 5th Sunday - Sara Weitzel

Sara, who lives in Middletown, has played piano for church services on a periodic basis over the past 20 years, and has briefly directed a small church choir. She is familiar with both traditional and contemporary church music.

She currently volunteers at the Daybreak Adult Day Services in Frederick where she plays piano for a weekly hymn sing at the center.

We are pleased to have Sara worshipping with us at Salem.

**SERVE THE LORD
 WITH GLADNESS
 PSALM 100:2**

Who's Doing What, When?

DECEMBER

9:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Lay Readers

7 - Brenda Freysz
14 - Donald Stottlemeyer
21 - Gary Barkdoll
28 - Patrick Boyton

Ushers

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

Music

7 - Sara Weitzel
14 - Works in Progress
21 - Susan Koons
28 - Susan Koons

Greeters

7 - Bill & Darlene Burrier
14 - Robin & Theresa Haupt
21 - George, Barbie & Matt Stottlemeyer
28 - Vernon & Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer

Acolytes

7 - Paul McCormick
14 - Jadie Buhrman
21 - Kenslie Buhrman
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!

December Anniversaries

12 - Bob & Petie Stup
23 - Jon & Fonda Gormer
24 - Dennis & Ruth Draper

December Birthdays

3 - Joe Hawkins
4 - Judith Harne
4 - Dottie Hager
6 - Cody Blickenstaff
9 - Theresa Haupt
9 - Mark Koons
11 - Amber Breneman
12 - Laura Barnhart
17 - Holly Rippeon
18 - Holly Brashears
21 - Melanie Raynor
23 - Bill Burrier
25 - Stuart Tolland
28 - Lavena Jenkins
29 - Jackson Haddock

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)

Readiness 360

A tool to help us see where we are as Christ's church at Salem, what God is calling us to do next to be like Jesus, and the steps God is calling us to take to get there.

Nov 30-Dec 21: Congregation takes survey

Holy Communion

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



Sticky Buns & Apple Pies For Sale

As a fundraiser for Salem's United Methodist Women "Bee-lievers", Anita Harshman is making Pecan Cinnamon Sticky Buns and Apple Pies.

- Pecan Cinnamon Sticky Buns: \$12 a dozen
- Apple Pie (9-inch): \$10 each

You may purchase these items directly from Anita. To place an order, call Anita at 301-293-2080. Orders can be placed at any time and can be picked up after services on Sunday.

You can only take one thing to Heaven

— **other people!** Who can we invite to church: a family member, a friend, a neighbor, a co-worker, a stranger?

BULLETIN BOARD
with a message

GOD DOES MORE
THAN HEAR WORDS.
HE READS HEARTS.

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman



INSPIRATIONAL Reading

Candlelight

By Mina Morris Scott

Christmas candles are a symbol
Of that Star of long ago
Which illumined all Judea
With a wondrous heavenly glow.
It was that light that drew the Wise Men
From their foreign lands afar
On their long and weary journey
Ever following the Star,
Trusting always in its guidance,
Knowing well that it would bring
Them finally to a village
Where there lay a newborn King.



In remembrance light your candles
To recall that heavenly light;
With their joyous, hopeful message
Let them make the world more bright.
Let them gleam from every window
Through the blackness of the night;
That the world may share new gladness,
Let them shed their lovely light.
Perhaps some lonely wanderer
A new pathway may perceive
And be guided to the Savior
On this blessed Christmas Eve.

A Christmas Prayer

By Robert Louis Stevenson

Loving Father, help us remember the birth of
Jesus, that we may share in the song of angels, the
gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the
wise men.

Close the door of hate and open the door of love
all over the world.

Let kindness come with every gift and good
desires with every greeting.

Deliver us from evil by the blessing which
Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clean
hearts.

May the Christmas morning make us happy to
be Thy children, and the Christmas evening bring us
to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and
forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen!

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

They shall call His name Immanuel, which is
translated, "God with us." —Matthew 1:23



RECIPE



CHOCOLATE-TOFFEE COOKIES

1/2 cup butter, softened	2 eggs
1/2 cup shortening	1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup packed brown sugar	2 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 cup granulated sugar	2 cups semisweet chocolate chips
1/2 teaspoon baking soda	1 cup toffee pieces
1/2 teaspoon salt	2/3 cup pecans, coarsely chopped

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a large bowl combine butter and shortening. Beat with an electric mixer on medium to high speed for 30 seconds. Add brown sugar, granulated sugar, baking soda, and salt. Beat until combined, scraping side of bowl occasionally. Beat in eggs and vanilla until combined. Beat in as much of the flour as you can with the mixer. Stir in any remaining flour. Stir in chocolate pieces, toffee pieces, and pecans.

Drop dough onto ungreased cookie sheets. Bake in the preheated oven for 10 to 12 minutes or until edges are light brown. Cool on cookie sheet for 2 minutes. Transfer to a wire rack; cool completely.

Barbie Stottlemeyer made these cookies for Salem's United Methodist Women "Bee-lievers" cookie exchange.



Songs of Christmas

By Cassie Eugenia Tartoué

The melodies of Christmastide
that float upon the air
Are glittering gems within the
hearts of people everywhere.

Their notes are bells of beauty,
encircling the earth—
Proclaiming in their splendor
the joy of Jesus' birth.

No music bring more gladness
than those familiar airs;
A mingling of merriment
with ardent, earnest prayers.

These tunes bring sweet nostalgia
and flood the heart with cheer,
For the fragile songs of Christmas
are the sweetest tunes we hear!

The Word became flesh and dwelt
among us. —John 1:14

The Most Perfect Gift

By Micheline Hull Dolan

No blanket of white
To cover the ground,
No pines brightly glowing
With lights all around,

No presents tied gaily
With ribbon of red,
Just a pillow of straw
For the infant's sweet head.

A mother's sweet song
Broke the silence that night.
A brilliant white star
Turned darkness to light.

The birth in the manger,
Pure love we recall,
God's most perfect Christmas
Gift to us all.

Thanks be to God for His
indefinable gift! —2 Cor. 9:15



Pastor's Notes... and **Worship in December**

■ By **PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER**

During this time of year people are searching more than ever for meaning in their lives. We try to find that meaning in many different ways, but the only true answer to the search is Jesus Christ.

I know the readership of this monthly newsletter goes beyond those who worship regularly at Salem. For all our readers, I encourage you to attend worship services at the church of your choice this Advent and Christmas Season and please bring at least one other person along with you.

At Salem our theme for Advent and Christmas this year is "Coming Home for Christmas." Weekly topics at Salem testify to Christ as the answer to our search for meaning in our lives: "Christ Brings Hope" (Nov. 30), "Preparing Ourselves for Christ," "Christ Brings Joy," "Christ Brings Love," and "Jesus the Messiah."

I know that each of our area churches opens their doors to you: "Come Home for Christmas. You are welcome here!" Come home to a church this year and find the meaning you have been seeking – and please bring a friend! God Bless, –*Pastor Bob*

December 7 – Second Sunday in Advent, Holy Communion Coming Home for Christmas "Preparing Ourselves for Christ"

The Wise Men read the Bible of their day. They knew a Savior for humankind had been promised by God.

The Wise Men expected the Savior to come and they watched for him. They saw the new star that appeared in the sky and followed it to Bethlehem because they were prepared for Jesus' arrival when he came (Matthew 2:2).

Simeon was prepared too. He had formed the habit of staying close to God and following God each day so when the Holy Spirit called Simeon one day to go



to the temple, he obeyed and went, and because he went he met his Savior, Jesus (Luke 2:27).

So it was with Anna too. A widow, she spent her life serving God in the temple. It was natural for her to be there the day her Jesus, her Savior, came (Luke 2:37).

When we expect to experience Christ and prepare ourselves, we see more and more how Christ is working in our lives, and this gives life meaning.

December 14 – Third Sunday in Advent Coming Home for Christmas "Christ Brings Joy"

We are filled with joy when something goes very well for us in life. During those times, we expect to feel joy. But this joy is fleeting; it passes.

True joy does not pass. Christ brings an underlying joy into our being that remains even when life gets really tough.

This joy isn't naïve or "sappy." It doesn't cause a person to avoid their tough circumstances or run from them.

On the contrary, true joy that comes from following Christ is the key to walking through life's struggles, overcoming them, and coming out intact on the other side.

The job of Shepherd was considered to be one of the lowest in Jesus' time. After Mary and Joseph, who were the first to experience the joy Christ brings? The lowest, the shepherds. (Luke 2:10).

We should never think of ourselves

as too low or undeserving to have joy. True joy gives life meaning and it can only be found in Christ.

December 21 – Fourth Sunday in Advent Coming Home for Christmas "Christ Brings Love"

God is love. Grace, God's love in action working for our good, was never so powerfully shown than in Christ's death on the cross. "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

God's love is reliable. We can count on it. Through the prophets, God promised a Savior. "For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6).

And in Jesus, whose name means "the Lord saves," God fulfilled his promise (Matthew 1:21).

When Jesus came, everything changed. God's love through Jesus makes hope possible and that gives life meaning.

December 24 – Christmas Eve Program, 7 p.m. Parsonage Open House immediately following

Come home and celebrate the birth of Jesus.

December 28 – First Sunday after Christmas Coming Home for Christmas "Jesus the Messiah"

Jesus is sometimes called "Emmanuel," which means "God with us." In Jesus, God entered the world to live among us. Jesus is called, in Hebrew, "the Messiah." In Greek, the title is "Christ." Both "Messiah" and "Christ" mean "the anointed one." Jesus reveals to us who God is, what God is like, and how God acts.

When Jesus came, God was no longer a mystery. Jesus' life is the guide for our life. His life shows us what is possible. Jesus' death and resurrection saved us from our sin and death.

After his death, Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to be our helper through life. Jesus will come a final time to restore everything to the way we were originally created by God. "Jesus the Messiah" is the One who gives our lives meaning.

HERO'S CLUB

After School Ministry

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

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



Heather O'Connor
Hero's Club Leader

Hero's Club had a wonderful time making "Joyful Jack-O-Lanterns" for Jesus! The pumpkins were donated by Jumbo's and Summer's Farm.

We also read the children's book titled, "The Pumpkin Patch Parable," a charming story for children that illustrates how a loving farmer can turn a simple pumpkin into a simply glorious sight.

In the same way, God's transforming love can fill each of our hearts with joy and light. We scoop out all the sin and put the light of Jesus inside to shine to all the world.

Hero's Club would like to thank Richard and Anita Harshman, Caroline Buhrman, and Pastor Bob for helping!
CHRISTMAS DINNER — We will be having Christmas Dinner again this year for parents and children on Monday, December 22nd. Any help would be greatly appreciated!

Thank you so much for your support of this ministry!

—Heather O'Connor



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

More than \$3,600 collected by CROP walkers to fight hunger



■ By Fonda Gormer, CROP Walk Coordinator

The final pledges have been collected and counted for the 2014 Wolfsville/Myersville CROP Hunger Walk. This year, 36 walkers and 3 dogs, representing four congregations, walked on September 22. Another walker walked later and gathered pledges. One congregation sent a donation.

Together we collected \$3,697.11 for local and international hunger programs. The funds are sent to Church World Service in Elkhart, IN; in turn, 25% will be distributed locally, divided equally among the Religious Coalition for Emergency Human Needs, the Middletown Food Bank, and the Salem United Methodist Food Pantry.

A sincere thank-you is extended to everyone who made this walk successful. The need is great! May God bless each of you!

Participating churches, the number of walkers from each congregation, and the amount raised are as follows:

Pleasant Walk United Methodist		25.00
Grossnickle Church of the Brethren	11 walkers	1,673.00
Harmony Church of the Brethren	3	659.11
Salem United Methodist	21	1,085.00
St. Mark's Lutheran Church	2	255.00
Total	37	3,697.11

Miracles of our Food Pantry

■ By Dawn Nelson, Food Pantry Coordinator

Through the two and half years of my involvement with Salem's Food Pantry, God has revealed His miracles so many times to me and to our families that we help.

For example, when I would worry about not having enough food for our families— a donation would appear at our door. Or when a new mom asked if we had baby food— the following week there was baby food on our doorstep. Or when I was concerned that we were going to be over budget — a huge monetary donation would be made. Or when a mother of two children requested prayers for a job— the next time she came in she shared her joy of getting a new job.

Several Christmas's ago two families came in for help. Both husbands and wives had lost their job prior to the holidays. They came in the following month to share that they had gotten jobs. Then, Pastor Bob shared with us recently that when he walked across the parking lot a man stopped to give him a check for \$500 for the Food Pantry and he was not even from this community. Then, weeks ago we had over \$1,400 in multiple donations. Oh, the power of prayer! You see, we can be a beacon of hope for these families. They can see our compassion and love for them. We also can plant seeds in their hearts that they can find hope through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Between November 11 and November 18, we served 16 families, which is a big increase compared to previous months/years. We hope that this is not a sign of what our winter will be, for our clients. Our shelves were getting bare from this recent large increase and then we received a large donation from the Grossnickle Church of Brethren. It is amazing to see how God provides for us all the time! We just need to keep the faith and allow him to be in control of our lives!

As we approach the Christmas season, please keep our Food Pantry and the families we serve in your prayers.



The Grossnickle Church of the Brethren recently made a donation to Salem's Food Pantry. From left are Pastor Tim Richey Martin, Caroline, Bill, Jadie and Kenslie Buhman, who helped bring in the large donation.

From our sponsored children



SANTANU SING, EAST INDIA
COMPASSION (\$38 per month)

Dear Salem:

Praise the Lord. How are you? I am fine. I am studying very well. I like to attend church. I help in church activities. Next month I will attend autumn camp. In the camp there will be a competition on football and volleyball. I am practicing for the game. Have you ever participated in any competitions? Last month I attended a small awareness group. The topic was on road safety, snake bite, drowning, etc. All my family members are fine. On holidays I like to do some work and help my family. I always pray for you. Please pray for all of us. Thank you. — Santanu Sing



YURLEY PAOLA, COLOMBIA
WORLD VISION (\$35 per month)

I am in elementary school in grade 5. My study day is in the morning. I go to school from Monday to Friday and my preferred day to attend school is Tuesdays because that day I study my favorite subjects — foreign language.

Through a spiritual nourishment program, World Vision undertakes a process involving children, adolescents and youth, our families, and the community, called community Bible reading. — Yurley Paola



Salem Church Leaders for 2015

EACH YEAR, church leaders are nominated by Salem's Nominations and Leadership Development Committee, and then elected at the annual Charge Conference, held this year on October 22, 2014.

Administrative Council:

Chair – Vernon Stottlemeyer
 Pastor – Bob Snyder
 Lay Leader – Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer
 Assistant Chair – Meredith Harshman
 Chair of Board of Trustees – Donald Stottlemeyer
 Evangelism Team Leader – Dennis Leatherman
 Chair of Finance Committee – Bill Burrier
 Chair of Outreach Committee – Barbara Stottlemeyer
 Chair of Staff Parish Relations Committee – Dennis Draper
 Chair of Worship Committee – Mary Alice Shankle
 Church Communications Coordinator – Bill Burrier
 Church Historian – Bill Burrier
 Church Treasurer – Bill Burrier
 Family Ministry Co-Leaders – Joe Hawkins, Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer
 Financial Secretary – Lora McGraw
 Food Pantry Team Leader – Dawn Nelson
 Lay Member to Annual Conference – Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer
 UMW/Bee-lievers President – Fonda Gormer
 Secretary of Church Council – Theresa Haupt
 Sunday School Superintendent – Bobby Fogle
 Sunday School Treasurer – Mary Fogle
 Youth Group Leaders – Wanda Barkdoll, Laura Snyder
 Youth Members – Camilo Barkdoll, Dottie Hager
 Young Adult Member – Karyn Snyder
 Member-at-large – Howard Brandenburg
 Member-at-large – Robin Haupt
 Member-at-large – George Stottlemeyer
 Member-at-large – Matthew Stottlemeyer
 Advisor to Administrative Council – Brent Blickenstaff
 Board of Child Care Auxiliary Representative – Dawn Nelson

Board of Trustees:

Robin Haupt (2015), Klaus Mueller (2015),
 George Stottlemeyer (2015), Curtis Nelson (2016)
 Donald Stottlemeyer (2016), John Ward (2016)
 Gary Barkdoll (2017), Richard Harshman (2017)
 Brandon Leatherman (2017)

Children's Coordinators:

Caroline Buhman, Doris Fogle

Choirs:

Adult Choir Director – Sandy Lewis
 Children's Choir Leader(s) – TBD

Church Organist/Pianist:

Susan Koons, Sara Weitzel

Finance Committee:

Chair – Bill Burrier
 Pastor – Bob Snyder
 Lay Leader - Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer

Finance Committee (continued)

Lay Member to Annual Conference – Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer
 Administrative Council Chairperson – Vernon Stottlemeyer
 Chair of SPRC – Dennis Draper
 Chair of Trustees – Donald Stottlemeyer
 Financial Secretary – Lora McGraw
 Church Treasurer – Bill Burrier
 Sunday School Superintendent – Bobby Fogle
 Chair of Outreach Committee – Barbara Stottlemeyer
 Chair of Worship Committee – Mary Alice Shankle
 Audit – Meredith Harshman

Nominations and Leadership Development Committee:

Pastor - Bob Snyder (Chair)
 Lay Leader – Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer
 Howard Brandenburg (2015), Joe Hawkins (2015)
 Lora McGraw (2015), Michael Burrier (2016)
 Dennis Draper (2016), Della Hager (2016)
 Patrick Boyton (2017), Kathy Laky (2017), Holly Rippeon (2017)

Staff Parish Relations Committee:

Lay Leader - Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer
 Lay Member to Annual Conference – Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer
 Pastor – Bob Snyder
 Phyllis Beall (2015), Cathie Elsbach (2015), Phil Koons (2015),
 Wanda Barkdoll (2016), Dennis Leatherman (2016),
 Fonda Gormer (2016), Dennis Draper (2017) (Chair)
 Dawn Nelson (2017), Donna Nichols (2017)

Sunday School:

Superintendent – Bobby Fogle
 Sunday School Treasurer – Mary Fogle
 Secretary – Lora McGraw
 Librarian – Brandon Leatherman
 Pre-K Teacher – Caroline Buhman
 Kindergarten through Second Grade Teachers – Jennifer Burrier,
 Michael Burrier
 Third Grade through Fifth Grade Teacher(s) – Patrick Boyton,
 Melissa Thornton, Kathy Laky, Joy Young
 Middle and High School Teacher – Fonda Gormer
 Adult Discussion Group Teacher – Bill Burrier
 Men's Class Teachers – Bobby Fogle, George Harne,
 Meredith Harshman, Dennis Leatherman
 Women's Class Teachers – Mary Cline, Darlene Burrier

Worship Committee:

Chairperson – Mary Alice Shankle
 Communion Steward (Prepare) – Richard and Anita Harshman
 Communion Stewards (Serve) – Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer,
 Susie Stottlemeyer
 Communion Steward Assistant (Serve) – Darlene Burrier
 Computer System Coordinator – Michael Burrier
 Computer System Operators – Michael Burrier,
 Sarah Burrier, Laura Snyder
 Contemporary Service Representative – Michael Burrier, Jim Laky
 Flower Coordinators – Olive Kline, Barbara Stottlemeyer
 Members – Bill Burrier, Theresa Haupt, Delores Myers,
 Dennis Leatherman

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)



Making a Pledge

The minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church building. Therefore, he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was sick and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute.

The substitute wanted to know what to play. "Here's a copy of the service," he said impatiently. "But, you'll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances."

During the service, the minister paused and said, "Brothers and sisters, we are in great difficulty; the roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected and we need \$4,000 more. Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up."

At that moment, the substitute organist played "The Star Spangled Banner."

And that is how the substitute became the regular organist!

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

Some thoughts to ponder . . .

The only distance between you and God is the thought that there is distance between you and God.

I never knew God was all I needed until God was all I had.

A prayer can inspire an act, but the act can be the prayer itself.

Life without God is like a non-sharpened pencil. It has no point.

The Mountain Shepherd

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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

December 2014

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