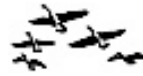


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# Mountain Shepherd

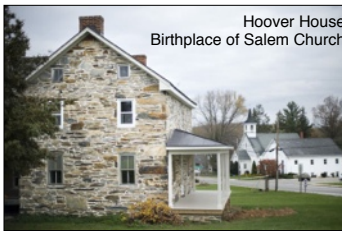
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Hoover House  
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**The Frederick News-Post  
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## Food Sale — Lord's Acre style ... in the middle of winter!

### It's Soup and Sandwich Time

It's winter and it's cold! It has been a few months since the Lord's Acre Festival. It's time for soup and sandwiches!

Salem's United Methodist Women "Bee-lievers" are planning a soup and sandwich sale for February 28 and March 1. Orders are being taken until February 1, with pick up at Salem on Saturday, February 28 from 4 to 6 p.m., and on Sunday, March 1, after morning services.

Soup offerings include bean soup with rivels, vegetable, turkey noodle, and turkey corn soup, and will be sold for \$5.00 per quart.

Sandwiches offered are country ham for \$3.50 each, and turkey salad for \$2.50 each.

Order forms are also available in the church hallway, or by calling Fonda Gormer at 301-293-2436.

Thank you in advance for supporting this fund-raiser.

**Orders due  
February 1**

### ❖ FOOD SALE ORDER FORM ❖

Give orders to Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer, Fonda Gormer,  
or Barbie Stottlemeyer by February 1, 2015.

PICK UP (check one)

Sat 2/28 4-6 pm \_\_\_\_\_

Sun 3/1 (a.m.) \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

SOUPS	all \$5.00 per quart	How many?	Amount \$
Vegetable		_____	\$ _____
Turkey Corn		_____	\$ _____
Turkey Noodle		_____	\$ _____
Bean with rivels		_____	\$ _____

### SANDWICHES

Country Ham \$3.50 each \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Turkey Salad \$2.50 each \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL amount due at pick up \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**WISHING YOU A BLESSED NEW YEAR 2015**



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**Salem Membership Statistics:**  
Current Membership: 240  
2015 New Members: 0

**Salem Physical Facilities:**  
Church built 1847  
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-Nov
<b>1</b>	<b>Frank &amp; Nancy Stottlemeyer</b> (Retired New Tribes Mission)	\$204	\$2,244.00
<b>2</b>	<b>Operation Christmas Child</b> (Postage paid in November)	-----	\$84.00
<b>3</b>	<b>Salem Mission &amp; Outreach</b> (Local needs)	-----	\$2,309.62
<b>4</b>	<b>Salem Food Pantry</b> (Open Tuesdays 6:00-7:00 p.m.)	-----	\$1,962.97
<b>5</b>	<b>Mary E.</b> (Africa Inland Mission)	\$85	\$1,410.00
<b>6</b>	<b>United Methodist Board of Child Care</b> (Auxiliary & Direct Support)	-----	\$600.00
<b>7</b>	<b>Gideons</b> (Frederick West Camp - Distributing Bibles)	\$110	\$1,210.00
<b>8</b>	<b>Potato Project</b> (Society of St. Andrew, Big Island, VA)	\$60	\$660.00
<b>9</b>	<b>Middletown High School</b> (Fellowship of Christian Athletes)	\$47	\$517.00
<b>10</b>	<b>Mission Trip</b> (Destination to be determined)	-----	\$0.00
<b>11</b>	<b>Ronnie &amp; Angi Hopkins</b> (Nicaragua)	\$64	\$704.00
<b>12</b>	<b>Care Net Pregnancy Center</b> (Frederick, MD)	\$64	\$877.00
<b>13</b>	<b>Compassion International</b> (Sponsored child in India)	\$38	\$418.00
<b>14</b>	<b>Local Mission Projects</b> (Local repair or renovation needs)	-----	\$0.00
<b>15</b>	<b>Hero's Club After School Ministry</b> (Pre-K through Grade 5)	-----	\$1,925.14
<b>16</b>	<b>World Vision</b> (Sponsored child in Colombia)	\$35	\$385.00
<b>17</b>	<b>Imagine No Malaria</b> in Africa (Pay December 2014) <b>NEW</b>	-----	\$0.00

2014 Goal: **\$16,752** • Mission Offering To Date: **\$15,775.65** • % of Goal: **94%**

**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 PROJECTS FOR 2015 GOAL

1. Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer, Retired, New Tribes Mission .....	\$2,448
2. Operation Christmas Child .....	350
3. Salem Mission & Outreach .....	1,180
4. Food Pantry .....	1,180
5. Africa Inland Mission (Mary E.) .....	1,020
6. Board of Child Care .....	1,360
7. Gideons (Frederick County, West) .....	1,320
8. Potato Project (Society of St. Andrew) .....	720
9. Middletown High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes .....	564
10. Mission Trip (To be determined) .....	2,000
11. Ronnie & Angie Hopkins (Nicaragua) .....	768
12. Care Net Pregnancy Center of Frederick .....	768
13. Compassion International (Sponsored Child) .....	456
14. Local Mission Project .....	1,250
15. Hero's Club after school ministry .....	300
16. World Vision .....	420
17. Imagine No Malaria .....	972

## Salem Mission Projects

# Missions *is the Mission of the Church*



Salem Mission Project No. 3



Photo by Bill Burrier

## Outreach at Christmas

■ By Barbie Stottlemeyer, Chair, Outreach

**FRUIT BASKETS & FLOWERS** — On Saturday morning, December 20, 2014, we gathered at the church and prepared 22 fruit baskets, one food box, and three flowers that were distributed to families within our church and community. Thank you to Dianna Poling for creating a meaningful message, “The Meaning of the Christmas Tree,” that was distributed with each gift (printed below); and everyone who contributed toward this project, for those who gathered Saturday morning to prepare the fruit baskets, and for those who helped distribute them.

### THE MEANING OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE

Each part of the Christmas tree celebrates Christ’s birth and tells the story of how God sent His Son to earth. The wood reminds us of the manger where He lay and of the rugged cross where He gave His life one day. The evergreen shows the eternal life Christ gives — anyone who believes in Him forever lives! The decorations represent blessings from above and inspire us to thank the Lord for His tender love. The shining lights show us how we’re to do the same, as we share His grace and seek to glorify His name. So may each beautiful tree bring honor to our King, and may we celebrate Christ’s love in everything! —*Holley Gerth*



Salem Mission Project No. 8

## Potato Project: Society of St. Andrew

Through your gifts, Salem will put healthy, nourishing food on the tables of individuals and families who are struggling to get by. Partnering with Society of St. Andrew, the Potato Project, you engage volunteer gleaners in hands-on mission and service; you help send large loads of fruits and vegetables to areas where they are most needed; you support local feeding agencies in every area of the country; and you reduce food waste— all as you follow Jesus’ command to feed the hungry. Thank you for your gifts.

—*Lynette Johnson, Society of St. Andrew*



Salem Mission Project No. 1

## A Letter from Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer

Dear Folks at Salem  
United Methodist Church:

We trust you had a very special Christmas season as we celebrated our Savior coming to give His life to redeem us from our sins.

Thank you again for your faithfulness in praying for us and helping support us financially for so many years. We sincerely appreciate it.

Nancy just left to do volunteer work at the Hagerstown Rescue Mission. She continues to visit several widows, serve in the church nursery, do some sewing for friends, and other things. Frank serves on the board of our home church, teaches adult Sunday school, and is treasurer of our church.

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, decided to return to Messiah College for her 2nd year. Their oldest son and his family are in California expecting our 3rd great grandchild. Another son works at a security job, and their youngest son attends a Christian school now after home-schooling up to this year.

Eric & Wendy returned to Senegal to resume their ministry to the Badyaranké people. This is their first time there without any of their children. Their four children have jobs and three of them are continuing college or vocational training. Their youngest is working for her first year after graduating with plans to go to a Bible College next fall.

Rebecca is in a village ministering to the Badyaranké people. We are thankful that God provided her with a much more reliable vehicle.

Gary, Lisa & family continue to serve at the New Tribes Mission Homes, a center for retired missionaries in Florida.

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*



# Attendance Offerings

November 2014

	Worship*		Sunday School	
Nov 2 -	104	\$2,196.00	57	\$296.50
Nov 9 -	91	1,244.50	57	153.00
Nov 16 -	102	2,322.17	57	102.75
Nov 23 -	69	1,536.50	47	60.75
Nov 30 -	67	1,699.50	47	105.75

\*Worship attendance & offerings include both worship services.

- Missions: \$2,088.67
  - Building Fund: \$216.66
  - Pavilion Fund: \$80.00
  - Cemetery Endowment Fund: \$340.00
- (Missions, Building Fund offerings, etc. are not included in Worship & Sunday School offerings above.)

	Average Attendance	
	Worship	Sunday School
Nov	87	53
Oct	87	52
Sept	94	52
Aug	94	53
July	83	46

### Average Attendance Jan-Nov 2014

Sunday Worship: 93  
Sunday School: 51

## ※ FINANCIAL NEWS & NOTES ※

### Worship Through Giving — Tithes & Offerings

■ By Bill Burrier, Church Treasurer

The scriptures tell us we will be blessed by our giving ministry and God will be pleased (Deuteronomy 15:10).

Giving tithes and offerings is a part of our spiritual worship. We don't give in order to get. We give to make an impact; we give to make a difference in people's lives; we give to further the ministry of Christ (2 Corinthians 9:7).

#### WAYS TO GIVE . . .

##### ◆ Worship Services Plate Offering

Give by cash or check during any of our worship services. If you give cash and would like it to be reflected on your year-end giving statement, please use an offering envelope.

##### ◆ Mail

You may mail your tithes and offerings to Church Treasurer, Salem United Methodist Church, 12477 Wolfsville Road, Myersville, MD 21773. Make checks payable to Salem United Methodist Church.

##### ◆ Electronically Online (Safe & Secure)

Salem is now offering the convenience of online giving. Go to our church website and select GIVE. Sign into your account on the secure server at Vanco Services, a United Methodist endorsed service. You may set up recurring giving, e.g., weekly, monthly, or give one time. Funds will be automatically withdrawn from your checking or savings account. No more checks to write and you may change your giving amount at any time.

### Salem Develops 2015 Ministry Budget

The members of Salem's Finance Committee and Administrative Council wish to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your continuing faithful support of time, talent, and finances. In the spirit of Christ, we have worked together to carry out God's work in this church and in this community in which we are privileged to live.

We met in December to prepare a new budget for 2015. In that meeting, every line item was carefully examined to determine its importance and necessity to continue an effective ministry here.

The budget has six categories:

1. Conference Apportionments
2. Pastoral Ministry
3. Ministry Programs
4. Church Building, Utilities, Equipment, Maintenance, and Grounds Upkeep
5. Parsonage Utilities
6. Mission Projects (17)

"You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. For God loves a person who gives cheerfully."

—2 Corinthians 9:7

"Give generously to Him and do so without a grudging heart; then, because of this, the Lord your God will bless you in all your work, and in everything you put your hand to." —Deuteronomy 15:10



### 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



Jan

# Calendar of Events



- Wed 7 UMW Bee-lievers** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Thu 8 Administrative Council meeting** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Wed 21 Administrative Council meeting** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem (Readiness 360)

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  
 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

1. **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.
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.

## Looking Ahead . . .



**Sunday, February 15, 2015**  
 4:30 - 7:00 p.m.

### Cosmic Skate & Play

11870 Buchanan Trail East  
 Waynesboro, PA  
 717-762-7177

**Free Admission • Free Skates**  
 Invite your friends

For more information contact:  
 Joe Hawkins  
 240-818-0006  
[jch1973@comcast.net](mailto:jch1973@comcast.net)



## Board of Trustees

### FACILITY MANAGEMENT

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

■ **By Donald Stottlemyer, Trustee Chair**  
 All the work in the social room is nearly completed. There are several additional small jobs yet to finish. I think it turned out very well. Thanks so much to everyone who helped with all the work. Thanks also to those responsible for setting up the Nativity scene in the parsonage front yard. We had another water leak at the parsonage, very minor damage, and thanks to plumber Harold Stotelmyer it has been repaired.

### Anna Kate Draper Memorial

The family of Anna Kate Draper has decided to place her memorial funds, \$1,970, into Salem's Building and Improvement Fund.  
 These funds will be used to provide much needed cabinet space in Salem's social room.  
 The family will be working with the Board of Trustees to determine types of cabinets and their installation.

## Installation of new carpet in social room

Photos by Gary Barkdoll



# Who's Doing What, When?

<b>9:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP</b>		<b>JANUARY</b>
<b>Lay Readers</b> 4 - Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer 11 - Dennis Draper 18 - Randy Freysz 25 - Dawn Nelson	<b>Ushers</b> 4 - Dick Kline & Steve Leatherman 11 - Vernon Stottlemeyer & Robin Haupt 18 - Donald Stottlemeyer & Meredith Harshman 25 - Philip Koons & Brandon Leatherman	<b>Music</b> 4 - Sara Weitzel 11 - Works in Progress 18 - Susan Koons 25 - Susan Koons
<b>Greeters</b> 4 - Bob & Petie Stup 11 - Phyllis Beall 18 - George, Barbie & Matt Stottlemeyer 25 - Donald & Susie Stottlemeyer	<b>Acolytes</b> 4 - Jadie Buhrman 11 - Kenslie Buhrman 18 - Jerod Lenhart 25 - Joshua Koons	
<b>11:15 A.M. CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP</b>		
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!

### January Anniversaries

- 1 - Donald & Susan Stottlemeyer
- 2 - Kyle & Leann Crutchley
- 16 - Charles & Christi Beall
- 21 - Charles & Dawn Brown

### January Birthdays

- 6 - Patty Weagley
- 7 - Dwayne Ledford
- 19 - Bill Buhrman
- 19 - Elizabeth Beall
- 19 - Della Hager
- 20 - Bradley Flook Jr.
- 21 - Joann Leatherman
- 22 - Lora McGraw
- 27 - Carley Weagley
- 29 - Blake Wagaman
- 31 - Chase Woods

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

##### 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)

- ◆ You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you. What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make.
- ◆ We are to be fruitful as well as faithful. We need growth in all areas of life - there is no steady state. Our talents, money, time and resources are all God's gift to us and should be used well.

### Holy Communion

Sunday, January 4, 2015  
 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.

- ◆ People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care.
- ◆ Good friends are hard to find, harder to leave, and impossible to forget.



Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman





## Winter Cheer

By LaVerne P. Larson

Although the sky is dark and gray  
And snow is on the ground,  
It seems with every passing day  
I hear a joyful sound.

It wakes me in the morning  
When dawn is peeping through,  
I hear it, oh, so often  
To cheer me on anew.

'Tis my tiny chickadee friends  
Who brave the cold and snow,  
To sing their happy melodies  
And set my heart aglow.

The birds are very grateful  
For the gifts of good I bring,  
Yet it seems to be so little  
For the lovely songs they sing.



## Not a Stranger

By Tom Kolb

My Lord is not a stranger  
In this life of mine,  
For He is always with me,  
His presence so divine.

I know when I am lonely  
And sort of feeling blue,  
He parts the clouds of heaven  
To let the sunshine through.

It seems that when I'm worried  
And feeling mighty low,  
He lights for me a candle  
Which sets me all aglow.

His love He gave so freely  
So I could be a part  
Of His Holy Kingdom  
That lives within my heart.

No, He is not a stranger,  
This man from Galilee,  
Who filled my life with blessings  
And died to make me free.

Submitted by Olive Kline

Because God is powerful, change is possible.



# RECIPE



## CHOCOLATE CHIP CLOUDS

3 large egg whites room temperature	1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/8 teaspoon cream of tartar	1 cup dark chocolate morsels
1/2 cup sugar	Sprinkles (optional)

1. Heat oven to 300 degrees. Cover cookie sheet with nonstick silicone or parchment paper.
2. Beat egg whites and cream of tartar in large bowl with mixer at high speed until soft peaks form.
3. Add sugar a little at a time, then vanilla, continuing to mix until stiff peaks form, the sugar is dissolved and mixture is glossy.
4. Fold in chocolate chips and drop by tablespoons onto cookie sheet.
5. Bake 35-45 minutes or just until dry. Cool slightly, remove from cookie sheet. Cool completely on wire rack. Store at room temperature. Makes 30 cookies.

Submitted by Dennis Leatherman.

Dennis made these for Salem's Christmas Party.

## Threshold Thoughts

By Esther Baldwin York

We are at the threshold of another year, and such an occasion brings on thoughts. There are thoughts of the past year, both happy and sad. And there are thoughts of the future, perhaps wondering, perhaps full of plans for the days ahead. If there are fearful thoughts, let us try trust; if there are gloomy thoughts, let us look to the sunrise of new hope. May we cross the threshold with purpose, and faith in One who goes with us and knows the way, for here is a brand new year!

## The Sun Will Shine Anew

By Catherine Janssen Irwin

At times life can be trying  
As storm clouds hover near,  
Threatening the balance  
Of things we hold most dear.  
Keep looking for the rainbow  
And skies of azure blue  
With the promise that tomorrow,  
The sun will shine anew.  
Then soon the clouds will scatter  
To barely leave a trace  
Of the trials and tribulations  
That test our Godly faith.

## IN SYMPATHY

### Mary Frances Thomson

The Salem congregation wishes to express its deepest sympathy to the family of Mary Frances Thomson, 93, who passed away Thursday, December 11, 2014, at the palliative care unit at Meritus in Hagerstown.

Frances (she used her middle name) and her husband Frank moved to their home on Stottlemeyer Road in the fall of 1999.

After Frank passed away (14 years ago), Frances continued to live alone, being near to the home of her daughter Susan and family. In the past year, as her health began to decline, she moved next door to live with Susan.

She became a member of Salem Church in October 2005, transferring her membership from the Landover Hills Baptist Church, Landover Hills, Maryland.

Graveside services will be private.

The nicest place to be is in  
someone's thoughts.  
The safest place to be is in  
someone's prayers.  
And the very best place to be  
is in the hands of God.



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

■ By PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER

DURING JANUARY we'll return to our Sermon Series, "The Five Big Stories of the Bible."

We covered the Old Testament in "Creation and Fall" (Story #1) and "The People of God in Exodus, Covenant, and Exile" (Story #2). Now we move to the New Testament with Story #3, "Jesus the Messiah."

Having just celebrated the birth of Jesus, it's a good time to study the life of Jesus. Jesus is our role model. When we follow his example and when we allow him to lead us through life, we find the hope, peace, and joy Jesus offers.

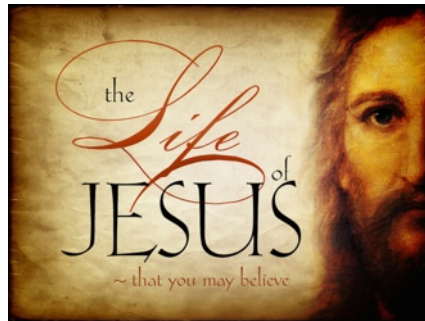
Our goal in "The Five Big Stories" has been to use our Bibles more – to connect our life situation with the stories in the Bible, to find God there and God's help. 2015 offers a new opportunity to read our Bibles the whole way through.

Pick up a copy at church of the free "Our Daily Bread" devotional or click on "Our Daily Bread" at [saalemchurchwolfsville.org](http://saalemchurchwolfsville.org) and do the readings listed under the heading "The Bible in One Year."

By this time next year you will have read the Bible and you will have built a closer relationship with God, the One who loves you and cares about you and wants to help you through life. Happy New Year! —Pastor Bob

### January 4 Epiphany Sunday, Holy Communion The Five Big Stories of the Bible Story #3 – Jesus the Messiah "Escape and Return"

Soon after Jesus' birth, Joseph was warned that his family was in danger. Herod the King wanted to kill Jesus. Joseph immediately fled with Mary and Jesus to Egypt, where they remained until the death of Herod. They left their home, family, and work to live as aliens in a foreign land. Imagine what that must



have been like! Time passed and Herod died. Joseph thought his family could return to the Holy Land and settle in Bethlehem. But Archelaus, Herod's son, continued the policies of his father and Jesus' life was still in danger so the family continued north and settled in Nazareth.

There are seasons in our lives when we're "in danger." Because of his own experiences with danger, Jesus can help us during the times of danger in our lives.

### January 11 – Baptism of the Lord The Five Big Stories of the Bible Story #3 – Jesus the Messiah "John the Baptist"

John the Baptist prepared the people for the coming of Jesus' ministry. He gave them the opportunity to confess their sins, to be forgiven, and to have their relationship with God restored.

John made it clear that he was not the long-awaited Savior of his people. Through John, God was preparing the people for their Savior – One who would die for them and send the Holy Spirit to be their helper through life.

Before John, God had spoken through the prophets. The lives of seventeen prophets, from Isaiah to Malachi, are included in the Bible.

Who are the people in our lives who act as prophets for us – a pastor, a teacher, a parent, a friend, or even someone who rubs us the wrong way? How is God

speaking to us through them?

Through these prophets, what is God trying to show us or get us to do?

### January 18 The Five Big Stories of the Bible Story #3 – Jesus the Messiah "Jesus' Baptism"

At first, John the Baptist did not want to baptize Jesus. He said to Jesus, "I should not be baptizing you, you should be baptizing me." The Bible tells us Jesus wanted John to baptize him "to fulfill all righteousness" (Matthew 3:15).

At the very beginning, Jesus is showing us the kind of ministry he will have. He is going to be our role model. Everything he expects of us, Jesus is going to first do himself. He does this to show us the right way to live as seen through God's eyes (not our own).

It's worth knowing how Jesus lived. It's worth having specific examples from the Bible of what Jesus did so we can call upon them to guide our actions.

Jesus died for us and we treasure that. Jesus also lived for us to show us how we should live. When we seek to follow Jesus, we seek to do the right thing as seen through God's eyes.

### January 25 The Five Big Stories of the Bible Story #3 – Jesus the Messiah "Jesus' Temptation"

Jesus' ministry started with him acknowledging God as the Lord of his life - Jesus' first act was to be baptized.

His second act was to be severely tempted. Satan offered Jesus the opportunity to end hunger, to show off his power, and to have earthly wealth and possessions for himself. In all ways that he was tempted, Jesus resisted. How? In his own words, he "worshipped the Lord his God and served him only."

In daily life, we are tempted in all kinds of ways. At times we grow weak and want to give in. How do we resist and prevail? The same way Jesus did, by calling upon God.

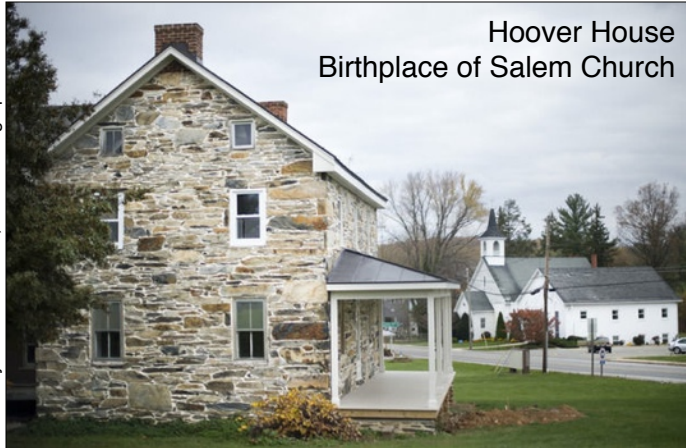
When tempted, we can pray the simple prayer, "God help me resist this temptation." Faced with God, Satan runs. If we're used to praying, we'll naturally pray when we're tempted.

The opposite is true too. If we rarely pray, chances are we're not going to call upon God for help.

With God it is possible to prevail over the things that tempt us.



Photos by Graham Cullen, FNP Photographer



**Hoover House  
Birthplace of Salem Church**



**Pastor Bob Snyder**

WOLFSVILLE, MARYLAND —

On November 28, 2014, the Frederick News-Post featured the Wolfsville community in its "Around the County" supplement.

A News-Post Staff Writer, Karen Gardner, came to Wolfsville with News-Post Photographer Graham Cullen, to talk to residents to get information for her story. She met with Pastor Bob, as well as many others, to gain an understanding of the history, beauty, and workings of the Wolfsville community.

Karen's article begins "With mountains in every direction, the village of Wolfsville is a friendly beacon in the rural reaches of northwestern Frederick County."

The article included a bit of history of Salem Church which began in the nearby Hoover House and Barn in the early 1800's. In the writer's conversation with Pastor Bob, he said he has lived in

Wolfsville for six years now, and commented, "There are good values here. Church is important. Family is important. There are a lot of family reunions here. People take pride in their houses here."

The article also included conversations with Jennifer Harne of Harne's Store; Wolfsville residents Elvin Stottlemeyer and Janice Saul; John Festerman, principal of Wolfsville Elementary School; and Billy Vanover and Bill Price of the Wolfsville Ruritan Club.

The article also mentions Wolfsville's local churches, St. Mark's Lutheran, Grossnickle Church of the Brethren, Garfield United Methodist, and Pleasant Walk United Methodist.

The article is appropriately titled "Wolfsville: Serenity in the Hills."  
—Bill Burrier

### Change in Bee-lievers meeting time for January

■ By Fonda Gormer

Due to our regular meeting day falling on New Year's Day, the Bee-lievers will meet on Wednesday, January 7, at 7 p.m. in the church social area.

We will be making plans for upcoming activities for 2015. We will be discussing new window hangings for the social area to complement the recent renovations.

All ladies of the congregation are invited to join us.

### Salem congregation takes Readiness 360 Survey

■ By Pastor Bob Snyder

Thanks to all of you who took the Readiness 360 survey and provided feedback that will 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.

As of this writing, 50 people have taken the survey, with a pretty good mix of people according to gender, age, and length of time worshipping at Salem.

Here are the next steps in the Readiness 360 process:

- ◆ January – A report of survey results will be prepared for the church.

- ◆ January 31 – Rev. Bill Warehime will meet with Salem's Administrative Council to discuss the survey results. Our District Superintendent has asked Bill to guide congregations through the Readiness 360 process.

- ◆ After January – Salem will decide on specific actions and begin taking them.

- ◆ Ongoing – Communications and prayer. Pastor Bob and the Administrative Council will keep the congregation informed of survey results and actions. Please pray for God to help us see the ways he is calling us.

There has been no cost to Salem to participate in Readiness 360. It is free.

### Works in Progress Community Praise Band

The Works in Progress Community Praise Band entertained the Wolfsville Ruritan Club at the club's Christmas party held at the Keystone Family Restaurant, Waynesboro, PA, on December 15th. The band presented six selections: Mary Did You Know, Angels We Have Heard on High, Do You Hear What I Hear, Go Tell It on the Mountain, The Twelve Days of Christmas, and We Wish You a Merry Christmas.

In January, the band will be in worship at Salem on the 11th and 25th.

### Salem Youth going to ROCK, February 6-8

A large group of Salem youth and adults are planning to attend the ROCK Youth Retreat, February 6-8, at the Convention Center in Ocean City, MD. Reggie Dabbs will be the main speaker, with music by BJ Putnam and Jimmy Needham.

ROCK is designed as a retreat with a focus on presenting the Gospel message in an exciting, culturally appropriate way for young people (and now adults, too) to be exposed to and have an opportunity to respond to an invitation to a life changing relationship with Jesus Christ.

## Salem Mission Projects

# Missions is the Mission of the Church



Salem Mission Project No. 6

## United Methodist Board of Child Care Auxiliary

■ By Dawn Nelson

We want to “thank” Betty Brandenburg for many years of being our church representative to the Board of Child Care Auxiliary! She and I know the importance of this ministry which provides intensive residential treatment services to youth, ages 12 to 21.

My first experience with the Board of Child Care was when Pastor Randy asked our praise band “Works in Progress” to help with worship at the Falling Waters facility. Our praise band saw first hand what this ministry is doing to change young people’s hearts.

Falling Waters is a 50-bed facility for boys and girls. Youth reside in five cottages, each containing 10 individual bedrooms, a kitchen, living room and laundry room.

The campus also has a school, recreational building, dining hall, chapel and clinical building with a health suite and confidential space for individual and family therapy services.

At the residential facility, they give therapeutic and academic support to help youth overcome emotional and behavioral issues and function responsibly in the community. Their mission is an outreach ministry of the United Methodist Church.

Through the residential and community-based services, the agency will endeavor to provide a safe, healthy and caring environment that seeks to sustain children and families by fostering self-esteem, respect for the community, a sense of purpose and life skills needed to achieve their highest potential.

What we need of you is your prayers and membership to the Auxiliary which was created back in 1953, to allow men and women to help enhance the lives of children served by the Board of Child Care; and help educate the church community and others about Board of Child Care services.

The membership dues are only \$2 per year and is open to everyone regardless of gender or church denomination. Your level of support beyond the membership fee is completely voluntary. So let’s make this a bang up year in honor of Betty to have as many of our church members join this worthy ministry.

In January we will have more information and start our membership drive at that time. But in the meantime, let’s pray for these young hearts to be transformed and come to know Jesus as we know him through the Board of Child Care Auxiliary!



Board of Child Care, Falling Waters Campus

Salem Mission Project No. 12



Dear Salem United Methodist Church:

On my way in to work today I heard the song, “Mary Did You Know” and my heart was moved as I absorbed the lyrics to this beautiful song. I especially love the third verse: “Mary did you know that your baby boy is Lord of all creation? Mary did you know that your baby boy would one day rule the nations? Did you know that your baby boy is heaven’s perfect lamb? This sleeping child you’re holding is the great I Am.”

I’m sure that Mary couldn’t comprehend the complete significance of her baby boy being born in such an unorthodox manner. However, she knew that God had declared His plan and she could trust Him as it unfolded even if she didn’t understand it or plan it herself.

It is our desire to share with our clients the significance of the life inside their womb and that God has a plan for this new life growing inside, as well as their own life. Please continue to pray for us as we have the privilege of sharing this monumental truth with our clients. Pray that they will choose life for their pregnancy and accept the eternal life that God so graciously offers to them.

Thank you for your faithful giving to this ministry.

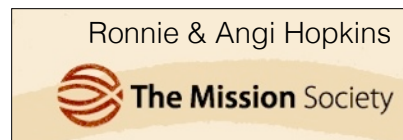
Linda

Care Net Pregnancy Center of Frederick

Salem Mission Project No. 11

## Ronnie & Angi Hopkins are back in Nicaragua

We have returned to Nicaragua from our time of home leave in the U.S. We have all been busy preparing for the annual Sunday School Conference which will be held again this year in Ayapal, at the mouth of the Rio Bocay in northern Nicaragua. We chose this location because it gives the people in the communities along the river an opportunity to attend this training. We had excellent attendance at both the Sunday School Conference as well as the Youth Directors’ Conference last year. This year, we will be offering both conferences again, as well as pastors’ training. We are expecting 100 Sunday School teachers, representing 40-50 churches, 100 youth directors and 100 pastors to attend this training. —Ronnie & Angi



## Brent and Patty Blickenstaff say “Thank You”

Brent and I want to say a very big “Thank You” to all of you in the community that have helped us so much this past year. Your generosity has amazed and blessed us more than you can know. We feel so loved and want you to know we love you back! —Patty

[Contributions from the community to the “Salem United Methodist Blickenstaff Fund” at First United Bank, now total \$31,680.69, which has been given to the Blickenstaffs.]

—Bill Burrier, Salem Church Treasurer



December 6, 2014

# Scenes from the Salem Christmas Party





**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)



**Caller ID**

The pastor was working late on Saturday night and decided to call his wife before he left for home. It was near 10 p.m. and his wife did not answer the phone. When asked why she failed to answer she said it did not ring there.

The following Monday the pastor received a call at the church office which was the phone he had used that Saturday night. The caller wanted to know why he had called.

The pastor couldn't figure out what the man was talking about, but the man said, "It rang and rang, but I didn't answer." The pastor recalled the mishap, and apologized for disturbing him, explaining he intended to call his wife. The man replied, "That's okay, let me tell you my story. I was in great distress and prayed, 'God, if you are there, give me a sign now.' Just then my phone started to ring. I looked at the caller ID and it said, "Almighty God. I was afraid to answer."

The reason it showed on the man's caller ID that the call came from "Almighty God" is because the church there is called Almighty God Tabernacle!

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

*Some thoughts to ponder . . .*

The only place to hide sin is under the blood of Christ.

The good news of the gospel is too good to keep to ourselves.

Jesus longs to turn our mistakes into amazing examples of His grace.

Knowing the Bible helps us know the God of the Bible.

The journey is as important as the destination.

**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

January 2015

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