



Salem United Methodist Church — Wolfsville



**Join us
for our annual
Roller Skating Party**

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Salem to attend ROCK Youth Retreat in Ocean City, February 6 through 8



Photo from ROCK 2014

ROCK 2015: Here we go again!

By Wanda Barkdoll

We are so excited, once again, to attend this fabulous and exciting event. Salem's youth, as well as the adults, are looking forward to hearing this year's speaker Reggie Dabbs, and bands BJ Putnam and Jimmy Needham.

ROCK is a powerful and fun-filled weekend in Ocean City, at the Convention Center, that allows youth and adults to take a step back from their busy lives and learn about the amazing love of Jesus Christ.

It is an awesome experience for folks to more fully connect with God and their friends while listening to great bands and speakers. It is with the expectation that we will leave ROCK renewed and ready to spread the word about God's great love for us.

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.

New This Year at ROCK

A great new addition to the ROCK weekend is an adults-only room. This room is only for adults who do not have chaperoning duties for youth at ROCK.



Reggie Dabbs, Guest Speaker

It's a great chance for adults to retreat, revive and rejoice. In this comfortable setting, adults will be able to experience ROCK via video and audio links, as well as having live speakers and worship leaders chosen specifically for them.

There will be an emphasis on spiritual renewal. It is very exciting to have this opportunity and pray that many of the saints who are constantly "feeding" others will have a chance to be "fed."

Adults are invited to bring their spouse or good friend to Ocean City. Relax in a nice hotel. Enjoy some wonderful meals. Walk on the beach. Renew your spirit at ROCK!

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LEARN ABOUT *the* AMAZING LOVE of JESUS CHRIST at ROCK



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Salem Membership Statistics:
Current Membership: 240
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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.

Go 		2014 MISSION PROJECTS	
Final Report for 2014		MONTHLY MINIMUM	PAID Jan-Dec
1	Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer (Retired New Tribes Mission)	\$204	\$2,652.00
2	Operation Christmas Child (Postage paid in November)	-----	\$84.00
3	Salem Mission & Outreach (Local needs)	-----	\$3,559.51
4	Salem Food Pantry (Open Tuesdays 6:00-7:00 p.m.)	-----	\$2,336.24
5	Mary E. (Africa Inland Mission)	\$85	\$1,620.00
6	United Methodist Board of Child Care (Auxiliary & Direct Support)	-----	\$1,320.05
7	Gideons (Frederick West Camp - Distributing Bibles)	\$110	\$1,430.00
8	Potato Project (Society of St. Andrew, Big Island, VA)	\$60	\$780.00
9	Middletown High School (Fellowship of Christian Athletes)	\$47	\$611.00
10	Mission Trip (Destination to be determined)	-----	\$0.00
11	Ronnie & Angi Hopkins (Nicaragua)	\$64	\$832.00
12	Care Net Pregnancy Center (Frederick, MD)	\$64	\$1,005.00
13	Compassion International (Sponsored child in India)	\$38	\$456.00
14	Local Mission Projects (Local repair or renovation needs)	-----	\$0.00
15	Hero's Club After School Ministry (Pre-K through Grade 5)	-----	\$2,237.45
16	World Vision (Sponsored child in Colombia)	\$35	\$420.00
17	Imagine No Malaria in Africa (Pay December 2014)	-----	\$648.00

2014 Goal: **\$16,752** • Total Mission Offering for 2014: **\$19,126.67** • % of Goal: **114%**

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

More about the . . .

ROCK Youth Retreat *in Ocean City*



Youth Ministries of the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church



Salem to attend ROCK Youth Retreat

■ By Wanda Barkdoll

We have a total of 25 people attending ROCK this year. Three of them are attending for the first time:

- Rebecca Leatherman, Alison Keely, Dottie Hager, Lily Mueller, Madison Elsbach, Gracie Szabo, Amanda McPhee, Maria Barkdoll (first time), Dawn Nelson, Susie Stottlemeyer, Donna Snyder, Laura Snyder, Cathie Elsbach, Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer, Susan Koons, Wanda Barkdoll, and Colleen Snyder.

- Camilo Barkdoll, Joshua Koons, Paul McCormick (first time), Joey Hawkins (first time), Matthew MacPhee, Corey Carter, Denny Leatherman, and Pastor Bob Snyder.

We are staying at the Carousel Hotel and hopefully we will do the "Polar Plunge" again this year... no peer pressure to jump in the cold water! We will have a lot of fun while we glorify and praise the Lord.

We are leaving Wolfsville on Friday morning and will return on Sunday late afternoon. You will hear all about it on Youth Sunday, February 15, when the youth relay their experiences during ROCK!

God bless you all.

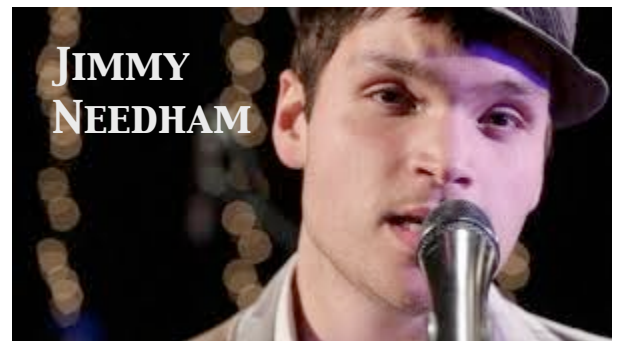
* The ROCK Music *

BJ PUTNAM

Singer • Song Writer • Worship Leader

JIMMY NEEDHAM

Singer • Song Writer • Producer



BJ PUTNAM



Attendance Offerings

December 2014

		Worship*		Sunday School	
Dec	7	98	\$2,744.50	60	\$370.00
Dec	14	109	2,348.50	50	250.50
Dec	21	113	3,287.50	62	185.75
Dec	28	57	1,716.50	53	128.00

*Worship attendance & offerings include both worship services.

- Missions: \$3,351.02
 - Building Fund: \$370.00
 - Pavilion Fund: \$5,100.00
 - Cemetery Endowment Fund: \$110.00
- (Missions, Building Fund offerings, etc. are not included in Worship & Sunday School offerings above.)*

Average Attendance		
	Worship	Sunday School
Dec	94	56
Nov	87	53
Oct	87	52
Sept	94	52
Aug	94	53

Average Attendance Jan-Dec 2014
 Sunday Worship: 93
 Sunday School: 52

Salem members join the Board of Child Care Auxiliary

By Dawn Nelson
 Salem Contact for Board of Child Care
 Thank you to the 36 members of Salem who, as of this writing, have joined the Auxiliary of the Board of Child Care!
 There is still time to become an Auxiliary member for just \$2 a year. You can retrieve a membership envelope at the entrance to the sanctuary and drop the completed form in the morning offering.

Auxiliary members serve as extended family to the children, providing extras at the holidays, on birthdays and during summer breaks. Children have received birthday cards and gifts, cookies at the holidays, Easter baskets, afghans and graduation gifts from the Auxiliary. In the summer they attend Auxiliary-sponsored trips to parks, museums, dinner theaters and other local attractions. At Christmas, they shop for loved ones at the Auxiliary's bargain Christmas store.

Salem members are invited to help collect box tops for educational items. Each box top is worth 10 cents. The collection container is in our social hall.



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.

◆ By 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. This is a personal choice. Salem members who have already signed up for electronic giving are pleased with the service.



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



February

Calendar of Events



- Sun 1 Holy Communion** - 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. worship
Sun 1 Food Sale orders due
Tue 3 Adult Choir practices begin (for spring season) - 7:30 p.m. at Salem
Thu 5 UMW Bee-lievers - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
Thu 5 Board of Trustees - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
Fri-Sun 6-8 ROCK Youth Retreat, Ocean City, MD
Thu 12 Administrative Council meeting - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
Sun 15 Youth Sunday - 9:00 a.m. & 1:15 a.m. worship
Sun 15 Roller Skating Party - 4:30-7:00 p.m. at Cosmic Skate & Play, Waynesboro, PA
Wed 18 Ash Wednesday (Lent begins)
Sat 21 Valentine Prayer Breakfast - 8:30-noon at Salem
Sat-Sun 28-1 Food Sale pick up (Sat. 4-6 p.m. and Sun. after services)

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 at 7:30 p.m. at Salem
 Praise Band practices every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. at Salem
 Youth Group meets every Thursday 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Salem
 The church is cleaned Friday or Saturday every week

Newsletter Distribution

- E-Mail** — We are currently sending this newsletter to 185 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.

SALEM ADULT CHOIR NOTES

- By Sandy Lewis
 "The flowers are springing up, the season of singing birds has come."
 (Song of Solomon 2:12)
 Well not quite yet, but spring will soon be here and I am very much ready for it, which means it's time to start choir practice for our spring season.
 Beginning on February 3, 2015, we will be practicing each Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. We will be preparing for Holy Week and Easter, along with songs for morning worship services.

Thanks to all of our Salem singers who had a wonderful presentation for the Christmas Eve service. I welcome back and look forward to working with our faithful singers and any new voices that would like to join us.

Wanted: Facebook Evangelists

- By Michael Burrier
 Salem Facebook Administrator

Salem Church is reaching many in the community through its Facebook page, but your help is needed to reach more!

Facebook is a great tool to stay connected with people, businesses, and organizations you care about – like Salem Church.

But the truth is, Facebook often limits the number of posts that show up in your personal News Feed.

They want organizations like Salem to pay money to boost the number of people who see our posts.

For example, the Salem Facebook page currently has 217 followers, but an average post sent out by our page is only seen by about 30 of those people.

What can you do to help? Become a Facebook Evangelist!

It's easy: simply "like" and "share" as many of the church's Facebook posts as possible.



This will do two things. First, you will see more of the church's posts in your own News Feed, and, second, you will help spread the word about Salem to your friends and neighbors.

If you are not connected to the Salem Facebook page... just follow this link and "like" our page:

<https://www.facebook.com/SalemChurchWolfsville>

Take a moment and look at the information and resources available there. The page is updated several times each week with news about upcoming events at the church, photos from recent events, words of encouragement, and more.

Thank you to all our Facebook followers. We look forward to welcoming many more in 2015.

WORKS IN PROGRESS COMMUNITY PRAISE BAND

The band members wish to thank everyone for all the support... "we love to sing God's praises." The band is now working on new music. You can enjoy their music at Salem on Sunday, February 8, at 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.; also at Salem on Sunday, February 22, at 11:15 a.m.



Who's Doing What, When?

9:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP		FEBRUARY	
Lay Readers 1 - Phil Koons 8 - Steve Leatherman 15 - Fonda Gormer 22 - Melissa Thornton	Ushers 1 - Dick Kline & Steve Leatherman 8 - Vernon Stottlemeyer & Robin Haupt 15 - Donald Stottlemeyer & Meredith Harshman 22 - Philip Koons & Brandon Leatherman		Music 1 - Sara Weitzel 8 - Works in Progress 15 - Susan Koons 22 - Susan Koons
Greeters 1 - Fonda Gormer 8 - Joy Sentz 15 - George, Barbie, & Matthew Stottlemeyer 22 - Robin & Theresa Haupt		Acolytes 1 - Paul McCormick 8 - Kenslie Buhrman 15 - Jared Lenhart 22 - 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!

February Anniversaries

- 16 - Olvey & Delores Myers
- 22 - Roy & Holly Rippeon
- 28 - Curtis & Dawn Nelson

February Birthdays

- 2 - Maria Barkdoll
- 3 - Michael Burrier
- 3 - Ruth Draper
- 6 - David Woods Jr.
- 9 - Robin Haupt
- 9 - Robert Keller Jr.
- 9 - Patrick Waite
- 9 - Jim Bullock
- 10 - Linda Hessong
- 10 - Trista Wright
- 13 - Emma Waite
- 16 - Polly Miller
- 19 - Samuel Sowers
- 21 - Dianna Poling
- 23 - Rev. H. Ronald Ellis
- 24 - Scott Wisner
- 24 - Grace Adams
- 24 - Gary Barkdoll
- 26 - Wesley Beall

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)

What if we . . .

- ... carried it with us everywhere?
- ... turned back to get it if we forgot it?
- ... checked it for messages throughout the day?
- ... used it in case of an emergency?



Holy Communion

Sunday, February 1, 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.

THE BEST mathematical equation
 I have ever seen:
 1 cross + 3 nails = 4 given.



Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman



INSPIRATIONAL Reading

In February

By Garnett Ann Schultz

The earth is dim, the world is dark,
The midst of winter doth embark,
The days quite short and nights so long,
The frozen ground, the wind's shrill song.

In February snow mounts high,
And clouds are deep within the sky;
There's ice atop the little stream
While home fires burn and hearts shall dream.

But in the distance not too far
Our hearts behold an April star;
When flowers shall bloom and birds shall sing,
The winter melts into the spring.

In February, though, 'tis cold,
We look ahead to springtime's gold;
Our minds aglow of things to be,
In February, spring we see.



Valentine's Day

Author Unknown

Hearts speak to hearts on Valentine's Day;
Love is displayed in a personal way.
Candy and flowers and big lacy hearts
Are mementoes of sweetness the occasion imparts.

Each little gift says, "I love you . . . I care,"
And the spirit of romance floats in the air.
Sweet sentimental verses convey
Gifts from the heart on Saint Valentine's Day.

Humble of Heart

James J. Metcalfe

Among the great successful men, the noblest one is he . . . Who quietly accepts his fame with true humility . . . Who knows there are no riches to accumulate on earth . . . By which a man may contemplate his everlasting worth . . . Who is forever mindful of his place upon this sod . . . And that what talent he may have was given him by God . . . He understands his glory was designed and meant to be . . . A part of his Creator's plan for all humanity . . . And when he was selected to fulfill that special part . . . Almighty God expected him to have a humble heart.



RECIPE



French Breakfast Muffins

1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour	1/2 cup milk
1/2 cup sugar	1/3 cup butter or margarine, melted
1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder	1/4 cup sugar
1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg	1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/8 teaspoon salt	1/4 cup butter or margarine, melted
1 egg	

1. In a mixing bowl combine flour, the 1/2 cup sugar, baking powder, nutmeg, and salt. Make a well in the center of the dry ingredients.
2. In another bowl beat egg slightly; stir in milk and 1/3 cup melted butter or margarine. Add egg mixture to flour mixture. Stir just until moistened (the batter may be lumpy). Lightly grease muffin cups. Fill cups about two-thirds full with batter. Bake in a 350 degree oven for 20 to 25 minutes or until muffins are golden.
3. Meanwhile, in a shallow bowl combine the 1/4 cup sugar and cinnamon. Immediately dip tops of hot muffins into the 1/4 cup melted butter or margarine, then into the cinnamon-sugar mixture until coated. Serve warm. Makes 12 muffins.

Selected from *Better Homes and Gardens*

Our American Heritage

By Gertrude Coleman

Our forefathers came to America
Many long years ago;
They sought a place of freedom
Where they could live and grow.

They built a nation strong and good
Where hope and courage thrive;
And every man has equal chance
To work and live and strive.

Their leaders were men of valor
Who made their country great;
They fought their battles,
won their wars,
But never learned to hate.

In science, literature, and art,
Many have won acclaim;
In statesmanship, religion, too,
They also made a name.



They've given us a heritage
Of freedom, faith, and glory.
It is our privilege and our joy
To carry on their story.

We cannot all be presidents,
Or famous men of art;
But each one in his own small way
Can do his own small part.

So let us offer freely
The best we have to give;
And all of us together
Can make America live.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY





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

■ By **PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER**

DURING WORSHIP IN FEBRUARY, we'll continue our study "Jesus the Messiah." This is the third story in our year-long series: The Five Big Stories of the Bible.

This month we'll focus on the teachings of Jesus – teachings as relevant for us now as they were for the people that lived during the time of Jesus.

This month is also the start of the forty-day season of Lent, an opportunity for us to examine our lives, confess our sins, renew our relationship with God, and commit to be better.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18. Bring a guest to worship this month, to Family Skate Night on Sunday evening, February 15, and to the Valentine Prayer Breakfast on Saturday morning, February 21.

February 1 – Holy Communion **"The Sermon on the Mount"** **Matthew 5:1-7:27**

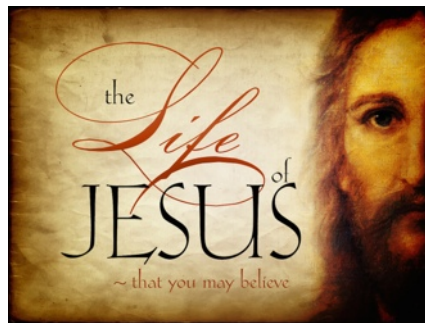
During his ministry Jesus taught us how to live. He starts "The Sermon on the Mount" this way: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted..." (Matt. 5:3-4).

These words speak deeply to all of us. Who hasn't been "down" at some point? Who hasn't suffered loss?

Jesus continues, explaining in a new way what God has always expected of us.

For example, it is understood that murder is the taking of another's life. But God also wants us to understand that "anyone who is angry with his brother or sister" (5:21-22) is also taking life away from another. In the "Sermon on the Mount" Jesus challenges us to live fully as God's people.

February 8 **"Jesus Instructs His Disciples"** **Matthew 10:5-42**



Jesus chose twelve to assist him in his ministry. As he sent them out to minister, he instructed them, "As you go, preach this message: 'The kingdom of heaven is near'" (10:7).

He encouraged, "if people will not listen to you 'let your peace return to you'" (10:13).

He taught them not to lose hope; that God would provide for them. "When they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you" (10:19-20).

As we respond to God's call today to "Invite Others to Christ," Jesus' instructions continue to offer us great encouragement and support.

February 15 – Youth Sunday

Having just returned from the ROCK Youth Retreat in Ocean City, Maryland, our Middle and High School Youth will be leading worship.

The younger children of the congregation will also be helping. Come and show your support for our children and youth.

February 18 – Ash Wednesday **"Jesus Teaches Through Parables"** **Matthew 13:3-52**

Many times Jesus taught using parables – stories from everyday life. He

used situations people encountered in their daily lives to explain life in the kingdom of God.

In the "Parable of the Sower," seed is planted in hard soil, rocky soil, soil overgrown with weeds, and fertile soil. In all but the last, the seed does not grow.

Life as God's people is the same. Jesus teaches us, models life for us, even dies for us and is raised again. Jesus invites us to believe in him and follow him. This is the seed that is planted in us by Jesus.

People respond differently. Some are too "hardened" in their attitude to believe and follow Jesus.

Others get all excited and initially follow but when life becomes "rocky" they turn away.

Some want to believe but their life becomes overgrown with cares and they gradually forget about Jesus.

But it's as true now as it was then – we live good, full lives when we believe in Christ and follow him.

February 22 **"The Meaning of Discipleship"** **Matthew 18:1-35**

Jesus teaches us to be humble – to admit that we can't go it alone, that we're not God, and that we need God (18:1-9).

Jesus teaches us to seek out the lost and help bring them to Christ by showing them God's love (18:10-14).

Jesus teaches us to always seek all the good we can for others, and to do no harm to another (18:15-20).

Jesus teaches us to forgive those who have sinned against us, just as God has forgiven us for the ways we have sinned (18:21-35).

Before turning to Jerusalem and his death on the cross, Jesus was taking the time to teach his followers how to be true disciples.

As we study these verses today, Jesus continues to teach us the true meaning of discipleship.

LENT

Lent is the 40-day period from Ash Wednesday to Easter. It was first observed in the fourth century, and its focus was on self-examination and self-denial in preparation for Easter. Lent is often a time when Christians give up something pleasurable.

Sunday, February 15

Family Roller Skating Party *in* Waynesboro



Photo from last year's skating party

Let's do it again!

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

Food Sale — Lord's Acre style . . . orders due February 1

■ By Fonda Gormer

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			\$ _____

Salem Mission Projects

Missions is the Mission of the Church



Salem Mission Project No. 4



Salem Food Pantry welcomes new volunteer

It is our pleasure to welcome Tara Birriel, who is one of our newest volunteers at our Food Pantry.

Tara, along with her husband Larry and son Jared, moved from Hummelstown, PA, into our area, back in December of 2013.

They purchased the Smith house located next to the Wolfsville Elementary School. You may have seen them hard at work outside and inside renovating this early 1900's home.

They started to attend our church a few months ago. Tara wanted to get more involved in our community, so she asked to help at our Food Pantry. We are so blessed to have her as part of our team!

—Submitted by Dawn Nelson

Salem Mission Project No. 17

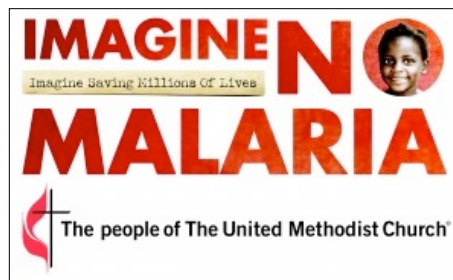


IMAGINE NO MALARIA

KEEP AN EYE ON THE MOSQUITOS—

Fonda Gormer made the display pictured above and placed it in the hallway just outside the Salem sanctuary. It has informative material about Salem's Mission Project No. 17 "Imagine No Malaria."

Notice the mosquito net has little mosquitos all over it. Keep an eye on the mosquitos. Each mosquito represents \$40 dollars toward our goal of \$1,620. When all of the mosquitos are gone from the net and put into the basket, we will have met our goal.



By Fonda Gormer

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 donations will save lives!

Salem has pledged to contribute a total of \$2,820 for this mission project by the end of 2015. One family is donating \$1,200.

If every person in our congregation contributes just \$17 by the end of this year, we will have the remaining \$1,620.

Donations can be made in your offering envelopes or by check made payable to Salem United Methodist Church 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?

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

■ By Heather O'Connor

Hero's Club had a wonderful Christmas Dinner with friends and family. The children prepared and served all the food to their loved ones, and they did a wonderful job. The guests were extremely patient too! Thank you!

The kitchen was a bit crazy cooking up "Jesus in a Blanket" and cookie cutter pizzas. We had many high school helpers on hand along with several adults. Thank you to Dawn Nelson and my sister-in-law, Chris May, from St. Louis!

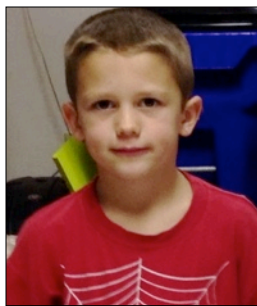
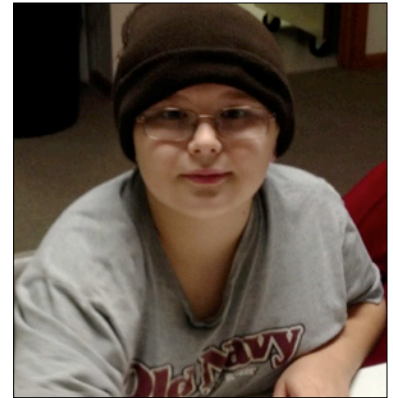
Hero's Club Christmas Dinner was a wonderful lesson for the children to experience how awesome it feels to serve others just like Jesus does in our lives every day!

I know I have said this before, but thank you for supporting this ministry. God is doing great things in the lives of these children.

A bulletin board for us has been approved, and will be placed upstairs soon. It will be a great way for all of you to get to know the children, and keep up with what we are doing. Thank you so much!

I want to express a sincere thank you to Kathy Laky for reaching out to me. She has been very kind and really wants Hero's Club to feel included in Salem's Sunday School program.

Happy New Year to all of you!



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

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

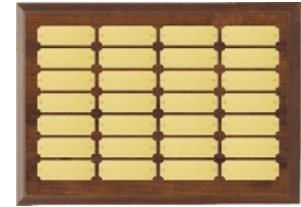
Women's Class

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)

Heavenly Humor

Innocence is Priceless



One Sunday morning, the pastor noticed little Alex standing in the foyer of the church staring up at a large plaque that was covered with names and small American flags mounted on either side of it. The six-year-old had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the pastor walked up, stood beside the little boy, and said quietly, "Good morning Alex."

"Good morning Pastor," he replied, still focused on the plaque. "Pastor, what is this?"

The pastor said, "Well son, it's a memorial to all the young men and women who died in the service."

Soberly, they just stood together, staring at the large plaque. Finally, little Alex's voice, barely audible and trembling with fear asked, "Which service, the 8:00 a.m. or the 10:30?"

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

Some thoughts to ponder . . .

When you open your Bible, ask the Author to open your mind and heart.

Patient waiting is often the highest way of doing God's will.

Perseverance is as much about a strong *won't* as a strong *will*.

When the Word of God is within us, it flows out from our life.

The Mountain Shepherd

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Address Services Requested

TWO WORSHIP SERVICES

— Every Sunday —

9:00 a.m. Traditional

10:15 a.m. Sunday School

11:15 a.m. Contemporary

February 2015

Place Stamp Here

