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Spaghetti Dinner

Friday, April 24
5 to 9 p.m.
Salem Social Room
Spaghetti
Salad - Garlic Bread - Drink
Cost: Your Donation
- Youth Group Fundraiser -
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Celebrate Holy Week & Easter at Salem



April 17, 2014

Last year's portrayal, from left, Denny Leatherman, Richard Harshman, Vernon Stottlemeyer, Patrick Boyton, Bill Buhrman, Robin Haupt, Michael Burrier, George Stottlemeyer, Gary Barkdoll, Jim Laky, Bobby Fogle, Donald Stottlemeyer, and Brandon Leatherman.

Salem to portray "The Last Supper" on Holy Thursday, April 2

The Salem United Methodist Church, Wolfsville, will present a living dramatization of Leonardo da Vinci's "The Last Supper," on Holy Thursday, April 2, at 7:00 p.m.

Church members will attempt to duplicate the look and feel of da Vinci's famous painting, where he chose what he considered to be the most dramatic moment of The Last Supper, that moment just after Jesus said, "One of you will betray me."

Instantly, the 12 apostles became men of 12 different moods. The only composed person was Jesus himself. In the excitement, Judas overturned the container of salt... and Peter drew his knife. Some of the apostles just stared at Jesus in amazement... some just looked at each other in disbelief.

At the beginning of the service, the apostles will move up the main aisle, take their places at the table, and casually mingle. Jesus will then proceed up the aisle and take His place at the table. Once Jesus takes his place, Jesus and the apostles will go into a



Leonardo da Vinci (Italian, 1452-1519)
Last Supper (1495-98)

motionless pose like the ones in the painting. Each will come out of their pose only to speak.

In turn, the 12 apostles speak their minds to themselves, to each other, and to Jesus. They are reflecting on the tragic words which they had just heard Jesus speak. Those words being, "One of you will betray me." Each end their dialog with the dramatic words "Is it I?"

Holy Communion will be served, first to the apostles, then to the congregation. Everyone is invited to attend.

Community Sunrise Service at St. John's Lutheran

This year, the Community Easter Sunrise Service will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church, Church Hill Road, at 6:30 a.m. The Wolfsville Ruritan Club serves refreshments following the service. This service is rotated among 6 area churches.

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- 2015 - St. John's Lutheran
 - 2016 - Salem United Methodist
 - 2017 - St. Mark's Lutheran
 - 2018 - Grossnickle Church of the Brethren
 - 2019 - Pleasant Walk United Methodist
 - 2020 - Garfield United Methodist



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Salem Membership Statistics:
Current Membership: 239
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.

Go  **2015 MISSION PROJECTS**

| | | MONTHLY MINIMUM | PAID Jan-Feb |
|----|---|-----------------|--------------|
| 1 | Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer (Retired New Tribes Mission) | \$204 | \$408.00 |
| 2 | Operation Christmas Child (Postage paid in November) | ----- | \$0.00 |
| 3 | Salem Mission & Outreach (Local needs) | ----- | \$160.00 |
| 4 | Salem Food Pantry (Open Tuesdays 6:00-7:00 p.m.) | ----- | \$248.58 |
| 5 | Mary E. (Africa Inland Mission) | \$85 | \$185.00 |
| 6 | United Methodist Board of Child Care (Auxiliary & Direct Support) | ----- | \$88.00 |
| 7 | Gideons (Frederick West Camp - Distributing Bibles) | \$110 | \$220.00 |
| 8 | Potato Project (Society of St. Andrew, Big Island, VA) | \$60 | \$120.00 |
| 9 | Middletown High School (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) | \$47 | \$94.00 |
| 10 | Mission Trip (Destination to be determined) | ----- | \$0.00 |
| 11 | Ronnie & Angi Hopkins (Nicaragua) | \$64 | \$128.00 |
| 12 | Care Net Pregnancy Center (Frederick, MD) | \$64 | \$184.00 |
| 13 | Compassion International (Sponsored child in India) | \$38 | \$76.00 |
| 14 | Local Mission Projects (Local repair or renovation needs) | ----- | \$0.00 |
| 15 | Hero’s Club After School Ministry (Pre-K through Grade 5) | ----- | \$580.15 |
| 16 | World Vision (Sponsored child in Colombia) | \$35 | \$70.00 |
| 17 | Imagine No Malaria in Africa (Pay December 2015) | ----- | \$0.00 |

2015 Goal: **\$17,076** • Total Mission Offering to date: **\$2,601.00** • % of Goal: **15%**

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 |

JOIN US FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER SUNDAY

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday, March 29

9:00 & 11:15 a.m. Worship
Sermon: "The Final Week"
Matthew 21:1-25:46

Holy Thursday, April 2

7:00 p.m.
Holy Communion
"The Last Supper" by Salem members

Good Friday, April 3

7:00 p.m.
Adult Choir & Works in Progress Praise Band
"Jesus' Crucifixion & Death"

Holy Saturday, April 4

12 Noon to 12 Midnight
Prayer Vigil in Salem sanctuary

Community Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 4

2:00 p.m. at Salem
Refreshments following the egg hunt

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, April 5

Community Sunrise Service
6:30 a.m.
St. John's Lutheran Church
Church Hill Road
Refreshments by Wolfsville Ruritan Club

Sunday, April 5

9:00 & 11:15 a.m. Worship
Holy Communion
Sermon: "Jesus' Resurrection"
10:15 a.m. Sunday School (No Classes)
Children's Choir & Children's Recitations
in sanctuary



Salem United Methodist Church Annual Easter Egg Hunt

For ages 12 and under

Saturday
April 4, 2015 2:00 p.m.



Light refreshments and fellowship
will follow the Easter Egg Hunt.

We hear the **Easter Bunny** will be
dropping by.

Volunteers are needed
at 1:00 p.m. to hide eggs.

For more information contact
Caroline Buhrman 301-293-2069

Spaghetti Dinner to Benefit Salem Youth Activities set for April 24



By Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer

Looking for a way to support our youth? Would you like dinner out on Friday night after a long work week?

The Salem Youth will be holding a spaghetti dinner on Friday, April 24, from 5:00-9:00 p.m.

A free will offering will be collected. The money collected will be used to offset costs associated with the Salem youth activities.

Please come and invite your family and friends to join us for dinner. We will also provide dinners to go, if requested.

If you can't join us in April, please mark your calendars for May 15, when we will be holding another spaghetti dinner.

Pastor's Bible Study set for April 12, 19, & 26

5:00-6:00 p.m.

"Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts"

Sign up on the bulletin board
or contact Pastor Bob



You are invited to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Myersville, for a concert presented by the Confederation Center Children's Chorus (pictured above), from Prince Edward Island, Canada, on Thursday, April 16, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. Host families in the Myersville/Wolfsville area are providing lodging for the children. Lois Kuhn is the contact.

Pastor Appointments Underway in Baltimore-Washington Conference

The Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church has begun making pastor appointments and reassignments for 2015.

Twenty-three appointments have been made as of March 23. The following are of local interest:

- Pastor Al Deal is appointed to Salem UMC in Keedysville, in addition to Mount Zion UMC in Sabillasville.
- Rev. David W. Simpson is appointed to Calvary UMC in Frederick, from the Baltimore-Washington Conference staff.
- Rev. Alice Ford is appointed to Glenelg UMC in Glenelg, from Calvary UMC in Frederick.

- Pastor Beth Williams is appointed to Middletown UMC in Middletown, as the full-time associate pastor from a part-time position.

- Pastor Elizabeth LeMaster is appointed as the associate pastor at Wesley Freedom UMC in Eldersburg, from Salem UMC in Keedysville.
- Rev. Sarah Dorrance is appointed to Middletown UMC in Middletown, from Taylorsville UMC in Mt. Airy.

Twelve pastors are retiring in July 2015. There is one of local interest:

- Rev. Susan Halse, Middletown UMC

Attendance Offerings

February 2015

| | | Worship* | | Sunday School | |
|-----|----|----------|------------|---------------|----------|
| Feb | 1 | 93 | \$2,436.00 | 63 | \$277.50 |
| Feb | 8 | 100 | 1,768.25 | 37 | 129.50 |
| Feb | 15 | 96 | 2,536.86 | 50 | 142.25 |
| Feb | 22 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 |

*Worship attendance & offerings include both worship services.

- Missions: \$870.00
 - Building Fund: \$110.00
 - Pavilion Fund: \$60.00
 - Cemetery Endowment Fund: \$5.00
- (Missions, Building Fund offerings, etc. are not included in Worship & Sunday School offerings above.)
(Services were cancelled February 22 due to snow.)*

| Average Attendance | | |
|--------------------|---------|---------------|
| | Worship | Sunday School |
| Feb | 96 | 50 |
| Jan | 89 | 56 |
| Dec | 94 | 56 |
| Nov | 87 | 53 |
| Oct | 87 | 52 |

Average Attendance Jan-Feb 2015
 Sunday Worship: 92
 Sunday School: 54

New Laptop and Software Purchased

We have finally taken the step to upgrade the church laptop and EasyWorship software. The laptop is used every Sunday in our 11:15 a.m. contemporary service, occasionally in our 9:00 a.m. traditional service, and at various other special services.

The old laptop was showing its age. It was beginning to struggle with the latest video media, causing our worship videos and audio to skip to varying degrees. The Wifi and battery also have not worked for several years. It has been a very good machine (8 years of use is remarkable), but it was time to upgrade.

We were also running a dated version of EasyWorship software. The software had been revised three times since our 2006 purchase but we never upgraded. The latest version was just released at the beginning of 2015.

It was surprisingly difficult to find a machine that included the features we needed at a reasonable price. But, after much research, we found a model made by MSI that had exactly the features we needed and no more. We were impressed by the specs and build quality and the features needed to smoothly run EasyWorship and the increasing availability of HD video. We began using the new machine on Sunday, March 15, and it worked without a hitch.

Our thanks to Michael Burrier and Jim Laky for their research and advice to help us find a laptop that meets our requirements, at a reasonable price.

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 Payment Solutions, 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*



April

Calendar of Events



- Thu 2 Holy Thursday "The Last Supper"** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Fri 3 Good Friday Service** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Sat 4 Prayer Vigil** - 12 noon to 12 midnight
- Sat 4 Community Easter Egg Hunt** - 2:00 p.m. at Salem
- Sun 5 Community Sunrise Service** - 6:30 a.m. at St. John's Lutheran, Church Hill Road
- Sun 5 Holy Communion** - 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. at Salem
- Sun 5 Children's Program** - 10:15 a.m. at Salem sanctuary (no Sunday School classes)
- Wed 8 UMW Bee-lievers** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem (a change from normal meeting date due to Holy Week)
- Thu 9 Administrative Council meeting** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Sun 12 Bible Study begins "Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts"** - 5:00-6:00 p.m. at Salem
- Sat 18 Youth Trip to Hershey Park**
- Mon 20 Wolfsville Ruritan Club Dinner** - at Salem - 2 p.m. prepare, 7 p.m. serve
- Fri 24 Spaghetti Dinner** - 5:00-9:00 p.m. at Salem (Youth Fundraiser)

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 on 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

1. **E-Mail** — We are currently sending this newsletter to 186 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.



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IT'S A BOY

Landon Ray Lafferty

Congratulations to Dan and Jamie Lafferty, 19830 Bennie Drive, Hagerstown, on the birth of their first child, a son, Landon Ray Lafferty. Landon was born on February 21, at 3:40 p.m. He was 8 pounds 6 ounces at birth, and 21 inches long. Proud grandparents are Donald and Susie Stottlemeyer, Wolfsville; and Uncle Scott and Aunt Sandy Miller, Smithsburg.

Adult Choir Notes

- By Sandy Lewis
Adult Choir Director

After a busy time of Holy Week Services, the choir will take a brief break on Tuesday, April 7, and continue practices on April 14 and through the rest of the month.



Thanks to everyone in our choir for making this joyous time of Easter celebration special by giving of your time and talents.

Revelation 5:12 "In a loud voice they sang: Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!"

"Full House" at Children's Time at our 11:15 a.m. Family Friendly Contemporary Service on Sunday, March 22, 2015.



Who's Doing What, When?

| 9:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP | | APRIL |
|---|--|--|
| Lay Readers 5 - Robin Haupt 12 - Melissa Thornton 19 - Donald Stottlemeyer 26 - Gary Barkdoll | Ushers 5 - Dick Kline & Steve Leatherman 12 - Vernon Stottlemeyer & Robin Haupt 19 - Donald Stottlemeyer & Meredith Harshman 26 - Philip Koons & Brandon Leatherman | Music 5 - Sara Weitzel 12 - Works in Progress 19 - Susan Koons 26 - Susan Koons |
| Greeters 5 - Randy & Brenda Freysz 12 - Steve & Joann Leatherman 19 - George, Barbie, & Matthew Stottlemeyer 26 - Patrick Boyton & Melissa Thornton | Acolytes 5 - Jadie Buhrman 12 - Kenslie Buhrman 19 - Jared Lenhart 26 - Joshua Koons | |
| 11:15 A.M. CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP An informal FAMILY FRIENDLY service with contemporary Christian music, pastor's message, children's time, sharing of joys and concerns, and prayer. | | Music Apr 12 - Works in Progress Praise Band Apr 26 - Works in Progress Praise Band |

It's Your Day!

April Anniversaries

- 2 - Jennifer & Clay Waite
- 2 - Bill & Darlene Burrier
- 10 - Michael & Jennifer Burrier
- 23 - George & Judith Harne
- 25 - Robert & Mary Cline

April Birthdays

- 1 - Travis Keller
- 4 - Joey Hawkins
- 4 - Paula Main
- 8 - Connie Crunkleton
- 9 - Melanie Adams
- 9 - Sophie Wagaman
- 10 - Emily Stottlemeyer
- 11 - Philip Koons
- 11 - Annabelle Martin
- 11 - Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer
- 12 - Charlotte Wisner
- 13 - Mason Crutchley
- 16 - Adam Stottlemeyer
- 17 - Delphine Zimmerman
- 17 - Judy Hamilton
- 18 - Dennis Leatherman
- 19 - Camden Raynor
- 20 - Ali Robinson
- 21 - Amy Ellis
- 22 - Richard Kline
- 23 - Craig Brown
- 24 - Jennifer Gormer
- 24 - Vernon Stottlemeyer

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**
- Mar 29-Apr 5 - Holy Week and Easter Dramatic Presentations
 - Apr 18 - Hershey Park Trip
 - Apr 24 - Spaghetti Dinner 5-9 p.m.
Fundraiser for Youth Activities
 - May 29-30 - Progressive Dinner & Lock-In
 - May 15 - Spaghetti Dinner 5-9 p.m.
Fundraiser for Youth Activities
 - 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)

April Birthdays (continued)

- 24 - Barbara Stottlemeyer
- 24 - Jase Wesley Haddock
- 29 - Karen DeLauter
- 30 - Payton Robinson

NOTE: To have your anniversary or birthday added, contact Bill Burrier.

Holy Communion

Easter Sunday, April 5, 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.

Think About This...

More is accomplished by folding the hands than by wringing them.



Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman



INSPIRATIONAL
Reading

Spring's Awakening

By Catherine Janssen Irwin

Today I heard a robin sing
And my joyous heart took wing.
Spring has lavishly arrived
As Mother Earth comes alive.

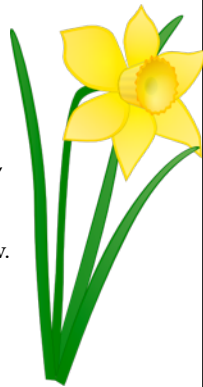
Dogwood trees reach for the skies,
Tulips bloom before my eyes.
Birds wing swiftly to and fro,
Sing the sweetest songs they know.

Hills and valleys are revived,
Buttercups and bluebells thrive,
Fish enliven streams and brooks,
Woodland babes fill cozy nooks.

Little children romp and tease,
Butterflies glide on the breeze
I smell the fragrance of the rose,
Feel velvet grass between my toes.

I thank our gracious Lord above
For His precious gifts of love,
Expressed in effervescent Spring
And every vibrant living thing.

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman



Renewal

By Barbara Cagle Ray

Spring brings with it a renewal
Of the faith God's children share.
I look around and hope abounds,
As blossoms burst forth everywhere.

Each tree is turning leafy green;
Sit beneath its boughs and see —
You'll feel as though you're sharing
God's wondrous love and hospitality!

The songbirds make my heart rejoice,
And fragrant flowers feed my soul.
Bulbs push forth from frozen earth
And transform to daffodils of gold!

Spring was made for weary souls;
Just one more blessing God does send —
For all things bright and beautiful
Seem to renew man's faith again.



Give thanks to the Lord who is good,
whose love endures forever! *Psalm 107:1*



RECIPE



Baked Corn & Broccoli Pudding

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|--|------------------|
| 4 tablespoons butter | 1/3 cup flour |
| 4 cups broccoli florets | 2 teaspoons salt |
| 4 cups corn kernels | 1 teaspoon sugar |
| Grated zest of 1 lemon (yellow part only) | 4 eggs |
| Freshly ground black pepper | 1 cup milk |

1. Use 1 tablespoon of the butter to butter a 9" x 13" baking dish. Arrange the broccoli florets at each end of the dish. Put the corn in the center. Sprinkle the lemon zest over the broccoli, and grind pepper over the corn.
2. In a bowl, combine the flour, salt, sugar, and remaining butter. Gradually add the eggs and mix well. Stir in the milk to make a thin batter. Pour over the vegetables.
3. Bake in a preheated 350 degree oven for 1 hour until the egg mixture is set and firm. Bake longer, if needed. To test the pudding, insert a silver knife in the center. It is ready when the knife comes out clean.

Selected from Betty Groff's Country Goodness Cookbook



Easter Sunrise

By Donita M. Dyer

Just before the hour of sunrise
On that morning long ago,
Christ arose in glorious triumph,
For God ordained it so.

He spoke to friends in the garden
Before He went away,
To prove the sweet reality
Of that first Easter Day!

The dim light of the breaking dawn
Reflected on His face.
And it turned that shadowy garden
Into a lovely place.

And still today, on Easter Morn,
Though centuries have gone by,
We reverently bow in worship
And lift hearts to sanctify.

In awe we watch the sun's gold beams
As they glide into view,
For they tint the veiled horizon
In rich resplendent hue.

The sun now shines as if inspired,
In just the same bright way
That it reflected His dear face
On that glad Easter Day.

IN SYMPATHY

W. Brent Blickenstaff

The Salem congregation wishes to express its deepest sympathy to the family of Brent Blickenstaff, 58, who passed away Wednesday, February 25, 2015, at Citizens Nursing Home in Frederick.

Brent was a member of Salem Church, and interestingly, was a direct descendent of the Hoover family who founded Salem Church, 196 years ago, in 1819.

Brent's father, George, grew up in the Hoover house at the corner of Wolfsville and Harp Hill Roads, and Brent lived in a home on the property. His grandmother, Gladys, was a Hoover before marrying Harry Blickenstaff.

Brent had many interests including Civil War history, and his ancestry certainly has a rich pre-Civil War history in Wolfsville.

A funeral service was held on March 2, at Salem, with Pastor Bob Snyder officiating. Burial was in Salem's Cemetery, where many of Brent's ancestors are also buried.



Pastor's Notes... and Worship in April

■ By PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER

Most of us will be receiving this newsletter on or before Palm Sunday, the start of Holy Week. Please pay attention to Holy Week. It is a special opportunity each year to come close to God and stay close all week long, experiencing his love, wisdom, power, and care.

If it hasn't been part of your routine, I really encourage you this year to attend all the Holy Week services: Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, and Good Friday. Also, on Holy Saturday, participate in the Prayer Vigil and bring your family to the Easter Egg Hunt.

I can pretty much guarantee that your encounter with God on Easter Sunday will be more fruitful because you attended the Holy Week services leading up to Sunday. I believe the time you invest will be rewarded.

Easter Sunday this year will be the kick-off of a five-week worship series titled, "The People of God Gathered and Sent." This is the fourth of the "Five Big Stories of the Bible" we have been studying since the fall of last year. Weekly worship themes in this series are summarized below.

Last, please mark your calendars for the Spaghetti Dinner on April 24th. All proceeds from the free will offering will go to support Salem's youth ministry.

Hang in there, warmer weather is almost here! God Bless, *Pastor Bob*

**April 5 – Easter Sunday
Holy Communion
"Jesus' Resurrection, Our Response"
Matthew 28: 1-10**

As a mental exercise, believers will agree that Jesus' death and resurrection changed our future. We are saved. After we die, we are going to heaven. But have these gifts from God changed our hearts? Have they changed the way we live in the world right now? Jesus' death and



resurrection are as much about the way we live our lives each day as they are about our life after death. Our resurrection lives start now, in the present, and continue on after our earthly lives come to an end.

Jesus' death and resurrection can't just be a mental exercise ending in "I believe." Our proper response is to put those words into action: to live in Christ, to follow Christ now, to strive to become more and more like Christ now in the present. God's great acts of love call for us to act.

**April 12 – Second Sunday of Easter
Story #4 - The People of God
Gathered and Sent
"The Church – Formed by God"**

Acts 2:1 states, "When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place." Verse 4 continues, "All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit."

The church was not invented by humans! The church was formed by God. God led those first disciples together to be the Church and then God filled the church with the Holy Spirit.

God continues to do so now. The church is a particular place where God chooses to be present. If God loves the church this much, shouldn't we love the church too?

Some people will say, "I don't need to go to church to be a Christian." I

believe that kind of thinking really leaves God disappointed.

**April 19 – Third Sunday of Easter
Story #4 - The People of God
Gathered and Sent**

"The Church – Our Place of Worship"

Church is a place where God reveals God's-self to us and instructs us (Acts 2:14-37). When we worship God on Sunday mornings, we encounter God directly and God also comes to us through those worshipping with us. As we praise and worship God on Sundays; as we grow in our faith in Sunday school; as we fellowship together before and after worship — in all these ways, God is at work for our good.

Would we approach church differently if we knew Christ was waiting to meet us at the door of our church each week? He is! And Christ has the power to change our lives for the better. Some people can't physically make it to church. God knows that and understands.

**April 26 – Fourth Sunday of Easter
Story #4 - The People of God
Gathered and Sent**

**"The Church –
Where We Grow in Faith"**

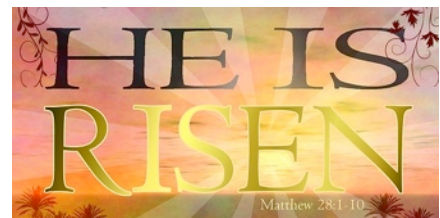
Acts 2:42 states, "They devoted themselves to the apostle's teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of the bread and to prayer."

And Acts 46, "Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people."

As we worship, attend Sunday school and Bible studies, participate in small groups, and serve together at church, we help each other grow in faith.

We learn that we're an important part of the body of Christ; we discover the spiritual gifts God has given us; and we learn to share them with others to build up the body.

More and more we learn and see how God created us to live in such a community.



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

I would like to begin by thanking the church for the Hero's Club bulletin board that is now upstairs in the social room! Please stop by and check out what we have been up to.

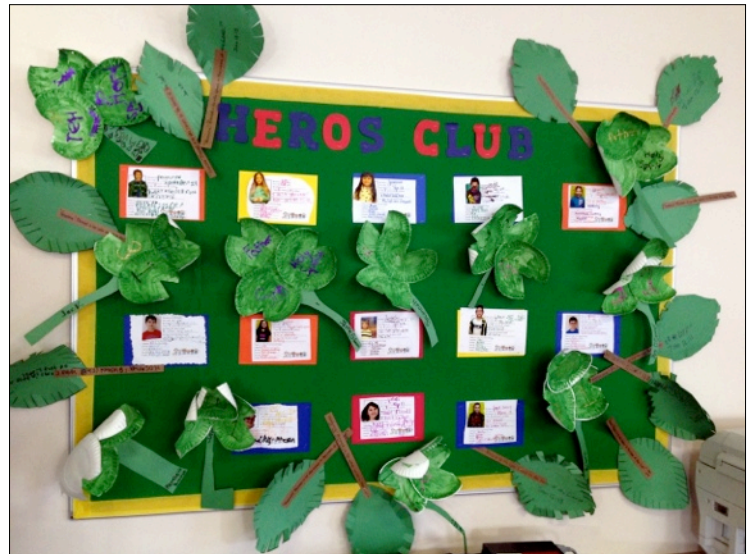
After Easter, Kathy Laky and I are planning on beginning a "Pen-Pal" experience between Salem's Sunday School Youth and the children in Hero's Club. The children will be exchanging letters periodically and anonymously. Then at the end of Hero's Club in June, we will have a "Reveal Party" where they can meet each other! Sounds like great FUN!

We are still looking for an adult to help out with the weekly craft. It doesn't take much time... it's the favorite part of the day for the children, and all expenses are reimbursed by the church! Also, I can give you craft ideas that go along with the lesson or you can come up with them on your own. It doesn't get much better than that!

Hero's Club is every Monday that Frederick County Public Schools are in session at Salem United Methodist Church from 3:30-6 p.m. Please contact me at 240-344-8851 if you are interested.

The school year is flying by and before we know it, June 8th will be here and it will be time to say good-bye to the Hero's Club participants! Many Blessings,

—Heather O'Connor



New Hero's Club bulletin board in Salem's social room. Stop by and check out what we have been up to. Hero's Club is Salem's After School Ministry and is held every Monday when school is in session. Children are walked from the Wolfsville Elementary School to the church. Parents then pick up the children at 6 p.m. —Photo by Heather O'Connor

Salem Mission Project No. 9

Middletown High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Dear Salem Church:

Just wanted you to know that your monthly contributions from Salem allowed our "Fellowship of Christian Athletes" group to donate \$300 to the Claire Knight fund after she recently died in a car accident.

Thanks for all you do to shine for Christ!
—Tim Leber, MHS FCA

Salem Mission Project No. 4

Food Pantry moved to new location at Salem

The Food Pantry has been moved from the social room to a room on the lower level of the educational building. A thank you to those who helped with the move: Tara Birriel, Dennis Draper, Caroline Buhrman, Anita and Richard Harshman, Barbie Stottlemeyer, Nancy and Bill Ferguson, and Fonda Gormer. Photo at right shows arranging food in the new space.

Photo by Dawn Nelson



The Food Pantry's new larger space at Salem

Salem Mission Projects

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Salem Mission Project No. 17

Imagine No Malaria

■ By Fonda Gormer

Have you ever had a mosquito bite? Most of us have. Fortunately few of us in the United States contracted malaria from our mosquito bite, because our mosquito does not carry the deadly bacteria.

In other countries, the residents are not so fortunate. One such country is Guinea, on the continent of Africa. Half of the 12 million people of Guinea have no access to health centers, and may die unreported. In 2013, some 15,000 Guineans died from malaria. 14,000 of them were younger than 5 years old. Malaria is the leading cause of death in those younger than 5 in Guinea, and, after AIDS, the leading cause of adult deaths.

Early symptoms of malaria are fever, chills, headaches, and nausea. Left untreated, malaria causes convulsions, coma, organ failure and death. Because these symptoms are very similar to those of Ebola, which has killed over 1600 Guineans, Guineans are scared to go to the available health facilities. Doctors are hesitant to do finger prick blood tests to diagnose malaria. Patients are sometimes turned away from centers if they have Ebola-like symptoms. These malaria deaths can be eliminated, through prevention, education, communication and treatment. The "Imagine No Malaria" effort of the United Methodist Church aims to do just that.

Salem had committed to raising \$1620 for "Imagine No Malaria". There is a display in the church foyer with "mosquitoes" on a net (see above photo). For each \$40 contributed, a mosquito will be swatted from the net. Thus far, 12 mosquitoes have been swatted—we have 29 to go before December 31, 2015.

Photo by Bill Burrier



Imagine No Malaria mission project. With each \$40 contribution, one mosquito will be swatted from our net. We have 29 to go before December 31, 2015.

So, as spring arrives, bringing mosquitoes to buzz in our ears, consider a donation to "Imagine No Malaria". Donations can be placed in the offering plate on Sunday morning, designating "Imagine No Malaria" on your check or weekly offering envelope. Special envelopes are also available on the display table. Or if you would like to mail a contribution, send your check to Salem United Methodist Church, 12477 Wolfsville Road, Myersville, MD 21773.

Salem Mission Project No. 4

Food Pantry at Salem

■ By Dawn Nelson

For years, the Community Foundation of Frederick County has translated simple good intentions into powerful acts of philanthropy that build a stronger, more vibrant community, not only for today, but for tomorrow as well. They have guided thousands of generous Frederick County citizens, like you, in contributing to existing funds, and even creating new ones that capture their unique visions. These funds provide scholarships to students pursuing their educational dreams, and grants to area nonprofits. And as a result, each scholarship, each grant, enhances the quality of life for all who call Frederick County home.

Our Food Pantry was blessed recently by receiving a grant from The Community Foundation of Frederick County. They paid \$242.75 of our \$485.49 bill at the Maryland Food Bank. God is so good. Not only did we have half of our bill paid, but last Tuesday we had 7 families come and take many of our inventory items. The following Sunday, Grossnickle Church of Brethren did their annual spring collection and donated a station wagon full of food. Then on the same day, Wolfsville Elementary notified us that they were going to do a food drive for our Food Pantry.

Photo by Dawn Nelson



Grossnickle Church of the Brethren once again provided our pantry food, when our storage shelves were bare after a large food pantry Tuesday night. We are so grateful for their continuing support.

God always provides for us when He knows we need it! Please continue to pray for these families!

Scenes from the . . .

Seniors' Appreciation Luncheon

THEME: WELCOME TO THE 70's

Photos by Wanda & Camilo Barkdoll

■ By Donna Snyder

What a blessing! This was our 6th Annual Seniors' Appreciation Luncheon presented by Salem's Youth Group, held on Sunday, March 15, 2015.

The theme was "Welcome to the 70's". . . The youth came dressed in some very creative ways! They served meatloaf, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, salad (topped with Annabelle's famous dressing) and dinner rolls. Following a colorful sherbet dessert, our seniors' shared some stories about their childhood. We heard about drive-in movies, cost of a car (\$3,000), picking beans and the reasons some of them were sent to the principal's office! Door prizes were drawn and the lucky winners were Delphine Zimmerman, Bill Buhman and Dick Kline.

The youth and our seniors love this event. It is a wonderful opportunity for our youth to honor our seniors and for our seniors to take a step back in time. God Bless our Seniors! Until next year . . .



OUR YOUTH "DRESSED THE PART" AND SERVED THE MEAL



Sunday School Classes

Every Sunday 10:15 - 11:00 a.m.



Children, Infant to 4 years

Teacher: Caroline Buhrman

Children, Grades K to 3

Teachers: Michael & Jennifer Burrier

Children, Grades 4 to 6

Teachers: Joy Young, Melissa Thornton, Patrick Boyton, Kathy Laky

Youth, Grades 7 to 12

Teacher: Fonda Gormer

Adult Discussion Group - Couples & Singles

Teacher: Bill Burrier

Men's Class

Teachers: George Harne, Bobby Fogle, Meredith Harshman, and Dennis Leatherman

Women's Class

Teachers: Mary Cline & Darlene Burrier

Jesus said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. —Mark 16:15 New International Version (NIV)



Church Announcement Bloopers

- The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.
- At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.
- Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 p.m. - prayer and medication to follow.
- The eighth graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the church basement Friday at 7 p.m. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.
- Weight Watchers will meet at 7 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.
- Don't let worry kill you off — let the church help.

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

Some thoughts to ponder . . .

Suffering can be like a magnet that draws the Christian close to Christ.

The cross of Christ reveals man's sin at its worst and God's love at its best.

With God behind you and His arms beneath you, you can face whatever lies ahead.

The risen Christ opens the door for you to have fullness of life.

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

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