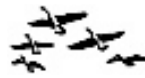


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Community Plant Sale, Yard Sale & Food Sale at Salem — Sat. May 9

8 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Photo from last year's plant sale. From left Barbie Stottlemeyer and Wanda Barkdoll help Cathie Elsbach select just the right flowers for her garden.

By Fonda Gormer

A plant sale and community yard sale will be held on Saturday, May 9, from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Salem's parking lot in Wolfsville.

A variety of vegetable and flowering plants will be available for purchase for Mother's Day and spring planting.

Hot dogs, steamers, sausage and ham sandwiches, beverages and baked items will be available.

Spaces for the yard sale are offered free of charge, but donations would be appreciated. Families may use a space, or donations will be accepted for a "church table." Donations for the "church table" should be at the church, priced, if possible, by Friday, May 8.

Proceeds will benefit the Salem Bee-

* FOOD MENU *

Sausage Sandwiches
Hot Dogs
Steamers
Ham Sandwiches
Baked Goods
Beverages

lievers, a women's group that provides support to many of the programs at Salem.

There is no rain date. To reserve a table, or for more information, you may call me at 301-293-2436 or Barbie Stottlemeyer at 301-293-2372. And come out on May 9th — you never know what bargains you may find!



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Current Membership: 239
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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-Mar
1	Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer (Retired New Tribes Mission)	\$204	\$612.00
2	Operation Christmas Child (Postage paid in November)	-----	\$0.00
3	Salem Mission & Outreach (Local needs)	-----	\$516.24
4	Salem Food Pantry (Open Tuesdays 6:00-7:00 p.m.)	-----	\$409.99
5	Mary E. (Africa Inland Mission)	\$85	\$335.00
6	United Methodist Board of Child Care (Auxiliary & Direct Support)	-----	\$88.00
7	Gideons (Frederick West Camp - Distributing Bibles)	\$110	\$330.00
8	Potato Project (Society of St. Andrew, Big Island, VA)	\$60	\$180.00
9	Middletown High School (Fellowship of Christian Athletes)	\$47	\$141.00
10	Mission Trip (Destination to be determined)	-----	\$0.00
11	Ronnie & Angi Hopkins (Nicaragua)	\$64	\$192.00
12	Care Net Pregnancy Center (Frederick, MD)	\$64	\$248.00
13	Compassion International (Sponsored child in India)	\$38	\$114.00
14	Local Mission Projects (Local repair or renovation needs)	-----	\$0.00
15	Hero’s Club After School Ministry (Pre-K through Grade 5)	-----	\$901.54
16	World Vision (Sponsored child in Colombia)	\$35	\$105.00
17	Imagine No Malaria in Africa (Pay December 2015)	-----	\$0.00

2015 Goal: **\$17,076** • Total Mission Offering to date: **\$4,491.82** • % of Goal: **26%**

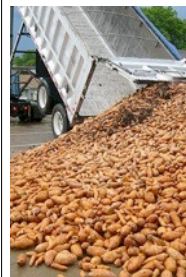
Here’s how you can give . . .

1. Make checks payable to Salem United Methodist Church, or place cash in an envelope marked “Missions.”
2. Tell us which mission project(s) you wish to support by making a note on your check or envelope.

3. Place your contributions in the offering plate at Sunday worship or mail to Salem.

If you do not designate a project, your contribution will be distributed to the project or projects needing funds to meet the monthly minimum payout goals.

SALEM MISSION PROJECT No. 8



SOCIETY OF ST. ANDREW
Potato Project
Big Island, Virginia

Thank you, Salem UMC, for your monthly support of our ministry to feed hungry Americans. By giving to the Society of St. Andrew you ensure that fresh, nutritious produce will reach tables of those in our nation who don’t have enough to eat.

Much of the food the Society of St. Andrew salvages by the tractor-trailer load or gleans from fields would end up in landfills without our intervention. Instead of letting it go to waste, we make sure it goes to feed hungry Americans.

Through the Society of St. Andrew, it costs only 6 cents a pound to salvage and share fresh produce with feeding agencies. Over the next 15 months, our goal is to “Feed 50 Million,” by distributing 50 million pounds of food. You have heard Jesus’ call to feed those who would otherwise go without. We pray God’s richest blessings on your congregation as you continue to do the will and work of our Lord.

LADIES NIGHT OUT planned for May 13

■ **By Fonda Gormer**

Ladies of Salem! It's time for our annual Ladies Night Out! Bring female family members and friends!

We are going to Mountain Gate Family Restaurant in Thurmont on Wednesday, May 13. We will meet for the buffet meal at 6:30 p.m., followed by a brief program.

If the menfolk want to go to Mountain Gate that evening, they are in charge of their own arrangements. Sorry guys!

Reservations must be made by May 6. Sign up on the bulletin board in the

Prices include buffet meal, beverage, tax and tip:

- Adults \$14.05
- Ages 5-12 7.15
- Ages 3-4 1.81
- Ages 2 & under Free*

*A small cup fee may be charged if a beverage is purchased for the toddler

church hallway, or contact me at 301-293-2436 or fonda.gormer@comcast.net



May 28-30, 2015

Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference

The 231st Baltimore-Washington Conference annual session, held this year on May 28-30, at the Waterfront Marriott Hotel in Baltimore, is an opportunity for United Methodists from 631 churches in Washington, D.C., Maryland, the panhandle of West Virginia and Bermuda to gather for worship, fellowship, learning and holy conferencing as they conduct the business of the church.

Spaghetti Dinner to Benefit Salem Youth Activities... set for Friday, May 15



■ **By Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer**

If you missed the dinner in April, here is another opportunity to support the Salem Youth and their activities.

The Salem Youth will be holding another spaghetti dinner on Friday, May 15, from 5:00-9:00 p.m. A free will offering will be collected. The money collected will be used to off-set costs associated with the Salem youth activities.

After a long week, let us prepare your dinner and have it ready for you! Please come and invite your family and friends to join us for dinner. We will also provide dinners to go if requested. The Youth thanks everybody for their support.



In honor of MEMORIAL DAY, Salem Church recognizes our nation's veterans who are buried at Salem's Cemetery. The church will place flags at these grave sites.

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| Lloyd Bear | Robert Woodrow Heefner | Raymond W. Kline |
| Robert Bear | William H. Horn | Merhle K. Martin |
| Aaron Craver | Agnes Kemerer | Ronald L. McLucas |
| Rodger Lee Eccard | Verne F. Kemerer | Joseph M. Nusbaum |
| Joseph R. Farsht | Alvey G. Kline | William H. Shuff |
| Elmer R. Finneyfrock | Ary M. Kline | Gaither E. Stotelmeyer |
| James Richard Frey | Carroll M. Kline | Paul Weiss |
| Harold G. Harne | Gaither W. Kline | |
| Francis C. Harshman | Lawrence S. Kline | |



HOLD THE DATE FOR VBS

The Wolfsville Community Vacation Bible School is scheduled for July 13-17, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., at St. Mark's Lutheran Church. "Everest - Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power" will be the theme. Look for more info in future newsletters.

Works in Progress Community Praise Band to perform in Martinsburg

On Saturday, May 16th, the Works in Progress Community Praise Band will provide music for a community picnic hosted by Bethany Christian Services, a Christian adoption agency.



Works in Progress Community Praise Band

The picnic will be held from noon

until 4:00 p.m. at Independent Bible Church, 2306 Hedgesville Road, Martinsburg, West Virginia. The event will be held rain or shine. The band will be playing at 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. for about 30 minutes each time.

Colleen Snyder is interning with this organization and invited the band to participate. The goal of the picnic is to generate awareness about the adoption services provided by Bethany. They have been in the Martinsburg community for about two years.

Learn more about Bethany Christian Services at www.bethany.org/martinsburg.

Attendance Offerings

March 2015

		Worship*	
Mar	1	42	\$2,401.00
Mar	8	89	2,564.50
Mar	15	88	2,468.30
Mar	22	100	2,636.04
Mar	29	96	2,870.25

		Sunday School	
		0	\$0
		59	436.25
		57	149.50
		58	236.75
		63	152.75

Average Attendance		
	Worship	Sunday School
Mar	83	59
Feb	96	50
Jan	89	56
Dec	94	56
Nov	87	53

*Worship attendance & offerings include both worship services.

- Missions: \$1,890.82
 - Building Fund: \$315.00
 - Pavilion Fund: \$120.00
 - Cemetery Endowment Fund: \$15.00
- (Missions, Building Fund offerings, etc. are not included in Worship & Sunday School offerings above.)*
(Sunday School & 11:15 service were cancelled March 1 due to snow.)

Average Attendance Jan-Mar 2015

Sunday Worship: 93
 Sunday School: 56

April 20, 2015



New window treatment completes social room renovation

The five windows in Salem’s social room have a new look. The traditional draperies that served us well for many years have been replaced with mini blinds, sheer panels, and a burgundy, botanical print valance.

Our thanks to Anita Harshman for beautifully designing and sewing the new window treatments; and to her husband Richard for installing the brackets and blinds.

Other renovations to the social room, already completed, were painting of the walls, new carpet, a classroom dry board, and a bulletin board for Hero’s Club, Salem’s after school ministry.

God has given us two hands, one to receive and the other to give with.

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

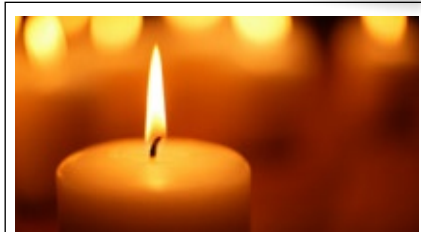
Give by cash or check during any of our worship services. If you give cash and would like it to be reflected on your year-end giving statement, please use an offering envelope.

◆ 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*



May

Calendar of Events



- Sun 3 Holy Communion** - 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. at Salem
Thu 7 UMW Bee-lievers - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
Thu 7 Board of Trustees - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
Sat 9 Plant Sale, Yard Sale, and Food Sale - 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Salem parking lot
Sun 10 Mother's Day - Mother's honored at worship, 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. at Salem
Wed 13 Ladies Night Out - 6:30 p.m. at Mountain Gate Family Restaurant, Thurmont
Thu 14 Administrative Council meeting - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
Fri 15 Spaghetti Dinner - 5:00-9:00 p.m. at Salem (Youth Fundraiser)
Thu-Sat 28-30 Annual Conference - Waterfront Marriott Hotel, Baltimore, MD
Fri-Sat 29-30 Youth Group Progressive Dinner and Lock-In
Sun 31 New Members Sunday with luncheon following worship at 12:30 p.m. at Salem

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

- E-Mail** — We are currently sending this newsletter to 187 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.



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Salem Mission Project No. 3

Salem Outreach

■ By Barbie Stottleyer

Thank you to everyone who contributed toward the Lenten offering. Your generous contributions went toward the purchase of fruit baskets, a food box, and flowers that were distributed to persons in our church and community.

I also want to thank everyone who gathered and helped prepare the baskets and flowers for distribution. We distributed 19 fruit baskets, 3 flowers, and one food box. This year's Lenten offering totaled \$250.00.



Photo by Bill Burrier



Spring has sprung in Wolfsville

This photo was taken on Monday afternoon, April 20, 2015. A team of Salem folks were at the church preparing to serve dinner that evening to the Wolfsville Ruritan Club. As tables were being set up with place settings and food was being prepared, folks were engaged in great conversation and fellowship. One topic of conversation was God's beauty as spring begins to awaken. The conversation quickly turned to the beautiful purple rhododendron plants on either side of the entrance to Salem's educational building. I was requested to take the above photo which captures the beauty of those plants as it was on that day. In time, of course, the flowers will fade and disappear — perhaps that will be the case by the time you read this; but this photo is a beautiful remembrance of those flowers that brightened the front of God's church that day and a fresh reminder of how God bestows his beauty at this time of year.

—Bill Burrier

Who's Doing What, When?

9:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP		MAY	
Lay Readers 3 - Brenda Freysz 10 - Patrick Boyton 17 - Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer 24 - Dawn Nelson 31 - Dennis Draper	Ushers 3 - Dick Kline & Steve Leatherman 10 - Vernon Stottlemeyer & Robin Haupt 17 - Donald Stottlemeyer & Meredith Harshman 24 - Philip Koons & Brandon Leatherman 31 - Robin Haupt & Donald Stottlemeyer	Music 3 - Sara Weitzel 10 - Works in Progress 17 - Susan Koons 24 - Susan Koons 31 - Sara Weitzel	
Greeters 3 - Bob & Petie Stup 10 - Denny Leatherman & Family 17 - George, Barbie, & Matthew Stottlemeyer 24 - Gary & Wanda Barkdoll & Family 31 - Brandon & Jessie Leatherman & Family	Acolytes 3 - Paul McCormick 10 - Jadie Buhrman 17 - Kenslie Buhrman 24 - Joshua Koons 31 - Jerod Lenhart		
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 May 10 - Works in Progress Praise Band May 24 - Works in Progress Praise Band	

It's Your Day!

May Anniversaries

- 19 - Joshua & Tracey Gormer
- 20 - Deane & Patty Weagley
- 21 - Bobby & Mary Fogle

May Birthdays

- 2 - Leann Eccard-Crutchley
- 6 - Mark Burrier
- 7 - Austin Main
- 8 - Anita Harshman
- 11 - Steve Leatherman
- 16 - Eleanor Kline
- 17 - Deane Weagley
- 17 - Elijah Sowers
- 18 - Cindy Draper
- 18 - Howard Brandenburg
- 19 - Brandon Leatherman
- 20 - Abigail Weagley
- 24 - Nelson Hipkins
- 25 - Sam Zimmerman
- 25 - Kathleen Bullock
- 26 - Sharon Hipkins
- 27 - Tammy Hebeisen
- 27 - Lillian Hill
- 30 - Bobby Fogle Jr.

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**
- May 15 - Spaghetti Dinner 5-9 p.m.
Fundraiser for Youth Activities
 - 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)



New Members Sunday set for May 31

During worship on Sunday, May 31, new members will be received into membership at Salem.

Following the 11:15 a.m. contemporary service, a luncheon will be held to honor the new members. The luncheon will begin at about 12:30 p.m.

Holy Communion

Sunday, May 3, 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 . . .

One day your life will flash before your eyes. Make sure it's worth watching.



Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman



INSPIRATIONAL
Reading

Mother Love

By Carice Williams

You can't define a mother's love:
It's faith and hope and power.
It's wisdom and unselfishness,
Protection hour by hour.

You can't define a mother's love:
It's prayers, true and sincere,
It's tenderness and sympathy,
A smile, a dream, a tear.

You can't define a mother's love:
It's faith that never grows dim.
And through a mother's love is found
The path that leads to Him.



The Ultimate Sacrifice

A Memorial Day Poem

By Joanna Fuchs

We set aside Memorial Day
Each and every year
To honor those who gave their lives
Defending what we hold dear.

In all the dark and deadly wars,
Their graves prove and remind us,
Our brave Americans gave their all
To put danger far behind us.

They made the ultimate sacrifice
Fighting for the American way;
We admire them and respect them
On every Memorial Day.



God's Blessings

By Dolores Karides

God sends His light to shine on us
And brighten up our day
He guides us with a steady hand
So we won't lose our way.

God gives us strength to face our ills
And teaches us to cope.
He never burdens us with things
Which lie beyond our scope.

He blesses us with happiness
And bestows His loving peace
And makes our life a pleasant place
Where ills will find release.



RECIPE



Nutty Salad

6 tablespoons butter 1/2 cup sunflower seeds
1 pack Ramen Noodles 3/4 cup almonds
Toast above ingredients in the butter.

2 or 3 heads of lettuce (Boston Bibb & 1 Romaine)

Dressing:
1 cup oil 1/2 cup vinegar
1 cup sugar 3 tablespoons soy sauce

Submitted by Lori Williamson



To Mother

By Jean Warren

A hushed
and awesome silence
Comes in my heart today
As I think of all the things
you've done:
The cheering words
you've stopped to say,
The sweetness
of your presence,
The courage in your smile,
The thoughts I know
you gave to me,
And your prayers that
ever go with me.
And I shall know
that all through life
You'll stand by me,
be ever near,
That through the storm,
the stress, the strife
You'll be with me,
my mother dear.



Dear Salem Church family:
My heart is filled to overflowing
with gratitude for your abiding
support and prayers during my
recent surgery and ongoing
recovery.

I have been amazed and greatly
blessed by the volume of cards,
calls, the beautiful flowers, and
especially for all who have held
me in your hearts and in your
prayers.

Please know that being covered
in a blanket of prayer by God's
family has strengthened and
sustained me as you have shared
the love of Jesus with me on this
unexpected journey. I truly thank
God for all of you. With a grateful
heart,

Marlene Young

"Be joyful in Hope, Patient in
affliction, Faithful in prayer."
Romans 12:12

Love in a Home

By Barbara Dolliver

Love in a home is like a lamp
Around whose steady glow
The children gather safe and warm
Though storms outside may blow.

And in the shadowy years to come,
The children long since grown
Will light love's lamps in other homes
For children of their own.





Pastor's Notes... and Worship in May

■ By PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER

During the first two Sundays of May, we'll conclude the fourth big story of the Bible, "The People of God Gathered and Sent," focusing on serving others, sharing our faith, and inviting others to church and Christ.

On May 17th, Bill Burrier will lead worship using the theme "Lost and Found," based on the "Parable of the Lost Coin" found in Luke 15. Sounds like that's going to be a great service.

The remaining two Sundays of the month we'll celebrate Pentecost (May 25) and Confirmation Sunday (May 31). On the 31st, a luncheon will be held following worship in honor of those being confirmed and new members.

God Bless, and hope you have a great May. —Pastor Bob

May 3 – Fifth Sunday of Easter Holy Communion

Story #4 – The People of God Gathered and Sent

"The Church – Where We Serve"

Last week, we talked about the church being the place where we grow in faith. As members of the church family we call Salem ("Salem" means "Peace"), we help each other grow in faith. We're each a work in progress and God is always helping us continue to grow until the day we die. But we don't grow just to grow. Rather, we grow to serve. A healthy person keeps a good balance between eating and exercise. Likewise our spiritual health depends on a good balance between our own growth in faith/spiritual food and our service to others/spiritual exercise.

May 10 – Sixth Sunday of Easter Mother's Day

Story #4 – The People of God Gathered and Sent

"The Church – Where We Invite Others to Christ"



"In our grandmother's generation, 80% of people were connected to God through church. Among the Millennials (children born in the past ten to twenty years), fewer than 10% will be connected to God through church." Is church finished? Only if we allow it to be.

In Matthew 28:19, Jesus commanded us to "go and make disciples of all nations..." Over the generations we have forgotten how to do this.

God is calling our generation to remember our roots, to begin building relationships with new people again, to share our faith with them, and to invite them to church and Christ.

May 17 – Seventh Sunday of Easter Ascension Sunday

Worship Leader – Bill Burrier "Lost and Found"

Luke 15:8-10, Parable of the Lost Coin

In Luke 15, seeing the many needy people around him, Jesus told a parable about a lost coin that had value and needed to be found and put into circulation.

How many of us chronically lose or misplace things? We never notice that something is lost until we need it and it's always in the last place we look.

Have you ever noticed the intensity with which we will search for an inanimate object when we need it?

Our wallet, our purse, our keys, a document, an address, a phone number, a pair of socks or earrings. When we need it, we need it now and if time is running out, finding that thing is the highest priority in our life at that moment.

God knows what all of this feels like on a much grander scale. God is searching for something— but not because he can't remember where he left it. He knows where it is. He's searching for us. But the only way that He can find us and bring us home is for us to recognize that we need to be found, that we are lost and need direction.

May 24 – Pentecost Memorial Sunday "Empowered by the Holy Spirit" 1 Samuel 17:33-50

The story of David and Goliath is told in 1 Samuel 17:33-50. David, a lowly shepherd boy, battles Goliath, a professional soldier and giant of a man.

Goliath taunts David, "Come here," he says, "and I'll give your flesh to the birds of the air and the beasts of the field!" David answers back, "you come to me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty..."

Sometimes life's struggles seem like "Goliaths" to us. But, like David, we can overcome our struggles as we seek the power of the Lord Almighty.

May 31 "Confirming My Faith" Acts 2:36-41

Today, several of our youth will confirm for themselves their belief in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

In public they will state for themselves, "I believe!" Others may join them as new members of Salem Church today, and the congregation will pledge to help each continue to grow in faith and service as they help us grow.

Confirmation and receiving new members is a good time each year for all of us to recommit to the promises we made to God and each other when we became members of the Salem family: "As members of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness." Let us again promise together, "We will!"

June 24–27 at Mt. Union, PA

Salem Youth going to Creation 2015

■ By Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer

Switchfoot, TobyMac, Skillet, Matthew West, Colton Dixon, just to name a few of the bands that will be at Creation this year.

Creation 2015 is just around the corner; so now is the time to make your plans to attend. Creation, a Christian music festival held at the Agape Farm, Mt. Union, Pennsylvania, starts on Wednesday, June 24, and runs through Saturday evening, June 27, 2015.

We have another large group going this year, which will enable us to be in close proximity to all the stages and activities. As in past years, everyone who attended last year had a great time and most are planning to attend again this year.

Creation 2015 promises to be everything as in the past; good fellowship, excellent worship services, good food, and most of all, good Christian music— so don't miss out on a good time to praise and worship our Creator.

Plans are being made to attend the entire event with arrangements being made for staggering departures based on the schedule needs of the group.

Wanda Barkdoll and I will be leading the group for the duration, and we are in need of a few adult chaperones to go along and help. Although this is primarily a "youth" group activity, our youth, as well as adults, are highly encouraged to attend, if even for just one day. We have had as many adults as youth attend in past years.

This is a wonderful opportunity to gather with our Christian friends and listen to some great LOUD Christian music. If LOUD Christian music is not something you particularly care for, there are many excellent speakers and



seminars available each day. The younger youth always find great activities at the Kids Stage. There is something for everybody to enjoy, all while worshipping and praising our wonderful Lord and Savior.

Most of the tickets have already been purchased in advance, but if you are undecided and want to join us for a day or two, tickets can be purchased at the door. It is not a necessity, but we do pre-order as many tickets as we can at the reduced rate, so if you know for sure you will be attending, please let me or Wanda know as soon as possible.

Please mark your calendar now. Information and the program for the festival can be found on-line at www.creationfest.com/ne/. If you have any questions, please contact me at 301-293-1470.

Salem presents "The Last Supper"

Photo by Bill Burrier



THE LAST SUPPER, Holy Thursday, April 2, 2015 — From left, Denny Leatherman (James the Lesser), Patrick Boyton (Bartholomew), Vernon Stottlemeyer (Andrew), Richard Harshman (Judas), Robin Haupt (John), Bill Buhrman (Peter), Jim Laky (Jesus), George Stottlemeyer (Thomas), Dennis Draper (Matthew), Gary Barkdoll (James the Greater), Bobby Fogle (Philip), Donald Stottlemeyer (Thaddeus), and Brandon Leatherman (Simon the Zealot).

Salem Mission Projects

Missions is the Mission of the Church



Salem Mission Project No. 1

Letter from Frank & Nancy Stottlemyer, Senegal Missionaries, Retired

April 2, 2015

Dear Folks at
Salem United Methodist Church:

For those of us who know Jesus Christ as our personal Savior, this time of the year is both heart-rending and the most glorious time! As we think of the terrible suffering of Jesus as He gave His life for us, and "was made sin for us", our hearts are once again deeply touched by such love, mercy, and grace. But then on Easter day we joyously celebrate His resurrection and the wonderful truth that because of what Jesus did we were "made the righteousness of God in Him"!

It seems so inadequate to just say thank you again for your faithfulness in praying for us and helping support us financially for so many years. We do sincerely appreciate your part in our lives and ministries.

Nancy and I are both doing well as far as our health. Nancy has been doing volunteer work at the Hagerstown Rescue Mission, usually three days a week, for more than eight years. She also continues to visit several widows, serve in the church nursery, do some sewing for friends, and other things. Frank continues to teach adult Sunday school, sometimes fills in when our pastor is away, serves on

the board of our home church, and is the church treasurer.

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. We have another great-grandson from their son & his wife in California. Another son is presently looking for a different job. Their daughter is in her second year at Messiah College. And their youngest son attends a Christian school near Hagerstown.

Eric & Wendy resumed their ministry to the Badyaranké people in Senegal. Eric has been teaching to good-sized groups six nights a week. There is good interest and more people are indicating they have believed in Christ as Savior even though few have had the courage to make public confessions so far. Their four children live in Pennsylvania and have jobs there. Three of them are also continuing college or vocational training and their youngest plans to go to college this fall.

Rebecca is also ministering to the Badyaranké people. She has several literacy classes going in the village to teach people to read their own language.



She does a lot of visiting people in the village and she reads the Scripture portions for the Bible teaching. She plans to come to the U.S. sometime this summer for a six-month furlough.

Please continue to pray that the outbreak of the Ebola virus in West Africa will be stopped. Although there are many less cases now, people are still dying from this terrible disease.

Gary, Lisa & family continue to serve at the New Tribes Mission Homes, a center for retired missionaries in Florida. Gary is mostly involved in grounds work and Lisa is involved in meal preparation and office work. Lisa needs some surgery later this month.

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 Stottlemyer

Salem Mission Project No. 17

"Imagine No Malaria" Update

You have swatted 2 more mosquitos! A total of \$579 has been received toward our goal of \$1620 by December 31, 2015.

As warmer weather arrives bringing biting insects, remember that for many people a mosquito bite can be fatal.

Please support the "Imagine No Malaria" mission project. Lives depend on it! —Fonda Gormer



Salem Mission Project No. 12

Care Net Pregnancy Center of Frederick

Today I met a young couple that is still in the process of deciding whether to continue their pregnancy or terminate it. They left knowing that God loves them, we love them, and received the truth about their options. They were able to see the image of their first trimester baby moving around in her womb. Please pray that this truth will speak volumes and they will choose life for their baby. Blessings, Linda



Salem Mission Project No. 11

Ronnie & Angi Hopkins, Nicaragua

Retired teacher, Pat, from Mt. Lena United Methodist Church, Boonsboro, MD, made her annual trip to San Diego to work in the local school, helping the professors teach the children a variety of subjects, using local resources. —Ronnie & Angi

Scenes from the . . .

Easter Egg Hunt at Salem - April 4th



Photos by Bill Burrier, Michael Burrier, & Jim Laky

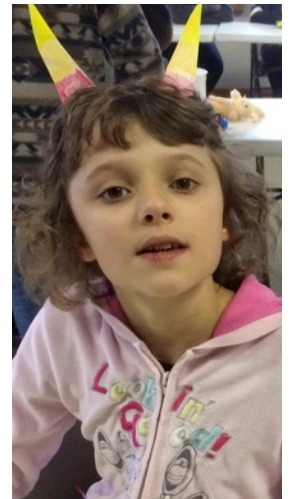
■ By Caroline Buhrman

Thank you to all who helped make our annual Easter Egg Hunt a fun time. First, we were blessed with a beautiful afternoon for this event.

If you donated in any way, hid eggs, helped serve refreshments, or helped with clean up, it was really appreciated. Many thanks to the Easter bunny who was in attendance and wowed the little ones.

It is always a joy to see the young ones so excited as they hurried off to search for those colorful filled eggs. It is my hope that whatever age, you had an enjoyable time of fun and fellowship at Salem.

EASTER BUNNY GIVES “TWO THUMBS UP” FOR A GREAT EGG HUNT



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: Kathy Laky, Melissa Thornton, Patrick Boyton

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)



Frank, The Painter

Frank was a painter who liked to make extra dollars by thinning his paint ... and thus save on supplies. By doing this, he could generally underbid most paint jobs around town.

One day he got the contract to paint the local church, the single biggest structure in town. He was by far the lowest bidder. As usual, he thinned his paint.

While high up on the scaffolding, there suddenly was a tremendous thunderclap, the sky opened and the rain poured down, washing the thinned paint from all over the church and knocking Frank off the scaffolding. He landed in the churchyard, among gravestones and puddles of the thinned paint.

Frank was no fool. He knew this was a judgment from the Almighty, so he fell on his knees and cried: "Oh God! Forgive me! What should I do?!"

And from the heavens, a mighty voice spoke: "REPAINT! REPAINT, AND THIN NO MORE!"

Submitted by David Brandenburg

Some thoughts to ponder . . .

A Christian's life is a window through which others can see Jesus.

When you think of all that's good, give thanks to God.

Blessing comes from seeking wisdom and living it.

Focusing on God helps us to take our eyes off our circumstances.

The Mountain Shepherd

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— Every Sunday —

9:00 a.m. Traditional

10:15 a.m. Sunday School

11:15 a.m. Contemporary

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