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Large group from Salem to attend Creation Festival at Mt. Union, PA



■ By Sue Ellen Stottlemyer

Creation 2015, a Christian music festival held at the Agape Farm, Mt. Union, Pennsylvania, is just around the corner. It starts on Wednesday, June 24, and runs through Saturday evening, June 27, 2015.

This year is shaping up to be one of our largest groups that will be attending to date. As in past years, everyone who attends has a great time.

Creation 2015 promises to be everything we enjoyed in past years; good fellowship, excellent worship, good food, and most of all, good Christian music. We are planning to have a good time to praise and worship our Creator.

Music artists scheduled to appear this year are Switchfoot, Skillet, TobyMac, LeCrae, Natalie Grant, Rend Collective, Matthew West, The Vespers, Colton Dixon, Peter Furler, and many more.

One of the many guest speakers will be Reggie Dabbs who spoke to our youth at the ROCK Youth Retreat in Ocean City in February. Our youth are excited to see him again.

Along with music by nationally-known Christian artists, there are also many

excellent speakers and seminars available each day. The younger youth always find great activities at the Kid's Stage.

Plans are being made to attend the entire event, with arrangements being made for staggering departures based on the schedule needs of the group. Our group has secured a camp site fairly close to the main stage.

Although this is primarily a "youth" group activity, both youth and adults are highly encouraged to attend, if even for just one day. We have had as many adults as youth attend in past years.

Many advanced tickets have already been purchased, but tickets can also be purchased at the gate if you should decide to join us at the last minute. It is perfectly fine to come just for a day, if you wish. Salem is paying for one half of everyone's ticket. The recent spaghetti dinners raised funds for Salem to support this activity plus many other youth activities throughout the year.

Additional information about Creation 2015 can be obtained online at:

www.creationfest.com/ne/.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 301-293-1470.

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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-Apr
1	Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer (Retired New Tribes Mission)	\$204	\$816.00
2	Operation Christmas Child (Postage paid in November)	-----	\$0.00
3	Salem Mission & Outreach (Local needs)	-----	\$576.24
4	Salem Food Pantry (Open Tuesdays 6:00-7:00 p.m.)	-----	\$409.99
5	Mary E. (Africa Inland Mission)	\$85	\$435.00
6	United Methodist Board of Child Care (Auxiliary & Direct Support)	-----	\$88.00
7	Gideons (Frederick West Camp - Distributing Bibles)	\$110	\$440.00
8	Potato Project (Society of St. Andrew, Big Island, VA)	\$60	\$240.00
9	Middletown High School (Fellowship of Christian Athletes)	\$47	\$188.00
10	Mission Trip (Destination to be determined)	-----	\$0.00
11	Ronnie & Angi Hopkins (Nicaragua)	\$64	\$256.00
12	Care Net Pregnancy Center (Frederick, MD)	\$64	\$398.00
13	Compassion International (Sponsored child in India)	\$38	\$152.00
14	Local Mission Projects (Local repair or renovation needs)	-----	\$0.00
15	Hero’s Club After School Ministry (Pre-K through Grade 5)	-----	\$1,325.69
16	World Vision (Sponsored child in Colombia)	\$35	\$140.00
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 PROJECTS No. 13 & 16

SPONSORED CHILDREN



Compassion International
Santanu Sing
East India
\$38 monthly



World Vision
Yurley Paola Paul S
Colombia
\$35 monthly

Plant, Food & Yard Sale successful

May 9, 2015




George Harne (left) and Phyllis Beall (right) make their flower selections from the large number of flowers and plants on sale.



At left, Delores Myers and Olive Kline (standing) staff the baked goods stand; and Anita Harshman (right) makes cheese sausage sandwiches.

On Saturday, May 9, 2015, we held our annual flower, plant, food, bake, and yard sale. The event was a great success due to beautiful flowers and plants, good food, and being blessed with a beautiful spring day. I want to thank everyone who helped in all the many ways to make this event so successful— by contributing your time and hard work in setting up the flower and plant displays so very early in the morning; baking, preparing and serving food, and to everyone who made purchases. This event is a very good fund raiser for Salem’s United Methodist Women “Bee-lievers.” —*Barbie Stottlemeyer*

Photos by Bill Burrier



VBS to Journey to Mt. Everest

“Everest—Conquering Challenges with God’s Mighty Power” is the theme of this year’s community Vacation Bible School, to be held July 13-17, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., at St. Mark’s Lutheran Church in Wolfsville. Volunteers are needed. Contact Fonda Gormer for information. Be sure to mark your calendars!

Mothers Honored on Mother’s Day

On Mother’s Day, Salem honored each mother with a beautiful double begonia to take home and enjoy. In addition, each mother’s name was written on a slip of paper and placed in a basket. During the children’s message, Pastor Bob asked one of the children to draw two names from the basket.

At the 9 a.m. traditional service, the winners were Amy McCormick and Brenda Freysz.

At the 11:15 a.m. contemporary service, the winning mothers were Jennifer Burrier and Della Hager.

Works in Progress Community Praise Band

Thank you to Bethany Christian Services (BCS) for inviting us to provide music on May 16, for their Family Picnic in Martinsburg, WV. It was our pleasure to support such a great organization.

Upcoming Appearances:

- Sun June 7 - Grossnickle Church of the Brethren at 10:30 a.m. worship
- Sun June 14 - Salem 9:00 & 11:15 a.m. worship
- Sun June 28 - Salem 11:15 a.m. worship
- Sun July 19 - Salem Ice Cream Social
- Sat Sept 12 - Salem Lord’s Acre Festival

Attendance Offerings

April 2015

		Worship*		Sunday School	
Apr	5	145	\$2,509.50	69	\$84.50
Apr	12	97	2,433.82	60	212.50
Apr	19	86	2,424.25	62	163.75
Apr	26	95	1,849.27	54	85.75

*Worship attendance & offerings include both worship services.

- Missions: \$960.00
 - Building Fund: \$115.00
 - Pavilion Fund: \$130.00
 - Cemetery Endowment Fund: \$20.00
- (Missions, Building Fund offerings, etc. are not included in Worship & Sunday School offerings above.)*

Average Attendance		
	Worship	Sunday School
Apr	106	61
Mar	83	59
Feb	96	50
Jan	89	56
Dec	94	56

Average Attendance Jan-Mar 2015
 Sunday Worship: 93
 Sunday School: 56

Board of Trustees News

By Donald Stottlemyer
 Chair, Board of Trustees

Thanks to the Trustees and other members for their assistance doing different tasks for our church.

Cemetery: The annual cemetery cleanup was recently completed and numerous headstones were repaired, along with landscape and seeding. We are also in the process of permanently marking the cemetery plots in the new part of the cemetery. Thank you Dick Kline for your dedication in marking off plots in the original cemetery, and the placing of flags on our veteran's grave sites, among other things.

Educational Building: The air conditioners were installed in the social room and nursery. We are looking into purchasing and installing bulletin boards in several youth classrooms.

Parsonage: Brandon Leatherman repaired the downspout at the parsonage. Gary Barkdoll is going to change the telephone wiring for Pastor Bob's new office in the parsonage; and Richard Harshman arranged for repairs to the flooring in the kitchen area of the parsonage.

There is a lot going on and I'm sure I forgot some things or someone for which I apologize. I am truly thankful for all the help doing jobs around the church properties. As usual, the Trustees will not meet during June, July, and August. However, as things come up, we will have short meetings between services on Sunday morning, or call a special meeting as necessary.

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*



June

Calendar of Events



- Thu 4 UMW Bee-lievers** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
Sat 6 Youth Group End-of-Year Pool Party - at the Mueller's
Sun 7 Holy Communion - 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. at Salem
Thu 11 Administrative Council meeting - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
Sun 14 Honor the Graduates - 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. at Salem
Mon 15 Wolfsville Ruritan Club Dinner - 2:00 p.m. prepare, 7:00 p.m. serve at Salem
Sun 21 Father's Day - Fathers honored, 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. at Salem
Wed-Sat 24-27 Creation Music Festival - Mt. Union, Pa.

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.

Bee-lievers to meet June 4

- By Fonda Gormer
 Salem's United Methodist Women "Bee-lievers" will meet on Thursday, June 4, at 7 p.m. for their regularly scheduled meeting. All women of the congregation are welcome.

Ladies enjoy Night Out

- By Fonda Gormer
 Twenty-eight ladies of all ages met on May 13 for the annual Ladies Night Out at Mountain Gate Restaurant in Thurmont.

They enjoyed the buffet meal and the program that followed. Prizes were won by Maria Barkdoll, Diana Leatherman, Mabel Wolfe, Susan Koons, Darlene Burrier and Caroline Buhrman.

It was also noted that twelve of our men were enjoying the meal in a nearby room!

Thanks to all who attended!

Photo by Jim Laky



Children enjoy puppets in worship

On May 17, 2015, Bill Burrier conducted Salem's worship services while Pastor Bob and his family attended the graduation of their daughter Colleen at West Virginia University. Salem's worship theme for the day was "Lost and Found" based on Jesus' parable of "The Lost Coin" in Luke 15:8-10.

For the children's message, Bill brought along two puppet friends, Barney and Stella, to help tell the story to the children.

Just like the woman in the parable who lost her coin, Barney the puppet has lost a new rock that he is about to add to his rock collection. He has looked everywhere and can't find it. He is so upset. Then his friend Stella reminds him that this is the way the woman who lost her coin must have felt when she searched and searched for it.

Then suddenly Stella spots the rock that he has misplaced. He is so excited to find his rock, much like the woman in the parable who was so excited to find her coin.

Jim Laky snapped the above photo at the 11:15 a.m. contemporary service, just at the moment when the children see the rock on the church piano. The children are excited for Barney as he exclaims, "It's my rock! It's my rock! We've found my rock."

There is joy in the presence of God's angels when even one sinner repents.

Who's Doing What, When?

9:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP		JUNE	
Lay Readers 7 - Fonda Gormer 14 - Melissa Thornton 21 - Randy Freysz 28 - Steve Leatherman	Ushers 7 - Dick Kline & Steve Leatherman 14 - Vernon Stottlemeyer & Robin Haupt 21 - Donald Stottlemeyer & Meredith Harshman 28 - Philip Koons & Brandon Leatherman	Music 7 - Sara Weitzel 14 - Works in Progress 21 - Susan Koons 28 - Susan Koons	
Greeters 7 - Phyllis Beall 14 - Fonda Gormer 21 - George, Barbie, & Matthew Stottlemeyer 28 - Richard & Anita Harshman	Acolytes 7 - Paul McCormick 14 - Jadie Buhrman 21 - Kenslie Buhrman 28 - Joshua Koons		
11:15 A.M. CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP An informal FAMILY FRIENDLY service with contemporary Christian music, pastor's message, children's time, sharing of joys and concerns, and prayer.		Music June 14 - Works in Progress Praise Band June 28 - Works in Progress Praise Band	

It's Your Day!

June Anniversaries

- 4 - Jamie & Amber Breneman
- 7 - Tim & Mary Brown
- 8 - Kenneth & Dianna Poling
- 8 - Todd & Melanie Raynor
- 19 - Brandon & Jessie Leatherman
- 22 - Jim & Kim Bullock
- 25 - Vernon & Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer

June Birthdays

- 1 - Emily Burrier
- 2 - Doris Fogle
- 2 - Richard Freysz
- 2 - Bob Stup
- 3 - Andrea Palmer
- 3 - Barbara Palmer
- 6 - Jonathan Gormer
- 12 - Petie Stup
- 13 - Cheyenne Leatherman
- 19 - George Harne
- 22 - Hunter Hebeisen
- 23 - Seth Hipkins
- 23 - Jeremiah Sowers
- 24 - Casey Weddle
- 26 - Christi Beall
- 26 - Justin Brown
- 27 - George Stottlemeyer

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

- 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

Co-Leaders:

- Wanda Barkdoll (301-416-0882)
- Laura Snyder (240-440-4884)

Looking ahead...



Saturday
September 12, 2015
 Wolfsville Ruritan Park
Starting Time: 2:00 p.m.
 Auction Time: 6:00 p.m.

Holy Communion

Sunday, June 7, 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 . . .

Life without God is like an unsharpened pencil — it has no point.



Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman



INSPIRATIONAL Reading

Father's Day

By Raymond Orner

Father should have recognition
On this day, his day of days;
Though he asks no fuss or favors,
He deserves our words of praise.

We should pause and pay him tribute,
As his day once more draws near,
For so often we neglect him
In the days throughout the year.

He's content to see his loved ones
Have the things they want and need,
But for his own wants and fancies,
You will seldom hear him plead.

He's the one who seldom whimpers
When things do not go his way.
But today he should be honored,
For today is Father's Day.

Letter to Dad

By Reginald Holmes

There are so many things I'd like
To tell you face to face;
I either lack the words or fail
To find the time or place.
But in this special letter, Dad,
You'll find, at least in part,
The feelings that the passing years
Have left within my heart.

The memories of childhood days
And all that you have done
To make our home a happy place
And growing up such fun.
I still recall the walks we took,
The games we often played;
Those confidential chats we had
While resting in the shade.

This letter comes to thank you, Dad,
For needed words of praise;
The counsel and the guidance, too,
That shaped my grown-up days.
No words of mine can tell you, Dad,
The things I really feel;
But you must know my love for you
Is lasting, warm and real.

You made my world a better place
And through the coming years,
I'll keep these memories of you
As cherished souvenirs!



RECIPE



Strawberry Bread

2 cups fresh strawberries	1 teaspoon baking soda
3 1/8 cups all-purpose flour	1 1/4 cups vegetable oil
2 cups white sugar	4 eggs, beaten
1 tablespoon ground cinnamon	1 1/4 cups chopped pecans
1 teaspoon salt	

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Butter and flour two 9 x 5-inch loaf pans.
2. Slice strawberries and place in medium-sized bowl. Sprinkle lightly with sugar, and set aside while preparing batter.
3. Combine flour, sugar, cinnamon, salt and baking soda in large bowl; mix well. Blend oil and eggs into strawberries. Add strawberry mixture to flour mixture, blending until dry ingredients are just moistened. Stir in pecans. Divide batter into pans.
4. Bake in preheated oven until a tester inserted in the center comes out clean, 45 to 50 minutes (test each loaf separately). Let cool in pans on wire rack for 10 minutes. Turn loaves out of pans, and allow to cool before slicing.

Makes 24 servings.



School is Out

By Garnett Ann Schultz

You can hear the merry whistle
And the laughter loud and clear,
The happiness unequaled
At this special time of year.
There's a girl's delighted giggle
And a boy's impatient shout,
And you know without a question
It is summer . . . school is out.

You can feel the warmth of summer
And the sun against your cheek;
Smell the fragrance of the roses,
Hear the babbling of the creek.
Kids are barefoot in the country,
Hiking over hill and glen;
Life is carefree, days are happy,
Telling school is out again.

There's a baseball game, that's certain,
On the lot across the way.
Time is very unimportant,
No one cares what hour or day.
School is out, they're on vacation,
Not a heartache nor a care,
And there's never any hurry . . .
No one's going anywhere.

There is much time for dreaming,
Picnics in the shaded wood,
Camping out along the river
Where the fishing's really good.
What a thrill to go in swimming,
These are joys without a doubt;
All the kids are in their glory
'Cause it's summer . . . school is out.

Solitude

By Dolores Eggener

To walk alone on a summer eve,
To think... and then eventually leave
The cares of the day behind.
To lose one's self and now to find
In every step such joys!
To feel the balmy, tepid air
Blow softly on my cheeks and hair.
To hear the frogs and crickets sing

And watch the birds at day's end wing
Their way to swaying trees.
To watch in awe as clouds and sky
Explode with color and intensify,
Mirroring visions of setting sun,
Assurance that a day is done.
I pause in silent reverence.



Pastor's Notes... and Worship in June

■ By PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER

Back in the fall of 2014, we began our sermon series "The Five Big Stories of the Bible." The goal of our series is to use our Bibles more - to take our life situations into one of these five big stories and find God there and God's help there.

For me, approaching the Bible as these five big stories helps make the Bible more usable and understandable. I hope the series has been helpful to you.

It's hard to believe we've reached the fifth story, "The Final Victory." We'll be covering this story during the month of June. A summary of the topic for each Sunday is provided below. Invite a friend to be your guest at worship for this final story.

During May and June, students are typically completing degree or certification programs. Congratulations to all who are graduating this year!

We look forward, starting in June, to being a distribution site for the "Weekend Food Backpack Program" this summer.

We're also excited about the large group signed up to attend the Creation Festival at the end of the month.

And we're thankful for Meredith Harshman who is conducting the annual audit of our financial records this year. The audit is submitted to the conference by June 30th each year.

Please take some time to check out all the articles in this month's "Mountain Shepherd" and also go to Salem's website at www.SalemChurchWolfsville.org.

Much useful information is provided in both of these resources. God Bless and hope you have a great start to the summer. —Pastor Bob

June 7 – Holy Communion Story #5 – The Final Victory "His Promise to Return a Final Time"

On page 1939 the final words in our pew Bibles are these: "He who testifies to



“Jesus will come a final time to restore all creation and live and reign over all - that gives us everlasting hope.

these things says, 'Yes, I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's people. Amen."

The last words of the Bible look forward to the promise that Jesus will come a final time to restore creation to the perfect way God originally created it.

Christ's promise to return is repeated by one New Testament author after another: all the Gospels, the Book of Acts, the Letters, and the Book of Revelation. They were sure of it and we can be confident of it — Christ will come a final time!

June 14 Story #5 – The Final Victory "Be Ready"

Mark 13:32 appears in a section of the Bible titled, "The Day and Hour Unknown." Verses 32-33 read, "No one knows about that day or hour, not even

the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on your guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come.

Over the centuries, many have used Bible passages to try to predict the exact time when Christ will return. These attempts, however well intended, are in vain; "no one knows about that day or hour." One thing is certain. People will be alive when Christ comes whether our Lord comes tomorrow or a long, long time from now.

Will it be us, in our lifetime? Will it be today? We don't know, but we can be ready.

June 21 – Father's Day Story #5 – The Final Victory "What Will Be Accomplished"

Revelation 21 tells us what will be accomplished in the final victory.

"See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away" (21:3-4, NRSV).

On this Father's Day we celebrate our earthly fathers who are called to love and care for their children. How much more does our heavenly Father love and care for us. We look forward to that day when we will live with God in the world he has restored to perfection.

June 28 Story #5 – The Final Victory "God Wins! – The Hope Victory Brings"

"The Final Victory" is appropriately named because God wins! God totally defeats all evil in the world and restores the world to the perfect way God created it. This gives us reason for hope.

Jesus' death cancelled our sin – that gives us hope. Jesus' resurrection defeated death, giving us life after death – that gives us hope.

Jesus will come a final time to restore all creation and live and reign over all – that gives us everlasting hope.

At the most basic level, what do all humans yearn for? Aren't we all in need of hope?

God's final victory provides the full measure of hope. We can live fully now because we already know the end of the story. We know God wins, and because God wins, we win too!

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 can't believe the school year is coming to an end! Hero's Club only has two more meetings. I have had the pleasure to get to know some pretty awesome children and young adults! One young man, in particular, has been a member of this ministry for many years, and has had some major life hurdles to jump over.

Through Hero's Club this young man has been able to nurture and grow his relationship with Jesus Christ. It is obvious to me that he truly believes that God has been by his side, helping and loving him all the way. He will be heading off to middle school next year, and hopefully will return to be a helper in upcoming years.

The Hero's Club members come from so many different backgrounds. And many of them have experienced serious loss and disfunction at their young ages!

I have been concerned this year that our group has not grown as much as I would have liked, but now I don't think that should be my concern.

When I reflect on the past school year, I see how the love of Jesus has found it's way into the hearts of our small group of twenty! That is truly what matters!

Please continue to pray for these children over the summer and those going on to middle school next year.

**HERO'S CLUB WILL CELEBRATE THE
"END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR"**

AT

Cosmic SKATE & PLAY

MONDAY, JUNE 8 – 4:30-7:00 P.M.

June, 1st, we will be having some fun with water on the church grounds, and June 8th, will be our last meeting. The children and their families, helpers, volunteers, and myself will be going to Cosmic Skate and Play in Waynesboro, PA, to celebrate all the great times we have had here at Salem United Methodist Church during Hero's Club 2014/15!

Many Blessings, —Heather O'Connor

Salem sanctuary before 1948



Historical Chairs Restored

In the above photo of Salem's sanctuary nearly 70 years ago, notice the chairs behind the pulpit and lectern. Those chairs have been repaired and restored with new cane seating (photos at right). Over the years the seats had become torn and broken through. The new cane seats have been beautifully restored to their original condition. The chairs are still in use in our educational building.



Salem Mission Projects

Missions is the Mission of the Church



Salem Mission Project No. 4



Food Pantry — What a blessing it was to receive a large donation from the Wolfsville Elementary 5th Grade Mentor students. They collected 691 items of food for our pantry, which is double what they collected last year. They also helped put the items on our shelves. God always provides, as our shelves were getting “slim pickings” ... and the next thing you know, we were blessed with this donation. Thank You, God! —Dawn Nelson

Salem Mission Project No. 6

United Methodist Board of Child Care Auxiliary

■ By Dawn Nelson, Salem Coordinator
for the Board of Child Care

On May 21, Caroline and Bill Buhrman joined me at the Cumberland-Hagerstown District Board of Child Care Auxiliary spring meeting, which was held at Pastor Randy’s church—Emmanuel United Methodist in Hagerstown. There were about 23 people in attendance at this gathering.

We heard about a new ministry that started about a year ago with the Board of Child Care. They now have a 50-bed facility at the Baltimore campus that will house unaccompanied alien children, mostly from South America. The parents would come to the United States to establish housing and a job and then will bring the children.

The children only stay about 3-5 days before they are reunited with their family. During their stay, they go through a health check, and the Board of Child Care helps with their paperwork in the United States.

The Board of Child Care provides welcome kits which include such items as



toothbrush, toothpaste, body wash, shampoo, and comb.

Keep your eye out for an upcoming call to help with assembling welcome kits for these children.

There is also a Short-Term Care Program on the Baltimore campus which provides 24-hour emergency service to children experiencing personal and family crisis who need to be separated from their current living situation.

Staff help them transition within 60 days to a more stable environment, whether it is back home or in a foster care or residential program.

Up to 24 youth, ages 9 to 17, are housed in two cottages – one for boys and the other for girls. Residents in the Short-Term Care Program have access to the same facilities, services, staff and schooling as the youth living in the



longer-term Residential Program on the Baltimore campus.

Thank you to everybody who continues to collect box tops for us! In the second half of 2014, over 20,000 labels were snipped, clipped, and mailed into the Board of Child Care’s Auxiliary office. As a result, the Strawbridge School received a check for over \$2,000 in December, thanks to your efforts! Wow!

Please help yourself to the 2015 Board of Child Care calendars that are located in the hallway at our church. Keep praying for this great ministry and those children that are blessed by what the Board of Child Care provides!

[Ed. Note: Salem provides a minimum of \$50 per month to the Board of Child Care Auxiliary and our Christmas Eve offering goes to the Board of Child Care as well.]

Scenes from the . . .

Youth "Hershey Park" Trip - April 18th

Photos by Wanda Barkdoll



Salem offered a great selection of plants for sale on May 9th

Photo by Wanda Barkdoll



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)



Unanswered Prayer

The preacher's 5-year-old daughter noticed that her father always paused and bowed his head for a moment before starting his sermon. One day, she asked him why, "Well, Honey," he began, proud that his daughter was so observant of his messages. "I'm asking the Lord to help me preach a good sermon." "How come He doesn't answer it?" she asked.

Say a Prayer

Little Johnny and his family were having Sunday dinner at his Grandmother's house. Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served. When Little Johnny received his plate, he started eating right away. "Johnny! Please wait until we say our prayer," said his mother. "I don't need to," the boy replied. "Of course, you do," his mother insisted. "We always say a prayer before eating at our house." "That's at our house," Johnny explained. "But this is Grandma's house and she knows how to cook."

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

Some thoughts to ponder . . .

Wisdom has two parts:
1. Having a lot to say.
2. Not saying it.

Kindness is difficult to give away because it keeps coming back.

He who is good at making excuses is seldom good for anything else.

God doesn't want shares of your life; He wants controlling interest.

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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