



Salem United Methodist Church — Wolfsville



Sunday, Sept. 27
Registration: 1:00 pm
Walk begins: 1:30 pm
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Invitation to



FREE ADMISSION
FREE PARKING
RAIN or SHINE

LORD'S ACRE Festival



Saturday
September 12
2:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Wolfsville Ruritan Community Park
 12708 Brandenburg Hollow Road

SCHEDULE

2:00 p.m. All items go on sale

- **FOOD**
 Homemade soups (beef vegetable, ham bean, and turkey noodle), sandwiches (country ham, turkey salad, hot beef, hot dog, chili dog, kraut dog), french fries, baked goods (cookies, pies, cakes, pastry, fudge, more), hand-dipped ice cream, soft drinks, iced tea, coffee, and water.
- **PRODUCE**
 Peaches, plums, potatoes, cucumbers, apples, pears, red beets, grapes, tomatoes, sweet corn, cantaloupe, sweet potatoes, onions, green beans, lima beans, peppers, cabbage, squash, pumpkins and gourds. The selection depends on items donated.
- **CRAFTS & FANCY NEEDLEWORK**
 Craft items & homemade fancy needlework.
- **FLEA MARKET TABLES & PLANTS**
 Household items and used books in good condition at bargain prices. Potted Plants.
- **MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT**
 Randy Sowers (Southern Gospel) 3:20 p.m.
 Works in Progress Community Praise Band 2:30, 4:30 & 5:30 p.m.
- **SILENT AUCTION**
 Donated items. 2:00-5:00 p.m.
- **LIVE AUCTION**
 6:00 p.m. until
 Auction of featured quilt & numerous unsold items.
- **CHILDREN & YOUTH ACTIVITIES**
 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.



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Salem Membership Statistics:
Current Membership: 241
2015 New Members: 4

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-July
1	Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer (Retired New Tribes Mission)	\$204	\$1,428.00
2	Operation Christmas Child (Postage paid in November)	-----	\$0.00
3	Salem Mission & Outreach (Local needs)	-----	\$1,262.24
4	Salem Food Pantry (Open Tuesdays 6:30-7:30 p.m.)	-----	\$612.27
5	Mary E. (Africa Inland Mission)	\$85	\$760.00
6	United Methodist Board of Child Care (Auxiliary & Direct Support)	-----	\$338.00
7	Gideons (Frederick West Camp - Distributing Bibles)	\$110	\$770.00
8	Potato Project (Society of St. Andrew, Big Island, VA)	\$60	\$420.00
9	Middletown High School (Fellowship of Christian Athletes)	\$47	\$235.00
10	Mission Trip (Destination to be determined)	-----	\$0.00
11	Ronnie & Angi Hopkins (Nicaragua)	\$64	\$448.00
12	Care Net Pregnancy Center (Frederick, MD)	\$64	\$651.00
13	Compassion International (Sponsored child in India)	\$38	\$266.00
14	Local Mission Projects (Local repair or renovation needs)	-----	\$0.00
15	Hero’s Club After School Ministry (Pre-K through Grade 5)	-----	\$2,491.09
16	World Vision (Sponsored child in Colombia)	\$35	\$245.00
17	Imagine No Malaria in Africa (Pay December 2015)	-----	\$0.00

2015 Goal: **\$17,076** • Total Mission Offering to date: **\$9,602.82** • % of Goal: **56%**

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. 6

United Methodist Board of Child Care
An eCommerce Learning Experience



Workforce development classes are important for students in any school setting, but especially for those in a special education setting like Strawbridge School. Purchasing items from their ETSY market is a phenomenal way for you to support the students. It helps them gain real-world experience, boosts their confidence, and ultimately helps them with viable job skills to assist them with real world employment in a variety of settings.

In a new and innovative way, the ETSY market allows students to participate in the many aspects of commerce in a safe and supportive environment. This endeavor encompasses the three main branches of the school’s vocational program: horticulture, art, and retail. Horticulture and art students work diligently to creatively design and produce the store’s items. Youth in our retail learning experience receive your order, package and label your item, and learn how to process the order prior to shipping.

100% of your purchase is put directly back into Strawbridge School’s art and horticulture programs. On behalf of all the teachers – THANK YOU for your support!

To purchase student’s items online: <https://www.etsy.com/shop/BreezewayMarket>

—Submitted by Dawn Nelson, Salem’s Coordinator for Board of Child Care

Finalizing Details for Salem's Annual Community Event

Lord's Acre Music



**Randy Sowers - Southern Gospel
3:20 p.m.**



Works In Progress Community Praise Band - 2:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m., and 5:30 p.m.

(l-r) Jim Laky (synth/vocals), Michael Burrier (drums/vocals), Dawn Nelson (vocals), Lori Williamson (vocals/band leader), Susie Stottlemeyer (piano/vocals), Donna Snyder (guitar/vocals), and Jessie Leatherman (guitar/piano/vocals).

Lord's Acre Silent Auction

Brenda Freysz will be in charge of the silent auction again this year. If you have items to donate, please contact Brenda prior to Lord's Acre day.

Flea Tables & Garden Corner

Donations of used household items (in good condition), books (with no bad language), and all types of plants are welcome. Please price your items in advance.

Live Auction at 6:00 p.m.

Robert Wilson will be the auctioneer at this year's auction. **NOTE THE AUCTION TIME: 6:00 p.m.** The featured quilt will be auctioned as well as numerous unsold items.

What is a Lord's Acre Festival?

In 1930, the Lord's Acre idea began in western North Carolina as a means of raising funds for small country churches. A portion or "acre" of a church member's land was set aside to raise crops to be sold to benefit the church. Even livestock was dedicated. Those without land could set aside a portion of their needlework, craft items, or any other saleable talent they possessed. The Lord's Acre Festival is a sale of those donations.

Salem's Lord's Acre Festival, which began in 1960, was first held in the old Wolfsville School where Salem's parsonage now stands. In 1970, the festival was moved to the Ruritan Park where it has grown to what it is today.

Featured Quilt

The featured quilt (pictured at right) will be on display beginning at 2 p.m., and will be sold at auction at 6 p.m. to the highest bidder.

The quilt has a brown background and is accented by 10 hand-embroidered squares of nostalgia items that many will remember and perhaps have even used years ago; and 10 white quilted design squares.

The full/queen size quilt was designed and embroidered by members of Salem United Methodist Church, Wolfsville; and was beautifully hand quilted by the Zion Quilters of Middletown, Maryland.



A close-up of some of the quilt's embroidered squares . . .



Attendance Offerings

July 2015

		Worship*		Sunday School	
July	5	73	\$2,355.00	48	\$280.00
July	12	84	1,947.29	54	114.40
July	19	87	1,946.50	49	97.50
July	26	85	2,687.00	56	152.00

*Worship attendance & offerings include both worship services.

- Missions: \$950.00
 - Building Fund: \$175.00
 - Pavilion Fund: \$180.00
 - Cemetery Endowment Fund: \$20.00
- (Missions, Building Fund offerings, etc. are not included in Worship & Sunday School offerings above.)

Average Attendance		
	Worship	Sunday School
July	82	52
June	87	55
May	87	49
Apr	106	61
Mar	83	59

Average Attendance Jan-July 2015
 Sunday Worship: 90
 Sunday School: 55

Cumberland-Hagerstown District

Lay Servant Basic Course

Instructor: Pastor Bob Snyder

Dates: Fri., Sept. 18, 7-9 p.m.
 Sat., Sept. 19, 8:30-5:00 p.m.

Location: Salem UMC, Wolfsville

Registration Deadline: September 4, 2015

Paper registration forms are on the table at church, or register online at <https://arenaweb.bwcumc.org/default.aspx?page=3115&event=2553>.

Cost: \$35 registration fee
 \$12.35 for textbook

Why take the training?

- You desire a closer relationship with the Lord.
- You have sensed God nudging you to serve the church more.
- You want to know more about opportunities to serve.
- You might be a new church leader.

What is the goal of the training?

To help you see where and how God is calling you to serve.

What will I learn?

- Leading – What is servant leadership? What are the roles in leadership? What does it mean to be a spiritual leader? The principals of Christian conferencing?
- Caring – What is the biblical basis for caring ministry? What are acts of compassion and acts of justice? What are the types of caring ministries? How can we care for creation?
- Communicating – What are the Respectful Communication Guidelines? What is mutual invitation? How to effectively listen? How to share my story of faith with another person?

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



September

Calendar of Events



- Thu 3 UMW Bee-lievers** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
Thu 3 Board of Trustees - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
Sun 6 Holy Communion - 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. at Salem
Lord's Acre Festival Preparations:
Thu 10 Soup making - 8:00 a.m. at Ruritan Park
Fri 11 Fruit Pie making - 9 a.m. at Salem
Fri 11 Cream Pie making - 5 p.m. at Ruritan Park
Sat 12 Sandwich making - 7 a.m. at Ruritan Park
56th annual Lord's Acre Festival:
Sat 12 Lord's Acre Day - 2:00-7:00 p.m. at Ruritan Park
Thu 17 Administrative Council meeting - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
Fri 18 Lay Servant Training - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
Sat 19 Lay Servant Training - 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at Salem
Sun 27 Wolfsville/Myersville CROP Hunger Walk - 1:00 p.m. registration at Salem
 1:30 p.m. walk begins and ends at Salem
Mon 28 Hero's Club After School Ministry begins - School dismissal to 6:00 p.m. at Salem

Recurring Events: Hero's Club meets every MONDAY at Salem when school is in session
 Food Pantry is open every TUESDAY 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Salem
 Praise Band practices every WEDNESDAY at 7:00 p.m. at Salem
 Youth Group meets every THURSDAY 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Salem
 The church is cleaned FRIDAY or SATURDAY every week

Newsletter Distribution

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

Lord's Acre profits go to Salem's Building & Improvement Fund

Since its debut in 1960, the profits from Salem's Lord's Acre Festival have made possible many major building projects, such as the educational building (1967), parsonage (1974-75), and parking lot.

In recent years, profits have enabled numerous improvements, equipment purchases, and maintenance projects:

2013 - Installed central air and insulation in the parsonage.

2014 - Upgraded sound system.

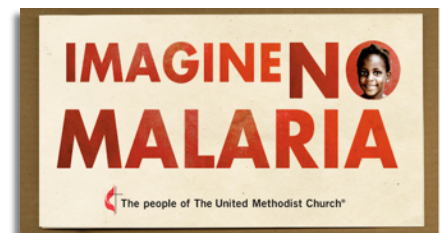
2015 - Replaced parsonage kitchen floor and clothes washer, replaced social room window treatment, replaced laptop, and added shelving for food pantry.

Just 11 More Mosquitos

- By Fonda Gormer

As fall approaches, it reminds us that the year is three-quarters completed. The weather gets cooler, and we have less problems with mosquitos. But many countries in the world have mosquito problems year round, and that is why the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church committed to the "Imagine No Malaria" program.

In 2014, Salem's Administrative Council pledged \$2,820 to "Imagine No Malaria." As of July 31, 2015, \$432 remains to be paid on this pledge. Your help is needed to reach our goal. Your donations can be made along with your weekly offering; just note "Imagine No Malaria" on your check or offering envelope.



On the hallway display at the church, each mosquito on the net represents a \$40 donation. We still have 11 mosquitos to "swat" and remove from the net by the end of 2015.

Imagine dealing with mosquitos year round. Imagine dealing with mosquitos that can make you very sick or even die. Imagine parents dying and leaving orphaned children. Imagine how you can help.

HERO'S CLUB

After School Ministry

TOUCHING CHILDREN'S LIVES *with the LOVE of CHRIST*

The Hero's Club Fall Semester begins Monday, September 28, 2015. The Student registration form and the Application for Hero's Club Assistant are available on Salem's website at SalemChurchWolfsville.org/heros-club. You may contact Heather O'Connor, Hero's Club Leader, at oconnors5@comcast.net, for additional information.

Who's Doing What, When?

9:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP		SEPTEMBER	
Lay Readers 6 - Randy Freysz 13 - Patrick Boyton 20 - Phil Koons 27 - Steve Leatherman	Ushers 6 - Dick Kline & Steve Leatherman 13 - Vernon Stottlemeyer & Robin Haupt 20 - Donald Stottlemeyer & Meredith Harshman 27 - Philip Koons & Brandon Leatherman	Music 6 - Sara Weitzel 13 - Sara Weitzel 20 - Susan Koons 27 - Susan Koons	
Greeters 6 - Bob & Petie Stup 13 - Denny Leatherman & Family 20 - George, Barbie, and Matthew Stottlemeyer 27 - Brandon & Jessie Leatherman	Acolytes 6 - Paul McCormick 13 - Jadie Buhrman 20 - Kenslie Buhrman 27 - Joshua Koons		
11:15 A.M. CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP		Music Sept 27 - Works in Progress Praise Band	
An informal FAMILY FRIENDLY service with contemporary Christian music, pastor's message, children's time, sharing of joys and concerns, and prayer.			

It's Your Day!

September Anniversaries

- 6 - Howard & Betty Brandenburg
- 8 - David & Sharon Harshman
- 10 - Jiron & Beth Snead
- 11 - H. Ronald & Judy Ellis
- 16 - Charles & Yvonne Reeder
- 17 - Steve & Joann Leatherman
- 20 - Mark & Hallie Burrier
- 26 - Bill & Caroline Buhrman
- 30 - Adam & Vicki Robinson

September Birthdays

- 2 - Dawn Brown
- 3 - Delores Myers
- 6 - Marilyn Leatherman
- 7 - Sarah Burrier
- 8 - David Harshman
- 9 - David Brandenburg
- 14 - Mary Cline
- 14 - Meredith Harshman
- 19 - Wanda Barkdoll
- 22 - Karyn Snyder
- 26 - Bobby Fogle
- 27 - Terri Buhrman

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

Mark your calendar



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

OLD BIBLES ARE BLESSED & RETURNED TO GOD'S EARTH

On Sunday, August 23, 2015, old Bibles from the church and church members were placed on the altar. The Salem congregation joined in prayer giving thanks for God's Word which we have held, and opened, and studied in times of joy and times of sorrow. Bibles that have changed our lives; that have helped us say "yes" to the Lord.

On Wednesday, August 26, the Bibles were respectfully buried at Salem's cemetery.

Holy Communion

Sunday, September 6, 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 . . .

Grace isn't a little prayer you say before a meal, it's a way to live.



Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman



When Autumn Comes

By Garnett Ann Schultz

Oh, splendor of the universe
 When spring and summer run their course,
 God dips His paintbrush slowly in,
 For autumn is the work of Him.

The brilliant sumac, scarlet there,
 The gorgeous sunset, none compare,
 The hills are splashed in gold and brown,
 While leaves of saffron tumble down.

Oh, world of crimson, golden hue,
 Just nothing can compare with you.
 Most lovely time of all the year,
 When autumn comes to bless us here.

My soul enriched, I watch it all,
 The blessings of the gorgeous fall—
 The rain splashed hills, then golden suns,
 A smiling world — when autumn comes.

Signs of Autumn

By Gertrude Bryson Holman

There is a hint of gold among the trees;
 A touch of nippy frost is in the air.
 The squirrels are hoarding nuts for winter days;
 They scurry round and hide them with great care.

I hear the plaintive coo of a mourning dove
 And share the cardinal's song of praise.
 The wild geese honk as they fly swift and low;
 I'm sure this is a sign of autumn days.

The wooded hills hold grandeur for us all,
 And mums are flashing colors far and near.
 All these are telling us the latest news
 That golden, mellow autumn days are here.

Eloquence of God

By Juanita R. Davis

He speaks to us in song of birds
 In trees where birds can build a nest,
 The roaring tide, the quiet breeze,
 The meadow with its wild flowers blest.

He speaks to us at close of day
 With sunset's every wondrous hue;
 The brilliant gold and amber tone,
 The silver shade, the mauve, the blue.



RECIPE



Chocolate Peppermint Cookies

Ingredients for Cookies:

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| 2 cups all-purpose flour | 1 cup packed light brown sugar |
| 3/4 cups unsweetened cocoa powder | 3/4 cup sugar |
| 1 teaspoon baking soda | 2 eggs |
| 1/4 teaspoon salt | 2 teaspoons vanilla extract |
| 1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter,
room temperature | 2 cups chocolate chips |

Ingredients for Glaze:

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| 3/4 cup confectioners' sugar | 3 1/2 teaspoons water |
| 2 drops mint extract, or more to taste | Few drops of green food color |

Directions for the Cookies:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
 In a medium bowl sift together flour, cocoa powder, baking soda and salt. Set aside. In a mixer beat together the butter with the sugars until fluffy, about 2 minutes. Add eggs 1 at a time, beating until smooth after each addition and scraping the sides of the bowl as necessary. Add in the vanilla. On a low speed beat in the flour mixture a little at a time. Gently mix in chocolate chips.

On an ungreased cookie sheet, drop teaspoons of the batter about 2 inches apart. Bake until just cracked on top, about 8 to 10 minutes, rotating the pan halfway through the cooking time. Cool completely.

Directions for the Glaze:

In a small bowl mix together the sugar; mint extract and water until smooth. Transfer mixture to a medium resealable plastic bag and snip off the corner. Drizzle glaze over cooled cookies. Let cookies stand until set, about 10 minutes.

Submitted by Barbie Stottlemeyer



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to COREY CARTER and COLLEEN SNYDER who were united in marriage on Friday, August 7, 2015, at Walker's Overlook, Walkersville, MD. Officiants for the wedding were Rev. John and Rev. Dr. Melissa Rudolph. Colleen is the daughter of Bob and Donna Snyder, Wolfsville. Corey is the son of Bruce and Christie Carter, Front Royal, Virginia.

IN SYMPATHY

The Salem congregation wishes to express its deepest sympathy to the family of PAULINE B. HOOVER, 86, of Wolfsville Road, Myersville, who died July 21, 2015, at her home.

She was born in Ellerton and was a previous member of Salem United Methodist Church, Wolfsville. Burial was at the Grossnickle Church of the Brethren Cemetery.

He speaks to us in harvest field
 In waves of ripening, golden grain;
 He gives a benediction prayer
 In sun and shadow, wind and rain.

He offers us four season times
 In winter, summer, autumn, spring;
 If we would only listen well,
 God speaks to us in everything.



Pastor's Notes... and Worship in September

■ By PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER

Lord's Acre Festival, CROP Hunger Walk, start of Hero's Club, start of a new Young Adult Sunday school class — all will be happening at Salem during September.

We're also starting a new Sermon Series called, "Christ Can Change Your Life." It's true, Christ can change our life, if we let him.

Never had a relationship with God and a church family? Had those relationships once but they need to be renewed? Forget to stay close to God some days and try to go it alone?

This series will help bring you back into relationship with God in a welcoming, caring church family who share your same struggles.

Please join us for this eight week series starting September 13.

Also, 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 I hope you have a great September.

—Pastor Bob

September 6 – Holy Communion Labor Sunday "Bringing Christ Along to Work"

An excerpt from the U.S. Dept. of Labor website communicates this about Labor Day: "It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country."

One of the contributions we make is taking our faith along with us into the workplace. Being an example, caring for others, appropriately sharing our faith – in these ways we bring Christ into the workplace.

"They'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love," the hymn conveys.

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New 8-Week Sermon Series begins September 13 "Christ Can Change Your Life"

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God and a church family?

Had those relationships once but
they need to be renewed?

Forget to stay close to God some
days and try to go it alone?

This series will help
bring you back into relationship
with God in a welcoming, caring
church family who share your
same struggles.

When we're consistent with our faith, at home and at work, we help others have faith.

September 13 Christ Can Change Your Life Sermon Series "How's It Going with Your Life?"

Are you trying to be the master of your life instead of letting the Master be the ruler of your life? How's that going?

Even the most gifted, talented person can't go it alone. We were created as God's children. We need a relationship with God. We need God's help through life. Shutting God out, trying to go through life without God's love and care, is self-destructive.

Christ is the answer – revealing God to us, showing us how to live, saving us from sin and death, and sending the Holy Spirit to guide us through life. We can master life – by turning our lives over to the Master.

September 20 Christ Can Change Your Life Sermon Series "Christ Can Show You Who Really Rules the Universe"

No country rules the universe. No human being rules the universe. God rules the universe.

Jesus reveals who God is and how God rules. God is all-powerful and all-loving. God loves us and chooses us.

God promises to care for us and has remained faithful to his promises one time after another through history, despite the sin of humankind.

In the most radical, loving act the world has ever known, God came to live among us and die for us.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

This is who God is. This is how God rules.

September 27 Christ Can Change Your Life Sermon Series "Christ Can Show You How to Live Well"

Jesus brought the law of love. He taught this law. He lived this law. He died upholding this law.

Jesus said, "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another (John 13:34).

Jesus was asked to explain the law of love and asked to answer the question "who is my neighbor?"

In response, Jesus told the story of the Good Samaritan.

A man was robbed, beaten and left for dead. Two religious leaders passed by him, failing to help the man. A third man, a hated Samaritan, went to the man, treated his wounds, and provided a place for the man to recover from his injuries. The Samaritan paid for all the expenses.

Living well is "Loving the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind and loving your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:37-40).

Life is like a camera...
FOCUS on what's important,
CAPTURE the good times,
DEVELOP from the negatives,
And if things don't work out,
Take another shot.

Sunday, September 27, 2015

Wolfsville/Myersville CROP Hunger Walk

Ending Hunger One Step at a Time

■ By Fonda Gormer

Imagine you're in Kenya, a country in Africa. You're walking to get water that you'll carry back home in a 5-gallon jerry can balanced on your head. Your family needs this water for drinking, bathing, preparing meals or watering the garden or livestock. Whatever the reason, 5 gallons of water weighs about 42 pounds, and you may have to walk miles to get it. It would be so helpful to have a community well!

The Wolfsville/Myersville CROP Hunger Walk could help you get that well. \$30 can drill one meter of a shallow borehole well – providing clean water for your community. With water nearby, you have time to grow and tend more vegetables, raise more livestock, or work at your business. Your family will have clean water to drink, and be less likely to be sick or die from disease.

The CROP Hunger Walk raises funds for Church World Service to use for projects to eliminate hunger in more than 80 countries around the world, including the United States. It provides resources to dig wells, provide emergency food and supplies to refugees and victims of natural disasters, feed malnourished children and improve health care. CROP funds assist with educational and occupational opportunities so families

can provide food for themselves.

So how do you get involved? On Sunday, September 27, the annual Wolfsville/Myersville CROP Hunger Walk takes place. The 5-mile walk starts at Salem United Methodist Church at 1:30 p.m. and circles around our country roads back to the church. Registration begins at 1 p.m. We need walkers and sponsors and prayer partners!

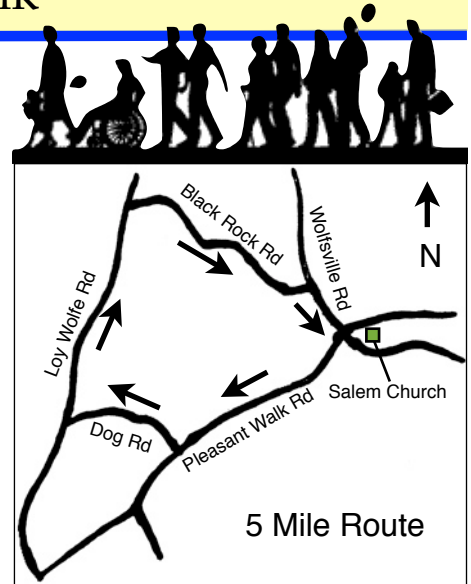
Walkers can get a sponsor form from me. Sign up sponsors, who pledge a flat amount or so much per mile. Collect the pledges from your sponsors, and return them to me the day of the walk or by October 18.

Any donation is accepted. We set no minimum for walkers to participate, but trust in God to prompt you to support the walkers. So if you are asked to sponsor a walker, please say yes.

If you want to sponsor someone but haven't been asked, talk to me and I'll hook you up!

Prayer partners can help as well. Pray for a safe walk and good weather. Pray that the funds raised will bless those who receive them. Give thanks for those who open their hearts to walk and donate.

Twenty-five percent of funds



1:00 p.m. - Registration at Salem
1:30 p.m. - CROP Walk begins

raised during the Wolfsville/Myersville CROP Hunger Walk are returned to our local area, given equally to the Religious Coalition for Emergency Human Needs in Frederick, Middletown Food Bank, and Salem's own food pantry. The remainder is used by Church World Service for their many projects.

For sponsor records or information, you may contact me at 301-293-2436 or at fonda.gormer@comcast.net.

We walk because they walk!

Children's Time at Salem



Photos by Jim Laky and Bill Burrier

On Sunday, August 9, 2015, Denny Leatherman served as guest speaker at Salem. He spoke on the topic "Well Water" from John 4, where Jesus met a Samaritan woman at the well. In the above left photo, Denny is speaking to the children at the 11:15 a.m. contemporary service. From left are Savanna and her service dog Kiki, Lillian, Ivy, Emily, and Katie.

On Sunday, August 23, 2015, in the photo at right, Pastor Bob spoke to the children at the 11:15 a.m. contemporary service about "new beginnings" as the new school year is beginning. The children brought their backpacks and Pastor Bob prayed God's blessing on all the students and teachers!

Salem attended the recent

Women of Faith *in* Philadelphia



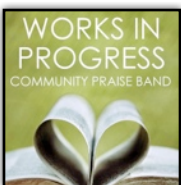
Photos submitted by Wanda Barkdoll



AUGUST 21, 2015 — Two vans provided the transportation for the Salem group to attend the last Women of Faith event in Philadelphia after 20 glorious years. The group enjoyed dinner after the drive there on Friday. From left (seated) are Sara Weitzel, Susan Koons, Theresa Haupt, Susie Stottlemeyer, Lacy Hill, Donna Snyder, and Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer. From left (standing) are Margie Shultz, Judie Holt, Lori Williamson, Dawn Nelson, April Showalter, Diana Leatherman, Kim Bailey, Kathy Laky, Caroline Long, and Wanda Barkdoll. Ruth Draper also attended separately with family members.



AUGUST 21-22, 2015 — Salem women are in their seats at the Wells Fargo Center in Philadelphia for Women of Faith. The two-day event was held Friday evening and all day Saturday. The women were inspired and recharged in their walk with Christ and expressed great testimony about the event in both services at Salem on Sunday.



“Works In Progress” Community Praise Band: Upcoming Appearances

Saturday, September 12 - Lord's Acre Festival, Wolfsville Ruritan Community Park, 2:30, 4:30, & 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 26 - Works In Progress will kick off a Christian Music Festival held at the Main Street Memorial Park, 1211 N. Main Street, Hampstead, Maryland. The band will play from 11 a.m.-12 noon, and the free event continues until 4 p.m. with three other bands. Sponsored by St. John's United Methodist Church, Hampstead.

Sunday, September 27 - Contemporary worship at Salem, 11:15 a.m.

Sunday, August 23, 2015

Faith Builders Youth Group *Kick-off Pool Party*

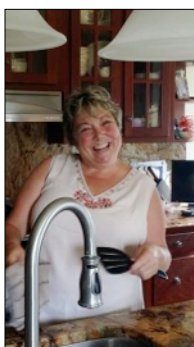
Photos by Wanda Barkdoll

Youth Group “very active” at Salem

■ By Wanda Barkdoll

We are at the beginning of a new calendar year for our middle school and high school youth at church. There was a wonderful group of youth and parents who attended the recent pool party. We have new members and we are very excited about that. We would like to thank the Mueller family for graciously allowing us to have the party at their home. We were blessed with a wonderful day.

The youth leaders are looking forward to this new year and are very excited about the events that we will have forthcoming. God bless you all, and Laura and I are looking forward to seeing you every Thursday from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the church.



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)



Sermons Make Sense

A churchgoer wrote a letter to the editor of the newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me I can't remember a single one of them."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But for the life of me, I cannot recall what the menu was for a single one of those meals. But I do know this: they all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me those meals, I would be physically dead today.

"Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today. Thank God for our physical and our spiritual nourishment!"

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

Some thoughts to ponder . . .

Spiritually, victory comes to those who humble themselves and seek God's will.

The school of suffering teaches us lessons that we could learn in no other classroom.

Giving freely honors the Lord, helps others, and blesses us.

Words are the blossoms, action the fruit.

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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