

# Mountain Shepherd

Volume 33

October 2015

Number 10



Salem United Methodist Church — Wolfsville



**Emma's Soda Tabs for Ronald McDonald House**  
[Details on page 9](#)

## INSIDE

- Missions ..... 2
- Lord's Acre details ..... 3
- Attendance & Offerings ..... 4
- Matt Maher concert ..... 4
- Board of Child Care ..... 4
- Calendar of Events ..... 5
- Adult Choir Notes ..... 5
- Board of Child Care ..... 5
- Who's Doing What, When ? ..... 6
- It's Your Day ..... 6
- Faith Builders Youth Group ..... 6
- Inspirational Reading ..... 7
- Recipe ..... 7
- In Sympathy ..... 7
- From our Pastor ..... 8
- Hero's Club ..... 9
- Emma's Soda Tabs ..... 9
- Community Notes ..... 9
- The Three Trees ..... 10
- Scenes from Lord's Acre ..... 11
- Sunday School Classes ..... 12
- Heavenly Humor ..... 12

## 56th annual Lord's Acre Festival successful at Ruritan Park

September 12, 2015



The featured quilt at this year's Lord's Acre Festival was sold at the 6 p.m. auction for \$425. Robert Wilson was the auctioneer.

### Thank You to the Wolfsville community for your support!

■ By Bill Burrier

The Lord's Acre Festival is an event that has been blessed by God for 56 years. Our sincere thanks to the Wolfsville community for once again supporting our annual event. Thank you!

#### Morning Rain

Rain fell on Lord's Acre morning. Perhaps more accurately stated, the rain poured down with a little lightning and thunder mixed in. This caused activities that would have been outside of the main pavilion (the music and silent auction), to be moved into the pavilion. We are grateful the rain stopped just before the 2 p.m. starting

time. This makes two years in a row we have experienced rain in the morning of Lord's Acre. Last year, a light rain fell but stopped before starting time. Fair weather is preferred but the Lord still blesses.

#### Looking Back

Fifty-six years ago, in 1960, Salem's young student pastor, Rev. John Schildt, proposed a fundraising idea to the Salem congregation called Lord's Acre.

A few small country churches in the south were already holding Lord's Acre events to raise money for their ministries.

—continued on page 3



Published monthly by Salem United Methodist Church – Wolfsville.  
Our mailing address is  
12477–79 Wolfsville Road,  
Myersville, MD 21773–9303

**Newsletter Editor:**  
William G. Burrier  
P. O. Box 94  
Myersville, MD 21773–0094  
BillBurrier@verizon.net

**Pastor:**  
Robert E. Snyder  
12477 Wolfsville Road, Myersville, MD 21773  
301–293–1616 (Office)  
240–994–0825 (Mobile)  
revbsnyder@comcast.net

**Salem Key Contacts:**  
Lay Leader: Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer  
Chair, Admin. Council: Vernon Stottlemeyer  
Outreach: Barbara Stottlemeyer  
Worship: Mary Alice Shankle  
Sun. School Superintendent: Bobby Fogle  
Chair, Board of Trustees: Donald Stottlemeyer  
Church Treasurer: William Burrier  
Sunday School Treasurer: Mary Fogle  
Chair, Staff-Parish Relations: Dennis Draper  
Food Pantry: Dawn Nelson

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

**Salem Physical Facilities:**  
Church built 1847  
Educational Building built 1967  
Parsonage built 1974–75

**Salem Website:**  
www.SalemChurchWolfsville.org

**Colophon:**  
Produced using iWork Pages 4.0 and  
Mac OS 10.9.5 on an iMac computer,  
H.P. LaserJet P3015 postscript laser printer,  
and Ricoh MP-3351 digital copier

**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.

## 2015 MISSION PROJECTS

		MONTHLY MINIMUM	PAID Jan-Aug
<b>1</b>	<b>Frank &amp; Nancy Stottlemeyer</b> (Retired New Tribes Mission)	\$204	\$1,632.00
<b>2</b>	<b>Operation Christmas Child</b> (Postage paid in November)	-----	\$0.00
<b>3</b>	<b>Salem Mission &amp; Outreach</b> (Local needs)	-----	\$1,262.24
<b>4</b>	<b>Salem Food Pantry</b> (Open Tuesdays 6:30-7:30 p.m.)	-----	\$843.29
<b>5</b>	<b>Mary E.</b> (Africa Inland Mission)	\$85	\$860.00
<b>6</b>	<b>United Methodist Board of Child Care</b> (Auxiliary & Direct Support)	-----	\$338.00
<b>7</b>	<b>Gideons</b> (Frederick West Camp - Distributing Bibles)	\$110	\$880.00
<b>8</b>	<b>Potato Project</b> (Society of St. Andrew, Big Island, VA)	\$60	\$480.00
<b>9</b>	<b>Middletown High School</b> (Fellowship of Christian Athletes)	\$47	\$376.00
<b>10</b>	<b>Mission Trip</b> (Destination to be determined)	-----	\$0.00
<b>11</b>	<b>Ronnie &amp; Angi Hopkins</b> (Nicaragua)	\$64	\$512.00
<b>12</b>	<b>Care Net Pregnancy Center</b> (Frederick, MD)	\$64	\$776.00
<b>13</b>	<b>Compassion International</b> (Sponsored child in India)	\$38	\$304.00
<b>14</b>	<b>Local Mission Projects</b> (Local repair or renovation needs)	-----	\$0.00
<b>15</b>	<b>Hero’s Club After School Ministry</b> (Pre-K through Grade 5)	-----	\$2,742.06
<b>16</b>	<b>World Vision</b> (Sponsored child in Colombia)	\$35	\$280.00
<b>17</b>	<b>Imagine No Malaria</b> in Africa (Pay December 2015)	-----	\$0.00

**2015 Goal: \$17,076 • Total Mission Offering to date: \$10,607.82 • % of Goal: 62%**

**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. 17

#### Imagine No Malaria in Africa

**JUST 10 MORE MOSQUITOS . . . . .**  
As of August 31, Salem needs \$382 to fulfill its pledge to the “Imagine No Malaria” campaign. This means we have about 10 more mosquitos to swat on our display.

Unlike in our country, mosquitos are a problem in most of Africa year round. “Imagine No Malaria” provides funds for mosquito nets, medicine, health education and clean water sources among other things.

Each \$10 donation means one life saved. Your donation helps. Imagine no malaria!



## Lord's Acre Festival *roundup*

—continued from page 1

Farmers set aside an “acre” of land to grow a vegetable crop that could be donated and then sold to benefit the church. Some farmers even raised livestock to donate. Those who did not farm made fancy needlework or craft items to donate.

Salem's first Lord's Acre included fresh and canned produce and fruit, fancy needlework items, food, live music, and an auction of unsold items at the end. The youth fellowship made posters and signs to advertise the event and decorated the old Wolfsville School building with colored leaves, corn shocks, pumpkins, etc.

Forty-six years ago, in 1970, the event was moved to the Wolfsville Ruritan Park. Being smaller then, everything fit under the large pavilion.

The move to the park, being mostly outside, as opposed to being in the heated school house, caused the date to be moved to early September.

The first few years at the park, the starting time was 5 p.m.; the same as it had been at the old school house. As the crowds increased though, and began arriving earlier, it was harder to hold people off from buying earlier, so the start time was moved up to 4 p.m. And with the larger crowds, more parking was provided on the ball field at the park. Prior to that, they parked in the small lot and along the road, and were lined up down the road on both sides.

### Use of Lord's Acre profits

We have accomplished a lot since that first Lord's Acre 56 years ago. The profits from this annual event have allowed us to enhance the ministry at Salem and support the Wolfsville community.

Over the years, profits from the Lord's Acre have made possible the educational building (1967), the parsonage (1974-75), the parking lot and its many improvements and additions (1968, 1993, 1998, and 2007), and many smaller maintenance and improvement projects to our existing buildings and grounds.

During the last 14 years, air conditioning was installed in the sanctuary; an elevator, handicap restroom, storage rooms, and new flooring were installed; the church steeple was restored; interior and exterior



painting was completed; repaired sanctuary floor understructure; repaired and waterproofed classroom walls; renovated the parsonage; purchased new refrigerator and freezer for the kitchen; replaced stucco on sanctuary exterior walls; constructed new concrete floor under the sanctuary; replaced windows in educational building and parsonage; replaced spouting on parsonage; installed central air and additional insulation in the parsonage; updated the sanctuary sound system; replaced kitchen floor in parsonage; and renovated the social hall with new carpet, painted walls, and new window treatment.

### Successful Fundraiser

As of this writing, this year's income totaled \$17,883.40. With some expenses yet to be paid, a full report, indicating the amount of profit, will be published in next month's newsletter. Profits will be placed in Salem's Building and Improvement Fund.

The success of this event is a time of praise to our Lord and a time when we experience warm fellowship among friends and neighbors.

### 2015 Lord's Acre Income

Produce: \$456.75  
 Needlework/Crafts: \$409.00  
 Flea Tables & Plants: \$177.35  
 Youth Sales/Activities: \$50.00  
 Silent Auction: \$934.00  
 Live Auction: \$3,280.00  
 Soup/Sandwiches/Drinks: \$3,696.55  
 Baked Goods: \$1,050.75  
 Ice Cream: \$351.00  
 Contribution from Bee-lievers: \$5,000.00  
 Contributions from Individuals: \$2,478.00  
 Total Income: \$17,883.40

### Silent Auction Items

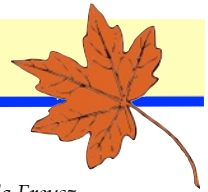
List submitted by Brenda Freysz

CVA Hawken Black Powder Rifle \$150  
 Bluebird Canvas \$15  
 Set of 3 Dishes \$6  
 Hoover House Print \$28  
 Hand Painted Purple Vase \$8  
 McCutcheon's Basket \$20  
 Outdoor Umbrella Surround Candles \$4  
 Halloween Ceramic Dishes \$15  
 Cupcake Candy Dish \$8  
 McCutcheon's Basket \$21  
 Votive Polished Brass Candle \$12  
 Middletown Sweatshirt \$50  
 Pampered Chef Square Baker & Acc. \$20  
 Jewelry Box \$12  
 Cross Pendant & Scarf \$22  
 Jar Lights \$25  
 Set of Three Hurricanes \$10  
 Ceramic Chicken \$12  
 Makeup Basket \$26  
 Christmas Bread Tray & Cheese Dishes \$14  
 Flag Art \$20  
 Longaberger Basket \$30  
 Wreath \$21  
 Four Candle Collection \$16  
 Lighted Church \$5  
 Necklace \$10  
 Jewelry Organizer & Access \$10  
 McCutcheon's Jelly \$15  
 Blue Pitcher with Roses \$10  
 Longaberger Vegetable Basket \$12  
 Set of Three Wicker Plastic Baskets \$6  
 Snowman Jewelry \$20  
 Middletown Sweatshirt \$45  
 Tool Box with Tools & Goodies \$40  
 Scenes of Wolfsville \$20  
 Bird Feeder/House/Seed \$15  
 Lighted Flag Picture \$30  
 Hand Painted Pink Vase \$6  
 Cardinal Canvas Print \$50  
 Scenes of Wolfsville \$20  
 Dog Basket \$13  
 Barry Richardson Print \$40

### Major Items Sold at the 6 p.m. Auction

Robert Wilson, Auctioneer

Brent Blickenstaff Photo Book (2) \$110 ea.  
 "Love" Stand \$110  
 Cabin (Replica) \$155  
 Barn (Replica) \$230  
 Child Picnic Table \$150  
 Bench \$210  
 Featured Quilt \$425  
 Picture \$90  
 Clock \$55





# Attendance Offerings

August 2015

	Worship*	Sunday School
Aug 2	79 \$1,815.50	48 \$345.50
Aug 9	81 1,903.50	50 97.25
Aug 16	84 2,483.00	49 136.00
Aug 23	94 2,406.00	55 143.00
Aug 30	83 2,431.95	51 139.00

\*Worship attendance & offerings include both worship services.

- Missions: \$1,005.00
  - Building Fund: \$273.75
  - Pavilion Fund: \$140.00
  - Cemetery Endowment Fund: \$20.00
- (Missions, Building Fund offerings, etc. are not included in Worship & Sunday School offerings above.)

Average Attendance	
Worship	Sunday School
Aug	51
July	52
June	55
May	49
Apr	61

**Average Attendance Jan-Aug 2015**  
 Sunday Worship: 89  
 Sunday School: 54



## Thursday, November 5 Matt Maher in Concert at the Maryland Theatre, Hagerstown

By Sara Weitzel  
 Matt Maher is going to be in concert on Thursday, November 5th, 7:00 pm, at the Maryland Theatre in Hagerstown. Tickets are \$21.00 (\$23.00 with fees). There is no group price. But if we have a group that wants to see the concert together, then I would like to know before buying tickets—by **October 5th**.  
 Matt is a five time-GRAMMY® nominee, and has garnered multiple radio successes writing and recording songs like “Lord, I Need You,” “Hold Us Together,” “Christ Is Risen,” “All The People Said Amen” and “Your Grace Is Enough.”  
 He has also written songs recorded by Chris Tomlin, Crowder, Third Day, Matt Redman, Hillsong, and others.  
 I saw him once before in concert, and he blew me away!

## Board of Child Care exuberant about graduation rate



By Laurie Anne Spagnola  
 President, Board of Child Care  
 With the warm weather just about behind us and students already turning their thoughts to multiplication tables and homework assignments, we have an amazing number of our own to share with you— 100%. That’s the number of Board of Child Care residents who graduated from either our own Strawbridge School or public high schools this past June.

Here is why this number is so special: Our 100% high school graduation rate beat the foster care system national average of 50%! Thank you for being behind the youth we serve 100%.

Submitted by Dawn Nelson  
*[The United Methodist Board of Child Care is Salem Mission Project No. 6. Salem supports the Board of Child Care directly with our Christmas Eve offering, through the Auxiliary, and with various other donations.]*

## Salem Mission Project No. 11 Ronnie & Angi Hopkins say thank you

This is a belated thank you for giving us time in the pulpit to share a moment regarding the ministry in Nicaragua.  
 You and your church have been so faithful in your support over these many years. We are very grateful for that.  
 We returned to Nicaragua a month ago and are “back in the saddle.”

## 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.



# October

## Calendar of Events



- Thu 1 UMW Bee-lievers** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem  
**Thu 1 Board of Trustees** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem  
**Sun 4 Holy Communion** - 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. at Salem  
**Tue 6 Adult Choir practices begin** - 7:30 p.m. at Salem (continue every Tuesday)  
**Thu 8 Administrative Council meeting** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem  
**Sun 11 Hike to Black Rock** - 1:00 p.m.  
**Mon 19 Wolfsville Ruritan Club Dinner** - 2:00 p.m. prepare, 7:00 p.m. serve, at Salem  
**Fri 23 Spaghetti Dinner/Fundraiser** - begins at 5:00 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

Adult Choir practices every TUESDAY at 7:30 p.m. at Salem

Praise Band practices every WEDNESDAY at 7:00 p.m. at Salem

Youth Group meets every THURSDAY 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Salem

The church is cleaned FRIDAY or SATURDAY every week

### Newsletter Distribution

1. **E-Mail** — We are currently sending this newsletter to 192 of our readers via e-mail. Our desire is to obtain as many e-mail addresses as possible.

2. **Pick Up Paper Copy at Church** — We are printing 85 copies for members who do not have e-mail and can pick up their copies at church.

3. **First Class Mail** — We are mailing about 30 copies, using the 49 cents First Class postage rate.

### Adult Choir Notes

■ By Sandy Lewis

It's that time again!  
Time to start choir practice.  
We will begin on Tuesday,  
October 6, 2015, at 7:30  
p.m. in the sanctuary.

I hope to see all of our faithful singers that have been supporting choir. Anyone who would like to join us is most welcome. We have a great time of fellowship and singing praise to God.



### Count

Count your BLESSINGS instead of your crosses  
Count your GAINS instead of your losses  
Count your JOYS instead of your woes  
Count your FRIENDS instead of your foes  
Count your COURAGE instead of your fears  
Count your LAUGHS instead of your tears  
Count your HEALTH instead of your wealth  
Count your GOD instead of yourself.

— Submitted by Dennis Draper



Dawn Nelson (far right) delivered welcome kits from Salem, to Julie Wernz, President of the Board of Child Care Auxillary, and Caren Forestandi, who is with admissions at the United Methodist Board of Child Care.

# Who's Doing What, When?

<b>9:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP</b>		<b>OCTOBER</b>
<b>Lay Readers</b> 4 - Fonda Gormer 11 - Melissa Thornton 18 - Wanda Barkdoll 25 - Mary Cline	<b>Ushers</b> 4 - Dick Kline & Steve Leatherman 11 - Vernon Stottlemeyer & Robin Haupt 18 - Donald Stottlemeyer & Meredith Harshman 25 - Philip Koons & Brandon Leatherman	<b>Music</b> 4 - Sara Weitzel 11 - Works in Progress 18 - Susan Koons 25 - Susan Koons
<b>Greeters</b> 4 - Randy & Brenda Freysz 11 - Vernon & Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer 18 - George, Barbie, and Matthew Stottlemeyer 25 - Donald & Susie Stottlemeyer	<b>Acolytes</b> 4 - Paul McCormick 11 - Jadie Buhrman 18 - Kenslie Buhrman 25 - Joshua Koons	
<b>11:15 A.M. CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP</b>		
An informal FAMILY FRIENDLY service with contemporary Christian music, pastor's message, children's time, sharing of joys and concerns, and prayer.		<b>Music</b> Oct 11 - Works in Progress Praise Band Oct 25 - Works in Progress Praise Band

## It's Your Day!

### October Anniversaries

- 6 - Brett & Kendra Haupt
- 8 - Bill & Mary Alice Shankle
- 9 - Josh & Trista Wright
- 9 - Erick & Meagan Wagaman
- 11 - Keith & Joy Young
- 14 - George & Barbara Stottlemeyer

### October Birthdays

- 1 - Mary Brown
- 3 - Henry Wright
- 4 - Charlie Beall
- 4 - Justin Fogle
- 5 - Tim Brown
- 6 - Ron Ellis Jr.
- 9 - Brandon Ferris
- 13 - George Hawkins
- 18 - Adam Robinson
- 18 - Tyler Ferris
- 20 - Dennis Draper
- 22 - Olvey Myers
- 25 - Laura Snyder
- 26 - Bailey Blickenstaff
- 31 - Jason Buhrman

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

- Oct 11 - Hike to Black Rock
- Oct 23 - Spaghetti Dinner/Fundraiser
- Nov 20 - "Salem Slam" Ping-Pong Tournament
- Dec 5 - Christmas Party
- Dec 24 - Christmas Eve - Dramatic Presentation

#### 2016

- Feb 5-7 - ROCK Youth Retreat
- Feb 14 - Youth Sunday
- Feb 14 - Roller Skating Party
- Mar 13 - Seniors' Appreciation Luncheon
- Apr 16 or 23 - Hershey Park Trip
- Apr 22 - Spaghetti Dinner/Fundraiser
- May 27-28 - Progressive Dinner & Lock-In
- Jun 18 - End-of-Year Pool Party (Mueller's)
- June 29-July 2 - Creation Music Festival
- July 17 - Ice Cream Social

#### Co-Leaders:

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

**NEW** Young Adult  
 Sunday School Class  
 Sundays 10:15 - 11:00 a.m.  
 Teacher: Denny Leatherman

*World Communion Sunday*  
 Sunday, October 4, 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 . . .

Coincidence is when God chooses to remain anonymous.



Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman





**INSPIRATIONAL**  
*Reading*

**Autumn's Golden Moon**

*By Loise Pinkerton Fritz*

Summer's moon has fallen down  
Behind the summer hills;  
In its place there rises now  
A moon all autumn-filled.



Its rays touch down upon God's earth  
On ripened fields of grain,  
On hillsides and on villages  
On quiet country lanes.

It is a panoramic view,  
When summer's moon takes flight,  
To see autumnal moonbeams fall  
O'er all the countryside.

It's part of autumn's touch  
Upon this golden time,  
When summer's moon has gone to rest  
And autumn's gold moon shines.

"You make the moon to mark the seasons; the sun  
knows the hour of its setting." —Psalm 104:19

*Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman*

**Out of this Life**

Out of this life I shall never take  
Things of silver and gold I make  
All that I cherish and hoard away  
After I leave, on earth must stay.  
Though I have toiled for a painting rare  
To hang on my wall, I must leave it there.  
Though I call it mine and I boast its worth,  
I must give it up when I quit the earth.  
All that I gather and all that I keep  
I must leave behind when I fall asleep.

And I wonder often, just what I shall own  
In that other life, when I pass alone,  
What shall He find and what shall He see  
In the soul that answers the call for me?  
Shall the great Judge learn, when my task is through,  
That my soul had gathered some riches, too?  
Or shall at the last, it be mine to find,  
That all I had worked for I had left behind.

*Submitted by Olive Kline*

The best things are never arrived at in haste.  
God is in no hurry; his plans are never rushed.



**RECIPE**



**Apple Crunch**

4 cups peeled, sliced apples	3/4 cup flour
1/2 cup water	1 cup brown sugar
1 teaspoon cinnamon	1/2 cup butter

1. Arrange apples in deep, greased baking dish. Add water.
2. Combine cinnamon, flour, sugar, and butter with fork until crumbly. Spread evenly over apples.
3. Bake at 350 degrees for about 30 minutes or until the crust is brown and apples are tender when pricked with a fork. Serve warm with ice cream or whipped cream.

Makes 6-8 servings.

*Selected from Lancaster County Cookbook by Louise Stoltzfus & Jan Mast*



**The Foliage of  
Autumn**

*By Beverly J. Anderson*

The foliage of Autumn,  
The painted leaves of Fall  
Are gifts from God the Father  
Delighting one and all.

How very much He loves us  
To send such beauty rare,  
When golden days of Autumn  
Unfold their treasures fair.

There is a special gladness  
At this time of the year,  
When every heart says welcome  
To bright October's cheer.

I will remember always  
The glory of it all —  
The foliage of Autumn,  
The painted leaves of Fall.

*Submitted by Shirley Wolfe  
(Dianna Poling's mother)*

**Love the Lord**

*By Edward A. Gloegler*

There is a time  
for all things,  
but one thing  
for all times:  
Love the Lord  
and one another.

**IN SYMPATHY**

The Salem congregation wishes to express its deepest sympathy to the family of DONALD E. "PAT" WISNER Jr., 63, of Pleasant Walk Road, Myersville, who died on September 8, 2015, at his home.

He was the husband of Charlotte Buhrman Wisner; and father of two daughters and one son, Amy Wisner Burwell and husband John of Alexandria, VA, Holly Wisner Brashears and husband Justin of Pleasant Walk Road, and Scott Wisner and wife Carla of Pleasant Walk Road; and grandfather of four grandchildren.

He was the son of Donald Sr. and Etta Mae Wisner of Myersville.

Pat was a member of the Harmony Church of the Brethren, where funeral services were held on September 12. Burial was in Harmony Church of the Brethren Cemetery.

The Wisner family also has a close relationship with Salem, and we extend our sincere condolences to each family member.

If I am right, Thy grace impart  
Still in the right to stay;  
If I am wrong, oh, teach my heart  
To find the better way!



## *Pastor's Notes...* and **Worship in October**

■ By **PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER**

**T**he rain came down in buckets before the start of Lord's Acre on September 12, but it could not dampen the powerful presence of the Holy Spirit with us that day.

I'm always struck by the high attendance at worship the day after Lord's Acre when we're all exhausted and you'd think some might stay home to rest. But that's never the case, we all want to continue to experience God in the wonderful way we did the day before.

Thanks to all from the Wolfsville community and beyond who attended Lord's Acre this year and supported Christ's ongoing work at Salem.

Autumn has officially arrived! We were pleased to raise money on September 27 to fight hunger globally and locally at the annual Community CROP Walk for Hunger.

On October 11, Salem's Family Ministries team is hosting a Hike to Black Rock, and on October 23 our Faith Builders Youth Group is hosting a Spaghetti Dinner/Fundraiser. All proceeds from the dinner will go to support youth ministry at Salem.

All these events are great opportunities for our church family and guests to come and be in fellowship and service together, a vital part of following Jesus. Please make attendance at these events a priority. God bless and have a great October! —*Pastor Bob*

**October 4**  
**World Communion Sunday**  
**Christ Can Change Your Life**  
**Sermon Series**  
**"Christ Can Give You the Hope You're Searching For"**

What do we desire more than hope? We hope that our basic needs are met. We hope for the health, safety and happiness of our families. We hope for life after death. We can take responsibility and



provide for ourselves and that gets us a certain distance down the road toward attaining the things we hope for.

But our own efforts can't get us the whole way. We need Christ in our lives to complete the journey and attain all the things we hold most dear.

The good news is, Christ has already secured salvation and eternal life for us. And the rest of the things we hope for - Christ is here right now, ready and willing to help us have hope today when we seek him.

**October 11**  
**Christ Can Change Your Life**  
**Sermon Series**  
**"Christ Can Be Your Best Friend"**

My Uncle "Hip" used to tell me, you're a lucky man if you can count your true friends on one hand. Most of us only have a few who remain our friends through thick and thin; who we can count on to be there for us no matter what. However many true friends we think we have, add one more - Christ.

In fact, count Christ first among your true friends because no one else can come close to the friendship our Lord and Savior can provide. Celebrating - Christ is there. Suffering - Christ is there. Alone - Christ is still there with you. Even when you try to hide or turn your back and run in the opposite direction, Christ is still there. Why? Simply because Christ

adores you and there's nothing you can do to change that.

**October 18**  
**Christ Can Change Your Life**  
**Sermon Series**  
**"How to Say 'Yes' to Christ"**

At some point, we come to a crossroads in life to say "yes" to Christ. Saying "yes" isn't necessarily the day we're baptized. Saying "yes" isn't necessarily the day we publicly claim, "I believe in Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior."

Saying "yes" is the day we surrender our lives over to Christ's Lordship and strive for the remainder of our lives to follow Christ and to become more and more like Christ in our thoughts, words, and actions. It's the day we decide to die to self, and live in Christ.

It is a matter not of the mind and the intellect (I believe in you Lord!) but a matter of the mind and heart (I believe and I surrender myself to you Lord!).

**October 25 - Reformation Sunday**  
**Christ Can Change Your Life**  
**Sermon Series**  
**"What Happens When We Say 'Yes' to Christ"**

What happens when we say "yes" to Christ? We begin to truly live!

John Wesley had already been a minister for years before he said "yes." He had said, "I believe" a long time ago, but he had not surrendered himself to Christ. He had not died to self.

Sometimes the final surrender of self comes with a failure in life. Wesley had extraordinary success bringing people to Christ in 18th century England. He thought he could do the same converting the Native Americans in the Colonial America. It was a dismal failure.

One night after his return to England, Wesley was attending a prayer meeting on Aldersgate Street in London. During a reading of Luther's commentary on the Book of Romans, Wesley reports that his heart was strangely warmed.

Through a power he knew was beyond his own (the power of God, the Holy Spirit), he was assured that Christ died for him personally, John Wesley, sinner that he was.

From then on, Wesley experienced the fullness of peace and joy and fulfillment of life that comes from God when we say "yes."



## Fall Semester Began September 28th

■ By Heather O'Connor  
Hero's Club Leader

Dear Salem United Methodist Church:

We are very excited about this year's theme for Hero's Club, "We are B.R.A.V.E.!" — which stands for "Bold Ready Army for Victorious Engagement". Many of our lessons will focus on Ephesians 6:10-20, and will include how to win against sin with Jesus and the "Armor of God".

Our first day with the children was Monday, September 28th.

Next month we will be taking a trip to gather pumpkins for our annual "Jack-O-Lanterns for Jesus"

# HERO'S CLUB

## After School Ministry

TOUCHING CHILDREN'S LIVES with the LOVE of CHRIST

**THEME: "We are B.R.A.V.E.!"**

pumpkin carving event. It is at this event that the Hero's Club members can invite a friend from Wolfsville Elementary to join in all the fun!

In December, to celebrate Christmas, the children will once again plan, prepare, and serve dinner to their own families. We hope to include some caroling too!

This year our Hero's Club Helpers will become more involved and asked to teach a few of the lessons. With many of our helpers being high school seniors, this will

be a wonderful learning experience for them, as well as the students; and it will help them in their future endeavors while attending college.

With the loss of these dedicated seniors, that have been with this program for so many years, we are going to be looking to find freshmen and sophomores to step into their positions for next year.

If you have a child or know of anyone that would enjoy this ministry, please let me or Pastor Bob know. Thank you for your support!



Heather O'Connor  
Hero's Club Leader

Pre-school through 5th grade children may join Hero's Club at any time.  
Hero's Club Registration Forms are available at [www.SalemChurchWolfsville.org/heros-club](http://www.SalemChurchWolfsville.org/heros-club)

## Community Notes

### BREAST CANCER FUNDRAISER

■ By Sara Weitzel

My daughter, Mandy, works for Meadows Farms Nursery on Alternate 40 (just past Braddock), and they are having "Pink Day" on Saturday, October 10th, to raise money for the Breast Cancer Research Foundation. They are asking groups/organizations if they would like to participate in this event at Meadows Farms on that day with, for example, a bake sale table, yard sale table, etc. For non-profit organizations there would not be any cost for the table. All they ask is that the group donates 10% of its profits to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation. The rest of the money goes to the group. Nothing goes to Meadows Farms.

Meadows Farms is open from 8 am to 6 pm that day, so participating groups can have a table set up for any period of time between those hours.

For more information you can contact Mandy Weitzel, at Meadows Farms at 301-473-5411.

### TROLLEY PROGRAM PLANNED BY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

■ By Fonda Gormer

The recently formed Myersville-Wolfsville Area Historical Society will host a program on the trolley and its impact on the Myersville area on Friday, October 23, at 7:30 p.m. at the Myersville Town Hall. Chip Jewell will be the presenter. For more information, contact me at 301-293-2436.



Emma Waite, age 9

## Emma's Soda Tabs for Ronald McDonald House

Inspired by the collection of soda tabs on the counter in the social hall at Salem, nine-year-old Emma Waite decided to collect more tabs at Carey's Camp in her native Delaware this summer.

Carey's Camp follows the tradition of the old camp meetings, where structures were erected for one to two weeks of services. The first Carey's Camp was held in 1888, next to the Carey's Methodist Church near Millsboro, Delaware. Check out the web site at [careyscamp.org](http://careyscamp.org).

Emma set out a container at the concession stand at the camp, asking attendees to save their soda tabs. Her project was even promoted at the evening worship service, with tabs to be dropped off at her great-grandmother's "tent". At the end of the week, Emma had filled a large container with soda tabs. (See the photo at left.)

Emma is the daughter of Jennifer Gormer and Clay Waite, and the granddaughter of Fonda and Jon Gormer. The family moved to Maryland this summer.

Emma's tabs, along with the others on Salem's counter, will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House program.

Ronald McDonald House: Keeping families together to help kids heal and cope better.

His Ways are not our ways, but His ways are always best.



## The Story of Three Trees

Submitted by Robin Haupt

Once there were three trees on a hill in the woods. They were discussing their hopes and dreams when the first tree said, 'Someday I hope to be a treasure chest. I could be filled with gold, silver and precious gems. I could be decorated with intricate carving and everyone would see the beauty.'

Then the second tree said, 'Someday I will be a mighty ship. I will take Kings and queens across the waters and sail to the corners of the world. Everyone will feel safe in me because of the strength of my hull.'

Finally the third tree said, 'I want to grow to be the tallest and straightest Tree in the forest. People will see me on top of the hill and look up to my branches, and think of the heavens and God and how close to them I am reaching. I will be the greatest tree of all time and people will always remember me.'

After a few years of praying that their dreams would come true, a group of woodsmen came upon the trees. When one came to the first tree he said, 'This looks like a strong tree, I think I should be able to sell the wood to a carpenter', and he began cutting it down.

The tree was happy, because he knew that the carpenter would make him into a treasure chest.

At the second tree the woodsman said,

'This looks like a strong tree. I should be able to sell it to the shipyard.' The second tree was happy because he knew he was on his way to becoming a mighty ship.

When the woodsmen came upon the third tree, the tree was frightened because he knew that if they cut him down his dreams would not come true. One of the woodsmen said, 'I don't need anything special from my tree, I'll take this one', and he cut it down.

When the first tree arrived at the carpenters, he was made into a feed box for animals. He was then placed in a barn and filled with hay. This was not at all what he had prayed for.

The second tree was cut and made into a small fishing boat. His dreams of being a mighty ship and carrying kings had come to an end.

The third tree was cut into large pieces, and left alone in the dark.

The years went by, and the trees forgot about their dreams.

Then one day, a man and woman came to the barn. She gave birth and they placed the baby in the hay in the feed box that was made from the first tree. The man wished that he could have made a crib for the baby, but this manger would have to do. The tree could feel the importance of this event and knew that it had held the greatest treasure of all time.

Years later, a group of men got in the fishing boat made from the second tree. One of them was tired and went to sleep. While they were out on the water, a great storm arose and the tree didn't think it was strong enough to keep the men safe. The men woke the sleeping man, and He stood and said 'Peace' and the storm stopped. At this time, the tree knew that it had carried the King of Kings in its boat.

Finally, someone came and got the third tree. It was carried through the streets as the people mocked the man who was carrying it. When they came to a stop, the man was nailed to the tree and raised in the air to die at the top of a hill. When Sunday came, the tree came to realize that it was strong enough to stand at the top of the hill and be as close to God as was possible, because Jesus had been crucified on it.

**THE MORAL OF THIS STORY IS** that when things don't seem to be going your way, always know that God has a plan for you. If you place your trust in Him, God will give you great gifts.

Each of the trees got what they wanted, just not in the way they had imagined.

We don't always know what God's plans are for us. We just know that His Ways are not our ways, but His ways are always best.

Linda Kline Memorial Pie Making, Friday, September 11, 2015



Homemade pies are a big hit at the Lord's Acre. Making fruit pies, from left, are Sara Weitzel, Ruth Draper, Kathy Laky, Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer, and Dawn Nelson. In photo at right, Pastor Bob learned to make a good bottom crust. Many others helped with making fruit, pumpkin and custard pies during the day and evening on Friday.



Saturday, September 12, 2015

# Scenes from the 56th annual Lord's Acre Festival



To view the Lord's Acre 6-minute video, go to [SalemChurchWolfsville.org/lords-acre-festival/](http://SalemChurchWolfsville.org/lords-acre-festival/)



## 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

**Young Adult Class [NEW]**

Teacher: Dennis Leatherman

**Adult Discussion Group - Couples & Singles**

Teacher: Bill Burrier

**Men's Class**

Teachers: George Harne, Bobby Fogle, Meredith Harshman

**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)



**The Sin of Lying**

A minister told his congregation, "Next week I plan to preach about the sin of lying. To help you understand my sermon, I want you all to read Mark 17."

The following Sunday, as he prepared to deliver his sermon, the minister asked for a show of hands. He wanted to know how many had read Mark 17. Several went up. The minister smiled and said, "Mark has only sixteen chapters. I will now proceed with my sermon on the sin of lying."

**The Wedding Cake Mistake**

A Baker was asked to print 1 John 4:18 on a wedding cake. He forgot, and instead printed John 4:18.

1st John 4:18 (ESV) reads "There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear."

John 4:18 (ESV) on the other hand reads "For you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband."

*Some thoughts to ponder . . .*

Just as love is the giving of one's self, so is compromise.

One positive thought today can show me the vision of all the possibilities of tomorrow.

We do not need to see eye to eye to walk arm in arm.

Adversity is often the buffer that puts a shine on your faith.

**The Mountain Shepherd**

Salem United Methodist Church  
12477-79 Wolfsville Road  
Myersville, MD 21773-9303

www.SalemChurchWolfsville.org

Address Services Requested

**TWO WORSHIP SERVICES**

— Every Sunday —

9:00 a.m. Traditional

10:15 a.m. Sunday School

11:15 a.m. Contemporary

Place Stamp Here