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Veterans Day - November 11

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Operation Christmas Child

A PROJECT OF SAMARITAN'S PURSE

Turning "shoe boxes" into Christmas gifts for children

Share the love of Jesus, through the power of a simple gift, with children around the world.

■ By Barbie Stottlemyer

We will once again be participating in OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD, in which we fill shoe boxes to be distributed to needy children around the world. This is a project of Samaritan's Purse, a Franklin Graham ministry in Boone, North Carolina.

HOW TO PACK YOUR BOX

We are asking anyone wishing to participate in this program to fill their shoe boxes at home and bring them to the church on or before Sunday, November 15th.

Your shoe boxes should be packed for children ranging in ages from 2-4 years old, 5-9 years old, or 10-14 years old.

Numerous shoe boxes have already been wrapped and are available outside the sanctuary, or you can wrap your own shoe box. Labels are available at church to place in the box, identifying if the items inside are for

Boxes are due by
Sunday, November 15, 2015

a boy or girl, and the appropriate age group.

Once we have filled our boxes, we will take them to a local distribution center where they will then be sent to another distribution center in North Carolina, and then will be sent out to the children.

POSTAGE

There is a \$7.00 postage charge for each box. Place the postage amount in the donation envelope and place the envelope on top of the gift items inside the box so it is clearly visible. Checks should be made payable to Samaritan's Purse, with a note on the memo line that the gift is for Operation Christmas Child. If you are unable to pay the postage, Salem will pick up this cost from our Mission Project No. 2.

Community Thanksgiving Service set for Wednesday evening, November 25, 7 p.m. at St. Mark's Lutheran Church

The annual Wolfsville Community Thanksgiving Service will be held on Thanksgiving eve, Wednesday, November 25, at 7:00 p.m. This year's service will be hosted by St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 12704 Wolfsville Road.

The service will include special music, including the St. Mark's handbell choir.

This is a Wolfsville community event which is hosted on a rotating basis among five local churches. Everyone is invited to attend to "Give Thanks to the Lord."



Rotating Schedule for the Wolfsville Community Thanksgiving Service

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



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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-Sept
1	Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer (Retired New Tribes Mission)	\$204	\$1,836.00
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.)	-----	\$1,124.97
5	Mary E. (Africa Inland Mission)	\$85	\$985.00
6	United Methodist Board of Child Care (Auxiliary & Direct Support)	-----	\$338.00
7	Gideons (Frederick West Camp - Distributing Bibles)	\$110	\$990.00
8	Potato Project (Society of St. Andrew, Big Island, VA)	\$60	\$540.00
9	Middletown High School (Fellowship of Christian Athletes)	\$47	\$423.00
10	Mission Trip (Destination to be determined)	-----	\$0.00
11	Ronnie & Angi Hopkins (Nicaragua)	\$64	\$576.00
12	Care Net Pregnancy Center (Frederick, MD)	\$64	\$840.00
13	Compassion International (Sponsored child in India)	\$38	\$342.00
14	Local Mission Projects (Local repair or renovation needs)	-----	\$0.00
15	Hero’s Club After School Ministry (Pre-K through Grade 5)	-----	\$2,742.06
16	World Vision (Sponsored child in Colombia)	\$35	\$315.00
17	Imagine No Malaria in Africa (Pay December 2015)	-----	\$0.00

2015 Goal: **\$17,076** • Total Mission Offering to date: **\$11,344.52** • % of Goal: **66%**

- Here’s how you can give . . .**
1. Make checks payable to Salem United Methodist Church, or place cash in an envelope marked “Missions.”
 2. Tell us which mission project(s) you wish to support by making a note on your check or envelope.
 3. Place your contributions in the offering plate at Sunday worship or mail to Salem.
If you do not designate a project, your contribution will be distributed to the project or projects needing funds to meet the monthly minimum payout goals.

SALEM MISSION PROJECT No. 8

Potato Project

Society of St. Andrew, Big Island, VA



Thank you, Salem UMC, for making the Society of St. Andrew your partner in ending hunger. Through your gifts, you will share fresh, nutritious produce with those in our nation who simply don’t have enough to eat.

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

Through Society of St. Andrew, every nickel you give puts two servings of healthy food on the tables of people in greatest need.

Over the next 15 months, our goal is to feed 50 million, by distributing 50 million pounds of food. Thank you for all the ways your congregation reaches out as the hands and feet of Christ. —Lynette Johnson, Society of St. Andrew

[Salem contributes a minimum of \$60 each month to the Potato Project.]



Outreach and Missions

Salem Mission Project No. 3

Salvation Army Christmas Stockings

By Barbie Stottleymer

The Salvation Army Christmas Stockings are available at church again this year. As in the past, the stockings will be available for boys or girls of various age groups. Each stocking contains a list of suggested items to purchase.

Please return your filled stockings by November 15. The stockings will be taken to the Salvation Army for distribution to less fortunate children within Frederick County.



Salem Mission Project No. 17

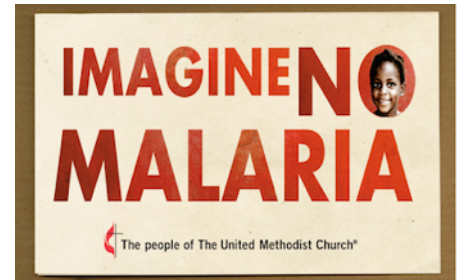
Just 5 More Mosquitos!

By Fonda Gormer

We have two more months to reach our goal of \$972 for the "Imagine No Malaria" campaign.

So far, \$781 have been received, leaving \$191 to be collected. This translates to 5 more mosquitos to be swatted on our display!

The church treasurer recently received a donation for \$191 from a friend of the church, who lives outside the area; this was half the amount needed as of the last newsletter. She challenged someone to step forward, to match her donation, so the goal is met. Are you willing to match her gift?



Malaria is a real threat to the lives of thousands of people, but can be prevented if money is available for nets, medicine and other preventative programs. Please consider any donation, large or small.

We can swat our last 5 mosquitos!

Wolfsville/Myersville CROP Walk



Photos by Ron Ellis • September 27, 2015

Salem Mission Project No. 15

HERO'S CLUB

After School Ministry

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

Photo by Bill Burrier



October 19, 2015 — The Hero's Club children and their leader/teacher, Heather O'Connor, pose for a photo at Salem's parking lot just before leaving for a field trip to the Cruiland Farms Pumpkin Patch. The children gathered pumpkins for their annual "Jack-O-Lanterns for Jesus" pumpkin carving event, scheduled at Salem on Monday, October 26th. As of this writing, 36 children have registered for the fall semester which began September 28th. On Mondays, at the end of the school day, the children are walked from Wolfsville Elementary School to Salem Church for Hero's Club for 2 1/2 hours. Parents pick up their children at 6 p.m. The fall semester theme is "We are B.R.A.V.E.!"

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

Attendance Offerings

September 2015

	Worship*		Sunday School	
Sept 6 -	92	\$1,966.75	50	\$203.00
Sept 13 -	93	1,691.00	57	91.00
Sept 20 -	87	2,096.10	54	95.00
Sept 27 -	77	1,816.25	58	92.25

*Worship attendance & offerings include both worship services.

- Missions: \$736.70
 - Building Fund: \$211.65
 - Pavilion Fund: \$80.00
 - Cemetery Endowment Fund: \$15.00
- (Missions, Building Fund offerings, etc. are not included in Worship & Sunday School offerings above.)

Average Attendance		
	Worship	Sunday School
Sept	87	55
Aug	84	51
July	82	52
June	87	55
May	87	49

Average Attendance Jan-Sept 2015
 Sunday Worship: 89
 Sunday School: 54

Final Report

2015
Lord's Acre Festival
 September 12, 2015

----- Financial Report -----

Sales:

Produce	456.75
Needlework & Crafts	409.00
Flea Table & Plants	177.35
Youth Activities & Games	50.00
Silent Auction	934.00
Auction	3,280.00
Soup, Sandwiches, etc.	3,696.55
Baked Goods	1,050.75
Ice Cream	351.00
Total Sales	10,405.40

Contributions:

UMW Bee-lievers	5,000.00
Individuals	2,627.10
Total Contributions	7,627.10

Total Income 18,032.50

Total Expenses 2,156.39

Net Profit 15,876.11

Net profit placed in Salem's Building & Improvement Fund, to be used for maintenance of our buildings and grounds; equipment purchases, repairs, and maintenance.

Our sincere thanks to the Wolfsville community for once again supporting this annual event.

Photo by Ron Ellis



People, Dogs, and a Horse, of course, at CROP Walk

■ By Fonda Gormer

The rain clouds broke away and September 27th turned out to be a great day for the annual Wolfsville/Myersville CROP Hunger Walk.

Forty-five people from ages 1 to 80 joined the five mile walk, along with two dogs, Lily and Hattie, and Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer's horse, Mischief.

Delphin Frushour was the oldest walker and Camden Baker, in his stroller, was the youngest.

Their sponsors pledged over \$2,900 for hunger relief. Funds are still being collected, so a final report will appear in next month's newsletter.

Thank you to everyone who supported the walk in any way.

More CROP Walk photos on page 3.

Salem Mission Project No. 4

Wolfsville Ruritan Club supports Salem's Food Pantry

The Wolfsville Ruritan Club recently contributed \$600 in support of Salem's Food Pantry. The Food Pantry is open every Tuesday evening from 6:30 to 7:30.

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.



November

Calendar of Events



- Sun 1 Holy Communion** - 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. at Salem
- Sun 1 Daylight Saving Time ends** (turn clocks back one hour)
- Tue-Wed 3-4 Western Region Clergy Retreat** - at Camp Manidokan (Pastor Bob attending)
- Thu 5 UMW Bee-lievers** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Thu 5 Board of Trustees** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Mon 9 Annual Charge Conference** - 7:00 p.m. at Mt. Zion UMC, Myersville
- Sun 15 Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes & Salvation Army Stockings** due to Salem
- Fri 20 Salem Slam Ping-Pong Tournament** - 6:00 p.m. at Salem
- Wed 25 Community Thanksgiving Service** - 7:00 p.m. at St. Mark's Lutheran, Wolfsville
- Fri 27 Decorate Sanctuary for Advent** - 7:00 p.m.

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
 Women's Book Club meets THURSDAY 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Harne's Store
 The church is cleaned FRIDAY or SATURDAY every week

NOTE: There will be no Administrative Council meeting in November.

Newsletter Distribution

1. **E-Mail** — We are currently sending this newsletter to 193 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

Choir practice has begun and our Salem Singers are busy working on anthems for Sunday worship and other special services throughout the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday season. We will be starting to practice the musical that we will present at the Christmas Eve service very soon. It is entitled "Go Tell It" – the story of Christmas for all the world.

Anyone who would like to sing with our group is most welcome to join us. Even if you can't make practices throughout the year, but would like to join us for the Christmas season, please come to practice each Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. "I will sing to the Lord, for He has been good to me." Psalm 13:6 NIV



Salem's Women of Faith "Our Porch"

The Women of Salem are reading the book titled "The Shack" by Wm. Paul Young.

Meetings are held at the Harne's Store "upper room" in Wolfsville, on Thursday evenings, 6:30-7:30 p.m. to discuss the book. The reading schedule is as follows:

- Oct 15 Forward
- Oct 22 Chapters 1 – 3
- Oct 29 Chapters 4 – 7
- Nov 5 No meeting (Matt Maher concert)
- Nov 12 Chapters 8–11
- Nov 19 Chapters 12–15
- Nov 26 No meeting (Thanksgiving)
- Dec 3 Chapters 16–18 + "After Words"

Come and fellowship in a compelling novel and close the gaps in your personal relationship with God. Although the meetings are ongoing, you may catch up and join the group at any time.



Pastor Bob to attend Clergy Retreat, November 3-4

The Western Region of the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church is holding a Clergy Retreat at Camp Manidokan, from 11 a.m. on Nov. 3rd thru 2 p.m. on Nov. 4th, for the pastors of the Western Region.

The focus of this retreat will be on Racial Reconciliation with discussions on race relations in our various communities, the changing role of the church in a violent society, community engagement, church ministry beyond a mentality of survival, commonalities of the rural/urban setting, Volunteers In Mission opportunities, and much more.

Salem Slam Ping-Pong Tournament

Friday, November 20, 2015, 6:00 p.m.

■ By Sue Ellen Stottlemyer

Come and join us for a light meal and an evening of ping-pong fun and fellowship for all ages. In addition to the meal, snacks will be offered throughout the evening. All ages are invited from the youngest of youth to adults— and we do have some very competitive adults at Salem. So no excuses not to come.

Invite your friends for a meal, great fun and just some time to enjoy each other's company and have a little fun while doing so. Hope to see you there!



Who's Doing What, When?

9:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP		NOVEMBER	
Lay Readers 1 - Robin Haupt 8 - Dennis Leatherman 15 - Brenda Freysz 22 - Donald Stottlemeyer 29 - Gary Barkdoll	Ushers 1 - Dick Kline & Steve Leatherman 8 - Vernon Stottlemeyer & Robin Haupt 15 - Donald Stottlemeyer & Meredith Harshman 22 - Philip Koons & Brandon Leatherman 29 - Robin Haupt & Donald Stottlemeyer	Music 1 - Sara Weitzel 8 - Works in Progress 15 - Susan Koons 22 - Susan Koons 29 - Sara Weitzel	
Greeters 1 - Gary & Wanda Barkdoll & Family 8 - Meredith Harshman 15 - George, Barbie, and Matthew Stottlemeyer 22 - Mary Cline 29 - Bill & Darlene Burrier	Acolytes 1 - Paul McCormick 8 - Jadie Buhrman 15 - Kenslie Buhrman 22 - Joshua Koons 29 - Kenslie Buhrman		
11:15 A.M. CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP		Music Nov 8 - Works in Progress Praise Band Nov 22 - 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!

November Anniversaries

- 2 - Phil & Susan Koons
- 10 - Harry & Karen DeLauter
- 24 - Ronnie & Sue Kinna

November Birthdays

- 3 - Caroline Buhrman
- 4 - Darcy Gormer
- 7 - Lorraine Barkdoll
- 9 - Bill Shankle
- 13 - Leah Tolland
- 13 - Fonda Gormer
- 13 - Betty Brandenburg
- 14 - Karen Sowers
- 16 - Polly Doyle
- 17 - Beth Snead
- 17 - Darlene Burrier
- 18 - Ben Swope
- 23 - Mary Alice Shankle
- 25 - Jadie Buhrman
- 26 - Olive Kline
- 26 - Mary Fogle
- 28 - Susie 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**
 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
JOIN NOW!

Holy Communion
 Sunday, November 1, 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 . . .

"If a cluttered desk is a sign of a cluttered mind, of what, then, is an empty desk a sign?" — Albert Einstein



Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman



**INSPIRATIONAL
Reading**

Thanksgiving Grace

By Daniel Rosell

This is a day for thanks,
a day in which we see or hear
or feel the wonders of the year.
This is a day for time,
a day in which we think of pasts
that make our present rich
and future bountiful.

This is a day for joy,
a day in which we share a gift of
laughter, warm and gentle as a smile.
Above all, this is a day for peace.
So, let us touch each other
and know that we are one.
For these and other blessings,
we give thanks.

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman



Autumn Leaves

By Harold F. Mohn

The air turns cool, the leaves turn brown
A change is taking place
And everywhere the signs appear
Of Fall's approaching face.

The birds begin their southward flight
That takes them far away,
And in their plaintive song and cry
A fond good-bye they say.

A season dies, a new one's born
Like night gives way to day.
Such in the wondrous work of God
In His own chosen way.



Make Life Brighter

By Nettie Gormick

Try to make life brighter
In what you do and say.
Bring a smile to someone's face
Each and every day.
Everyone needs some kindness
To lighten up their way,
And in return our loving God
Will truly bless your day.



Feed your faith, and
your doubts will starve to death.



RECIPE



Pumpkin Torte

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 3/4 cups graham cracker crumbs | 1/2 cup milk |
| 1/3 cup sugar | 1/2 teaspoon salt |
| 8 tablespoons margarine, melted | 1 teaspoon cinnamon |
| 2 eggs | 1 envelope unflavored gelatin |
| 3/4 cup sugar | 1/4 cup cold water |
| 8-oz. pkg. cream cheese, softened | 3 egg whites |
| 2 cups cooked pumpkin | 1/4 cup sugar |
| 3 egg yolks | 8-oz. container whipped topping |
| 1/2 cup sugar | |

1. Combine graham cracker crumbs, 1/3 cup sugar, and melted margarine and pat into 9" x 13" baking pan for crust.
2. Beat together eggs, 3/4 cup sugar and cream cheese. Spoon over crust.
3. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 minutes or until bubbly.
4. In a saucepan combine pumpkin, egg yolks, 1/2 cup sugar, milk, salt, and cinnamon and bring to a boil.
5. Dissolve gelatin in cold water. Add to pumpkin mixture and cool slightly.
6. Beat egg whites until stiffened. Gradually add 1/4 cup sugar and beat well. Fold into pumpkin mixture. Spoon pumpkin mixture over cream cheese layer. Refrigerate.
7. Immediately before serving, top with whipped topping and cut into squares.

Makes 12-15 servings

Selected from Lancaster County Cookbook by Louise Stoltzfus & Jan Mast



**All This and Heaven
Too!**

I have sunlight in the morning
In shades of gold and red,
And the songbirds serenade me
Before I'm out of bed.

I have flowers in my garden
Fit for a queen's bouquet,
And I know that God has blessed me
Before I kneel to pray.

I have food for my table,
And some that I can share;
God's goodness and His mercy
Follow me everywhere.

I have a family to love me
And friends to see me through,
But best of all, God's promise
All this, and heaven too!

Submitted by Olive Kline

If God is your co-pilot,
swap seats!

IN SYMPATHY

The Salem congregation wishes to express its deepest sympathy to the family of ROXIE P. SOWERS, 84, of Burkittsville, who died on October 9, 2015.

She was a member of the Pleasant View Church of the Brethren, Burkittsville, but occasionally attended worship and other activities at Salem with her son and daughter-in-law Randy and Karen Sowers.

THE TIDES of time flow out, flow in;
Some games you lose, some you win.
So if your tides are ebbing low,
Just wait awhile. I'm sure you know
This, too, shall pass if you but trust—
Sun drives each flood,
rain quenches dust;
Yes, this is in God's perfect plan
And has been since the world began.
Time proves this truth in every test—
Tides out, tides in. God's way is best.

—Phyllis C. Michael



Pastor's Notes... and **Worship in November**

■ By **PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER**

As I write this article, I'm looking forward to the Adult Choir singing special music this Sunday as they begin a new season. Is God leading you to join the choir? Give it some thought and prayer. New members are always welcomed.

On November 9, our Church Council will be meeting with our District Superintendent for Annual Charge Conference. Following devotional time, reports will be submitted, and ministry highlights will be shared with other participating churches.

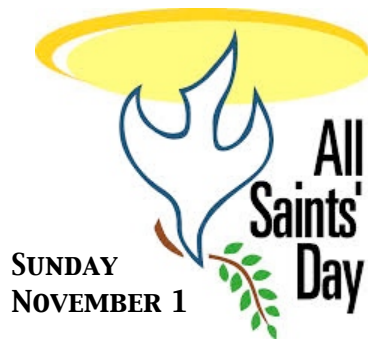
Also this month, we'll return our filled Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes and Salvation Army Christmas Stockings on the 15th, hold our Salem Slam Ping Pong Tournament on the 20th, participate in the Community Thanksgiving Service on the 25th, and decorate our sanctuary for Advent on the 27th. On November 29, we'll begin the beautiful season of Advent and a new year in the life of the Christian Church. Have a great Thanksgiving and God Bless. —*Pastor Bob*

November 1 – All Saints Day Holy Communion “Journeying with the Saints” Hebrews 12:1-3

Hebrews 11 cites the faith of one saint after another. Then Hebrews 12 begins, “Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance, the race marked out for us.”

The saints that have gone before us live on in us, helping us run our race, as we will live on in those who come after us to help them run their race with perseverance.

We are not alone. God is with us. A powerful way God is with us is through



the great cloud of saints - past, present, and future.

November 8 “Inviting Another” Acts 1:21-26

One of the first actions of the Apostles after Jesus' ascension into heaven was to return to Jerusalem and elect an apostle to replace Judas Iscariot who had taken his own life.

Near the beginning of his ministry Jesus had appointed twelve to serve with him. The Apostles thought it right to restore the number twelve to begin their ministry (Acts 1:21-26).

As the number of Christians in Jerusalem grew from 120 (Acts 1:15) to 3,000 (Acts 2:41) and eventually to tens of thousands all across the known world, it became necessary for all Christians to be engaged in ministry to one another. When we invite another person to serve with us, we're following a practice first established by Jesus – inviting another.

November 15 “The Power of a Pledge” Mark 12:41-44

We notice in the story of the “Widow's Offering” that Jesus sat down to observe how people gave their offering at church. It's as though Jesus is saying to us, “I want you to observe this with me

and learn.” What we observe in this Bible story is what displeases God – people that don't think through what they ought to give back to God financially.

This is in contrast to what pleases God – the poor widow who appears to have given much thought to what she will offer back to God with her “two very small copper coins.”

When we take time to work with God to determine what we're going to give in our weekly offering for the upcoming year and make a pledge to God that we'll strive to give that amount, we're like the widow who gave, in the way that is pleasing to God.

November 22 – Christ the King Sunday “A Kingdom Not of this World” John 18:33-37

This is the final Sunday of the current year in the life of the Christian church. Every year the church sets aside this last Sunday as a special time to celebrate Christ our King. How fitting.

We have much to celebrate! Jesus reveals God to us. Jesus teaches how to live. Jesus redeems us from sin and death. Jesus brings us together as the church to continue his work. Jesus sends the Holy Spirit to empower us to follow him and become more like him. Jesus promises to come again to defeat evil for all time and restore all creation to perfection.

Christ our King is indeed deserving of our daily thanks and praise today and every day. Shortly before he was put to death, Jesus said to Pontius Pilate, “My kingdom is not of this world.”

As we live on earth for a while, let us live as kingdom people, following Christ our King.

November 29 – First Sunday of Advent “Standing before Jesus” Luke 21:25-36

Each year, the theme of the First Sunday in Advent is Jesus proclaiming the end of time. Jesus said, “There will be signs...,” “nations will be perplexed...” “people will faint from fear...,” and Jesus will be seen “coming in a cloud with power and great glory” (Luke 21: 25-27).

We are instructed to “be always on the watch, and pray that you will be able to stand before the Son of Man” (Luke 21:36). Today, on the first Sunday of the new year in the life of our church, we have the opportunity to stand before Jesus – to pledge our time, our talents, and our financial giving to his service.

November 11, 2015



In Honor of Veterans Day

Submitted by Brenda Freysz

What is a Veteran?

Some veterans bear visible signs of their service: a missing limb, a jagged scar, a certain look in the eye.

Others may carry the evidence inside them: a pin holding a bone together, a piece of shrapnel in the leg — or perhaps another sort of inner steel: the soul's ally forged in the refinery of adversity.

Except in parades, however, the men and women who have kept America safe wear no badge or emblem. You can't tell a vet just by looking.

HE IS the cop on the beat who spent six months in Saudi Arabia sweating two gallons a day making sure the armored personnel carriers didn't run out of fuel.

SHE IS the nurse who fought against futility and went to sleep sobbing every night for two solid years in Da Nang.

HE IS the parade-riding Legionnaire who pins on his ribbons and medals with a prosthetic hand.

HE IS the POW who went away one person and came back another — or didn't come back at all.

HE IS the career quartermaster who watches the ribbons and medals pass him by.

HE IS the old guy bagging groceries at the supermarket — palsied now and aggravatingly slow — who helped liberate a Nazi death camp and who wishes all day long that his wife were still alive to hold him when the nightmares come.

HE IS an ordinary and yet an extraordinary human being - a person who offered some of his life's most vital years in the service of his country, and who sacrificed his ambitions so others



would not have to sacrifice theirs.

So, remember, each time you see someone who has served our country, just lean over and say "thank you." That's all most people need, and in most cases, it will mean more than any medals they could have been awarded or were awarded.

Two little words that mean a lot—
"Thank You."

Join us for . . .

A Study of the LIFE of DAVID

Sundays
10:15-11:00 a.m.



Michelangelo's David
14 ft. marble statue in Florence, Italy

Topics

1. The Introduction
2. Samuel anoints David as Israel's next king
3. David and Goliath
4. David and Jonathan become friends
5. King Saul pursues David
6. King Saul's defeat and death
7. David becomes king over Judah
8. David becomes king over Israel
9. David and Bathsheba
10. Turmoil in David's family
11. The later years of David's rule
12. David in his old age

1 Samuel 16—31 • 2 Samuel 1—24 • 1 Kings 1—2

"Adult Discussion Group" Sunday School Class begins a study of the Life of David

■ By Bill Burrier, Class Leader

After spending 15 months on a verse-by-verse study of the Book of Revelation, the "Adult Discussion Group" Sunday School Class is now beginning a new study of the Life of David.

If you are not already enrolled in a Sunday School class, please join us. We are a group of 25 to 30 couples and singles who meet in the social room on the upper level of the educational building. Class time each Sunday begins at 10:15 a.m. and ends at 11:00 a.m. Each Sunday there is coffee and snack prior to class time.

The study will include 12 topics (listed above) and will span

three books of the Old Testament, the latter part of 1 Samuel, all of 2 Samuel, and the first two chapters of 1 Kings. Using our Bibles as our study guide, we will learn how God worked through David's roller coaster life of emotional highs and lows, and from each topic we will learn a life lesson for us today.

The class is very active with lots of discussion. When students have questions, we will address each one. The lessons are not dated, so each Sunday's lesson is a continuation of the previous Sunday's lesson.

From time to time, we will take a break from the David study to view a video series titled "Unlocking the Mysteries of Genesis."

November 26, 2015

The Art of Thanksgiving



■ By Wilfred Peterson

The art of thanksgiving is gratitude in action...

- It is thanking God for the gift of life by living it triumphantly.
- It is thanking God for your talents and abilities by accepting them as obligations to be invested for the common good.
- It is thanking God for all that men and women have done for you by doing things for others.
- It is thanking God for opportunities by accepting them as a challenge to



achievement.

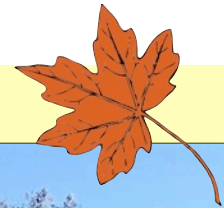
- It is thanking God for happiness by striving to make others happy.
- It is thanking God for beauty by helping

to make the world more beautiful.

- It is thanking God for inspiration by trying to be an inspiration to others.
- It is thanking God for the creative ideas that enrich life by adding your own creative contributions to human progress.
- It is thanking God for each new day by living it to the fullest.
- It is thanking God by giving hands, arms, legs, and voice to your thankful spirit.
- It is adding to your prayers of thanksgiving— acts of thanksgiving.

Sunday, October 11, 2015

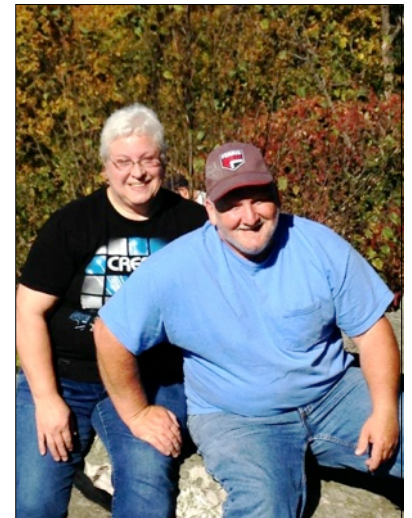
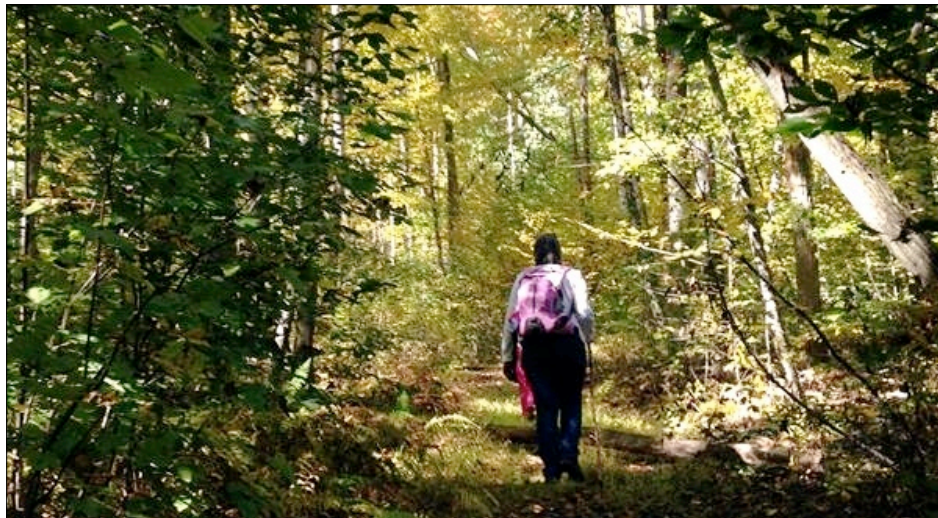
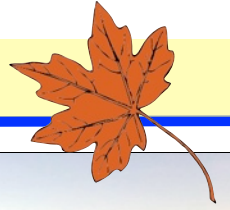
The Hike to Black Rock



From left, Denny, Josh, Laura, Chris, Becky, Camilo, Maria, Loralli, Katy, Gary, Sue Ellen, Vernon, and Kathy.

Sunday, October 11, 2015

Scenes from the Hike to Black Rock



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)



Playing Church

Johnny's Mother looked out the window and noticed Him "playing church" with their cat. He had the cat sitting quietly and he was preaching to it. She smiled and went about her work.

A while later she heard loud meowing and hissing and ran back to the open window to see Johnny baptizing the cat in a tub of water.

She called out, "Johnny, stop that! The cat is afraid of water!"

Johnny looked up at her and said, "He should have thought about that before he joined my church."

A Little Boy's Prayer

A little boy was overheard praying:

"Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it. I'm having a real good time like I am."

Some thoughts to ponder . . .

Only Jesus has the living water to quench our spiritual thirst.

A willing spirit changes the drudgery of duty into a labor of love.

God's call to a task includes His strength to complete it.

Praying for others is a privilege—and a responsibility.

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

November 2015