



Salem United Methodist Church — Wolfsville




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Food Sale — Lord's Acre style

It's Soup and Sandwich Time!

Does the cold winter weather have you down? Here's a chance to warm up and enjoy those good eats from the Lord's Acre Festival again!

**Orders due
Sunday, January 31** 

The Bee-lievers will be holding a soup and sandwich sale March 5 and 6. Orders must be placed ahead of time— by January 31. Order forms are also available on the hallway table.

Items may be picked up on Saturday, March 5 from 4 to 6 p.m., or after services on Sunday, March 6. Items offered will include quarts of vegetable, turkey noodle, turkey corn and bean soup with rivels, at \$5.00 per quart. Also offered will be country ham sandwiches at \$3.50 each and turkey salad sandwiches at \$2.50 each.

In case of a forecasted blizzard or ice storm for the sale dates, the sale will be postponed until the following week. The sale will benefit the Salem Bee-lievers, to be used for service to the church.

For more information, or to order items, call Barbie Stottlemeyer at 301-293-2372, Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer at 301-293-1470, or Fonda Gormer at 301-293-2436.

❖ FOOD SALE ORDER FORM ❖

Give orders to Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer, Fonda Gormer, or Barbie Stottlemeyer by Sunday, January 31, 2016.

Your Name _____

Phone _____

PICK UP (check one)

Sat 3/5 4-6 pm _____

Sun 3/6 (a.m.) _____

SOUPS	all \$5.00 per quart	How many?	Amount \$
Vegetable	\$5.00/quart	_____	\$ _____
Turkey Corn	\$5.00/quart	_____	\$ _____
Turkey Noodle	\$5.00/quart	_____	\$ _____
Bean with rivels	\$5.00/quart	_____	\$ _____
SANDWICHES			
Country Ham	\$3.50 each	_____	\$ _____
Turkey Salad	\$2.50 each	_____	\$ _____
TOTAL amount due at pick up			\$ _____



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Current Membership: 241
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Parsonage built 1974-75

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Purpose of Newsletter:
The purpose of this newsletter is to provide a means of communicating with our members, their families, and our many friends of the Wolfsville community and surrounding areas. We pray that this newsletter will inspire you, our readers, to regularly attend worship services, Sunday School, and all other activities of the church. For those who are unable to attend, this newsletter is a means of bringing part of the church to you.

Salem Mission Statement:
At Salem, with God's help, we pledge to INVITE others to Christ, HELP each other grow in faith, and SERVE those in need in our congregation, the community, and the world.

Salem Vision Statement:
We will direct our efforts out into the community to serve people's needs and bring them to Christ.

Go		2015 MISSION PROJECTS	
AMOUNT PAID OUT January - November 2015		MONTHLY MINIMUM	PAID Jan-Nov
1	Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer (Retired New Tribes Mission)	\$204	\$2,244.00
2	Operation Christmas Child (Postage paid in November)	-----	\$49.00
3	Salem Mission & Outreach (Local needs)	-----	\$1,434.74
4	Salem Food Pantry (Open Tuesdays 6:30-7:30 p.m.)	-----	\$1,467.21
5	Mary E. (Africa Inland Mission)	\$85	\$1,210.00
6	United Methodist Board of Child Care (Auxiliary & Direct Support)	-----	\$688.00
7	Gideons (Frederick West Camp - Distributing Bibles)	\$110	\$1,210.00
8	Potato Project (Society of St. Andrew, Big Island, VA)	\$60	\$660.00
9	Middletown High School (Fellowship of Christian Athletes)	\$47	\$520.00
10	Mission Trip (Destination to be determined)	-----	\$0.00
11	Ronnie & Angi Hopkins (Nicaragua)	\$64	\$704.00
12	Care Net Pregnancy Center (Frederick, MD)	\$64	\$968.00
13	Compassion International (Sponsored child in India)	\$38	\$418.00
14	Local Mission Projects (Local repair or renovation needs)	-----	\$0.00
15	Hero's Club After School Ministry (Pre-K through Grade 5)	-----	\$3,659.55
16	World Vision (Sponsored child in Colombia)	\$35	\$393.00
17	Imagine No Malaria in Africa (Pay December 2015)	-----	\$0.00

2015 Goal: **\$17,076** • Total Mission Offering to date: **\$15,415.52** • % of Goal: **90%**

Here's how you can give . . .

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

3. Place your contributions in the offering plate at Sunday worship or mail to Salem.
If you do not designate a project, your contribution will be distributed to the project or projects needing funds to meet the monthly minimum payout goals.

SALEM MISSION PROJECTS for 2016	GOAL
1. Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer, Retired, New Tribes Mission	\$2,460
2. Operation Christmas Child (shoe boxes)	350
3. Salem Mission & Outreach	1,180
4. Food Pantry at Salem	1,180
5. Africa Inland Mission (Mary E.)	1,020
6. United Methodist Board of Child Care	1,360
7. Gideons (Frederick County, West)	600
8. Potato Project (Society of St. Andrew)	600
9. Middletown High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes	600
10. Ronnie & Angie Hopkins (Nicaragua)	780
11. Care Net Pregnancy Center of Frederick	780
12. Compassion International (Sponsored Child)	456
13. Hero's Club after school ministry	4,500
14. World Vision (Sponsored Child)	420
TOTAL GOAL for 2016	\$16,286

Celebrating Jesus' Birth Christmas *at* Salem



Salem Adult Choir - December 20, 2015



Photo by Bill Burrier

SALEM ADULT CHOIR NOTES

■ By Sandy Lewis, Adult Choir Director

We will be taking a short break during the month of January and starting practice again on Tuesday, February 2, 2016. Thanks to all the Salem Singers for the beautiful Christmas musical presented on Christmas Eve and for your faithfulness to choir throughout the year. Wishing you all a blessed New Year filled with joy and song!

The Adult Choir sang two selections at worship on December 20, 2015. Pictured above are: (front row from left) Theresa Haupt, Caroline Buhman, Lora McGraw, and Sara Weitzel; (back row from left) Denny Leatherman, Phil Koons, Robin Haupt, Bobby Fogle, and Jim Laky.

Salem Mission Project No. 3



Photo by Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer

FRUIT BASKETS AND FLOWERS

■ By Barbie Stottlemeyer, Outreach

We prepared 18 fruit baskets, gave 2 flowers, and 1 food box. I would like to thank everyone who donated money and time preparing the baskets. Offering received for fruit baskets, flowers, and food totaled \$178.

Also collected were Christmas cards, with words of encouragement, for Howard & Betty Brandenburg who currently reside at the Williamsport Retirement Village's Rehab Unit and Nursing Home.

Salem's sanctuary window sill



Photo by Bill Burrier



Photo by Bill Burrier

Santa visits Salem's Christmas Party

The annual Salem Christmas Party was held at the church on Saturday, December 5, at 5:30 p.m. The Salem church family came together for an evening of fellowship and outreach to the community. A potluck dinner was enjoyed, and all ages participated in fun activities including the gift exchange game. Santa made a brief visit and explained to the children that Santa is just one part of Christmas; and that the real reason for Christmas is to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Santa was very conversational with the children, asking them what they wanted for Christmas. In the above photo, Katie Laky expresses excitement as she looks forward to the Christmas holidays with family in Georgia.

Luminaria light the way during the Christmas season

■ By Fonda Gormer

The children and youth of Salem, along with students attending Hero's Club, made colorful luminaria to light the area around the church during the Christmas Season.

They were lit for the Christmas Party, the Christmas Eve Service and the Country Churches Christmas Tour.

Thanks are extended to Kathy Laky, the Sunday School teachers, Heather O'Connor and her helpers at Hero's Club, and all those who donated supplies and extra hands for this project.

Attendance Offerings

November 2015

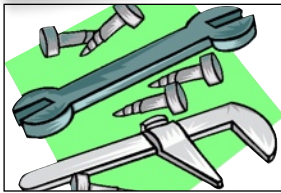
	Worship*		Sunday School	
Nov 1 -	95	\$2,397.75	62	\$305.50
Nov 8 -	89	1,922.75	79	148.25
Nov 15 -	106	2,226.00	64	132.00
Nov 22 -	73	1,985.00	46	98.00
Nov 29 -	81	2,337.50	49	144.00

*Worship attendance & offerings include both worship services.

- Missions: \$2,110.00
 - Building Fund: \$275.00
 - Pavilion Fund: \$100.00
 - Cemetery Endowment: \$200.00
- (Missions, Building Fund offerings, etc. are not included in Worship & Sunday School offerings above.)

Average Attendance	
Worship	Sunday School
Nov	60
Oct	56
Sept	55
Aug	51
July	52

Average Attendance Jan-Nov 2015
 Sunday Worship: 88
 Sunday School: 55



Board of Trustees FACILITY MANAGEMENT

- | | | |
|---------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Donald Stottlemeyer | Brandon Leatherman | Robin Haupt |
| Gary Barkdoll | Klaus Mueller | Joe Hawkins |
| Richard Harshman | Michael Cackowski | Curtis Nelson |

By Donald Stottlemeyer, Trustee Chair
 I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Several projects around the church and parsonage were completed by trustees and other very helpful members. One of the light bulbs in the sanctuary was replaced, the heater in the handicap bathroom was sanded and repainted, and Brandon and Steve cleaned the gutters on the church and parsonage. Some repairs were made to

the brick steps at the parsonage and the Nativity was set up in front of the parsonage. The elevator has been repaired and inspected. I would, once again, like to thank the Trustees and other members who graciously give of their time and talents in helping to keep our church and parsonage in good repair and looking nice. These things don't "just happen" it takes work and commitment.

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.

United Methodist Women Bee-lievers looking for craft ideas for the next Lord's Acre Festival

By Fonda Gormer
 Salem's United Methodist Women Bee-lievers are looking for some new craft ideas for the Lord's Acre Festival. If you have some ideas to suggest, plan to attend the next Bee-lievers meeting on January 7, 2016, at 7 p.m. in the church social area. Bring a sample or picture of the project to share. The women will also be planning other activities for 2106 at this meeting. All women of the congregation are invited to attend.

Salem Mission Project No. 4



FOOD PANTRY — December 1, 2015
 Pleasant Walk United Methodist Church brought bags of food to the food pantry along with a check for \$370. A resident of Wolfsville brought in food also. Pictured above are Salem's Dawn Nelson and Tom Dalton from Pleasant Walk.



January

Calendar of Events



- Sun 3 Holy Communion** - 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. at Salem
Thu 7 UMW Bee-lievers - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
Thu 7 Board of Trustees - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
Sat 16 Church Council Retreat - 8:00 - 11:30 a.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 is taking a short break. Practices will resume Tuesday, February 2, 2016
 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

NOTES: Salem's "Administrative Council" has changed its name to "Church Council."
 There will be no council meeting on the second Thursday in January. Instead a council retreat will be held on Saturday, January 16, 8:00-11:30 a.m.

Newsletter Distribution

- 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.
- 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.

Youth enjoy treats at "sweetFrog Frozen Yogurt"



■ By Wanda Barkdoll

MYSTERY OF THE CHRISTMAS STAR

On December 10, 2015, a total of five adults, eleven youth, and one child attended this event at the Planetarium in Frederick. For those who have never been to the Planetarium, you must make an attempt to go. It was amazing. Della Hager presented the idea to attend and we had a great time.

After the event, we ate at sweetFrog Frozen Yogurt. The word FROG stands for Fully Rely On God. Really cool!

We are looking forward to next year's youth meetings on Thursdays and more adventures as a group. God bless you and hoping that you had a wonderful Christmas.

Salem Youth Group attends "The Jukebox Diner"



■ By Wanda Barkdoll

THE JUKEBOX DINER - On December 3, 2015, the youth group attended "The Jukebox Diner" production by the Smithsburg High School Drama Club. One of our youth, Christopher Leatherman (seated at the table in the above photo), was part of the cast of the production. A total of two adults and eight youth attended the event. Chris was great and his performance was outstanding. We had fun watching Chris acting for the first time. Go Chris! As part of our youth program, we provide support to the youth in special events. We are a big family and we are here to support each other.

Who's Doing What, When?

9:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP		JANUARY
Lay Readers 3 - Randy Freysz 10 - Phil Koons 17 - Steve Leatherman 24 - Fonda Gormer 31 - Melissa Thornton	Ushers 3 - Dick Kline & Steve Leatherman 10 - Vernon Stottlemeyer & Robin Haupt 17 - Donald Stottlemeyer & Meredith Harshman 24 - Philip Koons & Brandon Leatherman 31 - Robin Haupt & Donald Stottlemeyer	Music 3 - Sara Weitzel 10 - Works in Progress 17 - Susan Koons 24 - Susan Koons 31 - Sara Weitzel
Greeters 3 - Dennis Leatherman & Family 10 - Steve & Joann Leatherman 17 - George, Barbie, and Matthew Stottlemeyer 24 - Richard & Anita Harshman 31 - Brandon & Jessie Leatherman & Family	Acolytes 3 - Paul McCormick 10 - Jadie Buhrman 17 - Kenslie Buhrman 24 - Joshua Koons 31 - Joshua Koons	
11:15 A.M. CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP		
An informal FAMILY FRIENDLY service with contemporary Christian music, pastor's message, children's time, sharing of joys and concerns, and prayer.		Music Jan 10 - Works in Progress Praise Band Jan 24 - Works in Progress Praise Band

It's Your Day!

January Anniversaries

- 1 - Donald & Susan Stottlemeyer
- 2 - Kyle & Leann Crutchley
- 16 - Charles & Christi Beall
- 21 - Charles & Dawn Brown

January Birthdays

- 6 - Patty Weagley
- 7 - Dwayne Ledford
- 19 - Bill Buhrman
- 19 - Elizabeth Beall
- 19 - Della Hager
- 20 - Bradley Flook Jr.
- 21 - Joann Leatherman
- 22 - Lora McGraw
- 27 - Carley Weagley
- 29 - Blake Wagaman
- 31 - Chase Woods

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

- 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)



Salem's Youth Group will attend ROCK 2016 February 5-7, 2016 Ocean City Convention Center Ocean City, MD

- It is an awesome experience •

Church Council Visioning Retreat

Saturday, January 26, 2016
 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at Salem

Retreat Topics:

- Where are we now?
- Where do we feel God is calling us to be five years from now?
- How do we get there?

Holy Communion
 Sunday, January 3, 2016
 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 . . .

I believe that it isn't always enough to be forgiven by others. Sometimes you have to learn to forgive yourself.



Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman



INSPIRATIONAL
Reading

This Time of Year

By Carice Williams

When Christmas carols have been stilled
And gifts are no longer new,
Will we keep Christmas in our hearts
With all the joys we knew?

Long after shepherds have gone back
To watching o'er their sheep,
Will we remember all year long
Peace and goodwill to keep.

Why have the Christmas spirit stay
For just one day a year,
When we could easily each day
Create goodwill and cheer?

Let's keep that one star shining bright
As it did long ago . . .
By keeping love within our hearts
We keep His light aglow.

Today is the Day

By Dorothy A. Coles

Today is the day of beginning
To do the best I can,
For I never shall have this moment
Or be given this chance again.

Today is the day of beginning
To be what I want to portray.
For the rest of my life will be molded
By the action I take today.

Today is the day of beginning
Of eternity for me.
In the Book of Life is my record,
How shall it look to Thee?

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

Prayer for the New Year

By May Smith White

Dear Lord, give me courage
To walk quietly into this new year
Lest dreams become lost
Along the crowded way.
And also give me faith to see
The hidden patterns
Revealed from day to day . . .
Knowing You have a plan
For each of us to follow.



RECIPE



Sloppy Joe

- 1 package of McCormick Sloppy Joe Seasoning Mix
- 1 pound of ground beef or turkey
- 1 can (6 oz) tomato paste *
- 1 1/4 cups of water

*Substitution - use 1 can (15 oz) tomato sauce in place of tomato paste and water

Brown meat in large skillet; drain fat.
Stir in seasoning mix, tomato paste, and water.
Bring to boil. Reduce heat and simmer 10 minutes (or longer), stirring occasionally. Serve.

Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer made this for Salem's recent Christmas party. Folks requested the recipe be printed in this newsletter.



Under the Stars

By Tom Kolb

I do my heavy thinking,
As alone I walk at night
Beneath the lights of Heaven,
Shining big and bright.

These stars are always friendly,
Although they're far away,
And seem to understand me
And each thing I do and say.

They seem to smile upon me
And always are the same,
And never seem to judge me
Or make me feel ashamed.

They know when I am lonely,
By the way they seem to shine,
And share my thoughts in silence
And these lovely dreams of mine.

So when I need a buddy
To cheer me when I'm blue,
I ask the stars to help me
And their love comes shining through.

Submitted by Olive Kline

Lord, we don't need to know the
reason our prayers sometimes go
unanswered. Help us just to wait for
Your time, because You are good.
We know You are listening and
working things out Your way.

It's a Girl!

Congratulations to Richard and Jamie Freysz on the birth of their daughter, **EMMERSYN LEE FREYSZ**, 8 pounds, 13 ounces, born Monday, December 7, 2015, at about 9:13 p.m. Mother and daughter are doing well. Congratulations also to Emmersyn's big brother, Clay, and to proud grandparents Randy and Brenda Freysz, and to the whole family!

THANK YOU

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Thank you all for your participation in the Church's Christmas luminary project. It has been a big success. Thanks to all the Sunday School classes, youth group and Hero's Club for making such lovely luminaries. You all did a spectacular job.

A very special thank you to all who donated the materials and volunteered to help with the different children's groups and those that volunteered to set up the luminaries. With out your support this project would never have gotten off the ground.

I hope to repeat the luminary project again next year. Start saving those pint sized jars.

Happy New Year and God Bless.
—Kathy Laky



Message from the Pastor and Worship in January

■ By PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER

Happy New Year! A Church Council visioning retreat is scheduled for Saturday, January 16, from 8:00 to 11:30 a.m. Where are we now? Where do we feel God is calling us to be five years from now? How do we get there? These are questions council will be discussing at the retreat.

Also during January, our Faith Builders youth group will be preparing to attend the annual ROCK Youth Retreat in Ocean City, MD, the first weekend in February.

During worship in January, we'll be looking at Luke chapters 1-4 and selected passages from Matthew and John. We'll explore Jesus' baptism and early ministry and how they guide us in our own lives. God reveals Jesus to us as the Savior we've always hoped for. We're drawn to Jesus who loves us, disturbs us, and provides for us. Amidst the challenges of life, Christ remains with us, always seeking our good.

Wishing you a blessed 2016!
God Bless. —Pastor Bob

January 3 – Epiphany

Holy Communion “Disturbing News” Matthew 2:1-12

Wise men from distant lands sought out Jesus. They wanted what he offered them: true knowledge, an example, salvation, and a life well lived.

King Herod sought out Jesus for a different reason - to kill him. Herod was threatened by Jesus. Herod didn't want anything to interrupt his view of the good life.

We too are drawn to Jesus and disturbed by him. We know his way is best for us, yet we sometimes cling to our view of the good life.

Jesus' love is a challenging love. Challenging us to keep becoming the people he knows we can be and

Epiphany Sunday January 3, 2016



providing us what we need to do so. The disturbing news Jesus brings is good news for us.

January 10 – Baptism of the Lord “Don't Give Up Hope” Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

At the time Jesus began his ministry, people had been waiting a long time for a Savior. Their sacred Bible had promised this.

John the Baptist was calling them to repent and get right with God. They were wondering if John might possibly be the Christ; the Savior. John told them “no,” but assured them their Savior was coming soon and would baptize with the Holy Spirit, empowering people to live right lives.

In Christ our hope rests; true hope that satisfies us. The true hope we yearn for is here, now, in the person of Christ.

January 17 “It's a Miracle” John 2:1-11

Jesus performed miracles to convince people that he was the very Son of God.

In the book of John, these miracles are called “signs.” Jesus first miracle/sign in the book of John was performed at a wedding in the town of Cana. On that occasion he turned water into wine.

In these verses we see Jesus as initially reluctant when his mother asked him to provide more wine. He said, “It's not yet my time.” But then he went ahead and performed the miracle. Verse 11 says, “He thus revealed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him.”

Christ works with us too. When we learn to look and see the ways he is revealing himself to us, we too put our faith in him.

January 24 “Following the Master” Luke 4:14-21

Not far into his ministry, Jesus returned to his hometown of Nazareth.

On the Sabbath he went into the synagogue to worship as it was his custom. He was handed the scroll containing the writings of the prophet Isaiah. He selected a passage, read it to the congregation, and then commented on the verses he had read.

The verses summarize the character of Jesus' ministry: “preach good news to the poor, proclaim freedom for the prisoners, bring sight to the blind, and release the oppressed” (Luke 4:18-19).

Jesus' ministry establishes the model for our own discipleship. Lifting up those on the fringes of society has always been at the heart of following the Master.

January 31 “Walking through the Crowd” Luke 4:21-30

Jesus read from the prophet Isaiah during a worship service in his hometown synagogue.

After reading, Jesus commented that he was the anointed one of God referred to in the reading. He also predicted that the people of Nazareth, his old friends and neighbors, would reject him.

His listeners became furious, drove Jesus to the edge of town, and were determined to throw him off a cliff. “But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way” (Luke 4:30).

When we seek God's will and strive to follow him, giving it our best, some may criticize us and oppose us. During those times Jesus invites us to walk with him “through the crowd.”



Hero's Club Christmas Dinner

By Heather O'Connor
Hero's Club Leader

Hero's Club has had a busy first half of the school year! It has been packed with fun, learning God's Word, and building relationships! We are almost finished with our series on, "Putting on the Full Armor of God." The children have really enjoyed learning about each individual piece and the strength and power it provides each of us when we have it on.

Our Christmas dinner was a huge hit this year! The children made felt hand print ornaments to give to their family members. Guests were seated at the table dressed with colorful Christmas placemats. Then they put their waiter and waitress skills to work by taking orders and serving guests a delicious plate of spaghetti and

HERO'S CLUB After School Ministry

TOUCHING CHILDREN'S LIVES with the LOVE of CHRIST

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

meatballs, garden salad, rolls, and finished it off with a cupcake decorated with love.

Each year I have been amazed at how much the children enjoy serving the guests! It is so nice to see God working in them. Nathan Lewis and other children like him who didn't have their own family present, really got into the spirit and served anyone who needed anything; a fork, butter, or napkin! They are learning what this time of year is truly about!

Pastor Bob was a dish and pot washing machine! Christy Kehlbeck, Ashley Walters and her mom, myself, and the other high school helpers were sweating in the

kitchen putting orders together! It was crazy and so much fun! Especially when you don't have to worry about bad food and service reviews! Whew!

Thank you Salem United Methodist Church for providing this experience for so many children! You are making a difference in their lives!

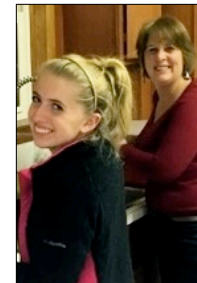
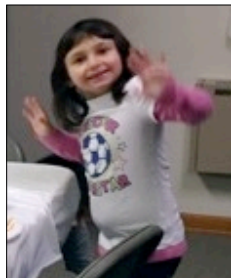
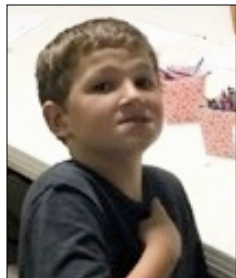
Hero's Club wishes you all many blessings for the New Year!

I would like to say a special "Thank You" to Sara Weitzel for taking time to come and work with the children on a few holiday songs! It was not an easy task with this bunch! Also, to Kathy Laky for doing the luminary craft with us!



Heather O'Connor
Hero's Club Leader

"PUTTING ON THE ARMOR OF GOD"



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

Outreach and Missions



Salem Mission Project No. 9

Middletown High “Fellowship of Christian Athletes”

■ By Tim Leber, MHS Teacher

Wishing you and everyone at Salem all of God’s blessings. Thank you all so much for your continued support of our FCA ministry here at Middletown High.

Just to give you an example of how we use your generous funds, this month our group purchased six gift cards from Walmart for \$50 each and gave them to six homeless people in Frederick.

We brought them to Walmart and watched them sob with appreciation when they realized they could go into the store and buy \$50 worth of merchandise.



Most of them bought boots and sweatshirts. One man bought an electric razor, heavy socks, and long johns.

Your support made it possible for God’s love to be shared with them in a tangible way. Thanks so much!

Salem Mission Project No. 11

Ronnie & Angi Hopkins
The Mission Society— Nicaragua



Building a school in Mira Luz. It will serve 1st and 2nd graders and will be ready for the new school year in January 2016. Members of the community are doing the labor. —Ronnie & Angi

Salem Mission Project No. 5

Mary takes the next step toward her new ministry in Africa

December 2, 2015

I have so much to be thankful for, and I am excited to share this with you as well! God has opened the door for me to return to Africa! Well... Africa, via France. I am almost fully supported and so Africa Inland Mission (AIM) is allowing me to head out to language school, trusting that God will continue to provide the rest.

We’ve bought my ticket to France, and I fly out on December 30. So now the countdown has changed from months to days, and I know they will slip by quickly. My church family here in Hatfield, PA will have a commissioning service for me during the morning service.

December 10, 2015

I am so thankful for the way God answered our prayers. Yesterday I went to my visa application appointment in New York City. I’m missing three documents, but my visa application has begun to be processed. I was told to bring my remaining papers to the office any day starting the 22nd, and if I arrive by 9 a.m., my visa will be finalized that same morning. I already have two of the three papers needed, and I know God will continue to provide and guide me through this process.

Some really great things happened while I was waiting at the office and during my interview. While waiting for the office to open, I started chatting with a



fellow New Yorker who was coming for her follow-up meeting for her visa.

Through hearing her experience at her first appointment, I realized that I was missing my FBI report. She had been given a phone number and address on her previous visit, and she passed that on to me. So, by God’s grace and the kindness of a stranger, I walked into my interview knowing I had one paper missing (so it didn’t throw me into a panic), but with the prayer that my process would be started just like hers had. After my interview I stopped for some much-needed coffee and went to get fingerprinted!

My favorite part of yesterday’s appointment, though, was the

opportunity God gave me to share a bit about Jesus. My visa application asks for my occupation, and while I shy away from using the term “missionary” because it is so often misunderstood (many people think it means forcing, bribing, or otherwise coercing people to change religion), that’s what I put down on my visa application. The woman checking my paperwork noticed it right away and a little while later in the process she asked me more about it. No one else in the office happened to be talking at this point, and our voices echoed through the room and waiting area. She didn’t feel the need to lower her voice, so I didn’t either, and enjoyed the opportunity to share a little about Jesus. She asked a few questions and seemed very interested— or at least curious. Looking back, I can think of what I could have said differently to make it more clear, but I know that God can use even small conversations. Perhaps I will have another conversation with her when I return in two weeks, or maybe that was one of many conversations from different people in her spiritual journey.

I had prayed for an opportunity to have a meaningful Christ-centered conversation with someone that day—and God answered!

Thank you so much for your faithful prayers. I am so thankful for you, and for the way God works in our lives, in all of these situations! Blessings, —Mary

*Serving the Lord in Wolfsville***Salem Church Leaders for 2016**

EACH YEAR, church leaders are nominated by Salem's Nominations and Leadership Development Committee, and then elected at the annual Charge Conference, held this year on November 9, 2015.

Church Council:

Chair of Church Council – Vernon Stottlemeyer
 Pastor – Bob Snyder
 Lay Leader – Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer
 Assistant Chair of Church Council – Meredith Harshman
 Chair of Board of Trustees – Donald Stottlemeyer
 Chair of Finance Committee – Bill Burrier
 Chair of Staff Parish Relations Committee – Dennis Draper
 Chair of Worship Committee – Mary Alice Shankle
 Church Communications Coordinator – Bill Burrier
 Church Treasurer – Bill Burrier
 Financial Secretary – Lora McGraw
 Lay Member to Annual Conference – Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer
 UMW/Bee-lievers President – Fonda Gormer
 Secretary of Church Council – Theresa Haupt
 Sunday School Co-Superintendents – Bobby Fogle & Kathy Laky
 Youth Members – Camilo Barkdoll, Dottie Hager
 Nominations & Leadership Develop. Committee - Bob Snyder (Chair)
 Member-at-large – Robin Haupt
 Member-at-large – Dawn Nelson
 Member-at-large – Anita Harshman

Board of Child Care Auxiliary Representative:

Dawn Nelson

Board of Trustees:

Curtis Nelson (2016)
 Donald Stottlemeyer (2016)
 Joe Hawkins (2016)
 Gary Barkdoll (2017)
 Richard Harshman (2017)
 Brandon Leatherman (2017)
 Robin Haupt (2018)
 Klaus Mueller (2018)
 Michael Cackowski (2018)

Children's Coordinator:

Caroline Buhman

Choirs:

Adult Choir Director – Sandy Lewis
 Children's Choir Leader – Sara Weitzel

Church Organist - Susan Koons

Church Pianist - Sara Weitzel

Custodian - Amy McCormick

Finance Committee:

Chair – Bill Burrier
 Pastor – Bob Snyder
 Lay Leader - Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer
 Lay Member to Annual Conference – Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer
 Church Council Chairperson – Vernon Stottlemeyer
 Chair of SPRC – Dennis Draper
 Chair of Trustees – Donald Stottlemeyer
 Financial Secretary – Lora McGraw
 Church Treasurer – Bill Burrier
 Sunday School Co-Superintendents – Bobby Fogle & Kathy Laky
 Chair of Worship Committee – Mary Alice Shankle

Audit – Meredith Harshman

Food Pantry Leader - Dawn Nelson

Hero's Club Leader - Heather O'Connor

Local Lay Servant - Wanda Barkdoll

Nominations and Leadership Development Committee:

Pastor - Bob Snyder (Chair)
 Lay Leader – Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer
 Michael Burrier (2016)
 Dennis Draper (2016)
 Della Hager (2016)
 Patrick Boyton (2017)
 Kathy Laky (2017)
 Sara Weitzel (2017)
 Anita Harshman (2018)
 Theresa Haupt (2018)
 Susie Stottlemeyer (2018)

Staff Parish Relations Committee:

Lay Leader - Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer
 Lay Member to Annual Conference – Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer
 Pastor – Bob Snyder
 Wanda Barkdoll (2016)
 Dennis Leatherman (2016)
 Fonda Gormer (2016)
 Dennis Draper (2017) (Chair)
 Dawn Nelson (2017)
 Donna Nichols (2017)
 Phyllis Beall (2018)
 Caroline Buhman (2018)
 Susan Koons (2018)

Sunday School:

Co-Superintendents – Bobby Fogle & Kathy Laky
 Sunday School Treasurer – Mary Fogle
 Secretary – Lora McGraw
 Librarian – Brandon Leatherman
 Pre-K Teacher – Caroline Buhman
 Kindergarten through Second Grade Teachers – Jennifer Burrier,
 Michael Burrier
 Third Grade through Fifth Grade Teachers – Kathy Laky,
 Patrick Boyton, Melissa Thornton
 Middle and High School Teacher – Fonda Gormer
 Young Adult Class Teacher - Dennis Leatherman
 Adult Discussion Group Teacher – Bill Burrier
 Men's Class Teachers – Bobby Fogle, George Harne,
 Meredith Harshman
 Women's Class Teachers – Mary Cline, Darlene Burrier

Worship Committee:

Chairperson – Mary Alice Shankle
 Communion Steward (Prepare) – Richard and Anita Harshman
 Communion Stewards (Serve) – Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer,
 Susie Stottlemeyer
 Communion Steward Assistant (Serve) – Darlene Burrier
 Computer System Coordinator – Michael Burrier
 Computer System Operators – Michael Burrier,
 Sarah Burrier, Laura Snyder
 Contemporary Service Representatives – Michael Burrier, Jim Laky
 Flower Coordinators – Olive Kline, Barbara Stottlemeyer
 Recorded Music - Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer
 Members – Bill Burrier, Theresa Haupt, Dennis Leatherman,
 Sara Weitzel

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 Creation Story

In Sunday School, they were teaching how God created everything, including human beings. Little Johnny seemed especially intent when they told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs. Later in the week, his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill, and said, 'Johnny what is the matter?' Little Johnny responded, 'I have a pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife.'

God's Creation

A little girl was sitting on her grandfather's lap as he read her a bedtime story. From time to time, she would take her eyes off the book and reach up to touch his wrinkled cheek. She was alternately stroking her own cheek, then his again. Finally she spoke up, "Grandpa, did God make you?" "Yes, sweetheart," he answered, "God made me a long time ago." "Oh," she paused, "grandpa, did God make me too?" "Yes, indeed, honey," he said, "God made you just a little while ago." Feeling their respective faces again, she observed, "God's getting better at it, isn't he?"

Some thoughts to ponder . . .

When we bend our knees to pray, God bends His ear to listen.

Remembering God's faithfulness in the past, strengthens us for the future.

We influence future generations by living for Christ today.

Those who let God provide will always be satisfied.

The Mountain Shepherd

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Address Services Requested

TWO WORSHIP SERVICES

— Every Sunday —

9:00 a.m. Traditional

10:15 a.m. Sunday School

11:15 a.m. Contemporary

January 2016