

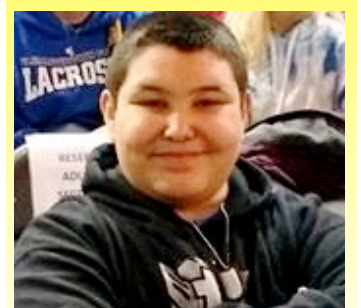
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Celebrate Holy Week & Easter at Salem



April 2, 2015
Last year's portrayal, from left, Denny Leatherman (James the Lesser), Patrick Boyton (Bartholomew), Vernon Stottlemeyer (Andrew), Richard Harshman (Judas), Robin Haupt (John), Bill Buhrman (Peter), Jim Laky (Jesus), George Stottlemeyer (Thomas), Dennis Draper (Matthew), Gary Barkdoll (James the Greater), Bobby Fogle (Philip), Donald Stottlemeyer (Thaddeus), and Brandon Leatherman (Simon the Zealot).

Salem to portray "The Last Supper" on Holy Thursday, March 24

The Salem United Methodist Church, Wolfsville, will present a living dramatization of Leonardo da Vinci's "The Last Supper," on Holy Thursday, March 24, at 7:00 p.m.

Church members will attempt to duplicate the look and feel of da Vinci's famous painting, where he chose what he considered to be the most dramatic moment of The Last Supper, that moment just after Jesus said, "One of you will betray me."

Instantly, the 12 apostles became men of 12 different moods. The only composed person was Jesus himself. In the excitement, Judas overturned the container of salt... and Peter drew his knife. Some of the apostles just stared at Jesus in amazement... some just looked at each other in disbelief.

At the beginning of the service, the apostles will move up the main aisle, take their places at the table, and casually mingle. Jesus will then proceed up the aisle and take His place at the table. Once Jesus takes his place, Jesus and the apostles will go into a motionless



Leonardo da Vinci (Italian, 1452-1519)
Last Supper (1495-98)


pose like the ones in the painting. Each will come out of their pose only to speak.

In turn, the 12 apostles speak their minds to themselves, to each other, and to Jesus. They are reflecting on the tragic words which they had just heard Jesus speak. Those words being, "One of you will betray me." Each end their dialog with the dramatic words "Is it I?"

Holy Communion will be served, first to the apostles, then to the congregation. Everyone is invited to attend.

Community Sunrise Service at Salem United Methodist

This year, the Community Easter Sunrise Service will be held at Salem United Methodist Church, 12479 Wolfsville Road, at 6:30 a.m. The Wolfsville Ruritan Club serves refreshments following the service. This service is rotated among 6 area churches.

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- 2016 - Salem United Methodist
 - 2017 - St. Mark's Lutheran
 - 2018 - Grossnickle Church of the Brethren
 - 2019 - Pleasant Walk United Methodist
 - 2020 - Garfield United Methodist
 - 2021 - St. John's Lutheran



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Salem Membership Statistics:
Current Membership: 241
2016 New Members: 0

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 		2016 MISSION PROJECTS	
		MONTHLY MINIMUM	PAID Jan
1	Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer (Retired New Tribes Mission)	\$205	\$205.00
2	Operation Christmas Child (Postage paid in November)	-----	\$0.00
3	Salem Mission & Outreach (Local needs)	-----	\$161.25
4	Salem Food Pantry (Open Tuesdays 6:30-7:30 p.m.)	-----	\$105.08
5	Mary E. (Africa Inland Mission)	\$85	\$85.00
6	United Methodist Board of Child Care (Auxiliary & Direct Support)	-----	\$0.00
7	Gideons (Frederick West Camp - Distributing Bibles)	\$50	\$50.00
8	Potato Project (Society of St. Andrew, Big Island, VA)	\$50	\$50.00
9	Middletown High School (Fellowship of Christian Athletes)	\$50	\$50.00
10	Ronnie & Angi Hopkins (Nicaragua)	\$65	\$65.00
11	Care Net Pregnancy Center (Frederick, MD)	\$65	\$65.00
12	Compassion International (Sponsored child in India)	\$38	\$38.00
13	Hero’s Club After School Ministry (Pre-K through Grade 5)	-----	\$349.21
14	World Vision (Sponsored child in Colombia)	\$35	\$35.00

2016 Goal: **\$16,286** • Total Mission Offering for 2016: **\$865.00** • % of Goal: **5%**

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. 10

Ronnie & Angi Hopkins
The Mission Society - Nicaragua



RIO BOCA Y — Dr. Larry and Dr. Bruce from Asbury First United Methodist Church of Rochester, NY, joined Ronnie on a trip to the Rio Bocay. They provided training for local health workers (brigadistas) and saw patients with them. Above, Dr. Larry prepares a prescription in Sala de Dios.

[Salem contributes \$65 each month for this mission work in Nicaragua.]

JOIN US FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER SUNDAY

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday, March 20

9:00 & 11:15 a.m. Worship
Sermon: "The Ride"
Luke 19:28-40

Holy Thursday, March 24

7:00 p.m.
Holy Communion
"The Last Supper" by Salem members

Good Friday, March 25

7:00 p.m.
Adult Choir
"There is no Easter without Good Friday"

Holy Saturday, March 26

12 Noon to 12 Midnight
Prayer Vigil in Salem sanctuary

Community Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, March 26

2:00 p.m. at Salem
Refreshments following the egg hunt

EASTER SUNDAY

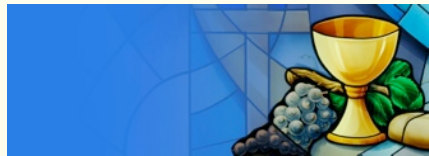
Sunday, March 27

Community Sunrise Service
6:30 a.m.
Salem United Methodist Church Pavilion
12479 Wolfsville Road
Refreshments by Wolfsville Ruritan Club

Sunday, March 27

9:00 & 11:15 a.m. Worship
Holy Communion
Sermon: "Remembering His Words"
Luke 24:1-12

10:15 a.m. Sunday School (No Classes)
Children's Choir & Children's Recitations
in sanctuary



Salem United Methodist Church Annual Easter Egg Hunt

For ages 12 and under

Saturday
March 26, 2016 2:00 p.m.



Light refreshments and fellowship
will follow the Easter Egg Hunt.

Volunteers are needed
at 1:00 p.m. to hide eggs.

For more information contact
Caroline Buhrman 301-293-2069

Outreach and Missions



Salem Mission Project No. 9

Middletown High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes

■ By Tim Leber, MHS FCA

January 30, 2016 — Just a quick update to let you know that our Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) group used \$200 this week to treat our custodians to a lunch buffet from JB Seafood in Middletown.

Our custodians did a super job this week of cleaning up after the blizzard, so our FCA group showed our appreciation by providing lunch.

Our custodial crew enjoyed crab cake sliders, steamed shrimp, fried chicken, loaded potatoes, cole slaw, chocolate chip cookies, and sweet tea.

We were able to share words of appreciation and offer a blessing before the meal, letting our custodians know that we're thankful to God for their efforts.

As always, things like this don't happen without the support of Salem United Methodist Church! We're so thankful for you all!

God's blessings to everyone at Salem!

[Salem contributes \$50 each month to Fellowship of Christian Athletes at MHS.]

Salem's Youth help with "Feed the Hungry Potato Drive — Help End Hunger"



FEBRUARY 20, 2016 — Youth from Salem, together with two adults, assisted Bethel United Methodist Church, Chewsville, with a Potato Drive, hosted by the Frederick and Cumberland-Hagerstown District United Methodist Men, to help feed the hungry. Volunteers prepared 5 and 10-pound bags of potatoes to be delivered to families in need, and 50-pound bags to local non-profit organizations such as food banks, rescue missions, homeless shelters and churches with outreach ministries that came for pick up. The Society of St. Andrew, who collects discarded but edible produce, sent a tractor-trailer with 900 50-pound bags of potatoes for this event. Those from Salem who participated were (from left) Rebecca Leatherman, Paul McCormick, Christopher Leatherman, Maria Barkdoll, Madison Elsbach, Lily Mueller, Joshua Koons, Cathie Elsbach, and Wanda Barkdoll.

[Salem contributes \$50 each month to the Society of St. Andrew for the Potato Project.]

Attendance Offerings

January 2016

		Worship*		Sunday School	
Jan	3	82	\$2,600.50	47	\$258.00
Jan	10	94	2,518.35	60	166.75
Jan	17	76	1,797.75	52	136.50
Jan	24	--	Snow	--	Snow
Jan	31	92	4,558.00	63	179.00

*Worship attendance & offerings include both worship services.

- Missions: \$865.00
 - Cemetery Endowment: \$65.00
 - Building Fund: \$125.00
- (Missions, Building Fund offerings, etc. are not included in Worship & Sunday School offerings above.)

Average Attendance		
	Worship	Sunday School
Jan	86	56
Dec	92	57
Nov	89	60
Oct	83	56
Sept	87	55

Average Attendance Jan 2016
 Sunday Worship: 86
 Sunday School: 56

New Phone "Message System" to be Implemented at Salem

For many years, Salem has been communicating prayer requests and administrative announcements to its families via email. About six years ago, for those families who do not have a computer, Salem purchased a phone message system which enabled Pastor Bob to record a phone message of prayer requests and announcements, and send it out via phone line to about 40 families.

Recently the phone message system has not been working properly. Efforts to repair or upgrade its technology has been troublesome. So, with the Salem Church Council approved, the old phone message system will be discarded and Salem will subscribe to a new service

called "One Call Now."

This automated message service does not require Salem to purchase or maintain any hardware or software (unlike the previous system) and will be implemented via phone and the internet. The cost of the service is expected to be about \$258 annually, after an initial set up fee of \$95.

This is a good time to update distribution lists for prayer requests and administrative announcements. If you would like your name added or dropped from either the email list or the phone message list, contact Pastor Bob. The new phone message system should be working soon.

Photos by Wanda Barkdoll & Herald-Mail Video



CHEWSVILLE — Salem's youth helped with the "Feed the Hungry Potato Drive" at Bethel United Methodist Church, Chewsville, on February 20, 2016. 45,000 pounds of potatoes were delivered to Chewsville by the Society of St. Andrew's Potato Project, Big Island, VA, to be distributed locally to food banks and pantries, soup kitchens, low-income housing areas, local churches and other hunger agencies. From Salem, 7 youth and 2 adults helped with the event.

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.



March

Calendar of Events



- Thu 3 Board of Trustees** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
Fri 4 Bee-lievers prepare food for food sale
Sat 5 Food Sale - pick up orders - 4:00-6:00 p.m.
Sun 6 Food Sale - pick up orders - after services
Thu 10 Church Council - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
Sun 13 Daylight Saving Time begins
Sun 13 Senior Appreciation Luncheon - 1:00 p.m. at Salem
Thu 24 Holy Thursday "The Last Supper" - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
Fri 25 Good Friday Service - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
Sat 26 Prayer Vigil - 12 noon - 12 midnight
Sat 26 Community Easter Egg Hunt - 2:00 p.m. at Salem
Sun 27 Community Easter Sunrise Service - 6:30 a.m. at Salem pavilion
Sun 27 Easter Sunday, Holy Communion - 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. worship
Sun 27 Easter Children's Program - 10:15 a.m. in sanctuary (no Sunday School classes)

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, 7:30 p.m. at Salem

Praise Band practices 1st WEDNESDAY & 2nd, 3rd & 4th THURSDAYS 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

NOTE: The Bee-lievers Women's Group will not meet on March 3, due to soup and sandwich preparation.

Newsletter Distribution

- E-Mail** — We are currently sending this newsletter to 186 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.

Salem Adult Choir Notes

- By Sandy Lewis

Choir practice has gotten off to a bit of a slow start due to weather conditions that seem to always happen on Tuesday. Hopefully the month of March will be better and warmer. We will continue to practice on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary and invite anyone who would like to sing to join us. Throughout Holy Week and Easter we will be singing selections from Marty Park's musical "Redeeming Love Has Been My Theme" which features traditional arrangements and original compositions that focus on the redeeming work of Christ on the cross.



Confirmation Class

Confirmation classes will be starting mid-March. If you child is in 6th grade or above and desires to attend classes leading to confirmation this year, please contact Pastor Bob at 240-994-0825 or revbsnyder@comcast.net.

Pick Up Your Food Orders

The Bee-lievers Soup and Sandwich Sale pick up at Salem will be Saturday, March 5, 4:00-6:00 p.m. and Sunday, March 6, after services.

Contacts are Barbie Stottlemyer (301-293-2372), Sue Ellen Stottlemyer (301-293-1470), or Fonda Gormer (301-293-2436).

Children's Choir

The Children's Choir will be practicing for the Easter Program every Sunday, Feb. 28 - Mar. 20, in the social hall during the beginning of Sunday School. Contact Sara Weitzel, 240-409-1241. The children's program will be held on Easter Sunday morning at 10:15 a.m. in the sanctuary, and will include music and recitations by the children.

Food Pantry Guidelines

- By Dawn Nelson

We want to send a friendly reminder that we are unable to receive food that has already been opened or used. We greatly appreciate you wanting to help our families but want to remind you that we have to abide by the Frederick County Health Department regulations.

Our items must be sealed and have no dints. Also a reminder, if you have canned goods that are near expiration date, we can give them out up to 6 months after the expiration date.

We also have had items dropped off in our Food Pantry, like an old TV, without our knowledge. We appreciate you thinking of our families, but we are unable to accept these types of items. We can only accept non-perishable food items.

Please continue to keep our Food Pantry families in your prayers!

Senior Appreciation Luncheon

Salem's annual Senior Appreciation Luncheon will be held on Sunday, March 13, 1:00 p.m. at Salem. We will be honoring our seniors, age 65 and older.

If you plan to attend, please advise Donna Snyder or Wanda Barkdoll.

Who's Doing What, When?

9:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP		MARCH
Lay Readers 6 - Fonda Gormer 13 - Dennis Leatherman 20 - Brenda Freysz 27 - Robin Haupt	Ushers 6 - Dick Kline & Steve Leatherman 13 - Vernon Stottlemeyer & Robin Haupt 20 - Donald Stottlemeyer & Meredith Harshman 27 - Philip Koons & Brandon Leatherman	Music 6 - Sara Weitzel 13 - Praise Band 20 - Susan Koons 27 - Susan Koons
Greeters 6 - Andrea Palmer 13 - Joy Sentz 20 - George, Barbie, and Matthew Stottlemeyer 27 - Robin & Theresa Haupt	Acolytes 6 - Paul McCormick 13 - Jadie Buhrman 20 - Kenslie Buhrman 27 - 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 Mar 13 - Works in Progress Praise Band Mar 27 - Works in Progress Praise Band

It's Your Day!

March Anniversaries

- 8 - Monty & Phyllis Beall
- 17 - Jerry & Cindy Draper
- 18 - Sam & Jane Zimmerman

March Birthdays

- 5 - Sarah Haddock
- 5 - Richard Harshman
- 6 - Jane Zimmerman
- 7 - Joshua Koons
- 8 - Madison Elsbach
- 11 - Dawn Nelson
- 12 - Jennifer Harne
- 12 - Kenna Raynor
- 13 - Joshua Gormer
- 14 - Donna Snyder
- 15 - Vicki Robinson
- 16 - Ken Poling
- 17 - Audrey Tolland
- 19 - Bobby Doyle
- 23 - Owen Raynor
- 24 - Allison Adams
- 24 - Pastor Bob Snyder
- 28 - Shelby Leatherman

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

- 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)

Cookies needed for Board of Child Care

- By Dawn Nelson

The Board of Child Care is asking the Cumberland-Hagerstown District Auxiliary for packaged cookies for their residents. These cookies will be used for parties, snack time and at meals. They are unable to accept homemade cookies, only pre-package cookies. If you are able to help us, please drop them off in the wooden box in the main hallway. Thanks in advance for your help!



Holy Communion

Sunday, March 6
 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.



Maundy Thursday, March 24
 "The Last Supper" 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, March 27
 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.



Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman



The Stone is Rolled Away

By Elisabeth Crocker Mitchell

The birds are singing, flowers bloom,
As dawn dispels the garden's gloom.
The Lord has conquered death today.
Behold, the stone is rolled away!

The empty grave has lost its guest.
The women, come at love's behest,
Find linen cloths in disarray.
Behold, the stone is rolled away.

The angels speak to reassure,
They tell of life which will endure,
That He would rise, folks heard Him say . . .
Behold, the stone is rolled away.

Because He lives, we too shall live.
Then to the world this message give
That life shall triumph over clay . . .
Behold, the stone is rolled away!

Spring Song

By Reginald Holmes

The yellow daffodils reflect
The sunlight's golden hue,
With cups and saucers lifted
To catch the morning dew;
While rows of crimson tulips
Are nodding in the breeze
As nature works its wonders
On mornings such as these.

The songbirds are returning
And gathering bits of string,
Thus announcing the arrival
Of Eastertime and spring.
The fleecy clouds are floating
Beneath the azure skies,
And on the hills and meadows
A soft green carpet lies.

When all of nature's beauty
Is rising from the sod,
Earth must be close to heaven
For man is close to God.



Easter Joys

by Pearl McKinney

May the Easter sunrise
Chase every cloud away,
Bringing many blessings
And joys to fill your day.



RECIPE



Peanut Butter Cup Cookies

These cookies have a sweet peanut butter cup center.

Ingredients

1 3/4 cups all-purpose flour	1/2 cup peanut butter
1/2 teaspoon salt	1/2 cup packed brown sugar
1 teaspoon baking soda	1 egg, beaten
1/2 cup butter, softened	1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/2 cup white sugar	2 tablespoons milk
40 miniature chocolate covered peanut butter cups, unwrapped	

Directions

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Sift together the flour, salt and baking soda; set aside.

Cream together the butter, sugar, peanut butter and brown sugar until fluffy. Beat in the egg, vanilla and milk. Add the flour mixture; mix well.

Shape into 40 balls and place each into an ungreased mini muffin pan. Bake at 375 degrees for about 8 minutes. Remove from oven and immediately press a mini peanut butter cup into each ball. Cool and carefully remove from pan.

Caroline Buhrman made these cookies for the Bee-lievers cookie exchange. Caroline selected this recipe from "Allrecipes Magazine."



High Upon a Hill

By Reba F. Cupp

High upon a hill
Outside the city
They lifted You up, Jesus
So all could see your agony:
God suffering
So all could feel your compassion:
God loving
So all could know your salvation:
God forgiving
So all could experience your redemption:
God victorious
So all could trust your consecration:
God guiding
So all could comprehend life's sorrows:
God healing
So all could have eternal life:
God giving
So all could obey your commands:
God commissioning
So all could realize your Kingdom personified:
God reigning
So all could have your power:
God present

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

A Special Blessing on St. Patrick's Day

By Jean Kyler McManus

God bless you in the morning,
as you greet the sun's first ray.
God bless you in the afternoon
and all throughout the day . . .
God bless you in the evening
when the moon shines on the hill,
And as you lay your head to rest,
may God be with you still.

Ring, Bells of Easter

By Marian L. Moore

Ring gladly, bells of Easter;
Ring God's message
over vale and hill
That Christ is risen
from the dead,
His lasting promise to fulfill.

Ring gladly, bells of Easter;
Ring your song of faith
for all mankind:
A risen Christ, the Savior lives,
With death and sorrow
left behind.



Message from the Pastor and Worship in March

■ By PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER

We are now in the Season of Lent which lasts forty days. In the Bible, the number forty represents the perfect amount of time needed for God to accomplish His purposes.

One of God's purposes is having a close relationship with you and me. Lent is a good time for us to evaluate how that relationship is going.

Where am I in my relationship with God? Where does God want me to be? What steps can I take this Lent to get there?

Lent isn't just about giving up unhealthy foods or starting to exercise over the next forty days, although both might be good for our health.

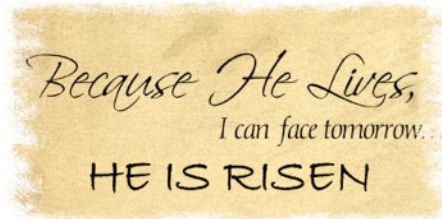
Lent is really about stopping or starting something over the next forty days that will continue on for a lifetime. Something that brings us into closer relationship with God. Something that makes us more like Christ.

March 20 marks the beginning of the week before Easter. Called "Holy Week," many see it as the most sacred week of our church year.

Sadly, many congregations have had to combine all Holy Week Services into one service held on Palm Sunday. On that day congregations hold a "Passion Service" which combines all the events of Holy Week.

At Salem we continue to offer separate Holy Thursday and Good Friday services to allow ourselves time to focus on the important events of the week, and time to allow God to come into our lives and help us. I've always felt this is something special about Salem that causes me to feel good about being your pastor.

On Saturday, we'll once again hold our Prayer Vigil and Community Easter Egg Hunt, and on Easter Sunday we're privileged this year to be hosting the Community Easter Sunrise Service. Lent and Easter offer a great opportunity to



draw close to God.

I earnestly encourage you to fully participate in all that is offered and I'm confident you will experience God's love, mercy, and care. Have a blessed Lent and Easter this year. —Pastor Bob

March 6 – Holy Communion
9:00 & 11:15 a.m. worship
"Lost"

Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32

This week we take up Jesus' "Parable of the Lost Son" (a parable is a story from everyday life that teaches us something about living a Godly life).

The title tells it all – the son is lost. Completely lost. He's taken his father's money, he's wasted it away on sinful living, and now he has absolutely nothing except the one thing that remains - his Father's enduring love and mercy. They do for him what he can't do for himself.

In what ways do we continue to be lost? God's love and mercy can do great things for us too.

March 13
9:00 & 11:15 a.m. worship
"Looking but Not Seeing"
John 12: 1-8

Judas was looking at the situation but did not see (understand) what was going on. He looked at the expensive perfume with which the woman was anointing Jesus and saw it as a big waste of money. He did not see that Mary was honoring her Savior's presence.

The perfume she applied was helping Jesus prepare for his suffering

and death. No price for the perfume would ever compare with the price Jesus was about to pay.

How are we looking but not seeing? When we strive to see as Jesus sees a person or situation, it helps us understand what is going on and what we should do.

March 20 – Palm Sunday
9:00 & 11:15 a.m. worship
"The Ride"
Luke 19: 28-40

We have a Mustang convertible. On a sunny day in the late spring, with the top down, rides in that car are glorious.

Imagine Jesus' ride on Palm Sunday from the Mount of Olives into Jerusalem. It must have been the best. He no longer held back that he was the Savior.

He purposely rode into Jerusalem on the back of a donkey, just as King David had. It must have given him a freedom he had not experienced before.

The people were acknowledging him as king also. They were shouting "Hosanna — save us!" and throwing their outer garments and palm branches in front of his path – rolling out their version of a "Red Carpet" to give Jesus a hero's welcome.

What a ride it must have been! When we get down, when we're brought low, it's good for us then to give thanks to God and remember the very good days we've had. It puts things into perspective. It sustains us and gives us strength to take a next step.

March 24
Maundy Thursday Service, 7 p.m.

During a reenactment of "The Last Supper," each Apostle reflects on their relationship with Jesus, asking themselves, "Is it I who betrayed Jesus?"

All were guilty to some degree. But despite their sin, Jesus sacrificed his life to save each one. To the question, "Is it I," we must all answer "Yes." We all betray Jesus. Yet, he died for us too; he saves us too!

March 25
Good Friday Service, 7 p.m.

There is no Easter without Good Friday, no resurrection if no death. Good Friday is the time to acknowledge the terrible price God paid for us. Exchanging the life of his only Son for our life.

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Worship in March

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Before we can truly experience the gift of Easter, we must fully acknowledge the cost of Good Friday.

March 26

Prayer Vigil, 12 Noon to Midnight

Participants sign up for half hour time slots, demonstrating our love for God by spending time with Him. How do we spell love? We spell it "TIME." We sacrifice our time to return our love to God for all the ways God loves us.

March 26

Community Easter Egg Hunt, 2 p.m.

All children of the greater Wolfsville community are invited to hunt for Easter Eggs, followed by prizes and treats in the Salem social hall.

March 27

Community Easter Sunrise Service 6:30 a.m. at Salem's Pavilion

The fire burning in our pavilion fireplace reminds us of the day the resurrected Lord joined with his disciples by a fire and offered them forgiveness, reassurance, and strength to go on.

March 27 – Easter Sunday

9:00 & 11:15 a.m. worship "Remembering His Words"

Luke 24: 1-12

On Easter Sunday the women took the spices they had prepared to Jesus' tomb but the stone had been rolled away and Jesus' body was not there.

God's messengers appeared and gave the women the news that Jesus was not there because he had risen.

The angels asked the women to remember Jesus' words – "that he would be betrayed, crucified, and on the third day be raised again." They did remember Jesus' words and it helped them.

What words do we remember God saying, what actions have we seen him doing, that will help us in our lives today?

March 27 – Easter Sunday

10:15 a.m.

Children's Program

The children of Salem will present a program of music and recitations during the Sunday School hour in the sanctuary. There will be no Sunday School classes on this day.



Board of Trustees

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■ By Gary Barkdoll, Trustee Chair

The Board of Trustees have had a very busy winter and are continuing to look forward as spring time is just around the corner, we hope! First, I would like to thank Donald Stottlemeyer for all of his hard work and leadership during his time as the Trustee Chairperson.

I would also like to give a personal shout-out to Bobby Fogle for recently moving electric heaters and installing a new outlet circuit to accommodate classroom modification in the social hall area. Kudos also to Brandon Leatherman for taking the time to make two new tack boards for Sunday School classrooms.

In January the Trustees had a few personnel changes. I was nominated and accepted to be the new Trustee Chairperson for 2016. Other current members of the Trustees are: Donald Stottlemeyer, Robin Haupt, Brandon Leatherman, Richard Harshman, Klaus Mueller, Curtis Nelson, Michael Cackowski, and Joe Hawkins.

Recent highlighted accomplishments include:

1. Taking down and storing all the various Christmas decorations;
2. Elevator doors were repaired and safe operation of the elevator was checked;
3. Heat pump controls were replaced on one unit at the parsonage;
4. Two new bulletin boards were constructed and hung in two classrooms in the downstairs portion of the Sunday School building;
5. Three new base cabinets and countertop were purchased and installed in Middle/High School Sunday School classroom;
6. New electrical outlet circuit was installed above new counter top in

- Middle/High School classroom area;
7. Various lamps were changed in both the sanctuary and Sunday School areas;
8. New microwave oven was purchased and installed to replace a non-functioning unit in the kitchen;
9. Accordion curtains in social hall had latching units repaired so that they are all functional again;
10. Carpet was cleaned in the social hall on Saturday, the 27th of February; and
11. Other miscellaneous housekeeping functions.

Future Projects being looked at:

1. New under the counter filing cabinet for Middle/High School Sunday School class;
2. Investigating the feasibility of adding Wi-Fi to the sanctuary, Sunday School and social hall areas;
3. Laying out and marking of plots in the new section of the cemetery when weather permits;
4. Cemetery spring cleanup;
5. Evaluating possible water infiltration through the exterior wall and re-securing ceiling tiles in vestibule area;
6. Evaluating damaged sidewalk areas in front of the church; and
7. Evaluating sunken paved walkway to stairs at rear of the Sunday School.

I cannot thank enough each member of the Trustees for all of their energy and countless hours they spend using their varying skills and talents investigating, and taking action on many numerous projects that just happen behind the scenes and are not mentioned in my brief comments.

Thanks to everyone for all your efforts and may God bless.

Pastor Appointments underway in Baltimore-Washington Conference

As of February 22, 2016, the following appointment changes of local interest, to be effective July 1, 2016, have been announced:

Rev. Jim Johnson, to Bethel UMC in Chewsville from Dublin-Darlington Charge in Street, Md.
 Rev. John H. Dean, to Deer Park UMC in Westminster, from Benevola UMC in Boonsboro
 Rev. Elizabeth Jackson, to Otterbein UMC in Hagerstown, from Bel Air UMC in Bel Air
 Rev. Stephen L. Larsen, to Calvary UMC in Frederick, from Calvary UMC in Mt. Airy
 Rev. Mark Groover, to Asbury UMC in Frederick, from New Hope Fellowship and Clarks Chapel UMC in Edgewood

Scenes from the

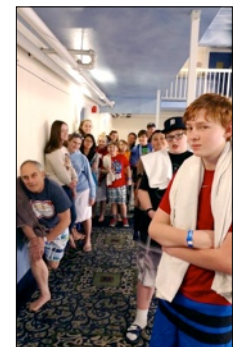
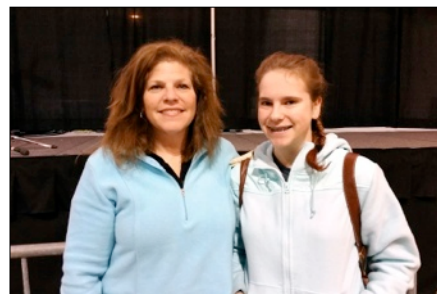
ROCK Youth Retreat, Feb 5-7, Ocean City



Photos by Wanda Barkdoll



Salem Youth & Adults at ROCK Youth Retreat • Ocean City



Scenes from Youth Sunday, February 14, 9:00 & 11:15 a.m. worship at Salem

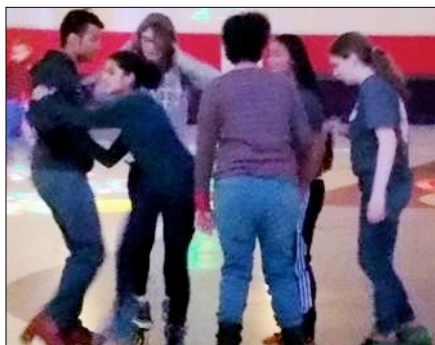
Photos by Jim Laky, Wanda Barkdoll & Bill Burrier



Scenes from Roller Skating Party, February 14, Waynesboro, PA

Roller Skating Party
Approximately 60 people showed up to enjoy Salem's annual family skating party at Cosmic Skate and Play. As usual it was well received and fun was had by all. Mark your calendars for Sunday February 19, 2017, when we do it all again.

—Joe Hawkins



Sunday School Classes

Every Sunday 10:15 - 11:00 a.m.



Children, Infant to 4 years

Teacher: Caroline Buhrman

Children, Grades K to 3

Teachers: Michael & Jennifer Burrier

Children, Grades 4 to 6

Teachers: Kathy Laky, Melissa Thornton, Patrick Boyton

Youth, Grades 7 to 12

Teacher: Fonda Gormer

Adult Discussion Group - Couples & Singles

Teacher: Bill Burrier

Men's Class

Teachers: George Harne, Bobby Fogle, Meredith Harshman

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)



Preaching on the Devil

Two boys were walking home from Sunday school after hearing a strong preaching on the devil. One said to the other, 'What do you think about all this Satan stuff?' The other boy replied, 'Well, you know how Santa Claus turned out. It's probably just your Dad.'

Black and White

Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother, 'Why is the bride dressed in white?' The mother replied, 'Because white is the color of happiness, and today is the happiest day of her life.' The child thought about this for a moment then said, 'So why is the groom wearing black?'

Take Me Out

An elderly woman died last month. Having never married, she requested no male pallbearers. In her handwritten instructions for her memorial service, she wrote, 'They wouldn't take me out while I was alive, I don't want them to take me out when I'm dead.'

Submitted by Dennis Draper

Some thoughts to ponder . . .

Predictable: When folks can know before the fact just how a Christian will react.

We are the objects of God's grace; let Him be the object of our gratitude.

It often requires more courage to dare to do right than to fear to do wrong.

We're called to be witnesses, not lawyers or judges.

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

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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



March 2016