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at Salem
to support
Salem's Youth Group
Activities
Cost: Free-will contribution

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HERO'S CLUB After School Ministry

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

It's like "Sunday School" on "Monday"

■ **By Heather O'Connor**
Hero's Club Leader



Heather O'Connor

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT...

"But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!"
—Galatians 5:22-23 NLT



35 children are now enjoying Hero's Club at Salem on Mondays when school is open.

I really like how Joyce Meyer describes the Fruit of the Spirit... "You may not know it, but when you gave your life to Jesus, all the fruits of the Spirit were planted inside you in seed form. Through the Spirit you can experience joy and peace in every circumstance, no matter how difficult or painful.

"You may not be a naturally patient person, but you can call on the Spirit within to produce patience. If you're battling unhealthy behaviors, like an addiction or some kind of bad habit, the Holy Spirit can give you the ability to resist the devil and make healthy choices."

The apostle Paul put it this way: "When we were controlled by our old nature, sinful desires were at work within us, and the law aroused these evil desires that produced a harvest of sinful deeds, resulting in death. But now we have been released from the law, for we died to it and are no longer captive to its power. Now we can serve God, not in the old way of obeying the letter of the law, but in the new way of living in the Spirit."
—Romans 7:5-6 NLT

On your own, it would be impossible. But when you operate in the Spirit, you have

a supernatural ability to overcome. What a precious gift! And the more you draw near to God, praying and reflecting on His Word, the more you will experience the fruit of the Spirit in your life.

I truly hope and pray that tiny seeds are being planted in all the Hero's Club children! I ask the congregation to pray for these tiny seeds to be nurtured and developed.

In so many of our lessons we discuss how to "grow" our faith and relationship with Jesus through prayer, reading the Word, and putting what we learn into action.

For many of these children and the circumstances and influences that surround them daily, having a relationship with God is not high on their list of priorities.

After they leave us on Monday night, I don't know if they even think about our lesson again until the following week, but God is all knowing and all powerful, and I have faith that He is in control.

It would be so nice for every Hero's Club child to have their own personal children's Bible.

With our continued prayers for them,

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

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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-Feb
1	Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer (Retired New Tribes Mission)	\$205	\$410.00
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.)	-----	\$563.36
5	Mary E. (Africa Inland Mission)	\$85	\$235.00
6	United Methodist Board of Child Care (Auxiliary & Direct Support)	-----	\$0.00
7	Gideons (Frederick West Camp - Distributing Bibles)	\$50	\$100.00
8	Potato Project (Society of St. Andrew, Big Island, VA)	\$50	\$100.00
9	Middletown High School (Fellowship of Christian Athletes)	\$50	\$100.00
10	Ronnie & Angi Hopkins (Nicaragua)	\$65	\$130.00
11	Care Net Pregnancy Center (Frederick, MD)	\$65	\$130.00
12	Compassion International (Sponsored child in India)	\$38	\$76.00
13	Hero's Club After School Ministry (Pre-K through Grade 5)	-----	\$537.41
14	World Vision (Sponsored child in Colombia)	\$35	\$70.00

2016 Goal: **\$16,286** • Total Mission Offering for 2016: **\$2,330.00** • % of Goal: **14%**

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. 11

Care Net Pregnancy Center of Frederick
707 N. Market Street



Dear Salem United Methodist Church:

I love the reminders that God places in front of us to praise Him and to be thankful for His faithfulness.

As I write this I am listening to the birds sing outside my office. I am reminded of Psalm 148 where the psalmist encourages every living creature to praise the Lord.

Each month when I have the privilege to write a receipt for your faithful giving, I am reminded to praise Him and to be thankful for you! Your support is incredibly important as we try to reach more women and men in this community that are facing a pregnancy decision.

Thank you for partnering with us to promote that each life is valuable and created by our Heavenly Father.

Blessings,
Linda King, Care Net Pregnancy Center of Frederick

[Salem contributes a minimum of \$65 each month to the Care Net Pregnancy Center of Frederick.]



Outreach and Missions

Salem Mission Project No. 13

Hero's Club — After School Ministry

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and each of them having the opportunity to read a Bible when they are at home, the chances of them bearing good fruit only increases!

Thank you so much for supporting this ministry!

We always welcome volunteers, and with 35 children, we are in need! We started with five high school seniors this year and are down to three, and those three will be graduating very soon!

If you have any family or friends with teenagers, this is a great way to earn service hours and mentor young children. Please spread the word!

Many Blessings,
Heather B. O'Connor

Salem Mission Project No. 3

Salem Outreach gives Fruit Baskets, Flowers, and Food Box

■ By Barbie Stottlemyer, Salem Outreach

Thank you to everyone who contributed toward the Lenten offering this year. Your contributions of \$120 went toward the purchase of fruit baskets, flowers, and a food box, for persons in our church and community.

Thank you also to all those who gathered Saturday morning to help prepare these items for distribution.

We distributed 17 fruit baskets, 14 flowers, and one food box.

Everyone who received these gifts greatly appreciated them.

Salem Mission Project No. 6

Salem Members join Board of Child Care Auxiliary

Thank you to everyone who desired to become a member of the Cumberland-Hagerstown District Board of Child Care Auxiliary. The annual membership dues are \$2 per person. Nineteen Salem members have become auxiliary members for 2016. This year, the auxiliary will focus their support on activities at the Falling Waters campus.

Salem Mission Project No. 4



Salem's Food Pantry welcomes a new partner. Middletown Valley Bank took the month of February to collect food from their staff and customers. They want to offer complete Thanksgiving meals to our families this year. God is good all the time! From left, Dawn Nelson, Salem's Food Pantry, and Jade Stone, Middletown Valley Bank.

Salem Mission Project No. 12

SPONSORED CHILD through COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL A Message from Your Child's Center Director

I want to take this moment to express my heartiest thanks and gratitude to you for your precious support to Santanu Sing. As a result of your love and support, we have seen positive outcomes in the lives of our children. For example, there is a child here whose father was unable to provide for the boy's education. Thanks to the support of his sponsor, he is now able to study and attend school. He regularly attends Sunday School and takes interest in learning different stories. The community was overwhelmingly illiterate and is now gradually showing interest in sending their children to study in schools. With Compassion's support, we have sent a few students away for higher studies in theological schools, engineering institutes, and vocational training.

The relationship between the sponsors and children are valuable to the children. The children enjoy receiving letters from their sponsors. The children ask for prayer from their sponsors, but they also pray for the sponsors and their families. —Project Manager, West Bengal region of India



Santanu Sing
Patharhuri Child
Development
Center
East India

Attendance Offerings

February 2016

		Worship*		Sunday School	
Feb	7	82	\$1,848.50	44	\$230.25
Feb	14	120	2,059.00	60	168.00
Feb	21	84	2,541.76	52	123.00
Feb	28	103	2,111.00	67	151.50

*Worship attendance & offerings include both worship services.

- Missions: \$1,465.00
 - Cemetery Endowment: \$135.00
 - Building Fund: \$220.00
- (Missions, Building Fund offerings, etc. are not included in Worship & Sunday School offerings above.)

Average Attendance		
	Worship	Sunday School
Feb	97	56
Jan	86	56
Dec	92	57
Nov	89	60
Oct	83	56

Average Attendance Jan-Feb 2016
 Sunday Worship: 92
 Sunday School: 56

Salem "Bee-lievers" host another successful soup and sandwich sale



Photo by Dawn Nelson

MARCH 4, 2016 — The Bee-lievers' annual winter fundraiser, Lord's Acre style soup and sandwiches, was held in early March. The successful sale included vegetable, turkey corn, turkey noodle, and bean with rivels soup; and country ham and turkey salad sandwiches. Orders were placed in advance; the soup and sandwiches were prepared on March 4th and 5th; and orders were picked up the evening of March 4th and morning of March 5th. Profits benefited Salem's United Methodist Women "Bee-lievers" group, who will use the funds in service to the church. Our thanks to the many hands who helped prepare the soup and sandwiches. A few of the many volunteers are pictured above. From left are Wanda Barkdoll, Susan Gibson, Anita & Richard Harshman.

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.



April

Calendar of Events



- Thu 7 Board of Trustees** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Thu 7 Bee-lievers meeting** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Fri 8 Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser** - 5:00-8:00 p.m. at Salem to benefit youth activities
- Thu 14 Church Council** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Sat 16 Youth Group trip to Hershey Park**
- Mon 18 Wolfsville Ruritan Club Dinner** - 2:00 p.m. prepare, 7:00 p.m. serve at Salem

Recurring Events: Hero's Club meets every MONDAY at Salem when school is in session
 Food Pantry is open every TUESDAY 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Salem
 Adult Choir practices every TUESDAY, 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

Newsletter Distribution

1. **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.
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.

Salem Adult Choir Notes

■ By Sandy Lewis
 Adult Choir Director
 Adult Choir practices will continue through April (no practice on March 29).



It's always a great time to join us, so come out to practice on Tuesday, at 7:30 p.m. Thanks to our choir for the beautiful music performed during Holy Week and Easter.

"Sing the glory of His name; make His praise glorious!" Psalm 66:2



Submitted by Jim Laky



★★★★★ Ask Gary about the upcoming spaghetti dinner. According to the last one, he gives it 5 out of 5 stars.

Spaghetti Dinner to Benefit Salem Youth Activities

■ By Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer
 The Salem Youth will be holding a spaghetti dinner on Friday, April 8, from 5:00-8:00 p.m. A free will offering will be collected.

Salem has a very active youth group, who meet every Thursday and attend special events throughout the year, like ROCK and Creation Music Festival to name just a few. The spaghetti dinner helps offset the costs of these activities, and the youth help with the serving and clean-up as a way to show their appreciation of the support they receive.

After a long week, let us prepare your dinner and have it ready for you!

Please come and invite your family and friends to join us for dinner. We will also provide dinners to go if requested.

The youth and youth leaders thank everybody for their support.

Pastor Bob to teach Lay Servant Course

The Cumberland-Hagerstown District of the Baltimore-Conference of the United Methodist Church is sponsoring a spring "Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course." The course will be held at three locations: Berkeley Springs, WV, Cresaptown, MD, and at Salem in Wolfsville.

Pastor Bob Snyder will be teaching the course at Salem on Friday, April 22, 6:30-9:00 p.m., and Saturday, April 23, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

This training is for anyone in the Cumberland-Hagerstown District who wants to learn about the Lay Servant Ministry. A Lay Servant is a person who has been called by God to serve the local church. The person must be a member in good standing of a United Methodist church, who has been recommended by their pastor, and approved at Charge Conference to be part of the Local Church Lay Servant Ministry.

Bishop Marcus Matthews is retiring in September

Everyone is invited to celebrate the retirement of Bishop Marcus Matthews, Bishop of the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church, on Sunday, April 10, 2016, 3:00-5:00 p.m. at the Middletown United Methodist Church.

Farewell gatherings are being held in four locations around the Conference. A new bishop for the Baltimore-Washington Conference will be appointed in July.

Who's Doing What, When?

9:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP		APRIL
Lay Readers 3 - Donald Stottlemeyer 10 - Gary Barkdoll 17 - Patrick Boyton 24 - Dennis Draper	Ushers 3 - Dick Kline & Steve Leatherman 10 - Vernon Stottlemeyer & Robin Haupt 17 - Donald Stottlemeyer & Meredith Harshman 24 - Philip Koons & Brandon Leatherman	Music 3 - Sara Weitzel 10 - Praise Band 17 - Susan Koons 24 - Susan Koons
Greeters 3 - Mary Cline 10 - Dennis & Ruth Draper 17 - George, Barbie, and Matthew Stottlemeyer 24 - Meredith Harshman	Acolytes 3 - Paul McCormick 10 - Jadie Buhrman 17 - Kenslie Buhrman 24 - 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 Apr 10 - Works in Progress Praise Band Apr 24 - Works in Progress Praise Band

It's Your Day!

April Anniversaries

- 2 - Clay Waite & Jennifer Gormer
- 2 - Bill & Darlene Burrier
- 10 - Michael & Jennifer Burrier
- 23 - George & Judith Harne
- 25 - Robert & Mary Cline

April Birthdays

- 1 - Travis Keller
- 4 - Joey Hawkins
- 4 - Paula Main
- 8 - Connie Crunkleton
- 9 - Melanie Adams
- 9 - Sophie Wagaman
- 10 - Emily Stottlemeyer
- 11 - Philip Koons
- 11 - Annabelle Martin
- 11 - Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer
- 12 - Charlotte Wisner
- 13 - Mason Crutchley
- 16 - Adam Stottlemeyer
- 17 - Delphine Zimmerman
- 17 - Judy Hamilton
- 18 - Dennis Leatherman
- 19 - Camden Raynor
- 20 - Ali Robinson
- 21 - Amy Ellis
- 22 - Richard Kline
- 23 - Craig Brown
- 24 - Jennifer Gormer
- 24 - Vernon Stottlemeyer

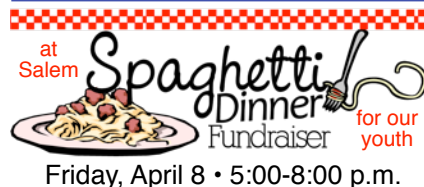
Faith Builders Youth Group

(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**
- Apr 8 - Spaghetti Dinner/Fundraiser
 - Apr 16 - Hershey Park Trip
 - May 27-28 - Progressive Dinner & Lock-In (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)



April Birthdays (continued)

- 24 - Barbara Stottlemeyer
- 24 - Jase Wesley Haddock
- 29 - Karen DeLauter
- 30 - Payton Robinson

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

Holy Communion

will not be observed on the first Sunday in April since it was observed on Easter Sunday, the last Sunday in March.

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.

I've learned that I need to let my friends comfort me and hold me up, to let them know I need support, that I'm not always as strong as I look or act.



Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman



INSPIRATIONAL
Reading

Peace

By Georgia B. Adams

Peace is the beauty of a rose,
A small child's quiet smile;
The brilliance of a sunset sky,
Birds chirping all the while.

Peace is the knowledge that a friend
Stands closely by your side;
Knowledge that God in heaven lives
In this universe so wide.

Peace is the thrust of a neighbor's hand
To help in the time of need;
Peace is to help a fellowman
And work out a noble creed.

Peace is hearing your name breathed in prayer,
It's the majesty of the hills;
It's the pink and blue hyacinths
Growing neath your windowsills.

Peace is a ray of hope held high,
It's impact to hold and share;
Peace is the posture of your soul
And a joy to spread everywhere.

Postlude

By Alice Kennelly Roberts

The pageantry of Easter Day
Has come and gone again;
The hope of life beyond the grave
Has been retold to men.

And we must all come back again
To daily tasks at hand . . .
To teaching school and keeping shop
And farming our good land.

Yet as we do resume our work
In ordinary things,
Let's keep the glory in our tasks
Which Easter always brings.

Let's count our many blessings,
The large ones and the small,
And then bow down to thank our God
Who blesses one and all.

Always pray to have eyes that see the best
in people, a heart that forgives the worst,
a mind that forgets the bad, and
a soul that never loses faith in God.



RECIPE



Giant Toffee Pecan Cookies

These cookies are big, flavorful, and full of chips, candy, and nuts.

Ingredients

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| 1 cup butter, softened | 2 teaspoons baking powder |
| 3/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar | 1/2 teaspoon salt |
| 1/2 cup sugar | 1 (12-ounce) package (2 cups)
real semi-sweet chocolate chips |
| 2 eggs | 3/4 cup chopped pecans |
| 1 tablespoon vanilla | 2/3 cup toffee bits |
| 2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour | |

Directions

Heat oven to 350°. Combine butter, brown sugar and sugar in bowl. Beat at medium speed, scraping bowl often, until creamy. Add eggs and vanilla; continue beating until well mixed. Reduce speed to low; add flour, baking powder and salt. Beat until well mixed. Stir in chocolate chips, pecans and toffee bits.

Drop dough by 1/4-cupfuls, 2 inches apart, onto greased cookie sheets. Bake for 11 to 16 minutes or until edges are lightly browned. Let stand 2 minutes; remove from cookie sheets.

Tip: Cookies will look underbaked in center but will continue to brown while cooling.

Barbie Stottlemeyer made these cookies for the Bee-lievers cookie exchange. Barbie selected this recipe from landolakes.com.



**Never Borrow Sorrow
from Tomorrow**

By Helen Steiner Rice

Deal only with the present,
Never step into tomorrow,
For God asks us just to trust Him
And to never borrow sorrow -

For the future is not ours to know
And it my never be,
So let us live and give our best
And give it lavishly -

For to meet tomorrow's troubles
Before they are even ours
Is to anticipate the Savior
And to doubt His all-wise powers -

So let us be content to solve
Our problems one by one,
Asking nothing of tomorrow
Except "Thy Will Be Done."

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

Life without Christ = Hopeless end.
Life with Christ = Endless hope.

Be Thankful

By Vernice Moore Gilfilen

Be thankful for the little things
Which make a life worthwhile;
A neighbor's hand, a friendly nod,
Or just a pleasant smile.

Be thankful for the little bees,
Who of the flowers sip,
The hummingbirds and robins red,
Who over gardens flit.

Also for beauties one may find
In cool and shady nooks,
And that you have ears to hear
The singing of the brooks.

And eyes with which to scan the skies
For pictures which are there . . .
Be thankful for the many days
Which you with others share.

But most of all in this great world
Of earth and sky and sea . . .
Be thankful for the sincere love
Of those most dear to thee.

We set the sail: God makes the wind.



Message from the Pastor and Worship in April

■ By PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER

The title of the sermon on Easter morning was “Remembering Who We Are.” We are all God’s children; loved by God.

God created us, God saved us, and God remains with us to help us through life. God’s love is so great that despite what we do, God keeps loving us and keeps working to bring us into closer relationship.

In Jesus’ day, Thomas doubted, Peter sinned, and many wouldn’t believe. Jesus had a habit of showing up, meeting people where they were, helping them accept him as the Lord and Savior of their lives, and helping them live out their faith.

During our worship in April, we’ll see how God has that same purpose for our lives today.

Weekly themes for worship in April are described below. I hope you have a blessed Easter Season and spring.

God Bless, *Pastor Bob*

April 3 “Show Me”

John 20: 19-31

Missouri is known as the “Show Me” state, where promises need to be backed up by results.

The other disciples told Thomas that Jesus had risen and had visited with them. Thomas responded, “Show me.”

“Unless I see the nail marks in his



hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it” (John 20:25b).

The Risen Lord came to Thomas and met his every need. We have doubts and experience other obstacles in faith and life. Christ is with us, just as he was with Thomas, to help us on our journey.

April 10 “Simon, again” John 21: 1-19

In his book, “Twelve Ordinary Men,” author John MacArthur refers to the apostle Peter as “The Apostle with the Foot-Shaped mouth, a reference to Peter’s tendency not to think before speaking

and acting.

MacArthur points out that on those occasions Jesus would call Peter by his birth name, Simon.

In John 21:15-17, we see the Risen Lord repeating three times, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?”

Peter had sinned greatly and this was Christ’s way of coming to him to restore him.

Christ comes to us to restore us also. Our Savior doesn’t want us to be weighed down by sin.

April 17 “Beware, Be Kind” John 10: 22-30

This section of John is titled, “The Unbelief of the Jews” (NIV).

Jesus wanted all to believe in him because Jesus wants all to be saved. But some in Jesus’ day would not believe just as there are non-believers today.

We should remain on our guard against those who would try to pull us away from our faith in Christ.

In doing so, we should also be loving and kind. God will work through our example, kindness and love to reach others.

April 24 “Love as I Have Loved You” John 13: 31-35

Jesus said to his disciples, “A new command I give to you; Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know you are my disciples, if you love one another” (John 13: 34-35).

Jesus went to Thomas, went to Peter, and went to sinners and unbelievers alike because he loved each one.

Jesus calls us to follow his example, loving others. We need to be vigilant to protect ourselves and our loved ones from harm, but we can do this within a framework of love and kindness.



General Conference of the United Methodist Church

Please pray for the upcoming General Conference of the United Methodist Church, which will meet in Portland, Oregon, at the Oregon Convention Center, May 10 through 20, 2016.

General Conference, which is held every four years, is the denomination’s top legislative body. The conference, with members from throughout the global connection, can revise church law, as well as adopt resolutions on current moral, social, public policy and economic issues. It also approves plans and budgets for church-wide programs.

The theme of the conference is “Therefore, Go.”

Grandpa's Hands

by Melinda Clements



Grandpa, some ninety plus years, sat feebly on the patio bench. He didn't move, just sat with his head down staring at his hands.

When I sat down beside him he didn't acknowledge my presence and the longer I sat I wondered if he was OK.

Finally, not really wanting to disturb him but wanting to check on him at the same time, I asked him if he was OK.

He raised his head and looked at me and smiled. "Yes, I'm fine, thank you for asking," he said in a clear strong voice.

"I didn't mean to disturb you, Grandpa, but you were just sitting here staring at your hands and I wanted to make sure you were OK," I explained to him.

"Have you ever looked at your hands," he asked. "I mean really looked at your hands?"

I slowly opened my hands and stared down at them. I turned them over, palms up and then palms down. No, I guess I had never really looked at my hands as I tried to figure out the point he was making. Grandpa smiled and related this story:

"Stop and think for a moment about the hands you have, how they have served you well throughout your years. These hands, though wrinkled, shriveled and weak have been the tools I have used all my life to reach out and grab and embrace life.

"They braced and caught my fall when as a toddler I crashed upon the floor.

"They put food in my mouth and clothes on my back.

"As a child my Mother taught me to fold them in prayer.

"They tied my shoes and pulled on my boots.

"They held my rifle and wiped my tears when I went off to war.

"They have been dirty, scraped and raw, swollen and bent.

"They were uneasy and clumsy when I tried to hold my newborn son.

"Decorated with my wedding band they showed the world that I was married and loved someone special.

"They wrote the letters home and trembled and shook when I buried my parents and spouse and walked my daughter down the aisle.

"Yet, they were strong and sure

Looking Ahead . . .

Mark your calendars for two upcoming events in May

LADIES NIGHT OUT: MAY 11

■ By Fonda Gormer

The annual Ladies Night Out is scheduled for Wednesday, May 11, at 6:30 p.m. at Mountain Gate Family Restaurant in Thurmont, MD.

All women of Salem, of any age, as well as their female friends and family members are invited to join us for an evening of food and fellowship.

The evening starts with the buffet meal, with lots of choices to fill one's stomach. Prices are as follows:

- Adult (age 13 and up)- \$14.05
- Ages 5 through 12 -\$7.15
- Ages 3 and 4- \$1.81
- Under 3 – free (there is a small cup charge if a beverage is ordered).

This price includes the meal, beverage, tax and tip. Payment is made during the event.

Following the meal, there is a time for games related to the evening's theme. Door prizes are also awarded.

While the men are not invited to be part of the women's program, there is usually a group who accompany their ladies and join together for the meal and fellowship in another part of the restaurant.

Reservations are required by May 4. You may sign up on the bulletin board in the church hallway, or contact me at 301-293-2436 or fonda.gormer@comcast.net. Give your name and how many in your group. Hope you can join us!

when I dug my buddy out of a foxhole and lifted a plow off of my best friend's foot.

"They have held children, consoled neighbors, and shook in fists of anger when I didn't understand.

"They have covered my face, combed my hair, and washed and cleansed the rest of my body.

"They have been sticky and wet, bent and broken, dried and raw.

"And to this day when not much of anything else of me works real well these hands hold me up, lay me down, and again continue to fold in prayer.

"These hands are the mark of where I've been and the ruggedness of my life.

"But more importantly it will be

PLANT, FOOD AND YARD SALE: MAY 7

■ By Fonda Gormer

Now that we have hopefully seen our last snow, we can turn our efforts to yards and gardens.

Just in time for Mother's Day on May 8, Salem will again hold its plant, food and yard sale.

This will be held, rain or shine, on Saturday, May 7, from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m., on the Salem parking lot.

Flower and vegetable plants will be offered. Most are hand-selected from nurseries in Pennsylvania, but some are cuttings and plants from local flower gardens.

The Salem Bee-lievers will be offering a variety of sandwiches, beverages and baked goods for breakfast and lunch.

Anyone in the community may reserve a space for the yard sale. There is no charge for a space or a table, though a donation is appreciated.

Please contact me at 301-293-2436 as soon as possible to reserve a space, so an adequate number of tables can be available.

Plan to stop by on Saturday, May 7, to fill your planters, grab a sandwich and shop for bargains!



these hands that God will reach out and take when he leads me home.

"And with my hands He will lift me to His side and there I will use these hands to touch his face."

I will never look at my hands the same again. But I remember God reached out and took my Grandpa's hands and led him home.

When my hands are hurt or sore or when I stroke the face of my children, I think of Grandpa.

I know he has been stroked and caressed and held by the hands of God. I, too, want to touch the face of God and feel His hands upon my face.

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

Scenes from the

Seniors' Appreciation Luncheon

Sunday, March 13, 2016

■ By Wanda Barkdoll, Youth Leader

On Sunday, March 13, 2016, a total of 28 "young" senior people attended the Senior Luncheon prepared by the Faith Builders Youth Group from the church to honor them.

The theme for this year was Pirates, and as you can see in the pictures, we had fun dressing and decorating as pirates.

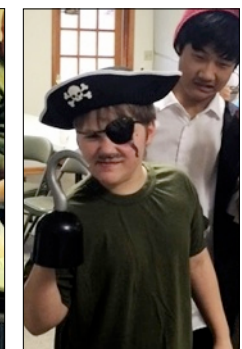
The youth did a great job keeping our guests fed, and providing whatever they needed. The menu was meat loaf, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, salad, and, for dessert, cake and ice cream.

We heard the seniors complaining about the size of the "portions" given. I don't know if the portions were too small or too large... who knows! But, we gave them lots of "go boxes" to take along home.

Donna Snyder and Dennis Leatherman prepared a skit about a reporter interviewing an "old" pirate.

We definitely had a good time and we are looking forward to next year to do it again.

Photos by Wanda Barkdoll and Donna Snyder



More scenes from the
Seniors' Appreciation Luncheon



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)



Jesus Goes to Jerusalem

A Sunday School teacher asked her class why Joseph and Mary took Jesus with them to Jerusalem. A small child replied, "They couldn't get a baby sitter."

God Created Everything

At 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 she said, "Johnny, what is the matter?" Little Johnny responded, "I have pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife."

Police Recruit

A police recruit was asked during the exam, "What would you do if you had to arrest your own mother?" He answered, "Call for backup."

Submitted by Dennis Draper

Some thoughts to ponder . . .

Gratitude helps us to see what is there instead of what isn't.

Put your dreams on hold too long and they'll hang up on you.

Pain unwraps us; it opens us up and shows us how empty and helpless we are without God and His goodness.

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

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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

