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Community Plant Sale, Yard Sale & Food Sale at Salem — Sat. May 7

8 a.m. to 2 p.m.



May 9, 2015

Last year at the plant sale, George Harne filled his box from a large selection of beautiful flowers. The plants are hand-selected from nurseries in Pennsylvania and local gardens.

■ By Fonda Gormer

Just in time for Mother's Day, Salem will hold a plant, food and yard sale on Saturday, May 7, from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m., on the Salem parking lot.

PLANTS

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

FOOD

The Salem Bee-lievers will be offering a variety of sandwiches, beverages and baked

goods for breakfast and lunch.

YARD SALE (Reserve your table now.)

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

The sale will be held rain or shine. Plan to stop by on May 7 to fill your planters, grab a sandwich and shop for bargains!





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Salem Membership Statistics:
Current Membership: 237
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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-Mar
1	Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer (Retired New Tribes Mission)	\$205	\$615.00
2	Operation Christmas Child (Postage paid in November)	-----	\$0.00
3	Salem Mission & Outreach (Local needs)	-----	\$442.45
4	Salem Food Pantry (Open Tuesdays 6:30-7:30 p.m.)	-----	\$959.52
5	Mary E. (Africa Inland Mission)	\$85	\$340.00
6	United Methodist Board of Child Care (Auxiliary & Direct Support)	-----	\$40.00
7	Gideons (Frederick West Camp - Distributing Bibles)	\$50	\$150.00
8	Potato Project (Society of St. Andrew, Big Island, VA)	\$50	\$150.00
9	Middletown High School (Fellowship of Christian Athletes)	\$50	\$150.00
10	Ronnie & Angi Hopkins (Nicaragua)	\$65	\$195.00
11	Care Net Pregnancy Center (Frederick, MD)	\$65	\$195.00
12	Compassion International (Sponsored child in India)	\$38	\$114.00
13	Hero's Club After School Ministry (Pre-K through Grade 5)	-----	\$703.64
14	World Vision (Sponsored child in Colombia)	\$35	\$105.00

2016 Goal: **\$16,286** • Total Mission Offering for 2016: **\$3,482.68** • % of Goal: **21%**

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 • Ministry on Nicaragua

Dear Salem United Methodist Church:

We have been working with Nicaraguan youth for four years through the Nicaragua Youth Leadership Team. The youth are mentored with the goal of becoming leaders in their families, churches and communities.



We are also involved in remote communities along the Rio Bocay, helping villagers build schools for their children and access clean water. In one of the communities, the villagers are building a clinic/training center.

I (Ronnie) am making monthly trips to the river and usually take several members of the youth leadership team with me. The youth team planned a trip for April 10-15. They plan to work with the children and teachers in the schools and to help with the construction of the clinic/training center.

We are very proud of these young people and believe this will be an enriching experience, both for them and for the villagers they will be serving.

[Salem contributes a minimum of \$65 each month to The Mission Society for Ronnie and Angi's ministry in Nicaragua.]

LADIES NIGHT OUT set for Wednesday, May 11

■ By Fonda Gormer

Must sign up by Wed. May 4

Reservations for the annual Ladies Night Out must be made by Wednesday, May 4. You may sign up on the bulletin board in the church hallway, or contact Fonda Gormer at 301-293-2436 or fonda.gormer@comcast.net. Give your name and how many in your group.

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.

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

Prices include buffet meal, beverage, tax and tip:

- Adults \$14.05
- Ages 5-12 7.15
- Ages 3-4 1.81
- Ages 2 & under Free*

*A small cup fee may be charged if a beverage is purchased for a toddler. Payment is made during the event.

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.



June 1-4, 2016

Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference

The 232nd session of the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church will be held from June 1 to June 4, 2016, at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, D.C.

This annual event is an opportunity for United Methodists from 631 churches in Washington, D.C., Maryland, the panhandle of West Virginia and Bermuda to gather for worship, fellowship, learning and holy conferencing as they conduct the business of the church.

Pastor Bob and Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer have registered to attend the conference.



In honor of MEMORIAL DAY, Salem Church recognizes our nation's veterans who are buried at Salem's Cemetery. The church will place flags at these grave sites.

Lloyd Bear
Robert Bear
Aaron Craver
Rodger Lee Eccard
Joseph R. Farshat
Elmer R. Finneyfrock
James Richard Frey
Harold G. Harne
Francis C. Harshman

Robert Woodrow Heefner
William H. Horn
Agnes Kemerer
Verne F. Kemerer
Alvey G. Kline
Ary M. Kline
Carroll M. Kline
Gaither W. Kline
Lawrence S. Kline

Raymond W. Kline
Merhle K. Martin
Ronald L. McLucas
Joseph M. Nusbaum
William H. Shuff
Gaither E. Stottlemeyer
Daniel Bruce Warrenfeltz
Paul Weiss

Thank you for supporting our Spaghetti Dinner



■ By Wanda Barkdoll, Youth Leader

Thank you so much to our church family and friends for your support of our spaghetti dinner fundraiser. We raised \$915 in donations for Salem's youth ministry.

A total of 82 plates were served, not including the "to go" orders. It was a time when people came together and enjoyed the food and the fellowship.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR VBS

The Wolfsville Community
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Mon-Fri, July 18-22, 2016

6:30-8:30 p.m. at Salem

Watch for more details next month about Bug Safari!

Salem contact for VBS: Fonda Gormer

Pastor Appointments underway in Baltimore-Washington Conference

Appointment changes of local interest:

- 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
- Rev. Deb Scott, to Calvary UMC in Mt. Airy, from Mill Creek Parish in Derwood

- Rev. Cindy Caldwell, to Benevola UMC in Boonsboro, from Buckeystown UMC in Buckeystown
- Pastor R. Lynn Wilson, to Calvary UMC in Martinsburg, WV, from associate pastor at Trinity UMC in Frederick
- Pastor Charles Rice to Buckeystown UMC in Frederick
- Rev. Lisa Jordan, to the newly formed Mountain Ridge Cooperative Parish made up of Mount Zion UMC in Sabillasville and Pleasant Walk UMC in Wolfsville

— Appointments effective July 1, 2016.

- Retiring pastors of local interest:
Nancy Green, Pleasant Walk UMC
Linda Warehime, Bethel UMC, Chewsville

Attendance Offerings

March 2016

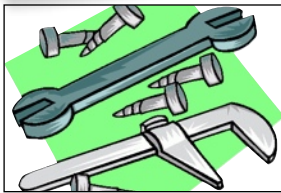
	Worship*		Sunday School	
Mar 6 -	84	\$2,581.91	60	\$291.00
Mar 13 -	92	1,915.50	62	128.00
Mar 20 -	100	2,639.90	54	315.00
Mar 27 -	110	2,018.25	56	222.00

*Worship attendance & offerings include both worship services.

- Missions: \$1,152.68
 - Cemetery Endowment: \$95.00
 - Building Fund: \$336.67
- (Missions, Building Fund offerings, etc. are not included in Worship & Sunday School offerings above.)*

	Average Attendance	
	Worship	Sunday School
Mar	97	58
Feb	97	56
Jan	86	56
Dec	92	57
Nov	89	60

Average Attendance Jan-Mar 2016
 Sunday Worship: 93
 Sunday School: 56



Board of Trustees

FACILITY MANAGEMENT

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

■ By Gary Barkdoll, Trustee Chair

The Board of Trustees has had a busy early spring so far and are continuing to look forward to various activities and projects around our facilities. Thanks to all who bring various issues and requests to our attention so they can be evaluated and taken care of in a timely fashion.

We had a good turnout of adults and several of our youths to help prepare and make ready the cemetery for summer mowing. It was uplifting to see our youth participating in the care of the final resting place for those that have gone on before us. The Trustees would like to thank everyone who showed up and helped to get our cemetery cleaned up. Several head stones will need some repairs and Vernon Stottlemeyer and Dick Kline are formulating a plan to address those that can be repaired.

Recent highlighted accomplishments include:

- Carpet cleaning of social hall and sanctuary were completed Saturday, the 27th of February.
- New under the counter filing cabinet for Middle/High school Sunday school class was purchased.
- Cemetery spring cleanup was completed April 7th.
- Laying out and marking of plots in the new section of the cemetery was completed April 7th.

Future Projects being looked at:

- Air conditioners will be installed in the Sunday school area soon.
- Cleaning out under the stairway to lower Sunday school area will be coordinated in the near future.
- Feasibility of adding Wi-Fi to the sanctuary, Sunday school and social hall areas is moving forward. Recommendation to the Church Council will be made soon on findings and recommendations.
- Damaged sidewalks in front of the church have been evaluated and a request has been submitted to the State Highway Office for financial assistance in completing this project.
- The sunken paved walkway to stairs at rear of the Sunday school has been evaluated and repairs will be made in the near future.
- Mortar and brick repairs to various areas on the parsonage are being looked at.
- General evaluation and systems check on the elevator will be requested to our elevator service provider.

Thanks to everyone and may God bless.

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.



May

Calendar of Events



- Thu 5 Board of Trustees** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
Sat 7 Plant, Food, and Yard Sale - 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at Salem parking lot
Tue 10 United Methodist General Conference begins in Portland, Oregon (through May 20)
Wed 11 Ladies Night Out - 6:30 p.m. at Mountain Gate Family Restaurant, Thurmont
Thu 12 Church Council - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
Thu 19 Board of Child Care Auxiliary Spring Meeting - 11 a.m. at Park-N-Dine, Hancock
Fri-Sat 27-28 Youth Progressive Dinner & Lock In - 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
 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 will not have a meeting in May due to Ladies Night Out.

Newsletter Distribution

- E-Mail** — We are currently sending this newsletter to 188 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 47 cents First Class postage rate.

Confirmation Class

Pastor Bob is teaching a spring confirmation class on Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m. As of this writing, five students are participating: Jadie Buhman, Kenslie Buhman, Diana Laky, Noah Taveras, and Jake Ward. These young people will make a decision to become confirmed members at Salem on the first Sunday in June.



LORD'S ACRE MUSIC— Ernie Bradley and the Grassy Ridge Band will be playing bluegrass gospel at this year's Lord's Acre Festival, Saturday, September 10. Randy Sowers will also be singing your favorite Southern Gospel.

Salem Adult Choir Notes

- By Sandy Lewis
 Adult Choir Director

You've probably heard the saying: "Laughter is the best medicine" – but maybe it's really singing.



Here are some excerpts from an article published in the U. S. News & World Report that may substantiate this claim:

"A study conducted by Tenovus Cancer Care and the Royal College of Music published in the journal *ecancermedicalsecience* – found that singing in a choir, even if for just an hour, boosted cancer patients' levels of immunity-related proteins, lowered stress and improved participants' mood.

"Additionally, researchers found that those who reported being most depressed experienced the greatest mood improvement after singing."

Apparently singing is good for the mind, body and soul. Our Salem Singers will probably agree with this.

Choir will be taking a break during the summer months, but you might want to consider joining us when we start practice again in the fall.

We have a lot of fun and we would love to have more folks singing with us.

Not only is it beneficial to you but it is also pleasing to God. "Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts." Colossians 3:16

Interested in summer camp?
 See Pastor Bob



On March 19th a group of Board of Child Care Auxiliary members assembled Easter baskets for the residents.

Board of Child Care Auxiliary Spring Meeting: May 19

- By Dawn Nelson

The Cumberland-Hagerstown District Board of Child Care Auxiliary spring meeting is May 19th from 11:00 -1:00 at the Park-N-Dine, 189 E. Main Street, Hancock. It will be a soup and salad luncheon at \$7.99, \$2.75 for drinks other than water. At this meeting we will hear from the Board of Child Care on what is happening at the Falling Waters facility. We will hear about ways we can better support this important ministry.

Also, mark your calendars for June 8th. Pastor Randy Reid will give us a tour of the Falling Waters facility, so we can see first hand what they are doing to improve the lives of those in need. If you are interested in attending the spring meeting and would like a ride to this event, contact me at 301-293-9988 by May 9th, so we can place a head count with the restaurant.

Who's Doing What, When?

9:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP		MAY	
Lay Readers 1 - Randy Freysz 8 - Phil Koons 15 - Steve Leatherman 22 - Fonda Gormer 29 - Melissa Thornton	Ushers 1 - Dick Kline & Steve Leatherman 8 - Vernon Stottlemeyer & Robin Haupt 15 - Donald Stottlemeyer & Meredith Harshman 22 - Philip Koons & Brandon Leatherman 29 - Robin Haupt & Donald Stottlemeyer	Music 1 - Sara Weitzel 8 - Praise Band 15 - Susan Koons 22 - Susan Koons 29 - Sara Weitzel	
Greeters 1 - Dennis Leatherman & Family 8 - Gary & Wanda Barkdoll & Family 15 - George, Barbie, and Matthew Stottlemeyer 22 - Richard & Anita Harshman 29 - Bill & Darlene Burrier	Acolytes 1 - Paul McCormick 8 - Jadie Buhrman 15 - Kenslie Buhrman 22 - Joshua Koons 29 - 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 May 8 - Works in Progress Praise Band May 22 - Works in Progress Praise Band	

It's Your Day!

May Anniversaries

- 19 - Joshua & Tracey Gormer
- 20 - Deane & Patty Weagley
- 21 - Bobby & Mary Fogle

May Birthdays

- 2 - Leann Eccard-Crutchley
- 6 - Mark Burrier
- 7 - Austin Main
- 8 - Anita Harshman
- 11 - Steve Leatherman
- 16 - Eleanor Kline
- 17 - Deane Weagley
- 17 - Elijah Sowers
- 18 - Cindy Draper
- 18 - Howard Brandenburg
- 19 - Brandon Leatherman
- 20 - Abigail Weagley
- 24 - Nelson Hipkins
- 25 - Sam Zimmerman
- 25 - Kathleen Bullock
- 26 - Sharon Hipkins
- 27 - Tammy Hebeisen
- 27 - Lillian Hill
- 30 - Bobby Fogle Jr.

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**
 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)

Invitation Brook Lane Event at Grossnickle Church of the Brethren

As you may be aware, May is "Mental Health" month.

To create awareness around mental health issues, Grossnickle Church of the Brethren is hosting an evening gathering, Monday, May 16, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

R. Lynn Rushing, CEO of Brook Lane Mental Health Services will be presenting, "Brook Lane Past and Present." The presentation is a survey of the unique beginnings of Brook Lane, as well as a survey of the services that are offered at Brook Lane. —Pastor Tim Ritchey Martin

Holy Communion
 Sunday, May 1, 2016
 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.



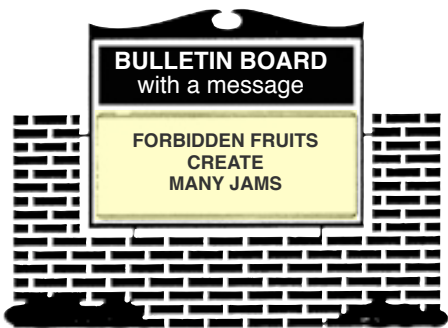
Sticky Buns & Apple Pies For Sale

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.

The best mathematical equation
 I have ever seen:
 1 cross + 3 nails = 4 given



Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman



INSPIRATIONAL Reading

Mother's Way

By Edgar A. Guest

Tender, gentle, brave and true,
Loving us whate'er we do!
Waiting, watching at the gate
For the footsteps that are late,
Sleepless through the hours of night
Till she knows that we're all right;
Pleased with every word we say—
That is every mother's way.

Others sneer and turn aside,
Mother welcomes us with pride;
Over-boastful of us, too,
Glorying in all we do,
First to praise and last to blame,
Love that always stays the same,
Following us where'er we stray—
That is every mother's way.

She would grant us all we seek,
Give her strength when we are weak.
Beauty? She would let it go
For the joy we yearn to know.
Life? She'd give it gladly, too,
For the dream that we pursue;
She would toil that we might play—
That is every mother's way.

Not enough for her are flowers—
Her life is so blent with ours
That in all we dare and do
She is partner, through and through;
Suffering when we suffer pain,
Happy when we smile again,
Living with us, night and day—
That is every mother's way.

On Your Special Day

Author Unknown

God bless you, Mother, on this special day
For always being lovable and dear,
For thoughtful things you find to do and say
That mean so much to others all the year.

For patience and for willingness to share
Whatever comes, in joy and sorrow too,
For thoughtfulness and tender, loving care.
God bless you, Mother, all your lifetime through.

Nothing ruins the truth like stretching it.



RECIPE



Strawberry Cobbler

Ingredients

1/2 cup butter	1 3/4 cups sugar
3/4 cup flour	3/4 cup milk
pinch of salt	1 quart strawberries, sliced
2 teaspoons baking powder	

Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Melt butter in an 8-by-8-inch baking pan. Set aside. In a medium bowl, sift together flour, salt, baking powder, and sugar. Stir milk into dry mixture just until ingredients are moistened. Fold in strawberries. Pour batter slowly into pan. Bake 1 hour. Makes 9 servings.

Selected from "Ideals," Vol. 61, No. 2.



Memorial Day

By Edgar A. Guest

Blow gently, winds of May,
And softly stir the trees,
Whispering today
The love we bear to these
Who sleep that silent sleep,
At rest forevermore.
Blow gently, winds of May . . .
Their warfare now is o'er.

Blow gently, winds of May,
Bearing the perfume rare
Of blossoms o'er the way;
Rose petals scatter there;
The starry flag we place
In glory on each grave,
Catches in a fond embrace
For us and proudly waves.

Blow gently, winds of May,
Shine softly, summer sun;
Our heroes sleep today,
Their duty nobly done.
And with the flag they loved,
And flowers, we come today
To honor those who sleep . . .
Blow gently, winds of May.

Lilac-Time

By Alice Kennelly Roberts

The dew-drenched lilac bushes
Are trailing everywhere,
And all about the country lanes
Their fragrance fills the air.
They speak to us of springtime;
They speak to us of love;
They go along with fresh green grass
And showery skies above.
They say that winter's over,
That robins soon will come,
That buds and flowers will wake again
In summer's busy hum.
And so, when raindrops patter down
And robins start to sing,
We know that God has washed
His world
In lilac-time and spring!

For Little Things

By Helen Steiner Rice

Thank You, God, for little things
that often come our way.
The things we take for granted
but don't mention when we pray.
The unexpected courtesy,
the thoughtful, kindly deed.
A hand reached out to help us
in the time of sudden need.
Oh, make us more aware, dear God,
of little daily graces
That come to us with "sweet surprise"
from never-dreamed-of places.

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman



Message from the Pastor and Worship in May

■ By **PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER**

What a joy it is to see God unfolding the beauty of the earth this springtime! The new life we see in nature this time of year always reminds me of the new life we have in Christ.

On the first Sunday in June, several of our youth will be confirmed. They'll affirm for themselves their belief in Christ as their Lord and Savior and their desire to follow Christ.

As they continue during May to prepare for this important commitment, we can best support them by recommitting ourselves to a life in Christ.

No matter where we've been or where we are now in our journey of faith, Christ is always offering us that new thing we have yet to learn or experience.

As we see things growing in nature this spring, let us also see the ways Christ desires to help us continue to grow in our faith. Peace and Joy! *Pastor Bob*

May 1 — Holy Communion **"Obey Me"**

John 14:23-29

As children, somewhere along the way we hear our parents say to us, "You disobeyed me." When this would happen to me, my dad would send me to my room "to think about what I had done." A while later he'd come into my room to discuss the matter.

In those conversations, he'd help me see how my mistake harmed myself and possibly others. I knew my mom and dad loved and cared about me, and had wisdom to pass on to me.

Knowing I had let them down was usually motivation enough for me to do better the next time.

God loves and cares for us, and God's wisdom is eternal. God says to us, "Obey Me" because God knows that when we are obedient our personal lives and the world are made better.



PENTECOST SUNDAY
MAY 15, 2016

May 8 **"Jesus Prayed for Me"** **John 17:20-26**

In the Gospel of John, do you know the last thing Jesus did before he was arrested?

Jesus prayed for all believers. Jesus says, "I pray also for those who will believe in me..." (John 17:21b).

In this passage, Jesus prays for unity — that we are one with God, one with each other, and one in bringing others to Christ and church.

Why did Jesus pray for unity right before he was arrested? Perhaps it was because humankind over the centuries had shown him our tendency to not be united. He knew the one thing we needed to hear a final time was to work with God and to work with each other.

Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. We may think that's an impossible goal for humans to achieve. Jesus seems to be telling us something different.

May 15 — Pentecost Sunday **"Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit"** **John 14:15-27**

On this day, I will be attending a spiritual retreat. In my absence, I have

asked Bill Burrier to conduct services for me on this day and present the message.

This is Pentecost Sunday. In the scripture text, John tells us of Jesus' promise of the Holy Spirit. Jesus says, "I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor, who will never leave you."

Bill will also bring his puppet friends for the children's message.

May 22 **"The Holy Spirit is at Work"** **John 16:12-15**

The title of this section of the Bible is, "The Work of the Holy Spirit." Do we notice the Holy Spirit at work in our lives and in the world around us? Do we stop and ask ourselves, "How is God present in this situation?" "How is the Holy Spirit already at work?"

Recently, I had a friend witness to me. A man had come to him and said, "You brought me to Christ."

My friend witnessed this to me as though it was one of the most important things he had accomplished in his 70+ years of life. It was! And it was a blessing to me to hear it.

When we see God at work in our lives and share it with others we help energize and build up each other's faith.

May 29 **"It Was a Centurion"** **Luke 7:1-10**

Once again, Jesus turns to a least likely person to teach us.

Roman Centurions were the soldiers that occupied the lands where the Jews lived to carry out the will of the Roman Empire. They did not hesitate to brutalize the Jews.

So it might seem surprising then that Jesus would turn to a centurion as an example of faith in God.

This skilled soldier apparently knew his limits. He knew all his military skills weren't enough to heal his beloved servant and he had enough faith in Jesus to ask for his help.

Sometimes we need to be reminded of our limits and sometimes God uses the least likely in our lives to remind us.

We tend to forget that happiness doesn't come as a result of getting something we don't have, but rather of recognizing and appreciating what we do have.

Salem Mission Projects

Missions *and* Outreach

Salem Mission Project No. 1

Letter from Frank & Nancy Stottlemyer, Senegal Missionaries, Retired

April 1, 2016

Dear Folks at
Salem United Methodist Church:

What a wonderful time of the year! We just celebrated the greatest event in history; Jesus allowing Himself to be crucified; dying to give His blood for our salvation. And then Jesus arose from the dead; without which we would be without hope.

We want to thank you for your continued support for us in prayer and by your gifts. We do very sincerely appreciate your faithfulness.

We are both doing well as far as our health. We both had checkups recently.

In November we asked you to pray that we would be able to find a house that we could buy. After looking at many places, and with the help of an excellent real estate agent, we did find a house. Thank you for praying!

We did the settlement on February 29th and began working at the house that afternoon! There was a lot of painting, cleaning, etc. to be done. Our daughter,

Rebecca, was still with us and our oldest daughter, Wanda, both worked hard on our "new" house, as well as thoroughly cleaning the house we had rented. We also had help from grandsons, son-in-law, brother, people from our home church, and offers from many others. We moved in the 2nd week of March. Our new address is: 20422 Jefferson Blvd, Hagerstown, MD 21742-4430. We also have a new phone number: 240-513-7077.

Nancy thought of "retiring" from volunteer work at the Hagerstown Rescue Mission, but instead she is taking a few months off until we get re-settled. She continues to visit several widows, serves in the church nursery, and other things. Frank continues to serve on the board of our home church, serve as the church treasurer and serves in other ways at our home church.

As far as our family, our son-in-law, Lynn Harney, continues to minister at the Hagerstown Rescue Mission as well as working at FedEx at night. Our son, Eric



and his wife Wendy continue their ministry to the Badyaranké people in Senegal. Eric taught a series of Bible lessons, took a short break, and is teaching again. Our daughter, Rebecca, returned to Senegal March 30th. She had to extend her time in the U.S. to recover from an unexpected surgery. She plans to resume her ministry with the Badyaranké people when she gets back to the village. Our son, Gary, his wife Lisa, & family continue to serve at New Tribes Mission Homes; a center for retired missionaries in Florida.

Thank you again for the vital part you have in our lives, the lives of our family, and those to whom we all minister. Joyfully in Christ,

Frank & Nancy Stottlemyer

Salem Mission Project No. 5

Mary continues to prepare for her next ministry in Africa

Abide in Me. I've been meditating on John 15:1-11 since January, and I'm constantly stunned by this invitation, this call to an ever-deepening relationship with the Almighty God. It still amazes me that as Jesus was preparing to go to the cross on our behalf, He was even then calling us to a relationship with Him—proving again that His death on the cross wasn't meant to be "fire insurance," but was an act of divine love in order to restore our broken relationship with God.

It amazes me that God continues to pursue a relationship with me. He knows my failings, and His solution is not "Pick yourself up!" or "Do better!" but rather, "Abide in Me!"

When loneliness, discouragement, or just the confusion of culture shock seem to overwhelm me, Jesus' words echo in my soul: "Abide in my love." It's humbling, because His invitation to abide



continually confronts my pride, my self-reliance, and my desire to "do" in order to be fulfilled and successful.

I am here [in France] to learn French for my next ministry assignment. While I'm making progress, please pray that I would continue to learn and improve.

We just took our level A1 exams, and we move into A2 in two weeks. We start learning biblical vocabulary in this level, and I'm excited to learn how to tell a Bible story in French! Thank you for your prayers and support.

HERO'S CLUB

After School Ministry

Salem Mission Project No. 13

Hero's Club: A Vibrant Ministry

Salem recently purchased 35 copies of a children's Bible titled *The Action Bible* for our Hero's Club students. Beautifully illustrated by Sergio Cariello, this Bible was a "Christian Book Award" winner by the Evangelical Christian Publishers Association.



Heather O'Connor, Hero's Club Director, plans to present a copy of this Bible to each Hero's Club student. Heather believes the chances of them bearing good fruit only increases if they have a Bible to read when they are at home.

Scenes from the

Community Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 26, 2016

■ By Caroline Buhrman

We were blessed with a beautiful day for our Community Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 26th.

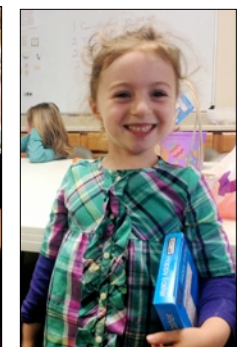
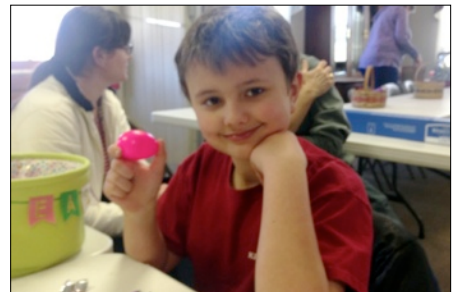
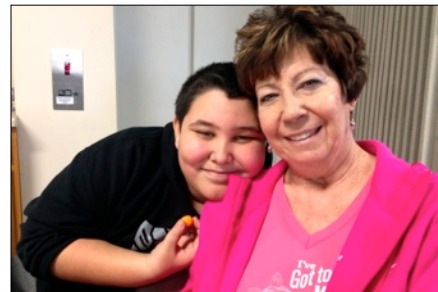
The young ones searched for eggs that were hidden everywhere. Next, in the social area eggs were counted, treasures were found (candy, quarters and, in some, gold dollar coins.)

Prizes were awarded and then a time of refreshments and fellowship followed.

Thank you to all who in any way contributed to the egg hunt. Each year help just arrives to make this event special, and I appreciate it so much.

Also, each year a few missed eggs are found after the egg hunt, which happened again this year. It's always surprising, after the many searches, but it is still fun to know that some of those bright colored eggs still remain hidden.

Photos by Bill Burrier & Dawn Nelson



Scenes from the Youth Group "Hershey Park Trip"

Saturday, April 16, 2016

Photos submitted by Wanda Barkdoll

■ By Wanda Barkdoll, Youth Leader

A total of 29 people from Salem attended the youth group trip to Hershey Park.

God blessed us with a beautifully gorgeous day. Everyone was in good spirits, and felt young at heart and mind. Some of us were crazy enough to ride every roller coaster that we could possibly ride. The youth, as well as the adults, had great fun. Some of us got sunburned and others thoughtfully brought suntan lotion to avoid the burn. We are looking forward to next year, to do this all over again.



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)

Heavenly Humor



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I really like your Bible, Dad . . .
how do you turn it on?

Some thoughts to ponder . . .

Every new leaf of springtime is a reminder of our promised resurrection.

The Spirit of God uses the Word of God to change the people of God.

Each new day gives us new reasons to praise the Lord.

Be a voice of encouragement to someone today.

The Mountain Shepherd

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— Every Sunday —

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10:15 a.m. Sunday School

11:15 a.m. Contemporary

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