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Spring Semester
coming to an end
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Salem Youth going to "Creation 2016" at Agape Farm, Mt. Union, PA



By Sue Ellen Stottlemyer

Jeremy Camp, Newsboys, Switchfoot, Family Force 5, Michael W. Smith, just to name a few of the bands and musicians that will be at Creation 2016.

Creation 2016 is just around the corner; so now is the time to finalize your plans to attend.

Creation is a Christian music festival held at the Agape Farm, Mt. Union, PA. Creation starts on Wednesday, June 29, and runs through Saturday evening, July 2, 2016.

Large Group Planning to Attend

We have another large group going this year, 28 at the time of this writing, which will enable us to be in close proximity to all the stages and activities.

As in past years, everyone who attended last year had a great time and most are planning to attend again this year.

Creation 2016 promises to be everything as in the past; good fellowship, excellent worship services, good food, and most of all, good Christian music; so don't miss out on a good time to praise and worship our Creator.

Attend Entire Event or Just One Day

Plans are being made to attend the entire event with arrangements made for staggering departures, if necessary, based on the schedule needs of the group.

Most will depart late afternoon on Tuesday, June 28, to set up camp and enjoy the full day on Wednesday.

Wanda Barkdoll and I will be leading the group for the duration, and are very thankful for the adult chaperones that are also going along to help insure everybody has a wonderful Creation experience.

Although this is primarily a "youth group" activity, our youth, as well as adults, are highly encouraged to attend, if even for just one day. We have had just as many adults as youth attend in past years.

Christian Music, Speakers and Seminars

This is a wonderful opportunity to gather with our Christian friends and listen to some great loud Christian music. If loud Christian music is not something you

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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-Apr
1	Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer (Retired New Tribes Mission)	\$205	\$820.00
2	Operation Christmas Child (Postage paid in November)	-----	\$0.00
3	Salem Mission & Outreach (Local needs)	-----	\$502.45
4	Salem Food Pantry (Open Tuesdays 6:30-7:30 p.m.)	-----	\$1,206.79
5	Mary E. (Africa Inland Mission)	\$85	\$445.00
6	United Methodist Board of Child Care (Auxiliary & Direct Support)	-----	\$240.00
7	Gideons (Frederick West Camp - Distributing Bibles)	\$50	\$200.00
8	Potato Project (Society of St. Andrew, Big Island, VA)	\$50	\$200.00
9	Middletown High School (Fellowship of Christian Athletes)	\$50	\$200.00
10	Ronnie & Angi Hopkins (Nicaragua)	\$65	\$260.00
11	Care Net Pregnancy Center (Frederick, MD)	\$65	\$260.00
12	Compassion International (Sponsored child in India)	\$38	\$152.00
13	Hero’s Club After School Ministry (Pre-K through Grade 5)	-----	\$1,520.76
14	World Vision (Sponsored child in Colombia)	\$35	\$140.00

2016 Goal: **\$16,286** • Total Mission Offering for 2016: **\$4,353.19** • % of Goal: **27%**

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
707 N. Market Street, Frederick, MD

Dear Salem United Methodist Church:

Thank you for faithfully supporting Care Net Frederick. The generosity shown to this ministry is such a blessing and encouragement to me personally, but also to the board and staff members. Ultimately our clients benefit from your giving, as we are able to serve them and meet them at their point of need. We ask that you continue to pray for the following needs:



An increase in clients (especially those that are most vulnerable); clients who are open to hearing the message of the Gospel and accepting the abundant life God offers; more medical volunteers and more volunteers for post abortion support ministry; male clients to take advantage of our “Just For Guys” support ministry for dads; our country during this election year; that life will be valued and protected in the womb; and for healing for women and men who have been impacted by abortion.

Blessings, *Linda King, Executive Director*

[Salem contributes a minimum of \$65 monthly to Care Net.]

CREATION 2016

By Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer



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particularly care for, there are many excellent speakers and seminars available each day. The younger youth always find great activities at the Kid's Stage.

There is something for everybody to enjoy, all while worshipping and praising our wonderful Lord and Savior.

Tickets

Most tickets have been purchased in advance, but if you are undecided and want to join us for a day or two, tickets can be purchased at the gate.

It is not a necessity, but we do pre-order as many tickets as we can at the reduced price, so if you know for sure you will be attending, please let me or Wanda know as soon as possible.

Please mark your calendar now. Information and the program for the festival can be found on-line at <http://www.creationfest.com/ne/>.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 301-293-1470.



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.

Salem honors graduates in worship, May 22



❖ Camilo Barkdoll

Son of Gary and Wanda Barkdoll
Grandson of Lorraine Barkdoll
Graduating June 1, 2016 from
Middletown High School

Camilo plans to work this summer as a Lifeguard and then attend Frederick Community College to earn an Associate in Police Science and then a BSA in Criminal Justice.

Camilo's goal is to become a State Trooper. Camilo says thank you to my church family for supporting me during this time. You have been great and I hope that you continue supporting me during college. I don't promise that I won't give you a ticket when I become a State Trooper. God bless you all.

❖ Bailey O'Day Blickenstaff

Daughter of Brent and Patti Blickenstaff
Granddaughter of George and Jane Blickenstaff
Graduating June 1, 2016 from
Middletown High School

Bailey plans to attend summer classes at Frederick Community College and work with children.

At the end of the summer, she will be moving to California and will attend community college for a year in order to obtain 1 year residency requirements for in-state tuition. She then plans to attend University of California, San Luis Obispo and study in the field of Social Services.

Bailey says thank you to the church and community for all the love and support given to her and her family during the last 2 and ½ years. May God bless each of you!

❖ Laura Snyder

Daughter of Pastor Bob and Donna Snyder

Graduated May 19, 2016 from Frederick Community College with an Associate Degree in Nursing.

She is enrolled in the Bachelor's Degree program at Frostburg State University and looking for work.

Her plan is to work in the Pediatric Emergency Department.

❖ Jennifer Burrier

Married to Michael Burrier and mom to Sarah and Emily Burrier
Graduated May 2016 with a Bachelors of Science degree in Nursing from Frostburg State University.

She previously received her Associate Degree in Nursing from Frederick Community College.

Jennifer is employed as a Registered Nurse, Level II, at Frederick Memorial Hospital where she works in Unit 4B. This unit specializes in cardiac, observational, and general medical care.

She has been a nurse for 6 years and greatly enjoys helping people.

❖ Alyssa Fogle

Daughter of Bobby and Mary Fogle
Granddaughter of Doris Fogle
Graduated May 7, 2016 from Shepherd University with a Bachelors Degree - Major in History with Minor in English

For now, Alyssa will continue to work at the Hager House in Hagerstown City Park.

Wolfsville Community
**VACATION
BIBLE SCHOOL**
Mon-Fri, July 18-22, 2016
6:30-8:30 p.m. at Salem
Salem contact for VBS: Fonda Gormer

May 8, 2016

Mothers Honored on Mother's Day



On Mother's Day, Salem honored each mother with a beautiful Gerbera Daisy to take home and enjoy. In addition, each mother's name was written on a slip of paper and placed in a basket. During the children's message, Pastor Bob asked one of the children to draw two names from the basket.

At the 9 a.m. traditional service, the winners were Lori Williamson and Jennifer Gormer.

At the 11:15 a.m. contemporary service, the winning mothers were Jessie Leatherman and Kathy Laky.

Attendance Offerings

April 2016

	Worship*		Sunday School	
Apr 3 -	83	\$2,209.00	49	\$247.00
Apr 10 -	98	2,040.25	59	144.30
Apr 17 -	82	1,832.50	49	84.25
Apr 24 -	93	2,905.65	51	225.50

*Worship attendance & offerings include both worship services.

- Missions: \$870.51
 - Cemetery Endowment: \$80.00
 - Building Fund: \$215.00
- (Missions, Building Fund offerings, etc. are not included in Worship & Sunday School offerings above.)

	Average Attendance	
	Worship	Sunday School
Apr	89	52
Mar	97	58
Feb	97	56
Jan	86	56
Dec	92	57

Average Attendance Jan-Apr 2016
 Sunday Worship: 92
 Sunday School: 55



Food Pantry receives funds from CROP Walk

By Fonda Gormer
 Salem's Food Pantry has received \$279.55 as its portion of the local funds distributed from the Wolfsville/Myersville CROP Hunger Walk held last September.

Each year, 25% of the funds raised are donated to local hunger projects; the funds from our walk are evenly dispersed to the Salem Food Pantry, Middletown Food Bank, and the Religious Coalition for Emergency Human Needs.

Thank you to everyone who supports the CROP Hunger Walk.

The next walk will be held on September 25, 2016.

Bee-lievers have new ornament for sale

Salem's Bee-lievers Women's Group has created a new ornament to sell as a fundraiser. The price is \$15 each. The round ornament, which has a sketch of Salem Church on one side and the church's name and year founded on the reverse, is on display in the social room. To purchase, contact Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer.

Looking ahead...



Saturday
September 10, 2016
 Wolfsville Ruritan Park
Starting Time: 2:00 p.m.
 Live Auction: 6:00 p.m.

Food

Homemade soups, sandwiches, french fries, baked goods, hand-dipped ice cream, soft drinks, iced tea, coffee, and water.

Crafts & Fancy Needlework

A wide variety of handmade fancy needlework and craft items will be on sale.

Produce

Fresh produce, fruits and vegetables.

Flea Market Tables & Plants

Household items and books in good condition. Potted plants.

Music Entertainment

Ernie Bradley and the Grassy Ridge Band (Bluegrass Gospel)

Randy Sowers (Southern Gospel)

Children & Youth Activities

Silent Auction 2:00-5:00 p.m.

Amy McCormick, Coordinator

Live Auction 6:00 p.m.

Robert A. Wilson, Auctioneer

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.



June

Calendar of Events



- Wed-Sat 1-4 Annual Conference** - Washington, DC
Thu 2 Board of Trustees Meeting - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
Thu 2 UMW "Bee-lievers" - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
Sun 5 Confirmation & New Members Luncheon - at Salem
Wed 8 Board of Child Care Tour - 1:30 p.m. at Martinsburg Campus
Thu 9 Church Council - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
Sat 18 Youth Group End-of-Year Pool Party - at the Mueller's home
Mon 20 Wolfsville Ruritan Club Dinner - 2:00 p.m. prepare, 7:00 p.m. serve

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

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.

Board of Child Care Tour at the Martinsburg Facility on June 8th at 1:30

Pastor Randy Reid will be giving us a tour of their facilities. Please check in at the main visitor office for more instructions. If you have any questions contact Dawn Nelson at 301-606-1389 or email at nelsondawn@comcast.net. Hope to see you there!

Who's Doing What, When?

9:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP		JUNE
Lay Readers 5 - Wanda Barkdoll 12 - Mary Cline 19 - Dennis Leatherman 26 - Robin Haupt	Ushers 5 - Dick Kline & Steve Leatherman 12 - Vernon Stottlemeyer & Robin Haupt 19 - Donald Stottlemeyer & Meredith Harshman 26 - Philip Koons & Brandon Leatherman	Music 5 - Sara Weitzel 12 - Praise Band 19 - Susan Koons 26 - Susan Koons
Greeters 5 - Andrea Palmer 12 - Robin & Theresa Haupt 19 - George, Barbie, and Matthew Stottlemeyer 26 - Randy & Brenda Freysz	Acolytes 5 - Paul McCormick 12 - Jadie Buhrman 19 - Kenslie Buhrman 26 - Joshua Koons	
11:15 A.M. CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP		Music June 12 - Works in Progress Praise Band June 26 - Works in Progress Praise Band
An informal FAMILY FRIENDLY service with contemporary Christian music, pastor's message, children's time, sharing of joys and concerns, and prayer.		

It's Your Day!

June Anniversaries

- 4 - Jamie & Amber Breneman
- 7 - Tim & Mary Brown
- 8 - Kenneth & Dianna Poling
- 19 - Brandon & Jessie Leatherman
- 22 - Jim & Kim Bullock
- 25 - Vernon & Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer

June Birthdays

- 1 - Emily Burrier
- 2 - Doris Fogle
- 2 - Richard Freysz
- 2 - Bob Stup
- 3 - Andrea Palmer
- 3 - Barbara Palmer
- 6 - Jonathan Gormer
- 12 - Petie Stup
- 13 - Cheyenne Leatherman
- 19 - George Harne
- 22 - Hunter Hebeisen
- 23 - Seth Hipkins
- 23 - Jeremiah Sowers
- 24 - Casey Weddle
- 26 - Christi Beall
- 26 - Justin Brown
- 27 - George Stottlemeyer

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

Faith Builders Youth Group

(Middle School & High School)

Weekly get-togethers during the school year: Every Thursday, 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Salem.

Calendar of Activities

- 2016**
- 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)

Looking ahead . . .



Sunday, July 17, 2016
5:30 p.m.
at Salem's Pavilion
Food • Music • Ice Cream
Family Fun

I may not be able to live in perfect serenity. But I can ask: What will I, what will you, make of the gift of this hour, this day?

—Deborah Landau

Holy Communion
 Sunday, June 5, 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.

There is not enough darkness in all the world to put out the light of even one small candle.



Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman



**INSPIRATIONAL
Reading**

Our Dad

Author Unknown

God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need.



Then God combined these qualities,
And then there was nothing more to add.
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so, He called it - Dad.

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

Window Sightings

By Amy C. Ellis

I do not need a mountaintop
Or panoramic view
To know the glory of the Lord,
His love and greatness too.



I do not need a wide expanse
Of sea and sky so fair...
A single star can light my soul
With joy beyond compare.

A sunbeam dancing on a pane
And moonlight in a tree
Are quite enough to show His Face
And bring the Lord to me.

Summertime Sunday

By Elisabeth Weaver Winstead

When church bells on Sunday morning
Fill the air with hymns of praise,
Summer flowers add their beauty
To God's bright and joyous days.

More than ever we remember,
With a warm and grateful prayer,
God sends life's hope and harmony
And His wondrous blessings beyond compare.



RECIPE



Spinach Cheese Manicotti

Ingredients

- | | |
|---|---|
| 15-oz. container ricotta cheese | 1 1/2 cups shredded mozzarella, divided |
| 10-oz. pkg. frozen chopped spinach, thawed and squeezed dry | 1/2 cup grated Parmesan, divided |
| 1/2 cup minced onion | 26-oz. jar spaghetti sauce |
| 1 egg | 1 1/2 cups water |
| 2 teaspoons parsley | 1 cup diced fresh tomatoes |
| 2 teaspoons basil | 8-oz. pkg. uncooked manicotti shells |
| 1/2 teaspoon black pepper | |
| 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder | |

Directions

1. In large bowl combine ricotta, spinach, onion, and egg.
2. Stir in parsley, basil, black pepper, and garlic.
3. Mix in 1 cup mozzarella and 1/4 cup Parmesan cheese.
4. In separate bowl, mix together sauce, water, and tomatoes.
5. Grease 9 x 13 baking pan. Spread 1 cup spaghetti sauce in bottom of pan.
6. Stuff uncooked manicotti with ricotta mixture. Arrange in single layer in baking pan.
7. Cover stuffed manicotti with remaining sauce.
8. Sprinkle with remaining cheeses.
9. Cover. Bake 45-60 minutes, or until noodles are soft.

Makes 6 servings.

Selected from "Potluck Heaven" cookbook



**Father's Day
Blessing**

Blessed is the family where there's a father whose life shines bright, who provides and prays, who guides and protects, who gives of himself, and faithfully pours his love into children and grandchildren in big and small ways.

Your Cross

Whatever your cross
Whatever your pain
There will always be sunshine
After the rain.
Perhaps you may stumble
Perhaps you may fall
But God's always there
To help you through it all.

God Knew

Author Unknown

God knew we needed something more
Than budding earth and sky,
And so He sent us friends to love
To lift our hearts and spirits high;
God chose to teach love's wondrous art
Of comfort, cheer that never ends
By giving to the thankful heart
The dear, good gift of faithful friends.



Message from the Pastor and Worship in June

■ By PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER

Late May and early June are times during the year when we celebrate the accomplishment of goals that have been reached.

On May 22, we recognized ten graduates from various educational programs, and on June 5, we are recognizing five of our youth that are being confirmed.

Confirmation is indeed an accomplishment. It's one of the first major decisions a person makes in life.

Our five youth will be publicly affirming their belief in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and their belief in the Christian faith. They will be committing to live as followers of Jesus and to be active members of the church.

They have attended nine, hour-long sessions to prepare. As you see this year's confirmands around the church and in the community, please congratulate and encourage them. They are: Jadie Buhrman, Kenslie Buhrman, Diana Laky, Noah Taveras, and Jake Ward. We'll have a luncheon in their honor at 1:00 p.m. on June 5. Peace and joy as summer begins!

—Pastor Bob

June 5

**Confirmation, Holy Communion
“... And She Was a Widow”**

Luke 7:11-17

In this story, a mother is in crisis. She had already lost her husband. Now she was burying her son. She had not only lost those dearest to her, she had lost her security. In those times, husbands and sons were the security for the women of the family. Women were at risk when the men were no longer present.

Luke adds the words, “... and she was a widow” to underscore the vulnerability of this mother.

But, just as grief and worry are besetting this woman, Jesus comes to help. Like this woman, things sometimes



happen to us, leaving us feeling very vulnerable. Especially, in those times, we want to remember that our greatest help is the help the Lord provides.

June 12

“All Are Made Worthy”

Luke 7: 36-8:3

Luke tells us that one day a woman anointed Jesus' feet with perfume and her tears. She was known in her town for the sinful ways she lived.

The incident happened in the home of a Pharisee who had invited Jesus to dinner. The Pharisee questioned Jesus on why he would allow this sinful woman to be present and anoint him.

Jesus then reminded the Pharisee that we all sin and that none of us are deserving of forgiveness, but God has decided to forgive us anyway and determines all to be worthy of his forgiveness. To know we are made worthy by God is to know true hope.

June 19

“Overcome with Fear”

Luke 8: 26-39

Jesus and his disciples crossed the Sea of Galilee. Immediately upon their arrival they were faced with a wild

creature of a man. He wore no clothes, lived in the tombs, and had broken the chains men had locked around him.

Jesus healed the man and now he was dressed and once again in his right mind. When the townspeople heard about the healing they were full of fear and asked Jesus to leave.

Fear can cause us to turn from the help God is trying to give us. Even though the way we're living may not be good for us, at least our present way of life is known by us.

Even though a different way of living might be better, fear of the unknown can keep us from acting to make needed changes.

The demon-possessed man wanted to change and he accepted Jesus' help. The townspeople were not ready for change. They were afraid and asked Jesus to leave. God invites us to change, then gives us the freedom to act upon his invitation or to ask him to leave.

June 26

“Fitness for Service”

Luke 9: 51-62

These verses involve two Bible stories which seem to be getting at the same point.

In the first story, Jesus and his disciples are unwelcomed as they pass through a Samaritan village.

In retaliation, James and John ask for Jesus' permission to destroy the village. Jesus rebukes them and simply travels on to the next village.

In the second story, Jesus calls several to follow him but they all give reasons why they can't.

Together, the two stories seem to be asking us, “What directs our lives?”

God calls us to follow heavenly principals for the time we inhabit the earth: We're not to judge others. We're to set the example, show compassion, and move on.

We're not to find ways to avoid Jesus' call upon our lives. We're to follow him. “Jesus replied, ‘No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God’” (Luke 9:62). At this time in our life, how is our fitness for service?

Faith is the adhesive
binding the uncertainty of now
with the inevitability of forever.

Wolfsville Community



Vacation Bible School *set for one week in July*

Monday - Friday, July 18-22, 2016

HELP! Bottles needed for Wolfsville Community Vacation Bible School

■ By Fonda Gormer

"Bug Safari, Where Kids Catch the BUZZ About God's Love" is the theme for the Wolfsville Community Vacation Bible School this year.

To be held Monday through Friday, July 18 – 22, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. each evening, at Salem United Methodist Church, the event is open to children ages 4 to 12.

Volunteers are needed to lead groups of children to the various stations, and to assist with activities as needed.

But your help is needed now! We need 36 clean 20-ounce green plastic soda bottles for one of our craft projects. If you have any of these bottles, please bring them to the church and put them in the basket at the top of the social room steps.

To help with VBS or for information, please contact me at 301-293-2436, or at fonda.gormer@comcast.net.

Catch the BUZZ about VBS!



Photo by Jim Laky



Children enjoy puppets in worship

On May 15, 2016, Bill Burrier conducted Salem's worship services while Pastor Bob attended a spiritual retreat. Since it was Pentecost Sunday, the theme focused around the Holy Spirit, the nine Fruits of the Spirit, specifically patience.

For the children's message, Bill brought along two puppet friends, Barney and Stella, to help tell a story about "patience". The children were excited to work the puppets while the story was being told. In the above photo, taken by Jim Laky during the 11:15 a.m. contemporary service, Jake Ward is shown handling the puppet Barney and Emily Burrier worked the puppet Stella. (At the 9 a.m. service, puppet handlers were Emma Waite and Jesse Leatherman.)

In the story, Barney has a huge problem with patience, and Stella tries to explain how the Holy Spirit can help him develop this important characteristic. In the end, Barney understands that if that's what God wants, it must be the best thing. The script of the puppet play was given to each child.

For the Garden of Your Daily Living Plant Three Rows of Peas:

1. Peace of mind
2. Peace of heart
3. Peace of soul

Plant Four Rows of Squash:

1. Squash gossip
2. Squash indifference
3. Squash grumbling
4. Squash selfishness

Plant Four Rows of Lettuce:

1. Lettuce be faithful
2. Lettuce be kind
3. Lettuce be patient
4. Lettuce really love one another

No Garden is without Turnips:

1. Turnip for meetings
2. Turnip for service
3. Turnip to help one another

To Conclude our Garden we must have Thyme:

1. Thyme for each other
2. Thyme for family
3. Thyme for friends

Water freely with patience and cultivate with love. There is much fruit in your garden because you reap what you sow.

— Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

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

Another successful year of Hero's Club is coming to an end. We had a wonderful time learning what the Bible teaches about "The Armor of God" and the "Fruit of the Spirit." All of which are available to all of us when we make Jesus our Lord and Savior.

The strength and power of the Holy Spirit are endless, and what we can accomplish for His glory when we realize it! And... when we mess-up, which we will, God loves us and forgives us!

With all the hardships many of these children have experienced and seen already in their brief lives, to teach them that our God is gentle, loving, forgiving, and provides protection brings me great comfort.

The Action Bibles purchased by the Salem congregation will be given out on our last meeting, June 6th from 4:00-7:00. I know the children will be so excited! Also, on that day, the children will enjoy a bouncy house, games, and food right here at the church. Thank you for all the church has provided!

The Hero's Club families are invited to participate and it would be wonderful to see some of the congregation come make connections with them. Many blessings.

[Editor's Note: On May 22, Salem recognized the following seniors of Middletown High School who have served as student volunteers at Hero's Club: Bailey Blickenstaff, Tori Isleib, Alexa Kehlbeck, Olivia Moser, Hayden O'Connor, and Camden Raynor.]



Scenes from the

Community Plant, Food & Yard Sale

Saturday, May 7, 2016

Photos by Bill Burrier

■ By Barbie Stottlemeyer

On Saturday May 7, 2016, Salem's Bee-lievers held our annual flower, plant, food, and yard sale.

Although the day began damp with a light rain falling as we began setting up everything at 6:00 a.m., the rain only lasted a short time, and by the time our sale began the rain had stopped.

Once again the event turned out to be a very successful fund raiser for our Bee-lievers Group.

Year after year, this event has grown as we receive continued growing support from the community. The flowers and plants were healthy and beautiful, and as always the food was plentiful and delicious.

A lot of work goes into making this so successful as we begin preparing on Friday evening, starting by setting up the canopies, tables, making sandwiches, and preparing the baked items to go on sale.

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard in making this such a successful event.



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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How come the waitress gets 15% and God only gets 10% ?

Some thoughts to ponder . . .

I have too many flaws to be perfect, but I have too many blessings to be ungrateful.

I believe in the sun even when it's not shining.
I believe in love even when not feeling it.
I believe in God even when He is silent.

A little faith will bring your soul to heaven, but a lot of faith will bring heaven to your soul. Psalm 27:1

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

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11:15 a.m. Contemporary

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