



Salem United Methodist Church — Wolfsville



**“HERO’S CLUB”
SALEM’S
AFTER SCHOOL MINISTRY
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**57th
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**FREE ADMISSION
FREE PARKING
RAIN or SHINE**

LORD’S ACRE Festival



**Saturday
September 10
2:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

Wolfsville Ruritan Community Park
12708 Brandenburg Hollow Road

SCHEDULE

- **HOME-STYLE FOOD** 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Enjoy the homemade soups (beef vegetable, ham bean, and turkey noodle), sandwiches (country ham, turkey salad, hot beef, hot dog, chili dog, kraut dog, pulled pork), french fries, baked goods (cookies, pies, cakes, pastry, fudge, more), hand-dipped ice cream, soft drinks, iced tea, coffee, and water. Tables are available for eating a snack or an evening meal. Food can also be ordered to go.
- **FRESH PRODUCE** 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.
The produce area usually includes peaches, plums, potatoes, cucumbers, apples, pears, red beets, grapes, tomatoes, sweet corn, cantaloupe, sweet potatoes, onions, green beans, lima beans, peppers, cabbage, squash, pumpkins and gourds. The selection depends on items donated.
- **CRAFTS** 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Craft items & hand-made fancy needlework.
- **FLEA MARKET & PLANTS** 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Donated household items and used books in good condition at bargain prices. Potted Plants.
- **MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT**
 - Ernie Bradley and the Grassy Ridge Band (Bluegrass Gospel) 2:15 & 3:15 p.m.
 - Randy Sowers (Southern Gospel) 4:45 p.m.
- **SILENT AUCTION** 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Donated items.
- **LIVE AUCTION** 6:00 p.m.
Auction of featured quilt and numerous unsold items.
Robert A. Wilson, Auctioneer
- **CHILDREN & YOUTH ACTIVITIES** 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.



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Salem Membership Statistics:
Current Membership: 242
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Salem Physical Facilities:
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Parsonage built 1974–75

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

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

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

Go  **2016 MISSION PROJECTS**

		MONTHLY MINIMUM	PAID Jan-July
1	Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer (Retired New Tribes Mission)	\$205	\$1,435.00
2	Operation Christmas Child (Postage paid in November)	-----	\$0.00
3	Salem Mission & Outreach (Local needs)	-----	\$717.86
4	Salem Food Pantry (Open Tuesdays 6:30-7:30 p.m.)	-----	\$1,828.45
5	Mary E. (Africa Inland Mission)	\$85	\$785.00
6	United Methodist Board of Child Care (Auxiliary & Direct Support)	-----	\$240.00
7	Gideons (Frederick West Camp - Distributing Bibles)	\$50	\$350.00
8	Potato Project (Society of St. Andrew, Big Island, VA)	\$50	\$350.00
9	Middletown High School (Fellowship of Christian Athletes)	\$50	\$250.00
10	Ronnie & Angi Hopkins (Nicaragua)	\$65	\$455.00
11	Care Net Pregnancy Center (Frederick, MD)	\$65	\$455.00
12	Compassion International (Sponsored child in India)	\$38	\$266.00
13	Hero's Club After School Ministry (Pre-K through Grade 5)	-----	\$2,505.75
14	World Vision (Sponsored child in Colombia)	\$35	\$245.00

2016 Goal: **\$16,286** • Total Mission Offering for 2016: **\$8,507.30** • % of Goal: **52%**

Here's how you can give . . .

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

3. Place your contributions in the offering plate at Sunday worship or mail to Salem.

If you do not designate a project, your contribution will be distributed to the project or projects needing funds to meet the monthly minimum payout goals.

SALEM MISSION PROJECTS No. 8

Society of St. Andrew
Gleaning America's Fields • Feeding America's Hungry
Potato Project

We salvage tractor-trailer loads of potatoes and other produce that are rejected by commercial markets or potato chip factories due to slight imperfections in size, shape, sugar content, or surface blemishes.

Usually, these rejected loads end up at local landfills. Through the Potato and Produce Project, the Society of St. Andrew is able to redirect these 43,000-pound loads of fresh, nutritious produce to food banks, soup kitchens, food pantries, low income housing areas, local churches, and other hunger agencies for distribution to the poor. Because this produce is donated to us, the Society of St. Andrew pays only for the transportation and packaging of the food—an amazingly low 7.2 cents per pound! That means we can provide food to the nation's hungry for about 2.4 cents per serving! — *Society of St. Andrew, Big Island, VA*



[Salem sends a minimum of \$50 each month to the Society of St. Andrew for the potato project.]

Finalizing Details for Salem's Annual Community Event



Lord's Acre Music



Ernie Bradley and the Grassy Ridge Band
Bluegrass Gospel

Randy Sowers
Southern Gospel

MUSIC SCHEDULE: **Ernie Bradley and the Grassy Ridge Band** - Bluegrass Gospel at 2:15 p.m. & 3:15 p.m.
Randy Sowers - Southern Gospel at 4:45 p.m.

Lord's Acre Silent Auction

Amy McCormick will be in charge of the silent auction this year. If you have items to donate, please contact Amy prior to Lord's Acre day.

Flea Tables & Garden Corner

Donations of used household items (in good condition), books (with no bad language), and all types of plants are welcome. Please price your items in advance. Contact: Polly Doyle

Live Auction at 6:00 p.m.

Robert Wilson will be the auctioneer at this year's auction. The featured quilt will be auctioned along with other featured items and numerous unsold items.

Free Admission & Free Parking

There is no entrance fee or parking fee to attend the Lord's Acre Festival. If weather permits, parking will be available on the outfield of the ball diamond. The parking lot near the pavilion will be reserved for handicap parking. Additional overflow parking will be available across the road from the park. Parking attendants will be available to organize parking.

Rain or Shine

The Lord's Acre Festival will be held rain or shine. If the weather is inclement, all activities will be held in the large pavilion.

Featured Quilt

The featured quilt (pictured at right) will be on display beginning at 2 p.m., and will be sold at auction at 6 p.m. to the highest bidder.

The quilt has hand-embroidered squares of flowers, butterflies, and hearts.

The full/queen size quilt was designed and embroidered by members of Salem United Methodist Church, Wolfsville; and was beautifully hand quilted by the Zion Quilters of Middletown, Maryland.



What is a Lord's Acre Festival?

In 1930, the Lord's Acre idea began in western North Carolina as a means of raising funds for small country churches. A portion or "acre" of a church member's land was set aside to raise crops to be sold to benefit the church. Even livestock was dedicated. Those without land could set aside a portion of their needlework, craft items, or any other saleable talent they possessed. The Lord's Acre Festival is a sale of those donations.

Salem's Lord's Acre Festival, which began in 1960, was first held in the old Wolfsville School where Salem's parsonage now stands. In 1970, the festival was moved to the Ruritan Park where it has grown to what it is today.

Donations to Lord's Acre 2016

Nearly everything on sale is donated by church members, friends, or members of the community. Thank you for your generosity. Folks who are unable to donate a sale item may wish to make a financial contribution instead.

If you would like to make a financial contribution and are unable to attend, you may use the convenience of online giving at SalemChurchWolfsville.org/give. All profits from the Lord's Acre Festival are placed into Salem's Building and Improvement Fund, and are used to maintain and improve Salem's facilities. All contributions are tax deductible. Salem's ministries are making a difference in the Wolfsville community and beyond.

Attendance Offerings

July 2016

	Worship*	Sunday School
July 3 -	73 \$2,173.00	43 \$387.00
July 10 -	91 1,569.00	52 112.00
July 17 -	77 2,433.00	48 134.00
July 24 -	86 2,412.75	50 92.00
July 31 -	75 1,957.00	47 137.00

*Worship attendance & offerings include both worship services.

- Missions: \$1,443.46
 - Cemetery Endowment: \$40.00
 - Building Fund: \$200.00
- (Missions, Building Fund offerings, etc. are not included in Worship & Sunday School offerings above.)

Average Attendance	
Worship	Sunday School
July	48
June	55
May	55
Apr	52
Mar	58

Average Attendance Jan-July 2016
 Sunday Worship: 89
 Sunday School: 54

Lord's Acre profits go to Salem's Building & Improvement Fund

Since its debut in 1960, the profits from Salem's Lord's Acre Festival have made possible many major building projects, such as the educational building (1967), parsonage (1974-75), and parking lot.

In recent years, profits have enabled numerous improvements, equipment purchases, and maintenance projects:

- 2013 - Installed central air and additional insulation in the parsonage.
- 2014 - Upgraded church sound system.
- 2015 - Replaced parsonage kitchen floor and clothes washer, replaced church social room window treatment, replaced laptop, added shelving for food pantry, repaired church refrigerator, purchased advent and lenten oil candles for sanctuary, and elevator was repaired and inspected.
- 2016 - Purchased classroom bulletin boards. Replaced phones, microwave and other items for church kitchen. Cleaned carpet in social room, sanctuary, and classrooms.

Future Projects

- Add Wi-Fi to the sanctuary, Sunday School and social hall areas.
- Working with State Highway to repair/replace sidewalk in front of church.
- Mortar and brick repairs on the parsonage.
- Clean ceiling and molding in sanctuary and vestibule area.

Profits from the Lord's Acre Festival will help fund these projects.

Salem to host this year's Cluster Charge Conference

The Cumberland-Hagerstown District Superintendent, Rev. Conrad Link, has announced the Fall 2016 Cluster Charge Conference Schedule.

Salem will host this year's charge conference. Eight local United Methodist churches in our area will come together at Salem on Tuesday evening, October 4, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

Local churches participating in this year's charge conference are Smithsburg Charge: Garfield & St. Paul's; Mt. Zion: Myersville; Salem: Wolfsville; Mt. Bethel/Mt. Lena Co-op Parish: Mt. Bethel & Mt. Lena; Mt. Zion: Thurmont; and Pleasant Walk: Myersville.

Salem will provide refreshments following the meeting.



The Brandenburgs would like to thank Salem for providing the food stand at the Martin Road auction on Saturday, August 13. The food was delicious and added to our ability to retain the crowd. We hope you had a good day and raised money for your ministry. —David Brandenburg

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.



September

Calendar of Events



- Thu 1 Board of Trustees Meeting** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
Thu 1 UMW "Bee-lievers" - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
Sun 4 Holy Communion - 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. worship
Sun 4 Move Up! Sunday in Sunday School - 10:15 a.m.
Lord's Acre Festival Preparations:
Thu 8 Soup making - 8:00 a.m. at Ruritan Park
Fri 9 Fruit Pie making - 9:00 a.m. at Salem
Fri 9 Cream Pie making - 5 p.m. at Ruritan Park
Sat 10 Sandwich making - 7 a.m. at Ruritan Park
57th Annual Lord's Acre Festival
Sat 10 Lord's Acre Festival - 2:00-7:00 p.m. at Ruritan Park
Mon 12 Hero's Club After School Ministry begins
Thu 15 Church Council - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
Sun 25 Wolfsville/Myersville CROP Hunger Walk -
 1:00 p.m. registration at Salem, 1:30 p.m. walk begins and ends at Salem

Recurring Events: Hero's Club After School Ministry is held every MONDAY 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 at 6:30 p.m. at Salem
 The church is cleaned FRIDAY or SATURDAY every week

Newsletter Distribution

- E-Mail** — We are currently sending this newsletter to 195 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.

Photo by Phyllis Beall



Baptism of Addie Beall on July 3

Addie Beall was baptized at Salem's worship service on July 3, 2016. Addie is the daughter of Kevin and Lauren Beall, granddaughter of Monty and Phyllis Beall, and niece of Charlie and Christi Beall.

MOVE UP! SUNDAY is SEPTEMBER 4th

■ By Kathy Laky

It's hard to believe that another school year is here! Along with new backpacks and notebooks, new school teachers, and in some cases new schools too, it's also Move Up! time here at Salem for Sunday School.

This year's Move Up! date is September 4th. We have several students moving to new classes; also, Denny Leatherman will be leading our new Young Adults class for students who have graduated (or are about to graduate) high school.

Moving Up! from **Infant thru 4yrs** (Caroline Buhrman)
to **K thru 2nd grade** (Mike and Jennifer Burrier)

- Will Boyton • Jackson Haddock • Delilah Herrell

Moving Up! from **Grades 3 thru 5** (Kathy Laky, Melissa Thornton, and Patrick Boyton)
to **Grades 6 thru 12** (Fonda Gormer)

- Emily Burrier • Riley Mellott

Moving Up! from **Grades 6 thru 12** (Fonda Gormer)
to **Young Adult** (Denny Leatherman)

- Camilo Barkdoll • Christopher Leatherman

If you have a child that would like to start Sunday School or a child that is Moving Up that we may have missed, please contact either Bobby Fogle (robert.fogle@comcast.net) or me, Kathy Laky (KLinMD@outlook.com).

Congratulations to all our Move Ups! We are all looking forward to a new Sunday School year!



Salem's Food Pantry

Salem is ordering 16 Holiday Meal Boxes from the Maryland Food Bank, for families who visit Salem's Food Pantry. The cost is \$10 per box, which includes a frozen turkey, macaroni & cheese, green beans, collard greens, stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, powdered potato, corn, sweet potato, apple sauce, corn muffin mix, and brownie mix. The boxes will be received November 17, 2016.

Who's Doing What, When?

9:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP		SEPTEMBER	
Lay Readers 4 - Fonda Gormer 11 - Melissa Thornton 18 - Wanda Barkdoll 25 - Mary Cline	Ushers 4 - Dick Kline & Steve Leatherman 11 - Vernon Stottlemeyer & Robin Haupt 18 - Donald Stottlemeyer & Meredith Harshman 25 - Philip Koons & Brandon Leatherman	Music 4 - Sara Weitzel 11 - Sara Weitzel 18 - Praise Band 25 - Susan Koons	
Greeters 4 - Bill & Caroline Buhrman 11 - Patrick Boyton and Melissa Thornton 18 - George, Barbie, & Matt Stottlemeyer 25 - Donald & Susie Stottlemeyer & Noah	Acolytes 4 - Noah Taveras 11 - Jadie Buhrman 18 - Kenslie Buhrman 25 - 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 Sept 18 - Works in Progress Praise Band Sept 25 - Works in Progress Praise Band	

It's Your Day!

September Anniversaries

- 6 - Howard & Betty Brandenburg
- 8 - David & Sharon Harshman
- 10 - Jiron & Beth Snead
- 11 - H. Ronald & Judy Ellis
- 16 - Charles & Yvonne Reeder
- 17 - Steve & Joann Leatherman
- 20 - Mark & Hallie Burrier
- 26 - Bill & Caroline Buhrman
- 30 - Adam & Vicki Robinson

September Birthdays

- 2 - Dawn Brown
- 3 - Delores Myers
- 6 - Marilyn Leatherman
- 7 - Sarah Burrier
- 8 - David Harshman
- 9 - David Brandenburg
- 14 - Mary Cline
- 14 - Meredith Harshman
- 19 - Wanda Barkdoll
- 22 - Karyn Snyder
- 26 - Bobby Fogle
- 27 - Terri Buhrman

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



State Highway Administration advises Salem of Wolfsville Road construction project

The Maryland State Highway Administration is planning to replace a drainage pipe under Wolfsville Road just north of Salem Church, possibly in the summer of 2017.

A consulting firm to the Highway Administration (KCI Technologies) recently contacted Pastor Bob, asking for information about church activities and scheduled events.

The Highway Administration would prefer to close Wolfsville Road at this location for a maximum of 2 to 3 days and do so at a time when it would be the least disruptive to traffic and community activities.

Pastor Bob provided an extensive list of daily, weekly, monthly, and annual activities that would be impacted by such a closure.

KCI Technologies also plans to contact the Wolfsville Fire Company.

Holy Communion
 Sunday, Sept. 4, 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.

Hope is a stubborn determination to not allow the hardships of life to downsize the bigness of God.



Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman



INSPIRATIONAL
Reading

September

By Myra P. Ellis

All the flowers of the garden
Are as bright as in July,
And September laughs at summer
As her golden days pass by.

Even roses lend their fragrance
To September's sweet bouquet,
And gay marigolds and dahlias
Mark her dancing, gypsy way.

Yellow pumpkins, tapered carrots,
Set the roadside stands aflame;
Fruits of harvest add their merit
To September's lovely name.

This is nature's grand convention . . .
This her final glorious fling!
Her last bid for full attention,
Her last chance to bloom and sing.

Here is something to remember
When youth's summer turns to fruit . . .
Life gives each its warm September
As a full rich substitute.



Trust and Believe

By Hope C. Oberhelman

Trust and believe, my gentle friend
In all you say and do,
For Christ will take you by the hand
And He will see you through.

Trust and believe, my gentle friend
No matter what's in store;
The Lord will be there at your side,
As He's always been before.

Trust and believe, my gentle friend,
With all your heart and soul –
The Master will take care of you,
And help you reach your goal.

Trust and believe, my gentle friend,
Reach out to heaven above,
And God will smile down on you,
And touch you with His love!

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

Jesus is the Son of God,
the Man beyond time,
who gives us eternal life.



RECIPE



Orange-Pumpkin Cookies

Ingredients

- | | |
|----------------------------|--|
| 1/2 cup butter, softened | 1/4 teaspoon baking soda |
| 1/2 cup shortening | 1 teaspoon finely shredded orange peel |
| 1/2 cup granulated sugar | 1 egg |
| 1/2 cup packed brown sugar | 1 cup canned pumpkin |
| 1/2 teaspoon baking powder | 2 cups all-purpose flour |

Directions

- In a large mixing bowl, beat butter and shortening with an electric mixer on a medium to high speed for 30 seconds. Add the granulated sugar, brown sugar, baking powder, and baking soda. Beat until combined, scraping sides of bowl occasionally. Beat in orange peel, egg, and pumpkin. Beat in as much of the flour as you can with the mixer. Using a wooden spoon, stir in any remaining flour.
- Drop dough by rounded teaspoon 2 inches apart onto an ungreased cookie sheet.
- Bake in a 375 degree oven for 9 to 11 minutes or until tops are firm. Transfer cookies to a wire rack; cool. When cool, frost with orange-butter frosting. If desired, garnish each frosted cookie with sugared, finely shredded orange peel. Makes 36 cookies.

Orange-Butter Frosting

In a medium mixing bowl, beat 1/4 cup butter until fluffy. Gradually add 2 cups sifted powdered sugar, beating well. Slowly beat in 3/4 teaspoon finely shredded orange peel and 2 tablespoons orange juice. Beat in additional orange juice, if needed, to make frosting of spreading consistency.

These cookies were made by Fonda Gormer for Salem's United Methodist Women "Bee-lievers" Cookie Exchange.



God's Wonders

By Virginia Borman Grimmer

God can do such wondrous things,
He tints the sky so blue,
Paints the robin's breast in spring,
Designs each season's view.
God puts the song in sparrows,
He scents the lilacs fair,
Gives us the earth's rich bounty,
Makes rosy autumn's pear.
God sends the rain for harvest,
He warms us with the sun,
And gives us peaceful evening
For rest when day is done.
God blesses with the woodlands,
He layers hills with green,
Make the daisies dance in fields,
Creates most dazzling scenes.
God can do such wondrous things
And greatest of them all,
He gives His love to comfort
If we but seek and call.

Hand in Hand with Thee

By Catherine Janssen Irwin

Through each trial or triumph,
Each joy or cross to bear,
Through calm or stressful waters,
Your love was always there.
When dark clouds would surround me
I'd leave my fears behind,
To find a bright horizon
As I'd place my hand in Thine.
I trust each new tomorrow
To Your unerring care,
Knowing that tomorrow
Will find Your love still there.

Autumn abounds in things to delight the sense and the spirit. Trees flaunt a lavishness of color. Fruit ripens and mellows for the eating. It is time to enjoy and to share the abundance that is ours. —*Esther York Burkholder*



Message from the Pastor and Worship in September

■ By **PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER**

Our children are back in school, traffic out on the roads has picked up, our middle and high school youth have begun their weekly meetings, our Lord's Acre Festival and Wolfsville/Myersville CROP Walk for Hunger are right around the corner, meetings are being held and reports written for Charge Conference, and Hero's Club is about to start a new year. Have you felt the pace pick up?

In many ways, this always feels like the real start of a "New Year" to me. When we blessed the children's backpacks at worship a few Sundays ago, we acknowledged "new starts are good!"

I'm excited about all the possibilities we have to bring Christ into the community; and to help each other grow in Christ; and serve those in need. It's an exciting time for God's church at Salem!

I encourage you to get involved in what's happening at Salem.

God Bless. —Pastor Bob

September 4

**Holy Communion
"Move Up" Sunday
"All Are Needed"**

Luke 14: 25-33

Jesus was traveling to Jerusalem on his way to his death on the cross. He was traveling there to save us from sin and death. The cost of our salvation was to be his death.

Jesus turned to the large crowd following him. He told them he needed them to be "all in" in following him. Through these verses, Jesus continues to make the appeal, "All are needed."

A life fully committed to following Jesus requires effort but also brings great reward, both now and forever.

As our children "move up" to their next class in Sunday school today, our commitment to keep God first sets a good example for them.



September 11

"God's Joy"

Luke 15: 1-10

Jesus told the "Parable of the Lost Sheep" to teach people what God is like.

The good shepherd risks life and limb to search for the lost sheep and bring it back to safety. That is what God is like. That is what God does for you and me. God cries tears of joy when he finds us.

So, whatever our sin, God reassures us: "Confess it to me, and I will forgive you and restore you."

In the same way, God desires that we forgive others to restore our relationships.

September 18

"Trustworthiness"

Luke 16: 1-13

These verses tell a story where untrustworthiness seemed to abound. Jesus contrasts their actions to those he expects of us. God calls us to be trustworthy. It's tempting to cut corners here or there in daily life, but those seemingly little missteps are wrong and can lead to doing greater harm.

How many times have we heard

one, caught in a great misdeed, reflect, "It all started so small and one thing just led to another."

Over time, we develop a reputation. We want to be known as someone who is trustworthy. We want to be an example of trustworthiness for our children.

September 25

"Compassion"

Luke 16: 19-31

In the story of "The Rich Man and Lazarus, Jesus draws a stark contrast of the fate of two men.

Lazarus, a beggar, laid at the rich man's gate at his home. Lazarus longed to eat the rich man's leftovers but was never offered any.

When the beggar died he spent eternity with God with all his needs provided for.

When the rich man died he spent eternity separated from God in suffering. The rich man pleaded for help but the chasm that now separated him from God could not be bridged. It was too late.

Our small acts of compassion today bring life now to a person in need. It is the right way to respond to our Lord who gave his life for us.

The Steppingstone Prayer

By Gail Brook Burket

I do not ask to walk smooth paths

Nor bear an easy load.

I pray for strength and fortitude

To climb the rock-strewn road.

Give me such courage I can scale

The hardest peaks alone,

And transform every stumbling block

Into a steppingstone.

You Know

By Esther Susan Meekhof

You know you're going to be
tempted today

So don't wait till then to pray

Pray as the day begins

So that the victor wins

Do not face a trial on your own

God does not ask you to do it alone

For the battles do not belong to you

For the Lord God Almighty

will bring you through

So get on your knees and pray

Ask God to conquer for you the day.

Salem Mission Project No. 13

Photos by Heather O'Connor

HERO'S CLUB After School Ministry
 TOUCHING CHILDREN'S LIVES with the LOVE of CHRIST
 It's like "Sunday School" on "Monday"

GETTING TO KNOW GOD FROM THE INSIDE OUT

By Heather O'Connor
 Hero's Club Director



Heather O'Connor

Hero's Club will have it's first meeting on Monday, September 12th, after school, from 3:30-6:00 p.m.

Our theme this year will be "Getting to Know God from the Inside Out." We think of emotions as good and others as bad, but God made every part of us, and no matter how we are feeling, we can always turn to Him for help. Anger, fear, disgust, sadness, and joy will be some of the emotions we discuss.

The first four Mondays of Hero's Club we will be getting back into the groove of school and schedules with lessons about having "The Best Year Ever."

1. Begin your day with God.
2. Make a new friend.
3. Learn something new.
4. Expect Great Things!

On October 24th, we will have our traditional pumpkin patch trip and carving, and in November we will dive into the emotion lessons. In December we will work on Christmas crafts and prepare to serve others during our traditional Christmas Family Dinner.

I am very excited to announce our volunteers for this year's experience. Christy Kehlbeck will be returning with her son Declan (9th). Alexis O'Toole will be organizing the weekly crafts and bringing her two children, John (4th) and Lily (2nd). Pastor Bob's daughter, Colleen Carter, will be helping out when she can. Javier and Selma Depaz will be coming back too! Last year Selma and younger brother Donovan were participants with Javier helping. This year Javier (9th) and Selma (6th) are both helping while Donovan (4th) enjoys all the fun. Long time participants, Kenslie Buhrman and Morgan Weddle, will be returning as seventh graders to volunteer their time as well. Thank you God for providing so many amazing servants!

Registration forms are on the Salem United Methodist Church website for both participants and helpers, and they can also be picked up at Wolfsville School or emailed.

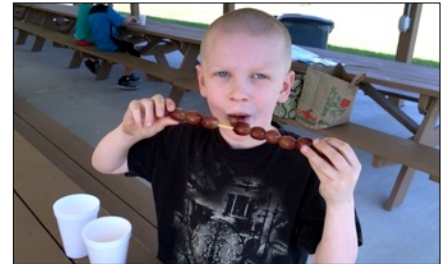
A Limit of 30 Children

There will be a total number of 30 registrations accepted this year. A waiting list will be used if the number goes over thirty.

I look forward to seeing all the children again and digging into God's word with them! Please pray for all our Hero's Club children, their families, and volunteers!



"Fruit of the Spirit" Snack Time
 Spring 2016



Salem Mission Project No. 10

Ronnie & Angi Hopkins minister to the Nicaraguan people

Rio Bocay Update: June 20-27 2016

We traveled to the river on June 21, 2016, with a small group from Cedartown, Georgia. We had three teachers, Jennifer, Randall and Paige and an RN, Tina. Joining us from New York were Dr. Larry, Dr. Bruce, and Dr. Bruce's son Brandon.

The river was flowing strong and it was muddy. We boarded two boats for the trip up river. One boat carried the doctors and interpreters to Kayaskita. There they would spend three days training the local health promoters. The other boat carried the teachers and an interpreter. As we traveled up the river,



Yakalwás School is moving forward.

we saw several monkeys in the trees.

Our first stop was a preschool that had been built eight years ago. We were so happy to see the kids and leave them

some school supplies and sports equipment.

The next several days, we did medical training and some consults with the sick. The teachers from the team traveled to Sala de Dios and did teaching at the school.

We stopped to check on the construction of the school in Yakalwás. The community was working on the floor.

We then traveled to Ayapal, the small town at the mouth of the river. We visited the maternity house next to the clinic where mothers come and stay two weeks before delivery. This center has decreased the infant mortality rate on the river.

Thank you for your support.

Sunday, September 25, 2015

Wolfsville / Myersville CROP Hunger Walk

Walk With Us — You Can Help End Hunger!

■ By Fonda Gormer

The Wolfsville/Myersville CROP Hunger Walk will take place on Sunday, September 25, starting at 1:30 p.m. at Salem. Registration for the 5-mile walk begins at 1 p.m.

What is a CROP HungerWalk? It's neighbors walking together to raise funds to end hunger in the community and in more than 80 countries around the world.

In the past 25 years, CROP Hunger Walks have raised more than \$300 million to help people struggling to feed their families.

Local food programs— the Religious Coalition for Emergency Human Needs in Frederick, the Middletown Food Bank and Salem's own food pantry— receive 25% of all funds raised by our walk.

The remainder of the funds raised are distributed by Church World Service to support long-term development projects to provide education, income, clean water and food-growing opportunities. For example:

\$50 can begin a community garden for families with a hoe, shovel and seeds.

1:00 p.m. - Registration at Salem
1:30 p.m. - CROP Walk begins



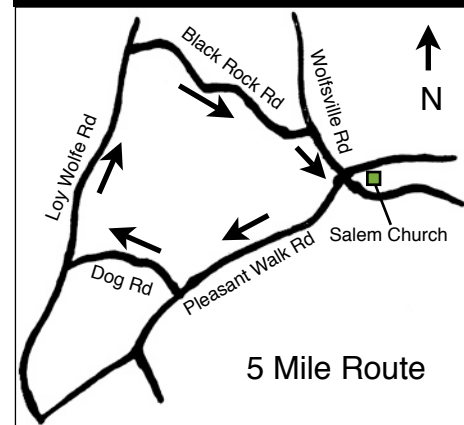
\$110 can give emergency food supplies for a family of five for one month.

\$300 can provide 15 biosand filters that help prevent the spread of disease.

\$1,000 can support 10 women with small grants to jump-start their business.

\$3,000 can install 3 water pumps and train local residents to maintain them.

Funds are also used to help meet the special needs of refugees and provide emergency relief in times of natural disasters.



We need walkers. If you can't walk, consider sponsoring someone who will walk. If you don't know who is walking, contact me at 301-293-2436 and you will be connected to a walker.

For sponsor records or more information, you may contact me by phone (301-293-2436) or email at fonda.gormer@comcast.net.

Salem Mission Project No. 5

Mary continues to prepare for her next ministry in Africa

Language learning is ministry. I learned this when I served in Tanzania, but it somehow seemed easier to understand it when I was immersed in Digo language and culture, and practicing my new phrases with people in the community.

Language learning wasn't separated from the long-term relationships I was trying to build and it was part of setting down roots in my new community.

I firmly believe that the process of language learning (and not just the result of fluency) was a vital part of ministry amongst the Digo people of Tanzania... but what about learning French in France in order to go to Chad? Is this still part of ministry?

I'm in France, learning French in a classroom setting. The French culture is different from Tanzanian Digo culture, so I couldn't learn language in the same way as I did in the village. I'm somewhat



isolated from French culture even in the midst of language learning, because it's harder to move from "stranger" to "friend" here, and you really don't have

conversations of any depth with strangers.

I'm so thankful for my class and for my fellow students and teachers. They have developed a strong community at the school, fostering an atmosphere of encouragement and support grounded on Christ. They have been teaching me balance, and reminding me to enjoy the fellowship of believers, even as I feel compelled to seek out and develop local friendships.

As part of the language learning course, I've led two devotions at school and learned how to share my testimony (and even fill out paperwork for Chad), all in French, and based on that I've shared my testimony and had good conversations with local friends.

I am very thankful for you – for your support and encouragement, which has shown itself in many ways. Thank you for partnering with me on this journey. Please share with me how I can be praying for you. Blessings in Jesus, —Mary

Scenes from the Faith Builders Youth Group Kick-off Pool Party

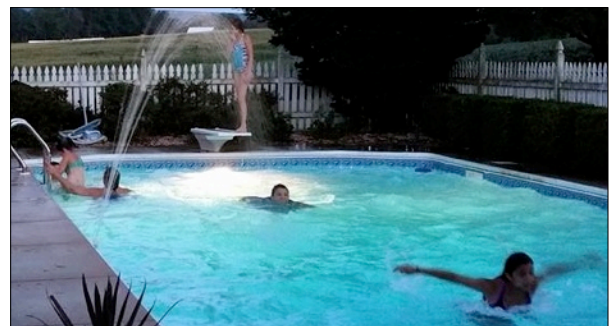
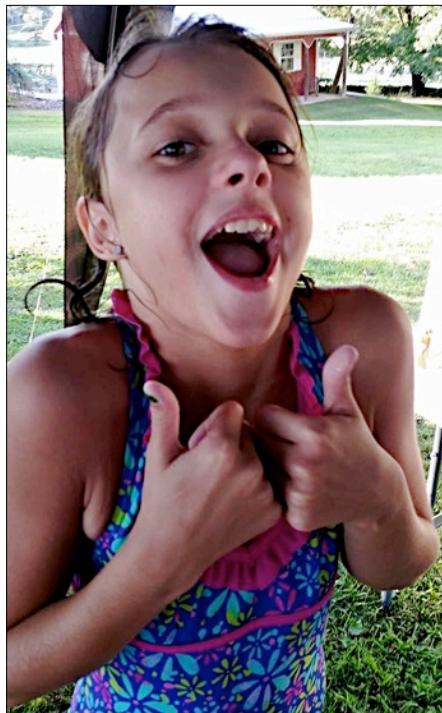
August 19, 2016

Photos by Wanda Barkdoll

Youth Group “very active” at Salem

We are at the beginning of a new school year for our middle school and high school youth. There was a wonderful group of youth and parents at the recent pool party. We have new members and are very excited about that. We would like to thank the Mueller family for graciously allowing us to have the party at their home.

Youth Group meets every Thursday at Salem at 6:30-8:00 p.m.



Sunday School Classes

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



Children, Infant to 4 years

Teacher: *Caroline Buhrman*

Children, Grades K to 2

Teachers: *Michael & Jennifer Burrier*

Children, Grades 3 to 5

Teachers: *Kathy Laky, Melissa Thornton, Patrick Boyton*

Youth, Grades 6 to 12

Teacher: *Fonda Gormer*

Young Adult Class

Teacher: *Denny Leatherman*

Adult Discussion Group - Couples & Singles

Teacher: *Bill Burrier*

Men's Class

Teachers: *George Harne, Bobby Fogle, Meredith Harshman*

Women's Class

Teachers: *Mary Cline & Darlene Burrier*

Jesus said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. —Mark 16:15 New International Version (NIV)

Heavenly Humor



Submitted by Jim Laky

Some thoughts to ponder . . .

Peace is not the absence of trouble. Peace is the presence of God.

If your day is hemmed with prayer, it is less likely to come unstitched.

Be someone else's sunshine. Be the reason someone smiles today.

It doesn't take strength to hold a grudge; it takes strength to let go of one.

The Mountain Shepherd

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9:00 a.m. Traditional

10:15 a.m. Sunday School

11:15 a.m. Contemporary

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September 2016