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**REMEMBER  
VETERAN'S DAY  
NOVEMBER 11**

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Salem Mission Project No. 2

## Operation Christmas Child

A PROJECT OF SAMARITAN'S PURSE

### Turning "shoe boxes" into Christmas gifts for children

Share the love of Jesus, through the power of a simple gift, with children around the world.

■ By Barbie Stottlemyer

We will once again be participating in OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD, in which we fill shoe boxes to be distributed to needy children around the world. This is a project of Samaritan's Purse, a Franklin Graham ministry in Boone, North Carolina.

#### HOW TO PACK YOUR BOX

We are asking anyone wishing to participate in this program to fill their shoe boxes at home and bring them to the church on or before Sunday, November 15th.

Your shoe boxes should be packed for children ranging in ages from 2-4 years old, 5-9 years old, or 10-14 years old.

Numerous shoe boxes have already been wrapped and are available outside the sanctuary, or you can wrap your own shoe box. Labels are available at church to place in the box, identifying if the items inside are for

**Boxes are due by  
Sunday, November 13, 2016**

a boy or girl, and the appropriate age group.

Once we have filled our boxes, we will take them to a local distribution center where they will then be sent to another distribution center in North Carolina, and then will be sent out to the children.

#### POSTAGE

There is a \$7.00 postage charge for each box. Place the postage amount in the donation envelope and place the envelope on top of the gift items inside the box so it is clearly visible. Checks should be made payable to Samaritan's Purse, with a note on the memo line that the gift is for Operation Christmas Child. If you are unable to pay the postage, Salem will pick up this cost from our Mission Project No. 2.

### COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE set for Wednesday, November 23, 7 p.m., at Salem United Methodist

The annual Wolfsville Community Thanksgiving Service will be held on Thanksgiving eve, Wednesday, November 23, at 7:00 p.m. This year's service will be hosted by Salem United Methodist Church, 12479 Wolfsville Road.

The service will include special music, directed by Sandy Lewis.

This is a Wolfsville community event which is hosted on a rotating basis among five local churches. Everyone is invited to attend to "Give Thanks to the Lord."



**Rotating Schedule for the Wolfsville Community Thanksgiving Service**  
 2016 – Salem United Methodist Church  
 2017 – Grossnickle Church of the Brethren  
 2018 – Pleasant Walk United Methodist  
 2019 – Garfield United Methodist Church  
 2020 – St. Mark's Lutheran Church



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**Salem Membership Statistics:**  
Current Membership: 243  
2016 New Members: 7

**Salem Physical Facilities:**  
Church built 1847  
Educational Building built 1967  
Parsonage built 1974–75

**Salem Website:**  
[www.SalemChurchWolfsville.org](http://www.SalemChurchWolfsville.org)

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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  |   | MONTHLY MINIMUM | PAID Jan-Sep |
|--|---|-----------------|--------------|
| 1  | Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer (Retired New Tribes Mission)           | \$205           | \$1,845.00   |
| 2  | Operation Christmas Child (Postage paid in November)              | -----           | \$0.00       |
| 3  | Salem Mission & Outreach (Local needs)                            | -----           | \$917.86     |
| 4  | Salem Food Pantry (Open Tuesdays 6:30-7:30 p.m.)                  | -----           | \$2,192.31   |
| 5  | Mary E. (Africa Inland Mission)                                   | \$85            | \$995.00     |
| 6  | United Methodist Board of Child Care (Auxiliary & Direct Support) | -----           | \$640.00     |
| 7  | Gideons (Frederick West Camp - Distributing Bibles)               | \$50            | \$450.00     |
| 8  | Potato Project (Society of St. Andrew, Big Island, VA)            | \$50            | \$450.00     |
| 9  | Middletown High School (Fellowship of Christian Athletes)         | \$50            | \$450.00     |
| 10   | Ronnie & Angi Hopkins (Nicaragua)                                 | \$65            | \$585.00     |
| 11   | Care Net Pregnancy Center (Frederick, MD)                         | \$65            | \$585.00     |
| 12   | Compassion International (Sponsored child in India)               | \$38            | \$342.00     |
| 13   | Hero’s Club After School Ministry (Pre-K through Grade 5)         | -----           | \$2,723.55   |
| 14   | World Vision (Sponsored child in Colombia)                        | \$35            | \$343.00     |

2016 Goal: **\$16,286** • Total Mission Offering for 2016: **\$11,775.80** • % of Goal: **72%**

**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. 3**



**The Salvation Army**  
Frederick, MD

**SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS** are available at church again this year. As in the past, the stockings will be available for boys or girls of various age groups. Each stocking contains a list of suggested items to purchase.

Please return your filled stockings by Sunday, November 13. The stockings will be taken to the Salvation Army in Frederick for distribution to less fortunate children within Frederick County.

*Salem Contact: Barbie Stottlemeyer*

**Stockings are due**  
**Sunday, November 13, 2016**

# Welcome New Members



Photos by Bill Burrier



On Sunday, October 16, 2016, at the 11:15 a.m. contemporary service, the Salem congregation, along with a large number of guests and family members, celebrated an infant baptism and the reception of two new members. Justinn and Holly Irons, of Mink Farm Road, Thurmont, became members of the Salem congregation, and their daughter Saralynn was baptized. In the above left photo, from left are Pastor Bob Snyder, Holly Irons, Saralynn Irons, and Justinn Irons.

Music for the service was provided by a contemporary band in which Justinn plays drums. In the above right photo, from left are Barrett Irons (guitar & vocals), Matt Irons (vocals), Mark Mathias (guitar & vocals), Justinn Irons (drums), and Ed Lind (keyboard & vocals).

## Annual “Salem Slam” Ping-Pong Tournament set for Friday, November 11, 2016, 5:30 p.m.

By Sue Ellen Stottleymer

Come and join us for a light meal and an evening of fun and fellowship for all ages. In addition to the meal, snacks will be offered throughout the evening.

All ages are invited, from the youngest of youth to adults — and we do have some very competitive adults at Salem.

So no excuses not to come. We will begin the meal around 5:30 p.m. and start tournament



play around 6:30 p.m.

Invite your friends for a meal, great fun and some time to enjoy each other’s company, and have a little fun while doing so. Hope to see you there!

## Wolfsville/Myersville CROP Hunger Walk raises \$2,717 to fight hunger

By Fonda Gormer

The final pledges have been collected and counted for the 2016 Wolfsville/Myersville CROP Hunger Walk. This year, 35 walkers and 2 dogs from five congregations walked on September 25. It was a beautiful day for a walk! Three other walkers walked later in the week and gathered pledges. Together \$2,717 was collected for local and international hunger programs.



The funds are sent to Church World Service in Elkhart, IN; in turn, 25% will be distributed locally, divided equally among the Religious Coalition for Emergency Human Needs, the Middletown Food Bank and Salem UMC Food Bank.

A sincere thank-you is extended to everyone who made this walk successful, including Ron and Amy Ellis, Michael Burrier, Katie Rudman and Jon Gormer, all the walkers and their sponsors. The need is great! May God bless each of you!

Mark your calendars now for next year’s CROP Hunger Walk on September 24, 2017.

Participating churches, the number of walkers from each congregation, and the amount raised are as follows:

|                     |           |                |
|---------------------|-----------|----------------|
| Pleasant Walk UMC   | 2 walkers | \$200          |
| Grossnickle COB     | 9         | \$895          |
| Harmony COB         | 4         | \$195          |
| Salem UMC           | 21        | \$1,094        |
| St. Mark’s Lutheran | 2         | \$333          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>        | <b>38</b> | <b>\$2,717</b> |


## Advent begins Sunday, November 27th



Salem will be providing an Advent devotional to each family which includes a brief reading for each day in Advent, including a suggested scripture, a short devotion, and a closing prayer.

The author, Rev. Dale Clem, is pastor of First United Methodist Church in Anniston, Alabama. He is the author of “Winds of Fury,” “Circles of Grace” and wrote the devotions for the WordAlive! bulletin service for 2016.

Salem will also be lighting Advent candles during Sunday worship services.



## Attendance Offerings

### September 2016

|         |   | Worship* |            | Sunday School |           | Average Attendance |               |
|---------|---|----------|------------|---------------|-----------|--------------------|---------------|
|         |   | Worship  | Offerings  | Worship       | Offerings | Worship            | Sunday School |
| Sept 4  | - | 86       | \$2,175.85 | 45            | \$257.00  | 92                 | 49            |
| Sept 11 | - | 91       | 2,409.00   | 58            | 270.50    | 92                 | 56            |
| Sept 18 | - | 100      | 1,881.00   | 46            | 73.00     | 80                 | 48            |
| Sept 25 | - | 91       | 2,364.75   | 46            | 86.12     | 94                 | 55            |
|         |   |          |            |               |           | 84                 | 55            |

\*Worship attendance & offerings include both worship services.

- Missions: \$1,945.00
- Cemetery Endowment: \$80.00

- Building Fund: \$200.00

(Missions, Building Fund offerings, etc. are not included in Worship & Sunday School offerings above.)

**Average Attendance Jan-Sept 2016**

Sunday Worship: 90

Sunday School: 54

## Final Report

### 2016 Lord's Acre Festival

September 10, 2016

----- *Financial Report* -----

**Sales:**

|                                |                  |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Produce .....                  | 1,197.25         |
| Needlework & Crafts .....      | 338.50           |
| Flea Table & Plants .....      | 358.10           |
| Youth Activities & Games ..... | 173.25           |
| Silent Auction .....           | 1,253.25         |
| Auction .....                  | 2,518.00         |
| Soup, Sandwiches, etc. ....    | 3,985.25         |
| Baked Goods .....              | 1,255.75         |
| Ice Cream .....                | 478.00           |
| <b>Total Sales .....</b>       | <b>11,557.35</b> |

**Contributions:**

|                                  |                 |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| UMW Bee-lievers .....            | 6,000.00        |
| Individuals .....                | 2,336.00        |
| <b>Total Contributions .....</b> | <b>8,336.00</b> |

**Total Income .....** 19,893.35

**Total Expenses .....** 2,299.49

**Net Profit .....** 17,593.86

Net profit placed in Salem's Building & Improvement Fund, to be used for maintenance of our buildings and grounds; equipment purchases, repairs, and equipment maintenance.

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Our sincere thanks to the Wolfsville community for once again supporting this annual event.

### Future Projects at Salem

- 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.



### Electronic Giving working well at Salem

If you are taking advantage of the convenience of electronic giving, Salem has offering cards available for you to place into the offering plate.

The card is printed with these words: "I give online. I support Salem Church and its ministry by giving electronically. I place this card in the offering as a way of participating in this act of worship."

If you are interested in giving your offering electronically, you may sign up at Salem website:  
[SalemChurchWolfsville.org/give](http://SalemChurchWolfsville.org/give)

### 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.



# November

## Calendar of Events



- Thu 3 Board of Trustees Meeting** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem  
**Thu 3 UMW "Bee-lievers"** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem  
**Sun 6 Daylight Saving Time ends**  
**Thu 10 Church Council** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem  
**Fri 11 "Salem Slam" Ping-Pong Tournament** - 5:30 p.m. light dinner, 6:30 p.m. tournament  
**Sun 13 "Operation Christmas Child" Shoe Boxes due**  
**Sun 13 Salvation Army Stockings due**  
**Wed 23 Wolfsville Community Thanksgiving Service** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem  
**Fri 25 Decorate Salem Sanctuary for Advent** - 7:00 p.m.

Recurring Events: Hero's Club After School Ministry is held every MONDAY when school is in session

Adult Choir every TUESDAY 7:30 p.m.

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.

### Adult Choir Notes

- By Sandy Lewis

Salem choir has begun practicing in preparation for Sunday morning worship services and other special services of the Thanksgiving and Christmas season.

We will be singing at the community Thanksgiving service on Wednesday, November 23, 2016, at 7 p.m., at Salem, and we are inviting members of other area choirs to join us.

We will also begin practicing music for Salem's Christmas Eve service very soon. We welcome anyone who would like to join us to come out for practice on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.



JOIN US  
 to decorate Salem's sanctuary  
 for Advent  
 Friday evening, November 25, 7:00 p.m.

Photo by Bill Burrier



The Works in Progress Community Praise Band was one of many groups who presented music at the Community Christian Music Festival on Sunday, October 9, 2016, at the Wolfsville Ruritan Park. The 4-hour event, which included music for everyone, gospel, bluegrass, and contemporary, was organized by the Grossnickle Church of the Brethren. Works in Progress presented seven contemporary songs: Everywhere I Go, God's Not Dead, No Turning Back, Blessed Redeemer, Come To Me, Fire, and The River. From left are Jessie Leatherman, Lori Williamson, Jim Laky, Michael Burrier, Susie Stottlemeyer, Chris Leatherman, and Donna Snyder.

### Board of Child Care Auxiliary "Christmas Store"

- By Dawn Nelson, Board of Child Care Key Person at Salem

Each year at Christmas, the Board of Child Care Auxiliary sets up a Christmas Store for the children served by the Board of Child Care. The store gives each child an opportunity to purchase Christmas gifts for their family members. Even though the children may not live with their parents and siblings during the holiday, giving them Christmas gifts is very important to them.

The Auxiliary collects new and like new merchandise to stock the Christmas store. The store sells these items at a very low price so the children can afford to buy them with money from their allowance.

I'm looking for volunteers to help me with the set up of the store and helping the youth the day of the opening of the store. On December 5th, at 10:00 a.m., at the Falling Waters facility, we will set out donated items from several districts. This usually takes two hours but with more hands on deck it could go quick. Then on December 6th, the store will open after school hours around 3:00. So if anyone is willing to help me, please give me a call at 301-293-9988. It's a very rewarding time, especially when you see their faces when they can purchase, on their own, an item for 50 cents for their love ones.



# Who's Doing What, When?

| 9:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP   |  | NOVEMBER   |
|---|--|--|
| <b>Lay Readers</b><br>6 - Patrick Boyton<br>13 - Dennis Draper<br>20 - Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer<br>27 - Phil Koons  | <b>Ushers</b><br>6 - Dick Kline & Steve Leatherman<br>13 - Vernon Stottlemeyer & Robin Haupt<br>20 - Donald Stottlemeyer & Meredith Harshman<br>27 - Philip Koons & Brandon Leatherman | <b>Music</b><br>6 - Sara Weitzel<br>13 - Praise Band<br>20 - Susan Koons<br>27 - Susan Koons     |
| <b>Greeters</b><br>6 - Brandon & Jessie Leatherman & Girls<br>13 - Bob & Petie Stup<br>20 - George, Barbie, & Matt Stottlemeyer<br>27 - Meredith Harshman                                     | <b>Acolytes</b><br>6 - Paul McCormick<br>13 - Noah Taveras<br>20 - Kenslie Buhrman<br>27 - Joshua Koons  |  |
| <b>11:15 A.M. CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP</b><br>An informal FAMILY FRIENDLY service with contemporary Christian music, pastor's message, children's time, sharing of joys and concerns, and prayer. |  | <b>Music</b><br>Nov 13 - Works in Progress Praise Band<br>Nov 27 - Works in Progress Praise Band |

## It's Your Day!

### November Anniversaries

- 2 - Phil & Susan Koons
- 10 - Harry & Karen DeLauter
- 24 - Ronnie & Sue Kinna

### November Birthdays

- 3 - Caroline Buhrman
- 4 - Darcy Gormer
- 9 - Bill Shankle
- 13 - Leah Tolland
- 13 - Fonda Gormer
- 13 - Betty Brandenburg
- 14 - Karen Sowers
- 16 - Polly Doyle
- 17 - Beth Snead
- 17 - Darlene Burrier
- 18 - Ben Swope
- 23 - Mary Alice Shankle
- 25 - Jadie Buhrman
- 26 - Olive Kline
- 26 - Mary Fogle
- 28 - Susie Stottlemeyer

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



Salem Mission Project No. 6

## "Thank You" from the Board of Child Care

- By Dawn Nelson, Cumberland-Hagerstown District Auxiliary President

Thank you for your recent gift of \$400 to the Cumberland-Hagerstown District Board of Child Care Auxiliary! The support from you is the reason why the Auxiliary of the Board of Child Care has been able to continually serve the Board of Child Care Agency.

We have been blessed, through your support, with the resources to provide many extras for the children and youth at the Board of Child Care. The auxiliary provides cookies for their parties, birthdays cards sent to the each child, tickets to the Hagerstown Suns games, a summer trip to Adventure Park in New Market, sports equipment, educational items and hams for their Thanksgiving dinners, as well as items for their Christmas Store. We also appreciate that Salem designates the entire Christmas Eve offering to be given to the Board of Child Care! We also appreciate the faithful 20 members who join the Auxiliary each year from Salem!

I'm looking for someone at Salem who can step into my role as Key Person for the Board of Child Care Auxiliary. Please pray about it and let me know if God is tugging on your heart to serve.

*Holy Communion*  
 Sunday, Nov. 6, 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.

Forgiveness does not change the past,  
 but it does enlarge the future.



Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman



**INSPIRATIONAL**  
*Reading*

**November Arrives**

*By Harriet Whipple*

A month not really welcome,  
So chilly, damp, and gray,  
With little left of beauty  
And frost at break of day.  
There's ice on every puddle;  
Our breath shows in the cold;  
The north wind makes us shiver  
By blowing hard and bold.



Within the home it's cozy,  
And we enjoy the heat  
And being all together  
To share in any treat.  
We've time for books and music,  
For indoor games and such,  
Where a pleasant atmosphere  
Can add a magic touch.

Then before the month is over  
The snow is on the way,  
And families feast together  
Upon Thanksgiving Day.  
We're grateful for our blessings  
Despite November's cold,  
And we can all be happy  
Within the family fold.

**Thanksgiving Prayer**

*By Carice Williams*

How very seldom do we send  
Our thanks to Heaven above  
To thank the Lord for all his care  
And for his tender love.



Each hour of every day He spreads  
His all-protecting arms  
Around us like a blanket soft  
To shield us from all harms.

We often fail to thank Him for  
The joy of having friends  
Or for the dawn of each new day  
Which constantly He sends.

And though we do so often err  
In sending praise his way,  
With grateful hearts our thanks go up  
On this Thanksgiving Day.

Choose the attitude of gratitude.



**RECIPE**



**Apple Muffins**

**Ingredients**

|                                |   |
|--------------------------------|---|
| 2 cups sifted flour            | 1/4 cup melted butter                     |
| 2 teaspoons baking powder      | 3/4 cup peeled and finely chopped apples  |
| 1/2 teaspoon salt              | 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon or nutmeg           |
| 3 tablespoons granulated sugar | 3 tablespoons granulated sugar mixed with |
| 2 eggs                         | 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon for topping    |
| 3/4 cup cold milk              | Butter or jam (optional)                  |

**Directions**

In a large mixing bowl sift the flour, baking powder, salt, and sugar. Add the eggs, milk, and melted butter all at once and stir until well moistened. Do not overbeat—the batter should be lumpy and rough. Fold in the apples and the cinnamon and pour into buttered muffin pans. Fill only 2/3 full to allow for baking expansion. Sprinkle cinnamon sugar on top of each muffin and bake in a preheated 400 degree oven for 20-25 minutes. Serve hot with lots of butter or jam. Makes 20-24 muffins.

*Selected from Betty Groff's Country Goodness Cookbook  
Mount Joy, Pennsylvania*



**The Harvest**

*By Esther York Burkholder*

The bright leaves have fallen,  
and late autumn has come.  
On the farmlands the harvest  
has been gathered in,  
safe from the winter storms,  
and in the roadside  
and city markets  
the stalls are colorful  
with fall fruits and vegetables.  
November is the month  
to appreciate and share  
the bounty that is ours,  
not forgetting those in want.

Unexpected kindness is the most  
powerful, most underrated agent of  
human change. Kindness that  
catches us by surprise brings out  
the best in our natures.

**For This Great Land**

*By Georgia B. Adams*

On this Thanksgiving Day I am  
So very proud to be  
A citizen of this great land,  
This great land of the free.

I press with new allegiance toward  
The spirit of goodwill;  
And every time they fly the flag,  
My heart wells up and thrills.

I think of all the great men who  
Made this land safe and free,  
And of their sacrificial lives,  
The fruits of which we see.

On this Thanksgiving Day I say  
A prayer that God above  
Will bless our grand America  
With blessings of his love!

Faith is . . .  
truth beyond the grip of logic—  
a silent knowing—  
time refined to a purpose—  
God focused into love—  
and seeds eternal  
gardened in the mind.

*Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman*



## Message from the Pastor and Worship in November

■ By PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER

I hope you're enjoying the autumn season. As the temperatures cool a bit and the trees change color, it's such a beautiful time of the year.

Just about the time this newsletter is published, we'll be holding our Fall Festival on October 30th. It's been great to see the enthusiasm around this event.

Then two weeks later, on November 11th, we'll be holding our always popular "Salem Slam" Ping-Pong Tournament. These are two great opportunities to invite a guest to Salem.

Then, on November 23rd, Salem will be hosting this year's Community Thanksgiving Service where we come together as a community to praise God as our first act of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Advent begins on Sunday, November 27th, and with it, the beginning of a new sermon series called "52."

At this year's annual Charge Conference, our District Superintendent, Rev. Conrad Link, challenged us to select 52 Bible verses to teach the message of the Bible in one year. I thought I'd give it a try. Send me your favorite Bible verses and I'll do my best to narrow them down to 52.

Also, please take a look at the newsletter article, "Adopting Wolfsville School," an exciting new ministry of Salem. Thanks for your commitment and have a great November! God Bless.

—Pastor Bob

### November 6

**All Saints Sunday, Holy Communion  
"God Helps Us Believe"**

**Luke 20: 27-38**

The Sadducees were the privileged in Jesus' day. They did not believe in the resurrection of the body, and one day a group of them challenged Jesus about it.



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Their sacred writings were the Torah, the first five books of our Bible (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy).

Knowing their deep trust in the Torah, Jesus quoted verses from it to convince this group of Sadducees that the resurrection is true.

Knowing us as well as he does, God finds the ways we can understand to convince us of his truths.

### November 13

**"God Calls Us, Then Sustains Us"**

**Luke 21: 5-19**

In these verses Jesus reveals what is coming, and reassures his disciples that he will provide for them and they will succeed.

We sense God calling us to grow in faith and service to others. We want to respond but sometimes we're afraid to do so. "Is this really God's will?" we question. "Can I succeed at what God seems to be asking of me? Do I have the time and the energy?"

God doesn't ask us to neglect our responsibilities, risk our health, or

needlessly strain our relationships to be his disciple. God does call us to grow and serve, then God provides what we need to succeed. God is calling us right now.

### November 20

**Christ the King Sunday**

**"Our Hope Is In Jesus"**

**Luke 23: 33-43**

Perhaps the best example of irony was the day of Jesus' death. As he suffered, so many different groups mocked Jesus. The rulers sneered at him, saying "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the chosen One" (Luke 23:35).

The soldiers mocked him, saying "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself" (Luke 23:37). The notice which hung above him was written with sarcasm, "This is the King of the Jews" (Luke 23:38). Even the criminal who hung on the cross beside Jesus yelled at him, "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!" (Luke 23:39).

We know now what they had failed to see: Jesus is the King! We place our hope in Jesus.

### November 23

**Community Thanksgiving Service**

**7 p.m. at Salem**

We come together as a community to praise God as our first act of the Thanksgiving holiday. This year, the service is being held at Salem. A community choir will sing "Together in Thanksgiving."

### November 27

**First Sunday in Advent**

**"52" Sermon Series**

**Week 1 – "You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come when you do not expect him."**

**(Luke 12:40).**

On this first Sunday in Advent, we once again begin our year-long cycle of worship: Advent Season, Christmas Day and the Christmas Season, Epiphany, Ordinary Time, Lent, Easter Day and the Easter Season, Pentecost, Ordinary Time and, finally, Christ the King Sunday.

During the next 52 weeks we'll explore 52 Bible verses that tell God's love story in one year.

On this first week, we'll look at Luke 12:40, where Jesus promises to return a final time. In this verse, Jesus teaches us to "be ready."



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# Salem Mission Projects

Photos by Dawn Nelson

Salem Mission Project No. 4

## Wolfsville Community gives faithful support to Salem's Food Pantry

■ By Dawn Nelson, Food Pantry Coordinator

**THANKS** to the following faithful donors to our Food Pantry!

- Pleasant Walk United Methodist
- Mt. Bethel United Methodist
- Myersville Church of the Brethren
- Grossnickle Church of the Brethren
- St. Paul's Lutheran
- Wolfsville Ruritan Club
- Middletown Valley Bank
- Wolfsville Elementary School
- Mid-Valley Homemakers

**THANKS** to our faithful volunteers that put in 26 hours of work this past quarter!

- Anna Mae Buhrman
- Nancy Ferguson
- Tara Birriel
- Dennis Draper (the muscles of the group)

We distributed approximately 2,000 pounds of food to 141 people this past quarter. We could not have done it without the help of our volunteers and our donors!

### Thanksgiving

This Thanksgiving, the Middletown Valley Bank will be paying for 16 Thanksgiving meals, turkey and all.

On November 17th, we will be picking up the meals through the Maryland Food Bank at the Nymeo Field at the Harry Grove Stadium in Frederick, and distributing them from the Wolfsville Ruritan Park that evening. Thanks go out to the Ruritan Club for allowing us to refrigerate our turkeys at their facility!

Please continue to keep our families in your prayers. There are so many of them that are struggling to keep food on the table. In fact, recent statistics show that Maryland has 1 out of 5 children that are going hungry every day. We must end food insecurity in our state and in our country!



Salem's Food Pantry is grateful for faithful volunteers who help deliver and organize food and supplies, and greet needy families every Tuesday evening from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Pictured above is our newest volunteer, Bob Pryor.



The Wolfsville Elementary School collected 567 cans/boxes of food for our pantry. The effort was coordinated by John Griffin and the 5th grade mentors, Kayleigh Buhrman, Josie Rippeon, Brianna Blickenstaff, Josie Delauter and Addie Betro. Along with Mr. Griffin and the Wolfsville students are food pantry volunteers Nancy Ferguson, Dennis Draper, and Anna Mae Buhrman.

Partnering with the Wolfsville Elementary School

## Reaching Out into the Wolfsville Community

### Salem Adopts Wolfsville Elementary School

■ By Pastor Bob Snyder

Recently, Salem adopted Wolfsville Elementary School as a ministry of our church. Our goal is: "To help bring God's love and support to the children of Wolfsville School, their families, and the school staff." We add our efforts to the many volunteers doing great work to support Wolfsville School, a treasure in our community.

Here are ways we are currently supporting the school:

- **Hero's Club** – Monday after school ministry during the school year
- **Salem Food Pantry** – Salem supports families through Salem's Food Pantry
- **Weekend Food Program** – Pick up food from Middletown United Methodist Church and deliver it to Wolfsville School
- **All Pro Families Breakfast** – Coordinating the breakfast the first Friday of each month
- **Continuous School Improvement Team** – Pastor Bob serves as the Community Representative
- **Evacuation Site** – Salem serves as the

school's evacuation site

- **"Tour of Wolfsville"** – Salem is one of the sites on this spring event for Pre-K students
- **Craft Item** – A Salem member is supplying a craft item for the school's Christmas Store
- **Clothing** – Members have donated money and the Bee-lievers are coordinating the purchase of underwear and sweat pants
- **Readers** – A Salem member has signed up to read with a student

The last item, volunteering to read with a student, makes a real, positive difference in a child's life and education.

It only takes as little as a half hour a week, and you can sign up for the time and day that works for you.

Wolfsville Elementary is unique in that it has a Carson Reading Room, a beautiful, well equipped space dedicated to reading and learning.

Elementary school age children and



seniors are particularly drawn to one another. If you are retired and can spare an hour a week, you can make an immediate difference in the life of a child. Please consider volunteering as a reading volunteer.

Wolfsville Elementary School is also supporting Salem. Student-led food drives are providing food for Salem's Food Pantry. The PTA has also contributed over \$400 to support the Food Pantry. We are thankful for these efforts and excited about partnering with Wolfsville School to continue to bring God's love and support to the children and families in our community.

### Salem "Bee-lievers" lead effort to assist Wolfsville Elementary School

■ By Fonda Gormer

#### Change for Changes

In an effort to strengthen the ties between Salem United Methodist Church and Wolfsville Elementary School, the "Bee-lievers" women's group collected "Change for Changes" during October.

The school staff noted that they need sweat pants and underwear for students who get wet during the school day due to weather or other factors.

An appeal for gently used sweatpants, and change or small bills to use to purchase underwear was made in Salem's worship services.

A total of \$52.23 was collected in a free-will offering plate at the back of the sanctuary. A delivery of clothing items will be made to the school in the near future. Thanks to everyone who contributed to this effort.



Photo by Jim Laky

**CHILDREN'S TIME AT SALEM** – At Salem's Sunday worship services, Pastor Bob always takes time to speak to the children about the spiritual lesson for the day. Children's time is observed at the 9:00 a.m. traditional service and the 11:15 a.m. contemporary service. Children are also emphasized in Salem's Sunday School program, each Sunday from 10:15-11:00 a.m. Dedicated Sunday School teachers provide life lessons and Bible study, building a Biblical foundation in lives, young and old. The above photo was taken on October 16, 2016, at the 11:15 a.m. contemporary service, when family and friends were present for the baptism of Saralynn Irons and the reception of new members, Justinn and Holly Irons.

November 7, 1927 - October 14, 2016

## A Tribute to Lorraine Ruth Barkdoll

### Life-Long Salem Member Remembered for Faith and Dedication

Lorraine R. Barkdoll, 88, of Black Rock Road, passed away Friday, October 14, 2016, at Meritus Medical Center, Hagerstown.

Lorraine was born November 7, 1927, in Wolfsville. She was the daughter of the late Sherman and Florence Kline. She was preceded in death by her husband, Donnie, of 59 years, on April 10, 2004.

Lorraine and Donnie were blessed with four children, two boys and two girls: Donnie Jr., Gary, Linda, and Sharon; 11 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on October 19, 2016, at Salem United Methodist Church with Pastor Bob Snyder officiating. Burial was in Salem Cemetery.

At the funeral, Pastor Bob spoke of Lorraine and the Barkdoll Family.

Recounting Lorraine's early years, Pastor Bob said, "Donnie Barkdoll and Lorraine were neighbors. Their parent's farms were right beside each other. Donnie and Lorraine married and remained together in marriage for 59 years until his death in 2004.

"Lorraine grew up on a farm during the depression. People worked hard to make a living and without many of the modern conveniences we have today. She attended Wolfsville School, located right across the parking lot where the parsonage sets now. She attended school through the 7th grade. Donnie went through the 5th grade. She was 17 and he was 18 when they were married.

"For many years, they lived and worked as tenant farmers, making a living and providing for their growing family.

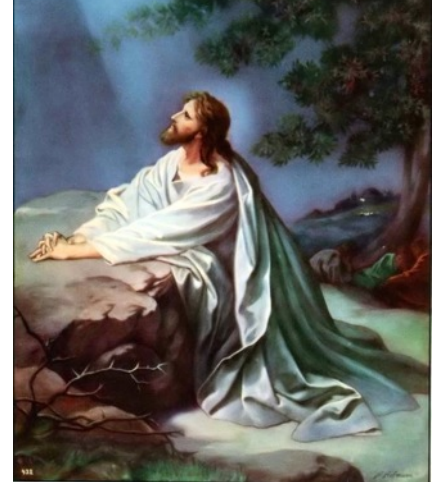
"Lorraine and Donnie are an example of 'opposites attract.' She was more the task master, more the disciplinarian of the two. He the more easy going type."

Pastor Bob continued, "Most of you know, bless her heart, Lorraine could carry on a conversation. I'd visit with her, as you would, and she'd get herself going and go from one thought or story to another and a good bit of time would be passing by and you weren't sure how you could politely bring the visit to a close. It was easy for Lorraine to have a lot to say.

"Over the time I've known her, Lorraine seems to me to be a good example of someone who was working out her faith with God. She had losses – the sudden death of her adult son "little Donnie." Then the passing of "big Donnie," after 59 year of marriage. Maybe it was these losses that caused her to become very anxious. People handle crises differently. Your little crises can be a big one to me. We're all different. And she had a good number of other health concerns: a heart condition, arthritis, constant headaches that hounded her, and other complications.

"But like I said, I feel all the while she was working out her faith with God's help. She'd watch worship services and Bible teaching on the T.V. She kept her favorite picture of Jesus constantly by her side, and would touch it as a way of staying close to God, and God's love and care.

"Lorraine would spend a good bit of time during our visits talking about Jesus, how much our Lord does for us, and how fortunate she was to be loved and cared for by Jesus. People who know her well say that over her lifetime they saw how she



grew in her understanding of and relationship with God. Isn't that what God asks of all of us.

"Whenever I'd finish my prayer and get ready to leave after a visit with Lorraine, she would always say in a very sincere way, 'thank you very much for coming.'

"Lorraine, thank you very much for being in our lives and for all that you have done for us and continue to do. We miss you already, but we're also happy you are home with "big" Donnie and "little" Donnie and all your other loved ones that have gone before. We're happy you don't have to suffer any longer – those bad headaches are now completely gone - and we're happy that your picture of Jesus that you kept by your bedside has now been replaced by the Lord himself. You are with the Lord now. You have your reward of eternal life and we are very happy for you. Thank you, Lorraine."

### Prescription Bottles being collected for mission project

■ By Fonda Gormer

At the recent charge conference, several churches mentioned collecting empty prescription bottles for reuse by medical missionaries.

Salem will be teaming with Mt. Lena United Methodist Church and Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church for the next delivery.

Just save your empty prescription bottles, remove the labels (don't worry if

there is a sticky residue remaining), and deposit the bottles in the large plastic jar labeled with RX on the counter at the top of the social room steps.



This will be a continuing project.

### Bumper Sticker Sermons

Give God what's right, not what's left.

Nothing ruins the truth like stretching it.

Don't put a question mark where God put a period.

Give Satan an inch and he'll become a ruler.

We don't change the message, the message changes us.

**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**



**I haven't even turned my computer on since our new Christian boss told us that we will be judged by our faith and not by our works.**

*Some thoughts to ponder . . .*

God has revealed enough of the future to give us hope, but not so much that we do not need to live by faith.

The most important thing in life is to learn how to give out love, and to let it come in.

In matters of style, swim with the current; in matters of principle, stand like a rock.

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

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10:15 a.m. Sunday School

11:15 a.m. Contemporary

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