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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

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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.

2016 MISSION PROJECTS

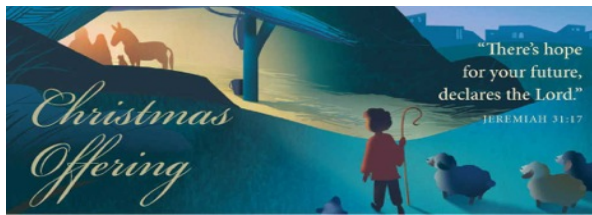
		MONTHLY MINIMUM	PAID Jan-Oct
1	Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer (Retired New Tribes Mission)	\$205	\$2,050.00
2	Operation Christmas Child (Postage paid in November)	-----	\$0.00
3	Salem Mission & Outreach (Local needs)	-----	\$1,082.13
4	Salem Food Pantry (Open Tuesdays 6:30-7:30 p.m.)	-----	\$2,305.67
5	Mary E. (Africa Inland Mission)	\$85	\$1,125.00
6	United Methodist Board of Child Care (Auxiliary & Direct Support)	-----	\$640.00
7	Gideons (Frederick West Camp - Distributing Bibles)	\$50	\$500.00
8	Potato Project (Society of St. Andrew, Big Island, VA)	\$50	\$500.00
9	Middletown High School (Fellowship of Christian Athletes)	\$50	\$500.00
10	Ronnie & Angi Hopkins (Nicaragua)	\$65	\$650.00
11	Care Net Pregnancy Center (Frederick, MD)	\$65	\$650.00
12	Compassion International (Sponsored child in India)	\$38	\$380.00
13	Hero’s Club After School Ministry (Pre-K through Grade 5)	-----	\$2,887.10
14	World Vision (Sponsored child in Colombia)	\$35	\$378.00

2016 Goal: **\$16,286** • Total Mission Offering for 2016: **\$12,890.35** • % of Goal: **79%**

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. 6



**Board of
Child Care**

**BALTIMORE &
FALLING WATERS
CAMPUSES**

CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING — The Board of Child Care (BOCC) is an agency within the United Methodist Church that is dedicated to ministering to the needs of troubled children and their families.

The BOCC takes care of children by providing long term places to stay and schools they can attend while there, as well as sponsoring children for adoption and day care. It is a unique ministry, dedicated to helping children and families in their greatest time of need.

Each year, **the entire offering received at Salem’s Christmas Eve program is given to the Board of Child Care.** Please pray and help with this offering as best you can. Every penny makes a difference to help a child.

The Cumberland-Hagerstown District Board of Child Care Auxiliary works closely with the Falling Waters campus.

Celebrating Jesus' Birth

Christmas *at* Salem



Salem Mission Projects Nos. 2 & 3

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD & SALVATION ARMY STOCKINGS

■ By Barbie Stottleyer

Thank you to everyone who contributed shoeboxes for the Samaritan Purse shoebox project and stockings for the Salvation Army this year.

We delivered 31 shoeboxes to Trinity United Methodist Church in Frederick, and 28 stockings to the Salvation Army.

Much care, thoughtfulness, and love went into filling each shoebox and stocking. Those accepting these gifts on behalf of the projects at both locations were very appreciative of the outpouring of gift giving from our church each year.

I am certain all the children, both near and far, will be excited and thankful for your generosity. I especially would like to thank Annabelle Martin for taking the time each year to wrap many of our shoeboxes.



United Methodist Women

Bee-lievers to hold Cookie Exchange

■ By Fonda Gormer, President, UMW Bee-lievers

The Bee-lievers will host their annual cookie exchange at their meeting on December 1, at 7 p.m. in the church social area.

The business meeting will open with Christmas readings, scriptures, or poems shared by members. After the meeting, during refreshment time, we will sample cookies and share recipes for new and old favorites. Each person attending is asked to bring 2-3 dozen cookies and the recipe for sharing.

The Bee-lievers welcome any women of the Salem community to join us.



Salem Christmas Party set for Saturday, December 3, 5:30 p.m.

■ By Sue Ellen Stottleyer

You are invited to the annual Salem Christmas Party to be held at the church on Saturday, December 3, at 5:30 p.m. Come together as a church family for an evening of fellowship and outreach to the community. A potluck dinner will be enjoyed by all. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Fun activities are being planned for all ages. We will be playing the exchange game which is enjoyed by children, youth and adults — bring a wrapped gift under \$5. There will also be a visit from Santa and caroling.



Salem Children's Choir to sing Christmas Eve

■ By Sara Weitzel

The Children's Choir will be rehearsing for the Christmas Eve Service, beginning Sunday, Nov. 27th, and continuing every Sunday through Dec. 18th.

All children who are available that evening and interested in participating in the choir are invited to meet for practices in the social hall, by the piano, during the LAST 10 minutes of the Sunday School hour (approximately 10:50-11:00 a.m.).

Please note the time change for rehearsing. We are trying this new practice time at the end of Sunday School, in hopes that children who normally attend the second service will be able to participate in the choir as well.

If you have any questions, please contact me at srweitzel@hotmail.com.



Advent Devotional

Salem is 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.



Preparing for Christmas Eve SALEM ADULT CHOIR

■ By Sandy Lewis

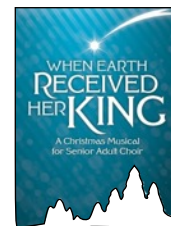
The Salem choir will present a Christmas musical entitled "When Earth Received Her King" at the annual Christmas Eve Service at 7 p.m. on December 24.

For many years God's people had waited for the promised Messiah. Prophets had foretold of His coming, yet many did not expect Him to arrive as a tiny baby in a humble stable.

Created and arranged by Marty Parks, this musical tells the story of when Earth received her King through familiar carols and new songs written by Marty.

Come and join us on Christmas Eve as we celebrate the season and proclaim the birth of Jesus.


"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us." —John 1:14



Luminaries for Christmas Eve

■ By Kathy Laky

We are doing Luminaries again this year for the Christmas Eve service. We would appreciate donations of pint sized jars, white glue, foam craft paint brushes, and battery operated tea lights.



Attendance Offerings

October 2016

		Worship*		Sunday School		Average Attendance	
		Worship	Offerings	Worship	Offerings	Worship	Sunday School
Oct	2	87	\$2,194.30	59	\$218.00	94	56
Oct	9	90	2,151.50	47	245.00	92	49
Oct	16	108	2,065.50	55	135.00	92	56
Oct	23	96	2,572.40	62	119.00	80	48
Oct	30	88	1,945.00	55	100.00	94	55

*Worship attendance & offerings include both worship services.

- Missions: \$1,114.55
- Cemetery Endowment: \$100.00

- Building Fund: \$200.00

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

Average Attendance Jan-Oct 2016
 Sunday Worship: 90
 Sunday School: 54

Restrooms to be updated at Salem

The Salem Church Council recently approved and authorized the Board of Trustees to update the restrooms on the lower level of the educational building.

The current fixtures in both the men's and women's restrooms are to be replaced with new, more efficient ones.

Salem Mission Project No. 14



Yurley Paola Paul

Salem's sponsored child through World Vision

Thank you for your support in helping to improve my community, so I can have a better life and future. I am now 13 years old. Currently, I am in secondary school studying grade 8.

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.
- Update restroom fixtures on lower level of educational building

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

MY REGULAR CHURCH OFFERING	
For Church Expenses.....	\$ _____
For Missions	\$ _____
For Building Fund	\$ _____
Name _____	

Offering Envelopes for 2017

If anyone wishes to start or stop their offering envelopes for the new year, please email Lora McGraw, Salem Financial Secretary, at kre8ive4u@yahoo.com or call and leave a message at 301-824-3322. Anyone who has started online giving does not have to notify me to cancel.

Offering Cards for Electronic Givers

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

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.



December

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
- Sat 3 Christmas Party** - 5:30 p.m. at Salem
- Thu 8 Church Council** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Sat 17 Country Churches Christmas Tour** - 1:00-5:00 p.m.
- Sat 24 Christmas Eve Program** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem

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

1. **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.
2. **Pick Up Paper Copy at Church** — We are printing 85 copies for members who do not have e-mail and can pick up their copies at church.
3. **First Class Mail** — We are mailing about 30 copies, using the 47 cents First Class postage rate.

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

- Dec 3 - Christmas Party
- Dec 24 - Christmas Eve Program

2017

- Feb 3-5 - ROCK Youth Retreat
- Feb 12 - Youth Sunday
- Apr 9 - Seniors' Appreciation Luncheon
- Apr 22 - Hershey Park Trip
- Jun 16 - End-of-Year Pool Party (Mueller's)
- June 27-July 2 - Creation Music Festival

Co-Leaders:

- Wanda Barkdoll (301-416-0882)
- Laura Snyder (240-440-4884)

Salem Mission Project No. 4

Salem Food Pantry Distributes 16 Thanksgiving Meals

Photos submitted by Dawn Nelson

The Maryland Food Bank recently provided 244 Thanksgiving turkey meals to five food banks in Frederick County, of which 16 meals were provided to Salem's Food Pantry in Wolfsville.

The cost of the meals was \$10 each, and a donation of \$160 from the Middletown Valley Bank covered the cost of Salem's 16 meals.

On November 17th, the Maryland Food Bank delivered the meals to the Nymeo Field at Harry Grove Stadium in Frederick.

In the top photo, Dawn Nelson and Dennis Draper picked up Salem's 16 meals at the stadium.

In the lower photo, Salem Food Pantry volunteers and two staff members from the Middletown Valley Bank helped distribute the meals to our food pantry families.

From left are Tara Birriel, Salem Food Pantry; Rachael Rohrer, Middletown Valley Bank, Myersville Branch; Anna Mae Buhrman, Salem Food Pantry; Sharon Schroyer, Middletown Valley Bank, Myersville Branch; and Nancy Ferguson, Salem Food Pantry. Dawn Nelson, Salem Food Pantry Leader, commented, "We were so blessed to have Middletown Valley Bank sponsor this event." Also, we offer our thanks to the Wolfsville Ruritan Club for allowing us to store the frozen turkeys in their freezer.



Who's Doing What, When?

9:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP		DECEMBER
Lay Readers 4 - Melissa Thornton 11 - Steve Leatherman 18 - Randy Freysz 25 - Fonda Gormer	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 - Praise Band 18 - Susan Koons 25 - Susan Koons
Greeters 4 - Randy & Brenda Freysz 11 - Bill & Darlene Burrier 18 - George, Barbie, & Matt Stottlemeyer 25 - Donald & Susie Stottlemeyer	Acolytes 4 - Paul McCormick 11 - Noah Taveras 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 Dec 11 - Works in Progress Praise Band

It's Your Day!

December Anniversaries

- 3 - Ron & Amy Ellis
- 12 - Bob & Petie Stup
- 23 - Jon & Fonda Gormer
- 24 - Dennis & Ruth Draper

December Birthdays

- 3 - Joe Hawkins
- 4 - Judith Harne
- 4 - Dottie Hager
- 6 - Cody Blickenstaff
- 8 - Sara Weitzel
- 9 - Theresa Haupt
- 9 - Mark Koons
- 11 - Amber Breneman
- 12 - Laura Colbert
- 17 - Holly Rippeon
- 18 - Holly Brashears
- 23 - Bill Burrier
- 25 - Stuart Tolland
- 28 - Lavena Jenkins
- 29 - Jackson Haddock

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

600 pound bell placed in Salem's belfry in 1893

Our thanks to Harley "Base" Kuhn of Hancock for recently providing information about the bell in Salem's belfry. Mr. Kuhn provided a newspaper clipping from the September 8, 1893, edition of "The News" (Frederick, Maryland), which stated, "John Henry Maugans, a well-known merchant of Wolfsville, donated to the congregation the 600 pound bell which has just been placed in the belfry of the new United Brethren Church at that place."

In 1893, Salem was associated with the United Brethren in Christ denomination and although Salem Church was originally built in 1847, the sanctuary was newly rebuilt in 1893, and that's when the bell was added. The bell's donor, John Henry Maugans, owned and operated the Wolfsville General Store which is now the Harne's store.

Mr. Kuhn is interested in Wolfsville's history because he is related to the Maugans family who lived and worked in Wolfsville as far back as the 1800s. He grew up on the Maugans' farm on Harp Hill Road. The man who donated the bell, John Henry Maugans, was a cousin to Mr. Kuhn's great grandfather.

The information about the bell is welcome because this fact had not been previously included in Salem's history.

Holy Communion
 Sunday, Dec. 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.

Christmas is not as much about opening our presents as opening our hearts.



Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman





INSPIRATIONAL
Reading

The Little Things at Christmas

By Gertrude B. Holman

Especially at Christmastime
We find great joy in little things . . .
The melody of carols sung,
The memory an angel chorus brings.

The tiny candle from the window seen
Burns with a certain holy light;
It brings to mind the one bright star
That shone on that most holy night.

The gifts we wrap for those we love,
No matter whether big or small,
Are tokens of our love for them
As wise men’s offerings we recall.

The happiness and love on this one day
Bring thoughts which warm and cheer.
May we keep Christmas in our hearts
Through every day of all the year.



Christmas List

By Hilda Butler Farr

What do we want for Christmas?
What do we want, indeed—
We’re well supplied with comforts;
There’s little that we need.

What are we most desiring
As carols flood the air?
What do we want for Christmas
To keep our souls from care?

A little understanding,
Some love and friendship, too,
Some kindly words to help us
In everything we do—

These lasting gifts of beauty,
We’d choose above the rest,
Are all we need for Christmas
To make us rich and blessed.



For unto you is born this day
in the city of David a Savior,
which is Christ the Lord.
And this shall be a sign unto you;
Ye shall find the babe
wrapped in swaddling clothes,
lying in a manger. —Luke 2:11-12



RECIPE



Cranberry-Nut Holiday Tarts

Ingredients

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|--|--|
| 1/2 cup butter (no substitutes), softened | 1 teaspoon vanilla |
| 3-ounce package cream cheese, softened | 1/3 cup finely chopped fresh cranberries |
| 1 cup all-purpose flour | 3 tablespoons chopped walnuts |
| 1 egg | |
| 3/4 cup packed brown sugar | |
| 1 tablespoon butter (no substitutes), melted | |

Directions

BEAT together the 1/2 cup butter and the cream cheese in a small mixing bowl with an electric mixer on medium to high speed till combined. Stir in flour till combined. Cover and chill about 1 hour or till dough is easy to handle.

FOR FILLING, beat together egg, brown sugar, the 1 tablespoon melted butter, and vanilla. Stir in chopped cranberries and walnuts.

SHAPE dough into 1-inch balls. Press each ball onto bottom and up sides of an ungreased 1 3/4-inch muffin cup. Fill each with 1 rounded teaspoon of filling.

BAKE in a 325 degree oven for 25 to 30 minutes or till filling is firm. Cool tarts slightly in pans on wire racks. Remove tarts from pans and cool completely on racks. Makes 24.

NOTE: The dough is rich enough that the baked tarts will pop easily out of the baking cups.

Anita Harshman made this for the Bee-lievers cookie exchange.



Wondrous Love

By Emily May Young

Now holy Christmastime is
here once more,
We linger in that story centuries old;
The glistening snow, the
wreath-trimmed door,
Present a picture of the story told
In scenes surpassing any festival.
And now the joyous carol
singers come;
Their lyric voices sweetly mystical
Shall carry messages
to Christendom.

And gently on the cold
December air
The haunting loveliness of
“Silent Night”

Renews the picture, living,
still as fair
As when the Child first slept
in candlelight.
We feel good will on earth, and
toward mankind
A wondrous love to heal the
troubled mind.

It’s a Boy!

Christopher Robin Haupt

Born November 17, 2016

Congratulations to Brett and Kendra Haupt, Thurmont, proud parents of their new baby boy, Christopher Robin, born November 17, 2016. He weighed 5 pounds 12 ounces.

Congratulations also to grandparents Robin and Theresa Haupt, Wolfsville, and great grandparents Bill and Mary Alice Shankle, Myersville.

In Sympathy

The Salem congregation expresses deepest sympathy to the Kuhn family on the passing of Donald Kuhn, 95, of Wolfsville, on November 18, 2016.

We appreciate Mr. Kuhn and his family who faithfully support church activities in the Wolfsville community.



Message from the Pastor and Worship in December

■ By PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER

I love Advent and wish we had the power to just slow the whole season down. Maybe, with God's help, we can.

I'm praying for God to help me maintain an internal spirit of peace and watchfulness for God, no matter how hectic things get on the outside. I want to be at peace, seeing all the ways God is working in my life and the world around me.

Bring a guest and come to enjoy Salem's Christmas Party on December 3rd. Also, please be discussing with God what you will be pledging for your financial offering in 2017.

Pledge Sunday is Dec 11th. Each individual or family will have an opportunity to place a slip of paper in the offering plate that simply says, "I pledged in 2017." Pledge slips will remain on the altar during 2017.

The "52" Sermon Series started on November 27th. 52 Bible verses are being selected and then we'll take a verse a week to tell the Bible story over the next year. I'm still in the process of selecting the 52 verses and you can help by sending me the Bible verses that are precious to you and guide your life.

Do you know a person who would benefit from this series? Please bring them along to church as your guest. Invite, help, serve – that's what we strive to do at Salem.

Thanks and God Bless.

—Pastor Bob

December 4

Second Sunday of Advent

Holy Communion

"52" Sermon Series

Week 2 - "Because I live you also will live." (John 14:19)

We want assurance. How do we know we'll live on after we die? John 14:19 says, "Because I live you also will

live." Jesus' own resurrection, his life after death, assures us that we will live after we die. The Bible tells us that the resurrected Jesus appeared before many eye witnesses on several different occasions. These eye witness accounts are corroborated by several different authors in the Bible. The Bible also tells us that resurrection life will be a wonderful thing to experience. This gives us great hope!

December 11

Third Sunday of Advent

Pledge Sunday

"52" Sermon Series

Week 3 - "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)

We've said Jesus' resurrection makes possible our life after death. How did Jesus get here in the first place? Jesus came into the world because of God's love. It all starts with God's love.

Knowing we are incapable of saving ourselves, God made a radical decision, "I'll go into the world and save humankind myself."

To fully identify with us and provide for all our needs, God took on human form in the person of Jesus who grew up in an ordinary family with Mary and Joseph of Nazareth as his parents.

December 18

Fourth Sunday of Advent

"52" Sermon Series

Week 4 - "For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6)



How did a very accurate description of Jesus get into the Old Testament Book of Isaiah written hundreds of years before Jesus' birth? God used the prophet Isaiah to foretell that one day a Savior of the people would come. After Jesus' resurrection, his disciples looked back on these words from Isaiah with a new understanding.

The Bible is always a conversation God is having with us right now, where we are in life. Next year, when we go back to a verse we're studying now, it's likely to take on some new and helpful meaning. God's love and care for us is ongoing.

December 24, Christmas Eve

Experience the deeply moving Christmas Story told through scripture readings, carols, a live nativity scene, songs by the Children's Choir, and a choral presentation by the Adult Choir.

The children will be doing their Christmas recitations, and candlelit luminaries will bring the prophet's words alive, "The people walking in darkness have seen a great light ..." (Isaiah 9: 2a)

December 25 – Christmas Day

"52" Sermon Series

Week 5 - "But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people.'" (Luke 2:10)

Many times, in the Bible, God will say, "Do not be afraid." God knows each of us so well and knows what we fear.

In this case, God's messenger had come to the shepherds watching their flocks at night in the fields around Bethlehem.

God wanted them to be the first to know that their Savior had been born.

The shepherds of the day were on the lowest rung of the social ladder. God wanted them to know first and he also wanted them to know that he would be the Savior of all people, everywhere.

Just as God met the shepherds in their fields, God meets us right where we are, reassuring us, "I am your Savior too."

November 11, 2016

“Salem Slam” Ping-Pong Tournament



Jake Ward and Denny Leatherman Take First Place in 2016 Ping-Pong Tournament

■ By Sue Ellen Stottleyer

Photos by Sue Ellen Stottleyer & Wanda Barkdoll

The 2016 “Salem Slam” Ping-Pong Tournament was held on Friday evening, November 11, and was well attended this year.

The social hall was filled with many spectators and competitors and a good meal was enjoyed by all.

23 adults and 12 youth participated in the tournament.

Match-ups between players was selected randomly by an APP on an iPad. This system worked well and everyone was guaranteed at least two matches.

Jake Ward took first place and Josh Perez took second place in the Youth Division.

Denny Leatherman took first place, and Klaus Mueller took second place in the Adult Division.

Thank you to all those who brought food, helped set-up or helped clean up.

A huge shout-out to those who showed up Thursday evening before the tournament to help set-up and assemble the two new tables. This was a huge undertaking but the tournament would not have been a success without the new tables.

Currently there are plans to hold another tournament sometime in January 2017, so get those paddles ready!



PING-PONG 2016 TOURNAMENT RESULTS — Jake Ward (left front) took first place and Josh Perez (center) took second place in the Youth Division. Denny Leatherman (right) took first place, and Klaus Mueller (left) took second place in the Adult Division.



Scenes from . . .

Salem's Harvest Festival

October 30, 2016

Salem's First Harvest Festival a Success in spite of Rain and Chill

■ By Kathy Laky

The afternoon of Oct. 30th started out rather warm and sunny as set up for Salem's first Harvest Festival began; but, the weather quickly started to change to a more fall like atmosphere.

As the guests of Salem began to arrive, trunks were being decorated, hot dogs starting to grill, and the hay ride took its first passengers, as a brisk wind announced a rainstorm approaching.

A large deluge descended and after a quick scramble to get everything under the cover of the pavilion, the party began to take off anyway. Hot dogs came off the grill at a quick pace, while damp hay riders sat on straw bales that surrounded the pavilion's hearth and warmed themselves by a nice roaring fire.

As the rain left us with a nice fall chill, the costume judging contest took place. The participants showed amazing creativity, and thought, that went into their costumes, and many awards went out that evening. A quick game of Mummy Wrap followed, exhausting numerous rolls of toilet paper. A sight that none of us are sure to forget.

Finally it was time for the main event! The Trunk or Treat

portion of the festival was a huge success. The trunks were very creative; ranging from spooky to inspirational. It was obvious that plenty of thought and work went into the decorating of the trunks. The costumed and un-costumed alike enjoyed going to each vehicle and partaking of fellowship and candy and enjoying the decorations. A merry sight indeed.

The fun wrapped up with a couple of apple games. The apple on a string game required its participants to try and bite an apple while it was being dangled by another person. It was a hoot and entertained the spectators as much as the participants. An apple relay race rounded out the evening.

As our guests departed there were plenty of happy faces and hopes that we will be having the event again next year.

This year's Harvest Festival committee consisted of Cathie Elsbach, Kathy Laky, Becky Leatherman, Denny Leatherman, Bill Weaver and Joyce Weaver.

A special thanks to the Barkdoll Family, Amy McCormick and Sara Weitzel for their much appreciated help, and to Steve Leatherman for the fabulous hay rides!

Photos by Marilyn Leatherman



More Scenes from . . .

Salem's Harvest Festival

October 30, 2016

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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



This is the seventieth times seventh time I've forgiven your baseball through my window . . . this is the last time! (See Matthew 18:21-35)

Some thoughts to ponder . . .

When you feel as though you're drowning in life's situations, don't worry, your Lifeguard walks on water.

When you lose patience with someone, think how patient God has been with you.

We can't make people change, but when we change, others may change.

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