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**“SALEM SLAM”**  
Ping-Pong Tournament  
Friday, January 13th  
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## Soup & Sandwich Sale set for March 4 & 5


*Place your order now.*

■ By Fonda Gormer  
Winter has set in, and it's time for soup and sandwiches, just like what is available at the Lord's Acre Festival.

Salem's women's group, the Bee-lievers, will be offering ham and turkey salad sandwiches, along with vegetable, bean with rivels, turkey noodle and turkey corn soups.

Soup is priced at \$5.00 per quart; ham sandwiches \$3.50 and turkey salad sandwiches \$2.50.

Orders must be placed by January 31; pick-up times for soup and sandwiches will



Orders due  
**JANUARY 31**

be Saturday, March 4, from 4 to 6 p.m., or Sunday March 5, after morning services.

To order soup or sandwiches, give orders to Fonda Gormer (301-293-2436), Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer or Barbie Stottlemeyer.

Use the order form below, or pick up one in the church entryway.

✦ FOOD SALE ORDER FORM ✦

Give orders to Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer, Fonda Gormer, or Barbie Stottlemeyer by January 31, 2017.

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

SOUPS	all \$5.00 per quart	How many?	Amount \$
Vegetable	\$5.00/quart	_____	\$ _____
Turkey Corn	\$5.00/quart	_____	\$ _____
Turkey Noodle	\$5.00/quart	_____	\$ _____
Bean with rivels	\$5.00/quart	_____	\$ _____
SANDWICHES			
Country Ham	\$3.50 each	_____	\$ _____
Turkey Salad	\$2.50 each	_____	\$ _____
TOTAL amount due at pick up			\$ _____

PICK UP (check one)

Sat Mar 4 - 4-6 pm \_\_\_\_\_

Sun Mar 5 (a.m.) \_\_\_\_\_

**WISHING YOU A BLESSED NEW YEAR 2017**



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**Salem Membership Statistics:**  
Current Membership: 243  
2017 New Members: 0

**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.

 <b>2016 MISSION PROJECTS</b>		MONTHLY MINIMUM	PAID Jan-Nov
<b>1</b>	<b>Frank &amp; Nancy Stottlemeyer</b> (Retired New Tribes Mission)	\$205	\$2,255.00
<b>2</b>	<b>Operation Christmas Child</b> (Postage paid in November)	-----	\$0.00
<b>3</b>	<b>Salem Mission &amp; Outreach</b> (Local needs)	-----	\$1,279.07
<b>4</b>	<b>Salem Food Pantry</b> (Open Tuesdays 6:30-7:30 p.m.)	-----	\$2,588.62
<b>5</b>	<b>Mary E.</b> (Africa Inland Mission)	\$85	\$1,225.00
<b>6</b>	<b>United Methodist Board of Child Care</b> (Auxiliary & Direct Support)	-----	\$640.00
<b>7</b>	<b>Gideons</b> (Frederick West Camp - Distributing Bibles)	\$50	\$550.00
<b>8</b>	<b>Potato Project</b> (Society of St. Andrew, Big Island, VA)	\$50	\$550.00
<b>9</b>	<b>Middletown High School</b> (Fellowship of Christian Athletes)	\$50	\$550.00
<b>10</b>	<b>Ronnie &amp; Angi Hopkins</b> (Nicaragua)	\$65	\$715.00
<b>11</b>	<b>Care Net Pregnancy Center</b> (Frederick, MD)	\$65	\$715.00
<b>12</b>	<b>Compassion International</b> (Sponsored child in India)	\$38	\$418.00
<b>13</b>	<b>Hero’s Club After School Ministry</b> (Pre-K through Grade 5)	-----	\$3,180.29
<b>14</b>	<b>World Vision</b> (Sponsored child in Colombia)	\$35	\$413.00

2016 Goal: **\$16,286** • Total Mission Offering for 2016: **\$13,847.50** • % of Goal: **85%**

**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.

<b>SALEM MISSION PROJECTS for 2017</b>	
1. Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer, Retired, New Tribes Mission .....	\$2,460
2. Operation Christmas Child (shoe boxes) .....	350
3a. Salem Mission & Outreach .....	1,180
3b. Wolfsville Elementary School PTA (NEW for 2017)	
Monthly “All Pro Families Breakfast” .....	900
4. Food Pantry at Salem .....	1,180
5. Africa Inland Mission (Mary E.) .....	1,020
6. United Methodist Board of Child Care .....	1,360
7. Gideons (Frederick County, West) .....	600
8. Potato Project (Society of St. Andrew) .....	600
9. Middletown High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes .....	600
10. Ronnie & Angie Hopkins (Nicaragua) .....	780
11. Care Net Pregnancy Center of Frederick .....	780
12. Compassion International (Sponsored Child) .....	456
13. Hero’s Club after school ministry .....	4,500
14. World Vision (Sponsored Child) .....	420
 TOTAL GOAL for 2017 .....	 \$17,186



*Celebrating Jesus' Birth*

# Christmas *at Salem and beyond*



Photo by Michael Burrier



December 4, 2016 — A large crowd attended the Christmas Sing-Along at Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church. Special guests were The Catocin Mountain Boys and Works in Progress Praise Band.

Photo by Michael Burrier



December 11, 2016 — Pastor Bob speaks to the children about Advent during Salem's 11:15 a.m. family friendly contemporary worship service. Music was provided by Works in Progress.

Photo by Bill Burrier



December 18, 2016 — Barbie Stottlemyer, Salem Outreach, led an effort to prepare 17 fruit baskets, 7 poinsettias, and 1 food box given to our shut-ins, seniors, and those who had a difficult year.

Photo by Bill Burrier




December 18, 2016 — Sandy Lewis, Salem's Adult Choir Director, at the piano at left, led the choir in two Christmas songs at the 9:00 a.m. traditional worship service.

## Scenes from Salem's Christmas Party — December 3, 2016

Photos by Wanda Barkdoll





# Attendance Offerings

## November 2016

		Worship*		Sunday School	
Nov	6	82	\$2,569.50	53	\$283.50
Nov	13	101	2,348.50	59	224.00
Nov	20	80	2,203.00	53	125.00
Nov	27	97	2,748.00	44	85.00

\*Worship attendance & offerings include both worship services.

- Missions: \$957.15
- Cemetery Endowment: \$60.00

- Building Fund: \$200.00

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

Average Attendance		
	Worship	Sunday School
Nov	90	52
Oct	94	56
Sept	92	49
Aug	92	56
July	80	48

Average Attendance Jan-Nov 2016

Sunday Worship: 90  
Sunday School: 54

United Methodist Women

## Salem “Bee-lievers” News & Activities

■ By Fonda Gormer, Bee-lievers' President

### Homemade Apple Butter available from the Bee-lievers

Randy and Brenda Freysz, as part of their annual apple butter making, offered to make an extra kettle for a Bee-lievers' fund-raiser.

So on a cold November Saturday, several of the Bee-lievers helped with the cooking and dipping.

We are now offering homemade apple butter for \$3 per pint or \$6 per quart. Contact me at 301-293-2436 or fonda.gormer@comcast.net, if you are interested in purchasing any of this delicious treat!

### Commemorative Cookbook being considered

Two years ago, the Bee-lievers tossed out the idea of a commemorative cookbook to be published for Salem's 200th anniversary in 2019. So far, the response has been tepid!

The idea was to collect recipes that have been handed down over the years that may have been a favorite of an aunt or grandmother or other person who was part of the Salem community. We don't want to lose those recipes!

Recipes for any food category will be accepted at this point. We do request

that accurate measurements be given, i.e. no “handfuls” or “pinches”.

Include the source of the recipe and a bit of its history. For example, “Great-grandma Smith always made this cake for tent meetings.”

We know there are great recipes that have been handed down. We may later request more current recipes to fill the cookbook, but for now, we are looking for older ones!

So far, we have three recipes. If there is no interest in this cookbook, we will abandon the plan and put our efforts into other projects.

We need to hear from you! Let me know, as soon as possible, if you think the cookbook is a good idea or if you have recipes to share.

### Bee-lievers to continue holiday spirit at January meeting

At the January 5 meeting of the Bee-lievers, the women will be working on ornaments for the 2017 Christmas store at the Wolfsville Elementary School.

If you are interested in helping, please bring scissors and a hot glue gun to the meeting at 7 p.m. in the church social area.

## 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.

**FAMILY MINISTRIES SURVEY** — The Committee for Family Ministries is seeking your input and suggestions for activities throughout the coming year. Please complete the survey form, available at church, or contact Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer with your suggestions.





**January**

# Calendar of Events



- Thu 5 Board of Trustees Meeting** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Thu 5 UMW "Bee-lievers"** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Fri 13 "Salem Slam" Ping-Pong Tournament** - 6:00 p.m. at Salem
- Sat 21 Church Council Retreat** - 8:30 a.m. to Noon at Salem  
(This will replace the meeting normally scheduled the second Thursday of the month.)

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

**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's Youth Group will attend ROCK 2017 February 3-5 at the Ocean City Convention Center, Ocean City, MD

*Sponsored by Salem's Youth and Family Ministries*

## Ping-Pong Tournament set for Friday, January 13, 2017

■ By Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer

A "Salem Slam" Ping-Pong Tournament will be held on Friday evening, January 13, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.

Come and join us for a light meal and an evening of fun and fellowship. 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 6:00 p.m. and start tournament play around 7:00 p.m. Please bring a dessert or snack to share.

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



Winners of the last tournament held in November. Youth Division: Jake Ward (first) and Josh Perez (second). Adult Division: Denny Leatherman (first) and Klaus Mueller (second).

*Salem Mission Project No. 4*

## Outstanding Community Support for Salem's Food Pantry

■ By Dawn Nelson

Recent donations for Salem's Food Pantry were:

- Food from the Grossnickle Church of the Brethren
- \$500 from an individual
- \$346.69 from Mt. Bethel UMC Christmas Sing-Along
- \$353.50 from Mt. Zion UMC (photo at right)
- \$180.00 from Wolfsville Elementary School PTA



Dawn Nelson (left) accepts a food pantry donation of \$353.50 from Joann Horine, Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, Myersville. Mt. Zion's donation was from profits from their election day dinner.

# Who's Doing What, When?

9:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP		JANUARY	
<b>Lay Readers</b> 1 - Wanda Barkdoll 8 - Mary Cline 15 - Robin Haupt 22 - Donald Stottlemeyer 29 - Dennis Leatherman	<b>Ushers</b> 1 - Dick Kline & Steve Leatherman 8 - Vernon Stottlemeyer & Robin Haupt 15 - Donald Stottlemeyer & Meredith Harshman 22 - Philip Koons & Brandon Leatherman 29 - Robin Haupt & Donald Stottlemeyer	<b>Music</b> 1 - Sara Weitzel 8 - Praise Band 15 - Susan Koons 22 - Susan Koons 29 - Sara Weitzel	
<b>Greeters</b> 1 - Fonda Gormer 8 - Phyllis Beall 15 - George, Barbie, & Matt Stottlemeyer 22 - Robin & Theresa Haupt 29 - Dennis & Ruth Draper	<b>Acolytes</b> 1 - Paul McCormick 8 - Noah Taveras 15 - Kenslie Buhrman 22 - Joshua Koons 29 - Noah Taveras		
<b>11:15 A.M. CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP</b> 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> Jan 8 - Works in Progress Praise Band Jan 22 - Works in Progress Praise Band	

## It's Your Day!

### January Anniversaries

- 1 - Donald & Susan Stottlemeyer
- 2 - Kyle & Leann Crutchley
- 16 - Charles & Christi Beall
- 21 - Charles & Dawn Brown

### January Birthdays

- 6 - Patty Weagley
- 7 - Dwayne Ledford
- 19 - Bill Buhrman
- 19 - Elizabeth Beall
- 19 - Della Hager
- 20 - Bradley Flook Jr.
- 21 - Joann Leatherman
- 22 - Lora McGraw
- 27 - Carley Weagley
- 29 - Blake Wagaman
- 31 - Chase Woods

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



## Salem hosts visitors during church tour

■ By Fonda Gormer

On Sunday, December 18, Salem participated in the Country Churches Christmas Tour.

Over 50 visitors took the opportunity to see the sanctuary decorated for Christmas and to learn of Salem's history. Each guest was offered a brochure about the church and a pen.

The event had been scheduled for Saturday, December 17, but due to the ice and snow storm, was postponed to the next day.

*Salem Mission Project No. 13*

## Hero's Club holds Christmas Dinner

Salem's after school ministry, Hero's Club, held its annual Christmas dinner for the student's families and friends on Monday, December 19, 2016. The event, organized by Hero's Club Director, Heather O'Connor, was well attended.

The menu included "Jesus in a Blanket," "Spiritual Spaghetti with Meatballs," "Gracious Green Salad," "Rejoicing Rolls," and desserts "Christmas Cookies" and "Cupcakes Decorated by Your Child."

About 30 children attended Hero's Club for the fall semester.

*Holy Communion*  
 Sunday, Jan. 1, 2017  
 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.



## Sticky Buns & Apple Pies For Sale

As a fundraiser for Salem's United Methodist Women "Bee-lievers", Anita Harshman is making Pecan Cinnamon Sticky Buns and Apple Pies.

- Pecan Cinnamon Sticky Buns: \$12 a dozen
- Apple Pie (9-inch): \$10 each

You may purchase these items directly from Anita. To place an order, call Anita at 301-293-2080. Orders can be placed at any time and can be picked up after services on Sunday.

The way to happiness: Keep your heart free from hate, your mind from worry. Live simply, expect little, give much. Fill your life with love.



Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman



### New Year Wishes

*By LaVerne P. Larson*

I have many New Year wishes  
For you within my heart,  
And all my special wishes  
Have a true love to impart.

Wishes for your happiness  
Now and all year through . . .  
Wishes for the best of health  
To always dwell with you.

May you walk in sunshine  
At the dawn of each new day,  
And as evening shadows fall  
May the bright stars light your way.

May your heart be free from sorrow,  
All your friends be kind and true,  
And your loved ones make a heaven  
Here on earth for you.

May your blessings be so many  
That you can truly say . . .  
My cup has runneth over,  
I thank Thee, Lord, each day.



### Measuring Rod

*By Stella Craft Tremble*

I measure my time by the good that unfolds,  
By kindness and love that every day holds.  
I measure no year by the minutes or hours,  
But by unfurling blessings that blossom like flowers!

A tear of forgiveness that shines in the eye,  
An emerald gleam of a bird flitting by;  
A flock of new hopes my heart gathered in  
When faith has been shattered and dreams have  
grown thin.

I measure my day by fear overcome;  
By virtue's plain loaf and contentment's  
sweet crumb.  
I mark on the calendar-month and its days  
The moments of progress and seconds of praise

Then as years or almanacs draw to a close,  
I count precious moments and measure by those.

God's love for us is as expansive as the  
open arms of Christ on the cross.



## RECIPE



### Cranberry, White Chocolate, and Macadamia Nut Cookies

#### Ingredients

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| 2 cups (10 ounces) all-purpose flour                       | 2 teaspoons vanilla extract             |
| 1/2 teaspoon baking soda                                   | 1 cup (6 ounces) white chocolate chips  |
| 1/2 teaspoon salt  | 1 cup dried cranberries, chopped coarse |
| 12 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted and cooled slightly | 1 cup macadamia nuts, chopped           |
| 1 cup packed (7 ounces) light brown sugar                  |   |
| 1/2 cup (3 1/2 ounces) granulated sugar                    |   |
| 1 large egg plus 1 large yolk                              |   |

#### Directions

1. Adjust oven rack to lower-middle position and heat oven to 325 degrees. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper.
2. Whisk flour, baking soda, and salt together in medium bowl. Using stand mixer fitted with paddle, beat melted butter, brown sugar, and granulated sugar on medium speed until smooth, 1 to 2 minutes. Add egg and yolk and vanilla and mix until combined, 30 seconds, scraping down bowl as needed. Reduce speed to low, slowly add flour mixture, and mix until just combined. Add chocolate chips, cranberries, and macadamia nuts and mix until incorporated.
3. Working with 2 tablespoons of dough at a time, roll into balls and space them 2 inches apart on prepared sheets. Bake cookies, 1 sheet at a time, until edges are set but centers are still soft and puffy, 15 to 20 minutes, rotating sheet halfway through baking. Let cookies cool on sheet for 10 minutes. Transfer cookies to wire rack and let cool completely before serving, about 45 minutes. Makes about 32 cookies.

Note: This cookie balances sweet, creamy white chocolate chips and rich macadamia nuts with tart dried cranberries. Melted butter helps make these cookies chewy, and an extra yolk keeps them soft and tender. Slightly underbaking the cookies and allowing them to finish cooking from the residual heat of the baking sheet ensures that they retain that fresh-baked chew once cool.

*Susan Gibson made these cookies for the Bee-lievers cookie exchange.*



### Our Time Together

*By Sandra Town Lytle*

Lord, when the sun is turning all  
The morning sky bright pink,  
It's such a special time for me  
To take the time to think  
Of all the things that make Your world  
A lovely place to be:  
Good health, a smile to share with all,  
And friends, and family.  
I love to spend this peaceful time  
With You, my dearest friend,  
Who knows my secrets and my dreams  
And helps my heart to mend.  
So as You paint the world each morn,  
This blissful time we'll share,  
Close by my window to the world  
Here in my rocking chair.

### Threshold Thoughts

*By Esther Baldwin York*

We are at the threshold of another year, and such an occasion brings on thoughts. There are thoughts of the past year, both happy and sad. And there are thoughts of the future, perhaps wondering, perhaps full of plans for the days ahead. If there are fearful thoughts, let us try trust; if there are gloomy thoughts, let us look to the sunrise of new hope. May we cross the threshold with purpose, and faith in One who goes with us and knows the way, for here is a brand new year!





## Message from the Pastor and Worship in January

■ By PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER

**As** I write this, another Christmas is upon us and another year is coming to a close. My prayer is that each of us will carry the hope, joy, peace, and love of Christmas into each day of the New Year that God has given us.

Thank you for all your great work for the Lord in 2016. I love each one of you. I'm thankful to be your pastor and look forward to inviting and growing and serving alongside of you in 2017.

God is up to something and exciting times are ahead! God Bless,

—Pastor Bob

### January 1

**Epiphany Sunday, Holy Communion  
Installation of Church Leaders**

**"52" Sermon Series**

**Week 6 – "Claiming Jesus as Our Savior"**

"On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him" (John 14: 19).

Epiphany means "appearance." On Epiphany Sunday, we remember the visit of the wise men to see and worship baby Jesus. A star had "appeared" in the east where they lived, signaling the birth of the Savior, and they followed the star all the way to the stable in Bethlehem where Jesus was born.

They made the journey to see and worship Jesus as their Lord and Savior. They believed in Him. Do we believe? Are we ready to surrender all of ourselves to Jesus and make him the true Lord and Savior of our lives in 2017?

### January 8

**Baptism of the Lord**

**"52" Sermon Series**

**Week 7 – "Jesus Was Obedient"**



"Jesus replied, 'Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness'" (Matthew 3: 15a).

To be righteous is to be in right relationship with God. To stay in right relationship we make the choice to obey God. Jesus made that choice.

People from all over the region were coming to the Jordan River to be baptized by John. They confessed their sins, were baptized, and their relationship with God was restored.

The water symbolized the act of God who washes away our sin. Jesus was without sin and didn't need to be baptized but he is our leader and received baptism to set the example for us: obey God, confess your sin, and stay in right relationship with God.

### January 15

**"52" Sermon Series**

**Week 8 – "God is All Loving, All Knowing, All Present, All Powerful"**

"Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light" (Genesis 1: 3).

Sometimes God is described as all loving, all powerful (omnipotent), all knowing (omniscient), and all present (omnipresent). God comes before all things and is greater than all things.

Try as we may, our human minds can't understand God's greatness. Who among us can figure out how a person creates the way God creates. At the beginning, God said, "Let there be light." And what happened? Immediately, there was light. Who else but God can do that? What an awesome thing it is to have God on our side, loving us and looking out for us.

### January 22

**"52" Sermon Series**

**Week 9 – "God is Both Holy and Approachable"**

"Take off your sandals, for the place you are standing is holy ground" (Exodus 3: 5b).

When God called upon Moses to lead his people out of slavery, God said to him, "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is Holy Ground" (Exodus 3: 5b).

God wanted Moses to understand that he was in the presence of the Most Holy One. At the same time, God did nothing to harm Moses or drive him away.

When Dorothy and her companions reach the Emerald City in the movie "The Wizard of Oz," the great wizard manipulates them and tries to scare them away. But the God of the universe is not like that. Our great God is as approachable and helpful as He is holy.

### January 29

**"52" Sermon Series**

**Week 10 – "God is Both Savior and Judge"**

"Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe in him is condemned already because he does not believe in the name of God's one and only Son" (John 3: 18).

God went to extraordinary lengths to save you and me from sin and death.

When all else failed, God sent his very own Son to live among us and teach us the right way to live; so we'd have an example.

When even that failed, God allowed Jesus to die for us, saving us from our sin and the death we certainly deserve.

Yes, God's love is truly amazing! All God asks for in return is that we accept his gift; that we believe and trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior of all.

If we choose not to believe in Jesus, we risk eternal separation from God and also limit the kind of life we could be having right now. God will allow this, God doesn't force us to believe.

God will judge us unworthy of eternal life if that is our choice, but I imagine every time that happens, it leaves God with great sadness.



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## Salem's Mission Projects

Salem Mission Project No. 9

### Middletown High School "Fellowship of Christian Athletes"

■ By Carolina Maggio, Senior, Middletown High School

December 16, 2016

On behalf of Middletown High School's Fellowship of Christian Athletes, I would like to thank everyone at Salem United Methodist Church for their monthly donations to our organization.

My name is Carolina Maggio (Senior at MHS) and after being an FCA leader for almost 3 years, I can say that your donations have allowed our club to reach out to various parts of our school and community by sharing God's love. Some of our past projects include:

- Providing a catered lunch for our custodial staff while they worked to remove snow.
- Making baskets for Claire Knight's family after Claire passed away in a car accident.
- Making a basket for Hiedi Baker's family after she passed away from an illness.
- Buying Christmas presents for Toys for Tots.

This month, we recently purchased 750 candy canes, to be distributed the day before Christmas break to students in our school, with the message "Merry Christmas from the Fellowship of Christian Athletes." During our December 16th club meeting, members worked to tape the messages to the candy cane packages.

Your funding has allowed us to expand our ability to share God's message of compassion and charity. FCA has had such a large impact on our school that this year more than 100 students in all grades signed up to join or return to our club! Thank you for giving us the opportunity to develop deeper relationships with God as well as encourage others to live as Jesus did.

"I like being in FCA because I get to show the love of Jesus to both people who follow Him and those who don't. Planting a seed and watching God nurture it is amazing!" —Sarah Martin, 11th grade

"I like FCA because it connects me to my classmates in a way that you normally can't during the school day. We can express our faith with our friends." —Madeline Hillsman, 12th grade

Following this year's FCA theme of "Rise," our club will continue to rise to the occasion and find new ways to impact our community.

In 2017, we are looking forward to using club time to prepare lunches for those in need.

In conclusion, I will share with you Joshua 1:9: "This is my command - be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."



Fellowship of Christian Athletes' members open their meeting in prayer.



Senior Carolina Maggio leads a lesson detailing the candy cane activity.



Fellowship of Christian Athletes' members work on their candy cane activity.



Candy canes ready to distribute to Middletown High School students.

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## Salem's Mission Projects



Salem Mission Project No. 1

### An Update from Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer

■ Retired Senegal "New Tribes Mission" Missionaries



December 2, 2016

Dear Folks at

Salem United Methodist Church:

We want to thank you for your faithful helping to support us in our ministries for many years. We do appreciate your prayers for us and your financial help to us.

We thank the Lord for continuing good health. We are thankful that we can continue to be busy serving.

Nancy is enjoying doing volunteer work two or three days at the Hagerstown Rescue Mission. She continues to visit several widows regularly, serves in the church nursery, and does other things at church.

Frank continues to serve on the board of our home church, as church treasurer, and serves in other ways at our home church. We have been able to do some work for friends and neighbors.

Some of us from our church, Black Rock Bible Church, plan to canvas the neighborhood for a special candlelight service the evening of December 23rd.

We are thankful for some new individuals and some families that have begun attending fairly regularly but we really want to see more children and teens become regular and involved at the church. No doubt that is the desire in all churches and something for which we should all be working and praying.

Our son-in-law, Lynn Harney, continues to minister every day at the Hagerstown Rescue Mission as well as working at FedEx at night.

Our daughter, Wanda, has been volunteering at the mission.

Our son, Eric & his wife Wendy have been very busy on meetings during their home assignment. They plan to return to Senegal in early January to

resume teaching the Bible to the Badyaranké people. Please be praying for those who became Christians over the past year or two and that many more will trust Christ as Savior.

Our daughter, Rebecca, was in charge of a missionary guest home for several months. She has now returned to the village where she also ministers to the Badyaranké people. She plans to again start literacy classes as soon as the harvesting is finished and people will be available.

Our son, Gary, his wife Lisa, with their three children, continue to serve at New Tribes Mission Homes; a center for retired missionaries in Florida.

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

*Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer*

Salem Mission Project No. 3b (NEW)

### Salem Adds Mission Support for Wolfsville Elementary School PTA

Salem's Church Council recently prepared its budget for 2017. Along with budget categories for pastoral ministry, ministry programs, church buildings and grounds, Salem will continue to support 14 mission projects. One additional item was added to Salem Mission Project No. 3 "Local Mission and Outreach." \$100 per month, for a total of \$900 for the 2017 spring and fall semester, has been approved to support the Wolfsville Elementary School PTA "All Pro Families Breakfast," held once a month at the school.

The first Friday of each month, during the school year, the PTA serves an "All Pro Families Breakfast" at 7:30 a.m. in the school cafeteria. The PTA invites all moms, dads, kids and families to come for breakfast and a short program of parenthood and family topics.

The January breakfast will be held Friday, January 6, 2017. Pastor Bob and Donna Snyder are currently leading this effort. Pastor Bob reports that approximately 75 people are attending the monthly breakfasts.

The breakfast programs, although not religious, are designed to give great tips and resources to help parents be the best parents they can be, while strengthening their relationships with their children.

A few months ago, Salem officially 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 Salem is 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 UMC 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

Wolfsville Elementary School is also supporting Salem. Student-led food drives are providing food for Salem's Food Pantry. The PTA has also contributed financial support to 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.

*Serving the Lord in Wolfsville*

## Salem Church Leaders for 2017



**EACH YEAR**, church leaders are nominated by Salem's Nominations and Leadership Development Committee, and then elected at the annual Charge Conference, held this year on October 4, 2016.

### Church Council:

Chair of Church Council – Vernon Stottlemeyer  
 Pastor – Bob Snyder  
 Lay Leader – Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer  
 Assistant Chair of Church Council – Meredith Harshman  
 Chair of Board of Trustees – Gary Barkdoll  
 Chair of Evangelism - Dennis Leatherman  
 Chair of Finance Committee – Bill Burrier  
 Chair of Nominations & Leadership Development Committee - Bob Snyder  
 Chair of Mission and Outreach (Interim) - Bob Snyder  
 Chair of Staff Parish Relations Committee – Dennis Draper  
 Chair of Worship Committee – Mary Alice Shankle  
 Church Communications Coordinator – Bill Burrier  
 Church Treasurer – Bill Burrier  
 Financial Secretary – Lora McGraw  
 Lay Member to Annual Conference – Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer  
 UMW/Bee-lievers President – Fonda Gormer  
 Secretary of Church Council – Theresa Haupt  
 Sunday School Co-Superintendents – Bobby Fogle & Kathy Laky  
 Young Adult Member - Rebecca Leatherman  
 Youth Member – Joshua Koons  
 Member-at-large – Robin Haupt  
 Member-at-large – Kathy Laky  
 Member-at-large – Anita Harshman

**Board of Child Care Auxiliary Representative:** Dawn Nelson

### Board of Trustees:

Gary Barkdoll (2017), Richard Harshman (2017)  
 Brandon Leatherman (2017)  
 Robin Haupt (2018), Klaus Mueller (2018)  
 Michael Cackowski (2018)  
 Patrick Boyton (2019), Donald Stottlemeyer (2019)  
 George Harne (2019)

**Caregiving Team Leader** - Susie Stottlemeyer

**Children's Coordinator:** Caroline Buhrman

### Choirs:

Adult Choir Director – Sandy Lewis  
 Children's Choir Leader – Sara Weitzel

**Church Organist** - Susan Koons

**Church Pianist** - Sara Weitzel

**Custodian** - Amy McCormick

**Family Ministries Leader** - Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer

### Finance Committee:

Chair – Bill Burrier  
 Pastor – Bob Snyder  
 Lay Leader - Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer  
 Lay Member to Annual Conference – Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer  
 Church Council Chairperson – Vernon Stottlemeyer  
 Chair of Staff Parish Relations Committee – Dennis Draper  
 Chair of Trustees – Gary Barkdoll  
 Financial Secretary – Lora McGraw  
 Church Treasurer – Bill Burrier  
 Sunday School Co-Superintendents – Bobby Fogle & Kathy Laky

Chair of Mission and Outreach (Interim) - Bob Snyder  
 Chair of Worship Committee – Mary Alice Shankle  
 Audit – Meredith Harshman

**Food Pantry Leader** - Dawn Nelson

**Hero's Club Leader** - Heather O'Connor

**Local Lay Servant** - Wanda Barkdoll

### Nominations and Leadership Development Committee:

Pastor - Bob Snyder (Chair)  
 Lay Leader – Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer  
 Patrick Boyton (2017), Kathy Laky (2017)  
 Sara Weitzel (2017)  
 Anita Harshman (2018), Theresa Haupt (2018)  
 Susie Stottlemeyer (2018)  
 Cathie Elsbach (2019), Holly Rippeon (2019)  
 Bill Buhrman (2019)

### Staff Parish Relations Committee:

Lay Leader - Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer  
 Lay Member to Annual Conference – Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer  
 Pastor – Bob Snyder  
 Dennis Draper (2017) (Chair), Michael Burrier (2017)  
 Susie Stottlemeyer (2017)  
 Phyllis Beall (2018), Caroline Buhrman (2018)  
 Susan Koons (2018)  
 Wanda Barkdoll (2019), Dennis Leatherman (2019)  
 Fonda Gormer (2019)

### Sunday School:

Co-Superintendents – Bobby Fogle & Kathy Laky  
 Sunday School Treasurer – Mary Fogle  
 Secretary – Lora McGraw  
 Librarian – Brandon Leatherman  
 Pre-K Teacher – Caroline Buhrman  
 Kindergarten through Second Grade Teachers – Jennifer Burrier, Michael Burrier  
 Third Grade through Fifth Grade Teachers – Kathy Laky, Patrick Boyton, Melissa Thornton  
 Middle and High School Teacher – Fonda Gormer  
 Young Adult Class Teacher - Dennis Leatherman  
 Adult Discussion Group Teacher – Bill Burrier  
 Men's Class Teachers – Bobby Fogle, George Harne, Meredith Harshman  
 Women's Class Teachers – Mary Cline, Darlene Burrier

### Worship Committee:

Chairperson – Mary Alice Shankle  
 Communion Steward (Prepare) – Richard and Anita Harshman  
 Communion Stewards (Serve) – Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer, Susie Stottlemeyer  
 Communion Steward Assistant (Serve) – Darlene Burrier  
 Computer System Coordinator – Michael Burrier  
 Computer System Operators – Michael Burrier, Sarah Burrier, Bill Burrier  
 Contemporary Service Representative – Jim Laky  
 Flower Coordinator – Barbara Stottlemeyer  
 Recorded Music - Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer  
 Members – Bill Burrier, Theresa Haupt, Dennis Leatherman, Sara Weitzel

### Youth Group Leaders:

Wanda Barkdoll and Laura Snyder



**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**



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**Once you get your permit, learn to ride, and prove yourself responsible, we can discuss moving up to a camel . . . Happy Sixteenth Birthday, Bud.**

*Some thoughts to ponder . . .*

If we have no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant.

Though no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending.

Gratitude shows us what is there, instead of what isn't.

One beautiful heart is better than a hundred beautiful faces.

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

**The Mountain Shepherd**

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**TWO WORSHIP SERVICES**

— Every Sunday —

9:00 a.m. Traditional

10:15 a.m. Sunday School

11:15 a.m. Contemporary

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January 2017