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**FAMILY SKATE NIGHT**  
New location  
Starland • Hagerstown  
Sunday, February 12th  
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## Salem to attend ROCK Youth Retreat in Ocean City, February 3 through 5



### Ocean City Convention Center

ROCK is a powerful and fun-filled weekend in Ocean City, Maryland, sponsored by the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church.

The event allows youth and adults to take a step back from their busy lives and learn about the amazing love of Jesus Christ.

It is an awesome experience for folks to more fully connect with God and their friends while listening to great bands and speakers. You will leave ROCK renewed and ready to spread the word about God's great love for us.

ROCK is designed as a retreat with a focus on presenting the Gospel message in an exciting, culturally appropriate way for young people (and now adults, too) to be exposed to and have an opportunity to respond to an invitation to a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ.

**ROCK 2017: Schedule**  
February 3-5, 2017

**FRIDAY NIGHT**  
7:00 – Registration Opens  
7:45 – Doors Open for Event Seating  
8:30-10:30 – Friday Night Session

**SATURDAY MORNING**  
8:30 – Registration Opens  
9:00 – Doors Open for Event Seating  
9:30-11:00 – Saturday Morning Session  
11:30-12:30 – Breakout Session A

**SATURDAY NIGHT**  
6:00 – Doors Open for Breakouts  
6:30-7:30 – Breakout Session B (includes Mass Choir rehearsal in Main Hall)  
7:45 – Doors Open for Event Seating  
8:30-10:30 – Session

**SUNDAY MORNING**  
9:00 – Doors Open  
9:30-11:30 – Sunday Morning Session



**ATTENDING THIS YEAR FROM SALEM: 17 YOUTH & 10 ADULTS**  
**MORE ABOUT ROCK 2017 ON PAGE 3**



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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.

**Go**  **2016 MISSION PROJECTS**  
**Final Report for 2016**

		MONTHLY MINIMUM	PAID Jan-Dec
1	Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer (Retired New Tribes Mission)	\$205	\$2,460.00
2	Operation Christmas Child (Postage paid in November)	-----	\$0.00
3	Salem Mission & Outreach (Local needs)	-----	\$1,518.34
4	Salem Food Pantry (Open Tuesdays 6:30-7:30 p.m.)	-----	\$2,649.10
5	Mary E. (Africa Inland Mission)	\$85	\$1,325.00
6	United Methodist Board of Child Care (Auxiliary & Direct Support)	-----	\$1,217.88
7	Gideons (Frederick West Camp - Distributing Bibles)	\$50	\$600.00
8	Potato Project (Society of St. Andrew, Big Island, VA)	\$50	\$600.00
9	Middletown High School (Fellowship of Christian Athletes)	\$50	\$600.00
10	Ronnie & Angi Hopkins (Nicaragua)	\$65	\$780.00
11	Care Net Pregnancy Center (Frederick, MD)	\$65	\$780.00
12	Compassion International (Sponsored child in India)	\$38	\$456.00
13	Hero’s Club After School Ministry (Pre-K through Grade 5)	-----	\$3,507.31
14	World Vision (Sponsored child in Colombia)	\$35	\$448.00

2016 Goal: **\$16,286** • Total Mission Offering for 2016: **\$17,234.31** • % of Goal: **106%**

- Here’s how you can give . . .**
1. Make checks payable to Salem United Methodist Church, or place cash in an envelope marked “Missions.”
  2. Tell us which mission project(s) you wish to support by making a note on your check or envelope.
  3. Place your contributions in the offering plate at Sunday worship or mail to Salem.  
If you do not designate a project, your contribution will be distributed to the project or projects needing funds to meet the monthly minimum payout goals.

**SALEM MISSION PROJECTS for 2017**

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
	<b>TOTAL GOAL for 2017</b>	<b>\$17,186</b>

More about the . . .

## ROCK Youth Retreat *in* Ocean City

youth retreat  
**ROCK**

Youth Ministries of the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church

### ROCK 2017: ON STAGE

#### Music and Worship

##### PRESTON CENTUOLO

A dynamically engaging communicator, Preston Centuolo naturally speaks right to the heart of youth, helping them see beyond pressing obstacles to seize their own unique purpose. For over two decades, Preston has tirelessly shared his inspiring story with young people around the world. His words resonate with youth struggling to find balance in an increasingly chaotic, high pressure, information-overload age. A masterful storyteller, Preston's message offers a fresh outlook, helping youth find renewed hope and direction in spite of pressing circumstances. He expertly addresses common issues facing youth and demystifies confusing, mixed messages that come from all directions in today's technological era.



Preston Centuolo, Main Speaker

##### SIDEWALK PROPHETS


Sidewalk Prophets is a contemporary Christian music band from Nashville, Tennessee. The group won the 2010 GMA Dove Award for New Artist of the Year. They have toured with Jeremy Camp and Audio Adrenaline on the strength of independent albums, then rode the popularity of their first Word Records release, *These Simple Truths*, to a Dove Award for Best New Artist and a nomination for Pop/Contemporary Album of the Year. "The Words I Would Say" reached No. 3, "You Can Have Me" entered the Top 20, a Christmas single, "Hope Was Born This Night", reached the Top 10, and "You Love Me Anyway" reached No. 1 on the Billboard Christian Singles chart. The band has also toured in the Rock and Worship Roadshow with MercyMe and Francesca Battistelli, among others, and received another Dove nomination for Group of the Year in 2011.



Sidewalk Prophets, Christian Music Band

Salem: Last year at ROCK





## December 2016

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		Worship*		Sunday School	
Dec	4	96	\$2,294.50	53	\$254.00
Dec	11	87	1,954.39	54	206.06
Dec	18	95	2,172.00	62	271.00
Dec	25	72	2,637.00	40	88.00

\*Worship attendance & offerings include both worship services.

- Missions: \$3,386.81
- 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
Dec	88	52
Nov	90	52
Oct	94	56
Sept	92	49
Aug	92	56

**Average Attendance Jan-Dec 2016**  
 Sunday Worship: 90  
 Sunday School: 54

## Snyder Family now living in Myersville

**New Home Address:**  
 517 Main Street, P. O. Box 171  
 Myersville, MD 21773

Although Pastor Bob is not planning to retire within the next few years, he and the family would like to stay in the area after his retirement.

In addition to their desire to live here, they are very happy with the school system and would like Loralli, who currently attends Wolfsville Elementary, to be able to continue through the Middletown school system.

They had been casually looking for a house to purchase, and a few months ago, they saw a house for sale in Myersville and decided to take a look. They liked the house, proceeded to purchase it, and moved to Myersville on January 9, 2017.

### No Change in Pastor Bob's Pastoral Appointment at Salem

There is no change in Pastor Bob's pastoral appointment at Salem. He will continue to minister at Salem and work from his office in the parsonage. See the schedule of his office hours below.

When not in his office at the parsonage, Pastor Bob will also be working from his home in Myersville, attending meetings, and visiting.

Pastor Bob's desire is to minister at Salem and in the Wolfsville community until his retirement (although mindful that pastor appointments in the United Methodist Church are from year to year).

Pastor Bob emphasizes that he will always be available, and the best way to get in touch with him is via his cell phone (240-385-6833). Please make a note: this is a NEW cell phone number.

### OFFICE HOURS for PASTOR BOB

<p><b>Sunday</b></p> <p>7am - 1 pm    Prep, worship, Sunday School (at church)</p> <p>6 - 7 pm      Bible Study (at church)</p> <p><b>Monday</b> (day off)</p> <p>6-7 am        Devotions (at home)</p> <p>9-11 am      Planning Time (at home)</p> <p>5-6 pm        Hero's Club (at church)</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday</b></p> <p>6-7 am        Devotions (at home)</p> <p>9 am - Noon   Parsonage Office</p> <p>Noon - 1 pm   Lunch</p> <p>1-5 pm        Visitation, meetings, or parsonage office</p> <p><b>Saturday</b></p> <p>7-9 am        Final touches on Sunday's sermon (at home)</p>
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Pastor Bob will also be at church or in homes to attend meetings or check-in on evening activities at the church. He will make hospital visits and other visits as situations arrive. He will be working at home, at the parsonage office, or elsewhere, as needed.

## 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.



# Calendar of Events



## February

- Thu 2 Board of Trustees Meeting** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Thu 2 UMW "Bee-lievers"** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Fri-Sun 3-5 ROCK Youth Retreat** - Ocean City, MD
- Tue 7 Adult Choir** practices resume, 7:30 p.m. at Salem
- Thu 9 Church Council** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Sun 12 Youth Sunday** - 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. worship
- Sun 12 Family Skate Night** - Starland Roller Rink, 800 Park Road, Hagerstown, MD
- Sat 18 Women of Faith Prayer Breakfast** - at the Snyder home, 517 Main St., Myersville

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. (beginning Tues Feb 7)  
 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 49 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

### Family Skate Night set for Sunday, February 12

#### NEW LOCATION

■ By Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer  
 Salem's Family Ministries is holding a Family Skate Night on Sunday, February 12, 5:00-7:30 p.m. at the **STARLAND ROLLER RINK**, 800 Park Road, Hagerstown, MD; phone: 301-739-9844.

This is an opportunity to invite friends and neighbors and introduce them to the Salem Church Family.

Free admission and free skates (Inline skates are \$1.00).

For more info, contact Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer 301-293-1470 or ses1313@comcast.net.



Scenes from last year's Family Skate Night



# Who's Doing What, When?

9:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP		FEBRUARY	
<b>Lay Readers</b> 5 - Dennis Draper 12 - Youth Sunday 19 - Brenda Freysz 26 - Gary Barkdoll	<b>Ushers</b> 5 - Dick Kline & Steve Leatherman 12 - Vernon Stottlemeyer & Robin Haupt 19 - Donald Stottlemeyer & Meredith Harshman 26 - Philip Koons & Brandon Leatherman	<b>Music</b> 5 - Sara Weitzel 12 - Praise Band 19 - Susan Koons 26 - Susan Koons	
<b>Greeters</b> 5 - Bill & Caroline Buhrman 12 - Youth Sunday 19 - George, Barbie, & Matt Stottlemeyer 26 - Denny Leatherman & Family	<b>Acolytes</b> 5 - Kenslie Buhrman 12 - Paul McCormick 19 - Noah Taveras 26 - Joshua Koons		
<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> Feb 12 - Works in Progress Praise Band Feb 26 - Works in Progress Praise Band	

## It's Your Day!

### February Anniversaries

- 16 - Olvey & Delores Myers
- 22 - Roy & Holly Rippeon
- 28 - Curtis & Dawn Nelson

### February Birthdays

- 1 - Maria Barkdoll
- 3 - Michael Burrier
- 3 - Ruth Draper
- 6 - David Woods Jr.
- 9 - Robin Haupt
- 9 - Robert Keller Jr.
- 9 - Patrick Waite
- 9 - Jim Bullock
- 10 - Linda Hessong
- 10 - Trista Wright
- 13 - Emma Waite
- 16 - Polly Miller
- 19 - Samuel Sowers
- 21 - Dianna Poling
- 21 - Landon Lafferty
- 23 - Rev. H. Ronald Ellis
- 24 - Scott Wisner
- 24 - Grace Adams
- 24 - Gary Barkdoll
- 26 - Wesley Beall

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

## Homemade Apple Butter available from Bee-lievers

■ By Fonda Gormer

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!

*Salem Mission Projects No. 3 & 13*

## Salem provides support for the Chen Family

The Wolfsville community was saddened by the sudden death of John Chen, Pleasant Walk Road, killed in an traffic accident on January 5, 2017.

John was a single father, raising four children, one of which attended Salem's Hero's Club After School Ministry.

A special offering from the Salem congregation totaling \$238, and a contribution from Hero's Club of \$100, was sent to The Chen Children Fund.

Salem offers sincere sympathy to the Chen family.

*Holy Communion*  
None scheduled  
in February



## 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.

Scatter goodwill and love and prayers all around everywhere, and you will be astonished, not only by what it does for other people, but how it comes back to you.



Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman



### To My Valentine

By Garnett Ann Schultz

Within the arms of wintertime  
 When winds blow firm and bold.  
 So oft a world decked out in white,  
 No warmth of sunshine gold,  
 The holidays now long since gone,  
 The spring, a future time.  
 'Tis then hearts share the warmth of love  
 Within a valentine.



With January come and gone  
 And April far away,  
 It's nice to share a tender thought  
 Upon this special day,  
 A gentle touch that lends a smile  
 Midst winter's cold and snow,  
 One little heart of brightest red  
 That sets the world aglow.

A rose, a card, a bit of love,  
 A dream you long to share,  
 The chance to tell a special one  
 How much you really care.  
 However small your gift may be,  
 It's beautiful and fine  
 If you would tuck your loving heart  
 Within a Valentine.

### In Winter

By Stella Craft Tremble

A coat of falling ermine snow  
 Envelopes all the earth below,  
 While, overcast, a sky of gray  
 Proclaims a stormy, winter day.  
 If in the night there comes a storm,  
 We'll have our blankets snug and warm.



Out in the woods beneath the sod  
 Sweet bergamots and trilliums nod.  
 Unmindful of the winter chill,  
 They softly sleep upon the hill.  
 But soon will come the voice of spring  
 To call and waken everything.

Till then, tucked gently in the ground  
 They softly sleep, all safe and sound.  
 God tamps storms and guards us all;  
 He knoweth when the sparrows fall.  
 Can we not trust His constant care,  
 Since God is present everywhere?

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman



## RECIPE



### Mint Crinkles

#### Ingredients

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| 3/4 cup finely chopped layered<br>chocolate-mint candies<br>(about 4 ounces or 24 candies) | 1/4 teaspoon salt                          |
| 1/3 cup shortening   | 2 eggs                                     |
| 1 cup sugar  | 2 teaspoons vanilla                        |
| 1/2 teaspoon baking powder   | 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour               |
|  | Layered chocolate-mint<br>candies, chopped |

#### Directions

1. In a small heavy saucepan, heat and stir the 3/4 cup chopped candies until melted and smooth. Remove from heat. Cool about 15 minutes.
2. In a large mixing bowl, beat shortening with an electric mixer on medium to high for 30 seconds. Add sugar, baking powder, and salt; beat until combined. Beat in melted candies, eggs, and vanilla. Stir in flour. Cover; chill for 3 hours or until dough is easy to handle.
3. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Using about 1 tablespoon dough per ball, shape dough into 1 1/4-inch balls. Place balls 2 inches apart on an ungreased cookie sheet. Bake about 10 minutes or until edges are set (tops should crackle). Sprinkle a few candy pieces on each cookie; do not press candies into cookies. Bake for 1 minute more. Cool on wire racks.

#### To Store

Layer cookies between sheets of waxed paper in an airtight container; cover. Store at room temperature for up to 24 hours or freeze for up to 3 months. Makes 36 cookies.

Caroline Buhrman made these cookies for the Bee-lievers cookie exchange.



### Reflections

By Ruth H. Underhill

Each soul must have a quiet time  
 To meditate and pray.  
 To think of someone greater  
 Than those we see each day.

Each heart must have a restful time  
 When heavy burdens cease;  
 A time to open up to God  
 So he can send sweet peace.

Each mind must have a silent time  
 To think of things anew;  
 To banish earthly problems  
 And look toward heaven's view.

Each body needs a time alone  
 As life's weary road is trod,  
 To blend their knees  
 and lift their eyes  
 And seek the face of God.

Let's remember in good times  
 what we have learned  
 in days of trouble.

### CONGRATULATIONS

#### AUDREY TOLLAND

Congratulations to Audrey Tolland, Harp Hill Road, who graduated from Towson University on December 21, 2016, with an Electronic Media and Film Degree, and a Minor in Marketing. Audrey is currently working at Bob Evans in Frederick and is beginning the job search.

#### Silent Beauty

By Kathne Dia

The path was left untrod,  
 Yet the beauty was still there.  
 In the wood of white birch trees,  
 The frost glistened at the end  
 Of each small branch.  
 The sun smiled as her face  
 Passed the small wood.  
 The Lord looked upon that  
 Winter's day, and blessed the earth.

God is the beauty behind all beauty.



## Message from the Pastor and Worship in February

■ By PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER

**I**t seems like we were just singing “Silent Night” together on Christmas Eve and now January is already history. Yes, time flies! I hear myself saying it more and more.

We’ve already had good times together at Salem in 2017, and each month this newsletter and our website [www.salemchurchwoflsville.org](http://www.salemchurchwoflsville.org) keep us up to date on everything that’s going on.

If you’re reading this newsletter and you don’t have a church, or if you’ve gotten away from church, I believe the church family at Salem has a lot to offer you and your family.

If you’re already regularly worshipping with another church family, keep it up!

Believing in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, following Christ in our daily lives, and doing so with the support and care of your church family is life-giving.

Let’s turn to God and help each other live life to the fullest in 2017!

God Bless, *Pastor Bob*

**February 5**  
**Fruits of the Spirit – “Joy”**  
**John 14:15-27**

**Galatians 5:22**

**Worship Leader and Preacher:**

**Bill Burrier**

On this day, I will be attending the ROCK Youth Retreat, in Ocean City, with 26 of our youth and adult leaders.

In my absence, I have asked Bill Burrier to conduct services for me on this day and present the message.

In the Gospel of John, we are told about Jesus’ promise to send the Holy Spirit. Jesus says, “I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Counselor, who will never leave you.”



Bill’s message will be about the Fruit of the Spirit, recorded in Galatians, Chapter 5 — love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

The message, on this day, will focus on the subject of joy.

Bill will also bring his puppet friends for the children’s message.

**February 12, Youth Sunday**  
**“52” Sermon Series**

**Week 12 – “God is Faithful”**

“He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will never be shaken” (Psalm 62:2).

We have faith in a person when they have come through for us in the past. It’s important for us to observe how God is at work in our lives and how God comes through for us.

Then during those times when we find ourselves struggling, we will more readily go to God for comfort and help.

Acknowledging God’s presence and help builds our faith. Our strengthened faith allows us to trust in God even more.

**February 19**

**“52” Sermon Series**

**Week 13 – “God is Righteous and Just, God Provides Abundant Life”**

“I will sing of your love and justice; to you, O Lord, I will sing praise” (Psalm 101:1).

Earlier in this sermon series, we affirmed that God is all-loving and all-knowing. These characteristics allow God to know what is righteous (the right thing as seen by God) and just.

God’s righteousness and justice are embodied in the life and ministry of Jesus Christ.

By following his example, by remaining close to God and seeking his guidance and help, we can strive to be righteous and to seek justice for ourselves and others.

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full” (John 10:10).

In this verse Jesus tells us why he came to live among us: “so we would have life to the full.”

I believe God wants us to have wonderful lives.

Sometimes environment and sometimes our own actions make having an abundant life difficult; sometimes very difficult.

Turning to God and following Jesus can help us break the chains that bind us. Ultimately, life in heaven with God will wipe away every tear on earth (Revelation 21:4).

**February 26**

**“52” Sermon Series**

**Week 14 – “God Makes His Will Known to Us”**

“Then a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and a voice came from the cloud: ‘This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!’” (Mark 17:7).

I do believe God is making his will known to us. To Peter, James and John, God said in so many words, “Jesus is my beloved Son and your Lord whom I sent to lead you through life. Now listen to him!”

To hear God’s will, we need to remain close to him.

And when we talk with God (pray), we need not only to speak but also to listen: to listen for God to give us exactly what we prayed for; to listen for an answer that might be different than what we prayed for, but best for us; to keep on watching and listening when it doesn’t seem like God is giving us any answers.

February 20th





Scenes from . . .



# “Salem Slam” Ping-Pong Tournament

January 13, 2017

Photos by Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer & Wanda Barkdoll



“Salem Slam” Ping-Pong Tournament Winners — Youth Division: Paul McCormick, first place, and Noah Taveras, second place. Adult Division: Denny Leatherman, first place, and George Stottlemeyer, second place. From left, Denny, Noah, Paul, and George.



Looking Back at the Years 1937-1938

## Should we install electricity in the church?

**Salem has a long rich history** in the Wolfsville community and we are pleased to be able to add some additional content to our historical records.

Recently, Salem member Fonda Gormer provided some very interesting facts from the diary of Cecil R. Martin, written by Cecil in 1937-1938, about electricity coming to Wolfsville.

In the spring of 1937, Wolfsville residents began to talk about when Potomac Edison would run their electric line from the village of Ellerton to Wolfsville. Cecil, who was a member of Salem's Official Board, met with a Potomac Edison representative on April 22, 1937, who said the "light line" is coming to Wolfsville. In fact, it was scheduled to go as far as the Lutheran Church.

Three months later, in July 1937, Wolfsville residents, businesses, and churches were deciding whether to install electric lights and connect to the Potomac Edison wires. The first Wolfsville resident to connect was Asa Stotemyer.

Salem's pastor, Rev. D. R. Fair, and Salem's Official Board had discussed whether or not to have electric lights installed in the church at their April 7, 1937, meeting, and again on July 18, 1937. At the July meeting, the Board made a decision not to install electric lights in the church. The reason being "the church is far behind with its current

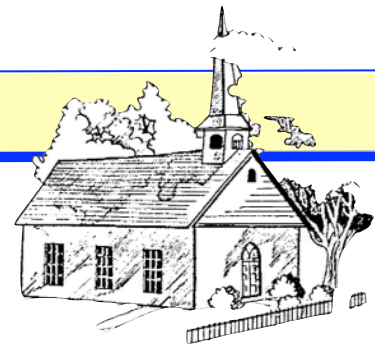
expenses and cannot afford to take upon itself this additional expense."

Eight months later, in March 1938, Salem's Official Board decided to serve as a committee to solicit money for installing electric lights in the church. At this point, Salem was the only church in Wolfsville without electric lights. On one day, within 3 hours, their solicitation efforts yielded \$38. The largest contribution was \$10, with others ranging \$5 or less. Total cost of the project was estimated at \$50 or \$60. Solicitation for additional money continued, hoping to have the lights ready for use by Easter.

With about half of the money either in hand or promised, the Board decided in late March 1938, to have Asa Stotemyer do the wiring. Asa offered to do his part of the work free but the church was determined to give him something.

The next decision was the type of light shades to purchase. The group decided on shades (stained glass globes), six of them, which must be specially ordered, and will retail for \$12 each; although Asa is only charging the church half that amount. Also purchased were cable, switches, a meter box, and chain hangers.

At the next Board meeting on April 10, 1938, it was decided to borrow enough money out of the Sunday School treasury to finish paying for the electric light job when it is finished; and to ask



the Christian Endeavor Society (youth group) to pay 50 cents a month toward the light bill. It appears the Christian Endeavor Society declined to pay, although they were the first group to make use of the electric lights in the church.

By mid April, 1938, the installation of wiring, switches, etc. were complete; as well as the ceiling lights, which used 300 watt bulbs.

When describing the ceiling lights, Cecil's diary entry on April 16, 1938, says the lighted globes "make a gorgeous appearance. They are truly one of the loveliest sights I have ever seen."

Three weeks later, the inspector came to inspect the electric light system in the church and Asa had to make a number of changes before the inspector would approve the job.

On May 10, 1938, Asa presented his bill for the electric light job. The figures read \$90.50, with \$75.00 of that already paid. The bill was a few dollars higher than expected, so the church will need to get hold of some more money somewhere.

On May 22, 1938, the church received its first electric bill. The Board seemed to think it was not at all too high.

## Salem Adult Choir Notes

■ By Sandy Lewis

Thanks to all of our singers for the beautiful music presented during the Christmas season.

After a brief break, following the busy holidays, Salem Choir will begin practicing on Tuesday, February 7, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

We will be rehearsing songs for Sunday morning worship services and for Holy Week, Palm Sunday and Easter.

We welcome back all of our regular singers and any folks who would like to join us.



## Salem's Family Ministries requests suggestions

■ By Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer

The Committee on Family Ministries is seeking your input and suggestions for activities throughout the coming year. The following activities are already scheduled/planned for 2017: Roller Skating, Ping-Pong Tournaments, Hershey Park, Creation Music Festival, Fall Hike and Christmas Party.

Please provide your input and/or suggestions. We want to know what activities you would like to do throughout 2017. Are you interested in the following:

Corn Hole Tournament	_____	How far are you willing to travel
Movie Night	_____	for an activity? _____
Game/Puzzle Night	_____	How much are you willing to
Tubing/Skiing	_____	pay for an activity? _____
Miniature Golf	_____	Additional suggestions:
Other	_____	_____

# STEP

## WESTERN REGION LEADERSHIP DAYS 2017

# UP!

**March 4, 2017 ♦ 8:30 am – 3:00 pm**  
**Otterbein UMC, 108 E. Franklin St., Hagerstown, MD 21740**

**This is  
a Snow  
or Shine  
Event.**

**This training event is geared toward clergy, church leaders, laity and others who want to make an impact in their local congregations and communities.**

#### **On-line Registration:**

**Go to [www.bwcmc.org](http://www.bwcmc.org) > select Events > Leadership Days > Western Region > click on WR to register.**

Log in using your Arena User ID and password. Select one class from each session.

**Cost: \$35 per person**

#### **Payment Options:**

- **Visa or Master Card**
- **Mail in a Check** made payable to BWC Treasurer to: BWC Western Region Office, Attn. Leadership Days, 12 S. Walnut St., Suite 101, Hagerstown, MD 21740.

**NOTE:** We must receive your check **BEFORE** February 21, 2017 and **NO REFUNDS** after that date. **Deadline to register is February 21, 2017.**

**Space is limited — NO WALKINS!**

#### **Trouble Registering?**

Contact the Western Region Office 301.739.6659... we can help.

#### **Schedule Follows . . . You will select ONE class from each session!**

Check in and Informal Hymn Sing in the Sanctuary begins at 8:30 am.

#### **Session #1 (9:00 – 10:30 am)**

- SPRC Basics — Rev. Steve Larsen
- Finance Basic — Richard Miller, Jr.
- Dealing with Difficult People — Julie Kugler-Bentley, RN
- Deepening Church and Community Relationships — Kathy Powdery & Cindy Brown
- Authentic Faith Sharing — Rev. Michael Beiber
- Mass Incarceration — Deaconess Jane Grays
- Insurance 101: Protecting Your Church In Today's Risk Environment — Bill Lodico

#### **Session #2 (11:00 am – 12:30 pm)**

- SPRC Advanced including Evaluations and Pastoral Transition — Rev. Steve Larsen
- Implement Electronic Giving in 2017!! — Paul Eichelberger & VANCO
- Spiritual Disciplines 101 for Adults — Rev. Art Thomas Jr.
- Every Spiritual Encounter — Pastor Blango Ross, Jr
- Board of Trustees Orientation — Rev. Bill Brown
- Full Inclusion and Reconciliation: Why now? — Mittie Quinn
- Heroin and The Church: Outreach Strategies to Engage Your Church — Rev. Leo Yates, Jr.

**LUNCH (12:30 – 1:15 pm)** included in registration

#### **Session #3 (1:30 – 3:00 pm)**

- When Helping Helps - Paul Ostoich
- Understanding our Givers! — Frank Robert
- Teaching Youth to Safely use Social Media — Pam Bowen, Marie Ebersole & Angela Fossett
- Did you know United Methodists have a "Distinctive Heritage?" — Rev. Dr. Conrad Link
- Growing with God — Betsy Phelps
- Media, Marketing & Print Publications — Beth Hutton & Gib Bishop
- Lay Servant Ministries and Certified Lay Ministry: What's New After General Conference 2016? — Julie Flinchum
- Implement Electronic Giving in 2017!! — Paul Eichelberger & VANCO

**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

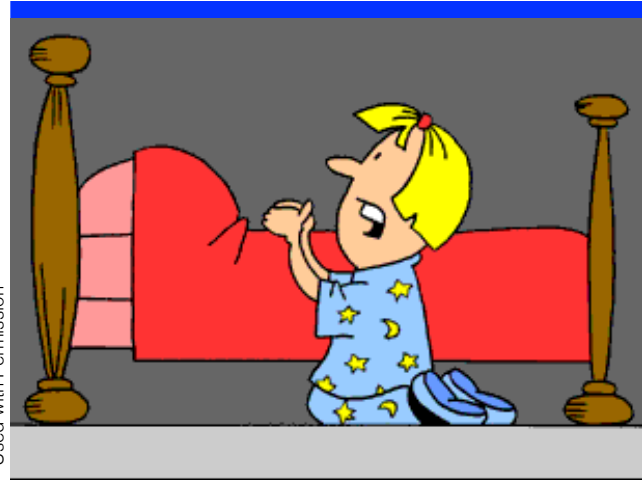
**Women's Class**

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)



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**Will you be my valentine?**

*Some thoughts to ponder . . .*

Sometimes the reason good things are not happening to you is because you are the good thing that needs to happen to other people.

Man cannot discover new oceans unless he has the courage to lose sight of the shore.

Faith is not the belief that God will do what you want. It is the belief that God will do what is right.

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

**The Mountain Shepherd**

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Address Services Requested

**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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*February 2017*