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**Easter Egg Hunt**  
Saturday, April 15  
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## Salem to present "The Last Supper" on Holy Thursday, April 13



March 24, 2016  
Last year's portrayal, from left, Denny Leatherman (James the Lesser), Patrick Boyton (Bartholomew), Vernon Stottlemeyer (Andrew), Richard Harshman (Judas), Robin Haupt (John), Bill Buhrman (Peter), Jim Laky (Jesus), George Stottlemeyer (Thomas), Gary Barkdoll (James the Greater), Michael Burrier (Matthew), Bobby Fogle (Philip), Donald Stottlemeyer (Thaddeus), and Brandon Leatherman (Simon the Zealot).

The Salem United Methodist Church, Wolfsville, will present a living dramatization of Leonardo da Vinci's "The Last Supper," on Holy Thursday, April 13, at 7:00 p.m.

Church members will attempt to duplicate the look and feel of da Vinci's famous painting, where he chose what he considered to be the most dramatic moment of The Last Supper, that moment just after Jesus said, "One of you will betray me."

Instantly, the 12 apostles became men of 12 different moods. The only composed person was Jesus himself. In the excitement, Judas overturned the container of salt... and Peter drew his knife. Some of the apostles just stared at Jesus in amazement... some just looked at each other in disbelief.

At the beginning of the service, the apostles will move up the main aisle, take their places at the table, and casually mingle.

Jesus will then proceed up the aisle and take His place at the table. Once Jesus takes his place, Jesus and the apostles will go into a



Leonardo da Vinci (Italian, 1452-1519)  
Last Supper (1495-98)

motionless pose like the ones in the painting. Each will come out of their pose only to speak.


In turn, the 12 apostles speak their minds to themselves, to each other, and to Jesus. They are reflecting on the tragic words which they had just heard Jesus speak. Those words being, "One of you will betray me." Each end their dialog with the dramatic words "Is it I"?

Holy Communion will be served, first to the apostles, then to the congregation. Everyone is invited to attend.

## Community Sunrise Service at St. Mark's Lutheran

This year, the Community Easter Sunrise Service will be held at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 12704 Wolfsville Road, at 6:30 a.m.

The Wolfsville Ruritan Club will serve refreshments following the service. This service is rotated among 6 area churches.



2017 - St. Mark's Lutheran  
2018 - Grossnickle Church of the Brethren  
2019 - Pleasant Walk United Methodist  
2020 - Garfield United Methodist  
2021 - St. John's Lutheran  
2022 - Salem United Methodist



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**Salem Membership Statistics:**  
Current Membership: 243  
2017 New Members: 1

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

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[www.SalemChurchWolfsville.org](http://www.SalemChurchWolfsville.org)

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

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

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

Go 		2017 MISSION PROJECTS	
		MONTHLY MINIMUM	PAID Jan-Feb
1	Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer (Retired New Tribes Mission)	\$205	\$410.00
2	Operation Christmas Child (Postage paid in November)	-----	\$0.00
3a	Salem Mission & Outreach (Local needs)	-----	\$390.00
3b	Wolfsville School PTA (All Pro Families Breakfast) Pay Jan & Sept	-----	\$450.00
4	Salem Food Pantry (Open Tuesdays 6:30-7:30 p.m.)	-----	\$776.39
5	Mary E. (Africa Inland Mission)	\$85	\$225.00
6	United Methodist Board of Child Care (Auxiliary & Direct Support)	-----	\$0.00
7	Gideons (Frederick West Camp - Distributing Bibles)	\$50	\$100.00
8	Potato Project (Society of St. Andrew, Big Island, VA)	\$50	\$100.00
9	Middletown High School (Fellowship of Christian Athletes)	\$50	\$100.00
10	Ronnie & Angi Hopkins (TMS-Global, Nicaragua)	\$65	\$130.00
11	Care Net Pregnancy Center (Frederick, MD)	\$65	\$130.00
12	Compassion International (Sponsored child in India)	\$38	\$76.00
13	Hero’s Club After School Ministry (Pre-K through Grade 5)	-----	\$467.95
14	World Vision (Sponsored child in Colombia)	\$35	\$70.00

2017 Goal: **\$17,186** • Total Mission Offering for 2017: **\$2,863.00** • % of Goal: **17%**

**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*

**United Methodist Board of Child Care Auxiliary**  
By Dawn Nelson

On April 27th, the Cumberland-Hagerstown Board of Child Care Auxiliary Spring Meeting will be hosted by Parkhead United Methodist Church, 9512 National Pike, Big Pool, MD, at 10:00 a.m. followed by a luncheon. The cost is \$7.00 and you must RSVP by April 20th at [hixons@frontiernet.net](mailto:hixons@frontiernet.net) or call Dorothy Hixon at 717-294-3627. If you are interested in carpooling, call me at 301-293-9988.



**OFFICE HOURS for PASTOR BOB**

<b>Sunday</b>		<b>Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday</b>	
7am - 1 pm	Prep, worship, Sunday School (at church)	6-7 am	Devotions (at home)
		9 am - Noon	Parsonage Office
6 - 7 pm	Bible Study (at church)	Noon - 1 pm	Lunch
		1-5 pm	Visitation, meetings, or parsonage office
<b>Monday (day off)</b>		<b>Saturday</b>	
6-7 am	Devotions (at home)	7-9 am	Final touches on Sunday’s sermon (at home)
9-11 am	Planning Time (at home)		
5-6 pm	Hero’s Club (at church)		

Also, Pastor Bob will 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 in Myersville, at the parsonage office, or elsewhere, as needed.

## JOIN US *for* HOLY WEEK & EASTER SUNDAY

### HOLY WEEK

#### Palm Sunday, April 9

9:00 & 11:15 a.m. Worship  
 Sermon: "God Saves Us from Sin"  
 Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:3

#### Holy Thursday, April 13

7:00 p.m.  
 Holy Communion  
 "The Last Supper" by Salem members

#### Good Friday, April 14

7:00 p.m.  
 Adult Choir  
 "Good Friday Worship"

#### Holy Saturday, April 15

12 Noon to 12 Midnight  
 Prayer Vigil

#### Community Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 15

2:00 p.m. at Salem  
 Refreshments following the egg hunt

### EASTER SUNDAY

#### Sunday, April 16

**Community Sunrise Service**  
 6:30 a.m.  
 St. Mark's Lutheran Church  
 12704 Wolfsville Road  
 Refreshments by Wolfsville Ruritan Club

#### Sunday, April 16

9:00 a.m. Worship (*one service only*)  
 Holy Communion  
 Sermon: "God Saves Us from Death"  
 Scripture: Mark 16:6

10:15 a.m. Sunday School (*No Classes*)  
 Children's Program  
 Children's Choir & Recitations in sanctuary

*Easter Sunday*  
*One Service only*  
 9:00 a.m.



## Salem United Methodist Church Annual Easter Egg Hunt

For ages 12 and under

Saturday  
 April 15, 2017 2:00 p.m.



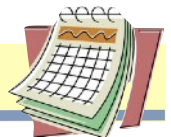
Light refreshments and fellowship will follow the Easter Egg Hunt.

Volunteers are needed at 1:00 p.m. to hide eggs.

For more information contact Caroline Buhrman 301-293-2069

Looking Ahead . . .

## Mark your calendars *for* two upcoming events *in* May



### LADIES NIGHT OUT: MAY 3

■ By Fonda Gormer

#### CALLING ALL LADIES!

The annual Ladies Night Out banquet has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 3, at 6:30 p.m. at Mountain Gate Family Restaurant in Thurmont.

This event is for the women of Salem, along with their female family members and friends. We will enjoy a buffet meal, have a short program, and even have door prizes.

The cost per person, which includes beverage, tax and tip, is as follows:

- Adults (13 and up) - **\$14.05**
- Ages 5-12 - **\$7.15**
- Ages 3 & 4 - **\$1.81**
- Age 2 and under - **Free**

(There is a cup fee, if a beverage is ordered for the little ones).

Some of the men also go to Mountain Gate for dinner, but not as part of the ladies group. If you plan to join the men, please let Richard Harshman know.

**Reservations for the ladies must be made by April 25.** You may sign up on the sign-up sheet on the hallway bulletin board, or call me at 301-293-2436.

Car-pooling may be available. Please plan now to join us for this evening of fellowship.

### PLANT & FOOD SALE: MAY 13

■ By Fonda Gormer

The Salem Bee-lievers are planning their annual plant and food sale for Saturday, May 13, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

They will have a plant sale offering a variety of vegetable plants and flowers for Mother's Day and gardens.

The food stand will offer a variety of sandwiches, beverages and baked goods.


There will be no yard sale this year.

Donations of bake sale items are needed. Items need to be at the church by 7 a.m. the morning of the event.

For more information, contact me at 301-293-2436 or Barbie Stottlemeyer at 301-293-2372.



Photos from last year's plant sale.



# Attendance Offerings

## February 2017

		Worship*		Sunday School	
Feb	5	97	\$1,961.00	39	\$318.00
Feb	12	111	1,693.00	60	149.00
Feb	19	89	2,577.75	49	97.00
Feb	26	95	2,220.25	64	128.25

Average Attendance		
	Worship	Sunday School
Feb	98	53
Jan	86	52
Dec	88	52
Nov	90	52
Oct	94	56

\*Worship attendance & offerings include both worship services.

- Missions: \$875.00
- Cemetery Endowment: \$105.00

- Building Fund: \$250.00

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

**Average Attendance Jan-Feb 2017**  
 Sunday Worship: 91  
 Sunday School: 53

## Salem welcomes new member: Liz Waite



March 5, 2017 — Congratulations to Elizabeth J. Waite, who was baptized and became a member of Salem on Sunday, March 5, 2017, at the 11:15 a.m. worship service. Liz, who moved to Cascade, Maryland from Delaware, has been active at Salem’s worship, Young Adult Sunday School, and interacts with Salem’s Faith Builders Youth Group activities. We are pleased to have Liz as part of our fellowship.

### Pastor Appointments underway in Baltimore-Washington Conference

As of March 21, 2017, the following appointment changes, of local interest, have been announced; and will be effective July 1, 2017.

- **Pastor Kathleen “Katie” O’Hern**, to John Wesley UMC in Hagerstown
- **Rev. Ken Fizer**, to Ebenezer/William Watters Co-operative Parish in Fallston, from Shiloh UMC in Hagerstown
- **Rev. Shannon Sullivan**, to associate pastor at Calvary/Centennial Memorial Charge in Frederick, from Presbury UMC in Edgewood

## 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, P. O. Box 94, 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.



April

# Calendar of Events



- Thu 6 Cemetery Cleanup** - 5:00 p.m. at Salem Cemetery, Brandenburg Hollow Road
- Thu 6 UMW Bee-lievers meeting** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Sun 9 Senior Appreciation Luncheon** - 1:00 p.m. at Salem
- Thu 13 Holy Thursday "The Last Supper"** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Fri 14 Good Friday Service** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Sat 15 Prayer Vigil** - 12 noon - 12 midnight
- Sat 15 Community Easter Egg Hunt** - 2:00 p.m. at Salem
- Sun 16 Community Easter Sunrise Service** - 6:30 a.m. at St. Mark's Lutheran, Wolfsville
- Sun 16 Easter Sunday** - 9:00 a.m. (one service—combined traditional & contemporary worship)
- Sun 16 Easter Children's Program** - 10:15 a.m. in sanctuary (no Sunday School classes)
- Mon 17 Wolfsville Ruritan Club Dinner** - 2:00 p.m. prepare, 7:00 p.m. serve at Salem
- Sat 22 Hershey Park Trip**
- Thu 27 Cumberland-Hagerstown Board of Child Care Auxiliary Spring Meeting** - 10:00 a.m. at Parkhead United Methodist Church, Big Pool, MD

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

NOTES: No Church Council meeting in April.  
 On Easter Sunday, only one service at 9:00 a.m. (combined traditional & contemporary worship)

## Newsletter Distribution

1. **E-Mail** — We are currently sending this newsletter to 199 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

- 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)

## Youth Group Active at Salem

■ By Wanda Barkdoll

Salem's Faith Builders Youth Group (middle & high school youth) meet every Thursday evening at Salem; and also participate in special activities of service to the community.

**Potato Drop** — On Saturday, March 25th, Salem youth helped with the "Potato Drop" at Bethel United Methodist Church, Chewsville. Potatoes arrive in 50-pound bags from the Society of St. Andrew and are then distributed to local food banks, etc.

**Talent Show** — On Thursday, March 30th, Chris Leatherman will participate in a talent show at his school. Youth group members were invited to attend the talent show to support Chris.

**Senior Appreciation Luncheon** — On Sunday, April 9th, at 1:00 p.m., the youth are sponsoring a Senior Appreciation Luncheon at Salem for ages 65 and over. The youth will assist with serving and provide activities to the seniors. The theme this year is "Western." Seniors planning to attend should contact me by Thursday, March 31.

**Hershey Park Trip** — On Saturday, April 22nd, will be the Hershey Park trip. Cost is \$32 per person which includes entrance and rides. Contact me for tickets no later than Sunday, April 9th.

A **spaghetti dinner** to raise money for youth activities may be planned for April or May.

## Bee-lievers to Meet April 6

■ By Fonda Gorner

The Bee-lievers women's group will meet for their regular meeting on April 6, at 7 p.m. in the church social area. They will be planning for the Ruritan meal and the upcoming plant sale.

Because of Ladies Night Out, there will be no Bee-lievers business meeting in May.

The Bee-lievers would like to thank everyone who helped with the soup and sandwich sale in March, as well as everyone who purchased the fruits of our labor!

### Wolfsville Community Vacation Bible School

Monday-Friday  
**July 10-14, 2017**  
 6:30-8:30 p.m.

at St. Mark's Lutheran  
 12704 Wolfsville Road  
 Ages 4 through 12

# Who's Doing What, When?

## APRIL

### 9:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

<b>Lay Readers</b> 2 - Fonda Gormer 9 - Steve Leatherman 16 - Wanda Barkdoll 23 - Melissa Thornton 30 - Mary Cline	<b>Ushers</b> 2 - Dick Kline & Steve Leatherman 9 - Vernon Stottlemeyer & Robin Haupt 16 - Donald Stottlemeyer & Meredith Harshman 23 - Philip Koons & Brandon Leatherman 30 - Robin Haupt & Donald Stottlemeyer	<b>Music</b> 2 - Sara Weitzel 9 - Praise Band 16 - Susan Koons 23 - Susan Koons 30 - Sara Weitzel
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<b>Greeters</b> 2 - Gary & Wanda Barkdoll & Family 9 - Mary Cline 16 - George, Barbie & Matt Stottlemeyer 23 - Donald & Susie Stottlemeyer 30 - Andrea Palmer	<b>Acolytes</b> 2 - Paul McCormick 9 - Noah Taveras 16 - Kenslie Buhrman 23 - Joshua Koons 30 - Kenslie Buhrman
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### 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.	<b>Music</b> Apr 9 - Works in Progress Praise Band Apr 23 - Works in Progress Praise Band
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## It's Your Day!

- April Anniversaries**
- 2 - Clay Waite & Jennifer Gormer
  - 2 - Bill & Darlene Burrier
  - 10 - Michael & Jennifer Burrier
  - 23 - George & Judith Harne
  - 25 - Robert & Mary Cline
- April Birthdays**
- 1 - Travis Keller
  - 4 - Joey Hawkins
  - 4 - Paula Main
  - 8 - Connie Crunkleton
  - 9 - Melanie Adams
  - 9 - Sophie Wagaman
  - 10 - Emily Stottlemeyer
  - 11 - Philip Koons
  - 11 - Annabelle Martin
  - 11 - Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer
  - 12 - Charlotte Wisner
  - 13 - Mason Crutchley
  - 16 - Adam Stottlemeyer
  - 17 - Delphine Zimmerman
  - 17 - Judy Hamilton
  - 18 - Dennis Leatherman
  - 20 - Ali Robinson
  - 22 - Richard Kline
  - 23 - Craig Brown
  - 24 - Jennifer Gormer
  - 24 - Vernon Stottlemeyer
  - 24 - Barbara Stottlemeyer
  - 24 - Jase Wesley Haddock
  - 29 - Karen DeLauter
  - 30 - Payton Robinson

### Children's Choir

■ By Sara Weitzel

The Children's Choir is continuing to rehearse for the Easter Sunday Service (April 16th), continuing every Sunday through April 9th.

All children who are available Easter morning 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 Sunday School (approximately 10:50-11:00 a.m.).

We are hoping that this rehearsal time will provide an opportunity for the children who normally attend the second service to be able to participate in the choir as well.

The songs we will be singing are fun and easy to learn!

If you have any questions, please contact me at: srweitzel@hotmail.com; or cell phone: 240-409-1241.



### Board of Child Care Auxiliary Membership Drive

As of this writing, 27 have joined the Board of Child Care Auxiliary. Membership dues are \$2 per year. We have collected \$54 in dues and \$45 in contributions for a total of \$99, which will be forwarded to the Cumberland-Hagerstown Auxiliary Treasurer.

### Holy Communion

Easter Sunday, April 16  
9:00 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 240-818-0126. Orders can be placed at any time and can be picked up after services on Sunday.

"No one would remember the Good Samaritan if he only had good intentions."  
(Found in a Fortune Cookie)  
*Submitted by Anita Harshman*



Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman



**INSPIRATIONAL  
Reading**

**Easter Bells**

*By Cleo King*

Ring the bells of Easter,  
Ring them out once more,  
Let them tell the story  
They have told before.

Let them greet the sunrise  
Of this Easter Day  
With the glad announcement . . .  
The stone is rolled away.

Let their notes of triumph,  
At this joyful time,  
Sound the Resurrection  
In each golden chime.

Then may hope and gladness  
Come to every heart,  
As we catch the message  
Easter bells impart.



**The Peace of God**

*By Isla Paschal Richardson*

There is no joy like that of holy work,  
No rest so sweet as duty well-performed,  
No sense of wealth that ever can compare  
With that which comes to hearts  
by friendship warmed.

There is no beauty that can rival truth,  
No freedom that outweighs unselfish love,  
No grandeur that surpasses nobleness,  
No peace like that which cometh  
from above.

Into our busy days, uplifting thoughts  
And worthy aims and joy that good imparts  
Steal unaware like angel visitants,  
And bring the peace of God into our hearts.

**Easter Lily**

*By Catherine Donnelly*

Spring touched a snowflake that winter had left,  
Turning it into a bloom,  
With petals fashioned after the wings  
Of an angel who sat by the tomb,  
Fragrantly scenting the early spring air,  
Vibrant with promises given  
By Christ, whose victory over the grave  
Has opened the doorway to heaven.



**RECIPE**



**Oyster Fritters**

**Fritter Batter:**

24 oysters, shucked, drained and chopped	1/4 Tbsp Old Bay Seasoning
3 cups flour	1/2 tsp. black pepper
2 eggs, well beaten	1/2 tsp. salt
1 cup oyster juice	1/2 tsp. liquid smoke
	3/4 Tbsp baking powder

**Fritter Sauce:**

3/4 cup mayonnaise	1/2 cup horseradish
3/4 cup catsup	1 ounce lemon juice

**Directions**

Heat skillet over medium-high heat with 1/4 inch of oil.  
Drain oysters and reserve the juice for the recipe.  
Mix all batter ingredients except the oysters.  
Fold in the oysters.  
Spoon fritter batter into skillet and fry until golden brown on both sides.  
Serve hot with Fritter Sauce.  
Serves 12

*Joyce Weaver served these fritters to the Adult Discussion Group Sunday School Class. The recipe is from Christiana Campbell's Tavern in Williamsburg VA.*



**Springtime Paradise**

*By Nora M. Bozeman*

I walked with Spring along a path  
Where roses took a dew-dropped bath,  
Where lilacs' white and purple hues  
Salute the day with rave reviews.

I danced with Spring along a creek  
Where frisky frogs play hide-and-peek,  
Where dogwood trees wore lacy gowns  
Neath canopies of cotton crowns.

The earth stood still, my cares took flight;  
My soul was filled with pure delight.  
I walked with Spring where Nature trod  
And gazed upon the face of God.

*Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman*

Listen a moment, I pray;  
What was that sound that I heard,  
Wind in the budding branches,  
The ripple of brooks, or a bird?

Hear it again, above us! and see!  
A flutter of wings!  
The bluebird knows it is April,  
And soars toward the sun and sings.  
—Eben Rexford

**In Sympathy**

**OLVEY LEE MYERS**

October 22, 1933 - March 2, 2017

The Salem congregation expresses deepest sympathy to the Myers family on the passing of Olvey Lee Myers, 83, of Grindstone Run Road, Myersville, on March 2, 2017.

Graveside services were held March 7th, at the Mt. Zion United Methodist Cemetery, Myersville, with Pastor Bob Snyder officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to Salem for the Olvey L. Myers Memorial Fund.

**ANNIE MARIE WOLFE**

June 5, 1929 - March 20, 2017

The Salem congregation expresses deepest sympathy to the family of Ann Wolfe, 87, who passed away on March 20, 2017. Graveside services were held March 25, 2017, at the Reformed Cemetery in Wolfsville, with Pastor Randy Reid officiating.



## Message from the Pastor and Worship in April

■ By PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER

**L**ent is about both self-examination/confession and forgiveness/renewal. We sin and need to confess our sin but God forgives us and provides a way forward for us to live well. On March 19th, we begin to make the shift to forgiveness/renewal which concludes on Sunday, April 2.

The following Sunday, Palm Sunday, we begin Holy Week, our most sacred week of the church year. Please take advantage of the opportunities during this week to thank and praise God for all that God has done for us: Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Saturday Prayer Vigil, Community Easter Sunrise Service at St. Mark's Lutheran, and Salem's 9 a.m. Easter service and 10:15 a.m. Easter program. (There will be no second service on Easter morning this year.)

The Sundays in April following Easter Sunday will focus on our lives as Resurrection People, freed from sin, hopeful in the promise of eternal life, and secure in the presence and help of God. As Easter approaches, I give thanks to our Lord and thanks to all of you as we continue to grow and serve together. Happy Easter and God Bless.—*Pastor Bob*

### April 2 – Fifth Sunday in Lent “52” Sermon Series

#### Week 19 – “God Acts to Help Us”

“But where sin increased grace increased all the more” (Romans 5:20). God's grace shows just how much God helps us. In Preventive Grace, God reaches out to make himself and his love known to us even before we know God.

In Justifying Grace, God helps us receive God's gifts of salvation and eternal life paid for through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. In Sanctifying Grace, God continues, for the rest of our lives, to bring us into closer



relationship with him and continues to help us grow in faith and service.

### April 9 – Palm Sunday “52” Sermon Series

#### Week 20 – “God Saves Us from Sin”

“For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Peter and then to the Twelve” (1 Corinthians 15:3). God's love for us is truly extra-ordinary. That the God who created and sustains the universe would give up his only Son to die for our sins and be raised again is no ordinary thing.

What human being could accomplish such a thing? Palm Sunday begins the week when God accomplished this on our behalf.

### April 13 – Holy Thursday Last Supper Dramatization, 7 p.m.

### April 14 – Good Friday Worship Service, 7 p.m.

### April 16 – Community Easter Sunrise Service, 6:30 a.m. St. Mark's Lutheran Church

### April 16 – Easter Sunday “52” Sermon Series

#### Week 21 – “God Saves Us from Death”

“Don't be alarmed,” he said. “You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him” (Mark 16:6). When Jesus was raised, death was defeated. When Jesus was raised, all who believe in him gained

eternal life. Humankind was headed in one direction, death, and God provided the opportunity for humankind to reverse direction and gain life.

On this day we hear the words spoken once again that stir us, “He is not here. He has risen!” (Matthew 28:6, Mark 16:6, Luke 24:5). And we respond “He has risen indeed!”

That God sent him to us, that he taught and healed us, that he became our role model, and that he died for us and rose again: God's great acts in Christ fill our hearts with praise, thanksgiving, and joy!

### April 23 – Second Sunday of Easter “52” Sermon Series

#### Week 22 – “Jesus Is the Way of Life”

“Jesus answered, ‘I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me’ (John 14:6). Jesus' crucifixion, remembered on Good Friday, saves us from sin. Jesus' resurrection, remembered on Easter Sunday, gives us eternal life.

With God's help, when we confess our belief in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, we receive God's gifts of salvation and eternal life. In these ways, “Jesus is the Way of Life.” Jesus is also “the Way” in our daily lives.

After Christ ascended into heaven, our resurrected Lord sent the Holy Spirit into the world to empower us to live more and more like Christ and to help us in all ways. As we mature in faith we understand more and more that Christ is the way, not us.

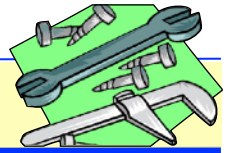
### April 30 – Third Sunday of Easter “52” Sermon Series

#### Week 23 – “God Empowers Us to Resist Temptation”

How many times have we given in to temptation, felt guilty afterwards, promised to ourselves that this was the last time, and then repeated the sin all over again. We don't have to continue to give in to temptation and sin.

A power beyond our own is instantaneously available to us when we call upon God to help us resist the things that tempt us. “But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it” (1 Corinthians 10:13b). We don't have to be chained by sin. We don't have to give into temptation. We can learn to work with God who empowers us.





## FACILITY MANAGEMENT

Salem's Board of Trustees is responsible for the care and maintenance of Salem's buildings, grounds, and cemetery.

■ By Gary Barkdoll, Trustee Chair

MARCH 18, 2017 — The winter months has given the Salem Board of Trustees an opportunity to complete various projects around the church, and yet, spring is upon us once again, and we are busy with many new and routine projects.

### Completed Projects

Over the winter, we were able to complete the following projects:

- Replaced a window pane in the upstairs social room.
- Repaired the reach-in freezer in the kitchen.
- Cleaned the gutters on the church,
- Repaired the ceiling tiles in the sanctuary and removed the stains on some upper moldings.

Most recently, in March:

- Completed a project to add additional shelving in the food pantry and for classroom storage materials in the Sunday School wing.
- Termite inspection of the parsonage that went very well with no issues.

### Projects In Progress

The Wi-Fi installation project is moving along very well. The infrastructure wiring is all in place and the service from Comcast has been installed. Soon we will have the needed electronic equipment; and once that is finalized, our system will be complete and the Wi-Fi system will be up and running.

### Spring Cemetery Cleanup

- Spring cleanup of the cemetery is

scheduled for the evening of April 6th. If you would like to assist in that project, please feel welcome to grab a pair of gloves and join our group.

### Use of Parsonage

Looking forward, Salem's Church Council has approved the use of the parsonage by various groups associated with the church.

The Faith Builders Youth Group will be using the living room of the parsonage for their regular meeting on Thursday evenings, and other groups within the church may be interested in using the parsonage as well.

To support this effort, an extensive survey of the existing condition of each space in the parsonage was conducted to see if any repairs are necessary to keep the parsonage in good condition.

Also, a list of "Users Instructions" for all groups using the parsonage has been assembled and each group leader will be expected to administer the instructions to ensure that good housekeeping, care and respect is maintained while using the parsonage.

### Future Projects

Looking forward, the Trustees have been asked to look into the following additional items:

- 1) Add central air conditioning to the social hall on the upper level of the Sunday School building. (This would replace the inefficient window units.) The Trustees are developing specifications and will be asking for

three or more quotes to compare and review before selecting a contractor.

2) A committee is being formed to look into the possibilities of adding additional facility space to allow for larger space for church related activity functions, more storage space and possibly a larger kitchen to support the various fundraising and other activities in which the church is involved.

Stay tuned for additional information and updates as we investigate and move forward on these projects.

I would like to thank Bobby Fogle, Robin Haupt and Jim Laky and others for all their efforts with design, research, experience and expertise with the implementation of our Wi-Fi system.

Many others have also assisted with the installation of the infrastructure of the system. Everyone's contributions to this effort has greatly been appreciated.

Elected to the Trustees this year are two returning members and one new member to our group.

I would like to welcome back Donald Stottlemeyer and George Harne, and Patrick Boyton is joining our group for the first time. It is always refreshing to see such continued and new interest in supporting the work of the Trustees for Salem Church.

If anyone has issues or ideas on how to maintain, repair or improve our church facility, please feel free to contact one of the Trustees. Thank you and may God bless.

Photo by Dawn Nelson



March 13, 2017 — Heather O'Connor, Hero's Club Director, teaches the Ten Commandments at Salem's Hero's Club After School Ministry.

Photo by Jim Laky



Pastor Bob Snyder speaks to the children at Children's Time during Salem's Contemporary Service on March 5, 2017.

## 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)*



## Evangelizing Barber



There was a barber who paid close attention to his parish whenever the topic of evangelism was discussed. He felt he should be doing more to share his faith with his customers.

The next morning the barber told the Lord in prayer, "Today I'm going to witness to the first customer who walks through my door."

A man came in as he opened the shop and said, "I need a shave." The barber said, "Yes sir, just have a seat and I'll be right with you."

The barber went to the back and prayed a quick prayer saying, "Lord, the first customer just came in and I am going to witness to him. Give me the wisdom to know just the right words to say. Amen."

And then the barber came out with his straight razor in one hand and the Bible in the other and told the customer, "I have a question for you. Are you ready to meet your maker?"

*Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman*

### Some thoughts to ponder . . .

The cross of Jesus is the plus sign of God's love reaching down to earth.

Could we have changed our own direction without the cross and resurrection?

God is the great physician. His specialty is heart transplants.

Everyone shines given the right lighting.

*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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