



Salem United Methodist Church — Wolfsville

Spaghetti Dinner
Fundraiser

Spaghetti Dinner
Friday, May 19, 2017
5-8 p.m. at Salem
No set price
Free-will Offering
Support for Youth Activities
more details on page 3

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Community Plant Sale & Food Sale at Salem — Saturday, May 13



May 7, 2016

8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

At last year's plant sale, Gary Barkdoll (left) and Donald Stottlemeyer check out the garden plants among the large selection of beautiful flowers and vegetable plants. The plants are hand-selected from nurseries in Pennsylvania as well as local gardens.

Salem "Bee-lievers" to Hold Plant & Food Sale

By Fonda Gormer, President
Salem United Methodist Women "Bee-lievers" Group

Salem's United Methodist Women "Bee-lievers" are planning their annual plant and food sale for Saturday, May 13, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

We 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.

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.

Note: There will be no yard sale this year.





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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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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-Mar
1	Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer (Retired New Tribes Mission)	\$205	\$615.00
2	Operation Christmas Child (Postage paid in November)	-----	\$0.00
3a	Salem Mission & Outreach (Local needs)	-----	\$594.30
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.)	-----	\$803.39
5	Mary E. (Africa Inland Mission)	\$85	\$325.00
6	United Methodist Board of Child Care (Auxiliary & Direct Support)	-----	\$257.00
7	Gideons (Frederick West Camp - Distributing Bibles)	\$50	\$150.00
8	Potato Project (Society of St. Andrew, Big Island, VA)	\$50	\$150.00
9	Middletown High School (Fellowship of Christian Athletes)	\$50	\$150.00
10	Ronnie & Angi Hopkins (TMS-Global, Nicaragua)	\$65	\$195.00
11	Care Net Pregnancy Center (Frederick, MD)	\$65	\$195.00
12	Compassion International (Sponsored child in India)	\$38	\$76.00
13	Hero’s Club After School Ministry (Pre-K through Grade 5)	-----	\$578.77
14	World Vision (Sponsored child in Colombia)	\$35	\$105.00

2017 Goal: **\$17,186** • Total Mission Offering for 2017: **\$4,125.00** • % of Goal: **24%**

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.

Food Pantry at Salem to participate in Summer Food Backpack Program

This summer, the Salem Food Pantry will be a distribution point for the monthly food backpack program. During the summer, instead of sending the bags home from school each week with the students— parents or other designated adults will pickup the bags each month at church locations. Pick up dates at Salem will be Tuesdays, June 20, July 18, August 15, and September 5, when Salem’s food pantry is open. Dawn Nelson is the contact at Salem. Other participating churches are Middletown United Methodist, Grossnickle Church of the Brethren, Mt. Zion United Methodist, and Faith Baptist Church.

OFFICE HOURS for PASTOR BOB

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

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.

Ladies Night Out set for May 3

The annual Ladies Night Out banquet will be held Wednesday, May 3, at 6:30 p.m. at the Mountain Gate Family Restaurant in Thurmont, MD.

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 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).

Reservations closed on April 25. For more information, contact Fonda Gormer at 301-293-2436.

Spaghetti Dinner, May 19, to Benefit Salem Youth Activities

■ By Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer

The Salem "Faith Builders" Youth Group will be holding a spaghetti dinner on Friday, May 19, from 5:00-8:00 p.m.

There is no set price for the meal, however, a free will offering will be collected.

Salem has a very active youth group, which meets every Thursday evening, and also attends special events throughout the year, such as, the ROCK Youth Retreat in Ocean City, and the Creation Music Festival in Mt. Union, PA, to name just a few.

The proceeds from the spaghetti dinner helps offset the costs of these activities, and the youth will help with the serving and clean-up as a way to



show their appreciation of the support they receive.

So, if you've had a long, tiring week, let us prepare your dinner on this Friday evening!

Please come and invite your family and friends to join us. We will also provide dinners to go, if requested.

The youth and youth leaders thank everybody for their support.

May 31 - June 2, 2017

Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference in Washington, DC

The 233rd session of the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church will be held from Wednesday, May 31 to Friday, June 2, 2017, at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, D.C.

The conference theme this year is "We Are One: Connected in Covenant."

This annual event is an opportunity

for United Methodists from 631 churches in Washington, D.C., Maryland, the panhandle of West Virginia and Bermuda to gather for worship, fellowship, learning and holy conferencing as they conduct the business of the church.

Pastor Bob and Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer will represent Salem at the annual conference.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The Wolfsville Community
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Mon-Fri, July 10-14, 2017

6:30-8:30 p.m. at St. Mark's Lutheran
Salem contact for VBS: Fonda Gormer

Theme: "Passport to Peru—
Discovering God's Good Gifts

Local Churches supporting Salem's Food Pantry

■ By Dawn Nelson

We are so blessed to have a new church helping our food pantry this month. St. John's Lutheran Church, Church Hill Road, decided to help us by designating each Sunday during Lent, to donate items needed in our food pantry.

The church had a different theme each week. For example, one Sunday was for breakfast items, another for canned meats, another for condiments, and on and on.

The effort was coordinated by St. John's member Stacy Benner. St. John's is a sister church to St. Paul's in Myersville, which also brings canned goods to the food pantry on a monthly basis.


We are so happy to have another church partner in our outreach ministry.

Also, our thanks to Mt. Zion United Methodist, in Myersville, who recently donated funds from their Empty Bowls Banquet.



Photo submitted by Dawn Nelson

St. John's Lutheran donates to Wolfsville Food Pantry. At left, Dawn Nelson, Salem's Food Pantry Coordinator, and Stacy Benner, St. John's Lutheran Church.



Attendance Offerings

March 2017

		Worship*		Sunday School		
Mar	5	-	113	\$2,140.05	58	\$340.00
Mar	12	-	89	2,761.93	55	152.00
Mar	19	-	89	1,968.50	62	113.00
Mar	26	-	99	2,302.00	50	90.75

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

*Worship attendance & offerings include both worship services.

- Missions: \$1,262.00
- Cemetery Endowment: \$180.00

- Building Fund: \$125.00

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

Average Attendance Jan-Mar 2017
 Sunday Worship: 93
 Sunday School: 54

Middletown High School supports Salem’s Food Pantry “children” at Easter



Photo submitted by Dawn Nelson

EASTER BUCKETS FOR FOOD PANTRY CHILDREN — The Middletown High School Club Hope prepared Easter buckets filled with many goodies for our Food Pantry children. Easter candy was also added to the buckets as well. This is the second project Middletown High School has done in support of Salem’s Food Pantry. We appreciate the support and leadership of Middletown High School teacher Sharon Steger. Pictured from left are 11th graders Wade Smith, Chloe Goodie, Jessica Yeager, and teacher Mrs. Sharon Steger.

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.



May

Calendar of Events



- Wed 3 Ladies Night Out** - 6:30 p.m. at Mountain Gate Family Restaurant, Thurmont
- Thu 4 Board of Trustees meeting** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Sun 7 Holy Communion** - 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. worship
- Thu 11 Church Council meeting** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Sat 13 Plant & Food Sale** - 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Salem
- Sun 14 Mother's Day** - Mothers honored at worship
- Fri 19 Spaghetti Dinner** - 5:00-8:00 p.m. at Salem
- Wed-Fri 31- June 2 Baltimore-Washington Conference** -
Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, Washington DC

Recurring Events: Hero's Club After School Ministry is held every MONDAY when school is in session
 Food Pantry is open every TUESDAY 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Salem
 Confirmation Class meeting on WEDNESDAYS 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

NOTE: No "Bee-lievers" meeting in May due to Ladies Night Out. Next meeting will be June 1.

Newsletter Distribution

1. **E-Mail** — We are currently sending this newsletter to 203 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.

Salem Youth Group enjoys day at Hershey Park

■ By Wanda Barkdoll

On Saturday, April 22, 2017, Salem's youth group, friends, and advisors, enjoyed Hershey Park. 20 of us attended despite the rain and cool weather.

The day at the park was reserved for customers and friends of Griffith Energy Services, Inc., who offered discount tickets.

At the park, Youth Group member Joshua earned a "big stuffed monkey" which he named Earl. During the day, Earl became a very close companion of the youth, and when preparing to drive home, Maggie, Kim, Maria, Joshua, and Valentina wanted Earl to ride in a seat. It was not happening. So, Earl made the trip with us in the trunk of the car.

Note, in the group photo, those missing were Denny, Diana and Rebecca Leatherman and Becky's boyfriend Brandon. We are already looking forward to going to Hershey Park again next year.

A DAY AT HERSHEY PARK

Photos submitted by Wanda Barkdoll



Who's Doing What, When?

9:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP		MAY	
Lay Readers 7 - Donald Stottlemeyer 14 - Dennis Leatherman 21 - Brenda Freysz 28 - Robin Haupt	Ushers 7 - Dick Kline & Steve Leatherman 14 - Vernon Stottlemeyer & Robin Haupt 21 - Donald Stottlemeyer & Meredith Harshman 28 - Philip Koons & Brandon Leatherman	Music 7 - Sara Weitzel 14 - Praise Band 21 - Susan Koons 28 - Susan Koons	
Greeters 7 - Dennis Leatherman & Family 14 - Bill & Darlene Burrier 21 - George, Barbie & Matt Stottlemeyer 28 - Vernon & Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer	Acolytes 7 - Paul McCormick 14 - Noah Taveras 21 - Kenslie Buhrman 28 - Joshua Koons		
11:15 A.M. CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP			
An informal FAMILY FRIENDLY service with contemporary Christian music, pastor's message, children's time, sharing of joys and concerns, and prayer.		Music May 14 - Works in Progress Praise Band May 28 - Works in Progress Praise Band	

It's Your Day!

May Anniversaries

- 19 - Joshua & Tracey Gormer
- 20 - Deane & Patty Weagley
- 21 - Bobby & Mary Fogle

May Birthdays

- 2 - Leann Eccard-Crutchley
- 6 - Mark Burrier
- 7 - Austin Main
- 8 - Anita Harshman
- 11 - Steve Leatherman
- 16 - Eleanor Kline
- 17 - Deane Weagley
- 17 - Elijah Sowers
- 18 - Cindy Draper
- 18 - Howard Brandenburg
- 19 - Brandon Leatherman
- 20 - Abigail Weagley
- 24 - Nelson Hipkins
- 25 - Sam Zimmerman
- 26 - Sharon Hipkins
- 27 - Lillian Hill
- 30 - Bobby Fogle Jr.

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

Update

Board of Child Care Auxiliary Membership Drive

As of this writing, 33 Salem members and friends have joined the Board of Child Care Auxiliary. Membership dues are \$2 per year. We have collected \$66 in dues and \$63 in contributions for a total of \$129, which will be forwarded to the Cumberland-Hagerstown Auxiliary Treasurer.

Pastor Appointments underway in Baltimore-Washington Conference

As of April 24, 2017, the following pastoral 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
- **Pastor Dionne T. Osuji**, to Shiloh UMC in Hagerstown.

Prayer is an acknowledgment of our need for God.

Holy Communion

Sunday, May 7
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 240-818-0126. Orders can be placed at any time and can be picked up after services on Sunday.

This is how we know what love is:
Jesus Christ laid down
his life for us.
— 1 John 3:16



Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman



INSPIRATIONAL
Reading

God's Masterpiece is Mother

By Herbert Farnham

God took the fragrance of a flower...
The majesty of a tree...
The gentleness of morning dew...
The calm of a quiet sea...
The beauty of the twilight hour...
The soul of a starry night...
The laughter of a rippling brook...
The grace of a bird in flight...
Then God fashioned from these things
A creation like no other,
And when his masterpiece was through
He called it simply - Mother.

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

Memorial Day

By Edgar A. Guest

The finest tribute we can pay
Unto our hero dead today,
Is not a rose wreath, white and red,
In memory of the blood they shed;
It is to stand beside each mound,
Each couch of consecrated ground,
And pledge ourselves as warriors true
Unto the work they died to do.

Into God's valleys where they lie
At rest, beneath the open sky,
Triumphant now o'er every foe,
As living tributes let us go.
No wreath of rose or immortelles
Or spoken word or tolling bells
Will do today, unless we give
Our pledge that liberty shall live.

Our hearts must be the roses red
We place above our hero dead;
Today beside their graves we must
Renew allegiance to their trust;
Must bare our heads and humbly say
We hold the Flag as dear as they,
And stand, as once they stood, to die
To keep the Stars and Stripes on high.

The finest tribute we can pay
Unto our hero dead today
Is not of speech or roses red,
But living, throbbing hearts instead,
That shall renew the pledge they sealed
With death upon the battlefield:
That freedom's flag shall bear no stain
And free men wear no tyrant's chain.



RECIPE



Chocolate Peanut Butter Dreams

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| 1 1/2 cups firmly packed brown sugar | 3 cups Quaker Oats (Quick or Old-fashioned, uncooked) |
| 1 cup creamy or chunk-style peanut butter | 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour |
| 3/4 cup margarine | 1/2 teaspoon baking soda |
| 1/3 cup water | 1 1/2 cups semi-sweet chocolate pieces |
| 1 egg | 4 teaspoons vegetable shortening |
| 1 teaspoon vanilla | 1/3 cup chopped peanuts, optional |

Directions

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Combine oats, flour, and baking soda; set aside. Beat together brown sugar, peanut butter and margarine until light and fluffy. Blend in water, egg and vanilla. Add mixture to dry ingredients; mix well. Shape dough into 1" balls. Place on ungreased cookie sheet; flatten to 1/4" thickness with bottom of glass dipped in sugar. Bake 8-10 minutes or until edges are golden brown. Remove to wire rack; cool completely.

Place chocolate pieces and vegetable shortening in glass container. Microwave on high 1-2 minutes. Stir after 1 minute, then every 30 seconds until melted and smooth. Top each cookie with 1/2 teaspoon melted chocolate; sprinkle with nuts. Chill until set. Store in airtight container. Makes about 6 dozen.

Fonda Gormer made this cookie or the "Bee-lievers" Cookie Exchange.



In honor of MEMORIAL DAY, Salem Church recognizes our nation's veterans who are buried at Salem's Cemetery. The church will place flags at these grave sites.

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| Lloyd Bear | Robert Woodrow Heefner | Raymond W. Kline |
| Robert Bear | William H. Horn | Merhle K. Martin |
| Aaron Craver | Agnes Kemerer | Ronald L. McLucas |
| Rodger Lee Eccard | Verne F. Kemerer | Joseph M. Nusbaum |
| Joseph R. Farsht | Alvey G. Kline | William H. Shuff |
| Elmer R. Finneyfrock | Ary M. Kline | Gaither E. Stotemyer |
| James Richard Frey | Carroll M. Kline | Daniel Bruce Warrenfeltz |
| Harold G. Harne | Gaither W. Kline | Paul Weiss |
| Francis C. Harshman | Lawrence S. Kline | |

Graduation



May you follow
your dreams
and always
believe in yourself.
Keep your eye on
the stars
and hope in your heart.

Local High School Graduations

- May 31 - Middletown High School
- June 1 - Smithsburg High School

In Sympathy

DONALD W. IRONS

MAY 5, 1924 - March 31, 2017

The Salem congregation expresses deepest sympathy to the Irons family on the passing of Donald Westcott Irons, 92, of Hagerstown, on March 31, 2017.

A memorial service was held on Sunday, April 9, with Pastor Bob Snyder officiating.



Message from the Pastor and Worship in May

■ By PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER

After Jesus' resurrection, Easter continues on for seven weeks, ending with Pentecost. During that first Easter Season, the resurrected Jesus appeared over a period of forty days to hundreds of people.

His final words before ascending into heaven were, "Remember, I will be with you always" (Matthew 28:20b).

Seated at the right hand of God, Christ formed us into the church and sent the Holy Spirit to dwell in us and empower us to be his disciples.

Do we sense these things happening in our current lives this Easter Season?

How are we encountering Christ in our daily lives? How are we observing his help?

How are we working with Christ to be the church, his ongoing presence in the world?

Every day we have the potential to live out the events that occurred in that first Easter Season.

As we do, more and more we experience the fullness of life as God intended it to be for us.

This Easter Season, let's choose that life in Christ. May you have a blessed Easter Season! —Pastor Bob

May 7 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion

"52" Sermon Series

Week 24 – "Building up One Another"

"Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear" (Ephesians 4:29).

We can always find fault in each other. We can trick ourselves into thinking that finding fault in another makes us feel better about ourselves.

Jesus related to others in a different



way. John Wesley summed it up in his General Rules: Do no harm, do all the good you can, and stay in love with God.

These rules, modeled by Jesus, can help us build good relationships in our own lives.

May 14 – Fifth Sunday of Easter "52" Sermon Series

Week 25 – "Be Enthusiastic and Cheerful Followers"

"Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord" (Romans 12:11b).

My instructor in a leadership class related the story of his grandparents who emigrated here from Italy.

His grandfather had several different and modest jobs over his lifetime, good enough to provide for the basic needs of his family.

His grandson always knew him to be enthusiastic and cheerful. But his grandmother was always complaining and never seemed to be content.

Two people sharing the same basic life experience. One was happy, the other not so much.

After affirming that we all have different personalities and different strengths, Jesus encourages us to be enthusiastic and cheerful followers.

May 21 – Sixth Sunday of Easter "52" Sermon Series

Week 26 – "Seek the Good in Life"

Finally brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right,

whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable — if anything is excellent or praiseworthy — think about such things" (Philippians 4:8).

What is our definition of the "Good life" and how do we seek after it?

Many TV commercials promote looks, possessions, and status.

The Apostle Paul encourages us to seek a different kind of good life, the one Jesus modeled with his life: true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent and praiseworthy.

This list can be a good measuring stick as we enter into situations and relationships.

May 28 – Seventh Sunday of Easter "52" Sermon Series

Week 27 – "God is Restoring All Things to Perfection"

"This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven" (Acts 2:11b).

As believers in Jesus Christ, we acknowledge that he will return a final time and at that time all things will be restored to the perfect way God originally created things.

His return will happen sometime in the future and God's work in humanity will be fulfilled at that time.

What is happening in the meantime? Isn't God already at work, restoring. Can't we see evidence of his work?

Amidst the bad news that saturates the airwaves, isn't there good news happening in our world and in our personal lives?

Life can be very fulfilling when we work with God on the ways our Lord is already at work restoring all things to perfection.

Honoring Our Graduates



College graduations are occurring in May, and local high schools in late May and early June.

Salem will be honoring our high school and college graduates during an upcoming worship service.

If you are graduating this year, congratulations on your achievements! Please contact Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer or Pastor Bob.

Salem Mission Projects

Missions and Outreach



Salem Mission Project No. 1

Letter from Frank & Nancy Stottlemyer, Senegal Missionaries, Retired

Dear Folks at
Salem United Methodist Church:

APRIL 5, 2017 — Thank you again for your faithful help to support us in our ministries. We appreciate your prayers for us and your financial help to us.

We thank the Lord for continuing good health enabling us to be busy serving and doing other things we enjoy. And we are thankful to be celebrating our 54th wedding anniversary today!

Nancy continues to volunteer three days a week at the Hagerstown Rescue Mission. She also visits several widows regularly, serves in the church nursery, and does other things at church and for friends and neighbors. Frank continues to serve on the board of our home church, as church bookkeeper/treasurer, and helps our pastor one day a week with visitation and other things.

Some outreach efforts of our church, Black Rock Bible Church, that we are helping with, is a candlelight service the evening of Good Friday for which we

hope to get a good number of people from the neighborhood.

As a church, we also plan to work hard to get a good number of children and teens to go to Camp Tohiglo this summer. We believe camp provides a life-changing experience for those who attend; and that continues to grow in importance in view of all that children and teens face these days.

The church started a monthly breakfast for men, and quarterly the board of the church and our wives take the widows and widowers for a luncheon. Ladies of the church continue to have a monthly breakfast and Bible study.

Our son-in-law, Lynn Harney, continues to minister at the Hagerstown Rescue Mission as well as working at FedEx at night. Our daughter, Wanda, has been volunteering several days a week at the mission.

Our son, Eric & his wife Wendy are ministering in Senegal, teaching the Bible to the Badyaranké people. Please be



praying for those who are Christians; for courage to stand for their faith; and that many more people will trust Christ as Savior.

Our daughter, Rebecca, also ministers to the Badyaranké people. She teaches literacy to some ladies, and she oversees two men teaching other literacy classes. It is very hot there now making them very tired.

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

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

—Frank & Nancy

Salem Mission Project No. 12

Compassion International forced to close their program in India

■ By Bill Burrier

Salem has been sponsoring children in poverty for many years through your offerings for missions.

Most recently, Salem has been sponsoring two children:

1. Santanu Sing, a boy in India, through Compassion International at \$38 per month (Salem Mission Project No. 12);
2. Yurley Paola Paul, a girl in Colombia, through World Vision at \$35 per month (Salem Mission Project No. 14).

After supporting Santanu Sing in India for nearly 13 years, it has come to an end. Compassion International has advised us that they had to close their sponsorship program in India on March 15, 2017, due to Indian Government restrictions.

Reason for Closure

According to Compassion, they

Salem supported SANTANU SING, East India, for nearly 13 years.



have operated in India for 48 years, helping more than a quarter of a million children break the cycle of poverty.

But the Indian Government has chosen, through the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act, to restrict nongovernmental charitable organizations' reception of foreign funds into the country whose purpose differs from India's political ideology.

This means the Indian Government can restrict Christian charitable

organizations from providing funding.

Salem Youth will select another sponsored child in June

Since Compassion International is represented at the Creation Music Festival, there will be an opportunity there, to select another sponsored children from another country.

So, our youth group will select a new child when they attend Creation this summer.

Scenes from the

Holy Week & Easter Celebration at Salem



The Last Supper

Photos by Bill Burrier



MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2017 — From left, Patrick Boyton (Bartholomew), Denny Leatherman (James the Lesser), Vernon Stottlemeyer (Andrew), Richard Harshman (Judas), Dennis Draper (Peter), Robin Haupt (John), Jim Laky (Jesus), Gary Barkdoll (James the Greater), George Stottlemeyer (Thomas), Bobby Fogle (Philip), Michael Burrier (Matthew), Donald Stottlemeyer (Thaddeus), and Brandon Leatherman (Simon the Zealot).

Community Easter Egg Hunt

■ By Caroline L. Buhrman

SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 2017 — What a beautiful day for the Easter Egg Hunt! I certainly hope everyone had a great time of fun and fellowship.

The young people went out in two groups to find eggs, filled with candy treats and some with quarters and candy. Thanks to Richard Harshman for his donation of five gold dollar coins.

Many thanks to my faithful kitchen crew that just appear, and get everything together and cleaned up after the festivities.

And thank you to the youth for hiding the eggs this year. For all of your donations of baked goods, money and wrapped candies and other items, thank you so much. It was also a joy to see the adults come and enjoy themselves on a beautiful sunny afternoon.



Holly & Maggie Brashears



Linda Marenic & Saralynn Irons



Sara Weitzel & Keagan Mellott



Sean & Mary Elizabeth Lebowitz

Children's Choir presents program on Easter Sunday

■ By Sara Weitzel

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2017 — I want to thank all the children, the parents/grandparents, and everyone else who participated in, helped with, and/or supported Salem's Children's Choir for the Easter Sunday performance. In particular, I would like to thank the Choir members: Delilah Herrell, Brynleigh Irons, Kaitlin Laky (special thanks for singing the solo part on "I Believe In Jesus"), Cheyenne Leatherman, Shelby Leatherman, Nevaeh Mellott, Loralli Snyder and Sophie Wagaman; Donna Snyder for playing guitar on "I Believe In Jesus"; and Mike Burrier for being our tech guy.

The performance was awesome, and they were a blessing to me and the congregation!



The Children's Choir sang two songs during the Easter Sunday morning program: "I Believe In Jesus" and "I Just Wanna Be A Sheep".

Scenes from

Salem's Youth Group Activities

Photos submitted by Wanda Barkdoll

Feed the Hungry "Potato Drop"

■ By Wanda Barkdoll, Youth Leader

MARCH 25, 2017 — Salem's "Faith Builders" Youth Group joined more than 70 volunteers at the Bethel United Methodist Church, Chewsville, to help with the annual Potato Drop sponsored by the Frederick and Cumberland-Hagerstown Districts United Methodist Men to help feed the hungry. A truck from the Society of St. Andrew's Potato Project, delivered 880 50-pound bags of potatoes.

We divided in two groups. One assisted in preparing 5-pound bags of potatoes which were delivered to families who were in need. The other group help to distributed 50-pound bags to local non-profit organizations such as food banks, rescue missions, homeless shelters and churches with outreach ministries that came for pick-up.

It was good to serve the Lord.



From left, Josh, Noah, Paul, Camilo, Gary, Chris, Becky, Maria, Valentina, & Wanda.



Youth Group Honors Senior's with Luncheon

■ By Wanda Barkdoll, Youth Leader

APRIL 9, 2017 — Salem's "Faith Builders" Youth Group sponsored a luncheon to honor our senior members and neighbors in the Wolfsville community. The theme for this year was Western.

The youth group members were looking forward to this event. They enjoyed providing entertainment and serving the meal as a way to show their gratitude for everything our seniors have done for them; for their support, encouragement, and love. Thank you so much and we will see you next year. God bless.



From left, Chris, Noah, Camilo, Maggie, Madison, Valentina, Emily, Paul, Sarah, Joe, & Maria.



Jake & Maggie



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



"Oh, good . . .
you're not busy."

Some thoughts to ponder . . .

It's better to walk alone,
than with a crowd going
in the wrong direction.

Always remember that your present
situation is not your final destination.
The best is yet to come.

When you rush through life, it becomes
a race; but when you enjoy each moment,
it becomes a beautiful journey.

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

The Mountain Shepherd

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— Every Sunday —

9:00 a.m. Traditional

10:15 a.m. Sunday School

11:15 a.m. Contemporary

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May 2017