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Ice Cream Social

Sunday, July 16 • 5:30 p.m.

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Large group of Salem Youth & Adults going to "Creation 2017" at Mt. Union, PA


JUNE 28 - JULY 1 **AGAPE FARM** MT. UNION, PA

CREATION 2017

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Many of our youth and adults are planning to set up camp and attend the entire 4-day event, but all are welcome to commute for one or two days as well. This is a wonderful opportunity to gather with our Christian friends and listen to some great Christian music, excellent speakers and seminars. There is even a Kid's Stage for the younger youth.



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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

Salem Website:
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-Apr
1	Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer (Retired New Tribes Mission)	\$205	\$820.00
2	Operation Christmas Child (Postage paid in November)	-----	\$0.00
3a	Salem Mission & Outreach (Local needs)	-----	\$846.67
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.)	-----	\$886.89
5	Mary E. (Africa Inland Mission)	\$85	\$425.00
6	United Methodist Board of Child Care (Auxiliary & Direct Support)	-----	\$257.00
7	Gideons (Frederick West Camp - Distributing Bibles)	\$50	\$200.00
8	Potato Project (Society of St. Andrew, Big Island, VA)	\$50	\$200.00
9	Middletown High School (Fellowship of Christian Athletes)	\$50	\$200.00
10	Ronnie & Angi Hopkins (TMS-Global, Nicaragua)	\$65	\$260.00
11	Care Net Pregnancy Center (Frederick, MD)	\$65	\$260.00
12	Compassion International (Sponsored child in India)	\$38	\$76.00
13	Hero’s Club After School Ministry (Pre-K through Grade 5)	-----	\$809.26
14	World Vision (Sponsored child in Colombia)	\$35	\$140.00

2017 Goal: **\$17,186** • Total Mission Offering for 2017: **\$6,097.00** • % of Goal: **35%**

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.

At St. Mark's Lutheran Church

Wolfsville Vacation Bible School to Discover God's Gifts while Exploring Peru



The annual Wolfsville Community Vacation Bible School is scheduled for Monday through Friday, July 10-14, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., at St. Mark's Lutheran Church. Children ages 4 through 12 are invited to attend. The theme will be "Passport to Peru— Discovering God's Good Gifts". The location of Wolfsville's Bible School alternates among two churches, Salem United Methodist and St. Mark's Lutheran. This year, Bible School is at St. Mark's. The contact at St. Mark's is Lois Kuhn. Salem's contact is Fonda Gormer.

Photo of Salem's Youth Group appears in Creation Brochure

Many come to the Creation grounds and see the end product: the various stages built, the flagged fields, the wood's seminar stages raked, the clean showers and the snow fence all in place. However we are often asked how can someone be a part of making that happen and lend a hand with the advanced preparations that turn the farm fields into mission fields? If you've ever wondered, or ever wanted to be involved as God begins His ministry on the festival grounds, this is for you!

- Saturday arrival and camping set-up
- Serve throughout the grounds in various areas as we prepare for the festival
- Daily session of worship and teaching
- Meals served in a separate Creation Works tent: breakfast, lunch, and dinner
- Creation Works PLUS Camp Creation w/ Meals PLUS Volunteer during the festival: \$194

What's better than a music festival? A music festival with a camp track! Sign your youth group up for Camp Creation for \$25 per person. Each person will receive an exclusive Camp Creation t-shirt and journal, as well as daily chapel services, daily youth group competitions, artist talk backs and small group discussions.

Find out more: www.creationfest.com/ne/groups

- Camp Creation: \$25 ADD ON (to ticket)
- Camp Creation PLUS MEALS: \$114 ADD ON (to ticket)

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EXPERIENCE CREATION

CANDLELIGHTING
Truly, one of the most powerful moments of the festival. Join thousands of fellow believers as we literally become a "city set on a hill."

WORSHIP

BAPTISM

COMMUNITY
Camping at Creation is where some of the most meaningful & life-changing experiences take place. Whether it's around the campfire, meal times, set up or tear-down, trekking up to the lookout, or just simply having fun with your mates, we guarantee you'll experience true community here on the Farm.

SALEM YOUTH GROUP

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Every year, the folks who sponsor the Creation Music Festival produce a brochure which is mailed to 50,000+ potential attendees. We is pleased to note that a photo of our youth group is included in this year's brochure, not once but twice (on pages 6 and 8). The photo was taken last year by Creation's official photographer.

Attendance Offerings

April 2017

	Worship*	Sunday School
Apr 2 -	102 \$2,654.00	61 \$213.00
Apr 9 -	100 2,241.50	63 234.00
Apr 16 -	124 2,401.25	63 91.00
Apr 23 -	92 2,505.00	56 218.00
Apr 30 -	89 2,380.00	45 60.00

*Worship attendance & offerings include both worship services.

- Missions: \$2,112.00
 - Cemetery Endowment: \$225.00
 - Building Fund: \$450.00
- (Missions, Building Fund offerings, etc. are not included in Worship & Sunday School offerings above.)

Average Attendance	
Worship	Sunday School
Apr	101
Mar	98
Feb	98
Jan	86
Dec	88

Average Attendance Jan-Apr 2017
 Sunday Worship: 96
 Sunday School: 55

Salem is exploring the possibility of a building project

■ By Bill Burrier, Church Treasurer and Chair of Finance

The Salem Church Council is exploring the possibility of a future building project. Members of the congregation have expressed a desire to upgrade the church kitchen, add more storage space and a larger assembly area. These improvements would require an addition to the educational building.

Before any detailed design can be established, the Council is seeking financial and architectural advice to determine the type and size of building that could be constructed within Salem's financial means.

To help determine the affordability of the project, the Council asked Salem member Michael Burrier to do a Building Project Analysis. Michael, who is a Vice President,

Credit Officer, for Frederick County Bank, and has worked on other church building projects, presented his findings to Salem's Church Council on May 18, 2017.

Michael's analysis was based upon a possible project with an estimated cost of around \$500,000.

Michael reviewed Salem's current general fund and building fund savings, which could be used toward a future building project. Although the funds available from savings are commendable, some additional fundraising will be necessary to support the project.

The Council's next step will be to form a building committee to establish detailed needs and seek architectural advice.

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.

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.

Looking ahead . . .



Sunday, July 16, 2017
 5:30 p.m.
 at Salem's Pavilion
 Food • Music • Ice Cream • Family Fun



June

Calendar of Events



- Wed-Fri May 31-June 2 Baltimore-Washington Conference -**
Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, Washington DC
- Thu 1 UMW Bee-lievers meeting - 7:00 p.m.** at Salem
- Thu 1 Board of Trustees meeting - 7:00 p.m.** at Salem
- Sun 4 Holy Communion - 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.** worship
- Thu 8 Church Council meeting - 7:00 p.m.** at Salem
- Sun 11 Confirmation Sunday - 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.** worship
- Sun 11 New Members Luncheon - 12:30 p.m.** at Salem
- Sun 18 Father's Day - Father's honored at 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.** worship
- Wed-Sat June 28-July 1 Creation Music Festival - Mt. Union, PA**

Recurring Events: 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

Newsletter Distribution

- 1. E-Mail** — We are currently sending this newsletter to 201 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.

After School Ministry

Hero's Club celebrates end of Spring Semester

On Monday, May 22, 2017, Salem's After School Ministry, Hero's Club, celebrated with an End-of-the-Year party at *Backyard Inflatables* in Frederick.

The children and helpers were treated to dinner and snacks, along with the onsite inflatable amusements.

OPEN POSITION — Pastor Bob recently reported that the Hero's Club Director, Heather O'Connor, will be moving from the area and will not be able to lead Hero's Club beginning this fall.

Pastor Bob commented, "During Heather's time as Director, Hero's Club has grown larger in numbers and deeper in mission and ministry. She has done an outstanding job!"

The position, which is a part-time paid position, is still open. If interested, please contact Pastor Bob.



New Members

Confirmation Sunday set for June 11, 2017

Pastor Bob is teaching a spring confirmation class on Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

As of this writing, three students are participating: Katie Laky, Emma Waite, and Emily Burrier.

These young people will make a decision to become confirmed members at Salem on Sunday, June 11, 2017, during the 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. worship services.

TRANSFERS — Any adults who would like to transfer their membership to Salem will also be received into membership on June 11th. Please contact Pastor Bob regarding transfer procedures.

On this day, following the second service, a luncheon will be held to honor the new members.

May 14, 2017

Mothers Honored on Mother's Day

On Mother's Day, Salem honored each mother with a beautiful geranium to take home and enjoy. In addition, each mother's name was written on a slip of paper and placed in a basket. During the children's message, Pastor Bob asked one of the children to draw two names from the basket.

At the 9:00 a.m. traditional service, the winners were Mary Alice Shankle and Marilyn Leatherman.

At the 11:15 a.m. contemporary service, the winning mothers were Holly Irons and Cathie Elsbach.



Directory of Addresses to be updated

■ By Bill Burrier

It is time to once again update Salem's Directory of Addresses. Some of you have given me address changes as they occurred, but if you have not, please provide the necessary changes.

We are now including email addresses, so if you would like your email address included with your mailing address and phone number, please let me know. The new directory will be published in late June.

Who's Doing What, When?

9:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP		JUNE	
Lay Readers 4 - Gary Barkdoll 11 - Patrick Boyton 18 - Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer 25 - Dennis Draper	Ushers 4 - Dick Kline & Steve Leatherman 11 - Vernon Stottlemeyer & Robin Haupt 18 - Donald Stottlemeyer & Meredith Harshman 25 - Philip Koons & Brandon Leatherman	Music 4 - Sara Weitzel 11 - Praise Band 18 - Susan Koons 25 - Susan Koons	
Greeters 4 - Meredith Harshman 11 - Dennis Draper 18 - George, Barbie & Matt Stottlemeyer 25 - Brandon & Jessie Leatherman & Girls	Acolytes 4 - Paul McCormick 11 - Noah Taveras 18 - Kenslie Buhman 25 - Joshua Koons		
11:15 A.M. CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP An informal FAMILY FRIENDLY service with contemporary Christian music, pastor's message, children's time, sharing of joys and concerns, and prayer.		Music June 11 - Works in Progress Praise Band June 25 - Works in Progress Praise Band	

It's Your Day!

June Anniversaries

- 4 - Jamie & Amber Breneman
- 7 - Tim & Mary Brown
- 8 - Kenneth & Dianna Poling
- 19 - Brandon & Jessie Leatherman
- 22 - Jim & Kim Bullock
- 25 - Vernon & Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer

June Birthdays

- 1 - Emily Burrier
- 2 - Doris Fogle
- 2 - Richard Freysz
- 2 - Bob Stup
- 3 - Andrea Palmer
- 3 - Barbara Palmer
- 6 - Jonathan Gormer
- 12 - Petie Stup
- 13 - Cheyenne Leatherman
- 19 - George Harne
- 22 - Hunter Hebeisen
- 23 - Seth Hipkins
- 23 - Jeremiah Sowers
- 24 - Casey Weddle
- 26 - Christi Beall
- 26 - Justin Brown
- 27 - George Stottlemeyer

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

Pastor Appointments in Baltimore-Washington Conference

As of May 22, 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
- **Rev. Katie Bishop** has been appointed as lead pastor for the new Greater Brunswick Charge, consisting of four churches: New Hope UMC in Brunswick, Sandy Hook UMC, Doubs/Epworth UMC, and Jefferson UMC. Katie, who served as associate pastor at Salem from 2006-2008, will be predominately preaching at New Hope, but will serve administratively all four churches.

Pastor William Carpenter will be the Associate Pastor for the charge and will predominately preach at Jefferson and Doubs/Epworth.

Mrs. Toni Dufficy will be the Certified Lay Minister for the charge and will predominately preach at Sandy Hook.

Holy Communion

Sunday, June 4
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.

One of the happiest moments ever is when you find the courage to let go of what you cannot change.



BULLETIN BOARD
with a message

IF YOU THINK GOD IS YOUR
CO-PILOT, YOU'D BETTER
CHANGE SEATS.

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman



**INSPIRATIONAL
Reading**

A Father's Job

By James J. Metcalfe

A husband and a father is
The one who ought to be
A generous provider for
His growing family
The one whose job supplies the roof
The clothes and daily bread
The doctor, school, and all the things
That keep them comforted.
But his important place in life
Is not confined to these
For he must face so many more responsibilities . . .
He should be constantly prepared
To share the smiles and tears
And all the hopes the family
Is blending with the years.
He ought to take an active part
In everything they do
To carry out their happy plans
And make their dreams come true.



The Simple Things

By Garnett Ann Schultz

Oh let us keep the simple things
The charms an early morning brings,
The meadow grass all fresh with dew
Before the sun comes stealing through,
Majestic mountains reaching high
That seem to kiss the blue of sky.

Oh let us love the things so small
That sometimes matter not at all,
One tiny bird upon her nest,
When quiet minds would pause in rest,
The babbling brook, a shaded place,
Or just one smile upon a face.

Oh let us love the gentle rain,
The growing wheat upon the plain,
A wildflower bringing beauty rare,
The scent of lilacs on the air,
The peaceful moments with a friend
Just as the rush of day would end.

A tiny child with trusting eyes,
A rainbow after stormy skies,
Bright colors of an autumn day,
A smile of God where sunbeams play,
The wondrous gladness loving brings
Oh, let us keep the simple things.



RECIPE



Cream Cheese and Fudge Pie

- | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 12 ounces cream cheese, softened | 1/3 cup natural unsweetened |
| 1 1/2 cups sugar, divided | cocoa powder |
| 4 large eggs, divided | 1/2 (14.1 ounce) package |
| 6 tablespoons melted butter | refrigerated piecrusts (1 sheet) |

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 300 degrees.
2. In a medium bowl, combine cream cheese and 3/4 cup sugar. Beat at medium speed with a mixer until creamy. Add 1 egg, beating well. Set aside.
3. In another medium bowl, combine melted butter, remaining 3/4 cup sugar, cocoa, and remaining 3 eggs. Set aside.
4. On a lightly floured surface, roll piecrust into a 12-inch circle. Transfer to a 9-inch deep-dish pie plate, pressing into bottom and up sides. Fold edges under, and crimp as desired. Pour chocolate mixture into prepared piecrust. Pour cream cheese mixture over chocolate mixture; swirl gently with the tip of a knife.
5. Bake 1 hour. Turn off oven, and let cool in oven 1 hour.

Selected from "Southern Pies & Cobblers" Special Collector's Issue 2017



Our Dad

God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need.
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew his masterpiece was complete,
And so, he called it
Dad. —Anonymous

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

Sunny Days

By Samuel Longfellow

The summer days are come again;
Once more the glad earth yields
Her golden wealth of ripening grain,
And breath of clover fields,
And deepening shade of summer woods,
And glow of summer air,
And winging thoughts,
and happy moods
Of love and joy and prayer.



Contentment

By Mary S. Chevalier

I thank Thee
for Thy beauty all around me;
I thank Thee
for the skies of purest blue.
I praise Thee
for the earth and all its bounty;
I feel so blessed
by wonders sent from You!
There is no time
for doubt or discontentment,
That void is filled
with blessings by the score.
My heart is
so full and overflowing;
I think that I
shall never want for more!



Message from the Pastor and Worship in June

■ By **PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER**

As the end of the school year draws near, we celebrate the achievements of our children and youth. We're very proud of them.

We also acknowledge their teachers. Think of it: if a teacher averaged a class size of 20 students each year and taught for 40 years, over the course of their career they would have touched the lives of 800 children! We give thanks for our teachers and all who are involved in the education of our children.

With Pentecost, on June 4, the Easter Season comes to a close. Trinity Sunday is June 11, then on June 18, the paraments (coverings on the altar, pulpit, and lectern) are changed to green as we enter the season in the life of the church called Ordinary Time (June 11 – November 26). Green is the color of life and growth.

Every day is an opportunity for us to live and grow in Christ, and I feel blessed to be doing so along with you at Salem! Hope you have a great start to the summer. God Bless. —*Pastor Bob*

June 4 – Pentecost

Holy Communion

“52” Sermon Series

Week 28 – “Live by the Spirit”

Galatians 5:22-23 - “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.”

Today is Pentecost, celebrated fifty days after the resurrection of our Lord on Easter Sunday. It is the day God formed the church and sent the Holy Spirit to dwell within the church, empowering us to be God's people.

Do we live out our faith as the empowered people that we are?

On Pentecost God encourages us to be enthusiastic and bold as we invite



others to Christ, help each other grow in faith, and serve those in need.

June 11 – Trinity Sunday

Confirmation

“52” Sermon Series

Week 29 – “God Is One in Three Persons”

Matthew 28:19b - “... baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

Today we welcome new members into our church family. It is a very exciting day! Individuals will be publicly stating their belief in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

Individuals will be pledging to be active members of Salem through their prayers, their presence, their gifts, their service, and their witness.

As they do, we as a church family will commit to support them and recommit to continue to grow in our own faith and service.

Following the second service, at about 12:30 p.m., we'll gather together for a luncheon to celebrate and welcome our new members!

June 18

“52” Sermon Series

Week 30 – “Give Thanks and Praise”

Psalm 149 - “Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful.”



Nearly every day we can think of something going on in our lives that challenges us. Some challenges can bring us much stress.

But even in those times, and every day, can't we find something for which to give thanks and praise to God.

And when we do, doesn't our thanks and praise usually give us a more hopeful perspective?

Doesn't giving thanks and praise help us better keep our priorities in order? Our thanks and praise goes up to God, and his love and care pours back into us in a rhythm that is life-giving.

June 25

“52” Sermon Series

Week 31 – “Be Merciful, Just, and Humble”

Micah 6:8 - “He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.”

We can imagine a person coming to the point in their lives when they surrender and pray, “Not me any longer, Lord, but you. I want to follow you.”

And we can anticipate that person asking the Lord, “What do you require of me?” and the Lord responding, “Act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly before your God.”

When we actively seek justice for those hampered to seek it for themselves; when we criticize and judge less and show mercy more; when we acknowledged God in all things, isn't our world better? Isn't the Kingdom of God nearer? Wouldn't we have more peace and joy?



Salem Mission Projects

Missions *and* Outreach

Salem Mission Project No. 11

Care Net Pregnancy Center of Frederick

Dear Folks at
Salem United Methodist Church:

APRIL 30, 2017 — *"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God." —2 Corinthians 1:3-4 (NIV)*

I find great encouragement in seeing this verse in action, as our volunteers serve our clients with love and comfort from the Lord. As believers, we do praise God for His comfort during our troubled times.

We are thankful that He redeems these times by His great compassion. We desire to share the promise of His comfort with our clients.

We especially desire this with our clients receiving post abortion care, in hopes that they surrender their troubled (broken) hearts to the One that can heal and restore them.

Please pray for two clients, one male and one female, to embrace their Father of compassion and allow Him to comfort them in their troubled hearts during their healing journey.

Thank you for supporting this



ministry with your finances and your prayers. We truly appreciate you linking arms with us, as we continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus to the lost and wounded.

—Linda King, Executive Director

Salem Mission Project No. 10

Ronnie & Angi Hopkins ministering in Nicaragua with TMS-Global

A mission team from the First United Methodist Church, Dalton, Georgia, recently worked with Ronnie and Angi in a variety of ministries, teaching at a pastors' conference as well as working on construction projects.

Pastors Randy and Jerry conducted classes at a Pastors' Conference, held at one of Pastor Carlos' churches in Tipitapa. The conference, which lasted for 4½ days, was attended by 47 pastors and was a great success.

The pastors traveled from many areas of Nicaragua, including Managua, Tipitapa, Masaya, Ocotal, Somoto, Jinotega, San Juan del Río Coco and the Rio Bocay. The two pastors from the Rio Bocay traveled 1½ days to get to the conference.

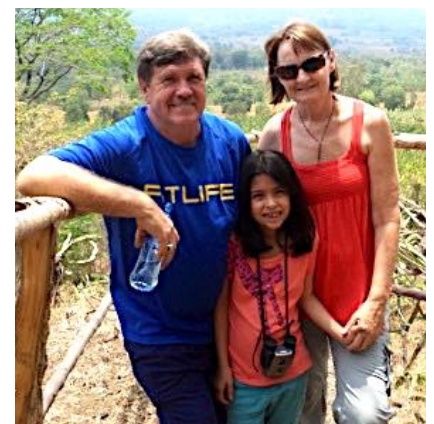
Pastor Ramiro, District Supervisor from the Rio Bocay, would like to teach this material to the pastors in the remote areas of the river.

He would do the training in Ayapal at the mouth of the river; the pastors would travel there by boat. This area receives very little training due to the remoteness.

While the Pastors' Conference was going on, other team members worked in construction. They added a room for a mother and four children. The father had drowned several years ago in a lake.

They bought two bunk beds with mattresses for the children. The mother and her four children had been sleeping in one double bed. They also repaired two homes in the barrio of Mira Luz, adding cement floors.

Other team members worked in sewing. Two ladies from the Rio Bocay had traveled to Tipitapa to learn how to make school uniforms and backpacks. They were taught by Julia, Javier's wife. Ann taught the river ladies how to use the electric sewing machine (they are used to treadle machines) and she made bed covers and sheets for the children.



Ronnie, Angi, & Peanut



Scenes from the

Community Plant & Food Sale at Salem



Photos by Bill Burrier



Plant & Food Sale successful

SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2017 — Salem's annual plant and food sale, sponsored by the "Bee-lievers" women's group, was well attended.

Offered for sale was a large selection of beautiful flowers and vegetable plants. The plants were hand-selected from nurseries in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, as well as from local gardens.

Due to the damp and drizzly weather at the beginning of the day, the flowers were displayed undercover in Salem's pavilion, and the food was sold indoors.

The sale began at 8:00 a.m. and was scheduled to end at 4:00 p.m., but ended earlier due to brisk sales and only a few plants left.

Organizers have commented that in future years the pavilion will likely be used again, since it provides an excellent space to display the plants.



Scenes from

Spaghetti Dinner — Youth Group Fundraiser



Photos by Bill Burrier & Wanda Barkdoll

Youth Group Fundraiser successful

MAY 19, 2017 — Salem’s “Faith Builders” Youth Group and its leaders held a spaghetti dinner fundraiser. There was no set price for the meal but a donation was requested.

The menu included spaghetti with meat sauce or tomato sauce, salad, garlic bread, fruit, beverage, and dessert.

At the dinner, youth members served as servers and wait staff.

Our thanks to everyone who supported this event. The profit of over \$600 will be used to support youth group activities.

The youth group meets every Thursday evening at the church and also participates in a special event once each month.

Upcoming special events are an End-of-Year Pool Party and camping at the Creation Music Festival in Mt. Union, PA.



From left, Noah, Chris, and Denny



From left, Chris, Noah, and Josh



From left, Theresa, Robin, and Jake

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



Daniel was never again comfortable around cats — of any size. (See Daniel 6:16)

Some thoughts to ponder . . .

Let your smile change the world, but don't let the world change your smile.

A little faith will bring your soul to heaven, but a lot of faith will bring heaven to your soul.

Being happy doesn't mean everything is perfect. It means that you've decided to look beyond the imperfections.

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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