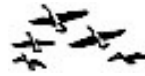


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**Wolfsville Community
Vacation Bible School**
Monday-Friday, July 10-14
6:30-8:30 p.m.
St. Mark's Lutheran Church

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You are invited to Salem's annual Community Ice Cream Social • July 16

Food
Music
Ice Cream
Family Fun

**Sunday
July 16
5:30 pm**

at Salem's Pavilion

**CORNHOLE
TOURNAMENT**

Ice Cream
from South Mountain Creamery

**MUSIC BY
Works in
Progress
Community
Praise Band**

Chicken & Hot Dogs provided.
Bring a side dish, dessert, or
drink to share.

Children's Games

July is National Ice Cream Month



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Salem Membership Statistics:
Current Membership: 245
2017 New Members: 4

Salem Physical Facilities:
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Educational Building built 1967
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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-May
1	Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer (Ethnos360, formerly New Tribes)	\$205	\$1,025.00
2	Operation Christmas Child (Postage paid in November)	-----	\$0.00
3a	Salem Mission & Outreach (Local needs)	-----	\$906.67
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.)	-----	\$975.81
5	Mary E. (Africa Inland Mission)	\$85	\$525.00
6	United Methodist Board of Child Care (Auxiliary & Direct Support)	-----	\$279.00
7	Gideons (Frederick West Camp - Distributing Bibles)	\$50	\$250.00
8	Potato Project (Society of St. Andrew, Big Island, VA)	\$50	\$250.00
9	Middletown High School (Fellowship of Christian Athletes)	\$50	\$250.00
10	Ronnie & Angi Hopkins (TMS-Global, Nicaragua)	\$65	\$325.00
11	Care Net Pregnancy Center (Frederick, MD)	\$65	\$325.00
12	Compassion International (Sponsored child in India)	\$38	\$76.00
13	Hero’s Club After School Ministry (Pre-K through Grade 5)	-----	\$909.26
14	World Vision (Sponsored child in Colombia)	\$35	\$175.00

2017 Goal: **\$17,186** • Total Mission Offering for 2017: **\$6,982.00** • % of Goal: **41%**

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 is participating 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. **Upcoming pick up dates at Salem will be Tuesdays, 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 _____		Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday _____	
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
Monday (day off) _____		Saturday _____	
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.

At St. Mark's Lutheran Church

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



COME EXPERIENCE PERU AT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL — July 10-14, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

■ By Fonda Gormer

This year's Wolfsville Community Vacation Bible School will take children on an imaginary trip to Peru, to immerse themselves in a vibrant culture where they will discover God's good gifts for us all.

VBS will be held July 10 -14 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, on the hill outside Wolfsville, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. each day. All children ages 4 through 12 are invited to attend. The VBS is a joint project of Salem UMC, St. Mark's Lutheran Church and the Wolfsville Ruritan Club.

Through the Bible stories and lessons, we will study Psalm 23, Simeon and Anna, Jesus' calming the wind and waves, Jesus' death and resurrection, and Paul and Silas. We will take a look at everyday life in Peru, from vibrant jungles to the ruins of Machu Picchu and the Andes mountains to the long seacoast.

Peru brings to mind bright colors, llamas, markets boasting fish and other fresh foods, and music of the outdoors.

Each evening there will be music, crafts and Peruvian experiences, Kid-Vid stories, refreshments and games. An offering will be collected each evening for a mission project. Pre-registration is not required.

We need children to attend VBS-bring a friend or neighbor! We need leaders to escort groups of children to the various stations and provide a helping hand if needed. Most of all, we need your prayers that VBS will be an experience that will bring the students closer to God.

For more information, contact me at 301-293-2436 or fonda.gormer@comcast.net.

Photo by Bill Burrier



Heather O'Connor and Pastor Bob Snyder

Salem Honors Hero's Club Director

JUNE 18, 2017 — Salem recently learned that 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.

During worship on June 18th, Pastor Bob honored Heather with an emotional "Thank You" for doing an outstanding job with the Hero's Club After School Ministry. She was presented with a gift card and a bouquet of flowers.

Under Heather's leadership, the number of Wolfsville Elementary students coming to Hero's Club grew to 32 — students being introduced to Jesus, who perhaps would not hear the "good news" otherwise.

Pastor Bob said, "You have the gift of being able to set boundaries for the kids while always showing them they are loved. You embody Christ's teaching, 'Speak the truth in love.'"

Pastor Bob complimented Heather for her interesting and loving approach to teaching. He said, "Your Bible lessons and crafts allowed the children to learn about God in interesting and fun ways. You work very well with all groups: children, parents, adult and youth volunteers, the congregation, and the elementary school. I never had to worry about how things were going at Hero's Club. With you leading it, I always knew it was in good hands."

In response, Heather thanked the Salem congregation for the love and support shown to her the last three years. Additional comments from Heather are on page 10.

Attendance Offerings

May 2017

	Worship*		Sunday School	
May 7	71	\$2,111.75	43	\$244.50
May 14	111	2,393.00	56	204.43
May 21	79	2,247.00	47	81.00
May 28	82	2,218.50	54	72.50

*Worship attendance & offerings include both worship services.

- Missions: \$865.00
 - Cemetery Endowment: \$130.00
 - Building Fund: \$255.00
- (Missions, Building Fund offerings, etc. are not included in Worship & Sunday School offerings above.)*

	Average Attendance	
	Worship	Sunday School
May	86	50
Apr	101	58
Mar	98	56
Feb	98	53
Jan	86	52

Average Attendance Jan-May 2017
 Sunday Worship: 94
 Sunday School: 54

Salem “Bee-lievers” to operate food stand at auction

By Fonda Gormer
 Salem’s “Bee-lievers” women’s group has been invited to operate a food stand at the Fogle auction at 12552 Wolfsville Road, on Saturday, July 29, 2017.

The group will meet on Friday, July 28, at 6:00 p.m. to make sandwiches and package baked goods. On Saturday, set-up will start at 7:00 a.m. at the Fogle property.

Donations of baked goods would be appreciated. Please have all donations to the church by 6:00 p.m. on Friday, July 28.

Annual Financial Audit completed



Our thanks to Meredith Harshman, CPA, for conducting the audit of Salem’s 2016 financial records.

The church’s financial records were found in proper order and the audit report has been sent to the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Local churches are required to have their financial records audited every year, with the resulting audit report due on June 30th of each year.

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 31 - June 2, 2017

Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference review

When Bishop LaTrelle Easterling pronounced the 233rd session of the Baltimore-Washington Conference open, she made history as the first woman to lead the 159,000 members and 1,050 clergy who make up the 628 churches of the Baltimore-Washington Conference.

But Easterling’s actions were more focused on the future, as she set an ambitious, faith-centered and Spirit-driven vision for the Conference during the three-day event, May 31-June 2, at the Wardman Park Marriott Hotel.

The bishop ordained and commissioned 17 pastors: commissioned one person a Deacon, nine people as provisional Elder, and ordained eight as Elder with full membership into the conference. One person was readmitted to the Order of Elders.

Some conference actions that may directly affect our local church are as follows:

- Slightly lowered the benevolence factor, used to determine apportionments, to 17.725 percent; and affirmed a projected collection rate of 92 percent.
- Increased the equitable compensation rate for clergy by 2 percent to \$43,149, with the minimum housing rate remaining the same at \$19,866.
- Revised the conference moving policy so that retirees have the same moving benefits as active clergy.

Pastor Bob Snyder and Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer represented Salem at the annual conference.

—Excerpts taken from the “UMConnection” June 2017.



July

Calendar of Events



- Wed-Sat June 28-July 1 Creation Music Festival** - Mt. Union, PA
- Thu 6 UMW Bee-lievers meeting** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Thu 6 Board of Trustees meeting** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Mon-Fri 10-14 Vacation Bible School** - 6:30-8:30 p.m. at St. Mark's Lutheran Church
- Sun 16 Ice Cream Social** - 5:30 p.m. at Salem
- Sat 29 Fogle Auction Food Stand** - at the Fogle property at 12552 Wolfsville Road

Recurring Events: 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
 The church is cleaned FRIDAY or SATURDAY every week

Note: No Church Council meeting in July.

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.

June 18, 2017

Fathers Honored on Father's Day

On Father's Day, Salem honored each father with a bookmark with encouraging thoughts:

"Fathers may never know how their influence is shaping the lives of their kids, but God is using their godly examples to change the world."



In the fear of the Lord one has strong confidence, and his children will have a refuge. —Proverbs 14:26

In addition, each father's name was written on a slip of paper and placed in a basket to receive an additional gift. 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 Meredith Harshman and Mike Irons.

At the 11:15 a.m. contemporary service, the winning fathers were Phil Koons and Jim Laky.

Photo by Bill Burrier



New Members — Confirmation Sunday was held on June 11, 2017. During the 11:15 a.m. contemporary service, three of Salem's youth were received into membership at Salem.

In the above photo, front row, from left, Emma Waite was confirmed and baptized. Emma is the daughter of Clay Waite and Jennifer Gormer of Cascade, and the granddaughter of Jon and Fonda Gormer, Pleasant Walk Road.

Kaitlyn Laky was confirmed and is the daughter of Jim and Kathy Laky, Myersville, and the granddaughter of Carolyn Long, McDonough, Georgia.

Emily Burrier was confirmed and baptized, and is the daughter of Michael and Jennifer Burrier, Thurmont; the granddaughter of Bill and Darlene Burrier, Myersville, and Floyd and Donna Swanson, Walkersville; and the great-granddaughter of Annabelle Martin, Myersville.

Also pictured above is Pastor Bob Snyder, who officiated at the confirmation and baptism, assisted by Donna Snyder. Music for the service was provided by the Works in Progress Praise Band.

Emma, Katie, and Emily attended Pastor Bob's spring confirmation class. Following the confirmation study, all three made the decision to become confirmed members of Salem Church. Many family members attended the service as well as the luncheon following the service, to honor our new members. Congratulations!

Who's Doing What, When?

9:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP		JULY	
Lay Readers 2 - Randy Freysz 9 - Phil Koons 16 - Steve Leatherman 23 - Fonda Gormer 30 - Melissa Thornton	Ushers 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	Music 2 - Sara Weitzel 9 - Praise Band 16 - Susan Koons 23 - Susan Koons 30 - Sara Weitzel	
Greeters 2 - Bill & Darlene Burrier 9 - Fonda Gormer 16 - George, Barbie & Matt Stottlemeyer 23 - Gary & Wanda Barkdoll & Family 30 - Donald & Susie Stottlemeyer	Acolytes 2 - Paul McCormick 9 - Noah Taveras 16 - Kenslie Buhman 23 - Joshua Koons 30 - 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 July 9 - Works in Progress Praise Band July 23 - Works in Progress Praise Band	

It's Your Day!

July Anniversaries

- 4 - Michael & Mandy Mellott
- 10 - Robin & Theresa Haupt
- 18 - Pastor Bob & Donna Snyder
- 20 - Randy & Karen Sowers
- 29 - Gary & Wanda Barkdoll

July Birthdays

- 2 - Phyllis Beall
- 4 - Marlene Young
- 5 - Brett Haupt
- 10 - Randy Sowers
- 11 - Alyssa Fogle
- 13 - Patty Blickenstaff
- 14 - Tyler Zimmerman
- 18 - Amanda Hawkins
- 21 - Donald Stottlemeyer
- 24 - Pat Eccard
- 27 - Cyndy Weddle
- 28 - Kim Tolland
- 28 - Jennifer Burrier
- 28 - Austin Hebeisen
- 29 - Matthew Stottlemeyer
- 29 - Katy Hornbecker

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

Looking ahead...



LORD'S ACRE Festival

Saturday
September 9, 2017
 Wolfsville Ruritan Park
Starting Time: 2:00 p.m.
 Live Auction: 6:00 p.m.

Salem "Bee-lievers" to meet Thursday, July 6th

- By Fonda Gormer

The "Bee-lievers" women's group will meet for their regular business meeting on Thursday, July 6, at 7:00 p.m. in the church social area.

We would like to thank everyone who has made donations and helped with recent Ruritan meals, funeral luncheons and other projects.

We are already working on the quilt for the 2018 Lord's Acre Festival. (Yes, 2018!). Judith Harne has designed the squares to include a pieced basket with different embroidered flowers in each basket. The piecing is already completed. If you can embroider and would like to work on a square, please contact me or Judith Harne.

Holy Communion

Sunday, July 2
 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.

Keep your face always toward the sunshine
 — the shadows will fall behind you.

—Walt Whitman

BULLETIN BOARD with a message

FRIENDSHIP DOUBLES
 OUR JOYS AND DIVIDES
 OUR SORROWS

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman



On the 4th of July

By Marilyn Ferguson

We gather 'round to celebrate
On Independence Day.
Pay homage to our country
As the children run and play.



With barbecues and picnics
And fireworks in the air,
The flag we own is proudly flown
To show how much we care.

The stars and stripes spell freedom,
She waves upon the breeze.
While bursts of colors can be seen
Above the towering trees.

This is all quite wonderful
We revel in delight.
But God above in divine love
Has brought this day to light.

With just a stroke of liberty,
A touch of His great hand.
He gave democracy to us
And helped this country stand.

The stripes upon our stately flag
Were touched by His sweet grace.
Each star of white that shines so bright
Reflects His loving face.

So as you turn to face the flag
For battles that were fought.
Be filled with pride for those who died
And freedoms that were bought.

But don't forget to thank the One
That gives the bright display.
The reason why we paint the sky
On Independence Day.

IT TAKES JUST ONE CANDLE to spread a ray of light, to split the darkness with its flame and quell the black of night. It takes just one whisper to speak to God in prayer, to draw near to His presence and find peace and comfort there. It takes just one Savior to save the world in need. A holy God wrapped in flesh to heal, to guide, to lead . . . It takes just one candle to spark the memory of the night the Light of Heaven came to change our lives with love.

—Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman



RECIPE



Pecan-Cream Cheese Shortbread Cookies

- | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| 1/2 cup butter, softened | 2 cups flour |
| 4 oz. (1/2 of 8-oz. pkg.) Cream Cheese, softened | 3/4 cup finely chopped toasted pecans |
| 3/4 cup plus 1 tablespoon granulated sugar, divided | |

Directions

1. Heat oven to 350 degrees.
2. Beat butter, cream cheese and 3/4 cup sugar in large bowl with mixer until light and fluffy. Gradually add flour, mixing well after each addition. Add nuts; mix well.
3. Roll dough into 42 (1-inch) balls. Place, 2 inches apart, on baking sheets sprayed with cooking spray. Use bottom of small glass dipped in remaining granulated sugar to press balls into 1/4-inch-thick rounds.
4. Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until bottoms are golden brown. Cool 1 minute. Remove to wire racks; cool completely.

Makes 42 cookies.

Barbie Stottlemeyer made this cookie for the Bee-lievers cookie exchange.



In Sympathy

STEPHEN JENKINS

July 21, 1958 - June 13, 2017

The Salem congregation expresses deepest sympathy to the family of Stephen Jenkins, 58, of Artemas, PA, who passed away on June 13, 2017.

Steve was the husband of Salem member Lavena Jenkins. He is also survived by two sons, Jason Jenkins, Artemas, and Salem member Benjamin Swope, Bedford, PA.

Funeral services were held June 17th, in Hancock, with Pastor Bob Snyder officiating.

ELIZABETH BEALL

The Salem congregation expresses deepest sympathy to the family of Elizabeth Beall, 97, of Damascus, who passed away on Sunday, June 18, 2017.

Elizabeth was the mother of Monty Beall and wife Phyllis; the grandmother of Charles Beall and wife Christi; and great-grandmother of Wesley and Elizabeth Beall, all of Brown Road, Sabillasville.

Funeral services were held June 22nd, in Laytonsville, with burial at Parklawn Cemetery, Rockville.

CONNIE CRUNKLETON

April 8, 1942 - June 10, 2017

The Salem congregation expresses deepest sympathy to the Crunkleton family on the passing of Constance "Connie" Crunkleton, 75, of Hagerstown, on June 10, 2017.

Connie was the daughter of the late Salem members Lawrence and Margie Kline, Hagerstown.

She is survived by a daughter, Stacey Humelsine and husband, Jason; and son Michael Crunkleton and wife, Tammy.

Funeral services were held June 14th, at Salem United Methodist Church, with Pastor Bob Snyder officiating.

Burial was in Salem United Methodist Cemetery, Wolfsville.

Connie was a member of Salem and although health issues prevented her from attending services, she faithfully supported Salem's ministry in the Wolfsville community.

Following the funeral service and burial, Salem hosted a luncheon in honor and memory of Connie—a special time to view photos, share fond memories, and fellowship with family and friends.



Message from the Pastor and Worship in July

■ By PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER

As summer goes into full swing, I hope you are able to find time for some rest and relaxation. As I write, preparations are underway for the Faith Builders youth group end-of-year pool party.

We lift up our youth and their leaders as they complete a successful year. Many of them will be attending the Creation Music Festival in late June-early July and we wish them a great time.

On July 16, we will be holding our Community Ice Cream Social. Please take time to sign up to help and start thinking about someone from our community to invite to come along with you.

Witnessing the difference God has made in our lives and inviting others to Christ and church is one of our most important roles as Christ's disciples. As we witness and invite, God greatly blesses us.

Also, I want to thank all those who prepare and serve meals for the four Ruritan dinner meetings we support each year. Another season has just been completed and your great work is really appreciated.

Have a wonderful summer!
God Bless, *Pastor Bob*

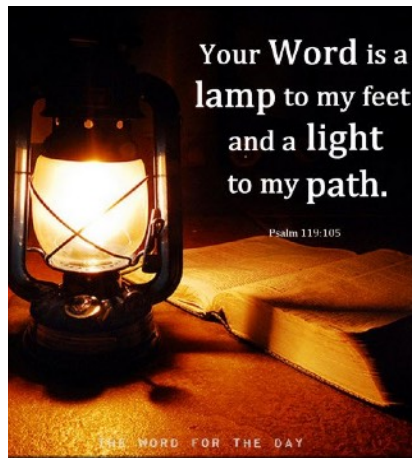
July 2 – Holy Communion

“52” Sermon Series

Week 32 – “Trust In the Lord”

Proverbs 3:5 – “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.”

Do I trust the Lord to that degree? With all my heart? Do I seek the Lord's wisdom or am I satisfied with leaning on my own understanding of things? Do I acknowledge the Lord in all ways? Do I strive to work with God? Do I look for how God is working in situations and in



my life?

When we break this verse down into its main parts we see more clearly what trusting in the Lord really means.

July 9

“52” Sermon Series

Week 33 – “Live Your Faith”

James 2:17 – “In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.”

Christ died on the cross to save us from sin and death. When we confess our belief in Jesus as our Savior, we receive the gifts of salvation and eternal life.

But this is just the beginning of our faith journey. Out of our respect for God and thankfulness for saving us, we naturally want to praise and honor God by building a closer relationship with him and by striving to become more like Jesus.

Our own works can't earn heaven for us but our works do serve as our thank you to God for earning heaven for us. Our work for the Lord also provides a life of fulfillment and joy.

As James reminds us, “a faith without works is a faith that is dead.”



Gary Barkdoll will be leading worship and preaching this Sunday.

July 16

“52” Sermon Series

Week 34 – “Love God Back”

Deuteronomy 6:5 – “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.” This verse is the centerpiece of the Shema, perhaps the most important Bible verse for Jews.

Jews were instructed to, “Keep these words that I [God] am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise” (Deuteronomy 6:6-7).

Jews were instructed to keep these verses close by: on their forehead, on their hand, and on their doorposts and gates (Deuteronomy 6:8-9).

In our time, we put the ancient Shema into action, we love God back, as we participate in the means of grace: when we worship, pray, study the Bible, take Holy Communion, and meet in small groups to grow in faith and serve others.

Wanda Barkdoll will be leading worship and preaching this Sunday.

July 23

“52” Sermon Series

Week 35 – “Search Your Bibles”

Psalm 119:105 – “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.”

If it were dark outside and we were having trouble finding our way, and if we had a flashlight, wouldn't we turn it on?

The light from our flashlight breaks through the darkness, lights the path ahead, and allows us to move forward.

As we journey through life, there are times of darkness: tough conversations, difficult decisions, crises situations, and more. The Bible addresses all of our situations and

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July 20, 1969

Communion on the Moon — 48 years ago



A Story Not Well Known

Forty-eight years ago this month, two human beings changed history by walking on the surface of the moon.

But what happened before Buzz Aldrin (pictured at right) and Neil Armstrong exited the Lunar Module is perhaps even more amazing, if only because so few people know about it.

Buzz Aldrin took communion on the surface of the moon. Some months after his return, he wrote about it in *Guideposts* magazine.

The background to the story is that Aldrin was an elder at his Presbyterian Church in Texas during this period in his life, and knowing that he would soon be doing something unprecedented in human history, he felt he should mark the occasion somehow, and he asked his pastor to help him. And so the pastor consecrated a communion wafer and a small vial of communion wine. And Buzz Aldrin took them with him out of the Earth's orbit and on to the surface of the moon.

He and Armstrong had only been on the lunar surface for a few minutes when Aldrin made the following public statement: "This is the LM pilot. I'd like to take this opportunity to ask every person listening in, whoever and

wherever they may be, to pause for a moment and contemplate the events of the past few hours and to give thanks in his or her own way."

He then ended radio communication and there, on the silent surface of the moon, 250,000 miles from home, he read a verse from the Gospel of John, and he took communion.

Here is his own account of what happened:

"In the radio blackout, I opened the little plastic packages which contained the bread and the wine. I poured the wine into the chalice our church had given me.

"In the one-sixth gravity of the moon, the wine slowly curled and gracefully came up the side of the cup.

"Then I read the Scripture, 'I am the vine, you are the branches. Whosoever abides in me will bring forth much fruit. Apart from me you can do nothing.'

"I had intended to read my communion passage back to earth, but at the last minute [they] had requested that I not do this. NASA was already embroiled in a legal battle with Madelyn Murray O'Hare, the celebrated opponent of religion, over the Apollo 8 crew reading from Genesis while



Buzz Aldrin

orbiting the moon at Christmas.

"I agreed reluctantly. I ate the tiny Host and swallowed the wine. I gave thanks for the intelligence and spirit that had brought two young pilots to the Sea of Tranquility.

"It was interesting for me to think: the very first liquid ever poured on the moon, and the very first food eaten there, were the communion elements."

And, of course, it's interesting to think that some of the first words spoken on the moon were the words of Jesus Christ, who made the Earth and the moon.

Message from the Pastor and Worship in July

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provides answers.

When we study our Bible every day, over time we become familiar with what books speak to what life situations and when those dark times come in our lives, we know better where to go in our Bibles to find the help and light we need to break through the darkness so we can keep moving forward.

When we look at our Bible, is it dusty with lack of use or threadbare because of daily use? Are we journeying through life in the dark or with God's word to light our way?

July 30

"52" Sermon Series

Week 36 – "Converse with God"

Matthew 14:23 – "After he dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside to pray. When evening came he was there alone"

The Bible tells us that Jesus prayed frequently. He prayed for wisdom before he chose the twelve apostles.

He gave thanks and prayed for strength after he fed the 5,000 and before he calmed the winds and seas.

He prayed for courage to surrender to God's will on the night before he was humiliated, tortured, and crucified. Jesus knew, in order to carry out his ministry, that he needed the wisdom, love, and care of his Father so he frequently conversed with him.

Our prayer in the morning starts



the day off right. We take God with us into our day. Our prayer during the day keeps God with us so we don't stray.

Our prayer at the end of the day brings us peace and rest through the night so we can wake up rested and ready for a new day.

Prayer— what was good for Jesus is good for us.

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Photos by Heather O'Connor

HERO'S CLUB **After School Ministry**

TOUCHING CHILDREN'S LIVES *with the LOVE of CHRIST*

It's like "Sunday School" on "Monday"

AN AMAZING YEAR FOR HERO'S CLUB
Reviewing the School Year 2016-17

By Heather O'Connor
Hero's Club Director



Heather O'Connor

Hero's Club spent the first half of our meetings this past school year, "Loving God From the Inside-Out"! We discussed how we thought of some emotions as good and some as bad. But, God made every part of us, and no matter how we are feeling, we can all turn to Him.

We spent the second half of the school year learning many of Jesus' parables and why He taught using them.

The total number of Wolfsville Elementary students who attended this year was thirty-two! Most returned from last year, but we did have a few new faces.

We had plenty of helpers that did a wonderful job, building relationships with the children, and I hope they all come back

next year.

Our final celebration this year was held at "Backyard Inflatables" in Frederick. The children had an amazing time! Many of the parents helped to transport everyone to and from the event.

I want to thank the entire congregation for all the love and support it has shown me, my family, and Hero's Club these past three years. This ministry has been very special to me, and God has truly blessed me along the way.

Every Monday, I received tons of hugs, and was trusted to pray for family members and situations that weighed heavy on their little minds. They had a safe place to come, once a week, and receive God's perfect truths.

I pray that God will provide a new director that will not only continue to love and support these children as I have, but to take this outreach to a higher level. With more adult involvement, even more children could experience the unfailing love of Jesus.

Many Blessings, *Heather*

End of the School Year Celebration
May 22, 2017



HERO'S CLUB "End of the School Year Celebration" May 22, 2017 at Backyard Inflatables in Frederick



Scenes from

Hero's Club "End of the School Year Celebration"

May 22, 2017

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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

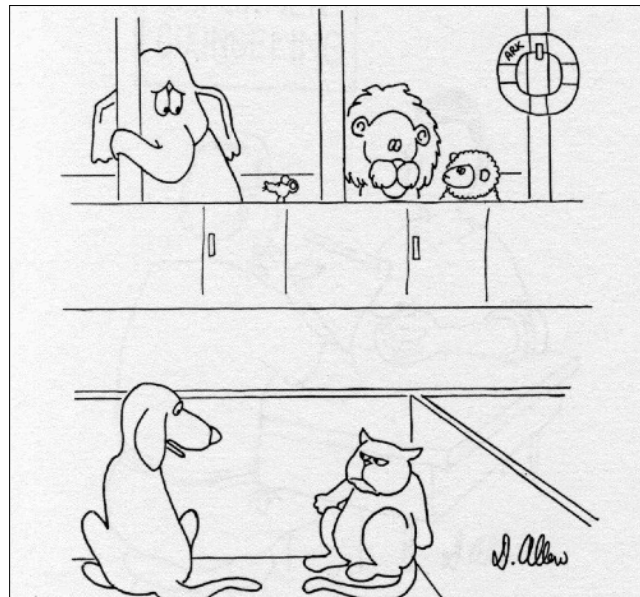
Teachers: *George Harne, Bobby Fogle, Meredith Harshman*

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



**Noah may be a great shipbuilder,
but he doesn't know a thing about animals.**
(See Genesis 7:13-16)

Some thoughts to ponder . . .

Faith is not about everything being okay. Faith is about being okay no matter how things turn out.

Kind words and good deeds are eternal. You never know where their influence will end.

It's just as important to forget a wrong as it is to remember a kindness.

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

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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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