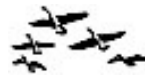
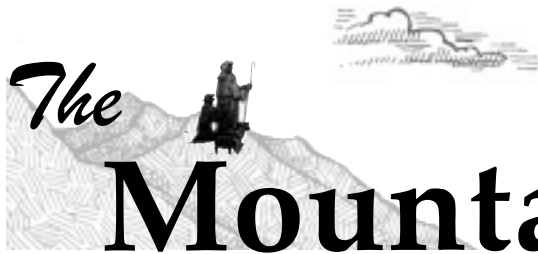


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FREE ADMISSION
FREE PARKING
RAIN or SHINE

LORD'S ACRE Festival



**Saturday
September 9**

2:00–6:00 p.m. (pre-auction sales)
6:00 p.m. (auction of unsold items)

Wolfsville Ruritan Community Park
12708 Brandenburg Hollow Road

SCHEDULE

- **HOME-STYLE FOOD 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.**
Enjoy the homemade soups (beef vegetable, ham bean, and turkey noodle), sandwiches (country ham, turkey salad, hot beef, hot dog, chili dog, kraut dog, pulled pork), french fries, baked goods (cookies, pies, cakes, pastry, fudge, more), hand-dipped ice cream, soft drinks, iced tea, coffee, and water. Tables are available for eating a snack or an evening meal. Food can also be ordered to go.
- **FRESH PRODUCE 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.**
The produce area usually includes peaches, plums, potatoes, cucumbers, apples, pears, red beets, grapes, tomatoes, sweet corn, cantaloupe, sweet potatoes, onions, green beans, lima beans, peppers, cabbage, squash, pumpkins and gourds. The selection depends on items donated.
- **CRAFTS 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.**
Craft items & hand-made fancy needlework.
- **FLEA MARKET & PLANTS 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.**
Donated household items and used books in good condition at bargain prices. Potted Plants.
- **CHILDREN & YOUTH ACTIVITIES 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.**
- **MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT**
 - Works In Progress Community Praise Band (Contemporary Christian) **2:15 & 4:45 p.m.**
 - Randy Sowers (Southern Gospel) **3:00 p.m.**
- **SILENT AUCTION 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.**
Donated items. Contact: Amy McCormick
- **LIVE AUCTION 6:00 p.m.**
Auction of featured quilt and numerous unsold items.
Robert A. Wilson, Auctioneer



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Salem Membership Statistics:
Current Membership: 243
2017 New Members: 4

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-July
1	Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer (Ethnos360, formerly New Tribes)	\$205	\$1,435.00
2	Operation Christmas Child (Postage paid in November)	-----	\$0.00
3a	Salem Mission & Outreach (Local needs)	-----	\$2,545.95
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.)	-----	\$1,219.00
5	Mary E. (Africa Inland Mission)	\$85	\$750.00
6	United Methodist Board of Child Care (Auxiliary & Direct Support)	-----	\$279.00
7	Gideons (Frederick West Camp - Distributing Bibles)	\$50	\$350.00
8	Potato Project (Society of St. Andrew, Big Island, VA)	\$50	\$350.00
9	Middletown High School (Fellowship of Christian Athletes)	\$50	\$250.00
10	Ronnie & Angi Hopkins (TMS-Global, Nicaragua)	\$65	\$455.00
11	Care Net Pregnancy Center (Frederick, MD)	\$65	\$455.00
12	Compassion International (Sponsored child in Tanzania)	\$38	\$152.00
13	Hero’s Club After School Ministry (Pre-K through Grade 5)	-----	\$2,134.46
14	World Vision (Sponsored child in Colombia)	\$35	\$245.00

2017 Goal: **\$17,186** • Total Mission Offering for 2017: **\$10,627.00** • % of Goal: **62%**

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 date at Salem will be Tuesday, 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 pm Bible Study (at church)

Monday (day off)
6-7 am Devotions (at home)
9-11 am Planning Time (at home)
5-6 pm Hero’s Club (at church)

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
6-7 am Devotions (at home)
9 am - Noon Parsonage Office
Noon - 1 pm Lunch
1-5 pm Visitation, meetings, or parsonage office

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.

Back to Church Sunday**Back to Church Sunday at Salem: September 17th**

Back to Church Sunday is coming up on September 17. That morning's worship services at 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. will be specifically designed to welcome people back to church, so now is a good time to start praying about who you will invite. Eight out of ten people say they are open to visiting church, if invited.

We'll have a relevant message on this Sunday called "A Place to Belong," that will encourage all of us to get plugged into living life the way we were meant to—with others in authentic community.

The message is that peoples' stories matter, and they can find a place to fit in

and make a difference right in their own local church.

We will be promoting "Back to Church Sunday" into the community using invitation flyers to be distributed at Lord's Acre and to neighboring homes. Social media will also be used to reach people who are looking for "A Place to Belong."

"Back to Church Sunday" is part of a national movement of churches across America. Since it started in 2009, the National Back to Church Sunday movement continues to gain momentum. More than 4 million Christ followers have participated through 30,000

churches. It is a day focused on uniting the church to equip and empower members to be inviters.

Participating churches believe that there has never been a better time than now for people to come back and get plugged into a church that offers a place to belong, opportunities to serve the community, and the chance to grow spiritually through a journey of personal faith.

This is the perfect opportunity to invite your friends, family, neighbors and coworkers to join you and grow deeper in their faith, or perhaps encounter God for the first time.

Sunday, September 24, 2017

Wolfsville/Myersville CROP Hunger Walk**Walk With Us — You Can Help End Hunger!**

■ By Fonda Gormer

The Wolfsville/Myersville CROP Hunger Walk will take place on Sunday, September 24, starting at 1:30 p.m. at Salem United Methodist Church in Wolfsville. Registration for the 5-mile walk begins at 1 p.m.

We have been walking for hunger relief in the Wolfsville and Myersville area since at least 1988. The walk is a great opportunity to enjoy our country roads in the fall while reaching out to others.

What is a CROP Hunger Walk? It's an interfaith event that builds community while raising funds to end hunger in our own community and also around the world. Everyone is welcome to join!

Your participation impacts individuals and families in more than 35 countries. In many developing nations, people can walk up to six miles a day to get food and water. One in nine people worldwide lack access to clean water and a healthy diet. We walk to be in solidarity, bring awareness to these issues and raise the funds for permanent change.

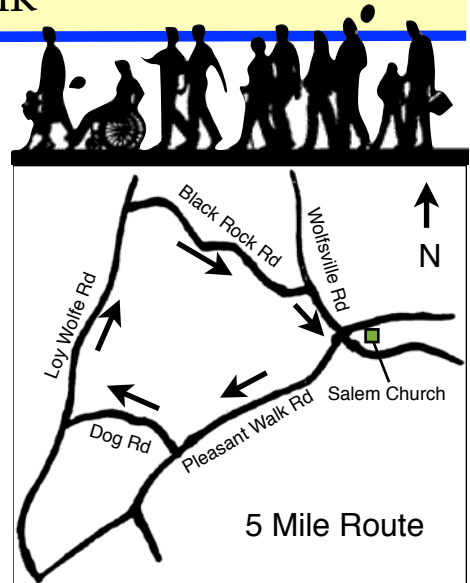
Local food programs—the Religious

1:00 p.m. - Registration at Salem
1:30 p.m. - CROP Walk begins

Coalition for Emergency Human Needs, the Middletown Food Bank and Salem's own food pantry—receive 25% of all funds raised by the walk.

The remainder of the funds raised is distributed by Church World Service to support long-term development projects to provide education, income, clean water and food-growing opportunities. For example:

- \$25 supplies seeds and tools for a community garden to improve nutrition.
- \$100 provides 200 chicks for families, as a self-propagating food source.
- \$110 can give emergency food supplies for a family of five for one month.
- \$300 can provide 15 bio-sand filters that help prevent the spread of disease.
- \$1,000 can support 10 women with small grants to jump-start their business.
- \$3,000 can install 3 water pumps and



train local residents to maintain them.

Funds are also used to help meet the special needs of refugees and provide emergency relief in times of natural disasters.

Walkers are needed. If you would like to participate, or if you want to make a donation, contact me at 301-293-2436, or email at fonda.gormer@comcast.net.

Get out your walking shoes and we'll see you on September 24!

Attendance Offerings

July 2017

		Worship*		Sunday School	
July	2	74	\$2,737.55	52	\$388.75
July	9	96	2,406.65	61	110.00
July	16	67	1,792.00	51	105.25
July	23	100	2,173.50	46	67.00
July	30	75	1,800.00	47	99.00

*Worship attendance & offerings include both worship services.

- Missions: \$1,925.00
 - Cemetery Endowment: \$225.00
 - Building Fund: \$270.00
 - Building Addition: \$50.00
- (Missions, Building Fund offerings, etc. are not included in Worship & Sunday School offerings above.)*

Average Attendance		
	Worship	Sunday School
July	82	51
June	99	48
May	86	50
Apr	101	58
Mar	98	56

Average Attendance Jan-July 2017
 Sunday Worship: 93
 Sunday School: 53

Salem Cornhole Tournament set for Sat. September 23rd

• By Sue Ellen Stottlemyer

5:00 p.m. - Meal

5:30 p.m. - Tournament Registration Deadline

5:45 p.m. - Tournament begins



How about a little cornhole challenge! Salem will be holding its first Cornhole Tournament on Saturday, September 23, 2017. You and your family and friends are invited to an evening of fun and fellowship. We will be serving a light meal of hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, and drinks. Please bring a snack or dessert to share. All ages are invited. Anyone can play cornhole!

The meal will be served starting at 5:00 p.m. with registration for the tournament up until 5:30 p.m. Everyone that wants to participate in the tournament must be registered by 5:30 p.m. The tournament will begin at 5:45 p.m.

To be fair, teams will be randomly selected by a computer. This will be a double elimination tournament (guaranteed at least two games). There will be an adult division and a youth division (12 and under). Hope to see you there!

What is a Lord's Acre Festival?

In 1930, the Lord's Acre idea began in western North Carolina as a means of raising funds for small country churches. A portion or "acre" of a church member's land was set aside to raise crops to be sold to benefit the church. Even livestock was dedicated. Those without land could set aside a portion of their needlework, craft items, or any other saleable talent they possessed. The Lord's Acre Festival is a sale of those donations.



Salem's Lord's Acre Festival, which began in 1960, was first held in the old Wolfsville School where Salem's parsonage now stands. In 1970, the festival was moved to the Ruritan Park where it has grown to what it is today.

Donations to Lord's Acre 2017

Nearly everything on sale is donated by church members, friends, or members of the community. Folks who are unable to attend or donate a sale item may wish to make a financial contribution by mail, payable to Salem United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 94, Myersville, MD 21773; or use the convenience of online giving at SalemChurchWolfsville.org/give.

All profits from the Lord's Acre Festival are placed into Salem's Building and Improvement Fund, and are used to maintain and improve Salem's facilities.

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.



September

Calendar of Events



- Sun 3 Holy Communion** - 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. worship
Sun 3 Blessing of the Backpacks - 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. worship
Thu 7 Youth Group meetings begin - 6:30-8:00 p.m. (continue weekly)

Lord's Acre Festival Preparations:

- Thu 7 Soup making** - 8:00 a.m. at Ruritan Park
Fri 8 Fruit Pie making - 9:00 a.m. at Salem
Fri 8 Cream Pie making - 5 p.m. at Ruritan Park
Fri 8 Set-up - 5 p.m. at Ruritan Park
Sat 9 Sandwich making - 7 a.m. at Ruritan Park

58th Annual Lord's Acre Festival

- Sat 9 Lord's Acre Festival Day** - 2:00-7:00 p.m. at Ruritan Park
Thu 14 Church Council - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
Sun 17 Back to Church Sunday - 9:00 worship, 10:15 Sunday School & 11:15 worship
Fri 22 Casting Crowns concert - 7:30 p.m. at The Great Frederick Fair
Sat 23 Cornhole Tournament - 5:00 p.m. at Salem
Sun 24 Wolfsville/Myersville CROP Hunger Walk -
 1:00 p.m. registration at Salem, 1:30 p.m. walk begins and ends at Salem

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
 Youth Group meets every THURSDAY at 6:30 p.m. at Salem
 The church is cleaned FRIDAY or SATURDAY every week

NOTE: Looking Ahead . . . Hero's Club begins Monday, October 2, 2017

Newsletter Distribution

- 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.
- 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.
- First Class Mail** — We are mailing about 30 copies, using the 49 cents First Class postage rate.

Looking Ahead

Annual Church Conference Set for October 3rd

The Cumberland-Hagerstown District Superintendent, Rev. Conrad Link, has announced the Fall 2017 Cluster Church Conference schedule (formerly called Charge Conference).

Garfield United Methodist Church will host this year's conference on Tuesday, October 3, 7:00 p.m.

Six local churches will be participating: Garfield, St. Paul's, Mt. Zion, Salem, Mt. Bethel and Mt. Lena.

Garfield Church is located at 13628 Stottlemeyer Road, Smithsburg.

Upcoming local concerts by contemporary Christian artists



■ By Sara Weitzel

Casting Crowns on Friday, Sept. 22nd, 7:30 p.m., at The Great Frederick Fair, Frederick, MD. Ticket prices are: \$40 - Reserved Grandstand; \$45 - Reserved Track Seats. These ticket prices do not include parking. Tickets purchased in advance include admission to the fair.

Chris Tomlin with Matt Maher on Saturday, Oct. 21st, 7:00 p.m., at Royal Farms Arena, Baltimore, MD. Thinking that this concert may quickly sell out, I went ahead and purchased 8 standard tickets (the limit for this event), and I have 3 left. The price of each ticket is \$39.50, which includes the additional processing and service fees.

Steven Curtis Chapman on Sunday, Oct. 29th, 7:00 p.m., at the Weinberg Center, Frederick, MD. Ticket prices are: \$15 - Balcony; \$30 - Rear Orchestra; \$50 - Orchestra and Mezzanine; \$75 - VIP Orchestra.

Rend Collective on Saturday, Nov. 18th, 7:00 p.m., at The Maryland Theatre, Hagerstown, MD. Ticket prices are: \$49.95 - Deluxe*; \$21.95 - General Admission; \$18.95 - Groups of 10 or more. (*Deluxe Ticket includes: Early Entry at 4:30 p.m., Exclusive Tour Laminated, Autographed Poster, Professional Photograph with Band, exclusive listening party to hear songs from the new upcoming album release (hosted by Rend Collective), and exclusive "crowd free" merchandise shopping experience.)

If you would like to go to any or all of these concerts as a group, please contact me (email: srweitzel@hotmail.com; cell phone: 240-409-1241). Thank you!

YOUTH GROUP "WEEKLY MEETINGS" begin THURSDAY, SEPT 7th, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Who's Doing What, When?

SEPTEMBER

9:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Lay Readers 3 - Brenda Freysz 10 - Gary Barkdoll 17 - Dennis Draper 24 - Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer	Ushers 3 - Dick Kline & Steve Leatherman 10 - Vernon Stottlemeyer & Robin Haupt 17 - Donald Stottlemeyer & Meredith Harshman 24 - Philip Koons & Brandon Leatherman	Music 3 - Sara Weitzel 10 - Sara Weitzel 17 - Praise Band 24 - Susan Koons
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Greeters 3 - Cyndy Weddle 10 - Dennis Draper 17 - George, Barbie & Matt Stottlemeyer 24 - Bill & Darlene Burrier	Acolytes 3 - Paul McCormick 10 - Noah Taveras 17 - Kenslie Buhrman 24 - Joshua Koons
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11:15 A.M. CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

An informal FAMILY FRIENDLY service with contemporary Christian music, pastor's message, children's time, sharing of joys and concerns, and prayer.	Music Sept 17 - Works in Progress Praise Band Sept 24 - Works in Progress Praise Band
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It's Your Day!

September Anniversaries

- 6 - Howard & Betty Brandenburg
- 8 - David & Sharon Harshman
- 11 - H. Ronald & Judy Ellis
- 13 - Bill & Joyce Weaver
- 16 - Charles & Yvonne Reeder
- 17 - Steve & Joann Leatherman
- 20 - Mark & Hallie Burrier
- 26 - Bill & Caroline Buhrman
- 30 - Adam & Vicki Robinson

September Birthdays

- 2 - Dawn Brown
- 3 - Delores Myers
- 6 - Marilyn Leatherman
- 6 - Corey Carter
- 7 - Sarah Burrier
- 8 - David Harshman
- 9 - David Brandenburg
- 10 - Nevaeh Mellott
- 14 - Mary Cline
- 14 - Meredith Harshman
- 14 - Dan Lafferty
- 19 - Wanda Barkdoll
- 21 - Delilah Herrell
- 22 - Karyn Snyder
- 26 - Bobby Fogle
- 27 - Terri Buhrman

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



Chris Leatherman and Avery Muller (right) enjoy the Creation Music Festival.

My First Time at the Creation Music Festival

June 27 - July 1, 2017

Hi. My name is Avery Muller and I wanted to share my first time Creation experience.

My favorite thing about Creation was the concert, and the friends I made on the way. The concerts featured many big names with familiar songs. The people I met were very nice, fun, energetic, and very motivated. They all let Jesus shine through them.

I think that every young person should experience this uplifting time at some point in their life. I'm thankful for the time I had at Creation. I felt like the presence of the Lord was upon us all, and I feel great knowing that many knew, or came to know God there. I really enjoyed Creation, and hope to partake in this wonderful experience worshipping in the name of Jesus next year.

Sincerely, Avery Muller

Holy Communion

Sunday, September 3
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.

When we pray, God hears more than we say, answers more than we ask, gives more than we can imagine— in His own time and in His own way. Amen!



Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman



Today is the Day

By Dorothy A. Coles

Today is the day of beginning
 To do the best I can,
 For I never shall have this moment
 Or be given this chance again.



Today is the day of beginning
 To be what I want to portray,
 For the rest of my life will be molded
 By the action I take today.

Today is the day of beginning
 Of eternity for me.
 In the Book of Life is my record,
 How shall it look to Thee?

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

Embraced by God

By Patience Allison Hartbauer

I haven't much in worldly things
 Or treasures that are rare,
 But I have love that comes from God —
 He gives so much that I can share.
 I give of self and of my time
 To help whenever I can,
 I'm guided by God's holy words
 To live according to His plan.
 My wealth is truly measured
 In so many countless ways —
 The joy and peace that fills my heart
 Through starlit nights and sun-filled days.
 I walk with hope and confidence,
 My faith in God prevails.
 My bounty thrives and overflows . . .
 Embraced by God — He never fails.

In His Time

By Mary Chevalier

I knelt there on a grassy knoll
 And bared to God my heart and soul;
 To Him, I poured out all my grief,
 Then pleaded for His sweet relief.
 I know, my faith, God always hears;
 He bears our pain — releases fears.
 If I but trust Him, wholeheartedly,
 In His time, I know He'll answer me.



RECIPE



Zucchini Muffins

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|--------------------------|---|
| 1 large egg | 1 tbsp baking powder |
| 1 cup milk | 1 tsp ground cinnamon |
| ½ cup olive oil | ½ cup shredded zucchini
(about 1 small zucchini) |
| 2 cups all-purpose flour | coarse sugar (optional) |
| ¼ cup light brown sugar | |

Directions

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Line a 12-slot muffin tin with muffin liners. If using paper liners, spray each one lightly with cooking oil spray to prevent sticking. Set aside.

In a large bowl, whisk together the egg, milk and oil. Add the flour, sugar, baking powder and cinnamon. Stir until smooth, about 1 minute, and then let sit for 10 minutes. Stir in the shredded zucchini.

Divide the batter evenly among the 12 muffin liners. If desired, sprinkle the tops with coarse sugar.

Slide the muffin tin into the preheated oven and bake for 18-20 minutes until golden. A toothpick inserted into the center of the muffins should come out cleanly.

Remove from the oven. These can be enjoyed immediately, or stored in an airtight container for up to five days.

Yields 12 muffins.

Selected from Bangor Daily News Maine Course by Sarah Walker Caron



**Tuck Him
 in Your Heart**

By Tom Kolb

There's always room for Jesus
 So tuck Him in your heart,
 Like a stored up treasure
 To always be a part.

If our heart seems crowded
 With all those worldly things,
 Make room enough for Jesus
 And the joy that He brings.

Never let those idols
 That you have tucked away
 Become your earthly treasures
 You worship every day.

So if your life seems empty
 And it needs another start,
 Just make room for Jesus
 And tuck Him in your heart.

Submitted by Olive Kline

Worship gets you through the
 hardest times in your life because it
 shifts your focus from the problem to
 the problem solver.

Thank You

We sincerely appreciate the
 welcoming friendship we received
 while attending your church
 services during July and August.

We look forward to coming to
 Salem now and again in the
 months ahead. Thank you so much.

—Howard and Nancy Strine

**A Prayer for Hungry
 and Hurting Children**

Thank you Lord for your many
 blessings. Thank you for your love.

Today, I not only come to praise
 your Holy Name — but ask that
 you watch over the hungry and
 hurting children of the world.

And let me, right now Lord, be
 thankful for the food I have to eat,
 the clothes I have to wear, and the
 home you've provided for me.

Thank you for giving me the
 opportunity to share with those who
 have less. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Submitted by Raetta Belcher



Message from the Pastor and Worship in September

■ By PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER

With all the important events we have during September — the start of school, Salem’s Lord’s Acre Festival, the Wolfsville-Myersville Community CROP Walk for Hunger, preparing for Church Conference — one event is foremost on my mind this year. That event is “Back to Church Sunday” on September 17th.

Who isn’t in need of a church family? And yet, there are many in our community without a church family.

One of our greatest responsibilities, and honors, as a disciple of Jesus Christ is to help bring another person to Christ and church — to help them build a close relationship with Jesus Christ and to build that relationship with the support of a loving, caring church family.

I appeal to you. Stop and take a moment to consider someone you could invite. Don’t hesitate, invite that person to be your guest at worship on September 17th.

Eight out of ten people say they are open to visiting church, if invited. In doing so, you might just be saving a life. Enjoy the remaining days of the summer! God Bless, *Pastor Bob*

September 3 – Holy Communion “52” Sermon Series

Week 41 – “Rely on Him”

Mark 4:41 – “Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!”

God wants us to rely on him in times of struggle. How quickly we can forget to rely on the Lord.

Struggles come up and we go headlong into them, relying on ourselves.

Yes, God wants us to be responsible and use everything we can muster in ourselves as we act, but we can’t do that effectively without plugging into God’s wisdom and power.



The next time we’re about to go it alone, headlong into action, let’s first remember to stop and take the most powerful force in the universe with us — our living God.

September 10 “52” Sermon Series

Week 42 – “Forgive Others”

Matthew 6:14 – “For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.”

When someone has wronged us, it’s very tempting to hang on to our anger and hurt.

The experts advise us, “You must let it go” but we don’t want to. The anger and hurt are real. They haunt us even with the passage of time.

But it’s true, we need to forgive the other or we will not be able to move on with our lives.

Forgiving doesn’t mean forgetting. The wrong did happen. But forgiving frees us from the control the wrong has over us.

Forgiving finally frees us and allows us to once again grow in Christ and experience the fullness of life.



September 17 – Back to Church Sunday “52” Sermon Series

Week 43 – “A Place to Belong”

Isaiah 43:10 – “See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland.”

It’s time for all of us to get plugged into living life the way we were meant to — with others in authentic community.

Others matter to us and we want everyone in our community to be an active part of a church family, a place where all have the opportunity to grow spiritually and make a difference in the world.

This is the perfect opportunity to invite your friends, family, neighbors and coworkers to join you and grow deeper in their faith, or perhaps encounter God for the first time.

Invite a guest to worship on September 17.

September 24 “52” Sermon Series

Week 44 – “Live with Integrity”

Matthew 5:37a – “Let your ‘yes’ be ‘yes’ or your ‘no’ be ‘no.’”

From a variety of mentors, I heard as a youth, “your reputation is one of your most important possessions.”

When we hear the expression, “His reputation precedes him,” we know that can be meant in a positive or a negative way.

We want to be known as a person who can be counted on. What does it mean to live with true integrity? It simply means being a disciple of the One who is the way, the truth, and the life — Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior (John 14:6).

When we strive to live like Jesus, we are striving to live with integrity.

The holes in your life that have made you feel most empty were created to be filled with the knowledge of God.

Salem Mission Projects

Missions *and* Outreach

New Tribes Mission is now Ethnos360



Salem Mission Project No. 1

Letter from Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer, Senegal Missionaries, Retired



Dear Folks at
Salem United Methodist Church:

AUGUST 1, 2017 — Thank you so much for your faithful help over many years to support us in our ministries. We appreciate your prayers for us, your friendship, and your financial help to us.

We thank the Lord for continuing good health. Nancy did have cataract surgery on one eye. A contact lens was put in the other eye to help her vision until the surgery for that cataract, but the contact lens irritated her eye & delayed the next surgery. That eye is okay now and the next surgery is scheduled for August 29th; but we are praying there will be an opening for her to have that done sooner.

Nancy's volunteering at the Hagerstown Rescue Mission has been interrupted but she hopes to start again later this week. She 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. He, and sometimes Nancy also, have been able to do odd jobs to help friends and neighbors.

We helped with VBS in June and are very thankful for a good group of children and especially that a number of them made professions of faith!

As a church we made a big push to also get more children and teens to go to Camp Tohiglo [a camp our church has part in] this year. We are thankful that the church was able to get eleven to go to camp this summer. We trust they all benefit spiritually from their time there. There are four teens there this week either from, or sponsored by our church.

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. There are many signs of spiritual growth of the Christians, which is so encouraging.

Our daughter, Rebecca, also ministers to the Badyaranké people. She is reviewing literacy material to some ladies and visiting in the village. She plans to start more literacy classes when the busy season of planting and harvesting is finished.

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 all you mean to us and for all you do for us and for our family.

Joyfully in Christ,
Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer

Salem Mission Project No. 13

HERO'S CLUB

After School Ministry

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

Fall Semester *begins* October 2nd

Salem Mission Project No. 10

Ronnie & Angi Hopkins minister to the Nicaraguan people

Update: June/July 2017

In June, Pastors Jerry Meredith and Randy Kanipe and Jim Davis, from Dalton First United Methodist Church in Dalton, GA, delivered the 2nd session of an ongoing training for local pastors.

Topics include counseling on grief, drug/alcohol abuse and marriage and family as well as congregational worship and community outreach.

—Ronnie & Angi



This training is part of the Nicaraguan Ministerial Training Academy which is an effort to help pastors serve their congregations.

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



Being an overachiever, he figured he could make it through the wilderness in 30 years flat.

Some thoughts to ponder . . .

When you forgive someone, you are as close to God as you will ever be, because in that forgiveness you are demonstrating the very heart of God.

Courage is nothing more than taking one step more than you think you can.

God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.

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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September 2017