



Salem United Methodist Church — Wolfsville



Spaghetti Dinner

Friday, October 20
at Salem
5:00-8:00 p.m.

Benefit: Salem Youth Group
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Thank You to the Wolfsville Community

Large crowd enjoys Lord's Acre Festival

Photo by Marilyn Leatherman

58th ANNUAL EVENT SUCCESSFUL

By Bill Burrier

The Lord's Acre Festival is an event that has been blessed by God for 58 years. Our sincere thanks to the Wolfsville community for once again supporting our annual event.

Although the weather has not always been ideal, this year the weather was exceptionally nice, compared to last year's record-breaking heat wave and rain the two years before.

We enjoyed a beautiful day of bright sunshine against a gorgeous blue sky, with a comfortable temperature around 70 degrees. Folks brought their lawn chairs and enjoyed the festivities in the warm sun.

Even though there were many events in Frederick and Washington Counties on this day, the community support was outstanding.

Some folks tend to remember that the Lord's Acre is always on the second Saturday in September. For those who don't, perhaps they saw our signs along the road; or our posters on bulletin boards or in windows of local establishments; or read our articles in four of our local newspapers or our church newsletter. Many saw our postings on social media and invited a friend or neighbor (word-of-mouth is one of the best advertisements). We are thankful for everyone who spread the word about the festival.

Many church members and friends work long and hard on items to be sold. Folks donated fresh produce from their gardens; delicious baked goods made from "tried and true" recipes; fancy needlework, craft items, and wooden pieces made with skilled hands; locally made ice cream; as well as items for the silent auction and flea tables. What comes in is a surprise to everyone.

Members and friends donate their time and talent to prepare the soups, sandwiches and pies, which are consistently delicious year after year. We know that many who attend Lord's Acre just come to enjoy the good food.

The crowd was entertained with Christian music. Music with a Christian message is an



This year's Lord's Acre included an expanded area for children's activities, including a Ducky Pond, Coin Toss, and Bean Bag Toss, with prizes for everyone who played.

important part of the festival. Local musicians donate their vocal and instrumental talent. Randy Sowers entertained with Southern Gospel and the Works in Progress Community Praise Band presented the Christian message in their contemporary songs.

It is very gratifying to see so many people working together in a wonderful spirit of cooperation. Without the help of so many of Salem's members and friends, this event could not continue year after year as it has so beautifully and successfully.

To prepare food for Lord's Acre day, volunteers gathered on Thursday to make soup, Friday to make pies, and Saturday morning to make sandwiches. On Friday evening, the parking lots and the pavilion were made ready for items to be displayed and sold on Saturday.

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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-Aug
1	Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer (Ethnos360, formerly New Tribes)	\$205	\$1,640.00
2	Operation Christmas Child (Postage paid in November)	-----	\$0.00
3a	Salem Mission & Outreach (Local needs)	-----	\$2,605.95
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.)	-----	\$1,722.73
5	Mary E. (AIM - Europe)	\$85	\$850.00
6	United Methodist Board of Child Care (Auxiliary & Direct Support)	-----	\$279.00
7	Gideons (Frederick West Camp - Distributing Bibles)	\$50	\$400.00
8	Potato Project (Society of St. Andrew, Big Island, VA)	\$50	\$400.00
9	Middletown High School (Fellowship of Christian Athletes)	\$50	\$400.00
10	Ronnie & Angi Hopkins (TMS-Global, Nicaragua)	\$65	\$520.00
11	Care Net Pregnancy Center (Frederick, MD)	\$65	\$520.00
12	Compassion International (Sponsored child in Tanzania)	\$38	\$190.00
13	Hero’s Club After School Ministry (Kindergarten through Grade 5)	-----	\$2,134.46
14	World Vision (Sponsored child in Colombia)	\$35	\$280.00

2017 Goal: **\$17,186** • Total Mission Offering for 2017: **\$11,807.00** • % of Goal: **69%**

Here’s how you can give . . .

1. Make checks payable to Salem United Methodist Church, or place cash in an envelope marked "Missions."
2. Tell us which mission project(s) you wish to support by making a note on your check or envelope.

3. Place your contributions in the offering plate at Sunday worship or mail to Salem.

If you do not designate a project, your contribution will be distributed to the project or projects needing funds to meet the monthly minimum payout goals.

Salem Mission Project No. 5

Mary redirects her mission work to Europe

Mary is redirecting her mission work to Europe. She will attend a conference in Athens, Greece, that focuses on reaching the lost in Europe, especially those who have immigrated or fled to Europe. Following the conference, she will go to France to visit multiple prospective ministry locations.



[Salem supports Mary with a minimum of \$85 per month.]

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.

Lord's Acre Festival *roundup*



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Throughout Lord's Acre day, volunteers worked their shifts, serving the public by parking cars, taking food orders, serving food, and staffing each station to serve buying customers. Great children's activities were enhanced this year to the delight of our younger generation.

Our purpose must always be to present the Lord's Acre Festival in such a way as to glorify God. We pray that we did.

HOW IT ALL BEGAN

Fifty-eight years ago, in 1960, Salem's young student pastor, Rev. John Schildt, proposed a fundraising idea to the Salem congregation called Lord's Acre.

A few small country churches in the south were already holding Lord's Acre events to raise money for their ministries.

Farmers set aside an "acre" of land to grow a vegetable crop that could be donated and then sold to benefit the church. Some farmers even raised livestock to donate. Those who did not farm made fancy needlework or craft items to donate.

Salem's first Lord's Acre included fresh and canned produce and fruit, fancy needlework items, food, live music, and an auction of unsold items at the end. The youth fellowship made posters and signs to advertise the event and decorated the old Wolfsville School building with colored leaves, corn shocks, pumpkins, etc.

Forty-seven years ago, in 1970, the event was moved to the Wolfsville Ruritan Park. Being smaller then, everything fit under the large pavilion.

The move to the park, being mostly outside, as opposed to being in the heated schoolhouse, caused the date to be moved to early September.

The first few years at the park, the starting time was 5 p.m.; the same as it had been at the old schoolhouse. As the crowds increased though, and began arriving earlier, it was harder to hold people off from buying earlier, so the start time was moved up to 4 p.m. And with the larger crowds, more parking was provided on the ball field at the park. Prior to that, they parked in the small lot and along the road, and were lined up down the road on both sides.

USE OF LORD'S ACRE PROFITS

We have accomplished a lot since that first

Photo by Marilyn Leatherman



Lord's Acre 58 years ago. The profits from this annual event have allowed us to enhance the ministry at Salem and support the Wolfsville community.

Over the years, profits from the Lord's Acre have made possible the educational building (1967), the parsonage (1974-75), the parking lot and its many improvements and additions (1968, 1993, 1998, and 2007), and many smaller maintenance and improvement projects to our existing buildings and grounds.

During the last 17 years, air conditioning was installed in the sanctuary; an elevator, handicap restroom, storage rooms, and new flooring were installed; the church steeple was restored; interior and exterior painting was completed; repaired sanctuary floor understructure; repaired and waterproofed classroom walls; renovated the parsonage; purchased new refrigerator and freezer for the kitchen; replaced stucco on sanctuary exterior walls; constructed new concrete floor under the sanctuary; replaced windows in educational building and parsonage; replaced spouting on parsonage; installed central air and additional insulation in the parsonage; updated the sanctuary sound system; replaced kitchen floor in parsonage; and renovated the social hall with new carpet, painted walls, and new window treatment; purchased classroom bulletin boards; replaced microwave and other kitchen items; replaced church phones; installed Wi-Fi Internet access in the church and educational building; and made numerous repairs and improvements.

SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISER

As of this writing, this year's income totaled \$18,415.27. With some expenses yet to be paid, a full report, indicating the amount of profit, will be published in next month's newsletter. Profits will be placed in Salem's Building and Improvement Fund.

2017 Lord's Acre Income:

Produce: \$566.50
 Needlework/Crafts: \$102.50
 Flea Tables & Plants: \$353.75
 Youth Sales/Activities: \$52.25
 Silent Auction: \$1,042.00
 Live Auction: \$2,500.50
 Soup/Sandwiches/Drinks: \$3,842.75
 Baked Goods: \$1,338.27
 Ice Cream: \$425.00
 Contribution from Bee-lievers: \$6,000.00
 Contributions from Individuals: \$2,441.75
 Total Income: \$18,665.27

Silent Auction Items

- By Amy McCormick
- Remington Model 870 Express \$315
- Honora Pearl Necklace & Bracelet \$20
- Silver Necklace \$30
- Shower/Bath Set \$30
- Sweatshirt - Gray \$35
- Sweatshirt - Black \$50
- Scentsy Plug-in \$15
- Gift Basket \$75
- Camera \$60
- Flintstones Glasses \$5.01
- Ice Cream Sundae Basket \$25
- Ice Cream Set \$42
- Framed Pictures \$30
- Epcot Glasses \$20
- Disney Glasses \$20
- Activity Basket \$12
- Movie Tickets & Snack Box \$31
- Corn Hole Game \$130
- Coffee Basket \$25
- Lantern \$15
- Scanner \$26
- Picture "Scenes of Wolfsville" \$25

Major Items Sold at the 6 p.m. Auction

- Robert Wilson, Auctioneer
- Featured Quilt \$700
- Oak Bench \$60
- Child Picnic Table \$100
- Lighthouse \$110
- Wheelbarrow \$30
- Child Rocking Chair \$52.50
- Faith, Hope, Love shelving \$300
- Child Wheelbarrow \$25

Attendance Offerings

August 2017

	Worship*	Sunday School
Aug 6 -	82 \$2,051.00	45 \$315.00
Aug 13 -	69 2,152.00	45 118.00
Aug 20 -	97 2,578.00	49 98.75
Aug 27 -	94 2,156.00	54 83.00

*Worship attendance & offerings include both worship services.

- Missions: \$1,180.00
- Cemetery Endowment: \$170.00
- Memorials: \$675.00
- Building Fund: \$320.00
- Building Addition: \$100.00

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

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

Average Attendance Jan-Aug 2017

Sunday Worship: 92
Sunday School: 52

Spaghetti Dinner to benefit youth activities

By Sue Ellen Stottlemyer

The Salem Youth will be holding a spaghetti dinner on Friday, October 20, from 5:00-8:00 p.m. A free will offering will be collected. The money collected will be used to off-set costs associated with the Salem youth activities.

After a long week, let us prepare your dinner and have it ready for you! Please come and invite your family and friends to join us for dinner. We will also provide dinners to go, if requested. The youth thanks everybody for their support.



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.

Salem Youth help with Lord's Acre Festival

Sept 9, 2017



Photos by Marilyn Leatherman & Wanda Barkdoll



October

Calendar of Events



- Sun 1 World Communion Sunday** - 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. worship
- Mon 2 Hero's Club** - 3:45-5:30 p.m. at Salem (continues every Monday when school is open)
- Tue 3 Church Conference** - 7:00 p.m. at Garfield UMC
- Thu 5 UMW Bee-lievers** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Thu 5 Board of Trustees** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Tue 10 Adult Choir Practice** - 7:30 p.m. at Salem (continues every Tuesday)
- Thu 12 Church Council Meeting** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Fri 20 Spaghetti Dinner** - 5:00-8:00 p.m. at Salem (Benefit Youth Group Activities)
- Sat 21 Chris Tomlin/Matt Maher Concert** - 7:00 p.m. at Royal Farms Arena, Baltimore
- Sun 22 Black Rock Hike** - 1:00 p.m.
- Sun 29 Salem Harvest Festival with Trunk or Treat** - 5:00-8:00 p.m. at Salem

Recurring Events: Hero's Club After School Ministry - MONDAYS at 3:45-5:30 p.m. at Salem
 Food Pantry is open every TUESDAY 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Salem
 Adult Choir Practice every TUESDAY at 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

Newsletter Distribution

1. **E-Mail** — We are currently notifying 202 of our readers via e-mail when our newsletter is posted online. 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.

Adult Choir Notes

■ By Sandy Lewis
 Salem Adult Choir practice will begin on Tuesday, October 10, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. We will be practicing songs for morning worship services as well as Thanksgiving and Christmas.



Anyone who would like to join us is welcome! We have a great time of praising the Lord in song and it's a great time of fun and fellowship.

Say good-bye to summer now;
 Leaves are turning on the bough;
 Grain has ripened in the field;
 Orchards offer up their yield.
 Gold and russet days are here
 For the harvest of the year.

**Sunday
Oct. 29**

2nd Annual

Salem Harvest Festival

5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

**Food • Games • Costume Judging
• Trunk or Treat •**

A Free Community Event at
Salem United Methodist Church - Wolfsville
12479 Wolfsville Road

Chris Tomlin and Matt Maher Concert, Oct. 21st

Chris Tomlin will be in concert with Matt Maher on Saturday, October 21st, 7:00 p.m., at Royal Farms Arena, Baltimore, MD.



A group from Salem will be attending the concert. Our thanks to Sara Weitzel for purchasing advance tickets.

Sunday School "Move Up"

■ By Kathy Laky
 On Sunday, September 17, 2017, the following two Sunday School students moved up to a higher level class:

- Patrick Waite moved up to the Grades 3 to 5 Class. Teachers are Kathy Laky, Melissa Thornton, and Patrick Boyton.
- Maggie Williamson moved up to the Young Adult Class taught by Denny Leatherman.

Who's Doing What, When?

OCTOBER

9:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Lay Readers 1 - Randy Freysz 8 - Phil Koons 15 - Patrick Boyton 22 - Fonda Gormer 29 - Steve Leatherman	Ushers 1 - Dick Kline & Steve Leatherman 8 - Vernon Stottlemeyer & Robin Haupt 15 - Donald Stottlemeyer & Meredith Harshman 22 - Philip Koons & Brandon Leatherman 29 - Robin Haupt & Donald Stottlemeyer	Music 1 - Sara Weitzel 8 - Praise Band 15 - Susan Koons 22 - Susan Koons 29 - Sara Weitzel
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Greeters 1 - Ken & Dianna Poling 8 - Dennis Draper 15 - George, Barbie & Matt Stottlemeyer 22 - Gary & Wanda Barkdoll & Family 29 - Fonda Gormer	Acolytes 1 - Paul McCormick 8 - Noah Taveras 15 - Kenslie Buhrman 22 - Joshua Koons 29 - Kenslie Buhrman
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11:15 A.M. CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

An informal FAMILY FRIENDLY service with contemporary Christian music, pastor's message, children's time, sharing of joys and concerns, and prayer.	Music Oct 8 - Works in Progress Praise Band Oct 22 - Works in Progress Praise Band
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It's Your Day!

October Anniversaries

- 6 - Brett & Kendra Haupt
- 8 - Bill & Mary Alice Shankle
- 9 - Josh & Trista Wright
- 9 - Erick & Meagan Wagaman
- 14 - George & Barbara Stottlemeyer

October Birthdays

- 1 - Mary Brown
- 3 - Henry Wright
- 4 - Charlie Beall
- 4 - Justin Fogle
- 5 - Tim Brown
- 6 - Ron Ellis Jr.
- 9 - Brandon Ferris
- 13 - George Hawkins
- 17 - Jamie Lafferty
- 18 - Adam Robinson
- 18 - Tyler Ferris
- 20 - Dennis Draper
- 25 - Laura Snyder
- 26 - Bailey Blickenstaff
- 29 - Riley Mellott
- 31 - Jason Buhrman

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



Black Rock Hike: October 2015

Hike to Black Rock set for October 22nd

■ By Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer
 After skipping last year, there will be a hike planned to Black Rock on Sunday, October 22, at 1:00 p.m.
 Please join us for a little fresh air, exercise, beautiful views overlooking Washington County and, of course, some good fellowship.
 This is always a fun time enjoyed by all. Dogs are welcome. As in the past, there will be refreshments waiting for us when we return.

Annual Church Conference set for October 3rd

On Tuesday evening, October 3rd, six local churches will gather at Garfield United Methodist Church for the annual Church Conference.
 Participating are Garfield, St. Paul's, Mt. Zion, Salem, Mt. Bethel and Mt. Lena.

World Communion

Sunday, October 1
 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.

There are 3 "C's" to live by:
 Choose, Chance and Change.
 We have to choose to take a chance or things will never change.



Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman



Song of Autumn

By Frances Benham Johnson

If you have reveled in a maple tree
 Flaunting the brilliance of its scarlet cloak,
 Or watched black lines of geese wing wild and free
 Above the hills of autumn, and the smoke
 From burning leaves rise fragrant on the air,
 Seen spikes of goldenrod line every road
 And light fence corners with a yellow flare,
 Glimpsed empty summer nests, once the abode
 Of singing bird, on leafless dark-etched bough,
 Joyed in bright petals clinging to a stalk
 Sun-dried and brittle, petals to endow
 With gallant color paths white frost must walk . . .
 If you have loved the rain of maple leaves,
 Then you have known the spell that autumn weaves.

Hearts “A Blaze”

By Tara Poole

As I reflect on the vibrant colors on some trees
 while others seem not so vibrant, I’m in wonder of how
 God’s creation so closely resembles our own hearts.
 There are days when our hearts are “a blaze” with
 the fire of Christ and we are ready to put on our
 armor, stand firm, and conquer the world.
 Then there are other days when our hearts are
 dull, lost, and heavy with the weight of the world, so
 we choose to hide and let the fire in our hearts
 simmer almost out.
 Yet the seasons remind us that there is a time for
 everything. A time to plant, a time to grow, a time to
 glow, and a time to rest so we can refresh and renew.
 Through it all, we need to remember to keep our
 hearts “a blaze” on the inside so we can shine with
 the light of the Son on the outside through every
 season.

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

Show Me the Way

By Helen Steiner Rice

Show me the way,
 not to fortune and fame,
 Not how to win laurels
 or praise for my name—
 But show me the way
 to spread “the Great Story”
 That “Thine is the Kingdom
 and Power and Glory.”



RECIPE



Brown Sugar Shortbread

2/3 cup margarine, softened 1 cup finely chopped pecans
 1/2 cup brown sugar, tightly packed 1 1/2 cups all purpose flour
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Directions

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Generously butter a 9” round cake pan.
 Beat butter and brown sugar until fluffy. Beat in vanilla. Combine pecans,
 brown sugar mixture and flour. Add to butter in four portions, mixing well
 after each addition. Pat mixture into pan and pierce on top with tines of
 fork. Bake until slightly browned and puffy, about 30 minutes.

Remove shortbread from oven and carefully cut into wedges, using a
 sharp or serrated knife, before allowing to cool.

Yield: 8-16 wedges

Fonda Gormer made this shortbread for the Bee-lievers cookie exchange.



Autumn’s Glory

By Kay Hoffman

When summer fields turn tan and lean,
 Then autumn comes upon the scene,
 Splashing hills with red and gold —
 A dazzling picture to behold!

Flower beds are lavish, too,
 Dressed in vivid, festive hue,
 And overhead an azure sky
 Is brighter than in mid-July.

Tall maple trees along the lane
 Wear rainbow halos once again,
 As field and meadow overflow
 With harvest gold, God’s hand bestows.

A purple haze on distant hill,
 Tawny waves on a grassy field,
 Sunset’s flame of red and gold —
 Breathtaking beauty to behold!

I bow my head in praise and prayer
 ‘Mid autumn’s glory everywhere;
 No other journey is so grand
 As when autumn takes us by the hand.

Submitted by Shirley Wolfe

Happiness Lives

By Nora M. Bozeman

Happiness lives inside our hearts
 Morning, noon and night,
 So look within when you are sad
 And you’ll find a heavenly light.

Happiness lives inside our hearts
 And shines like a shimmering
 star,
 It lights our way on a dreary day
 And finds us wherever we are.

Happiness lives inside our hearts,
 With God it is intertwined,
 For He is the Key to all happiness
 And if we but look, we will find.

There’s never a tear drop that
 God doesn’t see.
 He knows when a sparrow falls
 from a tree.
 There’s never a moment when
 God doesn’t care.
 Never a time that he won’t hear
 your prayer.

— Author Unknown



Message from the Pastor and Worship in October

■ By PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER

The autumn season is here. Cooler temperatures, the changing of the leaves; clear and crisp days that bring the senses alive. It's not unusual to hear someone say, "It's my most favorite time of the year." They might also add, "If it weren't for winter that follows."

I like the seasons. There's always something to look forward to. Maybe we appreciate more what each season offers, and life in general, as we experience the seasons come and go.

This time of year in our church family is always one of exciting new possibilities: "Blessing of the Backpacks" as our children go back to school, "Move Up Sunday" for children and youth in Sunday School, resumption of weekly Youth Group gatherings, start of Hero's Club, a new season for the Adult Choir, restarting the monthly breakfasts at Wolfsville Elementary School, reflecting on the past year and setting goals and selecting leaders for the coming year.

While we're restarting ministries for a new season, we're also putting on the Lord's Acre Festival and the Community CROP Hunger Walk, and preparing for Church Conference, and I'm sure I've missed an item or two. It's a lot of work, but it's good work that leaves us fulfilled.

I continue to experience much fulfillment serving alongside of you. Thanks for all your efforts and enjoy the autumn season! God Bless. —*Pastor Bob*

October 1 – World Communion Sunday "52" Sermon Series Week 45 – "Watch for God"

Matthew 11:28 – "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." At John's Hopkins Hospital, in the center of the Administration Building, there's a large

marble statue of Christ, hands spread in a gesture of welcome. Inscribed at the base of that statue is our key Bible verse for today, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Also at the base of the statue I've noticed the prayers scattered about that people have written on pieces of paper for their loved ones who are in the hospital. They're going to God on behalf of a loved one, asking for God's help. God wants us to come and ask for help. When we do and when we watch for God's response we see His help and our trust in Him grows even more.

October 8 "52" Sermon Series Week 46 – "Seek God's Will"

Matthew 6:33 – "But seek ye first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." Seek God's kingdom, present wherever love of God and love of neighbor are practiced. Seek God's righteousness, where God is Lord of our lives and we are God's people striving to stay in right relationship with God and each other. Seek those things as first priorities. Keep God first! The words ring true. We hear them and do not dispute them. We know that it's in our best interest to keep God first, to seek his will and follow it. Yet at times we seem so weak in our efforts to live that way. Taming our will and surrendering to God's will takes commitment and discipline.

October 15 – Laity Sunday "52" Sermon Series Week 47 – "Seek to Understand Others"

James 1:19-20 – "My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, for man's anger does not

bring about the righteous life that God desires." We have a tendency to be quick to speak and quick to become angry. Many times that just makes the situation worse and harder to resolve. We are to do no harm to others and do all the good we can. To be successful, we have to learn and practice Jesus' way: to be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.

October 22 "52" Sermon Series Week 48 – "Share Your Faith, Invite Others!"

Matthew 28:19-20 – "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." These were the final words of the risen Lord before he ascended into heaven. Why these words? Jesus knew that spreading salvation to the rest of humankind was dependent on the work of his disciples. The risen Lord assured them that he would be with them as they carried out this important work. So starting with that original group of followers the church has always been a missionary movement. We are the keepers of that movement in our time and place. The risen Lord is calling us to "go and make disciples" just like he called those original followers. As he calls us to go, Christ also reassures us, "I am with you."

October 29 – Reformation Sunday "52" Sermon Series Week 49 – "Seek Justice for Others"

Matthew 25:31 – "The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'" Believing in Jesus Christ and following him as our Lord and Savior has two aspects: our personal relationship with Christ and our relationship with our fellow human beings. We tend to focus on the former because we have a concern for our own salvation. Eternal life or eternal damnation? That gets our attention and motivates us to act. But we don't always view the other fifty per cent of being a Christian, serving others, with the same passion. Jesus' own life gives us the example for how we are to live.

Salem Mission Project No. 13

HERO'S CLUB

After School Ministry

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

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

Fall Semester begins Monday, October 2, 2017

Liz Waite named new Hero's Club Director

Last spring, Heather O'Connor, asked to step down as Director of Hero's Club due to plans to move from the area.

Regarding Heather's tenure, Pastor Bob Snyder said, "While Heather was Director, Hero's Club has grown larger in numbers and deeper in mission and ministry. She has done an outstanding job."

Heather is planning to help with Hero's Club and will assist the new director as needed.

Liz Waite named new Director of Hero's Club

Salem is pleased to announce a new Hero's Club Director.

Liz Waite, a member of Salem United Methodist Church, will be taking over the position of Director of Hero's Club beginning October 2, 2017.

Liz brings with her a wealth of experience working with children. She has worked as a Boys and Girls Club teacher in the past; worked as a direct care professional supporting children with physical and mental disabilities; and

has been involved with multiple Vacation Bible School programs for 6 years.

Liz is currently a Family Advocate with Franklin County Head Start, where she works with impoverished preschool children and their families.

Liz is also pursuing her Master's degree in Counseling from McDaniel University.

Liz commented, "I am looking forward to having a very energetic year with all the Heroes!"

If you have any questions; or would like to sign up your child for Hero's Club; or would like to volunteer, you may contact Liz at 302-682-3089 or lizwaite22@gmail.com.

Registration forms for Hero's Club students and volunteers can be found on the Salem website: SalemChurchWolfsville.org/heros-club

A few changes this semester

1. Hero's Club will now end at 5:30, instead of 6:00 p.m., but an adult will be present until 6:00 p.m. if you are unable to pick up your child until after 5:30.



Liz Waite, Hero's Club Director
Fall Semester 2017

Children will be working on homework from 5:30-6:00.

2. Registration forms will be accepted on a first-come first-serve basis. Forms received after the maximum number of students has been reached will be placed on a waiting list.

3. Kindergarten through 5th Grade students only please. Pre-School age children will have to wait until next year.

Salem's Youth Group gets their own meeting space in the parsonage

Photo by Wanda Barkdoll

Salem's Youth Group and its leaders are happy to announce their new meeting room is nearing completion. They are enjoying their new space in the parsonage living room.

Our thanks to those who donated furniture and other accessories. The room became available when Pastor Bob and his family purchased a home in Myersville and moved there in January.

Pastor Bob continues to work from his office in the parsonage, but since the living room was not occupied, it provides an excellent space for youth group meetings every Thursday evening, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.



Friday, August 25, 2017

Scenes from the Salem Youth Group "Pool Party"

Photos by Wanda Barkdoll



Saturday, September 9, 2017

Scenes from the 58th annual Lord's Acre Festival

Photos by Marilyn Leatherman & Wanda Barkdoll



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



**"Pastor says all the answers are in here.
I guess he never had to take one of
Miss Hawthorne's geography exams."**

Some thoughts to ponder . . .

Sometimes the only means of transportation is a leap of faith.

There is something that happens when you are grateful: You continue to receive blessings.

An entire sea of water can't sink a ship unless it gets inside the ship. Similarly, the negativity of the world can't put you down unless you allow it to get inside you.

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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October 2017