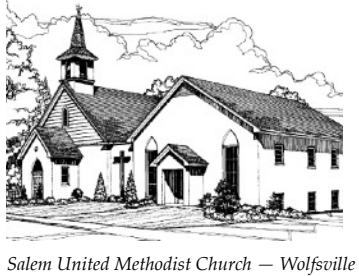


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“Salem Slam”
Ping-Pong Tournament
 at Salem
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 6:00 p.m.
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Salem Mission Project No. 2

Operation Christmas Child

A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

Turning “shoe boxes” into Christmas gifts for children

Share the love of Jesus, through the power of a simple gift, with children around the world.

By Barbie Stottlemyer

We will once again be participating in OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD, in which we fill shoe boxes to be distributed to needy children around the world. This is a project of Samaritan's Purse, a Franklin Graham ministry in Boone, North Carolina.

HOW TO PACK YOUR BOX

We are asking anyone wishing to participate in this program to fill their shoe boxes at home and bring them to the church on or before Sunday, November 12th.

Your shoe boxes should be packed for children ranging in ages from 2-4 years old, 5-9 years old, or 10-14 years old.

Numerous shoe boxes have already been wrapped and are available outside the sanctuary, or you can wrap your own shoe box. Labels are available at church to place in the box, identifying if the items inside are for

Boxes are due by Sunday, November 12, 2017

a boy or girl, and the appropriate age group. Once we have filled our boxes, we will take them to a local distribution center where they will then be sent to another distribution center in North Carolina, and then will be sent out to the children.

POSTAGE is \$9.00

There is a \$9.00 postage charge for each box. Place the postage amount in the donation envelope and place the envelope on top of the gift items inside the box so it is clearly visible. Checks should be made payable to Samaritan's Purse, with a note on the memo line that the gift is for Operation Christmas Child. If you are unable to pay the postage, Salem will pick up this cost from our Mission Project No. 2.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE set for Wednesday, November 22, 7 p.m., at Grossnickle Church

The annual Wolfsville Community Thanksgiving Service will be held on Thanksgiving eve, Wednesday, November 22, at 7:00 p.m. This year's service will be hosted by Grossnickle Church of the Brethren, 11301 Meeting House Road.

The service will include slides of area church ministries.

This is a Wolfsville community event which is hosted on a rotating basis among five local churches. Everyone is invited to attend to “Give Thanks to the Lord.”



Rotating Schedule for the Wolfsville Community Thanksgiving Service

2017 – Grossnickle Church of the Brethren
2018 – Pleasant Walk United Methodist
2019 – Garfield United Methodist Church
2020 – St. Mark's Lutheran Church
2021 – Salem United Methodist Church



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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-Sep
1	Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer (Ethnos360, formerly New Tribes)	\$205	\$1,845.00
2	Operation Christmas Child (Postage paid in November)	-----	\$0.00
3a	Salem Mission & Outreach (Local needs)	-----	\$3,505.95
3b	Wolfsville School PTA (All Pro Families Breakfast) Pay Jan & Sept	-----	\$900.00
4	Salem Food Pantry (Open Tuesdays 6:30-7:30 p.m.)	-----	\$2,062.38
5	Mary E. (AIM - Europe)	\$85	\$950.00
6	United Methodist Board of Child Care (Auxiliary & Direct Support)	-----	\$729.00
7	Gideons (Frederick West Camp - Distributing Bibles)	\$50	\$450.00
8	Potato Project (Society of St. Andrew, Big Island, VA)	\$50	\$450.00
9	Middletown High School (Fellowship of Christian Athletes)	\$50	\$450.00
10	Ronnie & Angi Hopkins (TMS-Global, Nicaragua)	\$65	\$585.00
11	Care Net Pregnancy Center (Frederick, MD)	\$65	\$585.00
12	Compassion International (Sponsored child in Tanzania)	\$38	\$228.00
13	Hero’s Club After School Ministry (Kindergarten through Grade 5)	-----	\$2,134.46
14	World Vision (Sponsored child in Colombia)	\$35	\$315.00

2017 Goal: **\$17,186** • Total Mission Offering for 2017: **\$13,343.00** • % of Goal: **78%**

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.

SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS are available at church again this year. As in the past, the stockings will be available for boys or girls of various age groups. Each stocking contains a list of suggested items to purchase.

Please return your filled stockings by Sunday, November 12. The stockings will be taken to the Salvation Army in Frederick for distribution to less fortunate children within Frederick County.



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.

Sunday, September 24, 2017

Wolfsville / Myersville CROP Hunger Walk

5-mile walk



Photos by Brandon Leatherman & Pastor Donna Ritchey-Martin

Heat Does Not Deter CROP Walkers: \$2,975 raised

By Fonda Gormer

Though the temperature on September 24th was in the upper 80's, twenty-seven determined walkers, along with Cleo, Rev. Lisa Wirkus' service dog, took part in the annual Wolfsville/ Myersville CROP Walk.

Several other people walked on a different day and contributed to the funds to fight hunger and provide disaster relief.

A total of \$2,975 was collected. Twenty-five percent of this amount will be returned to local hunger programs:

- Religious Coalition for Emergency Human Needs (RCEHN) in Frederick,
- Middletown Food Bank, and
- Salem's Food Pantry.

The walk took place soon after Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria.

Church World Service, sponsor of the CROP program, noted that more than 140,000 cleaning and hygiene kits had been distributed in the immediate aftermath.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the CROP Walk in any way. Your support is appreciated by our world community. May God bless each one of you!



CROP walkers join in prayer before beginning the 5-mile trek.



Steve & Joann Leatherman, and Jessie, Brandon, Cheyenne & Shelby Leatherman



Cheyenne Leatherman steps out ahead, but makes sure family is close behind.



Jennifer Gormer & Patrick Waite (in front) along with Paul McCormick, Liz Waite & others.

Attendance Offerings

September 2017

	Worship*		Sunday School	
Sept 3 -	90	\$2,116.00	34	\$194.00
Sept 10 -	85	2,290.75	48	132.00
Sept 17 -	110	1,915.00	66	223.75
Sept 24 -	84	1,973.00	56	96.00

*Worship attendance & offerings include both worship services.

- Missions: \$1,536.00
 - Cemetery Endowment: \$180.00
 - 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
Sept	92	51
Aug	86	48
July	82	51
June	99	48
May	86	50

Average Attendance Jan-Sept 2017

Sunday Worship: 92
Sunday School: 52

Final Report

2017

Lord's Acre Festival

September 9, 2017

----- Financial Report -----

Sales:

Produce	566.50
Needlework & Crafts	102.50
Flea Table & Plants	353.75
Youth Activities & Games	52.25
Silent Auction	1,042.00
Auction	2,500.50
Soup, Sandwiches, etc.	3,842.75
Baked Goods	1,338.27
Ice Cream	425.00
Total Sales	10,223.52

Contributions:

UMW Bee-lievers	6,000.00
Individuals	2,541.75
Total Contributions	8,541.75

Total Income 18,765.27

Total Expenses 2,370.51

Net Profit 16,394.76

Net profit placed in Salem's Building & Improvement Fund, to be used for maintenance of our buildings and grounds; equipment purchases, repairs, and equipment maintenance.

Our sincere thanks to the Wolfsville community for once again supporting this annual event.

Salem supports Hurricane Relief: \$606.44 collected

■ By Bill Burrier, Church Treasurer

The 2017 hurricane season has been extremely active with major impact on citizens in the United States and its territories. According to weather statistics, this has been the most active hurricane season in many years. As of this writing, there have been five major hurricanes, (Harvey, Irma, Jose, Maria, and Nate) the highest number since 2010.

The season also saw rainfall records being broken in Texas from Hurricane Harvey and the first season to have four hurricanes make landfall in the United States (Harvey, Irma, Maria, Nate) since 2005.

In an effort to help with hurricane relief, the Salem congregation recently contributed to a free will offering totaling \$606.44, which has been sent to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR).

UMCOR spends 100% of the designated donations on the projects specified by the donor.

In Texas, it is estimated that volunteers from United Methodist churches have mucked out more than 5,000 residences. In total, 10,500 cleaning kits, 3,500 hygiene kits, and 500 school kits have also been distributed. 56,000 feet of tarp has been used to cover damaged roofs to act as a temporary replacement.

Our thanks to those at Salem who contributed to this worthy effort. Destruction from such extreme weather calls for a long term recovery effort and United Methodist churches like ours are supporting these efforts in many ways.

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.



November

Calendar of Events



- Thu 2 UMW Bee-lievers** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Thu 2 Board of Trustees** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Sun 5 Daylight Saving Time Ends**
- Sun 5 Holy Communion** - 9:00 & 11:15 a.m. worship
- Wed 8 Staff-Parish Relations Committee** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Thu 9 Church Council Meeting** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Fri 10 Salem Slam Ping-Pong Tournament** - 6:00 p.m. at Salem
- Sun 12 Shoe Boxes & Salvation Army Stockings Due**
- Wed 22 Community Thanksgiving Service** - 7:00 p.m. at Grossnickle Church of the Brethren
- Fri 24 Decorate Sanctuary for Advent** - 5:30 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 203 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.

**JOIN US
to decorate
Salem's sanctuary
for Advent
Friday evening
November 24, 5:30 p.m.**
(First Sunday in Advent is Dec. 3.)



“Salem Slam” Ping-Pong Tournament set for Friday, November 10, 2017, 6:00 p.m.

By Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer
 Come and join us for a light meal and an evening of fun and fellowship.
 All ages are invited from the youngest of youth to adults... and we do have some very competitive adults at Salem. So no excuses not to come.



We will begin the meal around 6:00 p.m. and start tournament play around 7:00 p.m. Please bring a dessert or snack to share.

Invite your friends for a meal, great fun and just some time to enjoy each other's company and have a little fun while doing so. Hope to see you there!

Empty Medicine Bottles Still Being Collected

By Fonda Gormer
 At last year's church conference, several area churches reported collecting used prescription bottles to be used by missionaries to provide a clean means of dispensing medicines to patients.

Since this project was a no-cost mission, Salem started collecting bottles.

At this year's church conference on October 3rd, two tall kitchen trash bags filled with bottles were delivered to Dixie Healy at Garfield United Methodist Church. She and her helpers will clean the bottles and ship them off to be used by medical missionaries in Haiti. Dixie noted that without the bottles, medicine is often dispensed in a hand or a paper napkin, if one is available.

If you have empty prescription bottles that you would like to donate, please remove the labels and deposit the bottles in the container at the top of the social room steps.

Praise Band to sing at Grossnickle Church and Mt. Bethel

The "Works In Progress Community Praise Band" will present music at the Grossnickle Church of the Brethren on Sunday, November 5, at their 10:30 a.m. worship service.



Looking ahead to December, the Praise Band will also be participating in the Christmas Sing-a-Long at Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church on Sunday, December 3, at 3:00 p.m.

Salem is pleased to have the praise band lead music during worship on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month.

Dear Salem United Methodist Church:

Thank you so much for your donation of \$450 toward the Wolfsville Elementary All-Pro Families Breakfasts. The Wolfsville Elementary community values your support.

*Amie Summers, PTA Treasurer
Wolfsville Elementary School*

Who's Doing What, When?

9:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP		NOVEMBER
Lay Readers 5 - Melissa Thornton 12 - Wanda Barkdoll 19 - Mary Cline 26 - Dennis Leatherman	Ushers 5 - Dick Kline & Steve Leatherman 12 - Vernon Stottlemeyer & Robin Haupt 19 - Donald Stottlemeyer & Meredith Harshman 26 - Philip Koons & Brandon Leatherman	Music 5 - Sara Weitzel 12 - Praise Band 19 - Susan Koons 26 - Susan Koons
Greeters 5 - Randy & Brenda Freysz 12 - Bill & Caroline Buhrman 19 - George, Barbie & Matt Stottlemeyer 26 - Bob & Petie Stup	Acolytes 5 - Paul McCormick 12 - Noah Taveras 19 - Kenslie Buhrman 26 - 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 Nov 12 - Works in Progress Praise Band Nov 26 - Works in Progress Praise Band

It's Your Day!

November Anniversaries

- 2 - Phil & Susan Koons
- 10 - Harry & Karen DeLauter
- 24 - Ronnie & Sue Kinna

November Birthdays

- 3 - Caroline Buhrman
- 4 - Darcy Gormer
- 9 - Bill Shankle
- 13 - Leah Tolland
- 13 - Fonda Gormer
- 13 - Betty Brandenburg
- 14 - Karen Sowers
- 16 - Polly Doyle
- 17 - Christopher Haupt
- 17 - Beth Snead
- 17 - Darlene Burrier
- 18 - Ben Swope
- 23 - Mary Alice Shankle
- 25 - Jadie Buhrman
- 26 - Olive Kline
- 26 - Mary Fogle
- 28 - Susie Stottlemeyer

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

Church Conference Highlights

The annual Church Conference was held October 3, 2017, at Garfield United Methodist Church. Six churches attended: Garfield, St. Paul's, Mt. Zion, Mt. Bethel, Mt. Lena, and Salem. District Superintendent Rev. Conrad Link, presided.

Pastor Bob spoke about how Salem is going deeper into ministry in the following areas:

- Adopting Wolfsville Elementary – All Pro Breakfasts, weekend food bags, craft item, welcome lines
- Food Pantry – Dawn Nelson is becoming a trainer for the Bridge program/ partnership with Frederick Memorial Hospital to communicate health services.
- Hero's Club After School Ministry – Effectiveness of this ministry, sometimes known as "Sunday School on Monday." Reaching many students who do not attend church or Sunday School.

Our goal is to build synergy between the Food Pantry, Hero's Club, Family Ministry events, Back to Church Sunday, Adopting Wolfsville Elementary, etc., allowing Salem to reach more people for Christ.

Our goals for 2018 are to continue the above mentioned efforts; continue to pursue the possibility of a building project; possibly install stained glass windows in the sanctuary using donated memorial funds; and putting special emphasis on caregiving and evangelism.

Holy Communion

Sunday, November 5
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.



Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman



INSPIRATIONAL Reading

In Gratitude

By Vera Hardman

Our hearts are filled with thanks, Lord,
For blessings You bestow . . .
The love within our family
That each year seems to grow.



For the food upon our table,
The home where we abide,
Our faith that will sustain us, Lord,
When You are by our side.

For the happiness of friendship
Of those whom we hold dear,
The log glowing in our fireplace
That brings us warmth and cheer.

For the splendor that surrounds us,
The sun at break of dawn,
The silver moon that lights the sky
When the day has gone.

For your wondrous world of beauty,
The flowers and the trees,
The song of birds that makes our hearts
Soar like a summer breeze.

In gratitude we bow our heads
And humbly, Lord, we pray,
As we count our many blessings
On this Thanksgiving Day.

When Day is Done

By Charles M. Bignall

I watched the lengthening shadows
as they crept across the field,
And I marveled at the mighty
power that God alone can wield.
I saw the reddish hues of the sunset
sinking slowly in the west,
And a glory in the heavens that can
never be surpassed.



Oh, these golden rays of sunset that
mark the end of day,
They paint a wondrous picture as
the last beams fade away.
It's a picture that no artist in
the form of mortal man
Could ever paint . . . it has to be the
work of the Master's Hand.



RECIPE



Apple Coffee Cake

2 cups sugar	1 teaspoon baking soda
2 eggs, beaten	1 teaspoon salt
3/4 cup oil	1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon vanilla	4 cups apples, peeled and finely diced
2 1/2 cups flour	1 1/2 cups chopped nuts, <i>optional</i>
2 teaspoons baking powder	
Topping:	
1/2 cup brown sugar	1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 cup chopped nuts, <i>optional</i>	1/4 teaspoon nutmeg

Directions

1. Combine sugar, beaten eggs, oil, and vanilla in a large mixing bowl. Mix until creamy.
2. In a separate bowl, combine flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, and cinnamon. Add to sugar-egg mixture and mix well. Batter will be crumbly.
3. Fold in apples, and nuts, if desired. Pour into a greased and floured 9 x 13 baking pan.
4. In the mixing bowl, mix topping ingredients together well, and sprinkle over batter.
5. Bake at 350 degrees for 35-40 minutes, or until toothpick inserted into center comes out clean. Makes 12-18 servings.

Selected from "Fix-It and Enjoy-It Cookbook" by Phyllis Pellman Good



In Sympathy

The Salem congregation expresses sincere sympathy to the Snyder family on the death of Pastor Bob's mother, Mary E. Snyder, 88, of Emerald Isle, North Carolina, on Saturday, September 30, 2017. A graveside service was held October 4, 2017, at Susquehanna Memorial Gardens, York, PA; and on October 9, 2017, a Memorial Celebration Service was held at First Presbyterian Church, Kinston, NC. Both services were officiated by Pastor Bob Snyder.

It's a Girl

Congratulations to Colleen and Corey Carter, Martinsburg, WV, on the birth of their first child, a daughter, Ella Grace. She was born Thursday, September 28, 2017, 9:44 p.m. at the Winchester Medical Center. She weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces and was 20.75 inches long. Congratulations also to grandparents Pastor Bob and Donna Snyder and the rest of the Snyder family.

Veterans Day is observed annually on November 11, honoring military veterans; that is, persons who served in the United States Armed Forces. It coincides with other holidays, including Armistice Day and Remembrance Day, celebrated in other countries that mark the anniversary of the end of World War I. The U.S. holiday, previously known as Armistice Day, was renamed Veterans Day in 1954.





Message from the Pastor and Worship in November

■ By PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER

Thanksgiving has become one of my most favorite holidays. It doesn't seem to carry with it all the hectic pace that we struggle to resist just before Christmas.

Thanksgiving can be a wonderful time of rest and relaxation with family and friends. If you're the cook in your household, I understand that you might have more on you than the rest of the family. So let's all pitch in and help that cook in our household this year and make sure they get all the help they need. And above all, let's take a good amount of time thanking the Lord for all our blessings.

A great way to start is by attending the Community Thanksgiving Worship Service on Wednesday, November 22, at 7 p.m. This year's service is being hosted by our friends at Grossnickle Church of the Brethren. There's something about thanking God as the very first act of Thanksgiving that makes the holiday even more special. Hope to see you there.

God Bless, *Pastor Bob*

Sunday, November 5
All Saints Sunday
Daylight Saving Time Ends
"52" Sermon Series

Week 50 – "Seek God's Wisdom"

Proverbs 1: 7 — "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline."

Sometimes we can get pretty full of ourselves, especially when things are moving along just fine. We can get lulled into thinking that life is going pretty good because of how talented we are and what a good job we're doing.

It's during these times that we're especially vulnerable to forgetting God and the role God plays in our lives. God is the One who has created us, the One



who has saved us, and the only One who can truly sustain us through life.

Yes, we always want to strive to do our best with the talents and resources we have, but our days go better when we remain close to, respect, and obey God.

Sunday, November 12
"52" Sermon Series
Week 51 – "Be Generous"

Deuteronomy 15:10 — "Give generously to him and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to."

Ever notice when we're particularly generous, joy fills our heart and energizes us, and God provides for us.

The tithe came about as a guide for giving back to God. It is our thank you for all God has done for us.

One penny out of every ten pennies. Ten cents out of every dollar. 5,000 dollars out of every \$50,000 and so on.

Most of us start out giving back to the Lord more like 2% or 3% of what we earn. But as we grow in our faith and begin approaching 10% and beyond, we begin to experience the freedom and joy giving generously brings.

There are seasons in life when we can't attain 10%, but there are many seasons when we can. God sees and understands.

Sunday, November 19

"52" Sermon Series

Week 52

"We Are in Need of Giving Thanks"

1 Thessalonians 5:18 — "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

Last week we talked about our financial giving as a thank you back to God. Staying close to God and observing God's presence and good work in our lives and in the world is also a powerful and effective way of respecting and honoring God, of thanking God, and of helping ourselves.

Take Sunday worship, for example. We don't give thanks and praise to God to get something in return. But as we praise and worship God, don't we come away filled with his love and aren't we strengthened by his power to go forth to live and serve.

Our hearts are filled with thanks to God for all the ways our Lord has provided for us this year!

Wednesday, November 22
Community Thanksgiving Service
7 p.m.

Grossnickle Church of the Brethren

Everyone is welcome.

November 26
Christ the King Sunday
"Chosen by God"

Romans 8:31 — "And then what are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us?"

These nine words are some of the most powerful in Scripture aren't they: "If God is for us, who is against us."

Even in our darkest hours and most desperate times, we can pray the 23rd Psalm confidently, "Even though I walk in the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over" (Psalm 23:4-5).

On this final Sunday of the Church Year, before we begin the Season of Advent, we stop and stand in awe of Christ our King.

We acknowledge the One who delivers on promises and we recommit, "Lord, I will put my faith and trust in you."

Missions is the Mission of the Church

Salem Mission Projects



Salem Mission Project No. 10

Update on Ronnie & Angi Hopkins' mission work in Nicaragua

Update on Rio Bocay

This month we traveled to the river with a big truck ahead of us hauling swing sets, monkey bars, cabinets, a birthing table, chairs, plywood, 25-gallon buckets of paint, metal and many containers of other supplies.

One of the projects was building an outdoor baking stove, made of brick and cement. We brought red bricks, baking pans, mixing bowls and supplies to teach baking to the families on the river. Very few have homemade ovens; even fewer can afford gas stoves... meals are cooked over an open fire.

For many years, the visiting North American doctors have been encouraging us to help the people change their diets from only fried food. We hope to demonstrate how to cook chicken and fish, vegetables, including plantain and malanga chips, without frying as well as how to bake breads and cakes.

We also purchased an Eco-Cocina (stove), which uses a small amount of wood and is portable. The stove puts out a minimum amount of smoke and

the heat stays within the stove and will prevent the many burns we see (mostly in children).

We had a welder and his crew working two days in Pueblo Nuevo, building doors, windows, flag poles, installing a swing set and monkey bars.

The welder and crew also spent a day in Kayaska installing swing sets and monkey bars... a gift from Youngs Grove Baptist Church in Cedartown, Georgia. This summer, the children in their Vacation Bible School raised \$1,800 for this project. You should have seen the joy of these children, who have never seen or used playground equipment.

A big thank you to the children of Youngs Grove!

We spent two days in Siviwas welding and repairing a bathroom, windows and swing sets in a building that had previously been a school but was then used for housing by a group of people (Mayagna). Ten months ago they sold their property and moved further down the river.



Ronnie & Angi Hopkins and Peanut



School in Pueblo Nuevo



Children playing in Kayaska

Ladies "Bible Study" Forming: To Begin in January

■ By Heather O'Connor

Calling all LADIES.... are you looking for a chance to lay down your cares, enter God's presence, and hear Him speak through His Word?

We will take some time in silence, studying a passage of scripture, and then share our insights and hear what others discovered. We'll also get to discuss excerpts from the "Jesus Calling" devotional that relate to the themes of the Bible passages. In this way, we will learn how to better make space in our life for the Spirit of God to speak to us through the Word of God and the people of God.

Our lives are often too hectic, our minds too distracted, for us to take in, what God offers. This "Jesus Calling" Bible study is designed to help us meditate on words of Scripture and hear them not as, just words said to people long ago but as words said to us today in the here and now.

The writer of Hebrews, in Chapter 1, said, "In the

past, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets, many times and in various ways, but in these last days, He has spoken to us by his Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, and through whom also He made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of His being, sustaining all things by His powerful word."

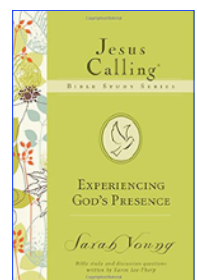
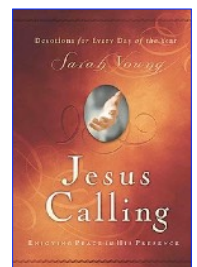
—Hebrews 1:1-3

Join me and other Ladies for this 8-Week Bible Study, using one of our favorite devotionals, "Jesus Calling" by Sarah Young.

We will begin on Wednesday, January 10th from 7:00-8:30 at Salem United Methodist Church.

You will need a copy of "Jesus Calling" by Sarah Young and the "Jesus Calling Bible Study Series, Experiencing God's Presence" by Sarah Young.

Please RSVP to me, at 240-344-8851 or heatherboconnor@gmail.com.



Sunday, October 22, 2017

Scenes from the Hike to Black Rock

Photos by Sue Ellen Stottlemyer



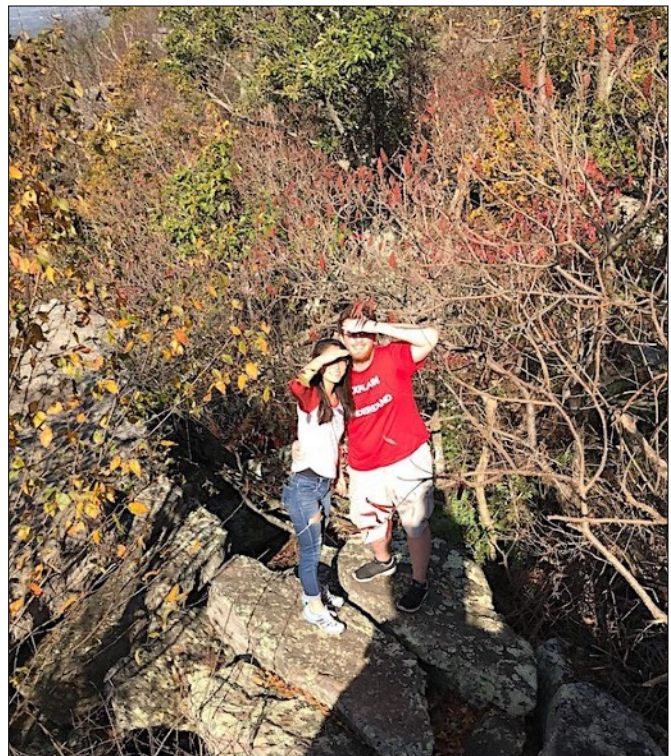
From left (front) Vernon Stottlemyer, Sue Ellen Stottlemyer, Joyce Weaver, Bill Weaver, Denny Leatherman; (back from left) Amy McCormick, Brandon Potter, Becky Leatherman. Not pictured are Caleb Weaver, Paul McCormick and Vicki McCormick.



Beautiful view of Washington County, Maryland.



Denny Leatherman found a friend on the trail.



Becky & Brandon did some exploring.

Friday, October 20, 2017

Scenes from the Spaghetti Dinner hosted by Salem's Youth

Photos by Bill Burrier

Spaghetti Dinner: Successful Youth Fundraiser

The Salem "Faith Builders" Youth Group held a spaghetti dinner on Friday, October 20, from 5:00-8:00 p.m.

The meal consisted of spaghetti, topped with spaghetti sauce, plain or meat sauce; salad, garlic bread, fruit, drink and dessert.

Rather than set a price for the meal, a free will offering was collected. The amount of profit totaled \$518.

The money collected will be used to offset costs associated with the Salem youth activities.

Salem's youth group is very active and meets at the church parsonage every Thursday evening from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

The youth thanks everybody for their support.



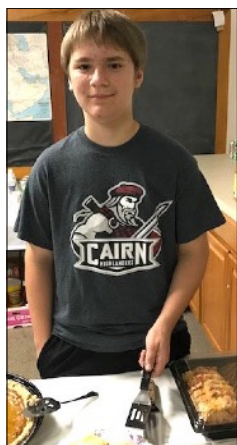
From left, Josh Koons, Maria Barkdoll, Noah Taveras, and Chris Leatherman.



Riley Mellott and Avery Muller



Brenda Freysz is served iced tea by Paul McCormick.



Jake Ward



Meredith Harshman and Dick Kline



Joyce and Bill Weaver

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)



Funny Things Said in Sunday School

At Sunday School they were teaching how God created everything, including human beings. Little Johnny seemed especially intent when they told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs. Later in the week his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill, and she said, "Johnny, what is the matter?" Little Johnny responded, "I have pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife."

A Sunday School teacher asked her class why Joseph and Mary took Jesus with them to Jerusalem. A small child replied, "They couldn't get a babysitter."

Two boys were walking home from Sunday School after hearing a strong preaching on the devil. One said to the other, "What do you think about all this Satan stuff?" The other boy replied, "Well, you know how Santa Claus turned out. It's probably just your Dad."

Submitted by Dennis Draper

Some thoughts to ponder . . .

That's the beautiful thing about grace. Even when we don't see it, it's there, working its way into every broken area of our lives.

In a world full of people who couldn't care less, be someone who couldn't care more.

A single act of kindness throws out roots in all directions, and the roots spring up and make new trees. —Amelia Earhart

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

The Mountain Shepherd

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TWO WORSHIP SERVICES

— Every Sunday —

9:00 a.m. Traditional

10:15 a.m. Sunday School

11:15 a.m. Contemporary

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November 2017