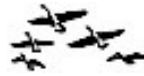


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Convention Center

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Soup & Sandwich Sale set for March 10 & 11 — *Place your order now.*

■ By Fonda Gormer

Remember the great soup from the Lord's Acre Festival? Salem's United Methodist Women "Bee-lievers" are planning their winter "Soup and Sandwich Sale" for March.

Orders must be received by January 31, with pick-up Saturday, March 10, 4-6 p.m. or Sunday, March 11, after each service.

Soups offered include vegetable, bean with rivels, turkey noodle and turkey noodle with corn. Cost per quart is \$5.00.

Turkey salad sandwiches are \$2.50 each and country ham sandwiches at \$3.50 each.

To place an order, pick-up an order form

"A good bowl of soup with a sandwich . . . sure is nice on a cold winter day!"

Orders due JANUARY 31

in the church hallway (or use the form printed here), complete it and give it to Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer or me.

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

❖ FOOD SALE ORDER FORM ❖

Give orders to Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer or Fonda Gormer by January 31, 2018.

PICK UP (check one)

Your Name _____

Sat Mar 10 - 4-6 pm _____

Phone _____

Sun Mar 11 (a.m.) _____

SOUPS	all \$5.00 per quart	How many?	Amount \$
Vegetable	\$5.00/quart	_____	\$ _____
Turkey Corn	\$5.00/quart	_____	\$ _____
Turkey Noodle	\$5.00/quart	_____	\$ _____
Bean with rivels	\$5.00/quart	_____	\$ _____

SANDWICHES

Country Ham	\$3.50 each	_____	\$ _____
Turkey Salad	\$2.50 each	_____	\$ _____

TOTAL amount due at pick up \$ _____

WISHING YOU A BLESSED NEW YEAR "2018"



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Salem Membership Statistics:
Current Membership: 243
2018 New Members: 0

Salem Physical Facilities:
Church built 1847
Educational Building built 1967
Parsonage built 1974–75

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www.SalemChurchWolfsville.org

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Purpose of Newsletter:
The purpose of this newsletter is to provide a means of communicating with our members, their families, and our many friends of the Wolfsville community and surrounding areas. We pray that this newsletter will inspire you, our readers, to regularly attend worship services, Sunday School, and all other activities of the church. For those who are unable to attend, this newsletter is a means of bringing part of the church to you.

Salem Mission Statement:
At Salem, with God’s help, we pledge to INVITE others to Christ, HELP each other grow in faith, and SERVE those in need in our congregation, the community, and the world.

Salem Vision Statement:
We will direct our efforts out into the community to serve people’s needs and bring them to Christ.



2018 MISSION PROJECTS

2018 Goal

1. Frank & Nancy Stottlemeyer, Retired, New Tribes Mission	\$2,460
2. Operation Christmas Child (shipping for shoe boxes)	350
3a. Salem Mission & Outreach (local needs)	1,180
3b. Wolfsville Elementary School PTA - “All Pro Families Breakfast”	900
4. Food Pantry at Salem	1,180
5. Mary E. (AIM - Europe)	1,020
6. United Methodist Board of Child Care	1,360
7. Gideons (Frederick County, West)	600
8. Potato Project (Society of St. Andrew)	600
9. Middletown High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes	600
10. Ronnie & Angie Hopkins (TMS-Global, Nicaragua)	780
11. Care Net Pregnancy Center of Frederick	780
12. Compassion International (Sponsored Child in Tanzania)	456
13. Hero’s Club after school ministry	4,500
14. World Vision (Sponsored Child in Colombia)	420
TOTAL GOAL for 2018	\$17,186

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.

MISSION PROJECTS - NEWS & UPDATES

Mission Project No. 6

**Child Care Auxiliary
Treats Children to Holiday Meal**

Thank you to Salem United Methodist Church for your monetary donations that helped to take 15 youth and 5 staff members from the United Methodist Board of Child Care to Christmas Eve dinner at the Cracker Barrel. These youth, ranging in age from 12 to 18, had no place to go for Christmas. Your continued support has blessed so many children!

Pictured is Dawn Nelson (left), President of the Cumberland-Hagerstown District Board of Child Care Auxiliary, presenting a Gift Card to Kaye Morris, Care Team Coordinator.

Salem’s support to the Board of Child Care Auxiliary in 2017 totaled \$729.00.



OFFICE HOURS for PASTOR BOB SNYDER

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.

Salem to attend ROCK Youth Retreat in Ocean City Friday, January 26 through Sunday, January 28

Ocean City Convention Center

ROCK is a powerful and fun-filled weekend in Ocean City, Maryland, sponsored by the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church.

The event allows youth and adults to take a step back from their busy lives and learn about the amazing love of Jesus Christ.

It is an awesome experience for folks to more fully connect with God and their friends while listening to great bands and speakers. You will leave ROCK renewed and ready to spread the word about God's great love for us.

ROCK youth activities are held at the Ocean City Convention Center. Salem's youth are scheduled to be greeters, standing at the door of the convention center to welcome youth groups as they enter; and also help with Holy Communion on Sunday morning. The Salem group is staying at the Carousel Hotel.

Featured Speaker



Bishop LaTrelle Easterling

ROCK 2018: Schedule January 26-28, 2018

FRIDAY NIGHT

- 7:00 – Registration Opens
- 7:45 – Doors Open for Event Seating
- 8:30-10:30 – Friday Night Session

SATURDAY MORNING

- 8:30 – Registration Opens
- 9:00 – Doors Open for Event Seating
- 9:30-11:00 – Saturday Morning Session
- 11:30-12:30 – Breakout Session A

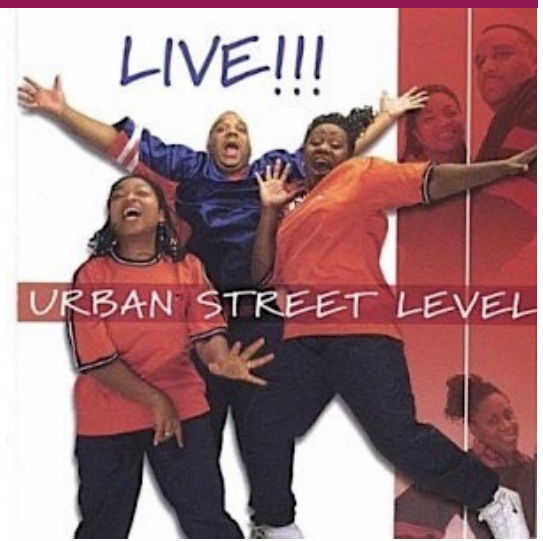
SATURDAY NIGHT

- 6:00 – Doors Open for Breakouts
- 6:30-7:30 – Breakout Session B
- 7:45 – Doors Open for Event Seating
- 8:30-10:30 – Saturday Night Session

SUNDAY MORNING

- 9:00 – Doors Open
- 9:30-11:30 – Sunday Morning Session


Music by "Sorensen" and "Urban Street Level"



Photos from last year's ROCK experience

February 3 through 5, 2017





Attendance Offerings

November 2017

		Worship*		Sunday School		Average Attendance		
						Worship	Sunday School	
Nov	5	-	82	\$2,108.00	50	\$223.00	94	58
Nov	12	-	107	2,384.25	68	121.00	86	55
Nov	19**	-	—	—	—	—	92	51
Nov	26	-	92	3,804.00	56	265.00	86	48
							82	51

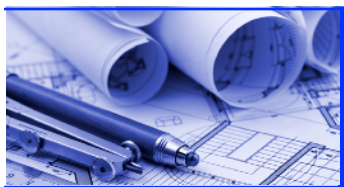
*Worship attendance & offerings include both worship services.
**Services canceled on Nov 19 due to power outage.

- Missions: \$1,103.25
- Cemetery Endowment: \$105.00

- Building Fund: \$330.00
- Building Addition: \$100.00

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

Average Attendance Jan-Nov 2017
 Sunday Worship: 91
 Sunday School: 53



BUILDING COMMITTEE

- | | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|
| Melissa Thornton (Chair) | Fonda Gorner | Vernon Stottlemeyer (Ex Officio) |
| Michael Burrier (Secretary) | Kathy Laky | Denny Leatherman (Ex Officio) |
| Gary Barkdoll | Anita Harshman | Bill Burrier (Ex Officio) |
| George Harne | Bob Snyder | |

■ By Michael S. Burrier, Secretary, Building Committee

Chairperson Announced

The Building Committee is pleased to announce that Melissa Thornton will be serving as our Chairperson during the coming year. Melissa's spiritual gifts align perfectly with the role of Chairperson and we look forward to benefiting from her leadership as our work continues.

Preliminary Concept Drawings

In November, committee members reviewed some preliminary architectural concept drawings prepared by architect George Harne. The drawings showed how a possible addition to the rear of the existing educational building might look.

The drawings were based on initial input from the Church Council and Building Committee during the past year, and included a larger multi-purpose/social room, a commercial kitchen, a new side entryway, and additional meeting/storage areas.

Survey of the Congregation

We now want to hear from you! During

the month of January, a survey of the congregation will be taken, asking questions such as: What are the most pressing needs for our church? How can our current facilities be improved? What are your top three priorities to be accomplished by a building project? Your input will be important. Watch for more information about the survey in the near future.

Working Together

Salem has had a long history of building projects undertaken by the congregation through the years. It's not hard to imagine that, just like us, folks around at the time of past projects probably felt both excited about the possibilities and anxious about being able to successfully complete the projects. As we work together, with God's help, we too can persevere and be successful as they were.

The Building Committee thanks you for your prayers as we seek to discern and follow God's will for our church in this time and place.

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. Create an 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.



Jan

Calendar of Events



- Thu 4 Board of Trustees meeting** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Thu 4 UMW "Bee-lievers"** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Sat 13 Church Council Retreat**- 8:30 a.m. to noon at Salem
(This will replace the council meeting normally held the second Thursday of the month.)
- Fri-Sun 26-28 ROCK Youth Retreat** - Ocean City, MD

Recurring Events: Hero's Club After School Ministry is held every MONDAY when school is in session
 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

Newsletter Distribution

1. **E-Mail** — We are currently notifying 207 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.



Photo by Bill Burrier

Susan Koons recognized for her faithful service as Salem's organist

Susan Koons is stepping down from playing the organ on the third and fourth Sundays of the month, starting in the new year. Sara Weitzel will be picking up those Sundays. Susan will continue to play on fifth Sundays, unless we have, perhaps, one of our youth play on a fifth Sunday.

During the 9 a.m. worship on Sunday, December 24, Pastor Bob took a moment to recognize Susan for her faithful service.

Pastor Bob said, "At this time of transition, we want to recognize Susan for her service.

December 16, 2017

Salem participates in Country Churches Christmas Tour



Photo by Bill Burrier

In the above photo, Emma and her brother Patrick (waiting his turn) played Christmas songs on the piano while visitors toured Salem during the recent Country Churches Christmas Tour.

According to Fonda Gormer, Tour Coordinator at Salem, more than 40 people visited Salem on December 16th as part of the tour, which was sponsored by the Myersville-Wolfsville Area Historical Society.

Fonda commented, "In addition to area residents, there were visitors from Derwood, Laurel and Germantown in Maryland, Shepherdstown, West Virginia, and Waynesboro, Pennsylvania."

Fonda is directing the following questions to our readers, "One of the visitors had a question the hosts could not answer. Can you help us out? When were the pews put in the church? Are they original to the 1847 building?"

If you know, or have a theory, please let Fonda or Bill Burrier know.

"Dating back to her high school days, Susan has played the organ for our church family. Starting with a few lessons from Lois Kuhn, Susan went on from there.

"During some periods of time, Susan shared Sundays of the month with others who played the organ or piano. During other times, she covered most Sundays herself."

Directing his comments toward Susan, Pastor Bob continued, "The one

constant I have seen is your faithfulness to God, to your family, and to us. Week after week, year after year you have said 'yes' to serve the Lord.

"I have seen in you, quiet strength and much courage and sacrifice for the things you hold dear. I have seen you seek justice for others, and I have learned from your example.

"On behalf of your church family, we love you and thank you very much for your service."

Who's Doing What, When?

9:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP		JANUARY
Lay Readers 7 - Randy Freysz 14 - Dennis Draper 21 - Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer 28 - Steve Leatherman	Ushers 7 - Dick Kline & Steve Leatherman 14 - Vernon Stottlemeyer & Robin Haupt 21 - Donald Stottlemeyer & Meredith Harshman 28 - Philip Koons & Brandon Leatherman	Music 7 - Sara Weitzel 14 - Praise Band 21 - Sara Weitzel 28 - Sara Weitzel
Greeters 7 - Bill & Darlene Burrier 14 - Holly Rippeon 21 - George, Barbie & Matt Stottlemeyer 28 - Robin & Theresa Haupt	Acolytes 7 - Paul McCormick 14 - Noah Taveras 21 - Kenslie Buhrman 28 - 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 Jan 14 - Works in Progress Praise Band Jan 28 - Works in Progress Praise Band

It's Your Day!

January Anniversaries

- 1 - Donald & Susan Stottlemeyer
- 2 - Kyle & Leann Crutchley
- 16 - Charles & Christi Beall
- 21 - Charles & Dawn Brown

January Birthdays

- 6 - Patty Weagley
- 7 - Dwayne Ledford
- 19 - Bill Buhrman
- 19 - Elizabeth Beall
- 19 - Della Hager
- 20 - Bradley Flook Jr.
- 21 - Joann Leatherman
- 22 - Lora McGraw
- 27 - Carley Weagley
- 29 - Blake Wagaman
- 31 - Chase Woods

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



Salem Mission Project No. 10

Ronnie & Angi Hopkins in Nicaragua

Ronnie & Angi Hopkins have been in Nicaragua for 11 years. For several years, most of their efforts were in the areas of mentoring and training— training pastors, youth leaders, lay health workers, community leaders, Sunday School teachers and public school teachers.

At present, much of their work is in communities along the Rio Bocay in northern Nicaragua. With financial backing from supporters in the United States, seven communities have been able to build schools for their children. Also, four clean water projects have been completed.

For six years, Ronnie and two Nicaraguan pastors taught monthly leadership classes to a group of youth, mostly from remote areas of Nicaragua. This year, seven of the youth who graduated from the program, started their own leadership classes in their hometowns. Faithful supporters are making this possible.

Holy Communion

Sunday, January 7
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 only two days in the year
that nothing can be done.
One is called yesterday and
the other is called tomorrow.**



Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman



INSPIRATIONAL Reading

Hope

By Hope C. Oberhelman

HOPE is reaching out for God
And knowing He is there;
Hope is searching for release,
And finding it through prayer...

HOPE is happiness and joy,
And rainbows in the sky –
Hope is feeling God is near
When you begin to cry...

HOPE is looking for a dream
That someday will come true;
Hope is waiting on the Lord,
When your days are sad and blue...

HOPE is wishing for a star
That will bring you peace and light;
Hope is striving for God's love
To uphold you day and night!

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman



The Christian Life

By Harold F. Mohn

It is making someone happy
By the little things you do;
It is giving not receiving
That so enriches you.

It is a word of kindness
To help one's troubles bear;
It is the hand of friendship
To show you truly care.

It is sharing with another
The things that you possess;
It's the Christian way of living
That brings you happiness.



An Irish Saying

May your troubles be less
and your blessings be more, and nothing but
happiness come through your door.

Knowing the future is uncertain; knowing the One
who holds the future is a sure thing.



RECIPE



Cheesecake Cookies

8 oz. cream cheese (room temperature)	1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/2 cup butter (room temperature)	2 1/2 cups flour
1 1/4 cup granulated sugar	2 teaspoons baking powder
2 eggs	1/2 teaspoon salt
	Powdered sugar

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper or silicone mats.
2. Beat cream cheese and butter together at high speed until fluffy and smooth; 1-2 minutes. Add sugar to the butter mixture and beat until fully incorporated and fluffy; 1-2 minutes. Beat in the eggs and vanilla; 1 minute.
3. In a separate, medium-sized bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder and salt. Gradually add the dry ingredients to the butter mixture and stir just until incorporated. Do not over-mix.
4. Drop by rounded tablespoons onto the prepared baking sheets; batter will be sticky.
5. Bake at 350 degrees for 10-11 minutes. Cookies should be light in color, not browned, and just starting to brown on the bottom. (Length of baking time may vary from oven to oven.)
6. Cool cookies on the baking sheet for a few minutes before transferring to a wire rack to cool completely.
7. If desired, sprinkle with powdered sugar or dip in chocolate once cooled.

Yield: 44 cookies.

Petie Stup made these cookies for the Bee-lievers recipe exchange.



Hidden Treasures

By Tom Kolb, Frederick, MD

Do you have a hidden treasure
Stored away somewhere
That seldom see the daylight
Or gets a breath of air?

Do you collect certain items
And tuck them safe away
In a vault or sacred place
To use some other day?

Do you dwell upon these treasures
That you have put in store,
And do they at times possess you
Until you want them more and more?

Do they have the power
To turn your life about
Or enslave you with their beauty
And find there's no way out?

So sort your many treasures,
For some are good, you know,
And those treasures of the Spirit
Will never let you go.

Submitted by Olive Kline

In Sympathy

The congregation of Salem Church expresses deepest sympathy for the following members of the local community who recently passed:

- **Clarence Queen**, 91, of Wolfsville, passed away on Sunday, December 10, 2017.
- **Gladys Naille**, 99, of Wolfsville, passed away on Saturday, December 9, 2017.
- **Mary Wolfe**, 67, of Ridenour Road, Smithsburg, passed away on Sunday, December 10, 2017.

A Caring Thought *By Dolores Karides*

There is no greater pleasure
Than to help a friend in need,
A simple act of kindness
A smile, a word, a deed.
A little comfort given
To those who are alone,
A little thought for others
To their needs and not our own.

Submitted by Shirley Wolfe



Message from the Pastor and Worship in January

■ By PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER

Happy New Year! I pray that you are richly blessed in 2018. We're starting the New Year with a new sermon series titled "Hope." For the six weeks beginning on January 7 and ending the Sunday before the start of Lent, we'll explore the meaning of hope from three different vantage points: what God does for us, what we do for ourselves, and what we do for each other to bring hope.

Coming off the Christmas season and exploring the meaning of hope in more detail feels right this year. We've just celebrated the birth of Jesus, the "Hope of the World."

As we begin 2018, how do we carry hope with us into each day of the New Year? Can we live a more hope-filled year this year than perhaps we've lived in the past? Working with God and one another, I believe we can.

I'm looking forward to serving with you in 2018 and to all the opportunities for a hope-filled year ahead!

God Bless, *Pastor Bob*

January 7 – Epiphany Sunday

Sermon Series: Hope

Part 1 – What God Does for Us

“God Acts in Our Lives for Our Good”

John 9:25 – “One thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see.” As with love, hope originates from God. God is the initiator of hope.

Without God's gifts of salvation and eternal life, freely given to us by God, we would be without hope. God acts in our lives for our good, bringing hope.

This action of God is called grace. God's action is prevenient (before we do anything), justifying (saves us even though we don't deserve to be saved), and sanctifying (at work to bring us into closer and closer relationship through

the remainder of life).

In John 9, when the religious leaders demanded the young man deny he had been healed by Jesus, the young man described his encounter with Jesus, “Before I was blind, now I see.”

It's what God does for us that gives us hope – before we were blind but now we see.

January 14

Sermon Series: Hope

Part 2 – With God's Help,

What We Do for Ourselves

“We Accept God's Gifts”

1 John 2:3-4 – “We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands. Whoever says, ‘I know him,’ but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person.”

As sincere as we try to be when we state things like “I believe in Jesus as my Lord and Savior,” “I accept God's gifts of salvation and eternal life,” “I trust in the Lord,” our words remain hollow if we don't put them into action in our daily lives.

It's only when we strive to really surrender ourselves to Christ and allow him to be Lord of our lives; it's only

when we strive to obey his command to love God with all our being and to love others as ourselves - it's only then that we are truly accepting God's gifts. And with them comes hope.

January 21

Sermon Series: Hope

Part 2 – With God's Help,

What We Do for Ourselves

“We Build a Relationship with God”

1 Corinthians 11:24 – “and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.” “Do this,” Jesus commands us.

When we partake in Holy Communion we continue to build a relationship with God. Over the ages, Christians have found other practices effective in building a closer relationship with God: worship, prayer, bible study, fasting, and growing and serving together with other Christians. These are called “The Means of Grace.”

The practice of these spiritual disciplines helps us become more and more like Christ, the initiator of hope.

January 28

Sermon Series: Hope

Part 3 – With God's Help,

What We Do for Each Other

“We Serve Others”

Matthew 25:36 – “I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.”

This verse goes beyond merely seeing a need. Observing the need was followed by actions taken to remedy the need. We bring hope to one another as we serve one another.

Acts 6:1-7, describing the early church, reports this incident. “In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenistic Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food.”

In the verses that follow, a remedy is put into practice. Seven disciples are appointed to ensure that food is distributed to all who are in need.

When we act to fill a need, we deliver hope.

God's grace offers us fresh starts.

Missions is the Mission of the Church

Salem's Mission Projects



Salem Mission Project No. 1

An Update from Frank & Nancy Stottlemyer

■ Retired Senegal "New Tribes Mission" Missionaries (now Ethnos360)

Dear Folks at Salem United Methodist Church:

We trust that you had a very special Christmas season celebrating the birth of Jesus who came to earth to give His life so that we could have forgiveness of our sin, have His righteousness imputed to us, and be given everlasting life! Hallelujah what a Savior!

We've had a busy year, and we are so very thankful our health has permitted us to do all those things.

Thank you so much for your gifts to us to help provide for our needs. We haven't had any major health problems. Nancy did have cataract surgeries in July and August.

Nancy has continued to volunteer three days a week at the Hagerstown Rescue Mission working in the sorting/

pricing room for the thrift store that is a major source of support for the ministries of the mission. She regularly visits several shut-in widows. She serves in the church nursery, does some sewing for friends, and we both do yard work for some widows. And, of course, she does a lot of work here at our house, including flower beds during the summer.

Frank serves on the board of our home church where he is also bookkeeper/treasurer. He helps with other things at the church another day each week. He helps at least one day per week at the Hagerstown Rescue Mission with various things. He does some carpentry and other jobs for friends. He does a small garden and helps with flower beds, etc. here at our house.

We've enjoyed hosting get-together times for as much of our family as could be here; especially for Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

As far as our children, Lynn & Wanda both serve at the Hagerstown Rescue Mission, Eric & Wendy minister to the Badyaranké people in Senegal, where Rebecca also serves. Gary, Lisa, & family serve at the NTM retirement center for missionaries in Florida.

We have eleven grandchildren; two of our grandchildren are married, and another is engaged to be married in June. We have four great grandchildren plus another one to be adopted soon.

Again, we trust that you had a very merry Christmas and a wonderful new year. Joyfully in Christ,
Frank & Nancy Stottlemyer



Salem Mission Project No. 4

Salem's Food Pantry receives support from Middletown High School & Harne's Store



We want to thank Teacher, Sharon Steger's H.O.P.E. Club at Middletown High School for preparing Christmas stockings for our children at our Food Pantry. They also gave them gift cards to McDonald's and Subway. We also want to thank Harne's Store for providing milk for our families! —Dawn Nelson, Salem Food Pantry

Food Pantry Notes:

Support for Salem's Food Pantry in 2017 has been outstanding. Donation of food items has been very much appreciated. In addition, many churches, organizations, and individuals wish to provide financial support which has totaled \$5,497.66 in 2017.

Salem Mission Notes

Mission Project No. 3a

Salem Mission & Outreach

Barbie Stottlemyer, Salem Outreach, led an effort to prepare 5 fruit baskets, 1 food box, and 14 poinsettias, given to our shut-ins, seniors, and those who have had a difficult year.

Mission Project No. 3a

Salem Mission & Outreach

The Sam & Katie Rudman Family suffered a tragic fire in which their home on Meeting House Road was a total loss.

Members of the Wolfsville/Myersville community immediately felt the need to help. Salem's congregation was given an opportunity to give through a free-will offering. Within two weeks, Salem members and friends gave \$1,272 to support the Rudman family. Until the house can be rebuilt, Sam, Katie and their 2 small children are living with Dr. & Mrs. Rudman at 11643 Meeting House Road.

Mission Project No. 6

United Methodist Board of Child Care

For many years, Salem has been a faithful supporter of the United Methodist Board of Child Care and its Auxiliary. In 2017 Salem gave \$600 to the Auxiliary and the Christmas offering totaled \$757.50.

Celebrating Jesus' Birth

Christmas at Salem



Christmas Eve Program

Photos by Michael Burrier and Bill Burrier



Children and Adult choirs singing "Christmas Favorites Medley" at our Christmas Eve service!



The children formed the manger scene as the Christmas story was read from the books of Matthew, Luke, and Isaiah.



We finished our Christmas Eve worship outside around the nativity, singing "Silent Night" by candlelight, accompanied by Joyce Weaver, recorder; Jessie Leatherman, violin; and Bill Weaver, fiddle.



Scenes from Salem's Christmas Party — December 2, 2017

Photos by Wanda Barkdoll and Kathy Laky



Serving the Lord in Wolfsville



Salem Church Leaders for 2018

Church leaders are nominated by Salem's Nominations and Leadership Development Committee, and then elected at the annual Church Conference.

Church Council:

Chair of Church Council – Vernon Stottlemeyer
 Pastor – Bob Snyder
 Lay Leader – Dennis Leatherman
 Assistant Chair of Church Council – Meredith Harshman
 Chair of Board of Trustees – Gary Barkdoll
 Chair of Building Committee - Melissa Thornton
 Chair of Evangelism - Dennis Leatherman
 Chair of Finance Committee – Bill Burrier
 Chair of Nominations & Leadership Development Committee - Bob Snyder
 Chair of Mission and Outreach (Interim) - Bob Snyder
 Chair of Staff Parish Relations Committee – Michael Burrier
 Chair of Worship Committee – Mary Alice Shankle
 Church Communications Coordinator – Bill Burrier
 Church Treasurer – Bill Burrier
 Financial Secretary – Lora McGraw
 Lay Member to Annual Conference – Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer
 UMW/Bee-lievers President – Fonda Gormer
 Secretary of Church Council – Theresa Haupt
 Sunday School Co-Superintendents – Bobby Fogle & Kathy Laky
 Young Adult Member - Rebecca Leatherman
 Youth Member – Joshua Koons
 Member-at-large – Robin Haupt
 Member-at-large – Kathy Laky
 Member-at-large – Anita Harshman

Board of Child Care Auxiliary Representative: Dawn Nelson

Board of Trustees:

Robin Haupt (2018), Klaus Mueller (2018)
 Michael Cackowski (2018)
 George Stottlemeyer (2019), Donald Stottlemeyer (2019)
 George Harne (2019)
 Gary Barkdoll (2020), Richard Harshman (2020)
 Bill Weaver (2020)

Building Committee:

Melissa Thornton (Chair), Michael Burrier (Secretary), Gary Barkdoll, George Harne, Fonda Gormer, Kathy Laky, Anita Harshman, Bob Snyder, Vernon Stottlemeyer (Ex Officio), Dennis Leatherman (Ex Officio), Bill Burrier (Ex Officio)

Outreach - Barbara Stottlemeyer

Caregiving Team Leader - Susie Stottlemeyer

Children's Coordinator: Caroline Buhrman

Music:

Adult Choir Director – Sandy Lewis
 Children's Choir Director – Sara Weitzel
 Church Organist - Susan Koons
 Church Pianist - Sara Weitzel

Custodian: Amy McCormick

Evangelism Committee: Dennis Leatherman, Patrick Boyton

Family Ministries: Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer (Leader), Wanda Barkdoll, Patrick Boyton, Cathie Elsbach, Anita Harshman, Kathy Laky, Dennis Leatherman

Finance Committee:

Chair – Bill Burrier (Chair), Bob Snyder (Pastor), Lay Leader - Dennis Leatherman
 Lay Member to Annual Conference – Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer
 Church Council Chairperson – Vernon Stottlemeyer
 Chair of Staff Parish Relations Committee – Michael Burrier
 Chair of Trustees – Gary Barkdoll
 Financial Secretary – Lora McGraw
 Church Treasurer – Bill Burrier
 Sunday School Co-Superintendents – Bobby Fogle & Kathy Laky
 Chair of Mission and Outreach (Interim) - Bob Snyder
 Chair of Worship Committee – Mary Alice Shankle
 Audit – Meredith Harshman

Food Pantry Leaders - Dawn Nelson & Dennis Draper

Hero's Club Director - Liz Waite

Local Lay Servants:

Wanda Barkdoll, Gary Barkdoll, Anita Harshman, Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer

Nominations and Leadership Development Committee:

Pastor - Bob Snyder (Chair)
 Lay Leader – Dennis Leatherman
 Anita Harshman (2018), Theresa Haupt (2018)
 Susie Stottlemeyer (2018)
 Cathie Elsbach (2019), Holly Rippeon (2019)
 Bill Buhrman (2019)
 Camilo Barkdoll (2020), Justinn Irons (2020), Stephanie Ward (2020)

Staff Parish Relations Committee:

Pastor – Bob Snyder
 Lay Leader - Dennis Leatherman
 Lay Member to Annual Conference – Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer
 Caroline Buhrman (2018), Susan Koons (2018)
 Della Hager (2018)
 Wanda Barkdoll (2019), Sara Weitzel (2019)
 Fonda Gormer (2019)
 Dennis Draper (2020), Michael Burrier (Chair, 2020), Susie Stottlemeyer (2020)

Sunday School:

Co-Superintendents – Bobby Fogle & Kathy Laky
 Sunday School Treasurer – Mary Fogle
 Secretary – Lora McGraw
 Librarian – Brandon Leatherman
 Pre-K Teacher – Caroline Buhrman
 Kindergarten through Second Grade Teachers – Jennifer Burrier, Michael Burrier
 Third Grade through Fifth Grade Teachers – Kathy Laky, Patrick Boyton, Melissa Thornton
 Middle and High School Teacher – Fonda Gormer
 Young Adult Class Teacher - Dennis Leatherman
 Adult Discussion Group Teacher – Bill Burrier
 Men's Class Teachers – Bobby Fogle, George Harne, Meredith Harshman
 Women's Class Teachers – Mary Cline, Darlene Burrier

Worship Committee: Mary Alice Shankle (Chairperson)

Youth Group Leaders:

Wanda Barkdoll
 Laura Snyder (Assistant), Liz Waite (Assistant)

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



Used with permission

Well boys, I have to say it's been nice having three dogs these past years . . . but not so much today.

—See Genesis 6-8

Some thoughts to ponder . . .

Prayer should be the key
in the morning and
the lock at night.

Righteousness is more than
doing nothing wrong —
it's doing something right.

The first to apologize is the bravest.
The first to forgive is the strongest.
The first to forget is the happiest.

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

Place
Stamp
Here

January 2018