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Starland Roller Rink
Hagerstown, MD
Sunday, February 18, 2018
5:00-7:30 p.m.
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Youth Sunday set for February 4th
 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship & 11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship



FEBRUARY 12, 2017 — In the above photo, Josh leads the Children's Time at last year's Youth Sunday. Each year, Salem's middle and high school youth attend the ROCK Youth Retreat in Ocean City and on the following Sunday, they lead worship at Salem's traditional and contemporary services, speaking of their experiences at ROCK.

Salem's youth will reflect on their experiences at the ROCK Youth Retreat

As this issue of "The Mountain Shepherd" is being published, Salem's middle and high school youth are attending the annual ROCK Youth Retreat in Ocean City, Maryland.

The retreat, which is sponsored by the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church, is held at the Ocean City Convention Center. Activities begin on Friday evening, January 26, and end at noon on Sunday, January 28.

Since Friday is a school day, students provided a "religious accommodation note" to their school to obtain an excused absence.

As of this writing, 29 youth and adults are attending the event this year. They left the church parking lot in Wolfsville at 8:30

a.m. Friday morning in a caravan of vehicles driven by the adult advisors. They stopped for breakfast and lunch to break up the four-hour trip to their hotel, the Carousel in Ocean City, where seven rooms have been reserved.

At the convention center, in addition to enjoying the speakers and music, Salem's youth have volunteered to be greeters, wearing their Salem shirts while welcoming other youth groups to the convention center; and they will help with Holy Communion on Sunday morning.

The following Sunday, February 4, is designated as Youth Sunday at Salem, when the youth will lead worship and share their experiences at ROCK.



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Salem Membership Statistics:
Current Membership: 242
2018 New Members: 1

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.



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. 3b

All Pro Families Breakfast

Salem has developed a close relationship with the Wolfsville Elementary School PTA. Each month the PTA sponsors an “All Pro Families Breakfast” which is financially supported by Salem’s Mission Project No. 3b, providing \$450 each spring and fall to cover the cost of the breakfast.



Pastor Bob and Donna work with the Breakfast each month and report, “The school staff, PTA, parents, and children really seem to love the breakfasts! Normal attendance is around 65, but has been as high as 85.”

The Breakfast is held before school and includes a short program of parenthood and family topics. The February “All Pro Families Breakfast” will be held on February 2nd at 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. in the school cafeteria.

OFFICE HOURS for PASTOR BOB SNYDER

Sunday		Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday	
7am - 1 pm	Prep, worship, Sunday School (at church)	6-7 am	Devotions (at home)
		9 am - Noon	Parsonage Office
6 - 7 pm	Bible Study (at church)	Noon - 1 pm	Lunch
		1-5 pm	Visitation, meetings, or parsonage office
Monday (day off)		Saturday	
6-7 am	Devotions (at home)	7-9 am	Final touches on Sunday’s sermon (at home)
9-11 am	Planning Time (at home)		
5-6 pm	Hero’s Club (at church)		

Also, Pastor Bob will be at church or in homes to attend meetings or check-in on evening activities at the church. He will make hospital visits and other visits as situations arrive. He will be working at home in Myersville, at the parsonage office, or elsewhere, as needed.

Lenten Devotional available at Salem

The Sanctuary for Lent 2018 • By Rev. Katie Z. Dawson

This year's Lenten devotional (pictured at right) contains brief readings for each day in Lent, from Ash Wednesday (February 14) through Easter Day (April 1).

It includes a brief reading for each day in Lent, a Scripture, and a closing brief prayer. These daily readings will help us faithfully journey through the wilderness of Lent as we prepare to experience the joy of the Resurrection.

The devotional was written by Rev. Katie Z. Dawson, an elder in the United Methodist Church and is currently the lead pastor at Immanuel UMC in Des Moines. At Simpson College she studied communications, religion, and physics and then received her Masters of Divinity from Vanderbilt Divinity School.

What is Lent?

Lent is a period of fasting, moderation, and self-denial traditionally observed by Catholics and some Protestant

denominations. It begins with Ash Wednesday and ends with Easter Sunday. The length of the Lenten fast was established in the 4th century as 46 days (40 days, not counting Sundays).

During Lent, participants eat sparingly or give up a particular food or habit. It's six weeks of self-discipline.

If a Christian wishes to observe Lent, we are free to do so. The key is to focus on repenting of sin and consecrating oneself to God. Lent should not be a time of boasting of one's sacrifice or trying to earn God's favor or increasing His love. God's love for us could not be any greater than it already is.



Salem Mission Project No. 5

Mary prepares for mission work in France



JANUARY 2018 — I returned from my month and a half tour of France and Athens, Greece, in early November. The plan is for me to go to France with Africa Inland Mission (AIM), hopefully in April. Many Africans live in France, especially from North and West Africa, and AIM has been wanting, for some time, to broaden our work among Africans in Europe. There are two other "fields" that the Lord has opened for me in the meantime, and I'm excited to share this news with you!

First of all, I will be going to Kenya from February 12 to March 1. I'll be leading a song composition workshop with believers from several unreached people groups (defined as tribes with less than 5% believers). We'll focus on the purpose of music in Scripture, the use of instruments, the question of using our freedom without being a stumbling block for others, as well as looking at worship itself. The goal of this workshop is twofold: that believers will return to their homes with a better understanding of the place of music and of worship in the Christian's life; and that they would compose (and continue composing) their own worship music from Scripture, in their language and their music.

Secondly, God has provided me with many opportunities to serve Him here in Hatfield, PA. There is a Muslim woman who's actively seeking the Truth. A couple and their two girls are Hindus, and are open to hearing about Jesus. Sisters from North Africa, one is a nominal Muslim while the other and her friend (also North African) have been secret believers for some time, and have been looking for someone to disciple them. And there are more. Please pray that God would move in these relationships for His glory and their salvation. —Mary

Frederick Memorial Hospital Bridges Program

Partnership with Salem United Methodist Church

■ By Dawn Nelson

Frederick Memorial Hospital and Salem has partnered in a program called the Bridges Program.

The Bridges Program is an outreach program of the Frederick Regional Health System. It collaborates partnerships with Frederick County's faith-based, cultural, social, senior and service organizations.

The goal is to provide these groups with current information on health, safety, smart decision making and the responsible use of health resources using the services of volunteers called Lay Health Educators.

So far, 42 people from a broad cross section of Frederick's multifaceted community have been trained as Lay Health Educators.

They include volunteers from the Hispanic, African American, Asian Indian, Muslim and Deaf communities. These health advocates are now serving Frederick County's neediest people to improve their access to care. Their goal is to reduce visits to the Emergency Department and providing important information on Advance Directives, stroke identification, heart health, breast



From left Janet Harding Director of Cultural Awareness and Inclusion at FMH, Pastor Bob Snyder, Dawn Nelson, Salem Lay Health Educator, and Susan Eyer, FMH Project Coordinator.

cancer and so much more.

I finished a 10-week course in November to be a certified Lay Health Educator.

I will be conducting monthly instructional workshops at Salem, along with Pattie Hughes, a Registered Nurse and member of Grossnickle Church of Brethren, starting on Monday, February 26th at 7:00 p.m.

These workshops will be free to the community. There will be light, healthy refreshments provided, so everyone will go home with a new recipe for eating healthy! So, mark your calendars!

Attendance Offerings

December 2017

		Worship*	Sunday School
Dec 3	-	88 \$2,648.00	62 \$365.00
Dec 10	-	87 1,857.75	60 225.00
Dec 17	-	92 2,546.62	59 113.50
Dec 24	-	98 2,621.00	59 97.00
Dec 31	-	86 1,946.00	52 127.00

	Average Attendance	
	Worship	Sunday School
Dec	90	58
Nov	94	58
Oct	86	55
Sept	92	51
Aug	86	48

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

Average Attendance Jan-Dec 2017

Sunday Worship: 91
 Sunday School: 53

- Missions: \$4,937.91
 - Cemetery Endowment: \$230.00
 - Building Fund: \$340.00
 - Building Addition: \$100.00
- (Missions, Building Fund offerings, etc. are not included in Worship & Sunday School offerings above.)*



BUILDING COMMITTEE

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

By Melissa Thornton, Chairperson, Building Committee

The building committee continues to explore the possibility of an addition to Salem's educational building in order to better meet the needs of our church family and community.

Concept Drawings

In January, the committee continued to review concept drawings graciously developed by architect George Harne that included options for a larger multi-purpose/social room, a commercial kitchen, a new side entryway into the church, and additional meeting/storage areas. Now, we need your help to determine our next steps on the building project as a congregation.

Building Project Survey

We ask for five to ten minutes of your time to complete a survey to identify what you see as the priorities for improving our current facilities.

Between January 21 and February 18, printed copies of this survey will be available in the church bulletins. Please



drop completed surveys in the box outside of the church sanctuary.

Additionally, there is a link on the homepage of the church website (www.salemchurchwolfsville.org) to take the survey online. The password for the online survey is: John3:16.

The Building Committee thanks you for your time in completing the survey; and also, thank you for your continued prayers that God will make His will clear for our church and facilities!

"Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit," says the Lord. —Zechariah 4:6

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.



February

Calendar of Events



- Thu 1 Board of Trustees meeting** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
Thu 1 UMW "Bee-lievers" - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
Fri 2 All Pro Families Breakfast - 7:30 a.m. at Wolfsville Elementary School
Sun 4 Youth Sunday - 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. worship
Tue 6 Adult Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m. at Salem
Thu 8 Church Council - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
Sat 10 Game & Puzzle Night - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
Sun 11 Holy Communion - 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. worship
Wed 14 Ash Wednesday Service - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
Sun 18 Roller Skating Party - 5:00-7:30 p.m. at Starland Roller Rink, 800 Park Rd, Hagerstown
Mon 19 Wolfsville Ruritan Club Dinner - 2:00 p.m. prepare, 7:00 p.m. serve at Salem
Wed 21 Building Committee Meeting - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
Sat 24 Salem Slam Ping-Pong Tournament - 6:00 p.m. at Salem
Mon 26 Frederick Memorial Hospital Bridges Program Workshop - 7:00 p.m. at Salem

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
 Adult Choir practices every TUESDAY 7:30 p.m. at Salem
 Women's Bible Study - every WEDNESDAY 7:00 p.m.
 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

- 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.
- Pick Up Paper Copy at Church** — We are printing 85 copies for members who do not have e-mail and can pick up their copies at church.
- First Class Mail** — We are mailing about 30 copies, using the 49 cents First Class postage rate.

Family Skate Night

- By Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer

**Sunday, February 18,
5:00-7:30 p.m.**

Salem will be hosting a Family Skate Night on Sunday, February 18, from 5:00-7:30 p.m. at the Starland Roller Rink, 800 Park Road, Hagerstown, MD.

This is an opportunity to invite friends and neighbors and introduce them to the Salem Church Family.

Free admission and free skates (Inline skates are \$1.00). For more information, please contact me at 301-293-1470 or ses1313@comcast.net.



Salem Adult Choir Notes

- By Sandy Lewis

As I am writing this article for the newsletter on January 17th, the calendar tells me that there are 62 days until Spring.

That seems like a long way off especially in the middle of January when the temperatures have been in the single digits, but thankfully it will be here before we know it.

That means it is time to start choir practice again to prepare for spring worship services, Holy Week and Easter.

Adult Choir Practices begin Tuesday, February 6

We will begin practicing on Tuesday, February 6, 2018, at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary, and every Tuesday thereafter unless there are weather cancellations.

Thanks to all our choir members for the beautiful job they did with our Christmas musical and a special thanks to all the youth who sang the "Carol Favorites" with us, and to Sara for leading them.

We are very thankful to our faithful choir members and we always welcome any new voices that would like to join us.



Salem Family Activities

- By Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer

Ping-Pong Tournament

Saturday, February 24, 6:00 p.m.

Come and join us for a light meal and an evening of fun and fellowship. All ages are invited from youth to adults.

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.

Game & Puzzle Night

Saturday, February 10, 7:00 p.m.

Salem invites you and your family and friends for an evening of fun with board games, card games and jigsaw puzzles.

Come and join us for an evening of fellowship. Please bring your favorite board game or card game to share and teach how it is played. Or bring a favorite puzzle and see how quickly it can be put together.

All ages are invited from the youngest of youth to adults. Plan to meet in the church social hall around 7:00 p.m. Drinks will be provided for the evening. Please bring a snack or dessert to share. Hope to see you there!

Who's Doing What, When?

9:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP		FEBRUARY	
Lay Readers 4 - Youth Sunday 11 - Phil Koons 18 - Fonda Gormer 25 - Robin Haupt		Ushers 4 - Dick Kline & Steve Leatherman 11 - Vernon Stottlemeyer & Robin Haupt 18 - Donald Stottlemeyer & Meredith Harshman 25 - Philip Koons & Brandon Leatherman	
Greeters 4 - Noah Taveras & Josh Koons 11 - Andrea Palmer 18 - George, Barbie & Matt Stottlemeyer 25 - Gary & Wanda Barkdoll & Family		Music 4 - Sara Weitzel 11 - Sara Weitzel 18 - Sara Weitzel 25 - Sara Weitzel	
Acolytes 4 - Paul McCormick 11 - Noah Taveras 18 - Kenslie Buhman 25 - Loralli Snyder		Holy Communion ★ Sunday, February 11 NOTE: Due to Youth Sunday being the 1st Sunday in February, Holy Communion is being changed to the 2nd Sunday in February.	
11:15 A.M. CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP		Music Feb 25 - Works in Progress Praise Band	
An informal FAMILY FRIENDLY service with contemporary Christian music, pastor's message, children's time, sharing of joys and concerns, and prayer.			

It's Your Day!

February Anniversaries

- 22 - Roy & Holly Rippeon
- 28 - Curtis & Dawn Nelson

February Birthdays

- 1 - Maria Barkdoll
- 3 - Michael Burrier
- 3 - Ruth Draper
- 6 - David Woods Jr.
- 9 - Robin Haupt
- 9 - Robert Keller Jr.
- 9 - Patrick Waite
- 9 - Jim Bullock
- 10 - Linda Hessong
- 10 - Trista Wright
- 13 - Emma Waite
- 16 - Polly Miller
- 19 - Samuel Sowers
- 21 - Dianna Poling
- 21 - Landon Lafferty
- 23 - Rev. H. Ronald Ellis
- 24 - Scott Wisner
- 24 - Grace Adams
- 24 - Gary Barkdoll
- 24 - Michael Mellott
- 26 - Wesley Beall

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



Welcome New Member

On Sunday, January 7, 2018, during the 11:15 a.m. contemporary service, Heather O'Connor was received into membership at Salem Church.

Heather, her husband Ed and their three children, Hayden, Erin, and Owen, live on John Cline Road.

Heather has been active at Salem for several years. She was the Director of Salem's Hero's Club After School Ministry for 3 years. Currently, Heather continues to volunteer at Hero's Club and is leading a women's Bible Study at Salem. We are pleased to have Heather as a member of our congregation.

Holy Communion

Sunday, February 11
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.

**By swallowing evil words unsaid,
no one ever harmed their stomach.**

— *Winston Churchill*



Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman



Trees in Winter

By Anna Kirby

Silently,
 Proclaiming the Glory of God,
 They stand majestically
 Beside country roads and winding streams,
 Along the city streets,
 In the valleys and upon the mountain side
 Autumnal splendor,
 That feeds and exalts the spirit,
 Dropped leaf by leaf
 To lay bare a sculptured framework
 That winter's snow enhances.
 Wondrous creations
 Upon the earth,
 A gallery of masterpieces
 Ere bursting forth with spring's renewal.
 In stately form —
 Ever changing works of art,
 Lifting high their arms of joy,
 The trees extol and magnify
 The eternal greatness
 Of the Creator,
 Silently.

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

Lent

By Rev. Ann Weems

Lent is a time to take time to let the power
 of our faith story take hold of us,
 a time to let the events get up
 and walk around in us,
 a time to intensify our living unto Christ,
 a time to hover over the thoughts of our hearts,
 a time to place our feet in the streets of
 Jerusalem or to walk along the sea and
 listen to his Word,
 a time to touch his robe
 and feel the healing surge through us,
 a time to ponder and a time to wonder....
 Lent is a time to allow
 a fresh new taste of God!
 Perhaps we're afraid to have time to think,
 for thoughts come unbidden.
 Perhaps we're afraid to face our future
 knowing our past.
 Give us courage, O God,
 to hear your Word
 and to read our living into it.
 Give us the trust to know we're forgiven
 and give us the faith
 to take up our lives and walk.



RECIPE



Chocolate Pecan Pie

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|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 2/3 cup sugar | 3 large eggs |
| 1/3 cup melted butter | 1 cup pecan pieces |
| 1 cup corn syrup | 1 cup chocolate morsels |
| 1/2 teaspoon salt | |

Directions

Heat oven to 375 degrees.
 Make pastry for one crust pie.
 Beat sugar, butter, corn syrup, salt and eggs in medium bowl with wire whisk or hand beater until well blended.
 Stir in pecans and morsels.
 Pour into pastry lined pie plate.
 Bake 40-50 minutes or until center is set.

Joyce Weaver made this for the Bee-lievers recipe exchange.



God's Valentine Gift

By Joanna Fuchs

God's Valentine gift of love to us
 Was not a bunch of flowers;
 It wasn't candy, or a book
 To while away the hours.

His gift was to become a man,
 So He could freely give
 His sacrificial love for us,
 So you and I could live.

He gave us sweet salvation, and
 Instruction, good and true--
 To love our friends and enemies
 And love our Savior, too.

So as we give our Valentines,
 Let's thank our Lord and King;
 The reason we have love to give
 Is that He gave everything.

It's a Girl

Nora Mae Haupt

Congratulations to Brett and Kendra Haupt, Thurmont, on the birth of their second child, a daughter, Nora Mae, born Monday, January 8, 2018, at the Frederick Memorial Hospital.

Nora weighed 6 pounds 12 ounces. Proud grandparents are Robin & Theresa Haupt, Wolfsville, and great grandparents Bill & Mary Alice Shankle, Myersville.

Upstream

The easy roads are crowded, and
 The level roads are jammed,
 The pleasant little rivers
 With the drifting folks are crammed.
 But off yonder where it's rocky,
 Where you get the better view,
 You will find the ranks are thinning,
 And the travelers are few.

Where the going's smooth and
 pleasant
 You will always find the throng,
 For the many—more's the pity—
 Seem to like to drift along.
 But the steeps that call for courage
 And the task that's hard to do
 In the end results in glory
 For the never wavering few!

Submitted by Shirley Wolfe



Message from the Pastor and Worship in February

■ By PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER

During the first two Sundays in February, we'll complete our Sermon Series "Hope." The source of our hope is God who created us, saves us, and guides and helps us through life.

There are things we can do to receive the hope God offers, and there are things we can do to help spread hope to others.

Our hope will increase as we practice the principles we've learned in this sermon series.

We'll shift gear for the last two Sundays of February.

Lent begins this year on Wednesday, February 14. The forty days of Lent offer a time of self-reflection, restoration and renewal, and recommitment.

On the first two Sundays of Lent, we'll turn to the Gospel of Mark to look at stories that help us begin to focus on these themes.

A special Lenten devotional guide is available. Pick up your copy to help you make the most this year of the opportunity Lent provides.

God Bless. —Pastor Bob

February 4 – Youth Sunday

Sermon Series: Hope

**Part 3 – What We Do For Each Other
“We Can Witness Our Faith to
Others”**

John 4:39 – “Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, ‘He told me everything I ever did.’”

If asked the question, “How is God working in your life?” would you have an answer? Do we notice how God is at work in our lives?

One day, a Samaritan woman recognized that Jesus was working in her life. She then shared with her town

Hope

what Jesus had done for her. As a result, many of her friends and neighbors came to believe in Jesus.

Souls are saved, lives are changed, and hope is offered when we share with others our own encounters with Jesus.

February 11 – Transfiguration Sunday, Holy Communion

**Sermon Series: Hope
Part 3 – What We Do For Each Other
“We Can Invite Others to Christ and
Church”**

John 5:27 – “After this, Jesus went out and saw a tax collector by the name of Levi sitting at his booth. ‘Follow me,’ Jesus said to him, and Levi got up, left everything and followed him.”

Jesus invited others to be disciples with him and their work together changed the world.

When we have the commitment and courage to go out beyond ourselves and invite others to Christ and church, we partner with Jesus to offer hope to the world.

**February 14 – Ash Wednesday
The Beginning of Lent
Worship Service at 7:00 p.m.**

The
Season
of
Lent



February 18 – First Sunday in Lent “First, Know Yourself”

Mark 1:9-15

Two of the basic tenants of leadership I was taught are “know yourself” and “know your people.”

As we lead others, it’s important to know their story and what motivates them. But even before that can happen, an effective leader must know himself or herself.

Following his baptism, Jesus was tested by Satan for forty days. This time of testing helped Jesus know himself. Only then was he equipped to call his first disciples.

Before we can lead – a family, at church, in the workplace, on the playing field – it’s important for us to know ourselves. The forty day season of Lent is an excellent time to get to know yourself.

February 25 – Second Sunday in Lent “Carrying Our Cross”

Mark 8:31-38

In this story, Jesus instructs his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me” (8:34).

Deny oneself. We live in a world where many times feeding self seems more and more the goal than denying self. Feeding self of the next possession, the next great experience, the next online post, the next relationship.

But Jesus teaches that taking up one’s cross first involves denying ourselves.

Lent is a wonderful opportunity to spend time denying self so we can focus on God, how God is at work, and what God’s will is for our lives.

Remain in me, as I also remain in you.

—John 15:4

Lifelong Member of Salem Church

A Tribute to Doris J. Fogle — June 2, 1935 - January 12, 2018



Funeral services for Doris J. Fogle, 82, were held at Salem on January 17, 2018. The following are excerpts from Pastor Bob Snyder's remarks at the funeral.

■ By Pastor Bob Snyder

Doris was born on June 2, 1935, just walking distance from here, at the house on Stottlemeyer Road, down by the creek. Most of her life was spent right here in Wolfsville. She first entered this worship space, where we are right now, as a baby in her mother's arms. For all the time I've been here, she always sat in the last pew right near the aisle. As members of Salem, we're asked to commit to be present at church with our church family. Doris was always present.

Her favorite color was red, the color of love. It fits. She loved her family, she loved her church family, and she loved the Wolfsville family. We're better off because she lived among us.

Doris June Fogle, 82, died peacefully last Friday, January 12th, at Broadmore Assisted Living in Hagerstown. She was the wife of the late Robert "Bob" Fogle, who predeceased her in 2009. They were married 53 1/2 years at the time of his death. She was the daughter of the late Richard and Gladys (Shuff) Martin.

As a teenager, the family was living on the farm still located behind Wolfsville Elementary School. Like many kids around here, she'd pick beans in the summer for Paul Kline. Doris fondly remembered those growing up years with family and friends.

Husband Bob's dad, who worked for Ebert's Ice Cream, introduced Bob and Doris. They fell in love and got married and travelled to Niagara Falls for their honeymoon. They lived in Walkersville for the first five years. But Doris missed Wolfsville and wanted to return and Bob graciously supported her, and from then on Wolfsville was their home.

Along came children. Doris would observe, "I had a child every decade for three decades: Lavena, 1958; Bobby, 1960; and Lora, 1971. Husband Bob worked multiple jobs so Doris could stay home and raise the kids. He really wanted that, and she obliged.

Doris loved gardening and canning. She also loved baking. Family favorites were her apple pies, vegetable soup, and chocolate chip cookies. Doris also

*Come unto me,
all ye that labour and
are heavy laden, and
I will give you rest.
Matthew 11:28*

enjoyed reading and spending time with her church family, where she taught Sunday School, sang in the choir, and was one of the children's coordinators for activities for many years.

Lavena, Bobby, and Lora remember their mom and dad being interested in their lives and present at their activities whatever they might be: track, band, chorus and others. Doris was the keeper of the calendar of activities.

There are fond memories of family trips to places like Niagara Falls, Bar Harbor, Maine, and Country Music Shows. They'd get their pictures with the country music stars. Somewhere in the photos, there's one of them with Dolly Parton when she was just starting out.

But perhaps most enjoyable were the frequent cookouts and family gatherings. The kids knew they were loved. They've shared, "we couldn't have asked for better parents."

When asked to describe Doris in a word, people have said the words: gracious, strong, loving, traditional, sacrifice.

Her nurses and hospice care workers shared words like sweet, cheerful, happy. Singing is something this whole family is known for, and it didn't stop these last two years at Broadmore where Doris was known for singing to residents and staff. The family appreciates the efforts of the Broadmore staff in caring for mom.

Doris' life and death reminds us of what a treasure life is and how we need to make the most of our remaining years together.

As well as honoring Doris, today's service also gives us an opportunity to pause and reflect on our own life and our own faith at this time in our lives, and to ask ourselves an important question, "How is my own relationship with

God?" Doris believed in Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior, and she's now receiving her reward in heaven. In our lives, are we following Jesus and striving to become more like him?

Are we living our lives to the fullest? Are we continuing to grow as a person and in our faith, no matter what our age?

Are we discovering the ways God has gifted us and are we serving others through those gifts?

Do we trust in God's power to help us? Are we helping those in need around us and inviting others to Christ and to church?

Doris is experiencing eternal life with Christ, with Bob, and her loved ones who have gone on to glory before her. God wants that for all of us.

How is our relationship with God at this time in our lives? Maybe there's something about Doris we've heard about today, or know about her, through our own personal experience with her. Some way we would like to be more like her. Let's not miss this chance to pursue that.

By following her example we will honor her life and she'll live on through us, and, in the process, we'll become a better person.

Finally, I'll end with this. Doris shared with me frequently that about two weeks before Bob died, he told her something that she's treasured ever since. He said to her, "I could have searched the world over and never found a person more perfect than you."

She said that gesture of love sustained her in these years that have followed Bob's death.

A few days ago, son Bobby gave me a copy of the message I gave at his dad's funeral nine years ago. Doris had kept it.

Near the end, I said "Doris has shared with me that's she's confident that Bob went on ahead of her so he could be a help to God in preparing a place for her in heaven."

Now they are together in that place. In our grief, that gives us great comfort. Well done, Doris. Amen.

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

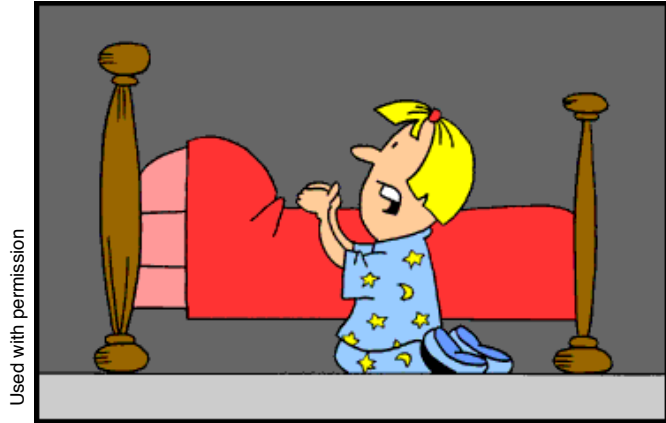
Teachers: *George Harne, Bobby Fogle, Meredith Harshman*

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



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Will you be my valentine?

Some thoughts to ponder . . .

Opportunities are usually described as hard work, so most people don't recognize them.

Putting love on your lips is of little value unless it also lives within your heart.

The most important trip you may take in life is meeting people half way.
—Henry Boyle

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