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Saturday, March 31
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Salem to present "The Last Supper" on Holy Thursday, March 29



April 13, 2017
Last year's portrayal, from left, Patrick Boyton (Bartholomew), Denny Leatherman (James the Lesser), Vernon Stottlemeyer (Andrew), Richard Harshman (Judas), Denny Draper (Peter), Robin Haupt (John), Jim Laky (Jesus), Gary Barkdoll (James the Greater), George Stottlemeyer (Thomas), Bobby Fogle (Philip), Michael Burrier (Matthew), Donald Stottlemeyer (Thaddeus), and Brandon Leatherman (Simon the Zealot).

The Salem United Methodist Church, Wolfsville, will present a living dramatization of Leonardo da Vinci's "The Last Supper," on Holy Thursday, March 29, at 7:00 p.m.

Church members will attempt to duplicate the look and feel of da Vinci's famous painting, where he chose what he considered to be the most dramatic moment of The Last Supper, that moment just after Jesus said, "One of you will betray me."

Instantly, the 12 apostles became men of 12 different moods. The only composed person was Jesus himself. In the excitement, Judas overturned the container of salt... and Peter drew his knife. Some of the apostles just stared at Jesus in amazement... some just looked at each other in disbelief.

At the beginning of the service, the apostles will move up the main aisle, take their places at the table, and casually mingle.

Jesus will then proceed up the aisle and take His place at the table. Once Jesus takes his place, Jesus and the apostles will go into a



Leonardo da Vinci (Italian, 1452-1519)
Last Supper (1495-98)

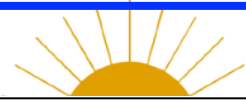
motionless pose like the ones in the painting. Each will come out of their pose only to speak.

In turn, the 12 apostles speak their minds to themselves, to each other, and to Jesus. They are reflecting on the tragic words which they had just heard Jesus speak. Those words being, "One of you will betray me." Each end their dialog with the dramatic words "Is it I"?

Holy Communion will be served, first to the apostles, then to the congregation. Everyone is invited to attend.

Community Sunrise Service at Grossnickle Church of the Brethren

This year, the Community Easter Sunrise Service will be held at Grossnickle Church of the Brethren, 11301 Meeting House Road, at 6:30 a.m. The Wolfsville Ruritan Club will serve refreshments following the service. This service is rotated among 6 area churches.



April 1, 2018

- 2018 - Grossnickle Church of the Brethren
- 2019 - Pleasant Walk United Methodist
- 2020 - Garfield United Methodist
- 2021 - St. John's Lutheran
- 2022 - Salem United Methodist
- 2023 - St. Mark's Lutheran



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Salem Membership Statistics:
Current Membership: 241
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. 4

Wolfsville Community “Food Pantry” at Salem

Photo by Dawn Nelson

Sweet Valentines

Students at the Middletown High School H.O.P.E. Club (Help Our Planet Earth) made the Valentines, pictured at right, for our Food Pantry families. The club’s advisor is Mrs. Steger. The club’s focus is to learn, engage, serve, rebuild, lead, while recognizing “Keeping Nature in our Future,” Earth Day, etc.



Food Pantry Bags

Thank you for your generous donations of bags for use in the food pantry. Food Pantry volunteer, Denny Draper, reports they now have an adequate supply.

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.

JOIN US *for* HOLY WEEK & EASTER SUNDAY

<p>HOLY WEEK</p> <p>Palm Sunday, March 25 9:00 & 11:15 a.m. Worship Sermon: "God Provides Good Direction" Scripture: Mark 11:1-11</p> <p>Holy Thursday, March 29 7:00 p.m. Holy Communion "The Last Supper" by Salem members</p> <p>Good Friday, March 30 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir "Good Friday Worship"</p> <p>Holy Saturday, March 31 12 Noon to 12 Midnight Prayer Vigil</p> <p>Community Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, March 31 2:00 p.m. at Salem Refreshments following the egg hunt</p>	<p>EASTER SUNDAY</p> <p>Sunday, April 1 Community Sunrise Service 6:30 a.m. Grossnickle Church of the Brethren 11301 Meeting House Road Refreshments by Wolfsville Ruritan Club</p> <p>Sunday, April 1 9:00 a.m. Worship (traditional) 11:15 a.m. Worship (contemporary) Holy Communion</p> <p>10:15 a.m. Sunday School (No Classes) Children's Program Children's Choir & Recitations in sanctuary</p>
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Easter Sunday
Worship
9:00 a.m.
11:15 a.m.

Salem United Methodist Church
Annual Easter Egg Hunt
For ages 12 and under

Saturday
March 31, 2018 2:00 p.m.



Light refreshments and fellowship will follow the Easter Egg Hunt.

Volunteers are needed at 1:00 p.m. to hide eggs.

For more information contact
Caroline Buhrman 301-293-2069

Children's Choir

■ By Sara Weitzel

The Children's Choir will be rehearsing for the Easter Sunday Service (April 1st), beginning Sunday, March 4th, and continuing every Sunday through March 25th.

All children who are available Easter morning and interested in participating in the choir are invited to meet for practices in the Social Hall, by the piano, during the LAST 10 minutes of the Sunday School hour (approximately 10:50-11:00 a.m.).

We are hoping that this rehearsal time will provide an opportunity for the children who normally attend the second service to be able to participate in the choir as well.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 240-409-1241 (mobile) or at srweitzel@hotmail.com. Thank you!



REMINDER
PICK UP YOUR
SOUP & SANDWICH ORDER

Saturday, March 10
4 to 6 p.m. at Salem

Sunday, March 11
After morning services at Salem

Payment Due at Pick Up

HERO'S CLUB BULLETIN BOARD



Photo by Bill Burrier

Hero's Club — After School Ministry

■ By Liz Waite, Hero's Club Director

Wow! It seems this year is just flying by for all of us here at Hero's Club! As we began the season of Lent, students not only learned about the sacrifice Christ made for us, but will also attempt to step back in time as they rehearse for our Hero's Club Easter Pageant.

Please feel free to join us on Monday afternoons from 3:30 to 5:30. Volunteers are always welcome and appreciated!

At the Salem Church Council meeting in January, one of the topics discussed was ways to bridge Hero's Club and the

congregation members. The council has proposed that members of the church sign up to handle the buying and preparing of snacks as they do with the Sunday school snacks.

If you would like to help purchase, or prepare snacks, please see Kathy Laky or me for more information!

Thank you to everyone who has helped supply toilet paper rolls for crafts! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call or text me at 302-682-3089, or email at lizwaite22@gmail.com.

Attendance Offerings

January 2018

		Worship*		Sunday School	
Jan	7	73	\$2,654.00	49	\$317.01
Jan	14	76	1,845.50	51	81.00
Jan	21	82	2,485.00	53	106.00
Jan	28	86	1,885.00	39	148.00

Average Attendance		
	Worship	Sunday School
Jan	79	48
Dec	90	58
Nov	94	58
Oct	86	55
Sept	92	51

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

Average Attendance Jan 2018

Sunday Worship: 79
 Sunday School: 48

- Missions: \$2,062.00
 - Cemetery Endowment: \$225.00
 - Building Fund: \$440.00
 - Building Addition: \$125.00
- (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 is continuing to research the possibility of building an addition to Salem United Methodist Church in order to enhance our ministries.

Rouzerville Visit

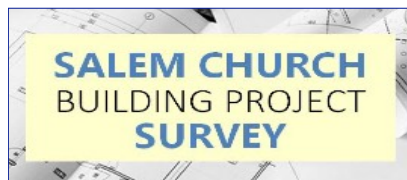
In February, the committee had the opportunity to visit the Rouzerville United Methodist Church, in Rouzerville, PA, which has a similarly sized congregation.

During this visit, the committee toured the Rouzerville Church's recently built multi-use space, commercial kitchen, and youth group area.

We learned about how this construction has increased the different ministry and community outreach opportunities of Rouzerville United Methodist Church, such as faith-based clubs, classes, concerts, and movies, increased space for events like weddings and funerals, regular church fundraisers open to the public, and even basketball and volleyball events.

We also received some information about how the construction was financed.

The committee left the tour feeling



hopeful and energized about the prospects of our own building project and what it could mean to our church family and community.

Building Project Survey

The next step of the building committee is to summarize the results of the recently conducted survey to understand the congregation's priorities for improving Salem's facilities. You will hear about these findings this month.

We will also continue to pray that we are aligned with God's priorities and His will for our church and facilities.

The Building Committee thanks you for your time in completing the survey and we look forward to presenting the survey results soon!

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.



Calendar of Events

March

- 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 Holy Communion** - 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. worship
- Thu 8 Church Council** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Sat 10 Pick up soup & sandwich orders** - 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. at Salem
- Sun 11 Pick up soup & sandwich orders** - After services at Salem
- Sat 17 Leadership Day 2018** - 8:30 a.m. at Otterbein UMC, Hagerstown
- Wed 21 Building Committee Meeting** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Sat 24 Game & Puzzle Night** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Sun 25 Palm Sunday** - 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. worship
- Thu 29 Holy Thursday "The Last Supper"** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Fri 30 Good Friday Service** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Sat 31 Prayer Vigil** - 12 Noon to 12 Midnight
- Sat 31 Community Easter Egg Hunt** - 2:00 p.m. at Salem
- Sun 1 Community Easter Sunrise Service** - 6:30 a.m. at Grossnickle Church of the Brethren
- Sun 1 Easter Sunday Worship** - 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.
- Sun 1 Easter Children's Program** - 10:15 a.m. in sanctuary (no Sunday School classes)

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

NOTE: On Easter Sunday, there will be no Sunday School classes due to the Children's Program in the sanctuary at 10:15 a.m.

Newsletter Distribution

1. **E-Mail** — We are currently notifying 205 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 50 cents First Class postage rate.

Game & Puzzle Night

Saturday, March 24, 7:00 p.m.

- By Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer
- 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. Drinks will be provided for the evening. Please bring a snack or dessert to share.

Roller Skating Party Feb 18, 2018

Photos submitted by Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer



Who's Doing What, When?

9:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP		MARCH	
Lay Readers 4 - Wanda Barkdoll 11 - Mary Cline 18 - Dennis Leatherman 25 - Donald Stottlemeyer		Ushers 4 - Dick Kline & Steve Leatherman 11 - Vernon Stottlemeyer & Robin Haupt 18 - Donald Stottlemeyer & Meredith Harshman 25 - Philip Koons & Brandon Leatherman	
Greeters 4 - Donald & Susie Stottlemeyer 11 - Denny Draper 18 - George, Barbie & Matt Stottlemeyer 25 - Brandon & Jessie Leatherman & Girls		Music 4 - Sara Weitzel 11 - Praise Band 18 - Sara Weitzel 25 - Sara Weitzel	
Acolytes 4 - Paul McCormick 11 - Noah Taveras 18 - Kenslie Buhrman 25 - Josh 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 Mar 11 - Works in Progress Praise Band Mar 25 - Works in Progress Praise Band	

It's Your Day!

March Anniversaries

- 8 - Monty & Phyllis Beall
- 17 - Jerry & Cindy Draper
- 18 - Sam & Jane Zimmerman

March Birthdays

- 5 - Sarah Haddock
- 5 - Richard Harshman
- 6 - Jane Zimmerman
- 7 - Joshua Koons
- 8 - Madison Elsbach
- 11 - Dawn Nelson
- 12 - Jennifer Harne
- 13 - Joshua Gorner
- 14 - Donna Snyder
- 15 - Vicki Robinson
- 16 - Ken Poling
- 17 - Audrey Tolland
- 19 - Bobby Doyle
- 24 - Allison Adams
- 24 - Pastor Bob Snyder
- 28 - Shelby Leatherman

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

Youth Sponsored Activities coming up . . .

- Sun Apr 15 - Senior Appreciation Luncheon
- Sat Apr 21 - Trip to Hershey Park

Mission News

Mission Project No. 5

Mary goes to Kenya

Mary's mission work with Africa Inland Mission takes her to Kenya for two weeks. She said, on Valentine's Day, she started a road trip to a village in northern Kenya. After a few days of adjusting to the time zone and village life, they welcomed about 100 believers from the Gabbra, Borana, Rendille, Samburu, and Dasenach people groups.



Mary
Africa Inland
Mission

On February 21st, she facilitated a four-day workshop that focused on a Biblical perspective of music and its composition; and of indigenous Scripture-based songs in their heart music and language. They began each day in the Word, looking at the purposes of music, the use of instruments, and true worship.

It's Mary's prayer that each group will be able to identify areas, in their culture, as believers, where they need God to touch them through His Word. She wants believers to know the joy of singing to the Lord in their music style, with their instruments, and in their language.

Mary plans to return to the United States on March 1st. She asks for your prayers that God would accomplish His purpose in the workshop and that the name of Christ would be glorified.

Holy Communion

Sunday, March 4

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.

Some people are working backstage, some are playing in the orchestra, some are on stage singing, some are in the audience as critics and some are there to applaud. Know who and where you are.



Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman



INSPIRATIONAL
Reading

Drinking from the Saucer

By John Paul Moore

I've never made a fortune,
And I'll never make one now
But it really doesn't matter
'Cause I'm happy anyhow.



As I go along my journey
I'm reaping better than I've sowed
I'm drinking from the saucer
'Cause my cup has overflowed.

I don't have a lot of riches,
And sometimes the going's tough
But with kin and friends to love me
I think I'm rich enough.

I thank God for the blessings
That His mercy has bestowed
I'm drinking from the saucer
'Cause my cup has overflowed.

He gives me strength and courage
When the way grows steep and rough
I'll not ask for other blessings for
I'm already blessed enough.

May we never be too busy
To help bear another's load
Then we'll all be drinking from the saucer
When our cups have overflowed.

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

**St. Patrick's
Breastplate**



(An excerpt from this famous prayer,
attributed to St Patrick - patron Saint of Ireland)

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down,
Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.

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



RECIPE



Shrimp Log

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| 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened | 2 tablespoons chopped green onion |
| 1 cup minced cooked shrimp | 1 teaspoon lemon juice |
| 2 tablespoons chili sauce | Sliced stuffed olives |
| 2 tablespoons chopped stuffed olives | Wheat crackers |

Directions

In bowl, stir cream cheese until smooth. Blend in cooked shrimp, chili sauce, olives, onion and lemon juice. Shape into a log and garnish with sliced stuffed olives. Chill thoroughly. To serve, spread on wheat crackers. Makes about 1-1/2 cups.

Barbie Stottlemyer made this for the Bee-lievers recipe exchange.



March

Author Unknown

When the rain is splashing down
On the fields and in the town
Singing winds begin to blow
And the flowers start to grow
How glad I am when I have seen
Those tender leaves of gentle green
They warm my heart and make it sing
For now I know at last it's spring
Spring makes the world a happy place
You see a smile on every face
Flowers come out and birds arrive
Oh, isn't it grand to be alive.

**When Sadness
Falls Upon You**

By Clay Harrison

When sadness falls upon you
Like a blanket of snow,
Turn your eyes upon Jesus —
It's the best way to go.

The world with all its pitfalls
Can bring you to your knees,
And stress can overwhelm you
Like a raft on stormy seas.

Anxiety can bring you down
Until you nearly die,
And friends sometimes forsake you
And leave you there to cry.

But God will never leave you . . .
He's just a prayer away,
And His grace is all-sufficient
To change your life today!

When sadness falls upon you,
Just fall upon your knees
And God will be your anchor
Upon life's stormy seas.

*Know that I am with you; I will never
leave you until I have done what I
promised you. —Genesis 28:15*

**Take My Hand,
Dear Jesus**

By Loise Pinkerton Fritz

Take my hand, dear Jesus —
Guide me every day.
Always stay close by me
As I tread life's way.
Make me kind and gentle,
Loving, patient, true,
Always treating others
As You'd have me do.
Take my hand, Lord Jesus —
I am weak; You're strong.
In the time of trouble,
You're my hope, my song.
You're the Son in daylight;
You're the Son at night.
Take my hand, Lord Jesus,
And e'er with me abide.

Faith is to believe what you do not
see; the reward of this faith is to see
what you believe.



Message from the Pastor and Worship in March

■ By PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER

Salem is offering many opportunities during March to support us in our walk with the Lord. Check out the calendar of events on Page 5 for the Soup and Sandwich Sale pickup, Western Region Leadership Day, and the Game and Puzzle Night. During Holy Week, March 25-31, we'll once again be having the Last Supper Drama, Good Friday worship, the Prayer Vigil, and the Community Easter Egg Hunt.

Easter morning (April 1st this year, no fooling!) will start with the 6:30 a.m. Community Sunrise Service at Grossnickle Church of the Brethren, followed by the 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. services at Salem.

The children of the church will be reciting Easter poems and the Children's Choir will be singing during the Sunday school hour, starting at 10:15 a.m.

As the newness of the season of spring approaches, we experience hope and joy in our renewed relationship with our Lord. Have a blessed Lent and Easter! God Bless. —Pastor Bob

March 4 – Holy Communion Third Sunday in Lent “Cleaning House” John 2:13-22

John 2:14 – “In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables.” Jesus travelled to Jerusalem for the annual Passover celebration, commemorating the day God led the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt. The focus was to be on worshipping, praising, and honoring God for God's great gifts.

When Jesus arrived at the temple, he instead found some of the people focused on enriching themselves through unfair business transactions.



March 11 Fourth Sunday in Lent “Freedom” John 3:14-21

John 3:21 – “But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God.”

Because God gave his only Son, Jesus, to die for us, we are saved. This should propel us into a life that gives thanks and praise to God in all things.

However, the human tendency to sin deters us. We're enticed to stay in the dark places of sin and doubt because it feels deceptively familiar and pleasing.

March 18 Fifth Sunday in Lent “Willing to Act” John 12: 20-33

John 12:21 – “Sir, they said, “we would like to see Jesus.”

In this passage, Greeks, non-Jews, travelled to Jerusalem for the Passover celebration. Once there, they sought out Philip, Jesus' apostle. Approaching him, they said, “We would like to see Jesus.” Isn't this where we all need to end up in order to surrender our lives to Jesus? Coming to the point of deciding “I want Jesus to direct my life.”

Verse 25 says, “The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.” “Hate” is a strong word and this verse seems to be directing us to hate life in order to attain heaven. But what it is really saying is that we should love and seek God above all things.

March 25 – Palm Sunday “God Provides Good Direction” Mark 11:1-11

Mark 11:2 – “Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here.”

In this verse, Jesus instructs two of his disciples to acquire a donkey that he might ride on it as he triumphantly enters the holy city of Jerusalem. He anticipates the challenges they'll encounter and provides detailed instructions, “If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you doing this [taking the donkey], tell him, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.’” As the situation unfolded, the disciples were confronted when they took the donkey.

March 29 – Last Supper Dramatic Presentation, 7 p.m. at Salem

This live reenactment of the Last Supper allows us to see ourselves with Jesus and his disciples at the supper table, and to reflect upon our own relationship with our Lord and Savior. Invite a guest to come with you.

March 30 – Good Friday Worship 7 p.m. at Salem

This year, the Good Friday experience is seen through the eyes of Peter. Earlier, Peter had passionately expressed his loyalty to Jesus claiming that he would even die for him. But when his loyalty was tested Peter failed, denying he even knew Jesus. Even so, the resurrected Lord forgave Peter and restored him. We too have the hope of being saved through Jesus.

March 31 – Holy Saturday Prayer Vigil Noon to Midnight

Jesus sacrificed all for us because of God's love for us. What can we do in return? We can pray. Our focused prayers on this Holy Saturday rightly return our love and thanks to God for his great sacrifice for us.

March 31 – Community Easter Egg Hunt, 2 p.m. at Salem

Younger and older children are divided into groups so everyone has a chance. The Easter Egg Hunt is followed by food, fellowship, and prizes in the Social Hall. Invite a friend to be your guest at this fun-filled event.

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A Tribute to Olive E. Kline — November 26, 1920 - January 22, 2018

Funeral services for Olive E. Kline, 97, were held at Salem on January 26, 2018. The following are excerpts from Pastor Bob Snyder's remarks at the funeral.

■ By Pastor Bob Snyder

Olive was born on November 26, 1920, the daughter of the late Phillip and Marjorie Forrest. She was predeceased by her husband John R. Kline, who died in 1983. Olive and John raised three children: daughter Jane Young Brady, with husband Richard; daughter Joanne Warrenfeltz, with husband Gene; and son Atlee Baumgardner.

Olive had 4 granddaughters, ten great grandchildren, and seven great great grandchildren. She was predeceased by five brothers and two sisters. She is survived by her sister Patricia in Arizona, a sister-in-law Mary in Chewsville, and many nieces and nephews. It's a big family.

Olive was raised in Cavetown. She liked living there. She'd talk about hearing the train as it passed through town. Olive was next to the oldest in her family so she had the task of helping to care for her younger brothers and sisters. Her dad was a custodian at the High School in Smithsburg.

Eventually Olive and John met, fell in love and were married. Olive was seventeen, just about to turn eighteen. They moved to the farm not far from here just up Pleasant Walk Road. The farm had been in John's family. It was a dairy farm and Olive worked right alongside John. They farmed until somewhere around the late 70's/early 80's. Olive and John took in Atlee when he was eleven to help him out and to help them with the farming.

After moving on from farming, John worked at the Herald Mail for a while and then John, Olive, and Atlee all worked at Homewood in Williamsport, John and Atlee in maintenance and Olive in the kitchen.

John died in 1983. He was at 65. For these past 35 years since he died, Olive continued her journey through life.

Olive loved her yard and her flowers. For many years she cut flowers from her own garden and arranged them and then on Sundays they would adorn the altar here at Salem. I'll bet many of you remember those flowers and how they pruned God and blessed us, and how nice it was of Olive to provide them.

Olive loved the outdoors and nature in

*Amazing Grace!
How sweet the sound . . .
'Tis grace hath brought me
safe thus far, and grace will
bring me home.*

general – warm weather, sunsets, and full moons. One Sunday just before the start of worship I was standing at the back of the church and Olive came in. She came up to me and asked, "Did you see the full moon last night." I had to admit that I hadn't taken time to look. Hearing my answer she just looked at me with that amusing look she could give as though she was saying, "How could you have possibly not looked at the moon last night as beautiful as it was." She appreciated the beauty of nature that God has created and she took it in. I take in the beauty of full moons now more than I used to and whenever I do I think of Olive.

Olive loved birds. She had to go no further than her own yard to bird watch. The trees and plants and flowers in her yard attracted many birds. At Homewood she had part of her collection of porcelain birds in the curio cabinet right between her chair and bed. She also enjoyed the fresh food the earth yields: fresh fruit, tomatoes, asparagus, dandelions, cabbage, and potatoes. She liked to make hog maw and she liked to bake pies. She pretty much liked everything about country cooking, and she was a frequent visitor of son-in-law Gene's orchard right next door.

Olive loved the Lord and she loved this church. She was a very active member here at Salem and until recently she would help prepare for and attend every church-wide event. She loved our Lord's Acre Festival. She was a devoted member of our Bee-lievers women's group and attended the Ladies Sunday School class every Sunday. She was also a member of the Board of Child Care Auxiliary, providing help to children in need.

This last year and a half was more difficult for Olive. It was hard for her to

leave the home she loved and her beautiful view of the mountain right behind the farm she and John worked for many years. She'd say of her home and the view from it, "Why would anyone want to travel away from here. All you could ask for is right here."

So I'm sure it was very hard for Olive to have to give that up. But in true Olive fashion, she made the best of it, holding onto the things she loved: the Lord, family, friends, nature, fresh fruit, taking her pills in chocolate pudding, keeping herself occupied.

If she had to go to the hospital, I'd visit and she'd be watching that station on the hospital TV that shows beautiful scenes of nature and she'd say, "Look at that, isn't that beautiful!" When I'd visit her at Homewood, she'd observe everything in nature going on outside her window: the sky, birds flying by, the trees, and of course any flowers that were blooming. Jane and Joanne said that earlier this month several Robins appeared outside her window at Homewood. It's a bit early for Robins but maybe Olive's love for nature brought them out. As Olive lost her ability to be mobile, it was suggested she color a picture for each family member. She did and I'm sure those pictures will be treasured for years to come.

Finally, last Friday, just three days before she died, Olive had stopped eating and drinking, but she agreed to be wheeled down the hall to the social area to play bingo one last time. Of the experience she said, "I didn't win." I wouldn't be surprised if Olive made another statement recently – because she said it all the time – something that goes like this:

Someone would ask her the question: "Miss Olive, is there anything you need?" to which Olive would pretty much always respond, "I've got everything I need."

Olive, you didn't win in Bingo on Friday, but you sure did win on Monday, receiving eternal life and now you truly do have everything you need. We'll miss you greatly Olive but we're happy for you and our fond memories of you will sustain us in the years to come. Thank you Lord for giving us Olive. Amen.

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A Tribute to Mary Alice Shankle — November 23, 1939 - February 11, 2018

Funeral services for Mary Alice Shankle, 78, were held at Salem on February 16, 2018. The following are excerpts from Pastor Bob Snyder's remarks at the funeral.

■ By Pastor Bob Snyder

Mary Alice was born on November 23, 1939, on the farm right here in Wolfsville. She was the daughter of the late Frank and Effie Stottlemeyer. She was the wife of Bill Shankle, her beloved husband for 57 ½ years.

In addition to Bill, Mary Alice is also survived by their two daughters: Theresa Haupt and husband Robin, and Susan Koons and husband Phil; grandchildren: Trista Wright and husband Josh, Brett Haupt and wife Kendra, Mark Koons and Joshua Koons; great-grandchildren: Henry Wright, Christopher Haupt, and Nora Haupt. In addition, she is survived by her six younger brothers: Frank, Elvin, Donald, George, Elwood, and Vernon Stottlemeyer, and their wives and families. Family was very important to her and she loved you all very much.

It came natural. Family was important to her parents, Frank and Effie. Everyone pitched in on the farm. It was a hard, simple, but oh so good life so many of you remember that are of her generation. Mary Alice helped milk the cows by hand before going off to school. She wore the dresses her mom made out of cloth feed sacks, the ones you could buy back then that had different prints on them suitable for making dresses. Moms would be there to buy the feed so they could look for just the right pattern.

Mary Alice learned to cook and perfected her talents as the years went on making delicious banana bread, fruit pies, and the best coconut cream pie I've ever had.

Bill and Mary Alice met through Doris Fogle's sister Liz. Bill was 22 when they got married in 1960; Mary Alice 20. They took their vows right here. After the wedding, they honeymooned in Philadelphia, driving there in Bill's three-tone dodge. Then they set up house in Frederick in an apartment on South Street. There are memories of the ice cream truck coming down the street and, whenever they visited, her brothers would run down the steps of the apartment to go out and get popsicles. She kept an eye out for her brothers and was always there for them when they

Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he who believes in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever lives and believes in me shall never die.

John 11:25-26

needed help. She was known as their "favorite sister." Throughout her life, she kept the whole family organized for holiday events and get-togethers.

Bill and Mary Alice remained in Frederick for five years, then built their current home in Myersville. Along the way they had Theresa and Susan. Mary Alice worked at Grangers Mutual Insurance Company until Susan came along. When Susan went off to Kindergarten, Mary Alice went back to work, this time at the Clerk of Courts Office in Frederick County.

Her work out of the home never kept her from covering all the basis at home and church - packing lunch for Bill so he could get a very early start down the road to his job, lunches for the girls, helping with homework, getting them to piano lessons and 4-H and youth group.

Mary Alice loved to decorate her home for the seasons. Christmas was her favorite. Thanksgiving week the presents were wrapped, and the day after Thanksgiving the house was decorated. She'd spend countless hours reviewing the books of Christmas plays she had ordered for Salem's Christmas program, thinking through the parts and what child might enjoy what part. She had Bill cut greenery to put here on the altar railing at Christmas, and she'd head up Wolfgang Candy fundraisers while at the same time doing Bill's books for his business and working full time at the courthouse. Mary Alice loved her family, loved the Lord and this church, and loved her job.

She was a life-long member here at Salem, and for the last almost ten years, I

have been witness to how committed she was to the Lord and to her church.

She and Bill would spend countless hours looking for fancy needlework patterns to be done and sold at Lord's Acre. And she took a special interest in the Lord's Acre quilt, reacting with joy over the pattern Judy Harne came up with for the coming year, helping to distribute the squares, and monitoring how the quilting group and final production were coming along. It's hard for the girls to remember when mom didn't have some sort of fancy needlework close at hand that she was working on for Lord's Acre.

And Mary Alice did a great job as our Worship Chair. She was always out in front of everything that had to be done, and she had the gift of asking others to help. It was hard to turn Mary Alice down, knowing how committed she was herself and being asked in her gentle but persuasive way. Mary Alice was a natural leader. She liked a job well done, she cared about and included others, and she set a good example for us. I'm thankful for the way she always supported and encouraged me personally. She'd say to me from time to time, "I hope you'll be able to stay here for a long time." It was a very nice thing to say but what I came to know about Mary Alice was that no matter who the pastor was she'd do everything she could to support him or her. Any pastor would appreciate that. I sure did.

Family, faith, work worth doing - she loved all three.

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

Family, faith, and work worth doing - I think Mary Alice embodied these three.

I loved her smile. Last Friday she was struggling but while she was awake she still had the smile. On Friday it helped me as I struggled to care for her and the family, her smile communicated to me family, faith, work worth doing. It sustained me then, and sustains me now. Thank you, Mary Alice. Amen.

Theme: “Stay True And Never Deviate” — S.T.A.N.D.

ROCK Youth Retreat in Ocean City



Youth Ministries of the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church

JANUARY 26-28, 2018

“An Awesome Weekend”

Photos submitted by Wanda Barkdoll

A total of 29 Salem youth and adults attended this year’s ROCK 2018. We left Friday morning around 8:45 a.m. to begin our long distance commute to Ocean City, MD. Our first stop was at McDonald’s in Myersville. After getting breakfast, we continued our journey and stopped for lunch at Taco Bell, located on Route 50 after crossing the Bay Bridge. Each year we stop at the same place and we hide a penny in the restaurant to see if the employees find it when cleaning. This was the first year the penny was still there, just where we had placed it. We arrived at the Carousel Hotel, where we occupied seven rooms. We assisted Saturday morning as greeters and on Sunday we were part of the Communion detail. For the fourth year, our youth and adults helped serve the Communion elements to over 5,000 people, and served as ushers, runners, and were in charge of the communion table. The speaker this year, Bishop Easterling, was awesome. The Sunday after ROCK, our youth presented their testimony during Salem’s Youth Sunday, expressing what they learned from her messages. We are ready for next year, ROCK 2019, scheduled for February 8-10. —Wanda Barkdoll, Youth Leader



Testimony from a Salem Youth

ROCK was an amazing event. This was my first year going. The event allowed us to take a break from our busy life to learn about amazing Jesus Christ. It was a great experience for everyone to fully connect with God and our friends, while listening to great bands and speaker Bishop LaTrelle Easterling. I can’t wait until next year to go again. —Lexie Taylor

“**Stay true and never deviate.**” If you make an acronym out of that sentence, you get “STAND.” And that’s exactly what Bishop Easterling told the nearly 5,000 youth and adult chaperones at ROCK to do. Now in its 24th year, ROCK is a youth retreat that emphasizes a personal relationship with Jesus Christ as a way of finding one’s purpose in life. “God loves us and has a plan for us,” Bishop Easterling said in her opening talk. “Don’t let anyone take you off the path God has for you. Stay true and never deviate. God loves you. I want you to stand.”



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)



A Prayer at a "Men's Breakfast"

A minister was attending a men's breakfast. He asked one of the older farmers in attendance to say the prayer that morning. The farmer began:

"Lord, I hate buttermilk." The pastor opened one eye and wondered to himself where this was going. Then the farmer said, "Lord, I hate lard." Now the pastor was worried. But the farmer prayed on, "And Lord, you know I don't care much for raw flour."

As the pastor was about to stop everything, the farmer continued, "But Lord, when you mix them all together and bake them, I do love those fresh biscuits. So Lord, when things come up we don't like, when life gets hard, when we just don't understand what you are saying to us, we just need to relax and wait until You are done fixin' . . . and probably it will be something even better than biscuits."

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

Some thoughts to ponder . . .

In times of hardship, we have to stop asking God, "Why?" and instead, ask, "What next?"

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

Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it.

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

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