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Mary
Africa Inland Mission
Guest Speaker at Salem
April 8 - 9:00 & 11:15 a.m.

JOIN US for HOLY WEEK & EASTER SUNDAY

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday, March 25
9:00 & 11:15 a.m. Worship
Sermon: "God Provides Good Direction"
Scripture: Mark 11:1-11

Holy Thursday, March 29
7:00 p.m.
"The Last Supper" by Salem members
Holy Communion

Good Friday, March 30
7:00 p.m.
Adult Choir
"Good Friday Worship"

Holy Saturday, March 31
12 Noon to 12 Midnight
Prayer Vigil

Community Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, March 31
2:00 p.m. at Salem
Refreshments following the egg hunt

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, April 1
Community Sunrise Service
6:30 a.m.
Grossnickle Church of the Brethren
11301 Meeting House Road
Refreshments by Wolfsville Ruritan Club

Sunday, April 1
9:00 a.m. Worship (traditional)
11:15 a.m. Worship (contemporary)
Sermon: "Called by Name"
John 20:1-18
Holy Communion

10:15 a.m. Sunday School (No Classes)
Children's Program in sanctuary

Easter Sunday Worship

9:00 a.m.
11:15 a.m.

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Salem members to present "The Last Supper" on 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).

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. 11

Care Net Pregnancy Center of Frederick

John 1:5 says, “The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.”

Our theme for this year is “Let Life Shine” based on this scripture. For some of our clients facing a pregnancy decision is a dark time in their lives. Our hope is that as they come to the center, God’s light shines on them in a powerful way; and they make the decision to let the life growing inside of them shine. Ultimately, our hope is that His light shines in them as they accept His gift of salvation. Thank you for your financial gifts that enable us to be here in this community as “light bearers” to our clients.



—Linda King, Executive Director, Care Net Pregnancy Center of Frederick

[Salem sends \$65 each month to Care Net Pregnancy Center of Frederick.]

OFFICE HOURS for PASTOR BOB SNYDER

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



Middletown High School "Fellowship of Christian Athletes"

Tim Leber, MHS Advisor

MHS "Fellowship of Christian Athletes" tops 100 student members

■ By Michael Harris, Senior FCA Leader, Middletown High School

Photos by MHS student Clara Tam

Our current Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) club year has been going great. This year our Middletown FCA grew to around one hundred members and is continuing to grow.

The FCA club at Middletown High School has been here for 24 years and seeks to provide an area that students can express themselves and their faith-based beliefs.

Senior member Brennan Straits says the FCA club has helped him "build a close-knit, faith-based, family-like community" that he can turn to throughout his high school experience.

The FCA club has been meeting about once a month to talk about our faith and to complete projects that help our high school community and the greater Frederick area. The money that you have generously donated to us has been used on these projects.

Christmas Project

Our first project of the 2017-2018 school year was Christmas candy canes. On the last day before Christmas break, our FCA students handed out candy canes wishing them a Merry Christmas. Attached to the candy canes were small Bible quotes that were meant to bring hope and spread a positive Christian message throughout the school during the holiday time.

Frederick Rescue Mission Project

For our major project this year, we teamed up with the Frederick Rescue Mission to provide bagged lunches for underprivileged people in the Frederick area. During one meeting, the bags were decorated with Bible quotes and other hopeful and inspirational messages. At the next meeting, the bags were packed with a sandwich, snacks, candy, and water. The sandwiches were then delivered to the Frederick Rescue Mission and handed out that day.

Thank you again for your generous donations. We would not be able to spread a strong Christian message throughout our school without your contributions. I hope that through reading about the projects we have been doing, you believe that your donation has positively benefited the community.

—Michael Harris, senior FCA leader, and the entire FCA club at MHS




Fellowship of Christian Athletes at Middletown High School provided bagged lunches to the Frederick Rescue Mission, accompanied by Bible quotes and inspirational messages. FCA at Middletown High School is a place where students can express their faith-based beliefs.



Fellowship of Christian Athletes gave an extra touch to the bagged lunches for the Frederick Rescue Mission. Each bag, decorated with Bible quotes and an inspirational message, included a sandwich, snacks, candy, and water inside.

[Salem sends \$50 each month to the Middletown High School FCA.]



February 2018

Worship*	
Feb 4	87 \$2,584.00
Feb 11	79 1,940.50
Feb 18	71 2,138.50
Feb 25	83 2,737.00

Sunday School	
Feb 4	43 \$121.00
Feb 11	54 207.00
Feb 18	49 216.00
Feb 25	59 141.00

Average Attendance		
	Worship	Sunday School
Feb	80	51
Jan	79	48
Dec	90	58
Nov	94	58
Oct	86	55

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

- Missions: \$1,205.00
- Cemetery Endowment: \$155.00

- Building Fund: \$435.00
- Building Addition: \$100.00

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

Exploring the possibility of adding stained glass windows to Salem’s sanctuary

■ By Gary Barkdoll, Chair, Salem’s Board of Trustees

In July 2017, a memorial donation was made to Salem Church from the estate of Lorraine R. Barkdoll, to go towards enhancing one’s spiritual experience through the addition of stained glass windows around the sanctuary.

The idea of adding stained glass windows to our sanctuary was presented to Salem’s Church Council and it was agreed upon to look into what would be needed, and to explore the cost of undertaking such a project.

Since then, a committee was formed to look into and select from the various vendors in this area that could provide such a service.

Vendor Selected

A well-known regionally operated contractor, Reliable Glass Company, Inc., in the Cumberland, Maryland region, was selected. The committee worked with that vendor to look into possible themes, styles and color selections that would work well with the style of windows and design of our sanctuary. Several examples of work that Reliable Glass has done for other churches around the area was provided to help get the committee started with the task.

Theme & Styles Explored

After several months of work, during the winter, the committee has narrowed down the theme, styles and general color

schemes that we believe would work well for our church. The committee’s number one goal was to promote and provide to our congregation and visitors a means of reflection and inspiration of how Christ has changed each one of us, to live our lives to the glory of His name and our Father’s Kingdom.

The committee thought the best way to project this idea was to select a theme about “The Life of Christ.”

An update on the progress, along with some visual examples, was shown to our Church Council at its March meeting. Among the selections were depictions of the Nativity, through the Crucifixion, to our Savior’s Resurrection.

Presentation to Congregation

The committee was requested to provide the same presentation to our congregation in the near future. It was decided to make the presentation later in April, so as not to distract from the Easter celebration with all the activities and related events for this occasion.

Next Steps

Our next step will be to have Reliable Glass take one of our scenes and do a small-scale mockup of what a window will look like. Hopefully we will be at that point in this process sometime in late spring or early summer. So, look forward to more information about this project later in April.

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.



March-April

Calendar of Events



Holy Week March 25-31

- 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

April

- 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. at Salem
Sun 1 Easter Children's Program - 10:15 a.m. in sanctuary (no Sunday School classes)
Thu 5 Board of Trustees meeting - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
Thu 5 UMW "Bee-lievers" - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
Fri 6 All Pro Families Breakfast - 7:30 a.m. at Wolfsville Elementary School
Sun 8 Missionary Mary E. presentation - 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. at Salem
Thu 12 Church Council - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
Sun 15 Senior Appreciation Luncheon - 1:00 p.m. at Salem
Mon 16 Wolfsville Ruritan Club Dinner - 2:00 p.m. prepare, 7:00 p.m. serve, at Salem
Wed 18 Building Committee Meeting - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
Thu 19 Prince Edward Island Confederation Chorus - 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Sat 28 Hershey Park Trip

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. at Salem
 Praise Band practices every THURSDAY 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 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.
- 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 up to 30 copies, using the 50 cents First Class postage rate.

Bee-lievers "Thank You"

■ By Fonda Gormer

The Bee-lievers would like to thank everyone who supported the recent soup and sandwich sale. Over 200 turkey salad sandwiches, 105 ham sandwiches and about 180 quarts of soup were made. Proceeds from the sales will be used to support Bee-lievers activities, including the Lord's Acre Festival. The next business meeting of the Bee-lievers will be held Thursday, April 5, at 7 p.m. in the church social area. All women are welcome.

Photo submitted by Dawn Nelson



SALEM FOOD PANTRY — The Wolfsville Elementary School held a food drive and donated 490 pounds of food to the Salem Food Pantry. Pictured above are Wolfsville students Allison, Audrey, Zoe, Brady and Matt, along with Wolfsville Guidance Counselor John Griffin. Food Pantry volunteers also want to thank South Mountain Gun Club Women's Auxiliary, Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church, and Harne's Store for their donations and continued support.

Who's Doing What, When?

9:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP		APRIL	
Lay Readers 1 - Brenda Freysz 8 - Gary Barkdoll 15 - Robin Haupt 22 - Dennis Draper 29 - Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer		Ushers 1 - Dick Kline & Steve Leatherman 8 - Vernon Stottlemeyer & Robin Haupt 15 - Donald Stottlemeyer & Meredith Harshman 22 - Philip Koons & Brandon Leatherman 29 - Robin Haupt & Donald Stottlemeyer	
Greeters 1 - Gary & Wanda Barkdoll & Family 8 - Holly Rippeon 15 - George, Barbie & Matt Stottlemeyer 22 - Vernon & Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer 29 - Gary & Wanda Barkdoll & Family		Music 1 - Sara Weitzel 8 - Praise Band 15 - Sara Weitzel 22 - Sara Weitzel 29 - Susan Koons	
Acolytes 1 - Loralli Snyder 8 - Noah Taveras 15 - Kenslie Buhrman 22 - Josh Koons 29 - 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 Apr 8 - Works in Progress Praise Band Apr 22 - Works in Progress Praise Band	

It's Your Day!

April Anniversaries

- 2 - Clay Waite & Jennifer Gormer
- 2 - Bill & Darlene Burrier
- 10 - Michael & Jennifer Burrier
- 23 - George & Judith Harne
- 25 - Robert & Mary Cline

April Birthdays

- 1 - Travis Keller
- 4 - Joey Hawkins
- 4 - Paula Main
- 9 - Melanie Adams
- 9 - Sophie Wagaman
- 10 - Emily Stottlemeyer
- 11 - Philip Koons
- 11 - Annabelle Martin
- 11 - Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer
- 12 - Charlotte Wisner
- 13 - Mason Crutchley
- 16 - Adam Stottlemeyer
- 17 - Delphine Zimmerman
- 17 - Judy Hamilton
- 18 - Dennis Leatherman
- 20 - Ali Robinson
- 22 - Richard Kline
- 23 - Craig Brown
- 24 - Jennifer Gormer
- 24 - Vernon Stottlemeyer
- 24 - Barbara Stottlemeyer
- 24 - Jase Wesley Haddock
- 29 - Karen DeLauter
- 30 - Payton Robinson



Prince Edward Island Confederation Youth Chorus will present a concert on Thursday, April 19, 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Myersville. The public is invited.

Looking Ahead

Ladies Night Out scheduled for Wednesday, May 9

■ By Fonda Gormer

The annual Ladies Night Out is scheduled for Wednesday, May 9, 6:30 p.m. at Mountain Gate Family Restaurant in Thurmont. There will be a buffet meal and short program for all women of Salem, their family and friends.

Price for the buffet meal, including beverage, tax and tip, is as follows:

- Adults over 12 - \$14.69
- Ages 5-12 - \$7.89
- Ages 3&4 - \$2.25
- 2 & under free, but a cup charge may be made if a beverage is ordered.

Reservations must be made by May 1.

Please sign up on the church bulletin board, or contact me at 301-293-2436, or at fonda.gormer@comcast.net.

Holy Communion

Easter Sunday, April 1
9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.



Sticky Buns & Apple Pies For Sale

As a fundraiser for Salem's United Methodist Women "Bee-lievers," Anita Harshman is making Pecan Cinnamon Sticky Buns and Apple Pies.

- Pecan Cinnamon Sticky Buns: \$12 a dozen
- Apple Pie (9-inch): \$10 each

You may purchase these items directly from Anita. To place an order, call Anita at 240-818-0126. Orders can be placed at any time and can be picked up after services on Sunday.

Missionary Mary E.

will be visiting Salem Sunday, April 8, 9:00 & 11:15 presenting her work with Africa Inland Missions



Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman



Easter Prayer

Dear Lord, we offer You our thanks
 Upon this Easter day,
 For the miracles You have wrought
 And blessings You send our way.
 We thank You for our blossoming world,
 For eyes with which to see,
 Created by Your blessed hands . . .
 Our Lord of humility.
 And every place where we may go,
 In all we say and do,
 Let our deeds be such that they
 Reflect the spirit in You!

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman



A Prayer in Spring

By Robert Frost

Oh, give us pleasure in the flowers today;
 And give us not to think so far away
 As the uncertain harvest; keep us here
 All simply in the springing of the year.

Oh, give us pleasure in the orchard white,
 Like nothing else by day, like ghosts by night;
 And make us happy in the happy bees,
 The swarm dilating round the perfect trees.

And make us happy in the darting bird
 That suddenly above the bees is heard,
 The meteor that thrusts in with needle bill,
 And off a blossom in mid air stands still.

For this is love and nothing else is love,
 The which it is reserved for God above
 To sanctify to what far ends He will,
 But which it only needs that we fulfill.



His Love

God sent His Son to take the punishment
 For all the thoughtless, sinful things we do;
 Jesus gave his life because He loves us;
 His love is boundless, sweet, forever true.

On Easter morn He showed He is our Savior;
 His resurrection proves He is our Lord.
 That is why we tell you, "Happy Easter!"
 He secured our heavenly reward!

He's Alive. He is Alive, indeed!



RECIPE



Ham and Noodle Nests

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| 1 cup uncooked alphabet noodles
or orzo | Pinch of ground nutmeg |
| 1/4 lb. sliced Swiss cheese | 1/4 lb. sliced cooked ham |
| 2 eggs | 3 green onions |
| 1/2 cup milk | 1/2 cup heavy cream |
| | 1 teaspoon salt |

Directions

Cook noodles following label directions, just to al dente stage; drain. Grease muffin pan cups (size top diameter 1 3/4 x 1 1/4 inches and 3/4 inch deep). Chop ham, cheese, and green onions finely in food processor. Mix together with noodles. Divide mixture among 36 of the muffin pan cups. (Bake nests in 3 batches if you only have 1 pan.) Beat eggs slightly, stir in cream, milk, salt, and nutmeg. Spoon liquid mixture over the ham mixture in the muffin pans, dividing evenly among them. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 minutes. Ease out of pan gently using a sharp knife around the edge if necessary.

Make ahead tip: The baked nests may be refrigerated, covered, for up to 3 days before serving. Reheat at 350 degrees until hot, about 10 minutes. The baked nests may also be frozen. Freeze in a single layer and store in sealed plastic bag. Defrost on a greased baking pan and bake at 350 degrees until hot, about 10 minutes.

Fonda Gormer made this for the Bee-lievers recipe exchange.



Easter Reflections

By Helen Steiner Rice

With our eyes we see
 The beauty of Easter
 as the earth awakens once more...

With our ears we hear
 The birds sing sweetly
 to tell us Spring again is here...

With our hands we pick
 the golden daffodils
 and the fragrant hyacinths...

But only with our hearts
 can we feel the miracle of God's
 love which redeems all men...

And only with our soul
 can we make our
 'pilgrimage to God' and
 inherit His Easter Gift of eternal life.

He bore the sin of many, and made
 intercession for the transgressors.

—Isaiah 53:12

Live so that others will want
 to know Jesus.



Reaffirmation of Baptism Ella Grace Carter

On Sunday, March 18, 2018, the Salem congregation celebrated the reaffirmation of baptism of Ella Grace Carter, daughter of Cory and Colleen Carter, Martinsburg, WV, and granddaughter of Pastor Bob and Donna Snyder, Myersville.

Ella Grace was baptized about five months ago, on October 17, 2017, at the University of Virginia Children's Hospital, prior to heart surgery.

Cory and Colleen Carter and the whole family are grateful for the prayers and support they have received from the Salem congregation.



Message from the Pastor and Worship in April

■ By PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER

Happy Easter and happy spring! I'm writing this article on the day of our recent big snow storm. It didn't seem much like spring that day. But we know more daylight, chirping birds, warmer weather, green grass, leaves on trees, and beautiful flowers are on the way, and that lifts our spirits!

Easter Sunday and the seven-week Easter Season also lift our spirits. We celebrate the new life God gave humankind through the resurrection of Jesus. Secure in our future, surrounded by God's presence and help, we remember our new lives in Christ as we see the new life in creation unfold around us.

May you have a blessed Easter Season and great start to spring!
God Bless. —Pastor Bob

April 1 – Easter Sunday Holy Communion “Called by Name”

John 20:1-18

John 20:16 – “Jesus said to her, ‘Mary.’” Early on Easter morning Mary Magdalene went to Jesus’ tomb. Seeing that Jesus’ body was gone, she was upset and ran to tell Peter and John.

They ran to the tomb. Mary also returned. Peter and John confirmed what she had told them and then departed. Mary remained. She was crying.

Then, the risen Lord appeared behind her. She turned toward him, thinking it was the gardener who tended the site around the tomb.

When Jesus called her by name, Mary recognized who he was. It must have taken her breath away. She must have been filled with surprise and joy.

What is our reaction to the risen Lord when Jesus calls us by name? Do we hear him calling?



April 8 – Second Sunday of Easter “Quick Response”

John 20:19-31

John 20:19b – “Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you!’” Jesus didn’t hesitate. On the same day of his resurrection, Jesus appeared in a room where the disciples had gathered. He came to show them he was alive and to give them peace. Jesus filled them with the Holy Spirit and sent them to be his disciples.

Thomas was not present and in the coming days he had trouble believing the reports that Jesus had risen. So Jesus waited until Thomas was with the others and then Jesus appeared to the disciples again. This time Thomas believed and testified to the risen Jesus, “My Lord and my God!”

How are we anxious? What doubts do we have? Jesus comes quickly bringing us peace and reassurance.

April 15 – Third Sunday of Easter “The Power of Witness”

Luke 24:36b-48

Luke 24: 48 – “You are witnesses to these things.” Had Jesus not risen to defeat death for us, we might view him as a great prophet, but we probably would not believe in him as the Savior of the world.

Our belief in the resurrection is crucial to our belief in Christ. The Bible

reports that Jesus appeared to scores of witnesses following his resurrection. Their testimonies help build up our faith.

When we share our eyewitness accounts of how God has been at work in our lives, we help build up the faith of fellow believers and sometimes we help a person come to believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

Like the early Christians, we can all witness to the ways that our Lord has appeared to us.

April 22 – Fourth Sunday of Easter “Bring Everyone”

John 10:11-18

John 10:16a – “I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also.”

In this Bible passage, Jesus refers to himself as the good shepherd who knows us, cares for us, and even lays down his life for us. Then Jesus explains his ultimate goal, to bring all humankind to believe in him and be saved by him so there will be “one flock and one shepherd” (10:16).

We, the church, are the Lord’s partners in his effort to bring all to believe in him and follow him. Sometimes we view our spiritual life only as our own salvation and our own personal relationship with God. But Jesus reminds us today that we have the responsibility to bring others to Christ and church.

April 29 – Fifth Sunday of Easter “Remain in Me”

John 15:1-8

John 15:4 – “Remain in me, as I also will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.”

Jesus says, “Remain in me,” in other words, “develop a close relationship with me, keep me close by you, and turn to me for help often.”

But many times we think we can control things on our own without God’s guidance and help. God is right at our side ready to help, but we choose to move forward alone leaving God behind.

When we do this, all too often we end up stumbling and falling. Jesus reminds us today that he is the vine and we are the branches connected to him. As long as we remain connected, we’ll bear good results.

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: March 8, 2018—

Thank you so much for your continued help to us financially and in praying for us and for our family. We sincerely appreciate it.

Other than colds that seem to be lingering a long time and some aches and pains, we have not had health problems. We are very thankful for the health God is giving us. Trust that you are doing well.

Nancy continues to volunteer three days a week at the Hagerstown Rescue Mission working in the sorting/pricing room for the thrift store. She regularly visits several shut-in widows and sometimes takes the one lady for doctor appointments, grocery shopping, etc. She serves in the nursery at our home church.

Frank is bookkeeper/treasurer at our home church. He helps with the weekly church bulletin and other things at the church another day each week. He serves on the board of the church. He helps at least one day per week at the Hagerstown Rescue Mission answering the phone, talking with men who are in the program and those who only spend nights or come for meals. And he does some repairs there.

Our children, Lynn & Wanda (Harney) both serve at the Hagerstown Rescue Mission.

Eric & Wendy minister to the Badyaranké people in Senegal teaching Bible. Presently Eric teaches five or six nights a week. It is encouraging to read of those trusting Christ for salvation and spiritual growth of believers. Some are

more outspoken about their faith, some are taking stands against things they now see as wrong in their culture, and they are learning the importance of prayer.

Rebecca also ministers to the Badyaranké people, teaching them to read in their own language, helping them to read Scripture portions that have been translated into their language, and visiting throughout the village.

Gary, Lisa, & family serve at the New Tribes Mission retirement center for missionaries in Florida doing grounds keeping, cooking, interacting with the retired missionaries, etc.

Joyfully in Christ,
Frank & Nancy Stottlemyer

February 24, 2018

“Salem Slam” Ping-Pong Tournament Results



Photos submitted by Sue Ellen Stottlemyer & Wanda Barkdoll

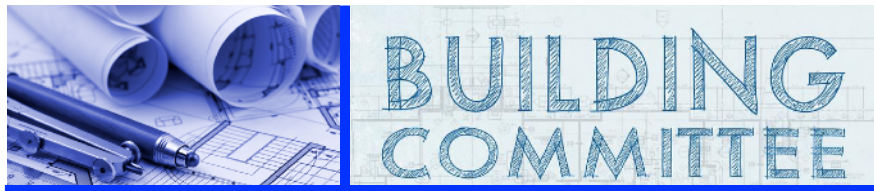


Single elimination tournament winners. George Stottlemyer (left) took first, Christopher Leatherman was second.



Double elimination tournament winners. Luke Pryor (left) took first, and George Stottlemyer was second.





Melissa Thornton (Chair)	Fonda Gormer	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

Building Project Survey Results

The Building Committee recently conducted a survey regarding the possibility of adding an addition to the education building and/or renovating our existing church facilities.

The results are in! This article presents the findings from the 29 responses we received.

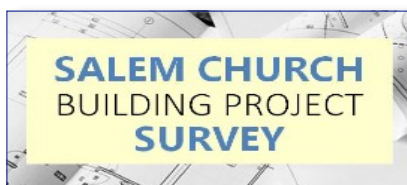
Existing Facilities

The majority of responses about updating and renovating the existing facilities were about:

- Updating the downstairs bathrooms.
- Renovating the kitchen and remodeling to maximize space.
- Renovating the social hall to include fresh paint, new tables, and repairing the steps.
- Improving accessibility for all by repairing the elevator and improving the entrance to the sanctuary.
- Renovating the entrance to include replacing the church front doors and painting the entryway to make it brighter.

Ranking Most Important Improvements

The possible additions and improvements that could be attained through a new building project were ranked from most to least important by the



respondents, as seen below:

1. Larger social/multi-purpose room
2. Larger Kitchen
3. More storage space
4. Dedicated room for youth group
5. Pastor's office in the church
6. Larger entryway into the church
7. Improve and expand the space for the food pantry

Opportunities for Ministry

The majority of respondents cited the following opportunities for ministry should the church expand the facilities:

- A commercial kitchen would allow the church to publicly advertise benefit meals that would introduce more of the community to Salem (and God!) and could provide fundraising opportunities for the church.
- The church would be able to comfortably host large gatherings such as weddings, funerals, Lord's Acre, Easter, Christmas,

and Fall Harvest events.

- Opportunities for enhanced youth ministries, such as Hero's Club, expanded space for Sunday school classes, a large space for VBS, and a dedicated space for the youth group.
- A larger food pantry could help more families.

Concerns

When asked about concerns regarding a possible building project, the most common responses were:

- Funding: How much would this cost, how would the funding be provided, and what expectations would be placed on members of the congregation?
- The ability of the existing well and septic systems to support a larger facility.
- How long would the renovation take and how would the church be impacted during the renovation?
- Who would manage the new facility?

Next Steps

The members of the Building Committee share both the excitement of the opportunities and the concerns that have been expressed about undertaking a potential building project.

With these in mind, we want to assure our church family that we will not proceed with this project until the full congregation has had an opportunity to vote on the path forward and the majority votes in support of the project.

Our next steps will be to develop plans, budgets, and funding options and present these to the full congregation for a vote.

We also will continue to pray for God's direction! Please feel free to contact me at 301-508-7165, or mrthornton79@gmail.com with any questions or concerns about the potential building project.

Women's Bible Study continues with Sarah Young series

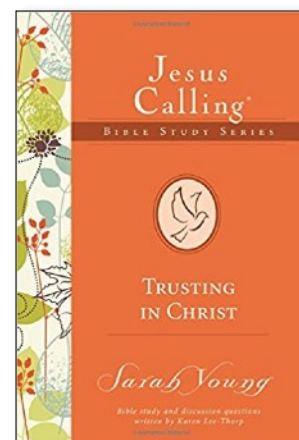
■ By Heather O'Connor

Our very first "Jesus Calling" eight-week Bible Study is finished, but none of us want it to end, so... we are beginning the next study in Sarah Young's series! Yes, that's right! The next "Jesus Calling" eight-week Bible Study entitled "Trusting in Christ" will begin on Wednesday, April 4th, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Salem United Methodist Church.

In "Trusting in Christ," the second study in the "Jesus Calling" Bible Study Series, you will examine what the Bible has to say about relying on God for all your needs. As you push back the demands of the day, give your cares to Him, and encounter Him personally through His Word, you

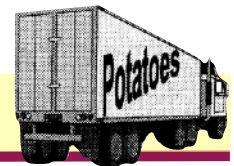
will discover the truth of Paul's words when he wrote, "My God will meet all of your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19). You will see that God loves you, cares for you, and provides the strength you need to get through any situation.

Come and grow our group! Get connected with other women, share your thoughts and experiences with all of us! Invite friends and family! You are so worthy and so loved by our AMAZING God! For more information and/or to sign-up, please contact me at 240-344-8851 or heatherboconnor@gmail.com.



At Bethel United Methodist Church, Chewsville, Maryland

Salem Youth Group *helps with* "Potato Drop"



Potatoes from the Society of St. Andrew, Big Island, Virginia
Photos submitted by Wanda Barkdoll

■ By Wanda Barkdoll

On Saturday, February 24, 2018, fifteen Salem youth and adults helped with the "Potato Drop" at Bethel United Methodist Church, Chewsville.

Potatoes arrive in 50-pound bags from the Society of St. Andrew, are then broken down into smaller portions, for distribution to local food banks, shelters and families in need.

In addition, some of the 50-pound bags were loaded onto trailers for distribution.

This is the third year Salem has helped Bethel with this worthy project.



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)



Sleeping in Class

A teacher fell asleep in class and a little naughty boy walked up to him.

Little boy: "Teacher, are you sleeping in class?"

Teacher: "No, I am not sleeping in class."

Little boy: "What were you doing sir?"

Teacher: "I was talking to God."

The next day the naughty boy fell asleep in class and the same teacher walks up to him.

Teacher: "Young man, you are sleeping in my class."

Little boy: "No, not me sir, I am not sleeping."

Angry teacher: "What were you doing?"

Little boy: "I was talking to God."

Angry teacher: "What did he say?"

Little boy: "God said he never spoke to you yesterday."

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

Some thoughts to ponder . . .

Gratitude, like faith, is a muscle;
the more you use it,
the stronger it grows.

The greatest act of faith
some days is to simply
get up and face another day.

Grace is a power that
comes in and transforms
a moment to something better.

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

The Mountain Shepherd

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TWO WORSHIP SERVICES

— Every Sunday —

9:00 a.m. Traditional

10:15 a.m. Sunday School

11:15 a.m. Contemporary

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April 2018