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COME ONE, COME ALL!
TO THE
**HERO'S CLUB
CARNIVAL**
MONDAY, MAY 21
3:30 - 6:00 P.M.
AT SALEM
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Community Plant Sale & Food Sale at Salem — Saturday, May 12



8 a.m.
to
2 p.m.

Barbie Stottlemeyer, pictured at last year's plant sale, will be traveling to Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, with her family, to hand-select the beautiful flowers to be sold at this year's plant sale on Saturday, May 12th, at Salem's pavilion. In addition to a large selection of flowers, garden plants will also be available, as well as plants from local gardens.

Photo by Bill Burrler - May 13, 2017

Salem "Bee-lievers" to Hold Plant & Food Sale

■ By Fonda Gormer, President
Salem United Methodist Women "Bee-lievers" Group

The Bee-lievers will hold their annual plant, food and bake sale on Saturday, May 12, from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the church in Wolfsville. The event will be held rain or shine. Plants will be sold under the pavilion to the rear of the church, while food will be served from the kitchen and social hall.

A variety of vegetable and flowering plants from Lancaster County and local gardens will be available for purchase for Mother's Day and spring planting.

Hot dogs, steamers, sausage and ham sandwiches, beverages and baked items will be available to eat in or take out.

Proceeds will benefit the Salem Bee-lievers, the women's group that provides support to many of the programs at Salem.

Donations of baked items would be appreciated.

For more information, call Fonda Gormer at 301-293-2436 or Barbie Stottlemeyer at 301-293-2372.



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Salem Membership Statistics:

Current Membership: 240
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 - France)	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 & Angi 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. 5

Mary visited Salem to share her mission plans

It was a pleasure having Mary at Salem on April 8 to share her mission work during both worship services. Mary is leaving for Strasbourg, France, early in the morning, on May 15th. Strasbourg is the seventh largest city in France, and is home to thousands of newly arrived immigrants (3,000 in the last nine months), as well as 2nd and 3rd generation immigrants. Many of these individuals come from unreached or unengaged people groups from Africa and the Middle East.

A love offering for Mary totaled \$201 and \$100 was added for being guest speaker to help with her travel expenses.

Photo by Bill Burrier



Mary was guest speaker at Salem on Sunday, April 8, 2018, sharing her previous mission work in Africa, and her plans for the future in Europe.

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.

Ladies Night Out set for Wednesday, May 9

* Reservations must be made by May 1.

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.

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

Come One, Come All . . . to the Hero's Club Carnival

■ By Liz Waite, Director of Hero's Club

To send off our awesome Hero's Club kids for the summer, we are having a carnival on Monday, May 21, from 3:30 until 6:00 p.m. at Salem.

Everyone is invited, even if you do not participate in the Hero's Club program.

We have engaged Hub City Inflatables of Hagerstown, to bring a

Bounce House, an Inflated Obstacle Course, and a Dunk Tank. There will also be games, prizes, music, and, of course, food! Everything is free, and we hope you can join us for an afternoon of super fun and fellowship!

If you would like to help run a booth, set up, or clean up, please see me or call/text me at 302-682-3089.

May 30 - June 1, 2018

Baltimore-Washington "Annual Conference" to be held in Baltimore

This year's annual gathering of the Baltimore-Washington Conference will be held Wednesday, May 30, through Friday, June 1, at the Marriott Waterfront Hotel, Baltimore. The theme is "We are One: Beneath the Cross".

Nearly 1,200 pastors and laity will attend the 3-day conference representing 632 churches in Maryland, Washington, D.C., the panhandle of West Virginia and Bermuda.

The conference will include separate clergy and laity sessions, preaching, Bible study, Ordination of new pastors, honoring clergy retirees, a memorial service honoring those who have died in the previous year, and business sessions including voting on the 2019 budget.

Pastor Bob and Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer will be representing Salem at the conference.

Pastoral Appointments of Local Interest

LaTrelle Easterling, Bishop of the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church, has announced

the following pastoral appointments effective July 1, 2018.

Williamsport

Rev. Susan Boehl, transferred from Williamsport UMC in Williamsport, to La Plata UMC in La Plata.

Rev. Ray Roberson, transferred to Williamsport UMC in Williamsport, from Mt. Nebo UMC in Boonsboro.

Boonsboro

Rev. Ray Roberson, transferred from Mt. Nebo UMC in Boonsboro, to Williamsport UMC in Williamsport.

(As of this writing, Mt. Nebo's new pastor has not been announced.)

Middletown

Rev. Beth A. Hutton, transferred from Middletown UMC as an associate pastor, to Calvary UMC in Gamber, MD.

Rev. Evelyn Rivera, transferred to Middletown UMC in Middletown as the associate pastor, from Hughes UMC in Wheaton.

Hagerstown

Rev. Curtis Ehr Gott, transferred from Grace UMC in Hagerstown, to Concord-St. Andrews UMC in Bethesda.

Rev. Margaret Clemons, transferred to Grace UMC in Hagerstown, from Bowie UMC in Bowie.

The above list is as of April 16, 2018. Additional appointments are likely.

Pastor Retirements

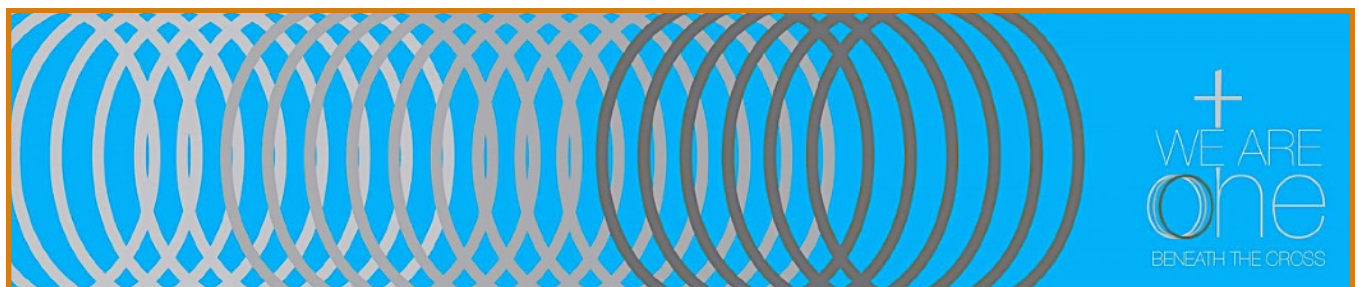
Rev. Terri Rae Chattin


Among the 23 pastors retiring from the Baltimore-Washington Conference is Rev. Terri Rae Chattin.

Terri Rae (known to many as T.R.) was our District Superintendent in 2008, and she worked to make Salem a "single station church," which had been a goal of Salem's for many years.

She is currently Senior Pastor at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Sykesville, MD, until her retirement June 30, 2018.

WE ARE ONE • BENEATH THE CROSS





Attendance Offerings

March 2018

		Worship*		Sunday School		Average Attendance		
		Attendance	Offerings	Attendance	Offerings	Worship	Sunday School	Total
Mar	4	80	\$2,079.51	53	\$197.00	92	58	150
Mar	11	96	2,413.00	67	155.50	80	51	131
Mar	18	96	1,968.00	51	79.00	79	48	127
Mar	25	97	2,848.00	61	353.00	90	58	148
		94		61		94	58	152

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

- Missions: \$1,239.10
- Cemetery Endowment: \$180.00

- Building Fund: \$390.00
- Building Addition: \$100.00

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

Average Attendance Jan-Mar 2018

Sunday Worship: 84
Sunday School: 52

Salem's Trustees involved in many projects

At a recent Church Council meeting, Gary Barkdoll, Chair of Salem's Board of Trustees, reported on the following projects being worked by the Trustees:

Shrubbery

The shrubbery in the church front yard was placed there many years ago in memory of life-long Salem member Marjorie Martin, who died in November of 1988. The shrubbery was a slow-growing variety, but some of the pieces, although pruned regularly, have now become too large and out of shape for the space. The shrubbery will be removed, replaced and rededicated to Marjorie.

Front Doors

The front doors on the vestibule have issues which cannot be repaired, so the doors need to be replaced.

Well Head

The well head on the church's water well has been repaired by Keyser-Garver.

Water Test

As a precaution, the well water has been tested and the test results came back clear.

Central Air Conditioning

A proposal has been issued requesting bids to install central air conditioning in the social room and kitchen. The window air conditioner units, which were used in the social room, will be installed in classrooms on the lower level.

Cemetery

The spring cemetery cleanup will occur when weather permits. The Trustees and other church volunteers will also work on cemetery trees and are considering ways to widen the cemetery road. The trees in the new cemetery section will be sprayed.

Defibrillator

A defibrillator has been purchased and installed in the church hallway. The instructions are easy to follow. A short video will be shown to the congregation.

Stained Glass Windows

Gary Barkdoll presented plans to the congregation for the stained glass windows which are being considered for the sanctuary. (See the April issue, page 4, of *The Mountain Shepherd* for additional details.)

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.

Salem to Honor Graduates

Middletown High School (Graduation Day: May 30, 2018)

Jarred Birriel, Lillian Mueller, Erin O'Connor, and Maggie Williamson

Frostburg State University

Joe Hawkins (Masters in Teaching)

Loyola University, Baltimore

Mark Koons (Masters in Teaching)

Hood College

Karyn Snyder (Masters in Educational Leadership)



[If you know of others graduating, please advise Pastor Bob so that we can honor them as well.]



May

Calendar of Events



- Wed 2 Staff/Parish Relations Committee** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
Thu 3 Board of Trustees meeting - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
Thu 3 UMW "Bee-lievers" - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
Fri 4 All Pro Families Breakfast - 7:30 a.m. at Wolfsville Elementary School
Sun 6 Holy Communion - 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. at Salem
Wed 9 Ladies Night Out - 6:30 p.m. at Mountain Gate Family Restaurant, Thurmont
Thu 10 Board of Child Care Auxiliary Spring Meeting - 10:00 a.m. at Baltimore Campus
Thu 10 Church Council - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
Sat 12 Plant & Food Sale - 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Salem
Sun 13 Mother's Day - Mother's honored at 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. worship
Sun 27 Confirmation Sunday - 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. worship
Sun 27 New Members Luncheon - 12:30 p.m. at Salem
Wed-Fri 30 - June 1 BWC Annual Conference in Baltimore

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 206 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.

Board of Child Care Auxiliary Spring Meeting set for May 10

■ By Dawn Nelson

Friends and family— you are invited to the Board of Child Care Auxiliary Annual Spring Meeting on Thursday, May 10, 2018, 10 a.m. to noon, then lunch to follow (cost \$15).

The meeting will be held at the Board of Child Care Baltimore Campus Conference Center, 3300 Gaither Road, Baltimore. New this year, the meeting will be teleconferenced from the Gaither Road Campus to other locations, such as the Falling Waters Campus in Martinsburg, West Virginia.

Guest speaker will be Ms. Laurie Anne Spagnola, President and CEO of the Board of Child Care.

◊ News and Notes ◊

Lay Readers Needed

We are seeking volunteers to be Lay Readers during the 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service.

The Lay Reader does three things during the service: (1) Opening Prayer, (2) Lord's Prayer, and (3) Scripture Reading.

You will read on a rotating basis along with 13 other volunteers who are currently in the rotation.

During the week, prior to the Sunday you are reading, Pastor Bob will advise you of the scripture so you can do some advance preparation before reading on Sunday.

If you would like to be added to the Lay Reader rotation, please advise Pastor Bob or Bill Burrier.

Salem Mission Project No. 10

Requesting Prayer for Nicaragua

Ronnie & Angi Hopkins, serving in Nicaragua with TMS-Global, requests prayer for Nicaragua.

Anti-government demonstrations in Nicaragua have unfortunately turned violent. The protests and accompanying violence has spread to several major cities

with looting going on. People have been advised to stay at home, which Ronnie and Angi are doing. Angi was especially concerned because Ronnie and the youth leaders were on their way back from a trip to the river . . . they arrived in Managua, and thankfully arrived home safely.

Men's Ministry being formed

Bill Weaver is feeling God's leading to form a men's ministry at Salem.

An invitation has gone out for a get-together to discuss this ministry on Sunday evening, April 29th, at the church pavilion.

The invitation states, "Bring your most comfortable lawn chair as we gather round the fireplace to seek God's direction.

"We are calling ourselves "Salem Iron Men" (SIM) devoted to fulfill Christ's commission to encourage and disciple one another to be Godly men and mentors to young men.

"Prayerfully consider this question, What part may God be calling me to play in this ministry opportunity?"

—Bill Weaver, 301-730-7247

Who's Doing What, When?

9:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP		MAY	
Lay Readers 6 - Fonda Gormer 13 - Steve Leatherman 20 - Patrick Boyton 27 - Dennis Leatherman	Ushers 6 - Dick Kline & Steve Leatherman 13 - Vernon Stottlemeyer & Robin Haupt 20 - Donald Stottlemeyer & Meredith Harshman 27 - Philip Koons & Brandon Leatherman	Music 6 - Sara Weitzel 13 - Praise Band 20 - Sara Weitzel 27 - Sara Weitzel	
Greeters 6 - Andrea Palmer 13 - Bill & Joyce Weaver 20 - George, Barbie & Matt Stottlemeyer 27 - Bill & Darlene Burrier	Acolytes 6 - Loralli Cortijo-Snyder 13 - Noah Taveras 20 - Kenslie Buhrman 27 - 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 May 13 - Works in Progress Praise Band May 27 - Works in Progress Praise Band	

It's Your Day!

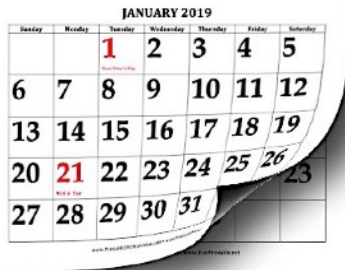
May Anniversaries

- 19 - Joshua & Tracey Gormer
- 20 - Deane & Patty Weagley
- 21 - Bobby & Mary Fogle

May Birthdays

- 2 - Mandy Mellott
- 2 - Leann Eccard-Crutchley
- 6 - Mark Burrier
- 7 - Austin Main
- 8 - Anita Harshman
- 11 - Steve Leatherman
- 13 - Loralli Cortijo-Snyder
- 17 - Deane Weagley
- 17 - Elijah Sowers
- 18 - Cindy Draper
- 19 - Brandon Leatherman
- 20 - Abigail Weagley
- 24 - Nelson Hipkins
- 25 - Sam Zimmerman
- 26 - Sharon Hipkins
- 27 - Lillian Hill
- 30 - Bobby Fogle Jr.

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



Bee-lievers seeking old pictures for anniversary calendar

By Fonda Gormer
 The Bee-lievers Women's Group is planning a calendar for Salem's 200th anniversary in 2019.

We are looking for old pictures of the church, church activities, groups of members, etc. to include in the calendar.

We plan to have the calendar completed in time for this year's Lord's Acre Festival, so it is important that you check for pictures you are willing to share, NOW. Your pictures will be returned to you.

Please submit any pictures you have to Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer or me by **June 15**.

Thank you in advance for supporting this project.

Next year we will be celebrating
200 years of ministry in Wolfsville.
1819-2019

Holy Communion

Sunday, May 6

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.

Life doesn't come with a manual . . .
 it comes with a mother.



Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman



INSPIRATIONAL
Reading

Happy Mother's Day

God's Helpers

By George W. Wiseman

God could not be in every place
With loving hands to help erase
The teardrops from each baby's face,
And so He thought of mother.

He could not send us here alone
And leave us to a fate unknown;
Without providing for His own,
The outstretched arms of mother.

God could not watch us night and day
And kneel beside our crib to pray,
Or kiss our little aches away;
And so He sent us mother.

And when our childhood days began,
He simply could not take command.
That's why He placed our tiny hand
Securely into mother's.

The days of youth slipped quickly by,
Life's sun rose higher in the sky.
Full grown were we, yet ever nigh
To love us still, was mother.

And when life's span of years shall end,
I know that God will gladly send,
To welcome home her child again,
That ever-faithful mother.

True Faith

By Harold F. Mohn

True faith in God will help you
To higher goals attain,
And the faith you place in Him
Is never placed in vain.

True faith must be most steadfast
Each hour of every day,
And you will find new inner strength
Each step along the way.

True faith must be your guiding light
In all you ever do,
And you will find it is the key
To brighten life for you.

For the Lord's word is true; all His works are trustworthy. — *Psalm 33:4*



RECIPE



Jell-O Cookie Gems

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| 1 pkg. (8 oz.) Cream Cheese,
softened | 2 1/4 cups flour |
| 3/4 cup butter, softened | 1 pkg. (3 oz.) Jell-O Raspberry
Flavor Gelatin |
| 1 cup granulated sugar | 1/2 teaspoon baking soda |
| 2 teaspoons vanilla | 2 tablespoons powdered sugar |

Directions

Beat first 4 ingredients in large bowl with mixer until blended. Mix flour, dry gelatin mix and baking soda; gradually add to cream cheese mixture, mixing well after each addition. Refrigerate 30 minutes.

Heat oven to 375 degrees. Roll dough into 60 (1-inch) balls. Place, 2 inches apart, on baking sheets sprayed with cooking spray.

Bake 9 to 11 minutes or until edges are lightly browned. Cool on baking sheets 2 minutes. Remove to wire racks; cool completely.

Sprinkle with powdered sugar just before serving.

Caroline Buhrman made this for the Bee-lievers recipe exchange.



In honor of MEMORIAL DAY, Salem Church recognizes our nation's veterans who are buried at Salem's Cemetery. The church will place flags at these grave sites.

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| Lloyd Bear | Robert Woodrow Heefner | Raymond W. Kline |
| Robert Bear | William H. Horn | Merhle K. Martin |
| Howard Brandenburg | Agnes Kemerer | Ronald L. McLucas |
| Aaron Craver | Verne F. Kemerer | Joseph M. Nusbaum |
| Rodger Lee Eccard | Alvey G. Kline | William H. Shuff |
| Joseph R. Farsht | Ary M. Kline | Gaither E. Stotelmyer |
| Elmer R. Finneyfrock | Carroll M. Kline | Daniel Bruce Warrenfeltz |
| James Richard Frey | Floyd Ray Kline | Paul Weiss |
| Harold G. Harne | Gaither W. Kline | |
| Francis C. Harshman | Lawrence S. Kline | |

Memorial Day Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father:

With a sober heart we come before You this Memorial Day. We pause for a moment and call to mind all the men and women who have died in the service of our nation since 1776.

Dear God, please look with mercy on our brave and selfless brothers and sisters, who did not shirk from their task but gave themselves completely to the cause of defending and protecting us all. Bless all who have given their lives

for the sake of liberty, and grant them eternal rest with You.

We remember also our brave men and women now serving in our Armed Forces, both at home and abroad. Dear God, send out Your angels to protect them all. Help them discharge their duties honorably and well. Please bring them safely home to their families and loved ones. Please bring Your peace and mercy to our troubled world.

We ask this, Father, in the name of Jesus, Your Son. Amen



Message from the Pastor and Worship in May

■ By PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER

More spring-like weather seems to be gradually breaking through. I think we're all ready for it! During May, the seven week Season of Easter comes to completion.

The Seventh Sunday of Easter on May 13 is also called Ascension Sunday. Forty days after his resurrection, Jesus ascended into heaven, promising to send the Holy Spirit.

On Sunday, May 20, we celebrate Pentecost when God sent the Holy Spirit into the church empowering us to be the people of God.

The following Sunday, May 27, is Trinity Sunday when we focus on the greatness of the one God in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

One of our youths will be baptized that Sunday, one confirmed, and we'll have several adults be received as new members. Please plan to attend the luncheon in their honor following services that Sunday. Enjoy spring!

God Bless. —Pastor Bob

May 6 – Sixth Sunday of Easter “Obey”

John 15:9-17

John 15:10a – “If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love.”

Despite what we do, God continues to offer us his love. When we disobey, we make the choice to turn from the love God offers. In those times, we separate ourselves from God.

In these verses, our Lord is telling us that the result of our obeying his command to love one another is an experience of joy made complete (15:11).

God chooses us and walks with us through life as our best friend, helping us to obey and experience joy. Submitting to Christ's Lordship frees us from the burden of sin and allows us to be free to live full, complete, joyful lives.



May 13 - Ascension Sunday

Mother's Day

“Lord, Open My Mind to Understand”

Luke 24:44-53

Luke 24:45 – “Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.”

Think about this. The eleven remaining apostles had been chosen by Jesus, had been with him for three years, and had been first-hand witnesses to his teaching, healings, and other miracles.

When he was still alive, Jesus had told them on several occasions that he would suffer, die, and be raised. All that had come to pass and now the resurrected Lord appeared to them to show them his wounds and reassure them – all so they would believe in him and follow him.

And still they questioned and hesitated. Jesus, himself, had to “open their minds so they could understand.”

We're still in need of Jesus opening our minds to understand.

May 20 – Pentecost “Empowered”

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

John 16:13 – “But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth.”

Sometimes in our fractured world, it doesn't seem like the Holy Spirit is at work in the world, guiding humankind into the truth.

But that is just what these verses are telling us. The Holy Spirit is at work in our midst, bringing about the kingdom of God. How do we get on board?

Even getting on board requires God's help. We can't do it on our own. So we're called to surrender to God, remain close to God, and look for God's activity in the world to see it for what it is – guiding us into all truth.

When we see God at work our faith increases, and as our faith increases we're able to see God at work in our lives and the world even more.

May 27 – Trinity Sunday

Confirmation

Receiving New Members

“Made New in Christ”

John 3:1-17

John 3:16 – “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

Today we celebrate a baptism, a confirmation of one's baptism, and the receiving of new members.

It is a joyous day! What is happening this day is only possible because God so loves us that he gave up Jesus to die for us.

God made the decision freely, we don't deserve this gift of forgiveness and life, and all we can do is accept it and believe in and follow Jesus as our Lord and Savior.

Every day God is at work in our lives, continuing to make us new in Christ; to become more like Christ and to live more like Christ lived.

God gave up Jesus not only to save us but to transform the world into the kingdom of God.



Scenes from the

Holy Week & Easter Celebration at Salem



The Last Supper

Photo by Bill Burrier



MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 2018 — From left, Denny Leatherman (James the Lesser), Patrick Boyton (Bartholomew), Vernon Stottlemeyer (Andrew), Richard Harshman (Judas), Dennis Draper (Peter), Robin Haupt (John), Jim Laky (Jesus), George Stottlemeyer (Thomas), Gary Barkdoll (James the Greater), Steve Leatherman (Matthew), Bobby Fogle (Philip), Donald Stottlemeyer (Thaddeus), and Brandon Leatherman (Simon the Zealot).

Saturday, March 31, 2018

Community Easter Egg Hunt

■ By Caroline L. Buhrman

It was a beautiful day for the Easter egg hunt. I hope everyone enjoyed a great time of fun and fellowship.

The young people were divided into two age groups to find eggs filled with candy treats and some with both candies and quarters that are donated each year. After the eggs were found, prizes were given and it was time for refreshments.

Many thanks to those who donated candies, quarters, baked goods, snacks, drinks, etc. Thank you to Richard Harshman who once again donated five gold dollar coins. Thanks to the youth who hid eggs and to my faithful kitchen crew for getting everything together and for also cleaning up after the festivities.

It is always a joy each year to see the young ones and the adults enjoy themselves on a beautiful Saturday afternoon.

Photo by Wanda Barkdoll



Liz Waite, at right, introduces the Hero's Club students and helpers to the congregation at Salem's Easter Sunday Children's Program.



Photo by Jim Laky

The Children's Choir sang two songs during the Easter Sunday Children's Program: "How Great Is Our God" (featuring Loralli and Katie) and "Jump, Shout!" Sara Weitzel is the Children's Choir Director. Donna Snyder accompanied on the guitar.

Photo by Wanda Barkdoll



The Hero's Club put on a short skit for the Easter Sunday Children's Program. A BIG "thank you" goes to the Draper Family, Gabriel Family, Stover Family, Henry Family, and Lebowitz Family for making this first attempt at a skit such a success! You all Rock my Socks! —Liz Waite

Sunday, April 15, 2018

Salem Youth Group holds "Senior Appreciation Luncheon"

■ By Wanda Barkdoll

The Faith Builders youth group members were blessed to be able to serve approximately 36 seniors and wonderful people from our church and community.

The theme this year was Luau and some of our youth dressed with the typical Hawaiian attire. We had a skit performed by Donna Snyder and Denny Leatherman. Noah and Christopher dressed with typical Luau outfits. We gave all our guests a lei and we provided them with pulled pork, Hawaiian sweet bread, scallop potatoes, salad, pineapple upside-down cake, ice cream, tea and soda.

We are looking forward to next year's senior luncheon with a Japanese Hibachi theme.

The theme was Hawaiian Luau
Photos submitted by Wanda Barkdoll



Wolfsville Resident



A Tribute to Mabel A. Wolfe — June 6, 1928 - April 17, 2018

Funeral services for Mabel Arabella Wolfe, 89, were held at Salem on April 23, 2018. Burial was in the Wolfsville Reformed Cemetery. The following are excerpts from Pastor Bob Snyder's remarks at the funeral.

■ By Pastor Bob Snyder

Mabel was 89— would have been 90 on June 6th. She lived a good, long life.

She was doing well until about Thanksgiving. Living pretty independently, still driving and getting out and about. On Sunday mornings, as she came through the receiving line at church, I knew where she was headed next – to breakfast with the family. She really seemed to like doing that.

These last few months were more difficult for her. She couldn't be out and about much. But I imagine it really helped her and meant a lot to her to be cared for in a family member's home; in Vicki's home where she died peacefully early in the morning last Tuesday. Vicki and Jerry were both there that night and that was a blessing.

Mabel Arabella Wolfe. I like that middle name, Arabella. In 1928, she was born in a log cabin, over in Smoketown, about where Route I-70 is now. She was the youngest daughter and the second youngest of all sixteen children.

Her mom died giving birth. Her dad remarried and the two families were blended together. They were land rich but money poor as were many families back then. Mabel graduated from Mt. Lena School, not too far from here.

She worked in a sanatorium for a while; back when sanatoriums were important places for people to rest and heal and be cared for. Mabel was a caring person – I can see her working in a sanatorium. Helping people get through their time of need.

Victor had an excavating business and he'd follow the work around. Vicki was born in Baltimore. Jerry was born in Pittsburgh. Then the family moved to Dunkirk, NY for a while; between Erie, PA and Buffalo, NY. And then on to the

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

northern part of the state, to Plattsburg, NY, near Lake Champlain. It's there that Vicki and Jerry grew up.

Dad would do his excavating work - foundations for houses, tanks for gas stations, and the like. Mom did all the billing for the business. They were a team.

Then they decided to build and run a trailer court. Victor's expertise came in real handy there and Mabel would make coffee and always have people over to talk. Mabel was a very social person and her hospitality and good nature kept people coming back to visit.

The family attended the local Nazarene church, nearby their home, and maybe that's where the tradition of going to get something to eat after church got started. The kids remember after services going to the nearby bakery where they'd get eclairs and other such things.

The time for transition came again. When Route 87 was being built in NY, it was to run right through the Wolfe property, so they sold and moved back here. It was also a good opportunity to be closer to family, so they decided to make the move.

Victor went into business for a while. They had horses. They liked to go to auctions. Victor and Mabel had a summer place in Florida and they'd go there for the winter months. They took

trips in their Winnebago to locations in the Southwest and events like the Daytona 500.

Victor died in 2011. He was 91. For some time, he was in the Reeders care facility over in Boonsboro. Mabel would faithfully go there every day to be with him and help care for him.

When asked what words come to mind to describe Mabel, family members have shared the words social, she liked people, caring, peacemaker (she didn't like conflict), upbeat, and faithful. Listening to the family share these thoughts, you could tell Mabel was loved by her family and had made a positive difference in their lives.

As well as honoring Mabel, 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?"

Mabel 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?

Maybe there's something about Mabel 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. 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.

Last, thank you Mabel for being you, and for all that you've done for us. We'll miss you a lot, but your love, your example, and the fond memories we have of you will help sustain us as we live out the rest of our lives. Amen.

The 50th Anniversary of the United Methodist Church

IT'S BEEN 50 YEARS since the Evangelical United Brethren (EUB) Church merged with the Methodist Church to form the new "United Methodist Church." The photo at right was taken on April 23, 1968, in Dallas, Texas, when church leaders from the EUB and Methodist denominations shook hands as part of the uniting ceremony. At the time of the merger, the Evangelical United Brethren denomination had 750,000 compared to 10.3 million members of the Methodist denomination. Salem's tradition is Evangelical United Brethren and before that United Brethren in Christ. Salem's ministry was founded in 1819 and will celebrate its 200th anniversary next year. A tentative date for the celebration is July 28, 2019.



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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It was just Methuselah's birthday candles again! (See Genesis 5:27)

Some thoughts to ponder . . .

The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother.
— St. Therese of Lisieux

When God solves our problems, we have faith in HIS abilities.
When God doesn't solve our problems, HE has faith in OUR abilities.

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

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— Every Sunday —
9:00 a.m. Traditional
10:15 a.m. Sunday School
11:15 a.m. Contemporary

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