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Salem Honors High School & College Graduates



Photo by Bill Burrier

On Sunday, May 20, 2018, Dennis Leatherman, Salem's Lay Leader, presented each high school graduate with a Life Application Bible; and each college graduate a monetary gift in honor of their achievements. Graduates able to attend were: (front row from left) Lily Mueller, Joe Hawkins, Karyn Snyder, and Becky Leatherman. Back row from left, Pastor Bob Snyder and Dennis Leatherman.

- Middletown High School** (Graduation Day: May 30, 2018)
 - Jarred Birriel will be attending Shippensburg University, majoring in Mechanical Engineering, and will be joining ROTC.
 - Lily Mueller will be attending the University of Maryland "Gemstone Honors Program" due to academic excellence. Majoring in Mechanical Engineering
 - Erin O'Connor will be attending Eastern Kentucky University, and will be studying to be an airline pilot.
 - Maggie Williamson will be attending Frederick Community College.
- Frostburg State University** (Graduation Day: May 24, 2018)
 - Joe Hawkins received a Masters Degree in Teaching.
- Loyola University, Baltimore** (Graduation Day: May 19, 2018)
 - Mark Koons received a Masters Degree in Teaching Music.
- Hood College** (Graduation Day: May 19, 2018)
 - Karyn Snyder received a Masters Degree in Educational Leadership.
- Hagerstown Community College** (Graduation Day: May 12, 2018)
 - Rebecca Leatherman received an Associates Degree in English and will be transferring to Towson University.
- Davis & Elkins College, Elkins, WV** (Graduation Day: May 12, 2018)
 - Austin Main received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Management. He is going to attempt a baseball career.





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Salem Membership Statistics:
Current Membership: 233
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

Salem Mission Project No. 11

Care Net Pregnancy Center of Frederick

We are living in perilous times as Paul describes in 2 Timothy 3:1. These perilous times manifests in the following ways in our pregnancy center world, i.e., attempts to force pregnancy centers to refer for abortion, fake clients, fake calls, fake reviews on Google and Facebook, and a campaign orchestrated to “expose fake centers.” As disturbing as all of this is to our center, I am reminded of our scripture for this year, John 1:5, “The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” We know that darkness will continue to try to overcome in various ways. However, we know that it can never overcome God’s light. We stand on this truth. Our prayer is, as always, that God will use us to minister to our community as His ambassadors to each person we encounter. Thank you for your continued financial support of this center. We are blessed and encouraged by your partnership.



Blessings, *Linda King, Executive Director*

OFFICE HOURS for PASTOR BOB SNYDER

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

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

Wednesday, June 27 through Saturday, June 30, 2018

Large Group of Salem Youth & Adults going to Creation 2018

Salem has been attending the Creation Music Festival in Mt. Union, PA, for more than 25 years. This year's group, about 30 youth and adults, is the largest so far. Many will set up camp to attend the entire 4-day event, some may attend for a day or two, while others may come only for a day. This is a wonderful opportunity to gather with our Christian friends and listen to great Christian music, excellent speakers and seminars. This year marks the 40th Anniversary of the Creation Festival.

Photos of Salem folks at last year's Creation Festival.



CREATION FESTIVAL
A TRIBUTE TO OUR CREATOR

JUNE 27-30 2018

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS
IT WILL BE THE HIGHLIGHT OF YOUR SUMMER MAYBE YOUR LIFE!


MT. UNION, PA

TOBYMAC | FOR KING & COUNTRY
JEREMY CAMP | BETHEL MUSIC
MANDISA | HILLSONG YOUNG & FREE
DISCIPLE | HAWK NELSON
JORDAN FELIZ | KB | NORTH POINT
INSIDEOUT | BURLAP TO CASHMERE
HOLLYN | ASHES REMAIN
PROJECT 86 | CPR BAND: CLASSIC
PETRA RETURNS | GLASSLANDS
RANDY STONEHILL | LOVECOLLIDE
BREAD OF STONE | DJ MAJ | DEEP
VALLEYS | DEATH THERAPY
DEATHBREAKER | CANNON | ADAM AGE
RED LETTER HYMNAL | DREW SMITH
THE DREAM | ABIGAIL DUHON | THE
YOUTH PROJECT | T-JONES | WANDE
JORDAN COPAS | SWINGIN HAMMERS
BRIAN CAMPBELL | THE BIRDSONGS
WILLOWDALE | KEVIN YOUNG WORSHIP
SORENSEN | THE LOWLY HEIRS | DANA
ISLES & FACEDOWN | ALIVE CITY
ALLAN SCOTT BAND | TIM & THE
GLORY BOYS | AC, JR & BRADY JAMES
WILLIAM & MEGAN PEREZ
BRIGHTWORK | WILD HARBOORS
E. DANIELS | THE EX-NIHILO
COLLECTIVE | SHANNON BUTCHER
THE REVIVED | CALL ME FOUND
MERCY SHORE | THRIVING SEAS
MONIQUE TEREZ | AMANDA LEININGER
KATY DAHL | TYLAR MOE | LOGAN
PECK | THE OKERS | THE DONUTMAN
MARIAN & FRIENDS | THISWAYUP
JESSE ROTHACKER | GORDAN
DOUGLAS | GRETCHEN & HEIDI
SPEAKERS TONY NOLAN | ABDU
MURRAY | REID SAUNDERS | JD VITALE
HEATH ADAMSON | PRESTON
CENTUOLO | VINCE VITALE
MICHELLE TEPPER | TODD WHITE
ALYCIA WOOD | TERRENCE TALLEY
CARRIE MAURIO | RAY GARCIA
KEVIN YOUNG | PHILL BRAKE
JASON OSTRANDER | BEN COMER
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HUE | BRETT BUTCHER | SAM
THEVANATADAM | KURT WEAVER

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Photos by Wanda Barkdoll



Attendance Offerings

April 2018

		Worship*		Sunday School		Average Attendance	
		Attendance	Offerings	Attendance	Offerings	Worship	Sunday School
Apr	1	133	\$2,405.75	62	\$173.60	98	55
Apr	8	101	2,901.00	58	173.00	92	58
Apr	15	87	2,002.50	48	75.41	80	51
Apr	22	78	2,291.00	49	103.00	79	48
Apr	29	89	2,540.00	56	134.00	90	58

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


- Missions: \$1,931.00
- Cemetery Endowment: \$225.00

- Building Fund: \$480.00
- Building Addition: \$125.00

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

Average Attendance Jan-Apr 2018

Sunday Worship: 88
Sunday School: 53



BUILDING COMMITTEE

Melissa Thornton (Chair)	Fonda Gormer	Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer
Michael Burrier (Secretary)	Kathy Laky	Vernon Stottlemeyer (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 Church in order to enhance our ministries.

So far, the committee has toured the Rouzerville United Methodist Church's recently built multi-use space, surveyed our congregation on the priorities for a building project, and has reviewed several concept drafts created by architect, George Harne.

Our next steps, as a committee, are to:

- (1) Get some cost estimates for a building expansion that meets the current and future needs as identified in the survey; and,
- (2) 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 by phone at 301-508-7165, or by email at mrthornton79@gmail.com with any questions or concerns about the potential building project.

Old Pictures Wanted to Copy

■ By Fonda Gormer

The Salem Bee-lievers are planning a calendar for 2019 to celebrate the 200th anniversary of Salem Church. They would like to incorporate pictures of church activities from the past. If you have any pictures from previous events that you think would be of interest, please submit them to me or Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer **by June 15**. Pictures will be returned to you as soon as we have scanned them. The plan is to have the calendars completed in time for purchase at this year's Lord's Acre Festival.



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.



June

Calendar of Events



- Fri 1 All Pro Families Breakfast** - 7:30 a.m. at Wolfsville Elementary School
- Sun 3 Holy Communion** - 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. at Salem
- Tue 5 Staff/Parish Relations Committee** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Thu 7 Board of Trustees meeting** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Thu 7 UMW "Bee-lievers"** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Sun 10 Salem Iron Men** - 7:00—8:30 p.m. at the Salem pavilion
- Thu 14 Church Council** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Sun 17 Father's Day** - Father's honored at 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. worship
- Wed 20 Building Committee meeting** - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
- Sun 24 Salem Iron Men** - 7:00—8:30 p.m. at the Salem pavilion
- Wed-Sat 27-30 Creation Music Festival** - Mt. Union, PA

Recurring Events: Hero's Club After School Ministry is held every MONDAY when school is in session
 Food Pantry is open every TUESDAY 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Salem
 Praise Band practices 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 207 of our readers via e-mail when our newsletter is posted online. Our desire is to obtain as many e-mail addresses as possible.
- Pick Up Paper Copy at Church** — We are printing 85 copies for members who do not have e-mail and can pick up their copies at church.
- First Class Mail** — We are mailing up to 30 copies, using the 50 cents First Class postage rate.

Central Air Conditioning being installed in Salem's social room and church kitchen

Salem's Board of Trustees recently issued a bid request for installation of central air conditioning in the church's social room and kitchen.

Of the three responses received, Myers Heating and Cooling, Inc., Frederick, MD, was the lowest bidder and was selected to perform the work.

The contractor began work on May 15th. The new system will employ heat pumps which will provide heating and cooling. The room was previously heated by wall-attached electric heaters and cooled with window air conditioning units. (The window units will be installed in classrooms on the lower level.)

Lord's Acre profits will fund the work. Interestingly, 18 years ago, Myers Heating and Cooling also installed the air conditioning system in Salem's sanctuary.



Photo by Bill Burrier

Plant and Food Sale a Great Success

Salem's United Methodist Women's Group, the "Bee-lievers," held their annual plant and food sale on Saturday, May 12, 2018. The beautiful flowers were hand-selected by Barbie Stottlemeyer and Family who traveled to Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, where they purchased hundreds of plants from 8 to 10 Mennonite and Amish nurseries. Pictured above are Salem member Petie Stup (right) making her selections with her sister Cathie Pappert, who was visiting from Richmond, VA. Profit from plant sales totaled \$1,280 and food sales \$575. Our thanks to the Wolfsville community for supporting this event.

Who's Doing What, When?

9:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP		JUNE	
Lay Readers 3 - Robin Haupt 10 - Donald Stottlemeyer 17 - Gary Barkdoll 24 - Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer	Ushers 3 - Dick Kline & Steve Leatherman 10 - Vernon Stottlemeyer & Robin Haupt 17 - Donald Stottlemeyer & Meredith Harshman 24 - Philip Koons & Brandon Leatherman	Music 3 - Sara Weitzel 10 - Praise Band 17 - Sara Weitzel 24 - Sara Weitzel	
Greeters 3 - Brandon and Jessie Leatherman & Girls 10 - Holly Rippeon 17 - George, Barbie & Matt Stottlemeyer 24 - Bill & Joyce Weaver	Acolytes 3 - Loralli Cortijo 10 - Noah Taveras 17 - Kenslie Buhrman 24 - 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 June 10 - Works in Progress Praise Band June 24 - Works in Progress Praise Band	

It's Your Day!

June Anniversaries

- 4 - Jamie & Amber Breneman
- 7 - Tim & Mary Brown
- 8 - Kenneth & Dianna Poling
- 19 - Brandon & Jessie Leatherman
- 22 - Jim & Kim Bullock
- 25 - Vernon & Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer

June Birthdays

- 1 - Emily Burrier
- 2 - Richard Freysz
- 2 - Bob Stup
- 3 - Andrea Palmer
- 3 - Barbara Palmer
- 6 - Jonathan Gormer
- 11 - Joyce Weaver
- 12 - Petie Stup
- 13 - Cheyenne Leatherman
- 19 - George Harne
- 22 - Hunter Hebeisen
- 23 - Seth Hipkins
- 23 - Jeremiah Sowers
- 24 - Casey Weddle
- 26 - Christi Beall
- 26 - Justin Brown
- 26 - Paul McCormick
- 27 - George Stottlemeyer

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

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.

Ladies (and men) enjoy night out

■ By Fonda Gormer

Thirty-nine women enjoyed the annual Ladies Night Out on May 9, at Mountain Gate Family Restaurant. The theme for the evening was Philippians 4:8 –“Focus your thoughts on these things: all that is true, all that is holy, all that is just, all that is pure, all that is lovely, and all that is worthy of praise.” There were games relating to cleanliness and purity, white flowers for prizes, and, of course, a great buffet meal.

There were also sixteen Salem men sharing the meal in another room of the restaurant.

Holy Communion

Sunday, June 3

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.

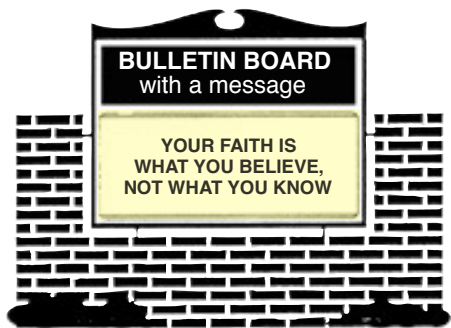
- Pecan Cinnamon Sticky Buns: \$12 a dozen
- Apple Pie (9-inch): \$10 each

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.

Mark your calendar

**WOLFSVILLE COMMUNITY
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Mon-Fri • July 9-13 • 6:30–8:30 p.m.



Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman



Happy Father's Day

Fathers Are Wonderful People

By Helen Steiner Rice

Fathers are wonderful people
 Too little understood,
 And we do not sing their praises
 As often as we should...

For, somehow, Father seems to be
 The man who pays the bills,
 While Mother binds up little hurts
 And nurses all our ills...

And Father struggles daily
 To live up to 'his image'
 As protector and provider
 And 'hero of the scrimmage'...

And perhaps that is the reason
 We sometimes get the notion,
 That Fathers are not subject
 To the thing we call emotion,

But if you look inside Dad's heart,
 Where no one else can see
 You'll find he's sentimental
 And as 'soft' as he can be...

But he's so busy every day
 In the grueling race of life,
 He leaves the sentimental stuff
 To his partner and his wife...

But Fathers are just wonderful
 In a million different ways,
 And they merit loving compliments
 And accolades of praise,

For the only reason Dad aspires
 To fortune and success
 Is to make the family proud of him
 And to bring them happiness...

And like Our Heavenly Father,
 He's a guardian and a guide,
 Someone that we can count on
 To be always on our side.

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

No one loves us like our Father.



RECIPE



Pumpkin Spice Chex Mix

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| ¼ cup brown sugar | 2 cups Cinnamon Chex cereal |
| 1 tablespoon pumpkin pie spice | 2 cups Wheat Chex cereal |
| ¼ cup butter | 2 cups Honey Nut Chex cereal |
| 2 teaspoons vanilla | 8 ounces pecans |

Steps:

In a small bowl, mix brown sugar and pumpkin pie spice; set aside. In a small microwave-safe dish, microwave butter on High about 30 seconds, until melted. Stir in vanilla.

In a large microwaveable bowl, mix all cereals and pecans. Pour butter mixture over cereal mixture, stirring until evenly distributed. Add sugar and spice mixture and stir until coated.

Microwave uncovered on High 5 minutes or until mixture begins to brown, stirring every minute. Spread on wax paper or cookie sheet to cool. Store in an airtight container.

NOTE: I used 7 cups of a mixture of cereals that I had on hand—Corn Chex, Cinnamon Chex and Honey Nut Cheerios; use whatever you may have. The original recipe is from chex.com.

Fonda Gormer made this snack for Salem's Family Game Night and some folks requested the recipe.



A Graduation Poem from Mother to Son

Time Flew By So Quickly

By Judy Muldowney

We can't begin to tell you Just how loved you are We can't believe how time has flown And how you've come so far.	We flip through all your notes and cards And pictures that you drew Recall your quips and humor 'Unique', dear son, that's you!
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Forgive us when we stop and stare And tears fall from our eyes Time flew by so quickly Sure took us by surprise.	There are no doubts within our minds That you'll indeed succeed Your future holds so much in store But 'that smile' is all you need.
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We asked you to stay little To always be our baby You said, "I'll try if I can, but, I'll have to grow up...maybe."	You've always been so gentle, So loving, kind and giving Having you as our son, Is another term for 'living.'
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Now here you stand before us A respectful, honest man Strong-willed and determined Who always says, "I can."	No matter where life leads you No matter what you do We'll always be your biggest fans And we'll be here for you.
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"Thank You" from the Brandenburg Family

The Brandenburgs would like to thank the congregation for their expressions of sympathy in the loss of Howard Brandenburg. We appreciate all the cards, prayers, and personal contacts.

To the Bee-lievers and those who helped with the service and meal following the funeral . . . thank you so much. The meal was delicious and allowed a time for people to share and visit with each other, especially for Mother who missed the public viewing the night before.



Message from the Pastor and Worship in June

■ By PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER

On June 21st, we will transition from spring to summer. The plants in our gardens will really take hold and begin to bear fruit. New life is all around us!

During May, we celebrated graduations, a baptism, confirmation, and receiving new members. We also remembered our Savior's mighty acts on Ascension Sunday and Pentecost, when Jesus ascended into heaven, formed the church, and sent the Holy Spirit into us and into the world to empower us to live as his disciples and transform the world.

Late spring and early summer are a great time for us to take the next steps in faith that God has been calling us to take, and to bear our own good fruit. Fruit that will honor God, uplift others, and bring meaning into our lives. As the saying goes, let's "flourish where we're planted."

Enjoy the coming days!
God Bless. —Pastor Bob

June 3 – Holy Communion “Honoring the Old, Being Open to the New”

Mark 2:23-3:6

Mark 2:24 – “The Pharisees said to him, ‘Look, why are they doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?’”

Sometimes we'll look at something that someone is suggesting and wonder or say, “Why?” or “We haven't done it that way before.”

The religious leaders of Jesus' day were looking upon Jesus and his disciples that way.

Jesus was challenging the way things had been done to bring about new ways — ways that provided the opportunity for God to reach more people.

The healthy church is always in the process of honoring time-tested traditions and searching for new ways of making disciples of Jesus Christ.



June 10 “The Value of a Church Family”

Mark 3:30-35

Mark 3:35 – “Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother.”

In these verses, Jesus' family arrives and they want to see him.

In our own lives, we might picture Jesus as the public figure, at the venue, ready to address the large crowd gathered to hear him.

Jesus' family feels they should have special access to Jesus so they send someone in to get him. They want him to come out to them, greet them, and spend a special moment with them.

The situation set up in these verses is endearing. We can picture ourselves being there. And it's in the midst of this situation that Jesus takes the opportunity to teach an important truth: the value of one's church family.

June 17 “Part of a Larger Whole”

Mark 4:26-34

Mark 4:26b-27 – “A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how.”

With all we do know, there is still much we don't know. I suspect it will always be that way.

Behind all of creation, there is God and “we do not know how” the mind of God works. In our Bible verses today, Jesus taught his disciples about the kingdom of God using everyday stories from their lives (parables).

He taught them that God is ultimately in control. He taught them to advance God's purposes in our own place and with the people around us. He taught them that every person is part of a larger whole.

June 24 “Jesus Still Calms Our Storms” **Mark 4:35-41**

Mark 4:39b – “Quiet! Be still! Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.”

This is a universal story, spanning time and space. With the words “there were also other boats,” we learn that our boat out on the water — our life — is in this story of the storm at sea.

Sometimes our life gets really hard. It feels like we're in the midst of a furious squall with waves coming over the boat so that we're nearly swamped.

Sometimes we cry out, “God, don't you care if I drown?” (4:38b).

And just as Jesus responded to the disciples, he is asking us, “Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?” (4:40).

We're going to experience more storms in our lives in the future. Some will be raging.

But Jesus reassures us today that we can make it safely through them because “Jesus still calms storms.”



At Salem

Wolfsville Vacation Bible School set for July 9–13, 2018

■ By Fonda Gormer

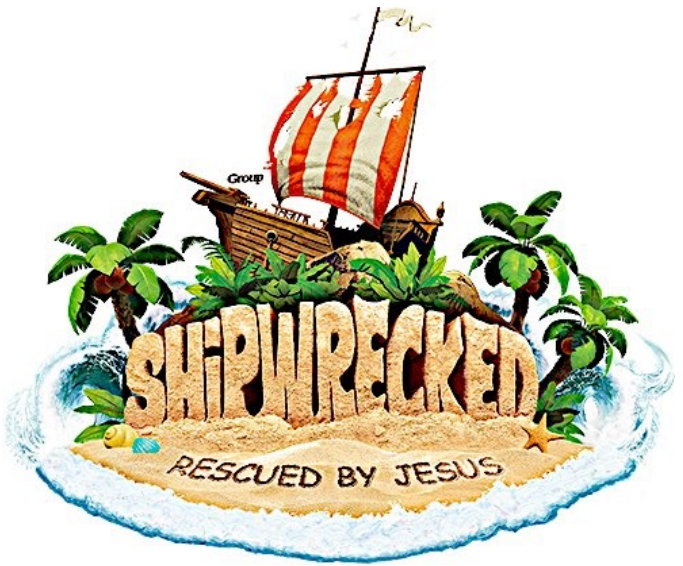
“Shipwrecked-Rescued by Jesus” is the theme for this year’s Wolfsville Community Vacation Bible School, to be held at Salem Church, Monday through Friday, July 9 to 13.

Meeting from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. each evening, the event will feature music, Bible stories and activities, crafts, games and refreshments.

We will be studying parables about lost things, Jesus’ answer to Martha’s worries, events in the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus’ words to the criminal on the cross, and the disciples’ healing of a lame man.

The Vacation Bible School (VBS) is co-sponsored by Salem United Methodist Church, St. Mark’s Lutheran Church and the Wolfsville Ruritan Club. It has been a continuing summer activity for area children since at least 1957. Please pray for VBS, that parents continue to bring their children to learn of God. All children ages 4-12 are invited to attend. Preregistration is not required. Please bring your child and invite a friend.

Volunteers are needed! This is a good opportunity for youth to obtain service learning hours. To volunteer or for more information, contact me by phone at 301-293-2436 or by email at fonda.gormer@comcast.net.



“Salem Iron Men” meeting at the Salem Pavilion

■ By Bill Weaver

Salem’s new men’s ministry, called the “Salem Iron Men” is dedicated to fulfill Christ’s commission to encourage and disciple one another to be Godly men and mentors to young men.

The group’s purpose is based upon Proverbs 27:17, which says, “As Iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.”

Come join us on the second and fourth Sunday’s in June at the Salem Church pavilion as we fellowship and dig into God’s word together.

Our current study is the book, “Wild at Heart” by John Eldredge, along with the Field Manual study guide.

Hope to see you there . . .

Mother’s Honored at Salem

On Mother’s Day, Salem honored each mother with a beautiful geranium to take home and enjoy.

In addition, each mother’s name was written on a slip of paper and placed in a basket. During the children’s message, Pastor Bob asked one of the children to draw two names from the basket.

At the 9:00 a.m. service, the winners were Holly Rippeon and Susan Koons. During the 11:15 a.m. service, the winners were Colleen Carter and Linda Marenic.

United Methodist Pastor Appointments of Local Interest

The following pastors will begin their new appointments on July 1, 2018.

Hopewell, Frederick

Pastor David Fossett

Sandy Hook, Knoxville

Rev. Sharon Lowans

St. Andrews, Hagerstown

Rev. Chris Serufusa

Messiah, Taneytown and Trinity, Emmitsburg

Pastor Richard Baker

Walkersville

Rev. Mike Henning

Lewistown

Pastor Jeff Zalatoris

Mt. Nebo, Boonsboro

Pastor Robert Ruggieri

Grace, Hagerstown

Rev. Margaret Clemons

Middletown (Associate Pastor)

Rev. Evelyn Rivera

Williamsport

Rev. Ray Roberson

Salem Mission Project No.10

Ronnie & Angi send update on Nicaragua events

May 11, 2018

An update on the situation in Nicaragua. What started out in April as a demonstration against a new Social Security law evolved into large scale protests after more than 40 people (many of them students) were killed.

There have been almost daily marches, mostly peaceful, including a huge one last Wednesday which occurred without any incident and which gave us hope. There have been calls for talks between the different groups but so far they have not taken place.

In the meantime, tensions have risen on all sides and last night more violence broke out. The violence includes vandalism against property and attacks against people. People have been advised to stay home and we are doing that as much as possible. We feel safe in our home.

Please join us in prayer that this situation may be resolved peacefully without further violence and loss of life.

Ronnie and Angi Hopkins
TMS-Global, Nicaragua

Mark Your Calendars

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Sunday, July 15, 2018

5:30 p.m.

Salem Pavilion

OUR THANKS to Fonda Gormer for helping to update Salem’s membership records. Several members had passed away without our knowledge, and, due to Fonda’s research, we now have up-to-date records.

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A Tribute to Howard E. Brandenburg — May 18, 1934 - April 21, 2018



Funeral services for Howard E. Brandenburg, 83, were held at Salem on April 26, 2018. Burial was in the Salem Cemetery. The following are excerpts from Pastor Bob Snyder's and Pastor Randy Reid's remarks at the funeral.

■ By Pastor Bob Snyder

Howard Eugene Brandenburg was born on May 18, 1934, in Ringgold. He was the son of the late Evelyn Hays Brandenburg and Roscoe H. Brandenburg. Howard's dad worked for Frick Company, a metal manufacturer. Howard lived the life of a typical boy growing up back then. The lean years of the depression influenced him, as they did many, and he remained frugal throughout his life. Even as a child he was doing his part. At the close of WWII, in 1945, he was awarded a certificate for paper collection to support the war effort. A second certificate of appreciation was by the Automobile Association, awarded to Howard for his work on the Safety Patrol. God gave Howard the gift of helping others and it seems he shared that gift even as a young boy.

When he became old enough, summers were spent working in the orchard fields at Rinehart's and Gardenhour's orchards. He graduated from Smithsburg High School in 1952 and Hagerstown Business College a year later. From 1955-1960, he served as a payroll clerk in the Army and Army Reserves at Hampton Roads, VA.

One Sunday, Howard was in church over in Ringgold. Little did he know at the time that three pews behind him was Betty with her friend Jack. Betty and Jack were just friends and they would go to various church services around the area. On this Sunday, they ended up in Ringgold. Betty noticed Howard sitting those three pews up and she liked what she saw. I asked Betty what the sermon was that night or anything she could remember about the service. She said she didn't have a clue. She couldn't take her eyes off Howard.

The next time they met was in church too. Howard was taking the offering and as he came by her row he smiled at her. They started dating, broke up for a bit, but were then back together again, and in about six months they were married right here at Salem. That was 58 years ago.

They moved to the stone home across

"OTHERS"

*Others, Lord, yes others,
Let this my motto be,
Help to live for others,
That I may live like Thee.*

Refrain from hymn titled "Others"

the street on the corner of Pleasant Walk and Wolfsville Road right across from Harne's Store. It worked out well for them until they had David and he got old enough to venture out and they were afraid he might get hit by a car. So in 1964, they purchased land and built their home on Martin Road. Marlene remembers playing on the big dirt piles as the house was being built. She was ten.

They took in Betty's mom, who lived with them for 20 years. Stephen came along and it was a full, but happy household. Betty so appreciated the wonderful way Howard treated her mom during those years and it was such a good example to the boys. Once again, Howard's help of others shown through. There were always many picnics and going to the lake and annual reunions and the good things of family life.

Howard loved going to eat at Mountain Gate. As a matter of fact, he loved eating period, wherever it was, especially ice cream. I asked him what his favorite kind was and he answered "ice cream" – any kind would do. Whenever ice cream was being served here at church, you could always see Howard walking around with a spoon in his pocket ready to dig in at a moment's notice.

Howard and Betty were always proud of their boys and supported them in all their activities. He provided for the family working as a bookkeeper at Gladhill Furniture Company for 36 years until he retired in 1999. God gave him the gift of being able to do math fast in his head. Sales clerks would come up to him after working with a customer and list a number of items the customer

wanted to purchase and the price of each and Howard would just add everything up in his head and provide the total without writing anything down.

He was known for going out of his way to treat his customers and fellow employees well. Again, helping others shown through. Howard also worked in sales at Grey Concrete Company, J.C. Penny, and L.Z. Derr Store. When Derr's closed their doors, they presented Howard with a special letter of appreciation which served as a letter of recommendation for Howard.

Something you may not know about him during those working years. He rode a motorcycle.

Something else you may not know. There's a picture around of Howard riding a camel in Arizona; in Sedona. Howard was pretty tall. I'll bet he was really up there when he rode that camel. The ride took place on a Gladhill Furniture company trip that he got to go on.

Howard became known as "Happy Howard" to people who spent time with him. Not happy in a frivolous way – Howard was very responsible – but happy in his spirit, always trying to have a positive attitude and make the best of things.

On this last hospital stay, I met Howard and Stephen as Howard was being transferred from the Emergency Room to a regular hospital room. You could tell he wasn't feeling well. The bed was big and heavy and the nurses were doing their best, but kept running into walls and were having a lot of trouble maneuvering the tight spaces. Howard looked at us and said with that twinkle he'd get in his eye, "women drivers."

A few days later, I visited again and he shared, "I just came back from having a CAT scan." If they'd have asked me beforehand I could have told them and saved us all a lot of money. They seemed surprised when nothing showed up on the scan, I could have told them I didn't have any in me but they were determined to scan me for cats!

Howard's positive spirit was

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infectious, I always left visits with him feeling more positive myself.

Howard adored Betty. Not just by telling her so, but through his actions. Again, his love of the other – in this case his dearest one.

ChristyBeth shares that when Howard was living with them for a while, he'd want to go get his haircut on Saturday morning and ChristyBeth would ask what time he wanted to go and he'd say "I want to go at 6 a.m." "Why 6 a.m? Because then I can get in and out and back to be with Betty."

At Williamsport Retirement Village, he arranged for a lift in the maintenance cart to go up the hill from his building to Betty's, to spend the morning with her. On Saturdays, when the cart wasn't available, he'd ask a staff member to walk up the hill with him.

You and I know couples who we look at and can't imagine one without the other. It's like the two really have become one. Betty and Howard were like that.

When he couldn't be with Betty, he got a lot of joy helping out others in his building. Just doing nice thoughtful things for them. He had a fast walk, and I know it scared the staff sometimes. They didn't want him to fall and hurt himself. But walking fast and helping people gave him purpose, it's what he enjoyed doing.

Something else he did was stay close to God. He'd read his Bible and devotionals and watch the preachers on TV. When Howard and Betty were still physically able, they were in church every Sunday and actively participated in the life and work of the congregation.

Howard served faithfully as a trustee and was a member of the Men's Sunday School Class and supported Betty in her work with the Board of Child Care and the Bee-lievers Women's group. You could count on him as one who showed up to help, and showed up with a cheerful smile.

Along with helping others and his positive attitude, for me, Howard is an example of real courage. It's been said that courage is "grace under pressure." These last few years, Howard has shown a good deal of grace under a lot of

"OTHERS"

*Lord, help me live from day to day
In such a self-forgetful way
That even when I kneel to pray
My prayer shall be for- Others.*

Verse 1 from hymn titled "Others"

pressure. In an endearing way, we've spoken about how much Howard enjoyed food, as most of us do.

But two-and-a-half years ago Howard fell and mysteriously couldn't swallow and eat any more. One day he could and the next day, without warning, he couldn't. We held out hope for a good while that his ability to eat would come back. Long hospital stays at Meritus and Hershey Medical Center with gifted doctors trying to figure it out and restore his ability to swallow and eat again, but it wasn't meant to be.

I remember coming to visit him once and out at the front desk there was a big box of donuts and I thought how hard it must be for Howard to have to walk by those donuts and not be able to have one.

But, Howard never allowed his loss of swallowing and eating to break his positive spirit. He remained true to whom God made him to be: helpful to others, always in a cheerful way.

I asked Betty if she could express in a word or phrase what captured who Howard was. She didn't hesitate. She recited, by heart, whole lines from the hymn "Others." Howard was always helping others.

God gave Howard the gift of serving others and he shared his gift with us very well. Well done good and faithful servant.

In addition to honoring God and celebrating Howard's life, today's funeral service also gives us an opportunity to pause and reflect on our own life and our own faith at this time in our lives:

How can we become yet more like Jesus? Live more the way he lived?

Are we continuing to grow as a person and in our faith no matter what our age?

Are we continuing to discover the gifts God has given us and are we serving others through those gifts?

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

Howard is experiencing eternal life with Christ, and with his loved ones who have gone on to glory before him. God wants that for all of us. How is our relationship with God at this time in our lives?

Maybe there's something about Howard we've heard about today or know about him through our own personal experience with him. Some way we would like to be more like him.

Let's not miss this chance. By following his example, we will honor his life and he'll live on through us and in the process we'll become a better person.

We give you thanks and praise, Lord, for sharing Howard with us all these years and all that has meant to us. Amen.

■ By Pastor Randy Reid

It's an honor to be here, and as I reminisced about Howard and thought back over the times when I had the privilege of being his pastor, when we were here at Salem, I tried to define how I would describe Howard in a couple of words.

What I kept coming back to was the idea of "gentle soul."

I can remember the first time I met Howard when I came here to Salem. It was one evening, right outside of the front doors here at the church. Betty and Howard were planting flowers in the church's front yard. Howard always had that little forward bent to him and always had that little grin on his face.

There was a gentle spirit that just flowed from Howard. It didn't matter if he was teaching Sunday School or was a student in the Sunday School class, sitting around the circle in the men's group along the wall just with that gentle quiet spirit about him, with that little grin always on his face. When it came to church activities, he was always there, faithful to the core, because of that gentleness, that gentle soul.

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)



Three Boys

Three boys are in the school yard bragging about their fathers. The first boy said, "My dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a poem, they give him \$50." The second boy said, "That's nothing, my dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a song, they give him \$100." The third boy said, "I got you both beat. My dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a sermon, and it takes eight people to collect all the money."

Wedding Attire

Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother, "Why is the bride dressed in white?" The mother replied, "Because white is the color of happiness, and today is the happiest day of her life." The child thought about this for a moment, then said, "So, why is the groom wearing black?"

Submitted by Dennis Draper

Some thoughts to ponder . . .

You may be only one person in the world, but you may also be the world to one person.

A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery even on a detour.

I believe in the sun even when it's not shining.
I believe in love even when not feeling it.
I believe in God even when He is silent.

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

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9:00 a.m. Traditional

10:15 a.m. Sunday School

11:15 a.m. Contemporary

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June 2018