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**WOLFSVILLE/MYERSVILLE
CROP HUNGER WALK**
SUNDAY SEPT 23 • 1:30 PM
5-MILE WALK

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FREE ADMISSION
FREE PARKING
RAIN or SHINE

LORD'S ACRE Festival



Saturday
September 8

2:00–6:00 p.m. (pre-auction sales)
6:00 p.m. (auction of unsold items)

Wolfsville Ruritan Community Park
12708 Brandenburg Hollow Road

SCHEDULE

■ **HOME-STYLE FOOD 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.**
Enjoy the homemade soups (beef vegetable, ham bean, and turkey noodle), sandwiches (country ham, turkey salad, hot beef, hot dog, chili dog, kraut dog, pulled pork), french fries, baked goods (cookies, pies, cakes, more), hand-dipped ice cream (South Mountain Creamery), soft drinks, iced tea, coffee, and water. Tables are available for eating a snack or an evening meal. Food can also be ordered to go.

■ **FRESH PRODUCE 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.**
The produce area usually includes peaches, plums, potatoes, cucumbers, apples, pears, red beets, grapes, tomatoes, sweet corn, cantaloupe, sweet potatoes, onions, green beans, lima beans, peppers, cabbage, squash, pumpkins and gourds. The selection depends on items donated.

■ **CRAFTS 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.**
Craft items & hand-made fancy needlework.

■ **FLEA MARKET & PLANTS 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.**
Donated household items and used books in good condition at bargain prices. Potted Plants.

■ **CHILDREN & YOUTH ACTIVITIES 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.**

■ **MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT**

- Works In Progress Community Praise Band (Contemporary Christian) **2:30 & 5:00 p.m.**
- Randy Sowers (Southern Gospel) **4:00 p.m.**

■ **SILENT AUCTION 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.**
Donated items. Contact: Amy McCormick

■ **LIVE AUCTION 6:00 p.m.**
Auction of featured quilt and numerous unsold items.
Robert A. Wilson, Auctioneer



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Salem Membership Statistics:
Current Membership: 240
2018 New Members: 8

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.

Go 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. 7

Gideons — Frederick County West



Do people ever read the Bibles in their hotel rooms?

Yes! Each Bible placed in a hotel room has the potential to reach up to 2,300 people in its estimated six-year life span. Research from the hotel industry tells us that approximately 25% of travelers read the Bibles in their hotel rooms.

Is The Gideons International a denomination or a church?

Neither. The Gideons International is an association that works with evangelical or Protestant churches. Our members come from many denominations, live all over the world, and share a desire to see the lost come to Christ.

Who is eligible to join The Gideons International?

Generally, Christian businessmen and professional men age 21 and older, or retired businessmen and professional men, who adhere to the core spiritual beliefs held by The Gideons International, are eligible to join. In addition to meeting these professional and spiritual qualifications, potential Gideons must also be recommended by their pastors.

[Salem sends \$50 each month to the "Gideons - Frederick County West" for Bible distribution.]

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.

Salem’s Annual Community Event — Saturday, Sept. 8



Lord’s Acre Music



Randy Sowers -
Southern Gospel at 4:00 p.m.



Works in Progress Community Praise Band - L to R: Lori Williamson, Donna Snyder, Jim Laky, Chris Leatherman, Michael Burrier, Susie Stottlemeyer and Josh Koons.
Contemporary Praise at 2:30 & 5:00 p.m.

Silent Auction

Amy McCormick will be in charge of the silent auction this year. If you have items to donate, please contact Amy prior to Lord’s Acre day.

Flea Tables & Garden Corner

Donations of used household items (in good condition), books (with no bad language), and all types of plants are welcome. Please price your items in advance. Contact: Polly Doyle

Children’s Activities

Children’s games where everyone gets a prize. Contact: Kathy Laky

Live Auction at 6:00 p.m.

Robert Wilson will be the auctioneer at this year’s auction. The featured quilt will be auctioned along with other featured items and numerous unsold items.

Free Admission & Free Parking

There is no entrance fee or parking fee to attend the Lord’s Acre Festival. If weather permits, parking will be available on the ball diamond and the outfield. The parking lot near the pavilion will be reserved for handicap parking.

Rain or Shine

The Lord’s Acre Festival will be held rain or shine. If the weather is inclement, all activities will be held in the large pavilion.

Featured Quilt

The featured quilt (pictured at right) will be on display beginning at 2 p.m., and will be sold at the auction which begins at 6 p.m.

The quilt has hand-embroidered baskets of flowers.

The full/queen size quilt was designed and embroidered by members of Salem United Methodist Church, Wolfsville; and was beautifully hand quilted by the Zion Quilters of Middletown, Maryland.



What is a Lord’s Acre Festival?

In 1930, the Lord’s Acre idea began in western North Carolina as a means of raising funds for small country churches. A portion or “acre” of a church member’s land was set aside to raise crops to be sold to benefit the church. Even livestock was dedicated. Those without land could set aside a portion of their needlework, craft items, or any other saleable talent they possessed. The Lord’s Acre Festival is a sale of those donations.

Salem’s Lord’s Acre Festival, which began in 1960, was first held in the old Wolfsville School where Salem’s parsonage now stands. In 1970, the festival was moved to the Ruritan Park where it has grown to what it is today.

Donations to Lord’s Acre 2018

Nearly everything on sale is donated by church members, friends, or members of the community. Thank you for your generosity. Folks who are unable to donate a sale item may wish to make a financial contribution instead.

If you would like to make a financial contribution and are unable to attend, you may use the convenience of online giving at SalemChurchWolfsville.org/give. All profits from the Lord’s Acre Festival are placed into Salem’s Building and Improvement Fund, and are used to maintain and improve Salem’s facilities. All contributions are tax deductible. Salem’s ministries are making a difference in the Wolfsville community and beyond.

Attendance Offerings

July 2018

	Worship*	Sunday School
July 1 -	83 \$1,979.00	48 \$336.00
July 8 -	81 4,328.50	50 183.00
July 15 -	72 2,004.00	55 102.00
July 22 -	87 2,282.00	61 211.20
July 29	79 2,183.00	50 70.25

Average Attendance	
Worship	Sunday School
July	53
June	54
May	58
Apr	55
Mar	58

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

- Missions: \$915.00
 - Cemetery Endowment: \$225.00
 - Building Fund: \$505.00
 - Building Addition: \$125.00
- (Missions, Building Fund offerings, etc. are not included in Worship & Sunday School offerings above.)

Average Attendance Jan-July 2018

Sunday Worship: 86
 Sunday School: 54

CROP Hunger Walk helping end hunger one step at a time

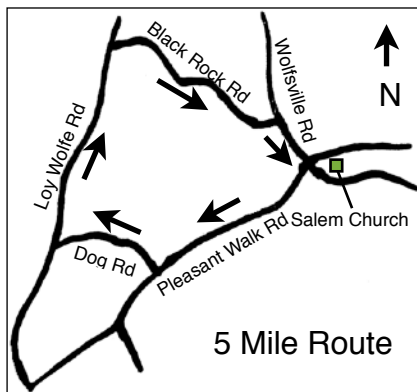
By Fonda Gormer, CROP Coordinator

The Wolfsville/Myersville CROP Hunger Walk will be held on Sunday, September 23, at 1:30 p.m. The 5-mile walk will begin at Salem UMC, with registration starting at 1 p.m.

Looking to make a difference in our local community and in communities worldwide, the Wolfsville/Myersville CROP Hunger Walk raises funds to help end hunger and poverty through long-term sustainable approaches. Twenty-five percent of the funds raised here will be shared by the Religious Coalition for Emergency Human Needs, the Middletown Food Bank and Salem's food pantry.

The remainder will be used by Church World Service to make a difference throughout the world, including ensuring that more children reach their 5th birthday, teaching sustainable ways to grow food, and providing additional sources of food and income to families facing extreme challenges. From combatting droughts in Nicaragua to providing agricultural training in Indonesia to stocking shelves in hundreds of food pantries across the United States, CROP Hunger Walks are fighting hunger.

Last year, our 31 walkers raised \$2,975 when we walked with some 1,000 other interfaith communities nationwide. This year we walk in solidarity with the millions of neighbors around the world to have to walk to live, with the theme



- "Ending hunger one step at a time."
 So what can your donation buy?
 \$1= \$10 worth of groceries at a food bank.
 \$15= 10 jerry cans to ensure that water makes it into homes without contamination.
 \$25= 50 chicks, a self-propagating food source for extra nutrition and income.
 \$25= seeds and tools for a garden, adding nutrition and income for families.
 \$30= 1 meter of a shallow borehole well to access clean, safe water.
 \$125= a pair of goats to provide milk, fertilizer, protein and income.

For more information and sponsor records, you may see me, or you may contact me at 301-293-2436, or fonda.gormer@comcast.net.

We hope that you will join us, as a walker or a sponsor, in helping to end hunger!

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.



September

Calendar of Events



- Sun 2** Blessing of the Backpacks - 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. worship
Thu 6 Youth Group meetings begin - 6:30-8:00 p.m. (continue weekly)

Lord's Acre Festival Preparations:

- Thu 6** Soup making - 8:00 a.m. at Ruritan Park
Fri 7 Fruit Pie making - 9:00 a.m. at Ruritan Park
Fri 7 Cream Pie making - 5 p.m. at Ruritan Park
Fri 7 Set-up - 5 p.m. at Ruritan Park
Sat 8 Sandwich making - 7 a.m. at Ruritan Park

59th Annual Lord's Acre Festival

- Sat 8** Lord's Acre Festival Day - 2:00-7:00 p.m. at Ruritan Park
Sun 9 Salem Iron Men - 7:00 at Salem
Thu 13 Church Council - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
Sun 16 Back to Church Sunday - 9:00 worship, 10:15 Sunday School & 11:15 worship
Mon 17 Hero's Club after school ministry begins
Wed 19 Building Committee - 7:00 p.m. at Salem
Sun 23 Wolfsville/Myersville CROP Hunger Walk -
 1:00 p.m. registration at Salem, 1:30 p.m. walk begins and ends at Salem
Sun 23 Salem Iron Men - 7:00 at Salem

Recurring Events: Hero's Club After School Ministry is held every MONDAY when school is in session
 Food Pantry is open every TUESDAY 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Salem
 Praise Band practices every WEDNESDAY 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
 Salem Iron Men meet the 2nd & 4th SUNDAYS at 7:00 p.m. at Salem

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.

Annual Church Conference Set for October 25th

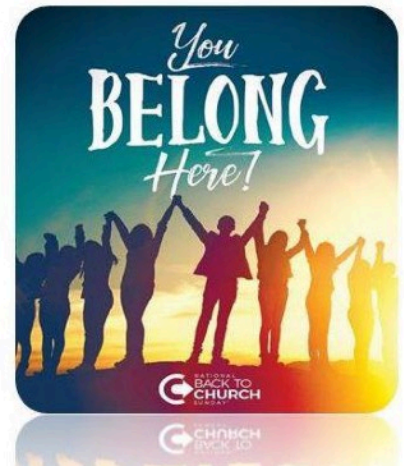
The Cumberland-Hagerstown District Superintendent, Rev. Conrad Link, has announced the Fall 2018 Cluster Church Conference schedule.

Bethel United Methodist Church, 21006 Twin Springs Drive, Smithsburg, will host this year's conference on Thursday, October 25, 2018, 7:00 p.m.

Eleven local churches will be participating: Bethel, Garfield, St. Paul's, Mt. Zion Myersville, Shiloh, Salem Wolfsville, Mt. Bethel, Mt. Lena, Mt. Zion Sabillasville, Pleasant Walk, and Salem Keedysville.



SEPTEMBER 16
9 & 11:15 AM



Theme: "You Belong Here"

Back to Church Sunday at Salem: September 16th

Back to Church Sunday is coming up on September 16th. Morning worship services will be designed to welcome people back to church, so now is a good time to start praying about who you will invite.

There has never been a better time to get plugged into a church that offers a place to belong, opportunities to serve the community, and the chance to grow spiritually through a journey of personal faith.

We will begin a new 13-week message series called "Help in Time of Need."

There will be a banner posted in the church's front yard and personal invitation cards available to help get the word out to those in the community who may be looking for a church family.

Join us for Back to Church Sunday ... because "you belong here" at Salem Church.

Who's Doing What, When?

SEPTEMBER

9:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Lay Readers 2 - Donald Stottlemeyer 9 - Patrick Boyton 16 - Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer 23 - Dennis Draper 30 - Gary Barkdoll	Ushers 2 - Dick Kline & Steve Leatherman 9 - Vernon Stottlemeyer & Robin Haupt 16 - Donald Stottlemeyer & Meredith Harshman 23 - Philip Koons & Brandon Leatherman 30 - Bill Buhrman & Dennis Draper	Music 2 - Sara Weitzel 9 - Sara Weitzel 16 - Praise Band 23 - Sara Weitzel 30 - Susan Koons
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Greeters 2 - Robin & Theresa Haupt 9 - Dennis Draper 16 - George, Barbie & Matt Stottlemeyer 23 - Gary & Wanda Barkdoll & Family 30 - Vernon & Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer	Acolytes 2 - Loralli Snyder 9 - Noah Taveras 16 - Kenslie Buhrman 23 - Josh Koons 30 - Valentina Barkdoll
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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 Sept 16 - Works in Progress Praise Band Sept 23 - Works in Progress Praise Band
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It's Your Day!

September Anniversaries

- 8 - David & Sharon Harshman
- 11 - H. Ronald & Judy Ellis
- 13 - Bill & Joyce Weaver
- 16 - Charles & Yvonne Reeder
- 17 - Steve & Joann Leatherman
- 20 - Mark & Hallie Burrier
- 26 - Bill & Caroline Buhrman
- 30 - Adam & Vicki Robinson

September Birthdays

- 2 - Dawn Brown
- 3 - Delores Myers
- 6 - Marilyn Leatherman
- 6 - Corey Carter
- 7 - Sarah Burrier
- 8 - David Harshman
- 9 - David Brandenburg
- 10 - Nevaeh Mellott
- 14 - Mary Cline
- 14 - Meredith Harshman
- 14 - Dan Lafferty
- 19 - Wanda Barkdoll
- 21 - Delilah Herrell
- 22 - Karyn Snyder
- 26 - Bobby Fogle
- 27 - Terri Buhrman

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

Lay Readers Needed

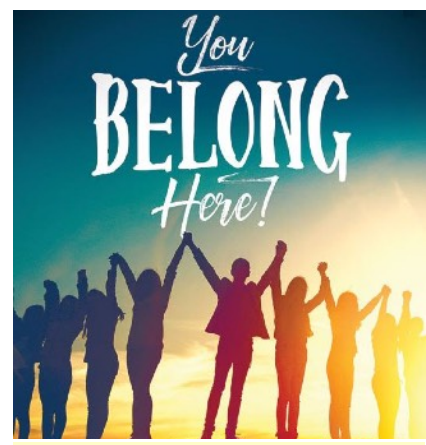
We are seeking volunteers to be Lay Readers during the 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service.

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.



BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY • SEPT 16

Holy Communion

Schedule for September:

- Sunday, September 2
 - Sunday, September 30
- 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.



NOTE: Communion normally scheduled for the first Sunday in October, will, instead, be observed Sunday, September 30.

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.

BULLETIN BOARD
with a message

COURAGE IS FEAR
THAT HAS SAID ITS
PRAYERS

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman



September Morn

By Garnett Ann Schultz

Oh, happy bright September morn,
 How sweet and soft you are,
 How very warm your morning sun,
 How bright your evening star;
 Across the hilltops dawning breaks
 To start a full new day;
 The world is fair, and nature smiles
 As autumn finds her way.



Oh, red and gold September morn
 With clear skies overhead
 As summer slowly bids farewell
 And autumn smiles instead,
 How gentle is the sighing breeze
 As treetops turn to gold
 And, somewhere in the distance clear,
 an autumn story's told.

Oh, kissed with dew September morn,
 You've brought my heart a thrill;
 Your laughter rings in sweet delight
 On every golden hill.
 The roses bloom in softest hues
 Though leaves are tumbling down;
 There's gorgeous beauty unsurpassed
 In country and in town.

Oh, precious dear September morn,
 So melancholy now,
 The green has changed to red and gold
 On every windswept bough.
 Old Mother Nature reaches forth
 To glorify her earth.
 Oh, heavenly September morn,
 how can we judge your worth?

Autumn Fanfare

By Caroline Henning Bair

When dreamy hills are veiled with hazy mist
 In mellow shades of golden amethyst;
 And purple grapes are clustered overhead
 While stately sumacs flaunt their plumes of red,
 The squirrels frolic where the chestnuts fall;
 Where katydids and saucy bluejays call,
 From cornfields where the golden pumpkins lie,
 And arrowed geese are etched against the sky—
 The winds, in jolly fanfare, greet the leaves,
 And mingle rainbow colors in the breeze.

God's Word is the only foundation for life.



RECIPE



Summer Peach Crisp

FILLING:

1/4 cup flour
 1/3 cup sugar
 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg

1/8 teaspoon ground ginger
 8 cups peeled and sliced ripe
 peaches
 1/4 cup orange juice

TOPPING:

2/3 cup packed brown sugar
 1/2 cup rolled oats
 1/2 cup sliced almonds, toasted

1/2 cup all-purpose flour
 3 tablespoons sugar
 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter

DIRECTIONS:

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees.

For filling: In a large bowl, stir together the flour, sugar, cinnamon, nutmeg, and ginger. Add the peach slices and orange juice. Toss to coat. Spread filling into an ungreased 8-inch square baking dish.

For topping: Put the brown sugar, oats, almonds, flour, and sugar into a bowl and stir to blend. Using a pastry blender, two knives, or your fingers, cut in the butter until the mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Sprinkle the topping over the filling and bake for 30 to 35 minutes, or until the fruit is tender and the topping is golden. Serve warm or cold, with ice cream, if desired. Makes 10 servings.

Selected from "The Old Farmer's Almanac • Everyday Recipes"



Restored

By Beverly Wicks

Like a piece of broken vase
 My life laid torn and scattered
 Until He came
 And lifted each piece with care,
 And fitted it into place,
 And glossed the vessel with love,
 And returned it to me
 With a new value.

Submitted by Marilyn Leatherman

Life's Moments

By Phyllis C. Michael

Life's moments form a tapestry,
 A truly fine design;
 Some threads are dark with pain
 and grief,
 Some bright with joy divine.
 And when the pattern's done
 we'll see
 From Heaven up above
 The parts we thought were
 hard to do
 God wove with His own love.

Window Sightings

By Amy C. Ellis

I do not need a mountaintop
 Or panoramic view
 To know the glory of the Lord,
 His love and greatness, too.

I do not need a wide expanse
 Of sea and sky so fair . . .
 A single star can light my soul
 With joy beyond compare.

A sunbeam dancing on a pane
 And moonlight in a tree
 Are quite enough to show His face
 And bring the Lord to me.

Say Good-bye

By Edith Shaw Butler

Say good-bye to summer now;
 Leaves are turning on the bough.
 Grain has ripened in the field;
 Orchards offer up their yield.
 Gold and russet days are here
 For the harvest of the year.



Message from the Pastor and Worship in September

■ By PASTOR ROBERT E. SNYDER

In many ways, September feels like the start of the New Year. Schools reopen, routines change, activities resume that have been on break for the summer, traffic picks up, and more.

During September, families and individuals are adjusting and reprioritizing how they will use their time. During the adjusting of routines, I encourage us to strive to keep our relationship with God and our involvement at church a high priority.

On September 16, we'll celebrate "Back to Church Sunday," an opportunity of recommitment for ourselves and an opportunity for us to bring a guest.

On "Back to Church Sunday" we'll begin a thirteen-week sermon series which I believe will speak to all of us—"God's Help in Time of Need."

The sermon series is a great opportunity to invite a guest to worship, fellowship, grow, and serve alongside of us. Enjoy the rest of the summer!

God Bless. —Pastor Bob

September 2 Holy Communion Blessing of the Backpacks "New Starts"

Isaiah 43:18-21

Isaiah 43:19 – "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland."

On September 4, many of our children will be starting their school year. It is a new start and, as we bless their backpacks, we acknowledge the truth that the Lord goes with them to help them in this new school year.

New starts are available to all of us. Every day an opportunity for us to live more and more like Christ.

You
BELONG
Here!

September 9 "Giving Thanks" Psalm 100

Psalm 100:4-5 – "Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations."

On this Sunday, we're tired from preparing for and serving at the Lord's Acre Festival. But it's a good tired because we've served unselfishly, all to the honor and glory of God.

This morning our hearts are full of thanks and praise for the opportunity to be God's servants. Let it be so every day.

September 16 Back to Church Sunday— Theme: *You Belong Here* "God's Help in Time of Need"

Hebrews 4:14-16

Hebrews 4:16 – "Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need." This Sunday, we'll begin a new sermon series, "God's Help in Time of Need."

The Gideons¹ list these human needs on the first page of the Bibles they distribute: loneliness, sorrow, suffering, decision, danger, fear, turmoil, weariness,

temptation, indifference, conviction, and the need for salvation.

During the sermon series, we'll see how God speaks to and is present with us in the midst of each of these needs.

¹The Gideons were founded by two Christian strangers in 1898 in a hotel in Boscobel, Wisconsin. Like Gideon (Judges 6-7), their desire was to serve God. Their objective is to win others to Christ and a primary means is through distributing the Bible to hotel rooms, hospitals, and other public places around the globe. They encourage us to use our Bibles as an important means of building a relationship with God! Salem makes an annual donation of \$600 to the Gideons to help in this effort (Salem Mission Project #7).

September 23 "The Way of Salvation" John 14:1-7

John 14:6 – "Jesus answered, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'"

The jailer asks Paul and Silas, "What must I do to be saved?" In Acts 16:31, they respond, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved – you and your household."

In Romans 10:9, Paul testifies, "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him for the dead, you will be saved."

All of us have the need to be saved. These verses remind us that when we believe in Jesus our need to be saved is fulfilled.

September 30 Holy Communion "Comfort in Times of Loneliness" Psalm 23

Psalm 23:1 – "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want."

There are times in life when we are lonely:

- In a nursing home with few visitors
- Following the death of a loved one
- Following a divorce
- Making a decision only we can make
- Standing up for justice when few others will
- Falsely accused of a wrongdoing... and more.

God reminds us that we're never alone. God is with us, and with God we are not found wanting. In fact, with God "our cup overflows."

Salem Mission Projects

Missions *and* Outreach



Salem Mission Project No. 4

Salem Food Pantry is busy and vibrant

■ By Dawn Nelson

We should all be proud of our Salem Food Pantry Ministry! This past quarter we served 19 families totaling 58 people. We could not do this without the tremendous support from the Salem congregation, our Faith Community, local businesses and the dedicated volunteers that have come every week for so many years.

We want to thank the following churches, individuals and organizations who dropped off food for our pantry: TSYS of Myersville, Grossnickle Church of the Brethren, Myersville Church of the Brethren, St. Paul's Lutheran, Harne's Store, South Mountain Gun Club, Bill Price and Sally Condon. God is so good!

It never fails when our shelves seem to get sparse we get a donation. Once in a while we will be surprised by donations sitting in front of our door step when we arrive on Tuesday evening.

Our volunteers, Dennis Draper, Tara Birriel, Anna Mae Buhrman and Dawn Nelson put in approximately 40 hours a quarter at the Food Pantry. They prepare reports, order food and pick up food at the Maryland Food Bank. They stock shelves and make additional runs to our local grocery stores.

Dawn Nelson began working with the Food Pantry in the Fall of 2011, then Anna Mae Buhrman came on board in 2012, bringing her potatoes from their potato farm. Dennis Draper started after retiring in the year of 2013. Then Tara Birriel moved into the Wolfsville area and she came on board in mid 2014. We want to welcome our newest volunteer Robin Haupt, who recently retired and now helps us unload our truck full of food. We couldn't do it without them. Please continue to keep these families in your prayers.



TSYS Merchant Solutions, Ventrice Court, Myersville, collected 85 pounds of non-perishable food items for our Food Pantry. Pictured are Savannah Damon, Trudy Kennedy, Amber Keck, Jade Brisko, Crystal Nealey, Rhonda Asbury and Michelle Wilhelm.



Food Pantry volunteers Dennis Draper and Tara Birriel.

Salem Mission Project No. 13

HERO'S CLUB

After School Ministry

TOUCHING CHILDREN'S LIVES *with the LOVE of CHRIST*

Fall Semester *begins* Monday, September 17



■ By Liz Waite, Hero's Club Director

We are so excited to see our fantastic Hero's Club kids welcomed back for another year here at Salem Church.

As we gear up for back to school time, let us not forget the many wonderful volunteers who stepped up to the challenge of making Hero's Club possible this year.

I would personally like to thank Sue Ellen Stottlemeyer, Holly Irons, Susan Gibson, Robin Haupt, Kathy Laky, and

Cathie Elsbach for generously agreeing to give their time and energy to ensure Hero's Club is an ongoing success. Thank you all, from the bottom of my heart!

Hero's Club will begin Monday, September 17, and run from 3:30 until 5:30 every Monday when Frederick County Schools are open.

This year, students will explore what it means to have "**Incredible Faith**," even in the toughest of times. They will meet

some of the "**Bad Guys of the Bible**," as well as perform "**Experiments from the Bible**."

We will close out the year by remembering to be "**Truly Thankful**" for all God has given us, and researching the many symbols of the Christmas Tree and "**How to Decorate your Heart with Jesus**."

I can't wait to begin this year and dive right into the love of Jesus Christ!

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

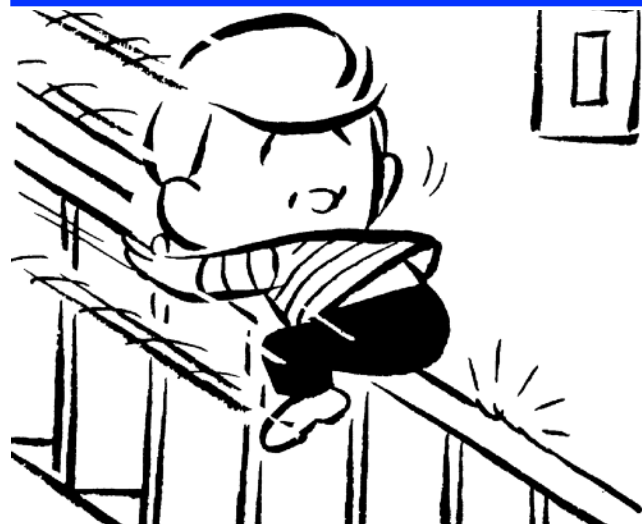
Teachers: *George Harne, Bobby Fogle, Meredith Harshman*

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



Unseen Obstacles — The ladder of life is full of splinters— most of which you don't see until you start sliding down.

Some thoughts to ponder . . .

Remind me, O Lord,
that faith makes things
possible, not easy.

Aim at heaven and you will get
earth thrown in. Aim at earth
and you will get neither.

We don't need to see
where the staircase leads
to take the first step.

Anything that costs
you your peace is
too expensive.

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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